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Across

- 1 Like a blimp, is held goofy, wacky (11)
- 12 Albion recreated, with a king in residence, Balmoral-style? (8)
- 13 Herb, first of row planted in the earth (5)
- 14 Lord going over year, as is proper (4)
- 15 Fish caught by rafter thrown back where rafter has fun? (6)
- 16 Cheese dairymaid sent back as approved (6)
- 17 A chap to treat to a meal? Fragrant candle required (8)
- 19 Bairn's sudden illness – maybe he's caught a touch of urosis (4)
- 21 Sea bream to stew slowly (6)
- 22 Queen, as a precaution (one might suppose) seen in helmet (6)
- 24 Place where Trump holds sway – positive? (4)
- 26 Caul goes floppy as waterproof wear (8)
- 28 Summit round volcano, once head's blown, in brief period of dormancy (6)
- 29 Troops active in plain? Number not seen there (6)
- 31 Surrounded by help accepting little money (4)
- 32 Farm worker with a trapped foot (5)
- 33 Frolic with difficulty just after lively dance (8)
- 34 Crone falling out with mother: one may sound alarm (11)

Down

- 2 To accompany wordlessly, one's joining in quite uplifted (4)
- 3 Once satisfied, given a boost, exercise suspended animation (8)
- 4 Filler by the ton included to bulk out stronghold (6)
- 5 Holiday house including heated pool going up in vacant lot (7, 2 words)
- 6 Business in Athens, so new (5)
- 7 It may accommodate NY-ers, OK? (7)
- 8 I must give way to muscle in major country conference (6)
- 9 Unit of currency increasingly robust (5)
- 10 What some anglers may master, habit in brief (very) (11)
- 11 Nick and Jack may reveal you've won a prize (11)
- 18 Makes one's bed among the dregs, dafter than the rest (8)
- 20 Goat you won't see any more, young one having turned up on road, squashed (7)
- 21 Half crazy with sign of plague around – zero cause of anxiety (7)
- 23 Another currency unit (one rand oddly with head of queen on)! (6)
- 24 To reach an intermediate stage, young pet was tucking in (6)
- 25 Sexual frolic unending, I see (5)
- 27 Thrust stage? No amateur appears in one (5)
- 30 Doze off before end of anecdote, point where it gets complicated (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 1, ac (qv) in anag.; 6, C (qv) in carat; 16, t(he) rope, example of metonymy; 23, r + anag. + ration; 30, (n)otary; 32, PTO in tie.

Down 2, Über in age; 6, char(Ming); home help; 9, anag. less v; i.e. outward and return journeys; 22, topi in AC; 24, comp. anag. & (vaguely) lit.; 26, (h)edge (qv); 28, straw = whit.

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