

The Stickler Weekly 171 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CATCHES UP	Draws level at chess - almost - in tournament (7,2)	(AT CHES)S inside CUP
6 BLIND	Screen left in wrap (5)	L inside BIND
9 RAMUS	Barb is rather amusing to some extent (5)	rather AMUSing
10 OBSERVING	Short boy, returning (playing tennis), is attentive (9)	(BO)Y reversed + SERVING
11 TOADYISM	Lackey's work day is complicated with cat running around (8)	Anagram of DAY IS inside TOM
12 PARADE	Clip about commercial display (6)	PARE outside AD
14 BEAM	Fish down river glow (4)	BREAM minus R
16 ROOMINESS	Mob members keeping explosives in available space (9)	ROOS outside MINES
18 ASSURANCE	Conviction university handled in different cases (9)	(U + RAN) inside anagram of CASES
20 NAVE	No one in green part of church (4)	NAIVE minus I
23 PLOVER	Bird fancier after photos primarily (6)	LOVER after (P)HOTOS
24 BARBARIC	Cruel one caught behind bars? (8)	(I + C) after (BAR x 2)
27 SCRAPHEAP	Quarter with low-cost housing? Blame waste build-up (9)	[S(outh) + CHEAP] outside RAP
28 SHIPS	Spanish at sea losing an armada (5)	Anagram of SPANISH minus AN
29 SEDAN	One after all but the front-end of used vehicle (5)	AN after U(SED)
30 STEAMSHIP	Small crew's in an old boat (9)	S + TEAMS + HIP

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 CURATE	Take care of museum's clerical assistant (6)	Double Definition
2 TIMBALE	Pastry with diced lamb eaten by couple (7)	Anagram of LAMB inside TIE
3 HASTY	Fleet Street in need of stock (5)	ST inside HAY
4 SHOESTRING	Translation of the SOS call is barely adequate (10)	Anagram of THE SOS + RING
5 PEST	Irritation caused by sulphur in particular (4)	S inside PET
6 BARBADIAN	Evil one spotted in public house with an islander (9)	(BAD + I) inside (BAR + AN)
7 IMITATE	Take off numbers not used in rough estimation (7)	Anagram of ESTIMATION minus NOS
8 DEGREASE	Get rid of oily build-up, for instance, inside range (8)	AS inside DEGREE
13 FOR EXAMPLE	Foreign exchange of great size, say (3,7)	FOREX + AMPLE
15 MARKER PEN	Writer and author hanging onto right to shut up (6,3)	MAKER outside R + PEN
17 CAMPUSES	Different parts of a university affected applications (8)	CAMP + USES
19 SCoured	Scout, greatly embarrassed, searched thoroughly (7)	(SCOU)T + RED
21 VARNISH	Exit soaking up render's first coat (7)	VANISH outside (R)ENDER
22 ACTS UP	A superior outside court does the wrong thing (4,2)	A + SUP outside + CT
25 BOSOM	Chest in crash is squashed at the front (5)	BOOM outside (S)QUASHED
26 BEES	Character following a witness backed social events (4)	B + SEE reversed

