

The Stickler Weekly 156 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SNAFFLED	Retired enthusiasts took flight secured quickly (8)	FANS reversed + FLED
5 ACQUIT	Release most of English money listed in deed (6)	(QUI)D inside ACT
10 LADEN	Large Middle East port is fully charged (5)	L + ADEN
11 CHARITIES	Fundraisers share without restrictions in major centres? (9)	S(HAR)E inside CITIES
12 SCREENPLAY	Reflection of mountain in scenery affected essential part of a film (10)	ALP reversed inside anagram of SCENERY
13 COPE	Get by policeman seen with ecstasy (4)	COP + E
15 MANIFESTATION	Man and wife, starting late, rank display (13)	MAN + W(IFE) + STATION
18 GOOD SAMARITAN	Merchandise one in a shopping centre associated with an altruist (4,9)	GOODS + (I inside A + MART) + AN
21 HELP	Come to the aid of young dog without lead (4)	W(HELP)
22 CRIMEAN WAR	Conflict and lawlessness ended by former Egyptian leader, Sadat (7,3)	CRIME + ANWAR
25 STIMULANT	Arranged litmus test, initially after an exciting, vital action (9)	Anagram of LITMUS + [(T)EST after AN]
26 ERRED	The Queen, flushed, slipped up (5)	ER + RED
27 DAMPER	Nuts brought back for a bush bread (6)	MAD reversed + PER
28 PRESIDED	Head of police lived and acted like one in control (8)	(P)OLICE + RESIDED

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SELF-SAME	Identical seconds pocketed by excited females (4-4)	S inside anagram of FEMALES
2 ANDIRON	Stand in fire and press (7)	AND + IRON
3 FINGER FOOD	Prepared offering party served up? (6,4)	Anagram of OFFERING + (DO reversed)
4 ESCAPISTS	A page supported by sects is falsely linked with dreamers (9)	(A + P) inside anagram of SECTS IS
6 CHIP	Clubs in a golf shot (4)	C + HIP
7 UNICORN	Fabulous animal icon not normally found inscribed on the inside of vase (7)	Anagram of ICON inside URN
8 TASTED	Starter of turkey, with fresh dates, should be tried (6)	(T)URKEY + anagram of DATES
9 BABA	Young child nearly finished off a small cake (4)	(BAB)Y + A
14 LIP-READERS	One connected to public relations flanked by guides and translators (3-7)	(I + PR) inside LEADERS
16 ALMA MATER	Two academics involved in reform could be old school (4,5)	(MA + MA) inside ALTER
17 INTRUDED	Characters contributing to complaint (rude) definitely meddled (8)	complaiNT RUDE Definitely
18 GALLIUM	Glue containing all iodine and metal (7)	GUM outside (ALL + I)
19 TOWERED	To people in general, red is rose (7)	TO + WE + RED
20 CHASED	Leading member of CIA has journalist followed (6)	(C)IA + HAS + ED
23 REAL	Authentic expression of lively dance (4)	Sounds like REEL
24 FUSE	Integrate a circuit-breaker (4)	Double Definition

