

The Stickler Weekly 231 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 ROBUSTNESS	Fracture in sensor adversely impacted health (10)	BUST inside anagram of SENSOR
6 ICED	Slices of liquorice dessert should be kept cool (4)	liquorICE Dessert
9 TUBES	Pipes are finally put inside cleaning units (5)	AR(E) inside TUBS
10 CHRISTMAS	Monarchists abroad missing out on holiday (9)	Anagram of MONARCHISTS minus ON
12 ILLITERATE	One lacking education is threatening to repeat (10)	ILL + ITERATE
13 SEE	Recognise letter read out (3)	Sounds like C
15 RENNET	Apple extract used in making cheese (6)	Double Definition
16 DEADENED	A study in legal documentation may be toned down (8)	(A + DEN) inside DEED
18 MARSH GAS	Methane from planet Mercury, for instance (5,3)	MARS + HG + AS
20 UNISON	Tertiary institution's operating with complete agreement (6)	UNIS + ON
23 TUN	Large quantity of beer and fruitcake knocked back (3)	NUT reversed
24 PERMISSION	Leave retired agent with high-level assignment (10)	REP reversed + MISSION
26 CAVALCADE	Train a large rat captured in cave (9)	(A + L + CAD) inside CAVE
27 REACH	Come to a head after end of semester (5)	EACH after SEMESTE(R)
28 SURE	Stable land by the sea by the sound of it (4)	Sounds like SHORE
29 DENOUEMENT	Outstanding people, holding one, turned back time in final act (10)	(DUE + MEN) outside (ONE reversed) + T

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RATS	Principal recalled an exclamation of annoyance (4)	STAR reversed
2 BABYLON	Child left working in historic city in Iraq (7)	BABY + L + ON
3 SISTINE CHAPEL	Sister reserved place in the Vatican building? (7,6)	SIS + anagram of PLACE IN THE
4 NICKEL	Steal centrepiece of bell metal (6)	NICK + B(EL)L
5 SERRATED	River rat tucked into kernel with sharp, forward-pointing teeth (8)	(R + RAT) inside SEED
7 COMES ON	Carbon combined with oxygen particle develops (5,2)	C + O + MESON
8 DISTENDING	Doctor initially is looking after swelling (10)	(D)OCTOR + IS + TENDING
11 SPENDING SPREE	Special resolutions altered peer's extravagant use of money (8,5)	SP + ENDINGS + anagram of PEER
14 DRUMSTICKS	Last drop of methylated spirit penetrates beaters (10)	METHYLATE(D) + RUM + STICKS
17 FAIR GAME	Golf following broadcast hosted by celebrity is sport (4,4)	(G after AIR) inside FAME
19 RAN OVER	Denial admitted by party animal should be reviewed (3,4)	NO inside RAVEN
21 STORAGE	Space for keeping stuff held by publicist or agent (7)	publiciST OR AGEnt
22 DINERO	One who eats nothing with American bread (6)	DINER + O
25 CHAT	Informal talk has not finished in court (4)	(HA)S inside CT

