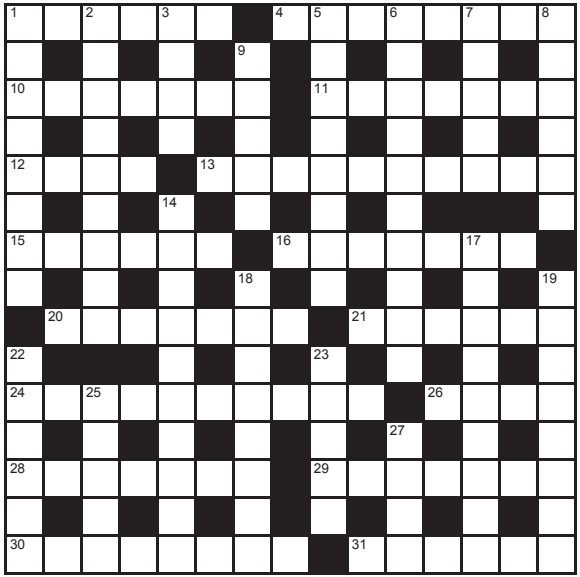
MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 15,053 Set by MUDD



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 October 14, marked Monday Prize Crossword 15,053 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday October 19.

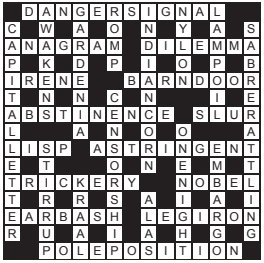
ACROSS

1 Swimming boxing in the end (6)
4 Animated, shimmering material (8)
10 Pieces inspired by song for the nation (7)
11 A number bite around seed (4,3)
12 Yank is a dunce (4)
13 Destroy role, beat it senseless (10)
15 Film editor heading for cinema, say (6)
16 Time for some more food (7)
20 Soft loaf cook cut with vigour for starters (7)
21 Standard issue for clergyman (6)
24 Where to find stories about the end of corporal punishment (10)
26 Yielding just like that, this organ (4)
28 Reportedly unfaithful type, a wild thing (7)
29 Monkey at home alongside river (7)
30 Shortfall in a marked metropolis? (8)
31 Commander on these pages getting stick (6)

DOWN

1 Beat standard cake (8)
2 Superior figure mature, no larking about then right? (9)
3 Offend king in decline (4)
5 Demon broadcast, defective (8)
6 In a particular state of tension, man exploding (10)
7 Mercenary spy ending in prison, in prison not half! (5)
8 Passage taken from Cervantes, there's a book! (6)
9 Spring on mattress shortened, perhaps (5)
14 Lecturer in ethics, I suspect, far from being a puritan? (10)
17 Club rues improper conversation (9)
18 Couple detained by spiteful type, gossip (4-4)
19 Case that's in position (8)
22 Raise dry drink, the last of twelve (6)
23 Daft target in training? (5)
25 Goddess held upside down by bricklayer, frantic (5)
27 Bullets heading off delicate flier before uprising (4)

SOLUTION 15,041



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on October 17