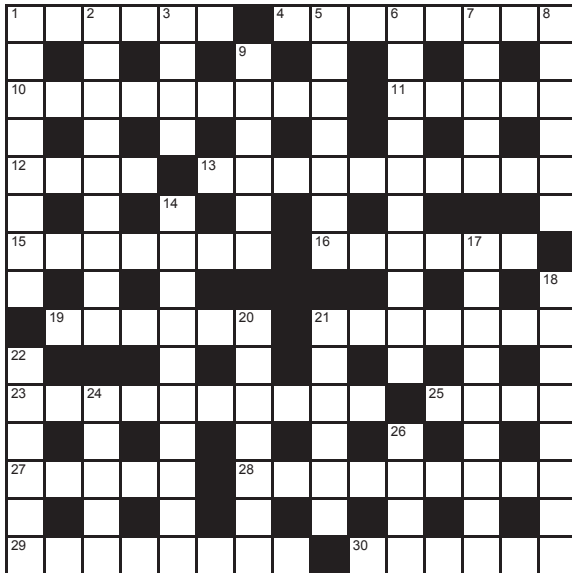


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,968 Set by DANTE



A prize of The Good Word Guide by Martin Manser and How to Sound Clever by Hubert van den Bergh will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday April 11 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,968 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday April 16.

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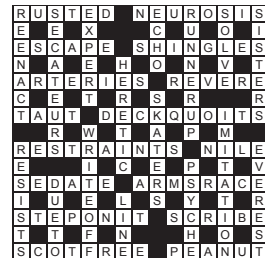
- 1 Poor actor allowed role beyond his capabilities (6)
- 4 In which all entrants won't come up to scratch (8)
- 10 Without a clue perhaps? That's fine (9)
- 11 Police officer's half-hearted meal (5)
- 12 Outhouse made redundant (4)
- 13 Not the government's workplace (10)
- 15 Club retainer who used to drag his wife along (4,3)
- 16 Enrol recruit (6)
- 19 Parts always carried by a sea-going vessel (6)
- 21 In fact a wild enthusiast (7)
- 23 Not a direct form of slander (10)
- 25 He sold his birthright in the sausage factory (4)
- 27 Teacher to talk for ages, short of time (5)
- 28 An annoying habit of the conscience-stricken (9)
- 29 Fixed menus that could be meatless (3,5)
- 30 When models that have lost their shape are employed? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Missing persons in the family? (8)
- 2 Chap getting work in France has to move smartly (9)

- 3 It's not difficult to name a novel midshipman (4)
- 5 Shocking in respect to certain individuals (7)
- 6 One who follows another about in training (10)
- 7 Grain leaving a tropic island (5)
- 8 Tear after father – or mother (6)
- 9 Bound to be working to scold someone vigorously (4,2)
- 14 Essential mood (10)
- 17 Pleased to have met (9)
- 18 Sounds like a habit to get used to (8)
- 20 Schoolchild's book case (7)
- 21 Lord, if drunk, becomes flushed (6)
- 22 Loves someone so dear, madly (6)
- 24 High place for a bird to live in (5)
- 26 Is half left in the water (4)

SOLUTION 13,956



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on April 14