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Across

- 1 Scottish dress (old-fashioned) one kept in sanctuary once (6)
- 7 Evergreen causing hard grind for Aussie by the sound of it (5)
- 12 Where directors convene to get on with reversal of dock? (9)
- 13 Printer's odd-job man returned written work at fault (5)
- 14 Dance to jazz stuff – nothing found in music authority? (6)
- 15 Get behind in changing late tax rate (7)
- 17 Bug heads for roughage in linen etceteras (4)
- 18 Bubbly maybe after endless praise for poetic deluge (7)
- 19 Like a sourpuss dancing reel in the grass in America (9)
- 22 Vulgar goatish fellow sullied maiden (9)
- 24 Part of coastal defence, one to interrupt a swell, heaving (7, 2 words)
- 26 No longer last, race's leader coming in directly (4)
- 28 Mess left in small vessel (7)
- 29 Account's settled in return of price paid – in this? (6)
- 30 Evergreen timber, lustreless, of prime quality (5)
- 31 Age with pulpit rumbling? It's filled in time of pestilence (9)
- 32 Edmund's lost – he's following fringes of Tipperary (5)
- 33 Painter accompanying crumbling residence (6)

Down

- 1 Rat's scuttling in opening? This deals with foul smell (7, 2 words)
- 2 Dance a Maori tripped around king (7)
- 3 A parrot in song, note, referring to ancient deity (12)
- 4 Measure in physics child on a lathe got wrong (9, 2 words)
- 5 Mangle leg twisted under hole in bog (6)
- 6 Some of the grub turned up as egg (4)
- 8 Lined up as rolls of wadding, showing first bits only (4)
- 9 Smart person with small bottle of Scotch – one may fashion dough in US (12)
- 10 Conspiracy against getting involved in a bit of cash (5)
- 11 Chaps putting away litre in content of tankard? Rarely pleasant (5)
- 16 Japanese 'untouchables' I'm getting muddled with bunraku (9)
- 20 West country chap in what sounds like merry frolics (7)
- 21 This woman chopped firs for Muslim rulers (7)
- 23 Tree yielding both oil and nuts? Draw up between two (6)
- 24 Ranged west in clan (5)
- 25 Like a king or queen abandoned by prince beforehand (5)
- 27 Wizard picture I dashed off (4)
- 28 Domiciled by Bohemia as was, wherein His Excellency resides (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 15, cf. taler; 17, is in plent(y); 24, ham in spoo(n); 27, ref. The Simpsons; 32, indic(a)tor.
Down 9, trace (rev.) + e; 12, anag. + o + are c (rev.); 26, or gone; 29, anag.

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