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Across

- 1 Scare in Scots financial broadsheet, full-flavoured within (6)
- 6 School science subject in short, child trailing in clumsy patch (5)
- 11 Navigational aid for sailors once on patrol at sea (8)
- 12 Local droning noise spread during transmission of data (5)
- 13 Inlet I entered in watery crossing (5)
- 14 Disused dagger, ineffective with edge half gone, getting oiled? (7)
- 15 Record? Two couples left kept awake when it's spinning (5)
- 16 Scholarship? Inclined to accept first from redbrick (8)
- 18 Beginners fretted, seen losing head, in a pickle (10)
- 20 Sickly drink? At first swallowing very little (10)
- 26 Sounds 'ostile in the front, having 18? (8)
- 27 Alternative to the Vulgate a Catholic mostly recalled (5)
- 28 Curls tight round either half of hair dressed in a bunch (7)
- 30 One should know how to negotiate traffic island, having ingested books (5)
- 31 One taking time out, drained, in party? Same here (5)
- 32 Take charge of restricting poverty, heavily involved (8)
- 33 Deter getting led astray, in a corner (5)
- 34 When traced back hereditary element reveals network (6)

Down

- 1 Part of string section beats time for stuff (12)
- 2 Repeated sport for NZ nightbird (4)
- 3 Centre of faith wavering, broken by severe Islamic services (6)
- 4 The old agree about splitting leave (7)
- 5 Type of vaccine, cube maybe swallowed three times daily (6)
- 6 Pass, last dropped, making veteran smoulder? (6)
- 7 Dress material, old, found in hat (5)
- 8 The sound of cavalry approaching line in force? (5)
- 9 Sea mist shrouding rees fluttering in umbellifer (8, apostrophe)
- 10 King occupying hidden house rented privately (12, 3 words)
- 17 Riding east, stop taking in volunteers (8)
- 19 Grass ignoring cue to spill the beans, owning up (7)
- 21 Communist pursuing former legal right? He believes in redistribution of wealth (6)
- 22 Team pack? (6)
- 23 Attractive youngsters to unite? About time (6)
- 24 What Custer carried into battle leaders of Sioux at Bighorn easily ransacked (5)
- 25 Even though old-fashioned he wrote memorable plays (5)
- 29 Climbing lowest end of range, e.g. Atlas? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 1, sells in GEC + haft; 11, betty = jemmy; 14, h + arish; ref. mad March hares; 15, ref. replica dinosaur skeleton, formerly displayed in Natural History Museum; 18, Di(d)cot; 20, i.e. s to a; ref. Parthenon, dedicated to Athena; 25, 3 meanings; 31, Ep. + Acts; 32, see mimosa; 33, (wo)ol in rag; 35, st. + arch + end (rev.) in ess.

Down 2, anag. less S; 5, chu(m) in sit; 12, Shan + dry + anag.; 19, cf. Catalan; 23, Bors + ch; ref. King Arthur's knights.

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