

FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 659

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

ACROSS

- 1 Lack of interest (6)
- 4 Nonsense (8)
- 9 Smallest amount (5)
- 10 Make exciting, add sparkle to (9)
- 11 Condition (7)
- 12 Frozen shipping hazard (7)
- 13 Kitchen boss (4)
- 14 Biased, one-sided (8)
- 17 Obsessed (8)
- 19 Unattractive (4)
- 22 Studio (7)
- 24 Follower (7)
- 25 Regularised mechanism (9)
- 26 Brownish camouflage colour (5)
- 27 Devotee (8)
- 28 Belittle (6)

DOWN

- 1 Cook pies and call for food flavouring (8)
- 2 Down below a bat that’s flying around (2, 1, 3, 3)
- 3 Lot of chat about a riot that’s broken out after end of march (3, 3)
- 5 Somehow he painted escapade outside risky enterprise (4, 2, 3, 4)
- 6 Operation for regular elements in force covered by journalists (7)
- 7 Produce some of the notes I arranged the other way (5)
- 8 Profit and loss with margin guarantee (6)
- 10 Greeting work on road — often diverted (4, 9)
- 15 Treat one and get it wrong about influenza, ultimately (9)
- 16 Intentionally deny big changes without head of strategy (2, 6)
- 18 Very tricky problem joins up with little hesitation (7)
- 20 Front for spies after one has tailed fanatics’ leader (6)
- 21 Company that is underpinning approval for a bit of computer information (6)
- 23 Time to manage rising hope, initially (5)

Solution 658														
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