

The Stickler Weekly 140 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SWARMING	Section in playground equipment is crowded (8)	ARM inside SWING
5 ARROWS	Missiles are not finished before commencement of altercations (6)	(AR)E + ROWS
10 UPPER ATMOSPHERE	A supreme prophet reincarnated near space (5,10)	Anagram of A SUPREME PROPHET
11 PRIME MOVER	Fussy, the writer returned with accomplished agent who gets things done (5,5)	PRIM + (ME reversed) + OVER
12 FOOD	Swamp not providing habitat for large grub (4)	FLOOD minus L
14 BEDPAN	It's used by a patient journalist with page restricted by censorship (6)	(ED + P) inside BAN
15 COCKATOO	Male bird took mostly after a parrot (8)	COCK + [(TOO)K after A]
16 REBELLED	Attractive woman taken in by red rose (8)	BELLE inside RED
19 INFECT	Corrupt court replaced after re-issuing of fine? (6)	CT after anagram of FINE
22 MOOD	Made an animal noise sound melancholy (4)	Sounds like MOOED
23 STARVATION	Lack of food a camper noticed in depot (10)	(A + RV) inside STATION
26 TAKE INTO ACCOUNT	Consider guy grabbing at nice cook awkwardly (4,4,7)	TAUNT outside anagram of AT NICE COOK
27 RED-HOT	Section of square dhoti is new (3-3)	squaRE DHOTi
28 STARTERS	Leading performer arranged rest for competitors (8)	STAR + anagram of REST

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SLUMP	Drop left in oil reservoir (5)	L inside SUMP
2 APPLIED	A pope oddly said the wrong thing should be implemented (7)	A + (P)O(P)E + LIED
3 MARKETABLE	Assessor reduced furniture in demand (10)	(MARKE)R + TABLE
4 NOTION	An idea, not one in operation (6)	NOT + I + ON
6 ROPE	Lash sexual molester endlessly? (4)	G(ROPE)R
7 OPEN OUT	Unpack one set up in front of ordinary place (4,3)	ONE reversed inside [(O)RDINARY + PUT]
8 SPEEDBOAT	Powered vessel passed water snake in strait (9)	(PEED + BOA) inside ST
9 POMELO	Soft, round melon - not fully developed fruit (6)	P + O + (MELO)N
13 SKIN CANCER	Scan taking into account family record about melanoma (4,6)	(SCAN outside KIN) + REC reversed
14 BAROMETER	Watering hole fitted with new sort of remote meteorological equipment (9)	BAR outside anagram of REMOTE
17 BLOCKED	Opening to building is secured and barricaded (7)	(B)UILDING + LOCKED
18 ESTATE	Property established at back of house (6)	EST + AT + HOUS(E)
20 EPICURE	Contents of jug used in recipe excited food lover? (7)	J(U)G inside anagram of RECIPE
21 BREAST	End of spear stuck into swine's flesh (6)	SPEA(R) inside BEAST
24 NOTES	Attack retracted report (5)	SET ON reversed
25 BIRO	Writer could be restricted in writing about personal experiences (4)	R inside BIO

