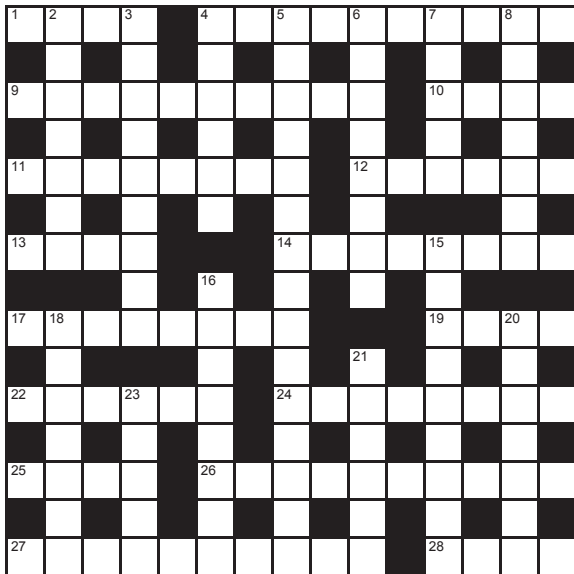


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,512 Set by GAFF



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 January 15, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,512 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 20.

Ds down today

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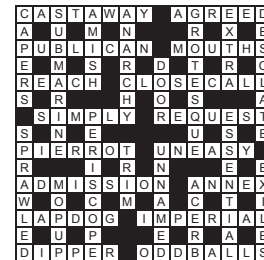
- 1 Lying about Balotelli ever doing headers (4)
- 4 Small US company cut short visit, returning to small UK city with cutting edge (10)
- 9 Not as good as intelligence trapping violent rioter (8,2)
- 10 Fashionable pair of locals (4)
- 11 Dish gives return address to singles (8)
- 12 Guardian stockist (6)
- 13 A lot of regular cudgelling bears fruit (4)
- 14 Could be column of importance describing Greek character (8)
- 17 Form new opinion about stupid woman? (8)
- 19 Notes run-down Chesterfield, maybe (4)
- 22 Establish record Aintree entry (6)
- 24 Half a sin corrupted instantly (2,1,5)
- 25 Turn animals performed (4)
- 26 Withstands show of salesmen (10)
- 27 Forces feel sorry for flower (10)
- 28 Inverness flier (4)

DOWN

- 2 Singer swallows ground nut in street D (7)

- 3 I stressed about Ds with tails maybe (5,4)
- 4 Tree D is the point of cold water (6)
- 5 Temperamental D – its charms sort of border on insult (9,6)
- 6 Holding fireside D (8)
- 7 Material used for D-day ending war about fuel (5)
- 8 Communication with bird outside D (7)
- 15 D overlooking show of affection (9)
- 16 D-Dancer, perhaps (8)
- 18 Listener's coverage of each mile in old D (7)
- 20 Onset of terrible hanging D (7)
- 21 Singer holds a worthless D (6)
- 23 Top D for messenger (5)

SOLUTION 14,503



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on January 18