

The Stickler Weekly 251 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 HOODWINK	Deceive gangster and secure crook finally (8)	HOOD + WIN + CROO(K)
5 THEMES	The network curtailed items proposed for discussion (6)	THE + (MES)H
10 SHALLOW	Everything on view in exhibition is lacking depth (7)	ALL inside SHOW
11 IN TRUTH	One New Testament character, related to David actually (2,5)	I + NT + RUTH
12 ASSISTANCE	Help as is needed in position (10)	AS + (IS inside STANCE)
13 GO TO	Approach experienced head of operations (2,2)	GOT + (O)PERATIONS
15 EVIL ONE	I have returned with single character that cannot be trusted (4,3)	IVE reversed + LONE
17 NOOSES	Loops ring through the middle of nose close to lips (6)	O inside NOSE + LIP(S)
18 DOT	Organise time period (3)	DO + T
20 COME TO	Revive space traveller with oxygen (4,2)	COMET + O
21 ISTHMUS	Neck is so cut by machete initially (7)	IS + [THUS outside (M)ACHETE]
23 OPUS	Work round festering issue (4)	O + PUS
24 FIGURATIVE	Typical sort of guitar owned by quintet (10)	Anagram of GUITAR inside FIVE
27 STAND-IN	Offensive act taking time and reserve (5-2)	SIN outside (T + AND)
28 NAGGERS	They always pick new release of Grange, and starter of salmon (7)	Anagram of GRANGE + (S)ALMON
29 PEEPER	Get rid of unwanted matter for a voyeur (6)	PEE + PER
30 VENTOLIN	Preparation of salbutamol not strangely left in blood vessel (8)	(Anagram of NOT + L) inside VEIN

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 HOSTAGES	People detained by army a relatively long time (8)	HOST + AGES
2 OKAYS	Big punch up, say, ruined sanctions (5)	KO reversed + anagram of SAY
3 WELL-SPOKEN	Articulate sources dig Newton (4-6)	WELLS + POKE + N
4 NEW CALEDONIANS	Islanders making island canoe, possibly? (3,11)	Anagram of ISLAND CANOE makes CALEDONIANS
6 HITS	Hotel is taking into account temperature impacts (4)	(H + IS) outside T
7 MAUSOLEUM	Gold individual found in old lady's vault (9)	(AU + SOLE) inside MUM
8 SCHOOL	Small hospital invested in sophisticated training centre (6)	S + (H inside COOL)
9 DISCONTINUANCE	Social event, held outside, is against retired unit stopping (14)	DANCE outside [IS + CON (UNIT reversed)]
14 SOFT TARGET	Get behind start of developed site that's considered vulnerable (4,6)	GET after anagram of START OF
16 INOCULATE	Protect one copper after number departed (9)	I + (CU after NO) + LATE
19 USHERS IN	Introduces drug dealer, not starting with wrongdoing (6,2)	(P)USHER + SIN
22 DOES UP	Secures employment in school heading in a new direction (4,2)	(USE in POD) reversed
25 IDEAL	Banker's claim is fanciful (5)	I DEAL
26 EDGE	Bind unbound book of accounts? (4)	(L)EDGE(R)

