

The Stickler Weekly 257 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 ESCAPIST	Dreamer is consumed by distortion of space and time (8)	IS inside (anagram of SPACE + T)
5 STITCH	Sit disheartened with irritation and pain from running? (6)	S(i)T + ITCH
10 PARKA	Reserve a heavy jacket (5)	PARK + A
11 ECONOMIST	Government adviser possibly made less than a modest income oddly? (9)	Anagram of A MODEST INCOME minus MADE
12 CHATHAM ISLANDS	Talk with workers about development of Islam in remote part of NZ (7,7)	(CHAT + HANDS) outside anagram of ISLAM
14 ASIA	Like one associated with a big part of the world (4)	AS + I + A
15 CAROUSER	Noisy drinker and driver, perhaps, covering round? (8)	(CAR USER) outside O
18 BAR	Watering hole is almost empty (3)	(BAR)E
19 LINGERER	Source of disease mainly on board large ship, one that hangs around (8)	(GER)M inside LINER
20 POKE	Said something without initial nudge (4)	S(POKE)
23 CHICKEN-HEARTED	Yellow hen reacted strangely around one from the country (7-7)	Anagram of HEN REACTED outside HICK
26 PER CAPITA	Each large piece of perch should be served with a flatbread (3,6)	(PERC)H + A + PITA
27 COUCH	Possible composition of green furniture (5)	Double Definition
28 THEFTS	Acts of stealing from account not supported by the facts (6)	THE FACTS minus AC
29 SETTLE UP	Pay cash leaving revamped display of Space Shuttle (6,2)	Anagram of SPACE SHUTTLE minus CASH

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 ESPECIALLY	Broken pieces collected by associate above all (10)	Anagram of PIECES + ALLY
2 CARNATION	Light red vehicle parked before race (9)	CAR + NATION
3 PEACHY	Very good people, completely gutted, suffering continuous pain? (6)	P(eopl)E + ACHY
4 STEAMY	Brewed teas, gracious me, could be hot (6)	Anagram od TEAS + MY
6 TOOK A BOW	Acknowledged praise to approve unfinished missile launcher (4,1,3)	TO + (OKA)Y + BOW
7 TRIED	Established level entered by player finally (5)	TIED outside PLAYE(R)
8 HITS	Hotel is taking into account temperature impacts (4)	(H + IS) outside T
9 DOG STAR	Notable luminary follows informer around (3,4)	DOGS + (RAT reversed)
13 FRIENDSHIP	Short day finishes in intimacy (10)	FRI(day) + ENDS + HIP
15 CAR	Jam ingredient is about right? (3)	CA + R
16 SHORT FUSE	Kind fellow stuck with hospital treatment for quick temper (5,4)	[(SORT + F) outside H] + USE
17 PENCHANT	Write song with taste (8)	PEN + CHANT
18 BEDEVIL	Base, active, mounted trouble (7)	BED + (LIVE reversed)
21 PHRASE	Expression, perhaps, not starting with translation (6)	Anagram of P(ERHAPS)
22 MASCOT	Company invested in royal support team's symbolic figure (6)	CO inside MAST
24 HORSE	Husky heard mounted soldiers (5)	Sounds like HOARSE
25 SPIT	Roaster leans over (4)	TIPS reversed

