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Across

- 1 Hires cooks for very early meal (5)
- 5 Lenten psalm to perform in hope, mostly (7)
- 10 Strong drink knocked back with water around noon – Romans loved it (6)
- 11 Hob? Small fish put in to cook (5)
- 13 Fend a colic off? This can reduce inflammation (10)
- 14 Angler's bait, last bit cut from lump of meat (4)
- 15 Scot typically rejected Irish and English seizing independence (6)
- 16 Rare old ruminant, smash hit united with curry once (7)
- 19 New actor entering, reverse of overly alert (9)
- 21 Beef fillet done unusually in French town (9)
- 25 Sights worth visiting I study with day in Virginia (7)
- 27 Flowers left beside wide part of skeleton (6)
- 29 Depression, a feature of singleness (4)
- 30 Spy magnolia son plucked mistakenly, referring to different plant class (10)
- 31 Injection of fluid, rarely pleasant, from behind (5)
- 32 Under cover in region of Italy (not the outer fringes) (6, 3 words, apostrophe)
- 33 Layered pastry rolled in salt (7)
- 34 Fabric woven from hair of goat, tailless one caught in heart of mountains repeatedly (5)

Down

- 1 Paddy rudely dividing group, causing shift as before (7)
- 2 Prayer book, universal, in copy, old, in varied lingo (11)
- 3 What's back in place of origin I'm featuring in account? (8)
- 4 Suffer what's not responsive to treatment, not able (5)
- 5 Count out odd bits of art put up in the loft (6)
- 6 Corner piece for fleece (4)
- 7 E.g. brother-in-law supplying a strong brandy (ordinary) (6)
- 8 Old photo, unevenly coloured with stylus mostly? (7)
- 9 Chinese ready? That could make it handier (5)
- 12 Cause to advance incorporating old trend renovated (11, 3 words, apostrophe)
- 17 Spear exotic fruit that's turned mature inside (8)
- 18 Extinguisher that's odd protecting centre of dwelling (7)
- 20 Route? I'll abandon public transport on it (7)
- 22 It's sweet taking nag out for a gallop (6)
- 23 Is it showing first signs of sorrowful mien in face? (6)
- 24 Old crocks slope, tottering (5)
- 26 Jock's crazy one to be taken in by fool (5)
- 28 This pond pest could be pampas rodent (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give explicitly the adjectival form at 30.

Azed No. 2,549 solution & notes

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Across 1, extra (ref. cricket) d OS; 7, sa(loo)ns; 10, ichor in anag.; 15, men in CIA (all rev.); 19, put in anag.; 24, ref. R. Charles, US singer; 29, a l n in (To)ry; 30, r in tems; 31, AZ (Azed) in marinade; 32, (co)smos; 33, anag. less l.

Down 5, 'Dick' 'tater' + anag. + P; 13, fire + l in he met; 16, ice + (Diet of) Worms; 17, ref. 'Hell hath no f. like a woman scorned'; 21, a in evens; 23, l in rh zo; misleading ref. to cricket.

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