

The Stickler Weekly 245 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PLAIN CLOTHES	All the cops, out of uniform, moved around wearing...? (5,7)	Anagram of ALL THE COPS outside IN
9 COVERED	Wine stored behind sheltered place is insured (7)	RED after COVE
10 LINKAGE	King Lear greatly manipulated connection (7)	Anagram of (KING LEA)r
11 AGREED	A desire to acquire more is established (6)	A + GREED
12 ETHEREAL	Energy sustained by the true light (8)	E + THE + REAL
14 MISSIONARY	Evangelist is one accepted by son carried by Mary (10)	[IS + (I inside SON)] inside MARY
16 BOND	Frequently visited Sydney site missing one link (4)	BONDI minus I
18 VAIN	One spotted in vehicle without real importance (4)	I inside VAN
19 EARTHLINGS	It hears things eating large people here (10)	EAR + (THINGS outside L)
22 SITTINGS	Tells all about it before start of trial sessions (8)	SINGS outside [IT + (T)RIAL]
23 SCORIA	Refined rock is lacking potassium - a smelter's waste (6)	Anagram of ROCK IS minus K + A
26 TROTTER	Leading part of the swine? (7)	(T)HE + ROTTER
27 TENANTS	One staying in camp accommodated people (7)	AN inside TENTS
28 KOMODO DRAGON	Monitor spoilt good mark taking gathering on (6,6)	Anagram of GOOD MARK outside DO + ON

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 LIVER	Organ handed over without ownership of external legal documentation (5)	DELIVERED minus DEED
3 ISRAELIS	Lives repeatedly disrupted by real upset Middle Easterners (8)	Anagram of REAL inside (IS + IS)
4 CEDE	Qualities of rice determined yield (4)	riCE DEtermined
5 OBLITERATE	Completely get rid of oxygen ignited in blast (10)	O + (LIT inside BERATE)
6 HINDER	Check sample of flesh in dermatology (6)	flesH IN DERmatology
7 SCALE DOWN	Reduce in size, like fish have (5,4)	SCALED + OWN
8 SEALED	Certain marine acted as a guide (6)	SEA + LED
9 CHARM	Monarch giving up on unsettled appeal (5)	Anagram of (MONARCH minus ON)
13 ENDANGERED	Threatened termination caused outrage (10)	END + ANGERED
15 SHIFTWORK	Fine pair, standing in, avoid job with regular hours (9)	(F + TWO) inside SHIRK
17 PLACENTA	Site not contracted by a supplier in development (8)	PLACE + N(o)T + A
18 VISITS	Travel document not finalised? It is needed for stopovers (6)	(VIS)A + ITS
20 STAYS	Braces remain in place solidly at the front (5)	STAY + (S)OLIDLY
21 VICTIM	Sufferer's vitality demonstrated outside court one (6)	VIM outside (CT + I)
24 RONDO	Musical composition is right before performing act (5)	R + ON + DO
25 STUD	Boss curtailed researcher's work (4)	(STUD)Y

