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ACROSS

- 1 Jamaican was venal black money of old was foremost (8)
- 7 What is exciting Mahdi's —? Muhammad is (4)
- **10** Sycophantic old louse, slippery with a strong drink inside (10)
- 11 Be a tenant having pound accepted as deposit (4)
- 12 Throw nuts randomly, each caught (6)
- 14 Come forward for increase (6)
- 16 One skilled aboard masoolah getting tan round farm at sea (7)
- 17 Time in E. Asian island? Try this curry dish (5)
- **18** Older man's potty, aka blueback (9, 2 words)
- **20** To snoop round toper I abused seemliness (9)
- 23 Volume of liquor added. 'Not so generous,' does one hear? (5)
- 24 Self-catering with red wine for local crowd (7)
- 27 Sound quality: possibly deal for listeners (6)
- **29** Wandering in ME city, concerned with roots (6)
- 30 Muslim leader: what'll one say, denying he's PM? (4)
- **31** Make delicate slice of artichoke with sesame in chopped olives (10)
- **32** Cut length short? It involves switching blades (4)
- **33** Observe what goes in bin tears may ruin it (8)

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- 1 Herring boat, v-vessel you rarely see capsizing? (4)
- 2 In Old Testament book it is about Egypt one chronicles bygone lives (10)
- **3** Very skimpy waistcoat starts to rip open below trunk (6)
- 4 Medicinal teaplant filled umpteen bags (5)
- 5 Old-style relay runner, lean, taking in morning walk (9)
- **6** Fool having wallop on drunken binge (7)
- 7 Open house (no moderation) receives indefinite number with endless beer (6)
- 8 Some awful old grimaces (4)
- **9** Get tight going wild in Tangiers (8)
- 13 Favour competitive run after part of play fog ruined (10, 3 words)
- 15 Current Labour MP, upright member touring our community in 'buggy'? (9)
- **16** Sizeable addition to opening stake? (Turn off TV, please!) (8)
- **19** Solitaire getting you to relax in middle of week (7)
- 21 First mategoing round the perimeter? (6)
- 22 Primitive types join coach wanting lift north (6)
- 25 Double star: in 'foot' of Centaur I lie (viewed from below) (5)
- **26** Line unknown in e.g. Faerie Queene? The reverse (4)
- 28 Potentate, part in Semiramide? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.