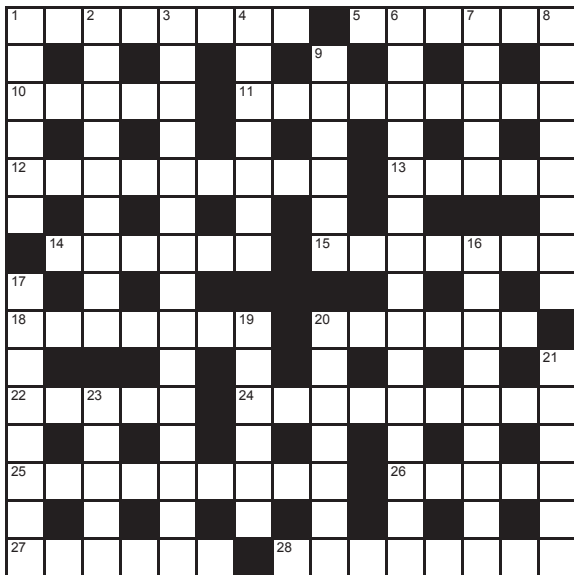


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,407 Set by CRUX



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 September 11 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,407 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday September 16.

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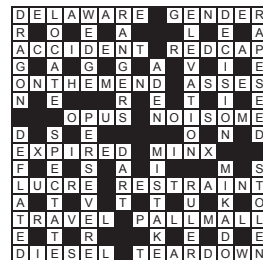
- 1 The Colt's legend as told by its creator? (8)
- 5 Scrape off a scruffy beard (6)
- 10 Bedouin terrorists' hiding place underground (5)
- 11 Press displeased with this award for bravery (4,5)
- 12 It could describe the end of tax, literally (9)
- 13 A suspicion can turn, for example (5)
- 14 Japanese dictator's heartless weapon (6)
- 15 Victorian PM right to join American market (7)
- 18 Wicked things, maybe Roman (7)
- 20 Church protects what belongs to us, in a way (6)
- 22 Put on ice to keep something nice and fresh (5)
- 24 Shy birds alight on fence (9)
- 25 Amorous interest shown by defective vision, apparently (6,3)
- 26 Veteran soldier being shelled (5)
- 27 City of old beheaded saint (6)
- 28 Name Dr No created in custody (2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Extremely gradual tingling leads to sudden hiccup (6)
- 2 Little to do when modelling swimwear, say (3,4,2)
- 3 Union given freedom that allows match-fixing! (8,7)

- 4 Old hat-trick doesn't finish – or never starts (7)
- 6 Start over, from the Piazza del Popolo, perhaps (4,2,6,3)
- 7 Some trouble with sailors on deck (5)
- 8 Festival starts to lose youth – a bitter blow for the UK (8)
- 9 Kangaroo's startling cry gets me rattled at first (6)
- 16 Old company adapted Asian diet (4,5)
- 17 Unpunished – the reverse of what Wallace hoped to be (4,4)
- 19 The finest conductor? 40% agree! (6)
- 20 Business worry (7)
- 21 Take off a commercial without endless fuss (6)
- 23 New stars appear as East River rises (5)

SOLUTION 14,395



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