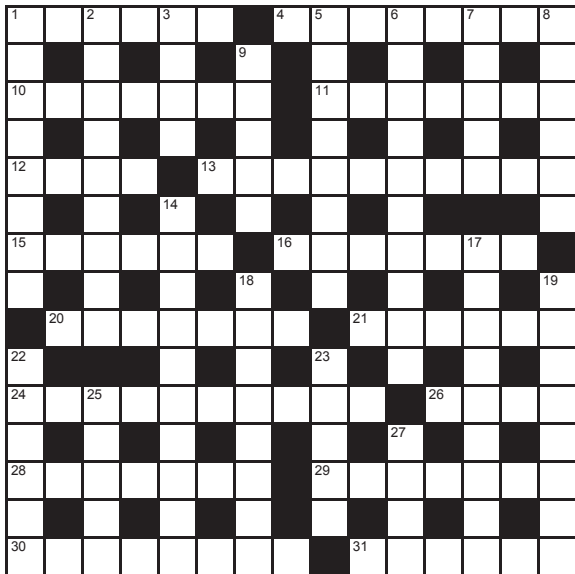


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,554 Set by CRUX



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 5, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,554 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 10.

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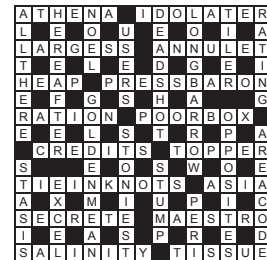
- 1 Get out or staying in? (6)
- 4 Composer of famous suite "Queen's Arms" located here (8)
- 10 Decorate walls again about the same (7)
- 11 Marked document blocked by detectives (7)
- 12 Gallery displays heads of government outside Downing Street (4)
- 13 Collapsed taking a bow – results in foot fault! (6,4)
- 15 Arctic explorer Anne confused with the Poles (6)
- 16 Arab state up in arms after Middle East revolution (7)
- 20 Throw a twenty, say, to settle the score (3,4)
- 21 Pressure for Eastenders to acquire Aussie English (6)
- 24 Rent possibly frozen, firstly, for long-distance migrant (6,4)
- 26 Set 1 across in a northern stream (4)
- 28 Free meal, without a starter – Scotland's own (7)
- 29 FA Cup match featuring the Lions? (3,4)
- 30 Small circle of heroic Young Conservatives take on the French (8)
- 31 This good doctor's associate sounds obscure (6)

DOWN

- 1 Superior yet out-and-out own goal is intercepted (8)
- 2 Romeo out of folly displays bad manners (9)

- 3 Promotion of extremely healthy exercise (4)
- 5 Former lover still 1 across, it seems (3,5)
- 6 Doesn't care about being poor (6-4)
- 7 Bush could be a church leader (5)
- 8 Indian holy man, being dead, had us all bewildered! (6)
- 9 Hearing test (5)
- 14 Change involves entire retraining for such surgeons (10)
- 17 Secondary flower (9)
- 18 Watch what's posted on line when drunk (8)
- 19 Aim to please with tight fit (4,4)
- 22 Mother Earth's temperament (6)
- 23 Key ingredient of cheese is the sweetener (5)
- 25 Some chance this, regularly, to find tuna, for example (5)
- 27 Monster therefore is overthrown (4)

SOLUTION 14,542



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 8