MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 15,496 Set by FALCON

ACROSS
1 Father on horseback in 3-D picture book (3-2)
4 Spelling aid? (5,4)
9 In favour of international demo (7)
10 Revolt affected yobbos' leader, clearly (7)
11 At home, soon to imbibe drink, drop of port not easily obtainable (2,5,6)
14 On the way back, came across one courting couple (4)
15 In winter, a liaison, among other things (5,4)
18 Who's redesigned still, we hear, is the best exhibit? (9)
19 Warm up for race (4)
21 Choosing the best from Chekhov's orchard? (6-7)
24 A sailor on the radio in storm (7)
26 A big step up? (7)
27 Patsy, first to see about two animals (9)
28 Bad-tempered lines written about a tense time (5)

DOWN
1 Star, English, brings wind instrument (4)
2 Unusually poor trifle put on end of table for dessert (11)
3 Satisfy publican, initially, with tenancy agreement (6)
4 Rocklike object, weird to eremite (9)
5 Good landlord, in spirit (5)

SOLUTION 15,484

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 22, marked Prize Crossword 15,496 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 27.

The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 25