

The Stickler Weekly 103 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BRIEFEST	Event that focuses on cheese, perhaps, is most revealing? (8)	BRIE-FEST
5 CHESTS	Heavyweight, finally involved in head-to-head battle, boxes (6)	HEAVYWEIGH(T) inside CHESS
10 WHEELBARROW RACE	He moved bar lower, breaking world record set by champion in fair event (11,4)	[(HE + anagram of BAR LOWER) inside WR] + ACE
11 EXTRACTING	Part-time actor, briefly on stage, could be pulling out (10)	(EXTR)A + ACTING
12 WITH	Possessing joker and hearts (4)	WIT + H
14 BESTIR	First one, right, to arouse into activity? (6)	BEST + I + R
15 HYDROGEN	Light gas in layer containing dry mixture, and go in the opposite direction (8)	HEN outside (anagram of DRY + GO reversed)
16 LINGUIST	Language expert confused "guilt" with "sin" (8)	Anagram of GUILT + SIN
19 POSSES	Western groups have finished early (6)	(POSSES)S
22 EXIT	Leave be, ignoring conclusion of doctors (4)	EXIST minus DOCTOR(S)
23 UNTIDINESS	Redeployed unit eats close to soldiers mess (10)	Anagram of UNIT + DINES + SOLDIER(S)
26 MISAPPROPRIATED	Stolen software, integrated into radio, permits broadcast (15)	APP inside anagram of RADIO PERMITS
27 ENTICE	Lead on silver not used by agent with diamonds (6)	AGENT minus AG + ICE
28 PROSPERS	Person, giving up on following experts, makes it (8)	PERSON minus ON after PROS

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BOWSE	Secure petrol pump before closing (5)	(BOWSE)R
2 ILEITIS	Accumulation of bile - it isn't an intestinal problem (7)	bILE IT ISnt
3 FALLACIOUS	Fellow, a rising name, promises to pay without foundation (10)	F + A + (CALL reversed) + IOUS
4 SCANTY	Tin lining interior of animal enclosure is thin (6)	CAN inside STY
6 HOWL	Wail from match's final hooter (4)	MATC(H) + OWL
7 STAGING	Single man primed with alcohol is presenting (7)	STAG outside GIN
8 SEE THINGS	Very angry patients ultimately have hallucinations (3,6)	SEETHING + PATIENT(S)
9 CRANKY	It's replaced by a number of taxis in city full of bends and turns (6)	CITY (minus IT replaced by RANK)
13 PRIORITIES	Religious leader is retaining equal preferences (10)	(PRIOR + IS) outside TIE
14 BELLE AMIE	Drunken male moved in to contradict female friend (5,4)	Anagram of MALE inside BELIE
17 NAIL SET	Ale isn't ordered with punch (4,3)	Anagram of ALE ISNT
18 SUNDRY	Several lose moisture sitting under powerful heater (6)	DRY after SUN
20 SPECTRE	A secret spy organisation lacking, say? (7)	Anagram of A SECRET SPY minus SAY
21 TIPPER	One who thankfully pays extra for truck (6)	Double Definition
24 SIDES	Factions aren't given up by a dissenter undergoing torture (5)	Anagram of A DISSENTER minus ARENT
25 EPIC	Mounting collection of recipes is impressive (4)	reCIPEs reversed

