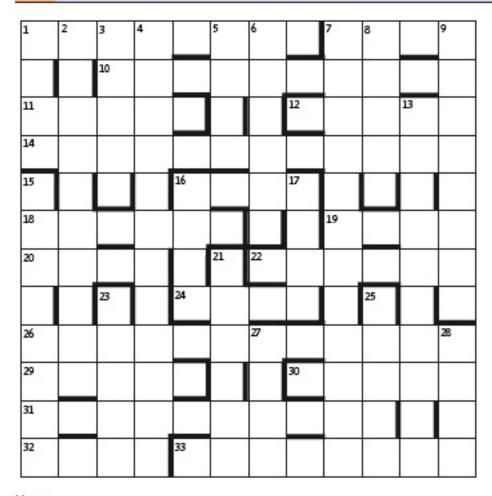
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ACROSS

- Beer holding medal comforter for those retiring (8)
- 7 Teacher's regular absentees one might be 'beardless Billy' (4)
- 10 'Adieu' moaned endlessly put paid to happiness (10)
- 11 Narrow-minded sending back dress (formal) trimmed (5)
- 12 Periods in spring many years ago (when catching fish) (5)
- 14 Worker blasted chasm: at it, this may control wheezing (12)
- 16 Cricket g-gear (4)
- 18 Part of eye's almost ailing, oddly arid within (6)
- 19 Peeler scratching her leg (4)
- 20 Slope for amphitheatre's interior (4)
- 22 Cleans and maintains grand rented suite? (6)
- 24 Yard fenced by country girl for cow? (4)
- 26 Wild antic greeted butt (12,2 words)
- 29 Long at sea these subs get a refit (5)
- 30 Downy covering on ducks, dead (5)
- 31 Those facilitating return of trend in public display scientific elite will follow (10)
- 32 Old-fashioned bar serving heroin in decline (4)
- 33 Top performer with swinging hits, frisky (8)

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Across 1, lankin anag; 10, prof(it); 13, b in anag;; 14, era in GH; 22, roo ikat; 27, be dozen with I for 0; 29, met 00; 30, ever (qv) + t; 31, wag (St M) at the wa; head = behead, hit on the head; 32, sun + I; see pet-day; 35, anag. incl. (i) t.

Down 1, h in anag; 3, b in coal + t; see burgee; 5, lig (qv) in loo; 7, comp. anag. & lit; 8, rein the + cent, red; 15, (t) hid; 18, ide in trace; 24, wive RN; 25, cf. ogive.

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- Black ruler in W. Africa displaying skin disease (4)
- 2 Italian novelist, art noir novel? Absolutely not (10, 2 words)
- 3 Poet's lack of sustenance, part of underthirst (5)
- 4 Aunt ends confused having to take in scheme of special gears (12)
- 5 Dundee's lively auction sale (4)
- 6 Fizzy drink showing measure of acidity in vat (6)
- 7 Child inhaling coca, rehab ordered? Affliction of older smokers (12)
- 8 Girl with glossy sheen on the up (not Penny) (5)
- 9 Swimmers should avoid this headland point, section submerged (8)
- 13 Tarry a while with Parisian Kitty in the States (10)
- 15 Motorway oddly clear heading south one of these, it seems! (8)
- 16 Liar quitting nerve centre's to go north of the border... (4)
- 17 ... Where such a snarl may be heard right inside throat, mostly (4)
- 21 Socket: type I changed after reduction of electric field strength (6)
- 23 Primate, silver-crowned for old Christian feast (5)
- 25 It's mostly sipped canned or bottled (5)
- 27 Choral piece that's lost can be seeing you! (4)
- 28 Party with whist, for money (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended, but does not give one familiar trade name.