

The Stickler Weekly 4 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MUPPET	Soft-hearted TV character married leading favourite (6)	M + UP + PET
5 SWAP	Trade handles fashioned the wrong way (4)	PAWS reversed
9 HOSES	He is importing overseas pipes (5)	HES outside OS
10 PORTRAITS	Paintings left unfinished by extraordinary artist (9)	POR(t) + anagram of ARTIST
13 STATION	Doctor's immediately operating after one appointment (7)	STAT + ON after I
14 ESCAPEE	Fugitive is to get relief following rescheduling of case (7)	PEE following anagram of CASE
15 SLOG	Catch phrase lacking an almighty wallop (4)	SLOGAN minus AN
16 CHANGEOVER	Castle, for example, held back in German city's transition (10)	C + (EG reversed) inside HANOVER
19 PRODUCTIVE	Conduit, one used in test, should be efficient (10)	(DUCT + I) inside PROVE
20 CROW	Bully snaring river bird (4)	COW outside R
23 CLICHES	Cold Chisel reused and reused phrases (7)	C + anagram of CHISEL
25 GREASED	A bearing installed in broken edger should be lubricated (7)	(A + S) inside anagram of EDGER
26 RATION OUT	Leaderless country involved in hiding issue selectively? (6,3)	(n)ATION inside ROUT
28 BY EAR	Bach's first class without reading from written music (2,3)	B + YEAR
29 TORY	Conservative report short on substance primarily (4)	STORY minus S
30 TARGET	Teller returned to achieve objective (6)	RAT reversed + GET

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 UNSAID	Financial assistance in possession of global organisation is not stated? (6)	UN'S AID
3 PIPING HOT	Shellfish, not containing mercury, turned up for boiling (6,3)	PIPI + NOT outside (HG reversed)
4 TORTE	Slices of currant or tea cake (5)	curranT OR TEa
5 SPROCKET	Spy detailed missile's projection? (8)	SP + ROCKET
6 POT	Plant grass (3)	Double Definition
7 CHASES	Hospital implicated in lawsuits performs follow-up (6)	H inside CASES
8 ESCAPOLOGIST	Free-thinking entertainer? (12)	Cryptic Definition
11 IMPOVERISHED	Penniless scamp, one living in unused shed (12)	IMP + I inside (OVER + SHED)
12 STEER	Handle old bull (5)	Double Definition
17 NAVIGATOR	Transporter, hooked up to a rig, organised guide (9)	VAN reversed + anagram of TO A RIG
18 CUSHIONY	Soft individual initially working in easy and comfortable environment (8)	(I + ON) inside CUSHY
19 PACER	Racehorse's power shown by excellent start to race (5)	P + ACE + R
21 WADERS	Western Australia's invaded by red-backed waterbirds? (6)	WAS outside (RED reversed)
22 LEG BYE	Extra set-back close to game's end? (3,3)	GEL reversed + BY + E
24 SPOUT	Discharge from uranium recorded in a precise location (5)	U inside SPOT
27 APT	Proper computer with peripheral cut off (3)	LAPTOP with LOP on the outside removed

