

The Stickler Weekly 85 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STAYED PUT	Star cut off drunken deputy and didn't move (6,3)	(STA)R + anagram of DEPUTY
6 SHOP	Photos distributed, except to retail outlet (4)	Anagram of PHOTOS minus TO
10 TORUS	Formation in flat or u-shaped rounded ridge (5)	flaT OR UShaped
11 CONFORMER	Trick old person who follows the crowd (9)	CON + FORMER
12 FOR KEEPS	Branch starting to erase records permanently (3,5)	FORK + (E)RASE + EPS
13 PILOTS	Areas of land split up by one leading people (6)	PLOTS outside ONE
15 PANIC-STRICKEN	Patient's first treatment of skin cancer - it hit with frightening force (5-8)	(P)ATIENT + anagram of SKIN CANCER IT
18 TAKE THE PLUNGE	Keep that reformed movement going forward and make a commitment (4,3,6)	Anagram of KEEP THAT + LUNGE
22 AGOUTI	A metabolic disease linked to one South American rodent (6)	A + GOUT + I
23 KNITWEAR	Ink and water ruined clothing (8)	Anagram of INK and WATER
26 PATROLLER	Gentle touch - it might eventually break guard (9)	PAT + ROLLER
27 TRUNK	Members of parliament run key body (5)	parliamenT RUN Key
28 DADS	A demand's oddly not supported by mean parents (4)	Anagram of A DEMANDS minus MEAN
29 MIDDLE EAR	Auditor's section, lacking in brilliance, backed dodgy dealer (6,3)	DIM reversed + anagram of DEALER

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SET OFF	Leave gentleman in England after sex ended prematurely (3,3)	TOFF after (SE)X
2 AIRDROP	Head of relief operation, after raid, revised delivery by aeroplane (7)	[(R)ELIEF + OP] after anagram of RAID
3 ENSUE	Result most of us need badly (5)	Anagram of (US NEE)D
4 PICKPOCKET	Thief spotted mark taking part in blockade (10)	POCK inside PICKET
5 TANK	Large cistern smelt bad with top off (4)	S(TANK)
7 HEMLOCK	Poison is secure behind border (7)	LOCK after HEM
8 PERUSING	Person on drugs should be studying (8)	PER + USING
9 DOMINION	Discharge favourite authority (8)	DO + MINION
14 STALINGRAD	Latin's translated by person educated in old Russian town (10)	Anagram of LATINS + GRAD
16 NOTATION	System of signs reverted to in race (8)	TO reversed in NATION
17 STRAPPED	Escapees finally cornered and flogged (8)	ESCAPEE(S) + TRAPPED
19 KNOTTED	King, not tied down, one tied up (7)	K + NOT + (TIED minus I)
20 EXECUTE	Divorced people, largely charming, run a program (7)	(EXE)S + CUTE
21 BROKER	Agent is bankrupt, right? (6)	BROKE + R
24 TOTAL	Treasurer originally organised a lot to add up (5)	(T)REASURER + anagram of A LOT
25 SLAM	Criticise one not facing religion (4)	ISLAM minus I

