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Across

- 1 State conference pal's left (4)
- 4 Special: pig's tail in boiled mushy pulse (8)
- 11 Mongoloid? Standard dawning's around East (8)
- 13 Early arrival, Martin maybe, after parking (5)
- 14 A large vehicle in contact with bike's rear, causing damage (5)
- 15 Stiff punishment to top up endlessly, being sent back (5)
- 16 Showy decoration, but heartless (6)
- 17 I got mad working with college being overbearing (8)
- 19 Cheeky, making one crumple by the sound of it (6)
- 23 Specialist saw carrot after treatment (6)
- 24 They're well drilled, so billet's organized (8)
- 26 Squalor has reduced local pastureland (6)
- 29 Anacreontic, 'The Eruption of Etna', I penned (5)
- 30 Verse, in poet, looking back, not his first? Could be (5)
- 31 Oriental porcelain – the author's given something similar? No thanks (5)
- 32 Army's quarters? If old, this is divide by lines (8)
- 33 Mestee's troubled about name being appropriate (8)
- 34 Growth: modest boozier has pair separately excised (4)

Down

- 1 Beauty of orchards casting endless spell with bosom pal (12)

- 2 Lilting air: this in verse 10 shows vessel in a bad way (5)
- 3 Show gratitude for old-style frangipane (say) served up in pastrycook's centrepiece (7)
- 5 Training frame, and therefore left in care of personal assistant (7)
- 6 Husband with alias in pre-engagement dance (4)
- 7 Desert brassica (4)
- 8 Like e.g. Charlie and Malachi shivering round fire? (11)
- 9 Land language teacher with no money initially, needing pence? (6)
- 10 Devout believer in evacuation succeeded in converting contrariest (12)
- 12 The old cherish discourse once including central points with lecturer (11)
- 17 Principal player embraced by Radames (4)
- 18 Wherein you could find muzhiks in Russia subsisting primarily (4)
- 20 Signs up old serving women receiving trial (7)
- 21 Regarded as fetish I came across in bed, upside down (7)
- 22 Love going for English in snack bar, warm brown in colour (6)
- 25 Scottish cakes, mostly wrong with recipe for filling (5)
- 27 Amphibian to examine under either end of engine (4)
- 28 Specialist journal: look for gem that's left to pa therein (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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