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## ACROSS

1 Aussie soldier late leaving bars possibly? (5)
5 Body bag sent back in carriages (7)
11 Bit of Haydn on toy piano upset sleeplike state (9)
12 Potter's creation to lift fellow's former morbid angst (9)
13 Acceleration in ringtone? It may figure in Ulan Bator exchange (5)
14 One has to be put up with (unfortunately)! (4)
15 Chopped lox, including sea bream - it's nice in soup (6)
16 Tres only 50\% needs something boring to work with in net (5)
18 Dull place, almost antiquated, enveloped by disapproving noises (7)
21 Pennsylvania sectarian obsessed about withdrawal of drink (7)
24 Rod with last of catch on the end, about 3 metres in length (5)
26 Court room, private - not very exciting (6)
27 Diseased chap oxygen protects (4)
28 Scots leather we hear (though not exactly Scots style) is OK for these crags (5)
29 Spray special lemur on foot (9)
30 English let off with force surrounding border house, fortified (9)
31 Scandinavian tongue - with it I'll perplex Yorks inn (7)
32 Buxom as a Scots lassie, year after children? (5)

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Across 6, hin dope (rev.); 11, chi in art + rave (qv); 14, Dee pen; 15, anag.; tat verb; 18, e in anag. less ka; 20, c Austic(k); 29, anag. less a; 30, to in S(part)a; 31, d is tend; 34, rat $^{2}$ Imise. Down 1, caddy's s; 2, apes in reed; 4 , i.e. in a crate; 5 , anag.; ref. character in Macbeth; 6, hidden; $8,0+$ verv(e) + anag.; 9 , den + e, t; 10, anag.; 16, hied in scam; 17, dais in juts; 18, c in tête (rev.) + era; 24, ro + anag.; 25, sc + api(cal); 28, hidden.

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## DOWN

1 Pancreatic enzyme requiring time in pricy nosh l'm breaking down (12)
2 Confusion about cow tucking into rotten hay - it's lacking vital element (7)
3 Author to put in work that's convertible (7)
4 What may be origin of a rug stood on by serious objector? (6)
5 Mum's in grip of depression to do with optical defect? (5)
6 Contribution from American attorney can change the complexion of things! (6)
7 Small radius in rubbish - it's not good for potato crop (7,2 words)
8 Dialect that is apparent in a parade (5, 2 words)
9 Maelstrom to be seen shortly in south-west Ireland (5)
10 Casual 'Sorry' ensues about power that transcends feelings (12)
17 Point maybe raised uncertainty with senior administrator? (7)
19 Hindu deity, when not male, attracted centrally (7)
20 Old Uncle Reg, squiffy with second, comes into view? (7)
22 Horse among stallions in hunting areas? (6)
23 Gushing dunny, loo without opening (6)
24 Reproduction round piano stool (5)
25 Indefinite article, unknown one on something hypothesized by physicists(5)
26 In which for countrymen I'll replace centre of shell (5)
The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.

