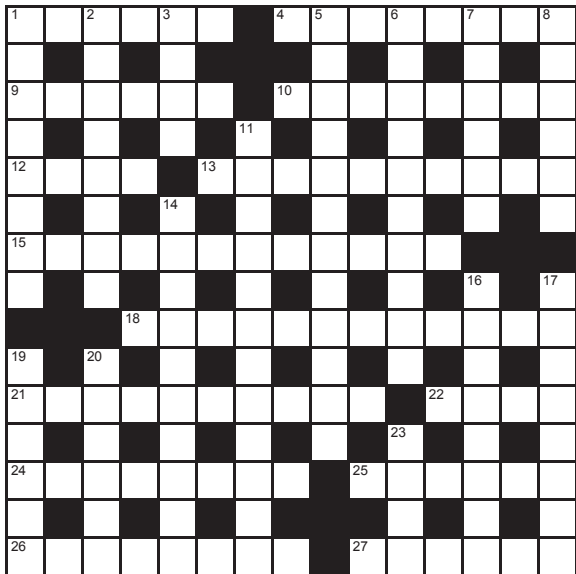


# MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,258 Set by MUDD



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 20 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,258 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 25.

## ACROSS

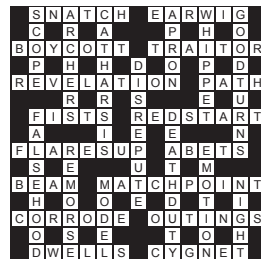
- 1 Bird of beautiful markings (6)
- 4 A nasty person has reversed schedule, stirrer (8)
- 9 One's rousing article – so not us? (6)
- 10 Rodent discovering earth in temple (5,3)
- 12 A bit to carry left in jar (4)
- 13 Contact artist in absorbing book (4-6)
- 15 Handsome – so worth examining? (12)
- 18 Where marathon competitors are seen, finally (2,3,4,3)
- 21 Modest problem contained by using an orderly (10)
- 22 Drop a story (4)
- 24 Most nutty pastries with extravagant filling, beginning to tempt (8)
- 25 Boy and girl cat (6)
- 26 Outstanding spinner has not caught Hampshire's opener (3-5)
- 27 Issue about parking with old driver's assistant (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Panic over colours in cake (8)
- 2 Much less shelter protecting hooker (3,5)
- 3 Declare spelunker's missing the surface (4)
- 5 Heroine at sea offering prayer to sweetheart (5,7)

- 6 Embracing lunge stops short with erotic dancing (3-7)
- 7 Roller pressing on in Irish county (6)
- 8 Leave one's post and go upstairs? (6)
- 11 Take responsibility, as should a 13 across? (4,3,5)
- 14 Two little peas, say, very soft? (10)
- 16 Instrument integral to work (8)
- 17 Giant sort of painting turning up, as carved design (8)
- 19 Idiot raising Manx cat before dog, perhaps? (6)
- 20 Compound sat in hole for laboratory device (3,3)
- 23 High-pitched noise, buzzer with power (4)

SOLUTION 14,246



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 23