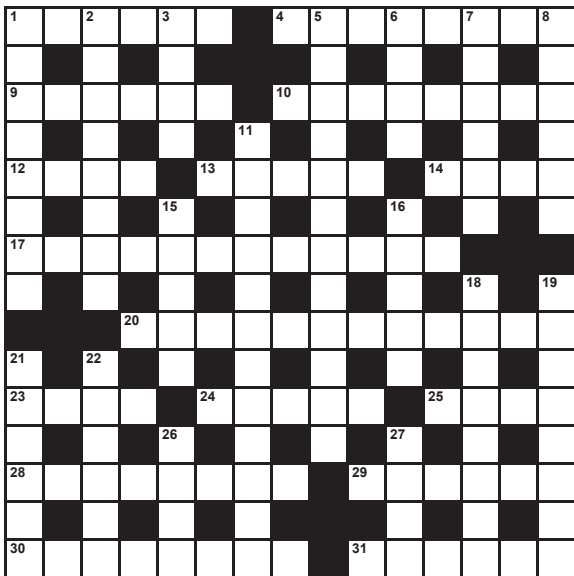


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 15,199 Set by DANTE



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 April 6, marked Monday Prize Crossword 15,199 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday April 11.

ACROSS

- 1 The grain being bad, had a meeting about it (6)
- 4 Double-crosser, jailed more than once? (3-5)
- 9 Plant put right outside the church (6)
- 10 Shortage of transport in southern metropolis (8)
- 12 It's unusual to return right on time (4)
- 13 What he does is appropriate (5)
- 14 Kent port trade (4)
- 17 The best parts of old wireless sets (4,8)
- 20 Dressing table used to cover a rough wall? (12)
- 23 Wild rose – the symbol of love (4)
- 24 A hundred and one in debt shrink in fear (5)
- 25 I depart right after the operatic prince (4)
- 28 Rubbish holder in container-ship? (3-5)
- 29 Corrects the final part in a script (6)
- 30 Star skater is knocked out (8)
- 31 Take on recruit (6)

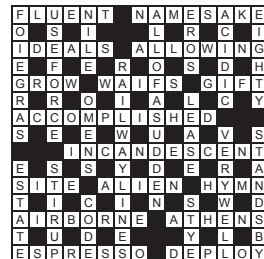
DOWN

- 1 Factory people currently employed (8)
- 2 Slash dead tree at the core (8)
- 3 They look and sound agreeable (4)
- 5 Put a foot wrong and his job is to bail you out (6-6)

6 A word or a sentence (4)

- 7 A girl gets assistance when males are around (6)
- 8 On first of September put up wager with gold sovereigns (6)
- 11 They don't seem to mind life being a continuous drag (5-7)
- 15 Time to leave the cloth?
- 16 Be under professional scrutiny (5)
- 18 On the verge of alarming changes (8)
- 19 Possibly, I am not afraid to speak (1,4,3)
- 21 Country where rabies is unusual (6)
- 22 One may play it – and one may get licked (6)
- 26 One who draws level? (4)
- 27 I'm a leader of Muslims (4)

SOLUTION 15,188



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on April 9