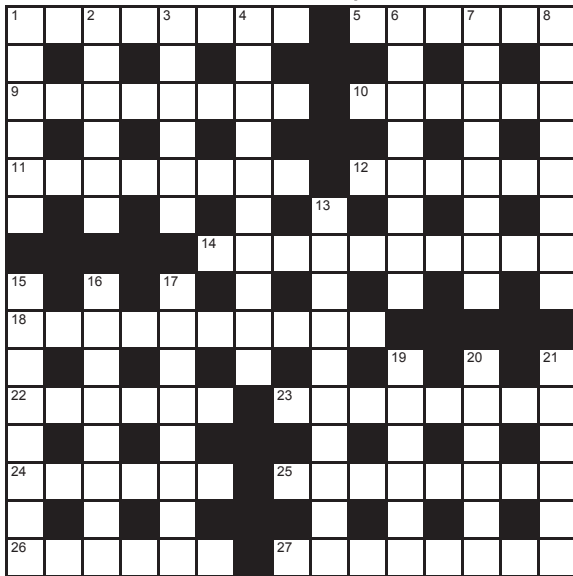


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 15,693 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 November 8, marked Prize Crossword 15,693 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday November 13..

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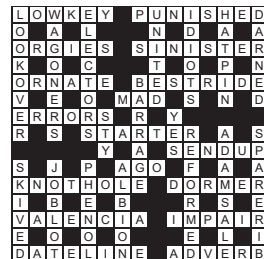
- 1, 5 Illiterate tosh is decoded as simple as that! (3,5,2,2,2)
- 9 Use force to recruit thousands for the market (8)
- 10 Rod takes exercise with one for a decisive match (3-3)
- 11 Ultra-conservatives dread his becoming revolutionary (8)
- 12 Passage from *The Gulag* has them in shock (6)
- 14 Masters with extra rules (10)
- 18 Public invited but have too much to do (10)
- 22 More curious name applied to a basket maker (6)
- 23 Happen to regret going after a space-traveller (4,4)
- 24 Former leaders of any genuine eurosceptics in the 90s? (3,3)
- 25 US general keeps order – he's never wrong (8)
- 26 It will be beaten in time, hopefully (6)
- 27 One who sells fish and carpeting (8)

DOWN

- 1 Amusing place for Noah's assistant, you might say (6)
- 2 Heading off to sleep – like a log? (6)
- 3 Spotted carnivores with a sense of humour? (6)
- 4 Offending repeatedly, First Division's into various crimes (10)
- 6 The way to motivate fish (8)

- 7 Mad, old-fashioned newspaper editor (8)
- 8 Nurse is given low grade for this dissertation (8)
- 13 Liberal Tories rule sitting on the fence (10)
- 15 Big fall in pound – row breaks out (8)
- 16 Religious celebration, or its opposite without English input? (5,3)
- 17 Final couples in twist are dancing with determination (8)
- 19 Hamper containing goat's cheese, we hear (6)
- 20 It's an offence over a war zone (6)
- 21 Shortage of food finally on the planet (6)

SOLUTION 15,681



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on November 11.