

The Stickler Weekly 123 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SIDESMEN	Deputy churchwardens, close to reverend, seem involved in ungodly behaviour (8)	[REVEREN(D) + anagram of SEEM] inside SIN
5 SPICED	Seasoned spy almost killed (6)	(SP)Y + ICED
9 NOWHERE	Location that doesn't exist at this time in this place (7)	NOW + HERE
10 PONTOON	It could be used to support bridge, a popular card game (7)	Double Definition
11 LITMUS TEST	Decisive examination is a necessary thing in titles requiring revision (6,4)	MUST inside anagram of TITLES
12 TILT	Pitch shelter made of canvas (4)	Double Definition
13 SATRAP	Old ruler, say, not closing mouth (6)	(SA)Y + TRAP
14 RAMPAGED	Computer store, given a summons, acted recklessly (8)	RAM + PAGED
17 SHE-DEVIL	Wicked woman got rid of immorality (3-5)	SHED + EVIL
18 DO TELL	Please confess to making a comeback in large computer business (2,4)	TO reversed inside DELL
21 NORM	Roman not exactly without a standard (4)	Anagram of ROMAN minus A
22 MANAGEMENT	Staff representative taking care of the writer's supervision (10)	MAN + (AGENT outside ME)
24 TRUSTED	Front of tank suffered from corrosion for sure (7)	(T)ANK + RUSTED
25 DESPOIL	Tyrant clipped with the Italian rifle (7)	(DESPO)T + IL
26 MEDIAL	Men cut off ring of average size (6)	(ME)N + DIAL
27 BETRAYER	Renegade risked yes-vote in area of rights (8)	BET + (AYE inside RR)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SINGLES	Leg's broken after stumbling initially in game (7)	Anagram of LEGS after [(S)TUMBLING + IN]
2 DOWN TO THE GROUND	Cooked hotdog went, then steak completely (4,2,3,6)	Anagram of HOTDOG WENT + ROUND
3 SPECULATE	Take a chance with head of security and embezzle public money (9)	(S)ECURITY + PECULATE
4 EVENTS	College finally releases results (6)	COLLEG(E) + VENTS
6 PUNK	Worthless vertebra removed from backbone? (4)	S(PUNK)
7 CLOSING CEREMONY	Rider's first in cycling - someone prepared for Olympic event (7,8)	(R)IDER inside anagram of CYCLING SOMEONE
8 DENOTED	Indicated weight lifted in performance (7)	TON reversed inside DEED
10 PASCAL	Capacity of pump, a scaled unit of pressure (6)	pumP A SCALed
15 PROCESSOR	Expert manipulated scores with computer unit (9)	PRO + anagram of SCORES
16 RIBALD	Guy cracked lad near the knuckle (6)	RIB + anagram of LAD
17 SANCTUM	Amount of money found outside an empty convent, a sacred place? (7)	SUM outside [AN + (C)onven(T)]
19 LITTLER	Last of all in a brood of young may be smaller (7)	AL(L) inside LITTER
20 CANDLE	Type of light tin used by new sort of LED (6)	CAN + anagram of LED
23 STOA	Characters taken from Athens to ancient portico (4)	athenS TO Ancient

