

# The Stickler Weekly 135 Solution

<sup>1</sup> G	R	<sup>2</sup> O	U	<sup>3</sup> N	D	<sup>4</sup> C	O	<sup>5</sup> V	E	<sup>6</sup> R		<sup>7</sup> B	A	<sup>8</sup> N
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<sup>11</sup> S	C	A	P	E	G	O	A	T		<sup>12</sup> S	T	A	K	E
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<sup>21</sup> F		<sup>22</sup> F		N		A		I				P		A
<sup>23</sup> A	F	I	R	E		<sup>24</sup> W	A	L	L	<sup>25</sup> O	P	E	R	S
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<sup>26</sup> C	E	R	T	I	F	I	E	D		<sup>27</sup> E	T	H	E	R
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<sup>28</sup> T	I	E		<sup>29</sup> D	I	L	A	P	I	D	A	T	E	D

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 GROUND COVER	Crushed carbon on top of low spreading plant (6,5)	GROUND + C + OVER
7 BAN	Restrict lender almost totally (3)	(BAN)K
9 TWEED	Material is pretty hard on the backside? (5)	TWEE + HAR(D)
10 MASSACRED	Religious service, greatly blessed, may be wiped out (9)	(MAS)S + SACRED
11 SCAPEGOAT	Bunny modelled filled with complete self-confidence (9)	SAT outside (CAP + EGO)
12 STAKE	Post investor's money (5)	Double Definition
13 EVEN OUT	Level heads of officials and unionists apparent in incident (4,3)	(O)FFICIALS (U)NIONISTS inside EVENT
15 RINK	Strip of green material carried by soldier in khaki (4)	soldieR IN Khaki
18 BOWS	Bends front part of ship two different ways! (4)	BOW + (S)HIP
20 PEERAGE	Lords and ladies visit ladies, say, with style (7)	PEE + RAGE
23 AFIRE	A tree close to fence is burning (5)	A + FIR + FENC(E)
24 WALLOPERS	They hit hard barrier secured by knotted ropes (9)	WALL + anagram of ROPES
26 CERTIFIED	Confirmed fine that is stated in different letters of credit (9)	(F + IE) inside anagram of CREDIT
27 ETHER	One of two releasing one old number (5)	EITHER minus I
28 TIE	Asian listened to fashionable band (3)	Sounds like THAI
29 DILAPIDATED	A lipid, terribly old, is crumbling (11)	Anagram of A LIPID + DATED

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 GO TO SEED	Degenerate experienced overdose outside court (2,2,4)	GOT + (OD outside SEE)
2 OPERATES	Company's work set up controls (8)	OPERA + (SET reversed)
3 NUDGE	Naked model holding back of leg with elbow (5)	NUDE outside LE(G)
4 COMFORT	Appear briefly for short time to cheer (7)	V + anagram of RIOT IS
5 VISITOR	Company opposing riot is sabotaged (7)	ROSE outside anagram of SEDAN
6 ROAD-SENSE	Driving skill increased in control of new sedan (4-5)	BURE +AU
7 BUREAU	Pacific island holiday unit with gold furniture (6)	ODD inside (DEN reversed)
8 NODDED	Casual, deep in study, turned up as agreed (6)	O + (anagram of OMEN inside FIND)
14 OF ONE MIND	Agreed nothing with bad omen apparent in discovery (2,3,4)	PA + [(HA)D inside PERT]
16 PAPER HAT	Personal assistant had almost dressed in bold party wear (5,3)	TEAM minus (M)ANY + (DARES reversed)
17 TEASER AD	Team losing first of many challenges recalled inviting commercial offer (6,2)	WAS reversed + M + ILL
19 SAWMILL	Deal maker, perhaps, was taken over by male in a bad way (7)	PUP outside (DELI reversed)
20 PILED UP	Young dog hanging around food store retrieved and gathered (5,2)	[A + (T)HOUSANDS] inside anagram of FACT)
21 FAT CAT	A leader of thousands, in fact, converted an influential person (3,3)	Anagram of FIRE + (C)YCLON(E)
22 FIERCE	Wild fire stirred up by cyclone extremely (6)	ONE + BA(ND)
25 ON END	One half of band is standing up (2,3)	GOT + (OD outside SEE)

