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Across

- 1** Mantelpiece decoration in apartment, a large tub (8)
- 7** Man objectively pursuing women, fancy (4)
- 11** Jumbo carrier for UK (Heathrow) one boards (4)
- 12** Treatment, what one accepting blame takes, variable (7)
- 13** Ideal place for poet, roughly in middle of untidy yard (6)
- 14** Patten returned to home, leaving East (5)
- 15** What could indicate lake for a ramble? (7)
- 18** Member of religious minority, persecuted enough, but leaderless (8)
- 20** Break for Shakespeare during Lent, reread slowly (10)
- 22** Fumaroles, thick, in sun's gravelly ridge (10)
- 25** Tiny sea creatures, run over, a doctor brought back? (8)
- 29** It could give sheep a real itch, with regular scratching (7)
- 30** Charred, providing a bit of light housework (5)
- 31** Activity for toddlers or gnomes, last to take the lead (6)
- 32** Touch may precede this form of elution (7)
- 33** Scottish sound from water edging river (4)
- 34** Nick (according to Walter) that is rejected by Peggy (4)
- 35** Favour brief suffering before death (8)

Down

- 1** Scott's rowdy, frequently of fuller bulk (8)
- 2** Ray with bit of luminance round shiny fabric (5)
- 3** A thin toad, squashed, and apparently dead (9)
- 4** Religious teacher, one with appropriate qualifications in a nave, given uplift (6)
- 5** Ambassador's stand-in, a financial liability (6)
- 6** Disused shed in park estate (4)
- 8** Dance from Hungary, one preceding prohibition age (8)
- 9** A poem I concocted about love for convolvulus plant (7)
- 10** Fantasy? I'm surprised this is dismissed (4)
- 16** Forelegs? First of couple in a primate, hybridized (9)
- 17** Like a useless guitar, denied due recognition? Transpose within (8)
- 19** Last seed sewn flowered like US corn (8)
- 21** Old love before love turned arid, forming introductions (7)
- 23** Teacher's pointer to save, fine in place of rule (6)
- 24** What gallery displays in reproduction of it – see plaque (6)
- 26** Pan resembles one, not quite enough for mum (5)
- 27** Earthy stuff rotund character removed from Swedish location (4)
- 28** Anxious to bet is accepting this stake for Scots (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 6, O + a in cree; intro + ad; 7, rim in pal; c in worse (rev.); 8, a god in pa; c in worse (rev.); 10, re + (Beerbohm) Tree; l in anag.; 11, sum + mat; he in best; 15, hag in bee; r in anag.; 16, n in orate; m in anag.; 17, anag. less y; do in anag.; 18, meer in as; it (rev.) + anag.

Down 1, anag. in Dr.; dies el; 2, anag.; n scree in on; 3, hidden; a + anag.; 4, O in bred; hidden; 5, w in anag.; R + elate; 9, Bess + emer(gent); 11, BC in boat; anag.; 12, g in my ale; anag.; 12, anag.; hidden; 14, ref. Benny Hill pop song; hidden.

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