

The Stickler Weekly 80 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 NAMES	Staff recalled limitations of efficacious celebrities (5)	MAN reversed + (E)FFICACIOU(S)
4 INCUMBENT	Functionary in capital providing housing for displaced bum (9)	IN + (CENT outside anagram of BUM)
9 HORSE AROUND	Play the fool or wither in chase (5,6)	(OR + SEAR) inside HOUND
10 AGA	A reduced fuel stove (3)	A + (GA)S
11 LACERATE	Slash network charge (8)	LACE + RATE
12 DAPPLE	Spot last piece of dried fruit (6)	DRIE(D) + APPLE
14 SEEM	Look to understand male (4)	SEE + M
15 TALK OVER	Discuss authorisation withdrawn in middle of travel abroad (4,4)	(OK reversed) inside anagram of TRAVEL
18 BEARINGS	Live with syndicates operating behind a specific location (8)	BE + (RINGS after A)
20 FOWL	Fine bird, one kept for eggs and meat (4)	F + OWL
24 ORALLY	Start to organise mass meeting by word of mouth (6)	(O)RGANISE + RALLY
25 ASSORTED	Odd-shaped asteroids, apart from one, varied (8)	Anagram of ASTERIODS minus I
27 HOT	Watering hole outside of Hobart is very popular (3)	HOBART minus BAR
28 PREVARICATE	Private car damaged back of one Dodge (11)	Anagram of PRIVATE CAR + ON(E)
29 MARSEILLE	Ruin seller mostly stocking one French port (9)	[MAR + (SELLE)R] outside I
30 SILKS	Rider's uniform - type noticed in middle of dressage (5)	ILK inside DRE(SS)AGE

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 NIHILIST	Revolutionary turned in hard one on schedule (8)	IN reversed + H + I + LIST
2 MIRACLE	Vehicle reversed in a long way - an astonishing feat (7)	CAR reversed inside MILE
3 SPEARS	Small fruit stickers (6)	S + PEARS
4 IRRITATING	One unusual trait, admitted by band, is troublesome (10)	I + (anagram of TRAIT inside RING)
5 CHUM	Friend quietly slipped away from foolish person (4)	CHUMP minus P
6 MEDIATOR	Magazine's head journalist making room for a go-between (8)	(M)AGAZINE + (EDITOR outside A)
7 EXAMPLE	Standard test pleased less than half (7)	EXAM + (PLE)ASED
8 TRADER	Dealer returned colour paintings, say (6)	(RED + ART) reversed
13 CLOSE SHAVE	SEALs have a narrow escape (5,5)	CLOSES + HAVE
16 PROLAPSE	Course in writing is falling down from a doctor's point of view (8)	LAP inside PROSE
17 GLADNESS	Tumbler, say, clutching object, held back delight (8)	GLASS outside (END reversed)
19 EXACTOR	Former player is a demanding person (7)	EX + ACTOR
21 OUTFALL	Fault developed replacing one in oil discharging point (7)	Anagram of FAULT replacing I in OIL
22 GOTHAM	City of New York understood traditional Christmas fare (6)	GOT + HAM
23 MOVIES	Production of "Hair" competes with big-budget features (6)	MO + VIES
26 BELL	Beautiful woman cut off ring (4)	(BELL)E

