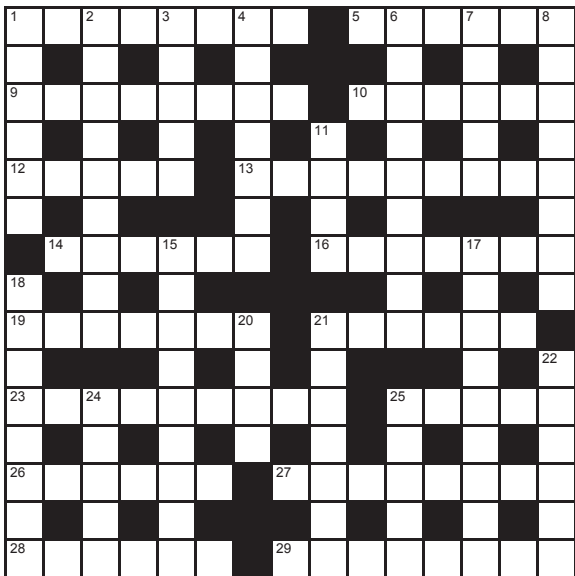


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 15,349 Set by ARMONIE



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 September 28, marked Monday Prize Crossword 15,349 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday October 3.

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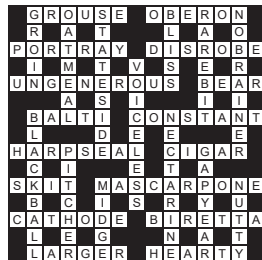
- 1 Straddle finest horse (8)
- 5 Girl to tell a tale about fool (6)
- 9 Tight young woman's lucky escape (4,4)
- 10 Head of bakery to promote cook (6)
- 12 Charge old Bob's friend (5)
- 13 Spoil menu stupidly and thoughtlessly (2,7)
- 14 Ruin bishop's day (6)
- 16 Very genuine proposition (7)
- 19 Car Edward checked over (7)
- 21 Standard-bearing company may bring good luck (6)
- 23 Poverty-stricken doing without jam (9)
- 25 Medical procedure shown in hygiene manual (5)
- 26 Doctor is curt and unrefined (6)
- 27 Set out for a nice drink (4,4)
- 28 Promise Penny a shelf (6)
- 29 Logical study about singular individual (8)

DOWN

- 1 Throw out Northern Ireland leaders found in party (6)
- 2 Groom arranged ball's date (6,3)
- 3 Game for a drink? Blimey! (5)
- 4 Deal makes detective buy a round (4,3)
- 6 A group put up storage tower in the citadel (9)
- 7 Bridge player has medication causing upset (5)

- 8 Fundamental principles of weather (8)
- 11 Pinches small quantities of booze (4)
- 15 Crowd sees Georgia boxing (9)
- 17 Near to getting depressed? Gets wind up! (5,4)
- 18 Joiner wears tie on the golf course (4,4)
- 20 Beastly female snatching son's prescription (4)
- 21 Partner embraces English girl to restore harmony (7)
- 22 Dislike tangled thread (6)
- 24 Wally goes through gym on the way out (5)
- 25 There's half a chance girl's to embrace man (5)

SOLUTION 15,337



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on October 1