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Across

- 1 Architectural curve, wide maybe, diameter unusually large (8)
 7 Bar? Better rooms therein but lacking inside toilet (4)
 10 Fore-runners of vertebrates possibly had me puzzled about colourless ooze (10)
 11 Nothing delightful postponed (5, 2 words)
 12 Fauns dancing all over the place (5)
 14 Bulge in some places? It's showing bulge round centre of midriff (6)
 15 Chaps in US intelligence organization turned washed-out at home (6)
 17 Team supporter flourishes with fares cut (3)
 19 Working micros, see? Place inside processes for them (12)
 20 The room's excited with perm, large fluttery thing (12, 2 words)
 24 Charles as king? For sure (3)
 26 Bass opening being absent flusters the rest (6)
 27 Peal of bells, stuff holding line? (6)
 29 Tory? Only 50%, on the fringes, one I name 'wet' (5)
 30 Language generally, riddle involving legal rule (5)
 31 Satire getting me briefly in a pickle? (10)
 32 Those above junior doctors requiring orderly system without company (4)
 33 Development I missed with group that's mismanaged (8)

Down

- 1 Major work poet's wrought spending time (4)
 2 Yellow growths that a man with ox ploughed up (10)
 3 Vassal e.g. the young lady's sacked (5)
 4 Make good pickled produce, taking day (6)
 5 Richard Murphy (or so it's said) replaced his president in senior post (12)
 6 Measure for fuel quality? It varies with car tonnage (12, 2 words)
 7 Richly woven fabric is got up to clothe a certain king (6)
 8 Japanese delicacy coated in caramel (6)
 9 Fuse is beginning to spark inside dressing (8)
 13 Barrage he encountered catching line? Cover for brigade needed (10, 2 words)
 16 Chaetopods identified with Neapolitan diet venue? (8, 2 words)
 17 Woman scorned tail of tabby after mink? (4)
 18 Not a bit of beer fermenting for host (4)
 21 At the moment when one enters anything but long shot (6, 2 words)
 22 Was striving to get between two loves somewhere on the Bay of Biscay (6)
 23 Rooty in partnership, cross after right hand is in contact with Ishant's first (5)
 25 Inferior veg recipe fed to cat (5)
 28 Inhabitant of Baltic region east of Italy and Hungary (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended but does not give the compound at 13. Entries include one prefix and one abbreviation.

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Across 1, anag. + b in shack 16, an t in cher; 24, sv magnet; 31, f(oo)d in via; 32, cu(s) in anag.; 24, n in anag.

Down 1, c in such + in; 4, anag. in anag.; 5, 'hike'; 7, anag. in cove?; 8, see George; 10, mote(t); 22, comp. anag.; 23, = railway lines; 25, are ca(ring); 29, (d)ivan.

Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.