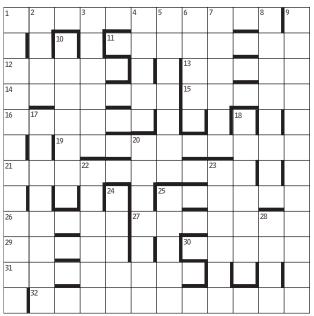
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ACROSS

- 1 After church, longed to take a tea inside? Took certain steps (11)
- 11 Sloppy work is accepted by roofing specialist (8)
- **12** Backing raps, go at a lick (5)
- **13** Time in Scottish isle for a local spree (5)
- 14 Neck ornament from outfit that is reversed in greeting (7)
- **15** An Asian has relocated in this ancient ME city (5, apostrophe)
- **16** Transformed bore's snorting cocaine, in the grove (6)
- **19** Cheers when right gets in outstanding (10)
- **21** Enchantress bewitched mariner entering dingy hovel? (10)
- 25 Injure the hooves of old brutes made to work (6)
- **26** Hide on front of ancient shield (5)
- 27 North African location that's fresher according to taste (7)
- **29** Poke round centre of pus in swelling (5)
- **30** Fusillade from religious campaigner (5)
- **31** Something like a porthole on side of cruise vessel, cosmetic (8)
- 32 Republican in Dail melee's involved here? (11, 2 words)

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Across 1,kipper vtr; 11,a in stir + case; 12,i.e. inus (rev.); 14,t,r I arch; 16,Lent in RA land + so (rev.); 17,my in note (rev.); 32, anag.less at nhe(at); 25, lin anag.less E; 30,lin bro2 (qv); 31,promo (rev.) in anag; 32, ses(s)ion (rev.); 33,L + CE in yes.

Down 1, rust re(d); ref. Polo mints; 3, nil in puy; 4, anag. less h; 6, h in anag. 7, anag. in a ropy; 9, 3 meanings; 15, duc (Fr.) in anag.; 20, cog 2 in san; 23, i.e. lei alternating with ore; 28, earl(y); ref. E. Wild, US planist.

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DOWN

- 1 Reversal of shares in spechad failed, leaving one short (12)
- 2 Therapy can transform this druggie with art (4)
- 3 Leader of choir, one to separate its extreme members (6)
- 4 Confirmed boozer? His heart drops only a bit as doubles appear (5)
- **5** Criminal in a nick? Its contents are few (7)
- **6** Element of this synonym describing 'difficult' fit (5)
- 7 Policemen abroad, one facing a risk when rumbled? (6)
- 8 Unruly youth had up with older female, one behind bars? (8)
- **9** Cures onset of twinge in bust? It's common among bathers (12)
- **10** Seat missing head and leg making sort of slide? (7)
- 17 In which every early Irish lord ruled here (8)
- **18** Caged creatures often having distorted leg and ribs (7)
- **20** Old verse form isn't reproduced in the main (7)
- 22 Flat bracket as once seen in a funnel? (6)
- 23 Wild and woolly creature, girl in a state (6)
- 24 Wretched characters in drain, rock bottom (5)
- 25 Not properly burnt, unchanged with a bit of lotion applied (5)
- 28 Very little in press turned up? Not good (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 19 is in previous editions.