

The Stickler Weekly 15 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 GAUNTLET	Court ruling following harsh, outdated military punishment (8)	LET after GAUNT
5 TOECAP	Retired expert wearing superior piece of footwear (6)	ACE reversed inside TOP
9 BEEF TEA	Supplier of honey and feta ordered a hot drink (4,3)	BEE + anagram of FETA
10 GRENADE	Explosive decapitated men in position? (7)	(m)EN inside GRADE
11 LOCAL DERBY	Crook collared by competition in the neighbourhood (5,5)	Anagram of COLLARED BY
12 SPAS	Sudden burst of activity compressed springs (4)	SPAS(m)
13 SORDID	Most of class worked out mean (6)	(SOR)t + DID
14 BELONGED	Was part of boned leg cooked? (8)	Anagram of BONED LEG
17 BRAGGART	Big noter runs a horse stabled by Cummings (8)	(R + A + GG) inside BART
18 SHREDS	Storage facilities filled with sculptor's final pieces (6)	SHEDS outside sculpto(R)
21 OVEN	Part of stove normally (4)	stOVE Normally
22 SISTERHOOD	Women in society resist agitated thug (10)	Anagram of RESIST + HOOD
24 SUMMARY	Outline problem with closing of detour in one month (7)	SUM + [detou(R) in MAY]
25 EPISTLE	Translated letters from Palestine missing an extract of the Bible (7)	Anagram of PALESTINE minus AN
26 DONE IN	Racket infiltrated by one lacking strength (4,2)	DIN outside ONE
27 BASELESS	Good Queen accepting broken seal is lacking support (8)	BESS outside anagram of SEAL

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 GABBLES	Bee, accompanied by another in strong winds, doesn't communicate very well (7)	(B +B) inside GALES
2 USED-CAR SALESMAN	American dealer's scam implicated an old auto dealer (4-3,8)	US + (anagram of DEALERS SCAM) + AN
3 TOTALLING	Addition got knocked back outside big home (9)	GOT reversed outside (TALL + IN)
4 ENAMEL	Paint handle welded into the centre of pipeline (6)	NAME inside pip(EL)ine
6 OWED	Outstanding head of organisation formed a union (4)	(O)rganisation + WED
7 CHAMPAGNE BOTTLE	Title holder, with battle gone, ordered a magnum of Moet, for example (9,6)	CHAMP + anagram of BATTLE GONE
8 PLEASED	Disheartened friend, made comfortable, is content? (7)	P(a)L + EASED
10 GIBBET	Adult turned up to stake structure used for hanging (6)	BIG reversed + BET
15 OTHERWISE	The man imprisoned in tower is treated differently (9)	HE inside (anagram of TOWER IS)
16 GRAINY	Ground primarily wet and gravelly (6)	(G)round + RAINY
17 BROWSED	Queues inside base looked around (7)	ROWS inside BED
19 SADNESS	"The Blues Brothers", at the end, wrecked sedans (7)	brother(S) + anagram of SEDANS
20 ATHENA	Greek goddess honoured some in Sparta then Aegina (6)	spartA THEN Aegina
23 MAXI	Racing yacht is last to confirm a team (4)	confir(M) + A + XI

