The Stickler Weekly 63 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MUFFIN	Make a mess of popular baked treat (6)	MUFF + IN
4 STUMBLED	Finalist in gymnastics performed a somersault and fell? (8)	GYMNASTIC(S) + TUMBLED
9 APRICOT	Orange-yellow rice mostly prepared in a cooker (7)	(RIC)E inside (A + POT)
11 REFUSED	Sports official not in best condition may be turned down (7)	REF + USED
12 INSUBORDINATE	Recalcitrant is in navy vessel to speak about commotion (13)	IN + SUB + (ORATE outside DIN)
14 GUESTS	They are associated with visiting time, in theory (6)	T inside GUESS
15 CAROUSEL	Joyful song about good fairground entertainment (8)	CAROL outside USE
18 UNDERLAY	Seepage, ultimately discovered in laundry, ruined flooring (8)	SEEPAG(E) inside anagram of LAUNDRY
20 SEESAW	Notice, at different times, playground equipment (6)	SEE + SAW
23 BLOOD PRESSURE	Old probes interfered with stable vital sign (5,8)	Anagram of OLD PROBES + SURE
26 OUT OF IT	Head of organisation, wearing costume, is drunk (3,2,2)	(O)RGANISATION inside OUTFIT
27 ENGINES	Powerful machines, seen out of sync, should be filled with spirit (7)	Anagram of SEEN outside GIN
28 MORALIST	Disciplinarian shortened additional register of wanted people (8)	(MOR)E + A-LIST
29 STURDY	Powerful right claimed in academic work (6)	R inside STUDY

Down	Clue	Explanation
1	Important base in Gulf affected by damage (10)	MEAN + IN +
MEANINGFUL		anagram of GULF
2 FORESEE	Payment securing mineral deposits is divine (7)	FEE outside ORES
3 INCUBATOR	In part of the Caribbean, hot air on the rise is warmer (9)	IN + CUBA + (ROT reversed)
5 TERMINAL	Monitor session on computer system, one booted up (8)	TERM + (LAN + I) reversed
6 MAFIA	Members of Thai family turned around a criminal organisation (5)	thAI FAMily reversed
7 LESSENS	Sound of classes at school dies down (7)	Sounds-like LESSONS
8 DADO	Decorated part of a wall constructed, in the end, with difficulty (4)	CONSTRUCTE(D) + ADO
10 TORN	Divided fraction of constant or number (4)	constanT OR Number
13 FLAWLESSLY	Pilot handling criminal without making a mistake (10)	FLY outside LAWLESS
16 OVERSIGHT	Neglect ruined this grove (9)	Anagram of THIS GROVE
17 CARDITIS	It is identified following one funny heart problem (8)	(IT + IS) after CARD
19 DEBATER	Newcomer at centre of bitterness is an argumentative person (7)	DEB + AT + BITT(ER)NESS
21 STUNNER	Attractive person breaks up about fellow lacking in fun (7)	(RENTS reversed) outside (FUN minus F)
22 BRAE	Live on banks of river, next to a hillside (4)	BE outside (R + A)
24 OFFAL	Butcher's stock is substandard and all reduced (5)	OFF + (AL)L
25 FORM	Shape beneficial to male (4)	FOR + M

