

The Stickler Weekly 2 Solution

A	M	B	A	S	S	A	D	O	R		D	R	U	B
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 AMBASSADOR	A male singer runs following trouble with foreign agent (10)	A + M + BASS + (R after ADO)
7 DRUB	Beat knight pierced by spear in the back (4)	DUB outside R
10 ACROBATS	Top performers steal from one taking part in performances (8)	(ROB + A) inside ACTS
11 SECURE	Find out about dog in the bag (6)	SEE outside CUR
12 ADJOIN	A nightclub employee on about one neighbour (6)	A + DJ + (ON outside I)
13 ILL-FATED	Unlucky fall - it altered focus of procedures? (3-5)	Anagram of FALLIT + ED
14 ANTI	Against a religious work written by Isaiah primarily (4)	A + NT + I
15 DIGRESSION	Archaeological site, viewed by seniors, organised departure (10)	DIG + anagram of SENIORS
18 MASTERMIND	Health professional holding, for instance, title in authority (10)	MD outside (AS + TERM + IN)
21 SUIT	Administrative official reduced size of hotel accommodation (4)	SUITE shortened
22 RETRENCH	Reduce one's workforce on excavation (8)	RE + TRENCH
24 STATIC	Steady activist not supporting one opposed to changing (6)	Anagram of ACTIVIST minus (I + V)
25 LEAVEN	Don't change nitrogen in raising agent (6)	LEAVE + N
26 BRAINPAN	Fall in blood pressure connected to one part of the head (8)	RAIN inside BP + AN
27 DESK	Associates of guides knocked bureau (4)	guiDES Knocked
28 OVERRIDDEN	Drunk driver, one punched by detective and set aside (10)	Anagram of DRIVER ONE outside D

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 MACEDONIA	Country club fellow and I hooked up with head of Apple (9)	MACE + DON + I + A
3 APOLOGIST	A ball game is clinched by great defender (9)	A + POLO + (IS inside GT)
4 SCANNED	Peas finally sealed in a tin should be examined closely (7)	S + CANNED
5 DISTINGUISHABLE	Clear building site has resettled (15)	Anagram of BUILDING SITE HAS
6 RESOLVE	Lovers lacking cohesion and energy break up (7)	Anagram of LOVERS + E
8 ROUST	Stir up leader of sect in hiding (5)	S inside ROUT
9 BLEND IN	Wine store securing loan to match others (5,2)	BIN outside LEND
16 SUSTAINED	American wearing black is held up (9)	STAINED outside US
17 ORIGINATE	Speak about one game pioneer (9)	ORATE outside (I + GIN)
18 MARBLED	Streaky sheep stood up and haemorrhaged (7)	RAM reversed + BLED
19 RAN INTO	Came across river bordering developed nation (3,4)	R + anagram of NATION
20 DESPAIR	Padre is not right to give up hope (7)	Anagram of PADRE IS
23 TEATS	Closing of supermarket finishes off food and milk suppliers (5)	T + EATS

