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Across

- 1 Soup recipe ingested by artist (6)
- 6 Everything within that kiss stirred divine femininity (6)
- 11 Was introduced to gypsy, one showing passion for versifying (10)
- 12 Bright Californian plant I placed alongside square (4)
- 13 Society puts finger on key figures (5)
- 14 Spread lard upon detachable plate (8)
- 16 Announced month left once given judgement (8)
- 17 Shell in pieces for bangles, 100 on loop (5)
- 19 Ambassador maybe providing enclosure for sandarach in African capital (6)
- 20 Cocktail of Pepsi and Lilt? This is primarily 'lite' possibly (6)
- 23 Child dropped subject more ready to learn (5)
- 26 Literary bits and pieces smart chap penned in column? (8)
- 28 Corvid with dead fish, in no hurry? (8)
- 30 Coffee dish, edges spilt (5)
- 31 Advance turned up – not a word (4)
- 32 Take one's grade playing keyboard instruments (10, 2 words)
- 33 Leaders of stricken town abandoned tattered standard, Trojan (6)
- 34 Hero's father – matter involves dodgy 'eel'! (6)

Down

- 1 Chancy investment wild eclat tucked up – owlish maybe? (12)
- 2 A pistol cocked? Rule of order (6)
- 3 Runner? Plenty turned up in advance (6)
- 4 Cheesy stuff given a whirl within? It's revolting (4)
- 5 Old time tart, head dropping somewhat (5)
- 6 My husband coos when dancing cheek to cheek? (7)
- 7 Toxic latex, not for a tip of rubber (6)
- 8 Arak drunk with 'io', a foreign toast (6)
- 9 Shipworm mostly found under matting in shreds (8)
- 10 Members of front line showing hunches about dire suffering (12, 2 words)
- 15 Coach circumventing what may be Indian gazelle (8)
- 18 Figure congaed unrestrainedly (7)
- 21 Hagggle, requiring penny change (6)
- 22 Wearing armour, ready to serve? (6)
- 24 Pair of friends showing what's need to deal with sensation? (6)
- 25 University shows this ivy's disfigured ... Trinity? (6)
- 27 Silly, appearing regularly in tow, de trop (5)
- 29 Work at good English for magistrate (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 1, Christmas card; DC in mascar(a) + anag.; 12, agname; 13, spatter; 14, intime; 15, elided; E deli D; 16, tuna; 17, Armalite; 19, oils; LSO + i; 24, onus; 26, aerolith; 29, neep; 31, dredge; 33, dassie; 34, servant; 35, steven; 36, Venite with s for l; 36, Christmastide

Down 1, misestimate; mate + mise + anag.; 2, dart; 3, feels; 4, transit; 5, padma; map in DA; 6, Thrace; 7, chai; 8, seiten; i(n)tense; 9, ossia; 10, inadvertent; tentin' + 'd in aver; 11, lifer; 18, deplete; 21, tinnie; 22, answer; 23, sapid; 25, sysop; 27, stria; 28, react; 30, eard; 32, herm; rm in eh?

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