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ACROSS

- 1 Drug-led artist in crossover style (7)
- 6 Telegraphy switching parts of battle plan (6)
- 11 Broom fashioned in tea-tree or chocolate tree (9)
- 13 Diseased sheep unknown in pound (5)
- 14 Left port with cargo aboard (5)
- 15 Clumsy mistake involving an asset (9)
- 16 What identifies him includes start of petulance, bristly (6)
- 18 E.g. McGonagall, larger part of destiny saved to the end (5)
- 20 I say contract's to be rewritten, ensuring inviolability (13)
- 22 Large part of tomahawk may be unearthed here (5)
- 24 Rock tunes – Dominican initially involved was not in the habit (6)
- 28 I'd urge breaking with Europe, as fashion dictates (9, 2 words)
- 30 Work on copy of Hockney's head – a female (5)
- 31 T junction of routes with lane is spanned by it (5)
- 32 Excludes human agency from booster's misguidedly I installed (9)
- 33 Special production of *Cenci*, spectacular (6)
- 34 Nasty nippers, group of six playing around with son joining in (7)

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PRIZERULES

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One-word definition first, then number where word clued appears in grid, then note for the latter if required.

Across 1, train (25); anag. less in a(l); 5, part (24); 11, tree (33); 12, diminish (3), a in circ(US) (rev.); 13, state (27); 14, youth (20); see scam²; 15, kind (6); har(d) + lot; 18, concealment (32); 21, crusty (8); les in Angers; 22, storyteller (4); anag. + tale; 24, sketch (5); 28, bagged (22 Dn); life (rev.) in RL; 29, inflammation (1Dn); capsicum; 30, robbery (26), MP in is; 31, tract (34); see tract; 32, involves (18); 33, fashioned (11); arar + anag.; 34, album (31).

Down 1, plant (2); RA in anag. + 10; 2, work (14); anag.; 3, fun (12); w + n in Aze(d); 4, lodging (21); state in crud; 7, aligned (28); 8, calm (17); even + taut (rev.) + e; 9, ruler (10); let (rev.) + l; 10, utter (9); 16, dance (22 Ac); 17, song (16), 0 in run + delay; 19, futile (29); milli(t)aria; 20, stun (19); anag. less t; 22, top-up (23); lin caret; 23, red (7); 25, weights (1Ac); 26, spirits (30); 27, grip (13).

DOWN

- 1 Cop's jumping obstacles for US teenagers (11)
- 2 Cheer following tart round dance (5)
- 3 Coffee from the fringes of Colombia after an early harvest (7)
- 4 Greek island temple with cross inside (5)
- 5 Wine: a dash of red with chicken is set before husband (7)
- 6 Drunk up about a quarter of pint at most (4)
- 7 Fizz, tons taken about first in race. Ascot perhaps? (6)
- 8 Weight of old wool on top of old bustle (4)
- 9 Protean US creature mounting a rostrum (5)
- 10 Source of bird seed, kilo lost from bursting granary sacks (11)
- 12 Good place for open-air theatre? Paid misguidedly with wind around (9)
- 17 Playing team games, requiring guts (7)
- 19 Energy put into family's lives stimulated movement (7)
- 21 Cup (old) that is found in fashioned horn (6)
- 23 This will be imbibed in some do copiously (5)
- 25 Small group as is proper with end of concert given encore (5)
- 26 Hat material? Third of sale goes in a rush (5)
- 27 Boiled egg? It's e.g. old toying with this scoff (4)
- 29 Fine glazed fabric put up (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.