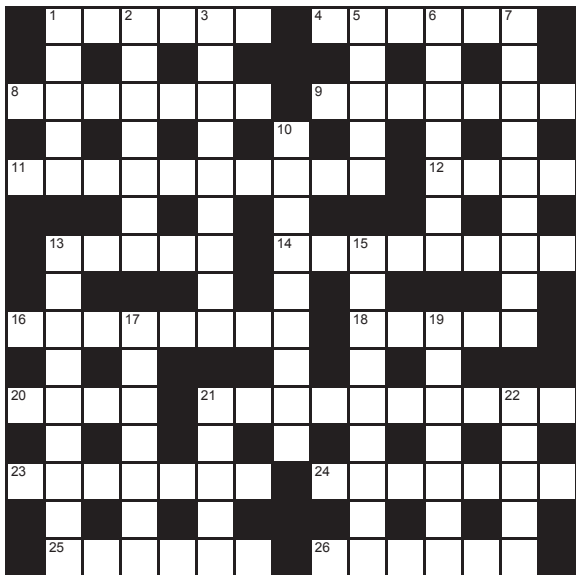


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,578 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 2, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,578 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday April 7.

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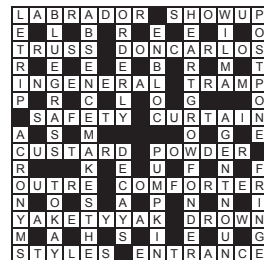
- 1 Ancient stone vessel found in protective wrapping (6)
- 4 Club porter (6)
- 8 Outspoken article by G.B. Shaw (7)
- 9 A big hit, poetry that is in fashion (1,2,4)
- 11 Adjust rate and things should be different (10)
- 12 Vulgar female football supporter rebuffed (4)
- 13 Brief stop for many in a trance (5)
- 14 Shown to have a deficit and charged (8)
- 16 US visitors to Europe have probably come across it (8)
- 18 At the side of a supporter (5)
- 20 Revision of test indicates second thoughts are not always better (4)
- 21 Daughter is accused, but let off (10)
- 23 Left to resign in chaos, hangs around in hope (7)
- 24 Chicken and port (7)
- 25 Pass by the Spanish church feature (6)
- 26 Sadie's exchanging confidences (6)

DOWN

- 1 Noisy oriental entertainment (5)
- 2 Weapon not used at the front? (7)

- 3 Dining out with social worker, somewhat angry (9)
- 5 A couple of students go to popular comprehensive (3,2)
- 6 New income below five hundred is diabolical (7)
- 7 Time to break up when policy matures (3,2,4)
- 10 A connection between stories (9)
- 13 Almost too late to dice (3,2,4)
- 15 These lads may turn out to be immortal (9)
- 17 A tug in a storm in the West Indies (7)
- 19 Broken-hearted, but protected from shock (7)
- 21 Shoots game (5)
- 22 Features about fifty members of the House of Lords (5)

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on April 5