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ACROSS

- 1 Tattered Flodden flag, foot missing, as museum piece (10)
- 11 Time out from sentry-go, describing evidence verbally (5)
- **12** Buzzer, one interrupting doss-house (not quiet), making you cross (7)
- **13** Fluellen's dust-up: Welsh parlance shows this clan he's upset (6)
- **14** Name former racing driver I missed in modern version of his sport (6)
- **16** Secret society garment, coating number (4)
- 17 Young pig is briefly getting warmed up, tail removed (6)
- 18 In retirement, nourished with fish? That's got to be believed (6, 2 words)
- **19** Ecstatic about unfolding scene getting on (9)
- 22 In jug, wretchedly poor, new inside advocate required (9)
- **26** Grand chap (not low) appearing in drag? The opposite (6)
- **28** Committed, even when having to keep silence (6)
- **29** Cob nut? (4)
- **31** Religious devotee, twice deceased (6)
- **32** Caravan–owner? Lots going on right–hand side (6)
- **33** Jack in steamrollers (only half working) for aero engines (7)
- **34** Earth burrows in a core of turf? This bores holes (5)

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35 Possible start of film career – secret's blown about part in Hospital? (10)

DOWN

- **2** Rare piny variety of chenar below lake (7)
- **3** Acrylic fabric in drawer cut lengthwise (not good) (6)
- **4** Female bird? Not necessarily (4)
- $\mathbf{5}$ Is rationing so far limiting rising tax? (6)
- 6 Low-income groups e.g. spend freely with Europe? (9, 3 words)
- ${\bf 7}\,$ It'll excite change in general and cause end of inaction (6)
- **8** I do act criminally (6)
- **9** Dull lecturer accepted by group (5)
- 10 Odd bits of statue missing in counterfeit? That's absentmindedness (10)
- **13** Flowering climber flaps so, air becoming agitated (10)
- **15** Like art given licence in French article quite revealing! (9)
- 20 English ensign at sea, more than one with tender behind? (7)
- 21 Relief following Queen's feelings of sickliness (6)
- 23 One seen on cavalry horse could be a hack, we hear? (6)
- 24 Like part of trousseau, look, one that's worn on top? (6, 2 words)
- **25** A label stuck in middle of cheese: 'lt's right to tuck in' (6)
- 27 Easier high-jump challenge (women excluded) affecting anatomical part? (5)
- **30** Cereal disease, part of fungus mutating (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. **10** is in earlier editions.