

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 March 12, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,560 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 17.

## ACROSS

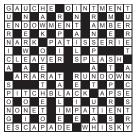
- 1 A busy worker sent in for a shirker? (8)
- 5 Two men cut down prey (6)
- 9 Is ready and gives support (6,2)
- **10** Playwright initially types out plays (6)
- **12** Absolute quiet always required (5)
- **13** Car ban for those seeking a drink (6,3)
- **14** If in fast environment, calm down (6)
- 16 Staff of office (7)
- **19** Modernises tap used irregularly (7)
- 21 Left in carriage and pair (6)
- 23 Entangled, but certain it can be unravelled (9)
- 25 Joined in a Chinese wedding (5)
- **26** A lady well-liked on the network (6)
- 27 Such a heel may make an impression with the ladies (8)
- **28** Big fellows I beat in the backstreet (6)
- 29 Vessel manoeuvring in River Tamar (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Judge gives fools direction (6)
- 2 One may well have to move flats (9)
- **3** Lowest change for a dinar (5)

- 4 Doctor poor essay about foreign mission abroad (7)
- 6 Ad-lib of prim MP out of sorts (9)
- **7** Heath Robinson's heart beat (5)
- **8** I'm upset with tension in the teaching profession (8)
- 11 Dull character on the staff (4)
- 15 Sixth sense tells where knowledge is to be sought (9)
- 17 Sailor takes drink on the briny (4,5)
- **18** He may stand up for another's rights (8)
- **20** Soldering tin and silver presents a problem (4)
- 21 Many a girl in the city (7)
- 22 Meet Di and Joan when out (6)
- 24 Fast affected by drink? (5)
- 25 US city known for its bad spellers (5)

SOLUTION 14,548



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 15