

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 March 21 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,950 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 26. NAME...... ADDRESS.....

## ACROSS

- 1 Careless hit and run (8)
- **5** Unprocessed metal behind tree on the beach (6)
- 10 Weak type manipulates work (7)
- 11 One's played with Duke, Lulu and Madeleine's hearts (7)
- 12 Cooker in sight (5)
- **13** Ferrari typically leading favourite, those privileged enough to step on it? (3,6)
- **14** King, say, welcomes moving to a Welsh country house (6,6)
- **18** One unit failing regularly given this high score? (4,3,2,3)
- **21** Being sad, reveals retreating into the distance (9)
- **23** Fabric affected when pronounced (5)
- 24 Warm snack required, having to drink last of coffee (7)
- 25 Bum elderly relative squeezed into barrel (7)
- **26** Sexy queen put back on short loincloth (3,3)
- 27 Nothing in secret, I suspect, is secret! (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Grey hat, a quarter sliced off (6)
- **2** The Lion King, tale's introduction at a particular angle (6)
- **3** Border guards peer suspiciously round back of lorries, seeing criminal (9)
- **4** Beastly accommodation hosting a repeat, awful theatrical work (8,6)

- **6** Composer from America, hence that country? (5)
- 7 How the office set out golfing strategy, perhaps? (4-4)
- 8 Competition I'd entered, only beginning at the end of the day (8)
- **9** Wreck observed with funnel cracked (6,2,6)
- **15** Shrug one's shoulders through obvious mistake (9)
- **16** Film maker shifting main schedule up (8)
- 17 Stink bombs accompanying writer's assistant (8)
- 19 Fix on brace (6)
- **20** Very busy time's ending in long climbing campaign, for a start (6)
- **22** Reliving the past, drink lifted, though not the first! (5)

## SOLUTION 13,938



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