

The Stickler Weekly 102 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 FIRESTORM	Breather operated initially in strong blaze (9)	[REST + (O)PERATED] inside FIRM
6 SCAMP	Devil seafood with tail removed (5)	(SCAMP)I
9 BALLOON	Everyone involved in benefit is swell (7)	ALL inside BOON
10 TRAWLER	Fishing vessel churned water crossing large river (7)	Anagram of WATER outside L + R
11 EVICT	Throw out case of reverend excluded from perverse verdict? (5)	Anagram of VERDICT minus (R)EVEREN(D)
12 PASSPORTS	Gullible one heading west displays travel documents (9)	SAP reversed + SPORTS
14 GOD	Boxer, say, making a comeback, is being worshipped (3)	DOG reversed
15 OPERATIONAL	Extra taking time should be working (11)	OPTIONAL outside ERA
17 ADVANCEMENT	Spread adhesive on the back of commercial delivery vehicle (11)	CEMENT after (AD + VAN)
19 PET	Tame dog moved away from cat's paw (3)	PUPPET minus PUP
20 DURA MATER	Protective membrane a specialist finally identified in burst eardrum (4,5)	[A + SPECIALIS(T)] inside anagram of EARDRUM
22 RELIC	Cleric almost recreated a piece of history (5)	Anagram of (CLERI)C
24 AWAITED	Looked for it close to shore wrapped in a bundle (7)	[IT + SHOR(E)] inside (A + WAD)
26 VISITED	Volume one located and looked up (7)	V + I + SITED
27 SITAR	Whistle-blower is backing music maker (5)	(RAT + IS) reversed
28 COLD SWEAT	Welds cracked inside cover - it's a worrying sign (4,5)	Anagram of WELDS inside COAT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 FIBRE	Say the wrong thing about roughage (5)	FIB + RE
2 RALLIED	Winger in soccer joined up and got better (7)	SOCCE(R) + ALLIED
3 SHOOT DOWN	Attack and destroy aircraft to scare away head of division occupying town (5,4)	SHOO + [(D)IVISION inside TOWN]
4 OMNIPRESENT	Universal, in short time, raised offer (11)	(IN + MO) reversed + PRESENT
5 MET	Parts of flame thrower should be assembled (3)	flaME Thrower
6 SHARP	Perceptive one leaving dysfunctional parish (5)	Anagram of PARISH minus I
7 AILERON	Air active around outside of large part of aeroplane (7)	(AIR + ON) outside (L)ARG(E)
8 PORT SALUT	Cheese and cooked roast left in place (4,5)	(Anagram of ROAST + L) inside PUT
13 SPACE TRAVEL	Walk in street to involve journey that's out of this world (5,6)	(PACE inside ST) + RAVEL
14 GUARDIANS	Defenders organised a raid armed with weapons? (9)	Anagram of A RAID inside GUNS
16 INTERESTS	Activities concerned with experiments held outside are lacking a bit (9)	(IN + TESTS) outside (ARE minus A)
18 VARIANT	Impure form of rain stored in container is tending to change (7)	Anagram of RAIN inside VAT
19 PALETTE	Range of colours tolerated in blended meat and herbs (7)	LET inside PATE
21 METER	Apparatus for measuring oxygen extracted from heavenly body (5)	METEOR minus O
23 CADET	Trainee made less money primarily in court (5)	[MADE minus (M)ONEY] inside CT
25 DOC	Tie up contracted medical man (3)	(DOC)K

