

The Stickler Weekly 270 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 ROUGH IT	Live basically with dysfunctional group ignoring pressure to strike (5,2)	Anagram of GROUP minus P + HIT
5 MUST-SEE	Think about set repaired for essential viewing (4-3)	MUSE outside anagram of SET
9 LYCRA	Dressmaker's finishing obvious in restitching of lacy material (5)	dressmake(R) inside anagram of LACY
10 ESPIONAGE	Secret service, especially one on time (9)	ESP + I + ON + AGE
11 CONVEYED	Moved kid looked at end of verse (8)	CON + (EYED after V)
12 UPBEAT	Uranium and boron found in organic material is encouraging (6)	U + (B inside PEAT)
14 TRIP	Hallucination is nonsense largely (4)	(TRIP)e
15 DOORKNOB	Handle party or bash the wrong way (8)	DO + OR + (BONK reversed)
18 MISCOUNT	Wrong calculation is checked initially entering horse (8)	[IS + (C)hecked] inside MOUNT
19 GENE	Protein molecule is part of oestrogen essentially (4)	oestroGEN Essentially
22 AUNTIE	A free person, relatively speaking (6)	A + UNTIE
23 PARLANCE	Standard number of shots fired with weapon in a manner of speaking (8)	PAR + LANCE
25 HELPED OUT	Mixed up "the dole" with "supplied assistance" (6,3)	Anagram of UP THE DOLE
26 GREET	Shake hands and agree, losing a little time (5)	AGREE minus A + T
27 SHYSTER	Unscrupulous practitioner is ignored by sister after fling (7)	(SISTER minus IS) after SHY
28 DONATED	Gifted university fellow finished a course and died (7)	DON + ATE + D

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RELOCATE	Transfer associate holding company up (8)	RELATE outside (CO reversed)
2 UNCONDITIONALLY	Sort of induction concerning friend without qualifications (15)	Anagram of INDUCTION + ON + ALLY
3 HEATER	Hard consumer could be warmer (6)	H + EATER
4 TREMENDOUS	Harassed mentor sued great (10)	Anagram of MENTOR SUED
5 MOPE	Move around slowly and aimlessly in vehicle mostly (4)	(MOPE)d
6 SLOWPOKE	Plodder talked about mountain-climbing gear? (8)	SPOKE outside LOW
7 STATE GOVERNMENT	Strong team event transformed regional authority (5,10)	Anagram of STRONG TEAM EVENT
8 EVENTS	A war lost by veteran was changing engagements (6)	Anagram of VETERAN WAS minus A WAR
13 CONTRACTED	Called about worker ultimately bound by a legal obligation (10)	CONTACTED outside worke(R)
16 ACCIDENT	Chance I'd taken, in a manner of speaking (8)	ID inside ACCENT
17 DEMENTED	Soldiers, with time in action, cracked (8)	(MEN + T) inside DEED
20 MASHES	Helium kept in large-scale pounds (6)	HE inside MASS
21 FLAGON	Amount of wine and spirit put into baked dish (6)	GO inside FLAN
24 SOUR	Tart, a starter, possibly, not finished right (4)	(SOU)p + R

