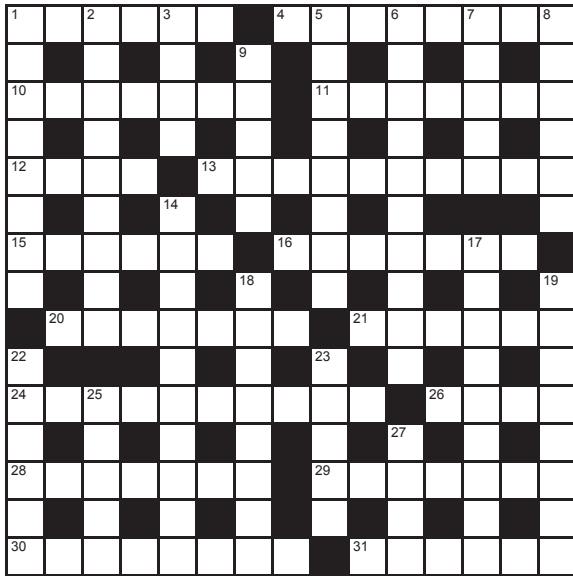


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 15,729 Set by ARMONIE



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 Tuesday December 19, marked Prize Crossword 15,729 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Wednesday December 27.. *This is the final Monday prize crossword.*

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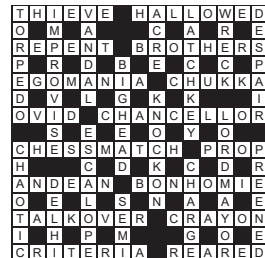
- 1 Namibian capital undeveloped? Just about! (6)
- 4 Pains gripping sick old Greek (8)
- 10 Favourite university – one found in Beds (7)
- 11 I natter irresponsibly in the compound (7)
- 12 Go off act (4)
- 13 Try to stop my old Dutch being resolute (10)
- 15 Climbed like a snake (6)
- 16 Quick to catch fish that's straggling (7)
- 20 Charged back into abstemious surroundings to make mischief (7)
- 21 Prince enters flat that's basic (6)
- 24 Counter drunken amorous gesture (10)
- 26 Exhaust and wheel fitting (4)
- 28 Apartment number and floor (7)
- 29 One very recent divorce (7)
- 30 Saw him as pro-revolutionary (8)
- 31 An outlaw's born with it (6)

DOWN

- 1 Partiality gets me in post improperly (8)
- 2 Winger in a last-minute switch (9)
- 3 Apprentice joiner in dock (4)
- 5 Cheat, seduce and scorn (8)
- 6 One disease initially harboured by friendly cow (10)
- 7 Understand student's to be paid (5)

- 8 Girlfriend foolishly dates Yankee (6)
- 9 Exposed a scholar with Leninist sympathies (5)
- 14 MP makes riots legal (10)
- 17 Soldier's stiffly formal and incurring censure (9)
- 18 Yanks accept success of artworks (8)
- 19 Housing of canon entertaining people (8)
- 22 Workers on a Scottish island (6)
- 23 Not out raising support in the country (5)
- 25 Curtains some made at home (5)
- 27 Fusses over drink (4)

SOLUTION 15,717



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on December 23.