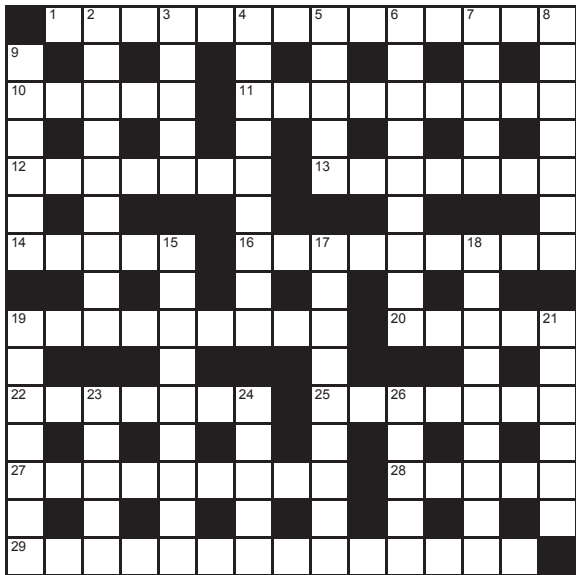


# MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,252 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 March 13 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,252 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 18.

## ACROSS

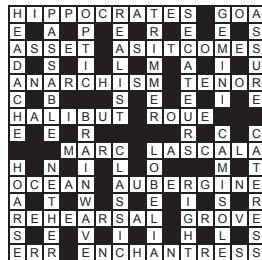
- 1 Helps her putt in tight game (4,3,7)
- 10 Rule, then abdicate not having son (5)
- 11 Valuable step certain to be taken on board (9)
- 12 Intended to keep name back (7)
- 13 Greek character holding a dance (7)
- 14 Move across a step (5)
- 16 Playing field's ending marriage (9)
- 19 Support one group over another study by banks (4,5)
- 20 Hear start of carol at church (5)
- 22 One failing to gain a place in a lyceum, initially so put out (4-3)
- 25 Boring side is going nowhere (4-3)
- 27 Food freak – term, I fancy, used around noon (9)
- 28 Spot soft fabric (5)
- 29 Employ alternative methods, as campanologists do? (4,3,7)

## DOWN

- 2 Association to raise flag (5,4)
- 3 Type of hacksaw found in kindergarten once (5)
- 4 Had editor describing old article as rash (9)
- 5 Man of high social standing also blowing top (5)
- 6 Night out? Not for me! (9)
- 7 Explorer needs a jacket for cold weather (5)

- 8 Bureaukeeper reduced gradually once parts exchanged (3,4)
- 9 Sketches large number in outskirts of Dungeness (6)
- 15 Check made by coach during intermission (9)
- 17 Desperate, the French duke in pain (4-5)
- 18 Name suprisingly moderate building by the Seine (5,4)
- 19 Handler's shoe (7)
- 21 I'd study after hours, out of sight (6)
- 23 Attack head of sixth-form college (3,2)
- 24 Relative, English, in Riviera resort (5)
- 26 Almost done in, lying under a tree (5)

SOLUTION 14,240



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 16