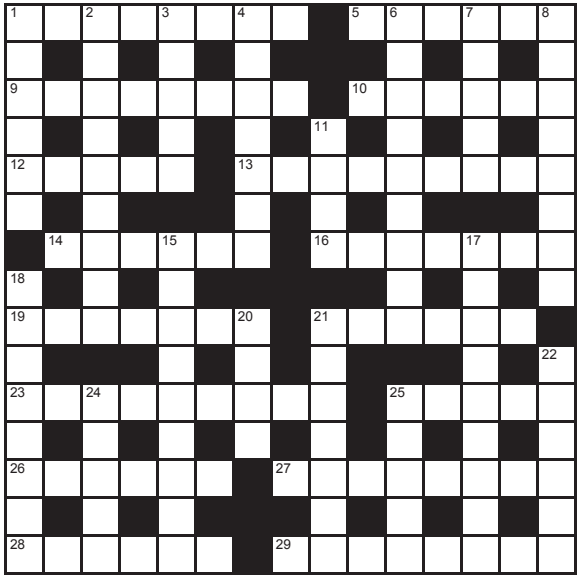
MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 14,868 Set by GAFF



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 11, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,868 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 16.

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A musical anniversary

ACROSS

1 Bloomer causes a fix in Welsh town (8)
5 Stole used credit card (6)
9 See aster designed in mosaic (8)
10 Aggressive woman's way of taking right turn (6)
12 Top psychic that is scary (5)
13 Practical joke involving high explosive? (5,4)
14 Openings in court could be envy of one with common ancestors (6)
16 German result – flaky pastry (7)
19 What Atlas kept to protect King Edward (5,2)
21 Open passenger hatred on platform (6)
23 Crusading is cinema's downfall (9)
25 Members of RSPCA blessed with 600 feet (5)
26 Bright sort of seaman entraps extreme characters (6)
27 Paranoid runs for a different part of shower (8)
28 What boils restrict marchers' movement? (6)
29 Coleopterist reported for Asian addiction (5,3)

DOWN

1 Digital temperature regulator needed when head lost in love (6)
2 Dogs screened for build-up of water (9)
3 Express surprise at direction of birds (5)
4 Fling soil in a tantrum (7)
6 Like Santa Claus to marry his king and queen inside (9)
7 Maybe upright and devout, an Orthodox leader (5)
8 Used to seek opening in party sphere before primary elections loomed large (8)
11 Embrace runners first to last (4)
15 Crook sent zilch for German course (9)
17 Speed king could be ruin of our grand British capital (4,5)
18 First rate album oddly raised stink about board again (2-6)
20 Welsh pit could be saddled with few hands (4)
21 Postman's delivery or collection (7)
22 Ruler erodes potential internally (6)
24 Tear may be spilt (5)
25 Dug out old letters from pet? (5)

SOLUTION 14,856

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 14