

The Stickler Weekly 249 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 FIREWORK	Explosive anger was lacking when in branch (8)	[IRE + (WAS minus AS)] inside FORK
5 SPARSE	Boxes are, at the end, few and far between (6)	SPARS + AR(E)
10 RIPEN	Get ready to pick new inspector, ignoring cost (5)	Anagram of INSPECTOR minus COST
11 UNIFORMED	Tertiary institution set up and fitted out (9)	UNI + FORMED
12 EYESHADOW	Department in store, yes, had own make-up? (9)	storE YES HAD OWn
13 RINGS	Gymnastics apparatus buzzes (5)	Double Definition
14 LEASED	Rented launch at first moved slowly (6)	(L)AUNCH + EASED
15 RUSTLER	Governor checking street - one taking stock (7)	RULER outside ST
18 APTNESS	Felicity retrieved broadcast in health resort (7)	(SENT inside SPA) reversed
20 FRILLY	Fish, biting poorly, gathered (6)	FRY outside ILL
22 TOWER	It may be used to draw a tall building (5)	Double Definition
24 EVOCATIVE	Voice a vet reproduced is haunting (9)	Anagram of VOICE A VET
25 CHIEFTAIN	Tribal leader that is held by feet bound by chain (9)	(IE + FT) inside CHAIN
26 IRONS	Presses right on, travelling through island (5)	(R + ON) inside IS
27 ENTREE	A thousand dollars given up by spoilt teenager for course (6)	Anagram of TEENAGER minus (A + G)
28 TENNYSON	Any sonnet rewritten without input of a great poet (8)	Anagram of ANY SONNET minus A

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 FORGET	Lose track of time completing counterfeit (6)	T after FORGE
2 REPRESENT	Stand for show once more (9)	Double Definition
3 WINCHESTER RIFLE	Shooter's blunder listed in secure case file strangely (10,5)	ERR inside (WIN + CHEST + anagram of FILE)
4 ROUNDED	Curved length of wood wrapping under mostly (7)	ROD outside (UNDE)R
6 PROCRASTINATION	Stalling in carport is not normally seen by many people (15)	Anagram of CARPORT IS + NATION
7 ROMAN	Variation of normal, abridged Italian (5)	Anagram of (NORMA)L
8 END USERS	Consumers from America invested in banks, say, losing out initially (3,5)	US inside L(ENDERS)
9 VIEWER	We roped in contender's observer (6)	WE inside VIER
16 LOLLIPOPS	Sticky sweets? (9)	Cryptic Definition
17 CANTICLE	Pious platitudes left in cool religious song (8)	CANT + (L inside ICE)
19 SEESAW	Watch cutting tool oscillate (6)	SEE + SAW
20 FLOUNCE	Twist piece added on to dress (7)	Double Definition
21 LESSON	Teaching without working (6)	LESS + ON
23 WHIST	Bridge player transformed this card game (5)	W + anagram of THIS

