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Across

- 1** Like warm Parisian welcome? Savour, with breast throbbing (12, 3 words)
10 Starting point for genetic study favouring connected group (7)
11 Scottish education, extensive but not good (4)
12 Old dandy displaying refinement left one out (4)
13 King with charioteer almost starts to upgrade machine in resin (8, 2 words)
14 The Gls will be at sea in such a rowing contest (6)
16 Spit, one doing the rounds? (6)
17 Duet is played in formal attire (6)
20 US decorative headgear, odd ones seen among the intimates (6)
21 Typical of triplets, number appearing in test (6)
25 What dieters are especially aware of and shout about a lot, endlessly (6)
26 Amphibians, number clothed in distinctive character (6)
28 Guru, one from W. India, accepting some dated currency (6)
30 Forces in Turin trounced by some French? (8)
31 Part in the Bard I choose – may it do for him (4)
32 Partly alcoholic drink with dash of enzan in vat (4)
33 Like a heraldic cross fashion kept in step (7)
34 Learner with gee-gee (steed) trained round course maybe in the saddle for bairn? (12)

Down

- 1** Dad on prowl filling a skip untidily for party workers (12)
2 Crikey, having to shake off limey coming up – it's boring for Scot (4)
3 Piny distillate in soil or ground (8, 2 words)
4 Oriental liquor – what's that? Water's coming up with it (6)
5 Evening primrose in a cemetery maybe? Last two clipped (6)
6 Old-fashioned chastity? True love half lost possibly (6)
7 Some foraging for cereal crop (4)
8 Dividing wall right in the middle over river (7)
9 Met side in scrum and felt sore, not fully committed (12)
14 Alcoholic tippie – imbibing two gallons departed heavenward (6)
15 Shame to dress in old linen perhaps (6)
18 How to prepare fish reared about peak, prancing about (8)
19 Bottom fisher was mostly on the up in shifting trend (7)
22 Toast singularly close (6)
23 Dinner for academicians out on a limb? (6)
24 Assent to be buried? One must have snuffed it (6)
27 What thibles do for porridge? (4)
29 In Cannes this goes up and down – voilà! (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended; it does not give **28** (in *The Oxford English Dictionary*).

Azed No. 2,578 solution & notes

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Quotation:

'Life is all a VARIORUM,
We regard not how it goes,...
[Who have characters to lose.]'

from Robert Burns, *The Jolly Beggars*

Across 1, lamellated; meat in ae d; 6, impact; 11, Frankfurter; (h)urt in ranker; 13, olivet; sv olive; 14, vittae; 15, date-stamp; 16, easter; 17, sunless; 20, espiègle; e.g. in espie(s); 23, parterre; 26, perve at; 30, Lauren; 32, cross-bearer; anag in COE; 33, niente (lt. = nothing); 34, notator; 35, escriptores, cito in anag; 36, unsent.

Down 1, waywode; 2, emplaster; 3, remitter; 4, tatters; 5, endanger; 7, paratonic; 8, attire; 9, cedars; cf. carse; 10, trenises; 12, kosmos; K(eat)s + MS; 18, opponent; 19, sheet tin; 21, sensoria; 22, Great War; 24, Pilsner; 25, great go; sv go¹; 27, eggless; 28, rounce; 29, toitoi; 31, Nereus; sv nereid; comp. anag.

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