

The Stickler Weekly 185 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PEACE-OFFERING	Looking around, expert dispensed with rotten olive branch (5-8)	PEERING outside (ACE + OFF)
9 COTERIE	Ecstasy discovered in crooked erotic club that's exclusive (7)	E inside anagram of EROTIC
10 TRAINER	Instructor drops from the sky inside territory (7)	RAIN inside TER
11 LIMOS	Large one shortened most luxury vehicles (5)	L + I + (MOS)T
12 TERRORISM	Admission of pilot error is mainly an intimidating act (9)	piloT ERROR IS Mainly
13 DITCHING	Getting rid of dog's head irritation (8)	(D)OG + ITCHING
15 SEAWAY	Authority filled in by representative of each shipping lane (6)	EA inside SWAY
18 SICKLE	Cropper not feeling well left half way through (6)	SICK + (LE)FT
19 SOFT SOAP	Irregular spots of a cleaning agent (4,4)	Anagram of SPOTS OF A
22 NORWEGIAN	European and not, say, one with white skin? (9)	NOR + [(EG + I) inside WAN]
24 SHEAR	First to see and listen to clip (5)	(S)EE + HEAR
25 LISTING	Going over computer output (7)	Double Definition
26 HOLD OUT	Last offer (4,3)	Double Definition
27 SHAKESPEAREAN	Student of literature gets to writer carrying tract (13)	SHAKES + PEN outside AREA

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 PICKLED	Harvest was first treated with preservative (7)	PICK + LED
2 ASTHMATIC	Person with a breathing problem in coma that is deprived of oxygen strangely (9)	Anagram of COMA THAT IS minus O
3 EARLS	Upstanding people, hearing organ, left before start of song (5)	EAR + L + (S)ONG
4 FLEETING	Short bolt joining metal and panelling at the back (8)	FLEE + TIN + PANELLIN(G)
5 ESTERS	Initial temperature released by those who analyse organic compounds (6)	TESTERS minus the first T
6 IN A MOMENT	Sultanate backed people entering IT very quickly (2,1,6)	(OMAN reversed + MEN) inside IT
7 GENII	One elected, for example, returned spirits (5)	(I + IN + EG) reversed
8 CRUMMY	Opening of competitive card game is not good (6)	(C)OMPETITIVE + RUMMY
14 HELVETICA	The evil act greatly changed face (9)	Anagram of (THE EVIL AC)T
16 WHOLESOME	Innocent breaches admitted by women mostly (9)	HOLES inside (WOME)N
17 TOWNSHIP	Settlement has hospital built in view of peak (8)	(OWNS + H) inside TIP
18 SINGLY	Series of molecules in glycerol apart from others (6)	moleculeS IN GLYcerol
20 PURITAN	Joke about lovely meter maid is moralistic (7)	PUN outside RITA
21 JIGGLE	Shake and dance with broken leg (6)	JIG + anagram of LEG
23 RISES	Rebels head away from very dangerous situations (5)	C(RISES)
24 SALSA	Dance mix that's spicy (5)	Double Definition

