

The Stickler Weekly 266 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SABOTAGE	Expert, checking boat, repaired malicious damage (8)	SAGE outside anagram of BOAT
5 PRIMUS	Particular American gas cooker (6)	PRIM + US
9 AGREE TO	Accept a welcome by head of organisation (5,2)	A + GREET + (O)rganisation
10 DRASTIC	Drive with a puncture briefly? That's desperate (7)	DR + A + (STIC)k
11 DISSIPATED	Is drink poured into old hat wasted? (10)	(IS + SIP) inside DATED
12 IRON	Press on after contracting bug (4)	ON after (IR)k
14 NIGHT-OWLS	Birds developed with long feathers ultimately (5-4)	Anagram of WITH LONG + feather(S)
16 EBAY	Auction site may be redesigned just after opening (4)	Anagram of m(A Y BE)
18 ROOM	Dock returned usable space (4)	MOOR reversed
19 RING A BELL	Jewellery and label oddly seem familiar (4,1,4)	RING + anagram of LABEL
21 RUSE	Get through after juggler's last trick (4)	USE after juggle(R)
22 LITTLE JOHN	Hood's friend left the joint, upset about final letter read in jail (6,4)	L + [anagram of THE JOINT outside jai(L)]
25 BANKING	Seize retired bigwig's financial transactions (7)	NAB reversed + KING
26 BREADTH	Sourdough, for example, served with nearly all of the spread (7)	BREAD + (TH)e
27 DIESEL	Engine stops working well with limitations removed (6)	DIES + w)EL(l
28 MEASURED	A bound taken during medical should be evaluated (8)	(A + SURE) inside MED

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 STANDING	Taking part in contest and in good position (8)	conteST AND IN Good
2 BIROS	Writers, right, plugging short stories about life (5)	R inside BIOS
3 THE BIG TIME	Tie might be needed in audience for highest level of entertainment? (3,3,4)	Anagram of TIE MIGHT BE
4 GLOBAL WARMING	Blog implicated capital of Wales in dreadful international problem (6,7)	Anagram of BLOG + (W)ales inside ALARMING
6 READ	Understand what's written on public notice (4)	RE + AD
7 MOTORCADE	Procession actor arranged in style (9)	Anagram of ACTOR inside MODE
8 SECOND	Endorse company shown in broadcast (6)	CO inside SEND
10 DRESSING- TABLE	Ordered art, single beds and bedroom furniture (8-5)	Anagram of ART SINGLE BEDS
13 SEDATENESS	Controlled state seat needs changing by 8? (10)	Anagram of SEAT NEEDS + S(econd)
15 GOOD SENSE	Sound judgement ends badly in case of foolish person (4,5)	Anagram of ENDS inside GOOSE
17 BLANCHED	Chef mostly dressed in boring white (8)	(CHE)f inside BLAND
20 PROBED	Page, formally attired, asked questions (6)	P + ROBED
23 ORDER	Regulate state lines with no boundaries (5)	b)ORDER(s)
24 MILE	Corrupted email missing a great deal (4)	Anagram of EMAIL minus A

