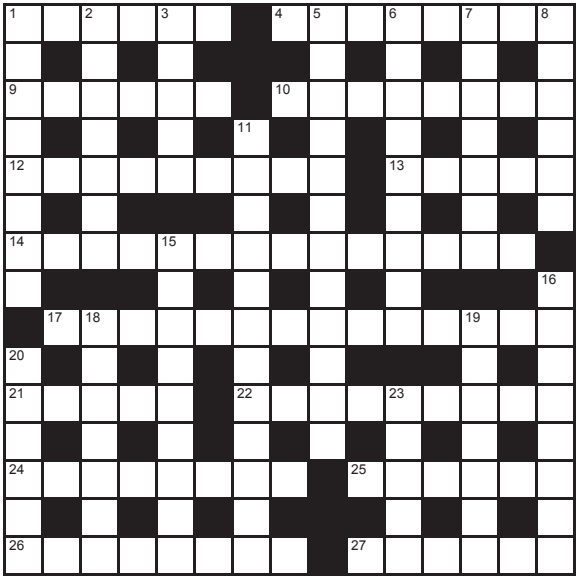
MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 15,561 Set by FALCON



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 June 7, marked Prize Crossword 15,561 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday June 12.

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ACROSS

1 Warn upper-class type about parking next to one (3,3)
4 Exceptionally powerful man: the man controls boxing clubs (8)
9 It dropped from highest place in monastery (6)
10 English boozer used by man full of mystery (8)
12 Honest one managed to win (2,3,4)
13 Number in Somerset he rang? (5)
14 Special choir arrives in the coastal area surrounding Falmouth (7,7)
17 Playing valet, Valentino in film (8,6)
21 One wearing medal is leaving (5)
22 Ground in lane with odd weed (9)
24 English turn on chap at one area showing obsessive self-interest (8)
25 Rush job (6)
26 Groom ahead of time in equestrian event (8)
27 Guard's second appearance (6)

DOWN

1 Leading score is excellent (3-5)
2 Dog shower? (7)
3 Influence in favour of church (5)
5 Statues here in sand – earliest, possibly (6,6)
6 Girl jazz fan at home, in her element initially (9)
7 Dog taken from pitch, about to be brought over (7)
8 Visit's about aggressive mongrel in stable (6)
11 By no means love performing (7,5)
15 A powder: one in tumbler son swallowed? (9)
16 Mean to consume mostly raw fish (8)
18 Fat duke and I entertained by a model (7)
19 Most conceited, leading character wearing crop top outside? (7)
20 You're on a Greek river that's rising (6)
23 Delete some letters stored in computer as evidence (5)

SOLUTION 15,549

The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on June 10