

The Stickler Weekly 137 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 REBUTTAL	Victim implicated in factual counter-statement (8)	BUTT inside REAL
5 COAST	Price plugged by a taxi (5)	A inside COST
9 PAINT THE TOWN RED	Executive's offsider and confidant, finally embraced by 13-down, organised party? (5,3,4,3)	PA + [CONFIDAN(T) inside anagram of THIRTEEN DOWN]
10 ROUND-TRIP	Head away from Earth time with current orbit (5-4)	G(ROUND) + T + RIP
11 RESIN	Fall over pine product? (5)	RE-SIN
12 COLD	Front of church over the hill is made of stone (4)	(C)HURCH + OLD
14 POISONS	Spy retreating carrying iodine, sulphur and potentially lethal substances (7)	SNOOP reversed outside (I + S)
17 TIRADES	Lectures given by one involved in commercial dealings (7)	I inside TRADES
19 MEEK	Compliant letters not forwarded from among fake emails (4)	faKE EMails reversed
22 ARENA	Field hosting competition ultimately? (5)	AREA outside COMPETITIO(N)
23 DAMASCENE	Keep back a display's ornament inlaid with precious metal (9)	DAM + A + SCENE
25 DISCONTINUATION	Break dance group making a comeback in the country (15)	DISCO + (UNIT reversed inside NATION)
26 DONUT	Execute crazy manoeuvre on road (5)	DO + NUT
27 DOBERMAN	Be trapped in large bedroom by an alert dog (8)	(BE inside DORM) + AN

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 REPORT	Work for a newspaper on computer interface (6)	RE + PORT
2 BAIL UP	Trouble surfaced in pub around corner (4,2)	AIL inside (PUB reversed)
3 TOTED	Small child with little education may be carried (5)	TOT + ED
4 ADHERED	Cracked head covered in blood is fixed (7)	Anagram of HEAD + RED
5 COWARDICE	Struggle in company to reject chicken's quality (9)	WAR inside (CO + DICE)
6 ABRASION	A piece of underwear is riding up on sensitive skin (8)	A + BRA + (IS reversed) + ON
7 TIDINESS	Order and sit around eating lunches, say? (8)	SIT reversed outside DINES
8 STEP UP	Boost site with one lost little dog (4,2)	SITE minus I + PUP
13 ODD MAN OUT	Clue for "amount", possibly, could be an exception (3,3,3)	Showing: anagram of MAN OUT
15 STRANDED	Stuck with single thin lengths twisted together (8)	Double Definition
16 CREEPS IN	One wearing tattered spencer enters slowly (6,2)	I inside anagram of SPENCER
18 SEDATE	Escort parked behind vacated site is quiet? (6)	DATE after (S)it(E)
19 MEMENTO	Reminder of the past carried by some men today (7)	soME MEN TOday
20 MEDIUM	Die horribly in the arms of tight-lipped spiritualist (6)	Anagram of DIE inside MUM
21 LEAN ON	Intimidate bishop not wanted in republic of western Asia (4,2)	LEBANON minus B
24 STALE	Ending of this story is unoriginal (5)	THI(S) + TALE

