

# The Stickler Weekly 252 Solution

<sup>1</sup> D	E	<sup>2</sup> M	O	<sup>3</sup> G	R	<sup>4</sup> A	P	<sup>5</sup> H	Y			<sup>6</sup> C	O	<sup>7</sup> S	
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<sup>24</sup> C	A	N	A	S	T	A		<sup>25</sup> P	R	E	S	E	N	T	
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<sup>26</sup> H	U	E				<sup>27</sup> B	R	A	N	D	Y	S	N	A	P

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DEMOGRAPHY	Market researchers study this sample phone produced in dull color? (10)	DEMO + (PH inside GRAY)
6 COS	Salad ingredient's reduced price (3)	(COS)t
9 BEDEVIL	Base, active, repelled trouble (7)	BED + (LIVE reversed)
10 MEASURE	Meat trimmed with certain size (7)	(MEA)t + SURE
11 TREMULOUS	Timid bird from Australia located primarily during tours abroad (9)	[EMU + (L)OCATED] inside anagram of TOURS
12 HET UP	Male sheep is agitated (3,2)	HE + TUP
13 NICETY	Sir, lacking in sincerity, mishandled a matter of fine discrimination (6)	Anagram of SINCERITY minus SIR
15 GUANACO	Wild llama dung containing a trace of carbon (7)	GUANO outside (A + C)
16 DON	Head of family settled a little short (3)	(DON)e
18 BENEFIT	Speculation about organisation of fine fund-raiser (7)	BET outside anagram of FINE
19 GELATO	It's set at zero (6)	GEL + AT + O
21 MIRTH	Fun orderly "retired" by hospital (5)	TRIM reversed + H
22 OUTRIGGER	Core section of tour set off in boat (9)	t(OU)R + TRIGGER
24 CANASTA	Call off all but the last part of a stag's card game (7)	CAN + (ASTA)g
25 PRESENT	It's offered for free here (7)	Double Definition
26 HUE	Colour house in an uneven way (3)	(H)o(U)s(E)
27 BRANDY SNAP	Make reflection of flower with biscuit (6,4)	BRAND + (PANSY reversed)

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 DEBUTANT	New performer manoeuvred tuba in an impressive display (8)	Anagram of TUBA inside DENT
2 MIDGE	Grey mounted grey, oddly, with bug (5)	DIM reversed + (G)r(E)y
3 GIVE UP THE GHOST	Go and get huge VIP prepared to put on a show (4,2,3,5)	Anagram of GET HUGE VIP + HOST
4 ABLOOM	Flowering bushes initially planted behind a tower (6)	[(B)USHES after A] + LOOM
5 HOMESPUN	Digger's joke about maiden is crude (8)	(HOES + PUN) outside M
6 CRUSTACEA	Film expert with a collection of sea creatures (9)	CRUST + ACE + A
7 SLEEP	Takes off outside, returning for a rest period (5)	PEELS reversed
8 CASH ON DELIVERY	Payment method has varied in fraud committed by deli especially (4,2,8)	Anagram of HAS inside CON + DELI + VERY
14 CLEARANCE	Auditor in family group once missing out on authorisation (9)	EAR inside CLAN + (ONCE minus ON)
15 GOT	Received leave ahead of time (3)	GO + T
16 DINOSAUR	Is a round reshaped a square? (8)	Anagram of IS A ROUND
17 DOORSTOP	Gathering troops shifted a heavy, bulky item (8)	DO + anagram of TROOPS
20 STEP IN	Take action to secure material, for example, after change to set (4,2)	PIN after anagram of SET
21 MICAH	Letters kept by academic, a holy part of the Bible (5)	acadeMIC A Holy
23 GLEAN	Pick up angler down river in a sorry state (5)	Anagram of (ANGLER minus R)

