

The Stickler Weekly 21 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PITMAN	1 A miner's pan filled with it magically at the start (6)	1 PAN outside [IT + (M)AGICALLY]
4 ANIMATED	4 I had sex after a nightclub's opening full of spirit (8)	4 (I + MATED) after [A + (N)IGHTCLUB]
9 SPINAL	9 Rotate almost all of the backbone (6)	9 SPIN + (AL)L
10 HARMLESS	10 Hospital with body part missing is innocent (8)	10 H + ARMLESS
12 IN LIMBO	12 One vote against accepting member is pending (2,5)	12 (I + NO) outside LIMB
13 ABRIDGE	13 Shorten a bony upper part of the nose (7)	13 A + BRIDGE
14 GROWING PAINS	14 Improvements involving dispute in car race may be developing problems (7,5)	14 GAINS outside (ROW + IN + GP)
18 SOUND AS A BELL	18 Ring in perfect condition (5,2,1,4)	18 Double Defintion
21 ENRAGED	21 Grenade exploded with all guns blazing (7)	21 Anagram of GRENADE
22 LOW-COST	22 Interbred cows occupying a piece of land should be cheap (3-4)	22 Anagram of COWS inside LOT
24 STAGNANT	24 Male family member with temperature is making no progress (8)	24 STAG + NAN + T
25 POTASH	25 Powerful alkali in container has broken down (6)	25 POT + anagram of HAS
26 SKETCHES	26 Small sailing vessels work for artists (8)	26 S + KETCHES
27 REARED	27 Large quantity of authentic wine should be brought up (6)	27 (REA)L + RED

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 POSTINGS	1 Standard sign incorrectly displayed job appointments (8)	1 POST + anagram of SIGN
2 TRILLION	2 A great number one playing after warbler's song (8)	2 (I + ON) after TRILL
3 ALARM	3 Prepare for war at the end of a long danger signal (5)	3 ARM after (A + L)
5 NIAGARA FALLS	5 Drop in water level a long way again upset all heading to seaside (7,5)	5 (FAR + AGAIN) reversed + ALL + (S)EASIDE
6 MEMORANDA	6 Notes mutation of more DNA in case of mother (9)	6 Anagram of MORE DNA inside MA
7 TREADS	7 Leader of team looks to understand steps (6)	7 (T)EAM + READS
8 DUSTER	8 Member of Parliament leaving garbage bin for cleaner (6)	8 DUMPSTER minus MP
11 SONG AND DANCE	11 Commotion generated by reproduction of scanned gonad (4,3,5)	11 Anagram of SCANNED GONAD
15 INORGANIC	15 One form of grain containing no carbon is artificial (9)	15 [(I + anagram of GRAIN) outside NO] + C
16 DEBONAIR	16 Newcomer working in radio, say, is suave and refined (8)	16 DEB + ON AIR
17 CLUTCHED	17 Group of chickens, with feed half gone, may be seized (8)	17 CLUTCH + FE(ED)
19 VERSUS	19 Playing part of undercover suspect (6)	19 undercoVER SUSpect
20 GREASE	20 Bribe as accepted by shaved environmentalist? (6)	20 AS inside (GREE)N
23 WHOLE	23 Wide part of golf course is complete (5)	23 W + HOLE

