

The Stickler Weekly 230 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STARTING POINT	Major can race it on redeveloped base (8,5)	STAR + TIN + GP + anagram of IT ON
9 TITANIC	Sunken vessel is intact strangely, apart from bow of ship (7)	Anagram of IS INTACT minus (S)HIP
10 SOLOMON	Unaccompanied monk losing support of king, a wise man (7)	SOLO + (MONK minus K)
11 LOOSE	Promiscuous ladies, say, curtailed sex (5)	LOO + (SE)X
12 OVERTHROW	Crush resistance in obvious manner (9)	R inside (OVERT + HOW)
13 DIAGNOSE	Prod proboscis pierced by a pinpoint (8)	(DIG + NOSE) outside A
15 CAMPER	Recreational vehicle arrived, taking parking next to river (6)	CAME outside P + R
18 PATINA	Bit of butter in a shallow Roman pan (6)	PAT + IN + A
19 COVETOUS	Small bay, in our opinion, is wanting (8)	COVE + TO US
22 WENT AHEAD	We disrupted heat and took the lead (4,5)	We + anagram of HEAT AND
24 ACUTE	A copper tube hollowed out is sharp? (5)	A + CU + T(ub)E
25 RETREAT	Go back to doctor again (7)	Double Definition
26 NIT-PICK	Be unduly critical returning metal tool (3-4)	TIN reversed + PICK
27 SILENT PARTNER	Passive investor, loaned a standard amount in rent, is given backing (6,7)	(LENT + PAR) inside [(RENT IS) reversed]

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SETTLED	Test requiring a rewrite was first worked out (7)	Anagram of TEST + LED
2 ASTRONAUT	One relocated to Saturn? (9)	A + anagram of TO SATURN
3 TENSE	A character ejected from unruly Senate is unable to relax (5)	Anagram of SENATE minus A
4 NECROPSY	Treatment of corpse in main mortuary ultimately? (8)	Anagram of CORPSE inside [MAI(N) + MORTUAR(Y)]
5 PISCES	Sign reformed members of Spice Girls at the end (6)	Anagram of SPICE + GIRL(S)
6 ILL AT EASE	Strange guy found behind villa with head cut off (3,2,4)	TEASE after V(ILLA)
7 TIMER	Clock-watcher's area of responsibility in recession (5)	REMIT reversed
8 ANSWER	A cross-section of Australians were solvent (6)	australiANS WERe
14 NONPAREIL	Nothing limiting about clip is unique (9)	NIL outside (ON + PARE)
16 PROFUSION	Abundance of uranium stored in refurbished prison (9)	(OF + U) inside anagram of PRISON
17 COLD SNAP	Old vessels tied up following onset of cyclonic period of wintry weather (4,4)	[OLD + (PANS) reversed] after (C)YCLONIC
18 POWERS	Influential authorities pressure those in debt? (6)	P + OWERS
20 SPEAKER	Orator came away from peacemakers confused (7)	Anagram of PEACEMAKERS minus CAME
21 NEWTON	Scientist not familiar with nitrogen? (6)	NEW TO + N
23 NATES	Bum had a meal served in tin sent back (5)	ATE inside (SN reversed)
24 ALTER	Modify components in general terms (5)	generAL TERms

