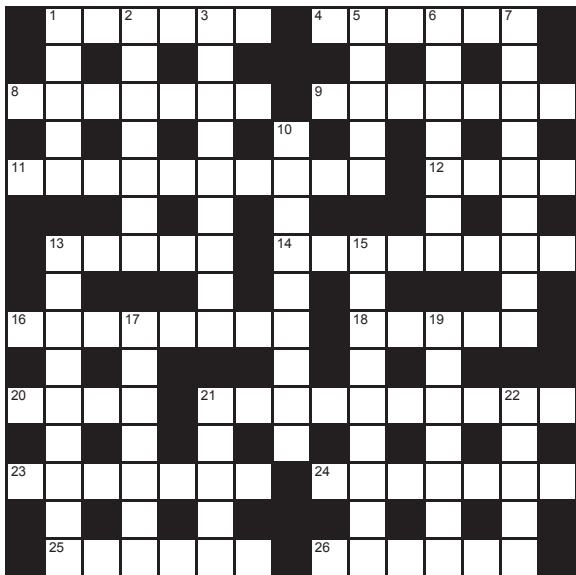


# MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,246 Set by DANTE



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 6 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,246 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 11.

## ACROSS

- 1 Pluck shown in American kidnapping (6)
- 4 Girl from near Wigan – a six-footer (6)
- 8 He earned a name for exclusive treatment in Ireland (7)
- 9 He may be prepared to sell his land (7)
- 11 No relative may make such a telling statement (10)
- 12 Irishman hot on the trail (4)
- 13 What pacifists have but don't use (5)
- 14 Bird seen in a colourful spring (8)
- 16 Gets angry when signs of distress are seen? (6,2)
- 18 Helps beast in distress (5)
- 20 Wide smile gives support (4)
- 21 Decisive moment in game as striker takes position on the field (5-5)
- 23 Rust found in the central shaft (7)
- 24 Excursions from Tunis go free (7)
- 25 Lives well in the outskirts of Dallas (6)
- 26 The sound of a seal or swan (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Room with a view? (5)

- 2 They draw back before going for gold (7)
- 3 Purge has racist components (9)
- 5 Expert clad in an item of protective clothing (5)
- 6 Nick has a favourite dog (7)
- 7 Favours seeing only high-class acts (4,5)
- 10 About to become involved in quarrel – shame! (9)
- 13 Treacherous outlaw in fiction (9)
- 15 Late payment? (5,4)
- 17 Ruth Rendell's first English detective (7)
- 19 Feeling I'm one to get pushed around (7)
- 21 Fashion prototype (5)
- 22 The fall that followed Eve (5)

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 9