

The Stickler Weekly 265 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 COME FORWARD	Coward engaging me in place of volunteer (4,7)	COWARD outside (ME + FOR)
9 PLASTIC	Picture printed on both sides of most recent credit card (7)	PIC outside LAST
10 SUCROSE	Sugar, as such, largely increased in price (7)	(SUC)h + ROSE
11 TRIANGLE	A tingler that's played with? (8)	Anagram of A TINGLER
12 UNFAIR	Centrepiece of county festival is a bit rough (6)	co(UN)ty + FAIR
14 MAIM	Wound male with object (4)	M + AIM
15 STRATEGIST	Tactician's moving target is set in stone (10)	Anagram of TARGET IS inside ST
18 MEDITATION	Pondering time spent in good offices (10)	T inside MEDIATION
19 STAG	Associates of host, a Greek, like bachelor parties (4)	hoST A Greek
22 SCALPS	Promoter, at the front in class, wrongly sells tickets at inflated prices (6)	(P)romoter inside anagram of CLASS
24 OFFICERS	Committee members and volunteers interrupted by one heading to court (8)	OFFERS outside [I + (C)ourt]
26 ILLICIT	One in evil city cut down criminal (7)	I inside [ILL + (CIT)y]
27 ATHLETE	A let admitted by the tennis player possibly (7)	A + (LET inside THE)
28 WELL-DRESSED	Spruce's spring seeds scattered beyond drive (4-7)	WELL + (anagram of SEEDS after DR)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 CLARIFIED	Head of closed airfield switched shed light on (9)	(C)losed + anagram of AIRFIELD
2 MUTINY	Greek character leading very small revolt (6)	MU + TINY
3 FACILITATE	One large one, in fact, consumed food with help (10)	(I + L + I) inside FACT + ATE
4 ROSE	Wine increased in price... (4)	Double Definition
5 ASCENDED	...as clubs closed (8)	AS + C + ENDED
6 DOONA	Work on a spread (5)	DO + ON + A
7 SPUTUM	Discharged matter presented in problem at school (6)	PUT inside SUM
8 SECRET	Confidential witness claiming credit ahead of time (6)	(SEE outside CR) + T
13 CAMOUFLAGE	Disguise hint of fennel in blended guacamole (10)	(F)ennel inside anagram of GUACAMOLE
16 IN THE LEAD	Winning headline strangely about end of Brexit (2,3,4)	Anagram of HEADLINE outside brexi(T)
17 ATYPICAL	Japanese money invested in redeveloped capital is exceptional (8)	Y inside anagram of CAPITAL
18 MASHIE	Club Med's opening that is after eruption of a volcano (6)	(M)ed + (IE after ASH)
20 GASKET	It helps seal request listed in contract (6)	ASK inside GET
21 NICHES	Large number of Chinese worked in specialised areas (6)	Anagram of (CHINES)e
23 ALLOW	Put up with a large weather system (5)	A + L + LOW
25 STUD	Colt producer curtailed research (4)	(STUD)y

