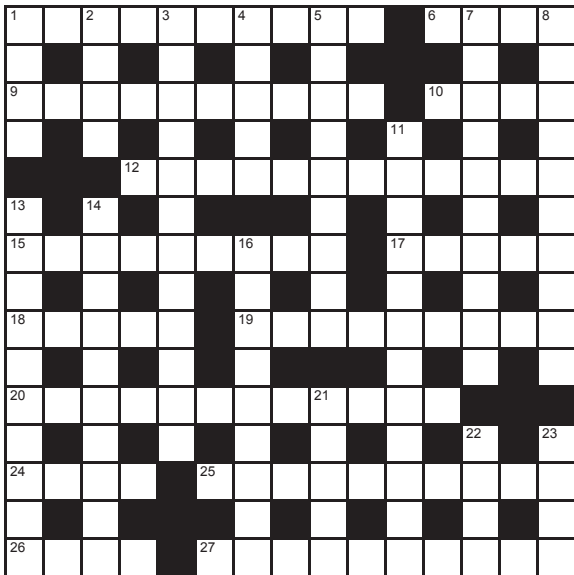


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 15,448 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 January 25, marked Prize Crossword 15,448 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 30.

ACROSS

- 1 Visa, perhaps, found in vehicle loaded outside (6,4)
- 6 Picture of counterfeit coin (4)
- 9 Labour unduly to get right standard in room in pub (3-7)
- 10 Take out daughter, immature (4)
- 12 Support for each male descendant and you (6,6)
- 15 Pope perhaps pointing to a youth who drowned holding cross (9)
- 17 Dickens had a life after retiring (5)
- 18 Horrify a friend describing parking (5)
- 19 Clue with rugby union implication finally reveals a type of cricket! (3-3-3)
- 20 Film with a scenario Loy changed (6,6)
- 24 One runs round centre of Santa Fe (4)
- 25 Associate with girl led astray making meal (5,5)
- 26 Comfortable residence in Vine Street (4)
- 27 Stubborn leader, powerful (10)

DOWN

- 1 Solid figure, bishop, blocking signal (4)
- 2 Atmosphere created by girl blowing top (4)
- 3 Blessing dear rescuer (5,7)
- 4 In small room, old musical instrument (5)

- 5 Take a tumble supporting cycle tour (5,4)
- 7 Tennis star, Shriver, excited, full of energy entering court (5,5)
- 8 What was founded in the North East, initially? (3,7)
- 11 Usherette's torch perhaps picking out a luminary (7,5)
- 13 Book country hostelry (7,3)
- 14 Topless, six playing in band (3,7)
- 16 Decide to turn off ahead of pit (9)
- 21 Return to surrender (5)
- 22 Cover ring and swimming pool (4)
- 23 Beat, fine on record (4)

SOLUTION 15,437



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on January 28