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ACROSS

- 1 Holst worried nervously before opening of his such as Planets? (13)
- 11 Stacks of discs, good, with Prince on (5)
- **12** Wherein you'll see houris are dancing, with time off? (5)
- 14 Nae one's ain gyte? Lead on one's held by t'reins, cruelly (9)
- **15** Place for used cars, American? One wouldn't be seen there (5)
- **16** Prop, second sent off team was cock–a–hoop (4)
- **18** Wearing old headcloth, one's tense beside costly French cook (9)
- **21** Foreign soldier heading off short–sighted ones retreating (5)
- **22** Sort of salmon active in freshwater algae (5)
- **24** Church candle in middle of holiday rector lit (9)
- 27 Start of bidding resting with south? More than one club's crazy (4)
- 29 Something to extend sail, right in light rainfall (5)
- **31** Box lined with wooden strip, lattice-like (9)
- **32** Food that's dry inside, about 500g in China (5)
- 33 Not old, captivated by fashion on the decline (5)
- **34** Train company, ailing, got there and ran with reduced service? (13, 2 words)

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Across 11, see Names in C.; 14, anag. incl. (cl)ue; 18, 1 in D ecce; 21, l in (s) pectre; 23, 0 in 3 r's in es; 25, anag. less 0 + gee⁴.

Down 1, pass = omit; 3, 0 Pope in pros(e) la; 5, anag. incl. lless l; 6, 3 meanings; 9, i.e. tp; 12, 3 meanings; 19, hidden; environ vb; 22, threa(d) + t; 24, Ger. = brow; 26, gui(dab)le; 29, alternate letters.

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DOWN

- 2 Foul-mouthed one maybe bringing up rumour with nothing in it (7)
- 3 One panting for the psalmodist in the spirit of Spenser? (4)
- 4 Long-distance race that requires energy staggering round (6)
- **5** Pull up, dear 'ow yer doin'? (7)
- 6 In aforesaid work father ransacked attic, opening love letters? (11, 2 words)
- 7 Linked climbing party, thorough, outer pair removed (4)
- **8** A hound's tail wagging with the hunt's climax (5)
- **9** I'm up on almost everything relating to flower family (7)
- **10** Cutting short a shirt in the Scottish style (4)
- 11 Colonel in cavalry regiment, familiar in G & S whimsy (9)
- **13** During visit takes in odd features of Natal at once (9)
- 17 Shave bit off fitness regime after start of exercises? (7)
- **19** His is wake-up call, old, in duty list? (7)
- **20** One of many in orchard: true fir? Wrong (7)
- 23 Pages replacing bishop in cheer for wedding ceremony (6)
- **25** Short vestment, excessive one with cape on top (5)
- 26 Chemical once used by e.g. 20 scare curtailed (4)
- 28 Like distinctive woollies, knitted angora bargain struck (4)
- **30** Work on English for Finnish song (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.