

# The Stickler Weekly 247 Solution

<sup>1</sup> B	A	<sup>2</sup> S	K	<sup>3</sup> E	T		<sup>4</sup> L	<sup>5</sup> A	M	<sup>6</sup> B	A	<sup>7</sup> S	T	<sup>8</sup> E
L		T		V				G		E		H		N
<sup>9</sup> E	X	I	L	E	D		<sup>10</sup> L	A	S	T	W	O	R	D
A		N		N		<sup>11</sup> B		T		R		C		O
<sup>12</sup> T	I	G	H	T	R	O	P	E	W	A	L	K	E	R
E				S		T				Y		W		S
<sup>13</sup> R	A	<sup>14</sup> I	D		<sup>15</sup> S	T	A	<sup>16</sup> B	L	E	M	A	T	E
		N		<sup>17</sup> M		O		O		D		V		
<sup>18</sup> B	E	A	R	I	N	M	I	N	D		<sup>19</sup> K	E	L	<sup>20</sup> P
A		R		N				D		<sup>21</sup> B				A
<sup>22</sup> S	T	R	A	I	G	<sup>23</sup> H	T	E	N	E	D	<sup>24</sup> O	U	T
T		E		S		I		D		R		F		I
<sup>25</sup> A	W	A	I	T	I	N	G		<sup>26</sup> B	L	O	U	S	E
R		R		E		G				I		S		N
<sup>27</sup> D	E	S	E	R	T	E	D		<sup>28</sup> I	N	V	E	N	T

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BASKET	Unsentimental stickybeak changed goal? (6)	Anagram of ST(icky)BEAK
4 LAMBASTE	Meat stew mostly containing a roast (8)	[LAMB + (STE)w] outside A
9 EXILED	Old friend and I managed in a foreign country not by choice (6)	EX + I + LED
10 LAST WORD	Commander moved around as two detailed the final decision? (4,4)	LORD outside [AS + (TW)o]
12 TIGHTROPE WALKER	Cryptic Telegraph work - it is being tested on line? (9,6)	Anagram of TELEGRAPH WORK IT
13 RAID	Pressure released by speedy attack (4)	RAPID minus P
15 STABLEMATE	Companion's bishop played in no-win situation (10)	B inside STALEMATE
18 BEAR IN MIND	Remember drunken marine wearing tie (4,2,4)	Anagram of MARINE inside BIND
19 KELP	Substance found in possession of Garfunkel, perhaps, is weed (4)	garfunKEL Perhaps
22 STRAIGHTENED OUT	The reading rewritten in bold should be corrected (12,3)	Anagram of THE READING inside STOUT
25 AWAITING	A comedian holding it in is expectant (8)	(A + WAG) outside (IT + IN)
26 BLOUSE	Top opening to book, a contemptible one (6)	(B)OOK + LOUSE
27 DESERTED	Strange structure of dead trees, with a part missing, is empty (8)	Anagram of DEAD TREES minus A
28 INVENT	Come up with trendy outlet (6)	IN + VENT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BLEATER	Lamb, say, left sitting in kitchen appliance (7)	L inside BEATER
2 STING	Deceptive ruse is starting without public hanging (5)	STARTING minus ART
3 EVENTS	Recluse finally airs matters (6)	RECLUS(E) + VENTS
5 AGATE	Opening found behind a rock (5)	GATE after A
6 BETRAYED	Revealed corrected rate put in by top journalist (8)	Anagram of RATE inside BY + ED
7 SHOCK WAVE	Blast white workers primarily involved in rescue (5,4)	[HOCK + (W)ORKERS] inside SAVE
8 ENDORSE	Finish on horse tossing head back (7)	END + h(ORSE)
11 BOTTOM	Foundation is time and time again featured in expansion (6)	(T + T) inside BOOM
14 IN ARREARS	Outstanding one ran over closing of ledger with auditors (2,7)	I + (RAN reversed) + LEDGE(R) + EARS
16 BONDED	Stuck on last part of crossword in bed (6)	[ON + CROSSWOR(D)] in BED
17 MINISTER	Fellow checking in government bigwig (8)	MISTER outside IN
18 BASTARD	Name adopted by wicked, despicable person (7)	STAR inside BAD
20 PATIENT	Sick person is clear about onset of illness (7)	PATENT outside (I)LLNESS
21 BERLIN	Capital city in Switzerland filled with cyclists at the centre (6)	BERN outside CYC(LI)STS
23 HINGE	Turning point is part of something extraordinary (5)	sometHING Extraordinary
24 OF USE	Ring attached with solder is effective (2,3)	O + FUSE

