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Across

- 1 Lolly flash couple of loves put into glossy mags (12)
- 10 One bewails sticky rice recipe (5)
- 12 Fool from Ohio welcomed by Republicans (4)
- 13 Sort reign out in tabulation? (9)
- 15 One expelled with the others I have returned before middle of trimester (7)
- 16 NZ tree beside local bracken (6)
- 17 To go in for acting requires guts (6)
- 18 Beetle in saucepan no longer used (6)
- 19 River twice entering Scots one causing delay (5)
- 21 Early arrivals set to work impress, shedding coat (5)
- 24 Points around hard parts of buckle (6)
- 26 Paper? Shortened form of it going out (6)
- 28 Lives in thin strip of wood, or a bit behind (6)
- 29 Style in basic nature (almost) followed by the French (7)
- 31 Opposition in deep clashing quibble (9)
- 32 Big fish? Cheers when one's netted (4)
- 33 Head of embassy in what he shows should not be heard (5)
- 34 Converted statements with rupees for tax assessors (12)

Down

- 1 The Devil is tempting: we may reveal signs of being allergic (12, 2 words)
- 2 A bit of a poser for bachelor (4)
- 3 Where to log on over a latte, even holding case up? (7)
- 4 Former mishap originated with conclusion taken to head (6)
- 5 Fancily shaped violet button (6)
- 6 Extreme weather event occurring in Milan in August (6, 2 words)
- 7 Device for fixing wedge, mostly ingenious, cut up in copper, say? (9)
- 8 SA drain, all right in side of road, clearing closure (5)
- 9 Deaths English press broadcast? They may cover several columns (12)
- 11 What was behind Moroccan tree being found around Spain? (5)
- 14 Ruby maybe attracts attention with depth of colour (9)
- 20 Sound of one seeking to enter vale in desert (7)
- 22 Speaking less than the rest, group in the middle? Reverse of that (6)
- 23 Day taken in climbing large causeways? Not so often (6)
- 24 Second half of ring on a square wedge? (5)
- 25 Typical of classy folk in county resorts (6)
- 27 Tailored tunic filling prepared spaces (5)
- 30 Addict showing cunning, first to last (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 13, i.e. rep rover; 16, men in tenet + ary; 17, anag. less a; 18, (h)ip in knee; 25, on tin in cental; 31, es + se; ref. Fr. part of être.

Down 2, see basset; 4, O in anag.; 6, u, r in akee (rev.); 7, i.e. ep in st = sept; 8, I'd in SA (South Australia); Q = Queensland; 9, i.e. 'coyer'; 15, eye let e'er; 20, breaking as in l. news; 26, cf. cone; 28, u in ken (rev.).

Rules and requests

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