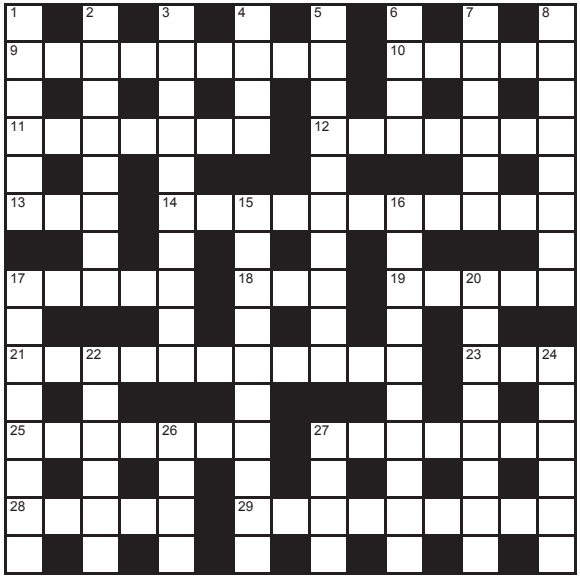
MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,709 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 September 3, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,709 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday September 8.

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ACROSS

9 Berlin bandleader getting by in a rowing club (9)
10 Fiddle in plant (5)
11 Old boy returned with excellent biographer (7)
12 One coming in to join enlisted person (7)
13 Duck left out for a meal (3)
14 Western bandleader's boots (11)
17 One identifies a bishop in US university connected with religious education (5)
18 Catch number on the way back (3)
19 Odd route, unconventional (5)
21 Betray twin on trial (6-5)
23 Enthusiast in teachers' union (3)
25 Home rule appropriate (2,5)
27 Humorous drawing showing duck in box (7)
28 A young lady, out of order (5)
29 Worked near Loire, previously (7,2)

DOWN

1 Good scope offered by chess opening (6)
2 Bird reportedly studied, and found (8)
3 Bad weather during most of spring does for old mill's turbine? (5,5)
4 Superstar, one seen with puppet, endlessly (4)
5 For it, scout gets processed ham (10)
6 Wicked monster beheaded (4)
7 One's often spotted touching another in game (6)
8 A pass splitting the French in game (8)
15 Unlikely to win, predicament leading to penalty hit (4,6)
16 Kind to pull group of freight wagons? (5,5)
17 Admiral at sea welcoming good part-song (8)
20 Grub up? I must be fed with a type of Indian cooking (8)
22 One adult, after posh cap, finds ideal place (6)
24 Portable shelter sheltering an occupant (6)
26 Record kept in stand is classical (4)
27 Eccentric queen, for example (4)

SOLUTION 14,697

The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on September 6