

The Stickler Weekly 162 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DEPRESSING	Black record covered in protective material (10)	EP inside DRESSING
6 OBEY	Carry out demented boy in possession of ecstasy (4)	Anagram of BOY outside E
9 LARGE	Broad area of molecular genetics (5)	molecuLAR GENetics
10 AUTHENTIC	Faithful relative embracing the one heading to court (9)	AUNT outside THE + I + (C)OURT
12 TROPICAL	Hot current separated by river (8)	TOPICAL outside R
13 A TREAT	One below scattered feed extremely well? (1,5)	Anagram of RAT (answer to next clue) + EAT
15 RAT	Teller reduced charge (3)	(RAT)E
16 SHOOTING	Frightening cry can start to generate gunfire (8)	SHOO + TIN + (G)ENERATE
19 MEMORIAL	European capital sent back in mail - breaking record (8)	ROME reversed inside anagram of MAIL
20 TIN	Slices of meat inside can (3)	meaT INside
23 ADORED	Really liked a suit a light colour? (6)	A + DO + RED
24 MYSTIQUE	My bizarre quest punctuated by one fascination (8)	MY + anagram of QUEST outside I
26 HARMONICA	Lay a finger on a coin forged with instrument (9)	HARM + anagram of A COIN
27 BLAST	Criticise building's opening and closing (5)	(B)UILDING + LAST
28 DOES	Looks after issues of axis, say? (4)	Double Definition
29 BELL-WETHER	"Live well", restated the king and leader (4-6)	BE + anagram of WELL + THE + R

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DILATORY	Cover up by a conservative Englishman given to procrastination (8)	LID reversed + A + TORY
2 PAR FOR THE COURSE	Typical fellow punching drunken superhero actor (3,3,3,6)	F inside anagram of SUPERHERO ACTOR
3 EMETIC	Call me about a drug that causes vomiting (6)	(CITE + ME) reversed
4 SEAMANSHIP	Join vessel admitting an ability to sail (10)	(SEAM + SHIP) outside AN
5 NOTE	No. shortened official communication in writing? (4)	NO + (TE)N
7 BUTTERNUT SQUASH	Bowled over, say, fanatics to crush vegetable (9,6)	B + UTTER + NUTS + QUASH
8 YACHTS	Chain breaking nautical brace capsized craft (6)	CH inside (STAY reversed)
11 ENTITY	Thing, one stored in tent, unsettled youngster initially (6)	I inside anagram of TENT + (Y)OUNGSTER
14 VOLLEY-BALL	Lovely, organised social game (6-4)	Anagram of LOVELY + BALL
17 BOLERO	Revised edition of rule-book not including UK national dance (6)	Anagram of RULE BOOK minus UK
18 INVENTOR	Architect replaced iron around outside of opening (8)	Anagram of IRON outside VENT
21 BATHED	Had a wash at hospital in bed (6)	(AT + H) inside BED
22 STABLE	Bishop engaged by old firm (6)	B inside STALE
25 LIKE	Enjoy story about Facebook's inception? Just the opposite! (4)	LIE outside FACEBOO(K)

