

The Stickler Weekly 267 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BILE DUCT	"Tube connected to the duodenum" is clued badly in part (4,4)	Anagram of CLUED inside BIT
5 TABLET	Medicinal substance is effective time after time (6)	(ABLE + T) after T
9 ROAST	A hot joint as filmed by degenerate (5)	AS inside ROT
10 UNCLAIMED	Relative died clutching object wanted by no-one (9)	(UNCLE + D) outside AIM
12 ONE IN A THOUSAND	Clue for "aim" is exceptional? (3,2,1,8)	I inside (A + M)
14 PASS	Free ticket is nearly out-of-date (4)	(PASS)e
15 DECLARED	Acknowledged leader in design created lace a bright colour (8)	(D)esign + anagram of LACE + RED
18 ENTAILED	Adjustment to date line is required (8)	Anagram of DATE LINE
20 FILL	Discharge fellow on the sick list (4)	F + ILL
24 GENERAL-PURPOSE	New design of regular pen put forward is very useful (7-7)	Anagram of REGULAR PEN + POSE
26 CHAMELEON	Hippie primarily wearing beige, one unusually adaptable person (9)	(H)ippie inside CAMEL + anagram of ONE
27 DRAMA	Theatre doctor, a man not fully extended (5)	DR + A + (MA)n
28 TRENDY	Stylish conclusion accepted by judge (6)	END inside TRY
29 GRADIENT	Rise and decline in monetary aid (8)	DIE inside GRANT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BIRD OF PREY	Unorthodox pro fired in close, for an eagle, say (4,2,4)	Anagram of PRO FIRED inside BY
2 LEADERS	Commercial spliced into small roll of film upset directors (7)	AD inside (S + REEL) reversed
3 DATING	Australian oddball carrying can is seeing someone (6)	DAG outside TIN
4 CRUSTY	Hard carbon showing signs of deterioration (6)	C + RUSTY
6 ADAMS ALE	A reservoir selling water (5,3)	A + DAM + SALE
7 LAMINAR	Scaly creature moved up river (7)	ANIMAL reversed + R
8 TIDE	Current drawn using an audio device (4)	Sounds like TIED
11 COOKED	Company given approval should be prepared (6)	CO + OKED
13 ADULTERANT	Hard-core drug administered with last drop of spirit and mixer (10)	ADULT + E + RAN + spiri(T)
16 LINE FEED	Printing operation stuffed around professional's charge (4,4)	LINED outside FEE
17 FEMALE	Iron plugged by poor retired woman (6)	FE outside (LAME reversed)
19 TEENAGE	Juvenile is far away from a free agent after change of management (7)	Anagram of A FREE AGENT minus FAR
21 IRON AGE	Period in history, one connected with cutting violent anger (4,3)	I + (ON inside RAGE)
22 OPENER	A key, maybe, one taken from murdered pioneer (6)	Anagram of PIONEER minus I
23 TRADED	Head of this mutated adder may be sold (6)	(T)his + anagram of ADDER
25 SCOT	Assorted coats discounted by a European (4)	Anagram of COATS minus A

