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Across

- 1** Polish coal ship lost? Here's alternative fuel (12, 2 words)
9 Star group, a feature of daily radio (4)
11 Pants of a kind, number available in XX? (6)
13 Quail, once done, one we brought on (7)
14 With a belly to stuff, that's me tucking in (5)
15 Column moulding including dark ornament (on top often) (7)
17 Transcend cooking pot with suet (7)
18 Aim for what may be chipped a little short (5, 2 words)
19 Palace officers placing jug in steamer (6)
20 House with filthy hovel, about right as lodging for poet (6)
22 Scotsman's coarse around ears being regularly blocked (5)
25 Record I have found at rear of vault (7)
27 Police dog maybe whistle-blower hands back (7)
29 Indian tree, one put with a different genus from the east (5)
30 Early forerunner of napalm, if mixed with petrol mostly? (7)
31 One cultivating sapling (6)
32 M for mooch (4)
33 Senior Methodists grade articles (12)

Down

- 1** Enlargement boosted tavern, humble inside (6)
2 Unfriendly Scots needing to relax after fine (6)
3 One travels frequently taking in measure of land (5)
4 What footpad was into, clumsy, bagging little weight (7, 2 words)
5 Word stuck on chest after piece of work? It denotes high-achieving organization (11, 2 words)
6 What may indicate a leak is found in odd bits of hose? (4)
7 It'll give access to northern crowd watching a test (some, anyway) (6)
8 Moving panel rod that'll indicate weight (8)
10 Boy certainly hugs flirt jiggling her knick-knacks once (11)
12 Member of extended family not on flight (5)
16 Loo drain needs fixing: it's said to be bung as before in Perth (8)
19 Riddle about soak coming up – devoid of ideas? (7)
20 Is without possession of ruined shanty less yard (5)
21 Singular variety of lilac – its flowers are bright blue (6)
23 Old 3-D film, damn mixed type (6)
24 Rushes suddenly appearing in group coming up after spring (6)
26 Stranger in Edinburgh given meal regularly with room (5)
28 Nice boy perhaps requiring money in ME (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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| 36 | S | S | T | A | N | T | I | P | A | S | T | O |

Across 11, i.e. hoo(d) ha(d); 13, lu(do) in anag.; 14, gul(ls) in anag.; 19, a in anag.; 21, press + off ice (i.e. not on ice); 30, t(his) + anag.; 34, in (rev.) in meal; 36, anag. + pasto(r).

Down 4, i.e. hush-hush less HS twice; 7, yo(w)l in dad; 10, anag. in l, s; 16, a c + tom² in cuss; 23, comp. anag.; 24, à deu(x) in f, p.

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