

# The Stickler Weekly 167 Solution

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		<sup>28</sup> S	H	E	E	T	A	N	C	H	O	R		

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DOWN-TO-EARTH	Practical town organised nothing in famine (4-2-5)	(Anagram of TOWN + O) inside DEARTH
9 HEDGERS	They maintain natural barriers with hard cutting tools (7)	H + EDGERS
10 OFFENCE	Wrong type of bean ultimately used in brewed coffee (7)	BEA(N) inside Anagram of COFFEE
11 LACKEY	Servant trimmed material with a fret pattern (6)	(LAC)E + KEY
12 TOP ENDER	Northern Australian's operation handled by volunteer (3,5)	OP inside TENDER
14 ROTI	Crumble one type of bread (4)	ROT + I
15 REFINEMENT	Upstanding people accepted by retired gentility (10)	(FINE + MEN) inside RET
18 INDONESIAN	Asian one is briefly adopted by another? (10)	ONES inside INDIAN
19 SPAT	Small blue gaiter (4)	Double Definition
22 CASE-LOAD	Bag young man carrying round doctor's work (4-4)	CASE + (LAD outside O)
24 GROUND	Put the first coat of paint on anchor (6)	Double Definition
26 ERRATIC	Variable, one excluded from adjusted criteria (7)	Anagram of CRITERIA minus I
27 WOULD-BE	Aspiring bridge player misused double (5-2)	W + anagram of DOUBLE
28 SHEET ANCHOR	A notch roughly cut into very steep chief support (5,6)	Anagram of A NOTCH inside SHEER

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DEDICATED	Committed cadet died in an bad way (9)	Anagram of CADET DIED
2 WEEDER	Small rose, say, set back gardener (6)	WEE + (RED reversed)
3 TEST	Sample is taken from back of ball (4)	TESTIS minus IS
4 ECONOMICAL	Inexpensive ecstasy active in entertaining (10)	E + (ON inside COMICAL)
5 REFLEXES	Whistleblower, left with old friends, turns back (8)	REF + L + EXES
6 HONED	Pieces of jarrah on edges should be polished (5)	jarraH ON EDges
7 WHALER	World record broken by sound Japanese "research" vessel? (6)	WR outside HALE
8 LEARNT	Found out fast about a leader of rebellion (6)	LENT outside [A + (R)EBELLION]
13 PERSIAN CAT	Pussy lump injected with mixture of arsenic (7,3)	PAT outside anagram of ARSENIC
16 EXPOUNDER	Show subordinate to interpreter (9)	EXPO + UNDER
17 UNCLOTHE	Uncle trimmed round the strip (8)	(UNCL)E + O + THE
18 INCHES	Popular board game largely moves slowly (6)	IN + (CHES)s
20 TIDIES	Orders papers wearing formal clothing (6)	ID inside TIES
21 GROUCH	Whinger's gross exclamation of pain (6)	GR + OUCH
23 SORES	Cuts formed by mouth ulcers, say (5)	Sounds like SAWS
25 TWIN	Endless yarn is very like another (4)	(TWIN)E

