

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 21/9/2024) Solution

¹ S	T	² R	U	³ C	K		⁴ S	⁵ P	E	⁶ L	L	⁷ I	N	⁸ G
C		I		A		⁹ P		R		I		N		R
¹⁰ A	M	P	O	L		¹¹ O	R	I	E	N	T	A	T	E
B		P		L		P		M		I		S		A
¹² B	U	L	L	E	T	T	R	A	I	N		¹³ P	I	T
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		¹⁴ D	I	O	C	E	S	A	N		¹⁵ S	T	O	P
¹⁶ M				N		Q		L		¹⁷ M				E
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²⁴ S	A	P		²⁵ O	B	S	E	R	V	A	T	I	O	N
H		O		B		T		I		L		T		S
²⁶ G	E	S	T	A	T	I	O	N		²⁷ I	R	A	T	E
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²⁸ S	C	R	U	T	I	N	Y		²⁹ S	A	C	H	E	T

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STRUCK	Small vehicle involved in a collision (6)	S + TRUCK
4 SPELLING	Relieving English teacher's subject, perhaps (8)	Double Definition
10 AMPOL	Refined palm oil decreased by the Italian fuel supplier (5)	Anagram of PALM OIL minus IL
11 ORIENTATE	Get the lie of the land that isn't presented in talk? (9)	(IE + NT) inside ORATE
12 BULLET TRAIN	News about returned art - it travels quickly (6,5)	BULLETIN outside (ART reversed)
13 PIT	Withdrawn bonus is mine (3)	TIP reversed
14 DIOCESAN	Newly-appointed deacon is a bishop (8)	Anagram of DEACON IS
15 STOP	Prevent plants growing back (4)	POTS reversed
18 AREA	A study, mostly a field of study (4)	A + (REA)d
20 CUT LOOSE	Free toilets situated in nice setting (3,5)	LOOS inside CUTE
24 SAP	Members of congress approach easy mark? (3)	congresS APproach
25 OBSERVATION	Serb involved in cheering should be watching (11)	Anagram of SERB inside OVATION
26 GESTATION	Development, for example, set back transport hub (9)	EG reversed + STATION
27 IRATE	Cross that is worn by traitor (5)	IE outside RAT
28 SCRUTINY	Hybrid of any citrus passing a close examination (8)	Anagram of ANY CITRUS minus a
29 SACHET	Sealed envelope located outside a church (6)	SET outside (A + CH)

