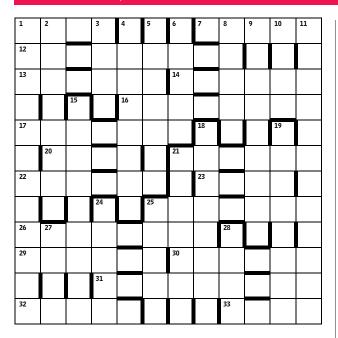
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ACROSS

- 1 Excuse for Scotch sounding anything but genuine (4)
- 7 Cheers dance offering in certain bars (5)
- 12 One in Rome trip reread e.g. Caesar (9)
- **13** Office mad on army regulation (6)
- 14 Oven turkey maybe without a stuffing put in a roll (6)
- **16** Major group within phylum, feline one, queen protected (8)
- 17 To the French occupying old service this is lightly fried (7)
- **20** Well-ordered pupils bloom without us (4)
- 21 Treatment resented by stewardesses from old man on flight? (6)
- 22 Tree creature as a normal rule avoiding tom repeatedly (6)
- 23 Old noble affecting entry without much of entourage (4)
- **25** See old drummer err, beat being off key (7)
- **26** A membrane that is surrounding number of stemless plants (8)
- **29** Granny laid into small child, fulminating (6)
- **30** Those musketeers, and fourth in group, go around (6)
- **31** Eviction, malignancy mostly involving tragic monarch (9)
- **32** Hellholes, chaotic (5)
- 33 How some treat dough, we hear, causing penury (4)

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PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Bosom pal sailors' bar employs having a chinwag inside(12, 2 words)
- 2 Herb sauce mostly sloshed around 'hare' of a kind (8)
- 3 Pairs changing places catch salmon (4)
- 4 Doctor with a c-cure unusually introduced for health (8, 2 words)
- **5** Arrives in old-style check when climbing shrubby US plateaux (7)
- 6 Most radios (not all) will need regular tuning (5)
- 8 Bottle, second imbibed, making one up-beat (5)
- **9** Heretics in past are converted (9)
- **10** Make good muscle with extremes of effort (4)
- 11 Dodder maybe, having left little in rum, tiny dimension (12)
- **15** Act of following prize money consumes united amateur northern clubs (9)
- **18** German gent holds bag, bursting, with yen for wild cherry (8)
- **19** Shakespeare's complex, in brief moment encapsulating central character in machination (8)
- 21 Sailor following chart of what he walks on? (7)
- **24** Fiddle a company's underwritten offering anti-venom stuff (5)
- **25** Quantity added in US chemistry lab, more precise by the sound of it (5)
- 27 Billy (from Boston?) getting very uplifted in church (4)
- **28** Christian, one in love going heavenward? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.