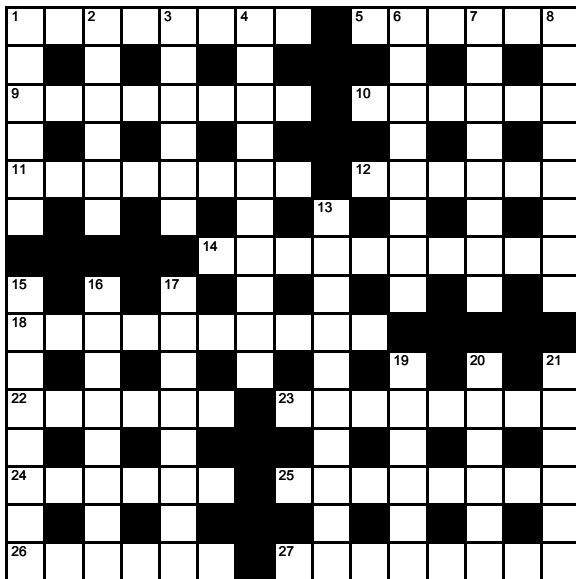


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,676 Set by FALCON



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 May 4, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,676 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday May 9.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS

- 1 Responsible for actors' melancholy (8)
- 5 Up to date intelligence prior to strike (4,2)
- 9 False story about king results in conflict (8)
- 10 Cake, girl putting last in mouth (6)
- 11 Try to discover the facts about family in play, first from Orton (4,4)
- 12 Refuse new bride bit of sex (6)
- 14 Sudden inspiration in squall by leader in boat (10)
- 18 Not drinking what one mixed? No good, upon reflection (2,3,5)
- 22 Using one's maximum powers may get everyone on strike (3-3)
- 23 Close friend's secret (8)
- 24 Completely at home, small child given love (2,4)
- 25 Circle newspaper article about northern shrub (8)
- 26 A count attached to old American space programme (6)
- 27 Leave with desire to throttle theologian for something much sought-after (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Waste unknown amount in Irish county (6)

- 2 One worried about onset of dotage is an inventor (6)
- 3 Trim model comes up to expectations (4,2)
- 4 Lacking money for a biscuit (10)
- 6 Raise in fold (8)
- 7 Clearance given by boss on range (8)
- 8 Trying more ties out (8)
- 13 Manoeuvre Roller into short passage (10)
- 15 Product of a man with oils? (4,4)
- 16 Knife fight involving upset drunk (8)
- 17 Mark in genuine denial (8)
- 19 Superb western chamois (6)
- 20 Acquire gold carriage (6)
- 21 Search for a variety of polecat (6)

SOLUTION 13,665



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on May 7