

## The Stickler Weekly 69 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 INFORMANT	Rat in stronghold speared by man (9)	IN + (MAN inside FORT)
6 LOCUM	Person filling in column almost completely out of sequence (5)	Anagram of (COLUM)N
9 COCHLEAR IMPLANT	Minx in a concert hall arranged help for audition (8,7)	IMP inside anagram of A CONCERT HALL
10 EMISSION	Fail to see one featured in extensive Time issue (8)	(MISS + I) inside EON
11 NEW AGE	One's not accepting initial salary - it's a cultural trend (3,3)	O(NE) + WAGE
12 NEEDLESS	Unnecessary injections given by head of surgery (8)	NEEDLES + (S)URGERY
14 PILE	Large number supporting column (4)	Double Definition
17 TACT	Time to do something with diplomacy (4)	T + ACT
19 CHAINSAW	Tree-lopper's tool worked as a winch (8)	Anagram of AS A WINCH
23 TRAGIC	Shocking temperature and smoke returned (6)	T + (CIGAR reversed)
24 HOT WATER	Difficulty is not admitted by artiste who composed (3,5)	Anagram of ARTISTE WHO minus IS
26 SITUATION COMEDY	TV programme's approach in a tiny studio varied (9,6)	COME inside anagram of A TINY STUDIO
27 SCREE	Safeguard reduced mass of rocks found on the side of a mountain (5)	(SCREE)N
28 HARNESSSED	Last crop of vegetables put in near shed somehow should be controlled (9)	VEGETABLE(S) inside anagram of NEAR SHED

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 INCHED	Confused echidnas, giving up, for instance, moved very slowly (6)	Anagram of ECHIDNAS minus AS
2 FICTION	Writer's ending edited out of grating novel (7)	FRICTION minus WRITE(R)
3 RELISHES	Likes final part of will sealed by represented heiress? (8)	WIL(L) inside anagram of HEIRESS
4 AYATOLLAH	Religious leader converted a loyal atheist with ties severed (9)	Anagram of A LOYAL ATHEIST minus TIES
5 TOIL	One in a group knocked back hard work (4)	I inside (LOT reversed)
6 LAPPER	Drinker being prepared to get some exercise (6)	Double Definition
7 CHAPATI	Bread and some butter, say, included in tea (7)	PAT inside CHAI
8 MOTHERED	After a short time is the wine spoiled? (8)	(THE RED) after MO(ment)
13 SHIPOWNER	Crafty proprietor from wineshop repositioned beer at the back? (9)	Anagram of WINESHOP + BEE(R)
15 STATUSES	Numerical information about work positions (8)	STATS outside USE
16 AS A WHOLE	Carpenter's tool may cut this opening completely (2,1,5)	A SAW HOLE
18 CLATTER	Clubs dealt with recent, noisy commotion (7)	C + LATTER
20 WITHERS	Back section of a horse becomes dry (7)	Double Definition
21 FINALE	Members of staff in a legal conclusion (6)	staff IN A LEgal
22 BRAYED	Pounded beam into foundation (6)	RAY inside BED
25 RICH	The German state exporting energy is productive (4)	REICH minus E

