

The Stickler Weekly 246 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SCATTY	Slightly unpredictable animal kept in farm enclosure (6)	CAT inside STY
4 PHASE OUT	Gradually get rid of drunken characters from taphouse (5,3)	Anagram of TAPHOUSE
10 UNDER-THE-COUNTER	Illegal matter admitted by wild deer hunter (5-3-7)	COUNT inside anagram of DEER HUNTER
11 TACKLERS	Footballers veer left and right in middle of test (8)	TACK + L + [R inside t(ES)t]
12 FREEZE	Independent zone missing out on cold snap (6)	FREE + (ZONE minus ON)
13 RUIN	Defeat one in lead (4)	I inside RUN
14 OSTENSIBLE	Professed leader of organisation realistic about time (10)	(O)RGANISATION + (SENSIBLE outside T)
18 CANTILEVER	A moulding of tin forming part of ingenious extended bracket (10)	(A + anagram of TIN) inside CLEVER
19 NEWS	Bulletin's four main points (4)	N + E + W + S
22 AERIAL	A regular show not needing initial broadcaster (6)	A + S(ERIAL)
24 PRONATOR	Specialist treated a torn muscle (8)	PRO + anagram of A TORN
26 CONFIDENTIALITY	Secrecy regarding India felt wrong in large place (15)	(ON + anagram of INDIA FELT) inside CITY
27 RELATION	Family member's second to try ecstasy (8)	T(R)Y + ELATION
28 LEGGED	Sporting members led around baby carrier (6)	LED outside EGG

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SHUTTER	Part of a camera that's quiet, say (7)	SH + UTTER
2 ADDICTION	A dealer's primary way of expressing dependence (9)	A (D)EALER + DICTION
3 THRILL	Blast personnel department after time laid up (6)	(HR after T) + ILL
5 HACK	Cut jade (4)	Double Definition
6 SQUARISH	A little old hat, right, one worn in sport (8)	(R + I) inside SQUASH
7 OUTRE	Extraordinary tourer docked in different places (5)	Anagram of (TOURE)R
8 TERRENE	Mundane blunder accepted by wayward teen (7)	ERR inside anagram of TEEN
9 PHARISEE	Hypocrite upset parish and meek at heart (8)	Anagram of PARISH + M(EE)K
15 EXECRATE	Abhor board member and judge (8)	EXEC + RATE
16 BREATHING	Bear savaged by creature is alive (9)	Anagram of BEAR + THING
17 BIGAMIST	Huge cloud hanging over a two-timing unionist (8)	(BIG + MIST) outside A
18 CHANCER	Opportunist is hard at work in house (7)	H inside CANCER
20 SPRAYED	Head of surgery talked to a higher authority for dispensed drops (7)	(S)URGERY + PRAYED
21 ON TAPE	Recorded copy not starting badly (2,4)	APE after anagram of NOT
23 RENAL	Doctor finally recalled passage connected to the kidneys (5)	DOCTO(R) + (LANE reversed)
25 HERO	Prepared horse, not running second, is a champion (4)	Anagram of HORSE minus S

