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## ACROSS

2 Local spinner providing entertainment in capital dance (about time) (9, 2 words)
10 Plotters' line is following one in score (5)
12 Ancient resting-place, just what one's after in the earth (4)
13 Slip's fashioned with ultimate in soigné puckered fabric (6)
14 Motion edging 20 feet drive forward (6)
15 Poet's vessel includes extremely metalliferous stuff at early stage (8)
16 One to emulate led Romeo astray, given latitude (9, 2 words)
19 Yarn of e.g. two strands in ultramarine (4)
20 Washer: penultimate one removed from twisted kneecaps (6)
21 TV channel (sound only) made low noises (6)
23 French spirit with slice of citron in - perfection (4)
25 Concierges row in passages (9)
27 Clinker, ashen, mixed with oil (8, 2 words)
30 From behind bar man's gone round describing wine's flavour? (6)
31 Divided tin containing duck for one (6)
32 Wing starts to activate lift - it's (literally) going skyward (4, 2 words)
33 Currency that's strong - sourness following our cut (5)
34 Salt barrel, stone plugging opening (9)

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Across 1, Hansa in DK; 11, laid in ear (al rev.); 14, C in rotates (rev.); 18, up Ram in sun + Dane (i.e. large dog); 25, Po + yes (rev.); 27, comp. anag.; ref. King Lear; 30, MO in Mr all in unital; 33, fee + SE. Down 2, hale RU; 7, rate in do (rev.); 8, m + anag.; ref. US film The Postman Always Rings Twice; 15, I'm in tec + lock; 21, orni(s) in HE (High Explosive); 23, i.e. in san + E; 24, anag.; George G., Australian Rugby Union scrum-half and captain; 28, comp. anag.

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3 Peter Wagstaffe, Reigate, Surrey

## DOWN

1 Electronic problem solver? Pretext: messy dithering (12,2 words)
2 Pound registered in wages divided by vertical lines (4)
3 Chop most of lilac that's rotten, body hollow (6)
4 It grates and with half over produces tears (4)
5 Body-builder from Romania tucked into reverse of what'll reduce weight? (7)
6 Cake, wicked when served up as alternative to ravioli? (8)
7 Croak once one's taken in top-up crazily (6,2 words)
8 Tree unusually splits a certain plant tissue (of a kind) (8)
9 Sleeper beginning to nod off in busy energy - it creates illusion of being elsewhere (12)
11 A school snake? (4)
17 Alloy of metals supplied abundantly in mined coal (8)
18 E.g. Homeric age l'll follow in ship (8)
20 English insect fluttering about is attractive (7)
22 Fool goes round riding nag (6, 3 words)
24 Get credit with a victory at e.g. Ascot? (6)
26 Old bloodhound? It is lost to rickets (4)
28 My bill is short: see above (central page missing) (4)
29 Rare bird nesting twice theft removed each time (4)
The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.

