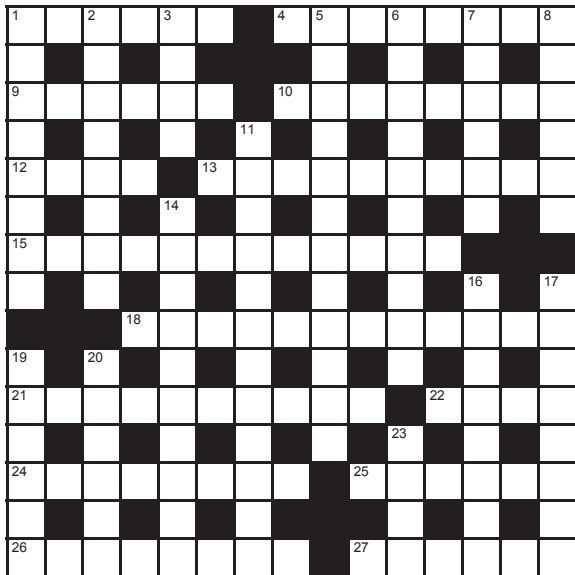


CROSSWORD

No. 15,835 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Measure all your trousers without cheating (6)
- 4 Versatile old lunar module (3-5)
- 9 American guy inviting nurse to strip (6)
- 10 Special, tricky puzzle for pernickety individual (8)
- 12 Upload photos here; losing a tiny bit of weight this month! (4)
- 13 He gave us "bitter sweet" Christmas chicken (4,6)
- 15 Unambiguous, like early telephonist's sound quality? (5,2,1,4)
- 18 Putin's mates relaxed over a bottle of bubbly (4,8)
- 21 Sues 18's competitor company, having withdrawn Australian SUVs (10)
- 22 Composer dropped in for a bite to eat (4)
- 24 Woman's naked frolic? Stick around! (8)
- 25 One attacking art lecturer attached to London museum (6)
- 26 Wipes out a contingent of Palamedes' Troy soldiers (8)
- 27 Dog leg – a meat benefiting from slow cooking (6)

DOWN

- 1 Embarrassed to crash-land somewhere in Worcestershire (8)
- 2 I sang duet (not tenor part) arranged for the liturgy (5,3)
- 3 Woman, overweight, has heart failure (4)

- 5 Incompetent shepherdess left Tibet people struggling (6,2,4)
- 6 Spooner mentions failing memory; could it be the joint? (4,2,4)
- 7 Puppy Leonard regularly starved put on eBay (6)
- 8 Mock the German papers' English (6)
- 11 Which votes Bucks nicest county? (12)
- 14 Naughty Esmeralda, resistance gun-runner (4,6)
- 16 Month we'd got starters out punctually (2,3,3)
- 17 Inflatable craft evacuating Zaire past president on rising river (8)
- 19 Spread better's odds on a hole-in-one on the 1st at Dornoch (6)
- 20 Firms maintaining support for those striking when angry? (6)
- 23 Leaders of United Kingdom antagonised Brussels over capital (4)

Solution 15,834

