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ACROSS

- Mould for casting iron of various colours round Britain (6)
- 6 Surrounded by a fog's circling density (6)
- 11 Plants millet in colourful rings (9)
- 12 Faithful admitted to temple altar (4)
- 13 Perrier and orange mixed (6)
- 15 Tiny insects creating tears not love among the roses? (8)
- 16 I'll probe waterworks and retouch pores out of order (12)
- 18 Result when about to expel all backsliding governors (6)
- 19 Cattle scour ranges of feeding-ground (4)
- 20 Here orgiasts wallow back to front in troughs (4)
- 22 Filled hamper round the edge (6)
- 25 Vision: pipers playing around a cathedral place (12)
- 26 Dürer maybe, not one Bach later reworked (8)
- 29 Gas system that includes mole passage (6)
- 30 Aggressive hound overturning a tosspot (4)
- 31 Warmongers in Government holding strings? The opposite (9)
- 32 E.g. rips making one go off course in choppy sea (6)
- 33 Nip in to Shakespeare consequence: magic (6)

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Down 3, dr(ill) + use; 4, rump(us); 6, udo in tr; 7, l in anag.; 9, cf. a duple; 10, scul dud dry; 11, anag. + sly; 19, c in tie red; 24, K + 0 in nuts; 28, comp. anag.

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DOWN

- Fodder grass there's little height in waving plume (6)
- After a drink maybe ass has dropped off and I'll be expressionless (6)
- 3 US neckwear, loose bit knotted (8, 2 words)
- 4 Blood deficiency? Awfully hearty, I, right unobstructed inside (12)
- 5 Darn was holding up round opening in sock (4)
- 6 Area with green stuff making money in kibbutz? (6)
- 7 Saint divides very small portion, performing service (12)
- 8 Approves dated accommodation (4)
- 9 Bairn's swings, about 2/- in new money (going up): do they ensnare small fry? (9)
- 10 Heraldic ornamentation as part of testator's estate (6)
- 14 Inhuman of old perhaps, where sexual excitement is involved (9)
- 17 E.g. hamster in cage, ageless, given cereal three times daily (8)
- 20 Seconds go by incorporating a thousand brief periods (6)
- 21 Tar derivative, common but not initially English (6)
- 23 Sensitive flowering plant second put in is sheltered by mum (6)
- 24 Ruler: after one died put up stone (6)
- 27 Rough smear noted on e.g. jacket when leaving bed? (4)
- 28 Monstrous characters regularly cast out by theurgies (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended. One proper name may be unfamiliar.