

The Stickler Weekly 95 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 FLEABITE	A piece secured by bolt is a slight inconvenience (8)	(A + BIT) inside FLEE
5 IMPALE	Run through sick person's admission perhaps (6)	"I'M PALE"
9 ISOMETRY	Equality of measure several recognised in one test (8)	SOME inside (I + TRY)
10 ADORED	Drink after a party is liked a lot (6)	RED after (A + DO)
12 CHECK	Restrain person from Europe in audience (5)	Sounds like CZECH
13 WEAKLINGS	Weeds ruined lake frozen in sections (9)	Anagram of LAKE inside WINGS
14 DINNER	Starter of duck served before private function (6)	(D)UCK + INNER
15 TROOPER	Distracted operator losing connection with a soldier (7)	Anagram of OPERATOR minus A
18 ELASTIC	Part of label - a sticky strip of flexible material (7)	labEL A STICky
20 MINION	Small number backed a servile agent (6)	MINI + (NO reversed)
22 UNCERTAIN	Vague uncle, giving up, left train disorientated (9)	(UNCLE minus L) + anagram of TRAIN
24 WRIST	Joint closing of accounts restricted by a legal document (5)	ACCOUNT(S) inside WRIT
25 ATRIUM	Uranium stored in a streamlined chamber (6)	U inside (A + TRIM)
26 FAREWELL	Send off last of four sheep in autumn (8)	[FOU(R) + EWE] inside FALL
27 SCATHE	Severely criticise female holding kitty (6)	SHE outside CAT
28 REPENTED	Salesman died after wayward teen said sorry (8)	REP + (D after anagram of TEEN)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 FLINCH	Small bird providing nest for large quail (6)	FINCH outside L
2 ESOTERICA	A coterie's distributed secret information (9)	Anagram of A COTERIES
3 BREAKING THROUGH	Whisper about important board member off colour could be emerging (8,7)	BREATH outside KING + ROUGH
4 THROWER	One who tosses scrap in the river (7)	ROW inside (THE + R)
6 MIDDLE OF NOWHERE	Wormhole defined differently? (6,2,7)	Anagram of WORMHOLE DEFINED
7 APRON	A flat, clipped area in front of a green (5)	A + (PRON)E
8 END USERS	Consumers from America invested in lenders, losing lots initially (3,5)	US inside (LENDERS minus L)
11 LAST	Stand up after all the others (4)	Double Definition
16 PROVIDENT	Careful specialist and I had hooked up in outlet (9)	PRO + (ID inside VENT)
17 REGULARS	Shooter set up while holding hostage right ordinary customers (8)	LUGER reversed + (AS outside R)
19 CHAT	Chew the fat potato (4)	Double Definition
20 MAN-MADE	Seeing red in hair not of natural origin (3-4)	MAD inside MANE
21 STOLID	Wooden tee set in concrete (6)	T inside SOLID
23 CURIA	Scoundrel, one summoned by a papal court (5)	CUR + I + A

