

# The Stickler Weekly 220 Solution

<sup>1</sup> H	O	<sup>2</sup> L	D	<sup>3</sup> W	A	<sup>4</sup> T	E	<sup>5</sup> R		<sup>6</sup> G	L	<sup>7</sup> A	S	<sup>8</sup> S
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<sup>9</sup> U	N	M	E	T		<sup>10</sup> A	L	I	E	N	A	T	O	R
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<sup>11</sup> C	A	S	T	O	F	F	S		<sup>12</sup> C	R	I	M	E	A
H		U		U		I		<sup>13</sup> W		A		P		C
	<sup>14</sup> S	M	U	T		<sup>15</sup> C	H	A	R	L	O	T	T	E
<sup>16</sup> G				C		J		L		A				D
<sup>17</sup> O	N	<sup>18</sup> T	H	E	B	A	L	L		<sup>19</sup> S	H	<sup>20</sup> E	D	
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<sup>22</sup> S	C	A	L	E	R		<sup>23</sup> H	O	M	E	P	A	G	E
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<sup>25</sup> P	H	E	N	O	M	E	N	A		<sup>26</sup> B	A	T	H	E
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<sup>27</sup> D	A	N	D	Y		<sup>28</sup> B	E	L	L	Y	A	C	H	E

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 HOLD WATER	Veteran in the war ordered to stand up (4,5)	OLD inside anagram of THE WAR
6 GLASS	Gravity used by young lady tumbler, say (5)	G + LASS
9 UNMET	Troubled men in trade union, returned not satisfied (5)	Anagram of MEN inside (TU reversed)
10 ALIENATOR	A story, right, about NATO force that's hostile? (9)	(A + LIE + R) outside NATO
11 CAST-OFFS	Large amount of cash offered by gentlemen for unwanted clothes (4-4)	(CAS)H + TOFFS
12 CRIMEA	Lawlessness acknowledged by a part of the Ukraine (6)	CRIME + A
14 SMUT	Pornography turned children's stomachs (4)	TUMS reversed
15 CHARLOTTE	Slightly burn and share tea before a dessert (9)	CHAR + LOT + (TE)A
17 ON THE BALL	Is deserting this during one social event smart? (2,3,4)	(THIS minus IS) inside ONE + BALL
19 SHED	The girl had space for storage (4)	Double Definition
22 SCALER	Mountain man's fishing equipment (6)	Double Definition
23 HOME PAGE	Record included in tribute item put up on the Net (4,4)	EP inside HOMAGE
25 PHENOMENA	People in possession of a phone organised remarkable events (9)	MEN inside anagram of A PHONE
26 BATHE	Swim about, leaving to get some air (5)	BREATHE minus RE
27 DANDY	Dodgy landlady fleeced of all capital (5)	Anagram of LANDLADY minus ALL
28 BELLYACHE	Docked yacht owned by good-looker - a bitch (9)	(YACH)T inside BELLE

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 HAUNCH	Feeling spread around a hip (6)	HUNCH outside A
2 LUMP SUM	Fixed up slum with millions - that's a lot of money (4,3)	Anagram of UP SLUM + M
3 WITHOUT CEREMONY	Card game's back - held in converted country home informally (7,8)	WIT + [GAM(E) inside anagram of COUNTRY HOME]
4 TRAFFIC JAM	Rising uncertainty inside craft oddly spread congestion (7,3)	IF reversed inside anagram of CRAFT + JAM
5 RAIL	False witness stood up to abuse (4)	LIAR reversed
6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Mounting confusion within, really began changing part of the UN (7,8)	MESS reversed inside anagram of REALLY BEGAN
7 ATTEMPT	A worker who doesn't always get to work in time, doubled effort (7)	A + [TEMP inside (T + T)}
8 SURFACED	Breakers died after top one came out (8)	SURF + (D after ACE)
13 WALL-TO-WALL	Widespread flounder seen around mouth of tributary by everyone (4-2-4)	WALLOW outside (T)RIBUTARY + ALL
16 GOSSIPED	Retired villain, drilled by foreign spies, talked (8)	DOG reversed outside anagram of SPIES
18 TRADE ON	Take advantage of race not going forward ahead of time (5,2)	DART reversed + EON
20 ELASTIC	Moulded cleat is rubbery (7)	Anagram of CLEAT IS
21 DELETE	Take out rent documented in abridged contract (6)	LET inside (DEE)D
24 HERB	Sprigs of rather big plant with useful properties (4)	ratHER Big

