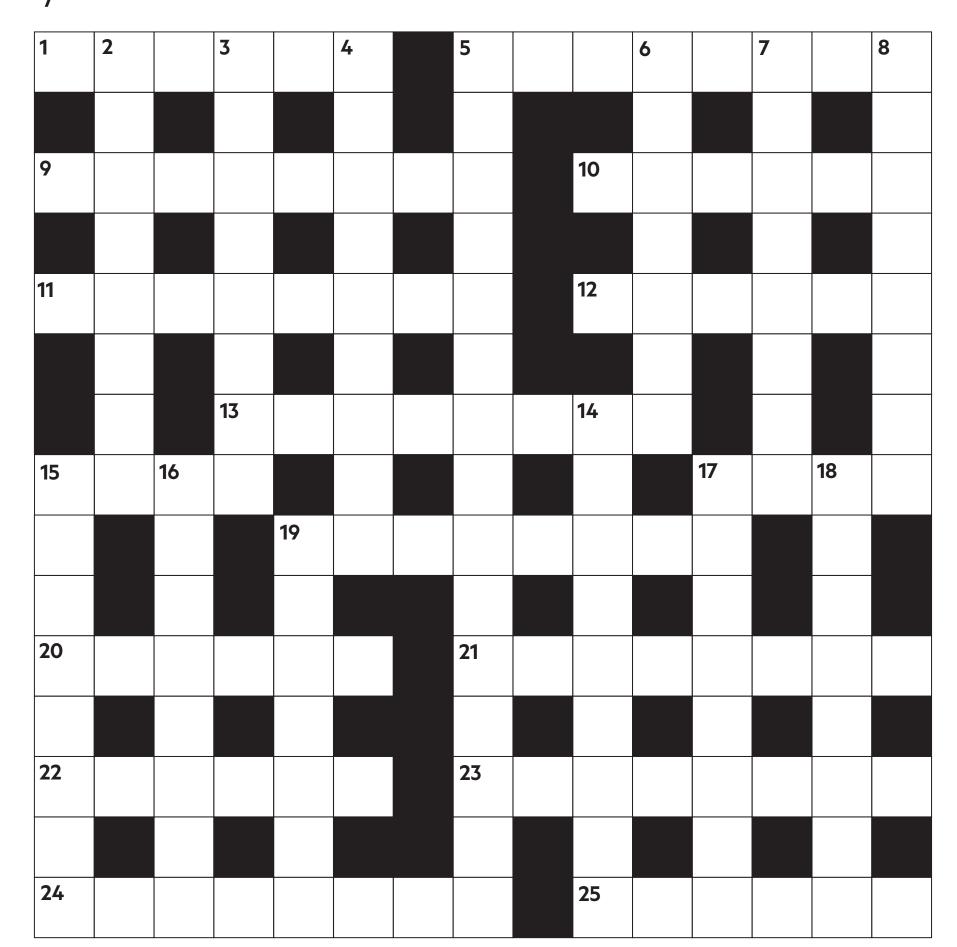
## FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 473

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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

## **ACROSS**

- **1** State of inactivity (6)
- **5** Facetious (8)
- **9** Dedication, commitment (8)
- **10** Counsel, give guidance (6)
- **11** Tie, eg (8)
- **12** Extra at cricket (2, 4)
- 13 Stalemate (8)
- **15** In the past (4)
- **17** Mexican currency (4)
- **19** Confederation (8)
- **20** Mob (6)
- **21** Jewellery accessories (8)
- **22** Concurred (6)
- 23 Bear (8)
- **24** Marine mammal (3, 5)
- 25 Work too hard on (6)

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## **DOWN**

- **2** At that point, get my popular instrument (8)
- **3** Enclosure for a desk, perhaps, around bed that's put up (8)
- **4** Craftily blame ills on nasty character (9)
- **5** One who's paid to deal with those who are late (7, 8)
- **6** Trudge along and cut field (7)
- **7** French friend's message is friendly (8)
- 8 Famous siege of Malta he broke with head of operations (3, 5)
- **14** Voice concerns, initially, working with art lot, perhaps (9)
- **15** High road proves bumpy when hidden (8)
- **16** Capital is able to bear changes without bit of return (8)
- **17** Line of exercise to delve about with energy (8)
- **18** Unimportant editor's cut (8)
- 19 Disease with mental troubles engulfing one (7)