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ACROSS

- 1 Runt with beef what hookers are prone to? (8)
- 7 Fruit without mark inside an advantage (4)
- **10** 'Alertness I've lost, sir.' He explodes, trembling (9)
- 11 Infested with tiny creatures? Enormous by the sound of it (4)
- **13** Reversed invitation for e.g. boat person (5)
- **14** Pals go crazy about British trat speciality (7, 2 words)
- **16** Source of cooking oil: there's zero in soft drink (5)
- 17 Sailor cutting open sweetfish in fits and starts (6, 2 words)
- 18 Versatile actors badly lit mutiny about theatre's closure (10, 2 words)
- 20 This rinses roughly, being waxy (10)
- 22 Fabulous bird? I'm captivated by endless heaving (6)
- **24** Extract of caffeine also toughens (5)
- **27** Scot who's not really grown very strong, draggin' round (7)
- **29** Muslim prince keeping a wife in nick (5)
- **30** Dodgy geology (no record) poet's lost? (4)
- **31** Early epoch, earth repeatedly cooling all over the place (9)
- **32** Measure is indicating relief by the sound of it? (4)
- 33 No-win results in big match, making one most irritable (8)

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Across 1, bhang + RA; 6, cf. tactic; 11, anag, in Thea; 15, a boon in bish; 18, ref. William M., Scots poet; cf. karma; 31, hidden; T = tesla; 34, s in sestet (rev.). Down 1, bobby's oxers; 3, a rabi + C, a; 7, r in Cava t; 10, anag, less k; 12, anag, in Eurus; site of functioning Greek amphitheatre; 21, y t in anag;; 25, due + t x 2; 27, comp. anag;; 29, cire (rev.).

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DOWN

- 1 Writing follows us up in the primary curriculum? (4)
- 2 Shakespearean fool, affected one circling the chamber (9)
- **3** Corruption, completely endless of course (5)
- 4 I'm a bum wandering round commercial capital (6)
- 5 I'll be in the garden, idle but it shows one's connected (10, 2 words)
- **6** Reverse of dry, my predecessor? *Could* have been dry though (5)
- 7 Traveller in French country sends money in advance (7)
- **8** Support condition in Lithuania (4)
- **9** Programmes revealing who's involved in carols (8)
- **12** Frumps having entered Jamaica on board aircraft (10, 2 words)
- **15** Why don't we, turning up, before zoo favourites see lizards? (9)
- **16** Boy is accompanied by bag given lift for card games (8)
- **19** Art fraud in almost genuine frame? (7)
- 21 Wing in hospital department? One's often terrible (6)
- 23 Electronic traffic signal: red (abroad) has guy stopping (5)
- **25** Weeds, advanced, big bird mostly pulled up (5)
- **26** Lemon, second magician cut in half (4)
- 28 What's dropping on famous scientist? Just ask (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.