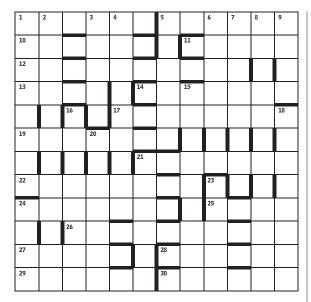
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Across

- 1 Quite a swell, displaying extremes of style continuously (6)
- **5** Gland, one included in examinations (6)
- **10** Vagrant once having to peddle round for all to see (6)
- 11 Public drain smelled awful (5)
- **12** A beauty, awfully cheery etc, captivates one (10)
- 13 Musteline, all right after a bit of a kip (4)
- **14** Excitement in most of yield being trimmed (7)
- **17** Senior officers love having sailors around (8)
- **19** Native American having to knock entering dry house (7)
- **21** More piping setting back river that is between two others? (7)
- **22** Who'll flog rice and pies? (8)
- **24** Game bird, busy one wrapping large chest, avoided by one (7)
- **25** Floral decorations, a feature of Belle Isle (4)
- **26** Sea winds, darn sea winds catching little bird (10)
- **27** Before end of day Scots aim for camp (5)
- **28** Dry chalk bed, mostly scorched round middle of October (6)
- 29 'Ingenious' or 'spot-on' captures X (6)
- **30** Whale-catchers maybe folded waterproof sheet on board (6)

Down

- **1** Government historically showing wisdom about rent (8)
- 2 Not properly hearty, I (right obvious inside), losing red blood cells (12)
- 3 Nuts: kilo consumed in Texas town (5)
- **4** Resurrection unaltered after Satan's mistreatment (9)
- **5** Some disco music? Echt dancing number (6)
- **6** The old served special cuppas with qualified teacher? (7)
- **7** Like raw fish one's served in hellish place once (8)
- 8 Dividing plots I'll separate design (12)
- **9** Side–slip was in sport including such a manoeuvre (4)
- **15** Tap overspread ground right away (9)
- **16** Glowing round head of chrysanthemum, rooting from the stem (8)
- **18** Emphasizes troubles, not half dire (8)
- **20** Spicy pastry dish sale included (7)
- 21 Buck lives in tranquillity (6)
- **23** Grand family of bays (not US) in boggy Scottish ground (5)
- **24** Catch on the river bottom, soft (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Ref. Christmas carol, 'While shepherds watched ...'

Across 1, kick-start; 7, fun fur; 12, clock-watcher; h in anag.; 14, garget; 15, patriate; 16, contingent; 18, Abelia; 19, misfired; is in mired; 20, associational; 24, hoteling; 25, trench; 28, earthman; 31, ill nature; at in inure; 32, board; 33, mineralise; anag. + lie; 34, sedate; cf. seated; 35, syndactyl; anag. +

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Down 4, tit i(s); 5, a lig¹ + n; 6, 'road'; 11, alternate letters; 21 (c)re(w) (rev.) in sang; 22, deta(l)ls (rev.); 29, anag. less lid; 30, Marc(o).

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