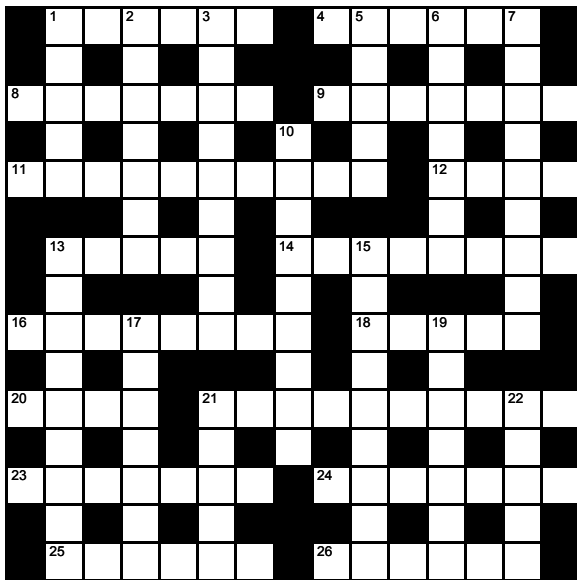


PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,582 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 January 12, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,582 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 17.

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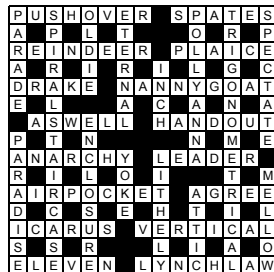
- 1 Board member, church dignitary (6)
- 4 Hear end of shanty, easy to remember (6)
- 8 Artist's mother sits awkwardly, close to Constable (7)
- 9 Pompous language used by doctor during brag (7)
- 11 Cunning fellow having row about stray dog (3,7)
- 12 Swim in river with fish (4)
- 13 Former mercenary taking part in campaign in Japan (5)
- 14 Applaud role reversal? Nonsense (8)
- 16 A British vice, the drink (8)
- 18 Article taken from grubby relative (5)
- 20 Card game, second card game (4)
- 21 Primate meeting accounts executive in evening dress (6,4)
- 23 Appropriate batting line-up (2,5)
- 24 Composer considers tempo should be dropped (7)
- 25 GI, not one to join up (6)
- 26 Go without food in bar around beginning of Ramadan (6)

DOWN

- 1 Vote against party? (5)
- 2 Small list concerned with cheese (7)
- 3 Alert, old retainer saving bachelor (9)

- 5 Love affair starts to annoy most of us (5)
- 6 Nude appearing in brief musical floor show (7)
- 7, 13 down Why Eve's one raving about a crazy novelty song (3,2,4,2,7)
- 10 Awful crimes – social worker exposes wrongdoer (9)
- 13 See 7
- 15 Diversion making American think, encountered round heart of Trenton (9)
- 17 Threaten adult leaving sovereign (7)
- 19 Dismiss bank clerk (7)
- 21 Private detective employed by me is rubbish! (2,3)
- 22 Girl showing wrath, one having love spurned (5)

SOLUTION 13,573



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on January 15