

The Stickler Weekly 175 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BLOWS UP	Exaggerates noises made by animals in rough pub (5,2)	LOWS inside anagram of PUB
5 MOSAIC	Residents of Valencia (some) brought back artistic work in pieces (6)	valenCIA SOME
8 OBESE	Large bedsore developed with doctor away (5)	Anagram of BEDSORE minus DR
9 FASTNESS	Keep speed (8)	Double Definition
11 HOSTELLER	Hospital overseas employed cashier, a backpacker (9)	H + OS + TELLER
12 TRIBE	Be at the back of triathlon race (5)	BE after TRI
13 SAIL	Announcement of marketing cruise (4)	Sounds like SALE
15 SOFTWARE	Programs broadcast are about feet (8)	(SOW + ARE) outside FT
18 CLOWNERY	A piece of clay replaced by owner? It's funny stuff (8)	CLAY with OWNER replacing A
19 DEBT	Foundation retrieved patient's final financial obligation (4)	BED reversed + PATIEN(T)
22 SCOOP	Small shop is exclusive (5)	S + COOP
23 TO A DEGREE	Amphibian, for example, on reed, losing tail somewhat (2,1,6)	TOAD + EG + REE(D)
25 FIREWALL	Twisted wire put in to trip computerised safety mechanism (8)	Anagram of WIRE inside FALL
26 PLATE	Cooked liver spilling over the sides of large dish (5)	PATE outside L
27 REPEAT	Old broadcast about highly organic soil (6)	RE + PEAT
28 PLEASES	Rent stated in one section of letter is agreeable (7)	LEASE inside PS

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BIOPHYSICIST	Life scientist is accepted by city bishop for conversion (12)	IS inside anagram of CITY BISHOP
2 OVENS	Cooked venison not keeping in heated units (5)	Anagram of VENISON minus IN
3 STEWED	Boiled sweet ruined start of dinner (6)	Anagram of SWEET + (D)INNER
4 PIFFLE	Garbage two fellows put in a heap (6)	FF inside PILE
5 MUSHROOM	Processed food range spread rapidly (8)	MUSH + ROOM
6 SANCTITY	Godliness court displayed in soundness of judgement (8)	CT inside SANITY
7 INSTIGATE	Launch isn't spoilt by one on door (9)	Anagram of ISNT + I + GATE
10 NEVERTHELESS	Level, elevated shelters shifted about anyway (12)	EVEN reversed + anagram of SHELTERS
14 IRON OXIDE	I travel around on animal as a result of breaking down, possibly (4,5)	(I + RIDE) outside (ON + OX)
16 ONE-PIECE	Record that is held by former swimmers (3-5)	(EP + IE) inside ONCE
17 PROTRACT	Extend right following nonsense included in agreement (8)	(R after ROT) inside PACT
20 GALLOP	Rush nerve operation (6)	GALL + OP
21 TEMPLE	Mormon church's head section (6)	Double Definition
24 ROADS	Engines parts limiting a motorist's choices (5)	RODS outside A

