

The Stickler Weekly 144 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CHITCHAT	Convener's primary problem at talk (8)	(C)ONVENER + HITCH + AT
5 NAUSEA	Sodium application linked to a sickness (6)	NA + USE + A
9 MILAN	Staff stationed outside the Italian fashion centre (5)	MAN outside IL
10 OSTEOPATH	Bone specialist manipulated toes before surgery at hospital (9)	Anagram of TOES + OP + AT + H
12 DEMOISELLE	Crane trial one vendor ended early (10)	DEMO + I + (SELLE)R
13 HERE	Members of the regiment should be present (4)	tHE REgiment
15 REFUSE	Junk is put back together? (6)	Double Definition
17 NECROSE	Large section of neck developed gangrene (7)	(NEC)K + ROSE
19 PIT	Withdrawn bonus is mine (3)	TIP reversed
20 TRAITOR	Character shown by heart of reformed defector (7)	TRAIT + REF(OR)MED
21 STINKY	Smelly contents of pen kept in pen (6)	INK in STY
23 RAIN	Coach losing time to come down (4)	TRAIN minus T
24 MAYONNAISE	A bug (retrieved) is found in middle of parmesan dressing (10)	[A + (ANNOY reversed) + IS) inside PAR(ME)SAN
27 OUT WITH IT	Get the better of winner and speak! (3,4,2)	OUTWIT + HIT
28 LEASH	Restraint put on setter, perhaps? (5)	Cryptic Definition
29 TIDIER	Identification shown in bank could be more respectable (6)	ID inside TIER
30 GRANDEUR	Senior family member regretted backing nobility (8)	GRAN + (RUED reversed)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 COMEDO	Show up and fix black spot (6)	COME + DO
2 ISLAM	Is Tibetan monk without a religion? (5)	IS + (LAMA minus A)
3 CONTINUITY	Flow on building block mounted in city (10)	[ON + (UNIT reversed)] inside CITY
4 ABOVE REPROACH	Extra with role in interpretation of Bach opera is faultless (5,8)	OVER inside anagram of BACH OPERA
6 ANON	One not looking for credit immediately (4)	Double Definition
7 SPADEWORK	Deposit of moisture in park so affected preparation (9)	DEW inside anagram of PARK SO
8 ACHIEVED	Finished each dive with a twist (8)	Anagram of EACH DIVE
11 TALENT SPOTTER	Scout from Tasmania engaging advanced ceramicist (6,7)	(TAS outside LENT) + POTTER
14 ACTION PLAN	What's going to happen to Cain, battered and left in a hole in the ground? (6,4)	Anagram of TO CAIN + (L inside PAN)
16 EMACIATED	Scrawny one came over and ate food finally (9)	(I + CAME) reversed + ATE + FOO(D)
18 START OUT	Well-known tipster set off (5,3)	STAR + TOUT
22 MENHIR	Miner worked around hard stone that stands tall (6)	Anagram of MINER outside H
25 IMAGE	Corporate identity that is plugged by local publication (5)	IE outside MAG
26 VICE	US police unit opposing drugs (4)	V + ICE

