Crossword 17,560 Set by JULIUS

**ACROSS**

1 All four back home (5)
4 R Sunak's predecessor put in prison old people from Europe (9)
9 On which to watch *The Wire*? (5,2)
10 Friend left me in Paris imported cooking fat (4,3)
11 Badly sunburnt, like one in a shell suit? (3,2,1,7)
14 Old *New York Times* gem? (4)
15 Her allies prepared to kick up a fuss (5,4)
18 Falls to pieces and turns to marijuana (4,2,3)
19 English playwright denied National Theatre support (4)
21 Comedy producer: dialogue isn’t funny son (6,7)
24 Anatoli moved from somewhere further East (7)
26 Government cash advance reportedly had a favourable effect (7)
27 Wife after getting drunk with husband at home is very delicate (5-4)
28 Vacant English politician, gutless Tory (5)

**DOWN**

1 Weakness for a dash of vodka on the rocks? (4)
2 Attraction of *Philadelphia Freedom* live, line after line? (7,4)
3 Schedule time to go over gagging order (6)
4 Snoop Dogg’s debut in soap ever so funny! (9)
5 Fight back during bizarre PE lesson (5)
6 Second lieutenant eating a grouse: “this meat’s spicy” (4,4)
7 Caldron occasionally producing hubble-bubble, toil and trouble? (3)
8 ROFL as Lear goes mad — sudden outburst from star (5,5)
12 Classic movie telling van Winkle’s story? (3,3,5)
13 American poet, tall chap (10)
16 Gatecrashing international sport’s number one set up (9)
17 Ever more tight, Julius gets stuck into brandy & crème de menthe (8)
20 Plain silly (6)
22 Matching piece of bathroom suite advertised on the radio (5)
23 Support Remain (4)
25 Chancellor left out idiot (3)

**Solution 17,554**

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MANGO QUIZSHOWS E
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J C D L N HA
ADO REOVEREXERT
RUBRAGAMF
GONDO LIER THEIR
OTO ST E N E
NAY KITCHENETTE
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