CROSSWORD
No. 15,835 Set by JULIUS

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21 Sues 18’s competitor company, having withdrawn Australian SUVs (10)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 benefitting 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

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W I L D C A T S K I D R O W
N I I A T N O A
S P E L L I T O U T U R N
W S B L H S D
A G E N D A R E V E R E N T
L E B R D H
L A N D M A R K F O R A G E
S A T U L G P N
T O T L A N C A S H I R E
R U L E S O L I E
E A R N E S T S O U P C O N
E A T T I S O V
T A L L V E H E M E N T L Y