CROSSWORD
No. 15,616 Set by ARMONIE

ACROSS
1 Screw up credit facility (6)
4 Decision put in a string of words (8)
9 Rope in a trial becomes tangled (6)
10 Reading joiner gets into scrap by chance (2,6)
12 Workers keeping one close (4)
13 The poet's pen (5)
14 Overcome rejection of madmen (4)
17 Rise to make a speech or dance (4,3,5)
20 Each bloke's a knave – without exception (5,3,4)
23 Regret keeping Liberal in control (4)
24 Page is not commonly in colour (5)
25 Sister hides ring that's substantive (4)
28 Old records of playful American composer (8)
29 Tribute to safe environment that has a silver lining (6)
30 Record waste and make it known (8)
31 Watch bearing (6)

DOWN
1 Briefly state friendship is a disaster (8)
2 Sets aside rare mask for review (8)
3 Boom in health resort by river (4)
5 Affair of gentleman, all at sea, in hospital department (12)
6 Redhead wears beret in vehicle (4)
7 Awfully untidy in the natural state (6)
8 Queen has an abundance of fur (6)
11 Charlie's poem on waves is crackers (12)
15 Piece of wood to recover? About time! (5)
16 Spy to capture union leader? That's certain! (5)
18 Prospect for gold in the country (8)
19 Girl accepts family notice alienated youth (8)
21 Make a mistake with commission (6)
22 Head of firm flogs cinema (6)
26 Small vessel going through lake (4)
27 Take award for costume (4)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday August 12
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday August 14
Winners' names will be printed in Weekend FT