CROSSWORD
No. 15,461 Set by NEO

ACROSS
1 Firm friend admits writing articles in attempt to limit damage (10)
7 Wild cat’s course by the sea given mention (4)
9 Sixth letter to Greeks, seventh to follow our last (4)
10 One looking into Irish ancestry gets shot (10)
11 Say Merkel makes investor apprehensive at first (6)
12 On tree-lined road Frau von Trapp offers prayer (3,5)
13 This can be hot music, rocking on beat (8)
15 Scandinavian girl in Guam oddly (4)
17 Republican organisation put before Queen and Country (4)
19 In GB, show great affection for cattle in lab’s toxic container (5,3)
22 Barker’s first-rate ginger beer (8)
23 I seek avian habitat lined with good down (6)
25 Back home, unwell after rich cake and pasta (10)
26 Edible plant’s supplied by member in ship coming about (4)

DOWN
2 Area in a Green uprising where low-lying islands abound (7)
3 Silver penny no longer in circulation? (5)
4 Something obnoxious exists to split subtle difference (8)
5 Mammal teasing in incredibly powerful attraction (6,9)
6 Buñuel’s The Constant Cardinal (6)
7 Cut a liver out – it’s producing profit (9)
8 Bread head gets past capital (7)
14 Appropriate search within bishopric on river (9)
16 Party favourite comes to power (8)
18 What suggests our US is causing destruction? (7)
20 Shocking fuss after outside broadcast (7)
21 Trouble had upset lovely thing in bed (6)
24 Infantryman emptied latrine over southern chap (5)

Solution to Saturday’s prize puzzle on Saturday February 11
Solution to yesterday’s prize puzzle on Tuesday February 13
Winners’ names will be printed in Weekend FT