

The Stickler Weekly 72 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SUTURED	Uterus, damaged by doctor initially, is stitched up (7)	Anagram of UTERUS + (D)OCTOR
5 BOTCHER	Dodgy repairer is caught in difficulty (7)	C inside BOTHER
9 AMBIT	Scope a minute piece (5)	A + M + BIT
10 SPRINKLED	Soft piece of ice, covered in snow, vehicle sprayed with water (9)	(P + RINK) inside SLED
11 CLEAR OUT	Leave auditor in authority (5,3)	EAR inside CLOUT
12 STICKS	Wood glues (6)	Double Definition
14 MIFF	Male admitting female's minor quarrel (4)	M + IF + F
15 BANKRUPT	Failed outlaw backed Turk holding power (8)	BAN + (TURK reversed outside P)
18 CONVINC	Bring round French wine stocked by clubs in the past (8)	VIN inside (C + ONCE)
19 DEAN	Study divided up by a school head (4)	DEN outside A
22 RETORT	Come back with a quantity of claret or tokay (6)	clARET OR Tokay
23 COLLAPSE	Cooked local pies, missing one ingredient, crumble (8)	Anagram of LOCAL PIES minus I
25 SAN MARINO	Oarsman prepared outside in European republic (3,6)	Anagram of OARSMAN outside IN
26 ALLOT	Earmark vote not initialled? (5)	B(ALLOT)
27 SISTERS	One showing external signs of stress disturbed family members (7)	I inside anagram of STRESS
28 SWELTER	Horses at the back race and suffer in the heat (7)	HORSE(S) + WELTER

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SEARCH ME	I don't know cunning medium embraced by witness (6,2)	(ARCH + M) inside SEE
2 TABLE OF CONTENTS	What's inside broken bottle can soften (5,2,8)	Anagram of BOTTLE CAN SOFTEN
3 RETURN	Bring in deranged intruder with no ID (6)	Anagram of INTRUDER minus ID
4 DISTURBING	Is burnt badly in mine doing shiftwork? (10)	Anagram of IS BURNT inside DIG
5 BARE	Sound of stomach that's empty (4)	Sounds like BEAR
6 TINCTURE	Temperature maintained in can to preserve flavour (8)	T inside (TIN + CURE)
7 HELICOPTER PILOT	Rich IT people distributed group's flyer (10,5)	Anagram of RICH IT PEOPLE + LOT
8 RADISH	Only half of okra recipe is vegetable (6)	OK(RA) + DISH
13 INDECOROUS	Unseemly one represented coder captured by intelligence? (10)	I + (anagram of CODER inside NOUS)
16 OVERTAKE	Leave behind plain cake after first slice (8)	OVERT + C(AKE)
17 INVERTER	Flipper tangled river net (8)	Anagram of RIVER NET
20 CRISES	Leading member of cabinet comes up with serious problems (6)	(C)ABINET + RISES
21 CLEAVE	Cut through stick (6)	Double Definition
24 OILS	Well-rounded character is framing large paintings (4)	O + (IS outside L)

