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Across

- 1 A dry cape's inside – something supplying effective cover (5)
 7 What comes after lying in sun repeatedly? We're often baked (5)
 11 The old set, age failing, shown the way (6)
 12 Wife entering shop and not budging once (6)
 13 It was fired from the saddle, oil coating more than half of one (8)
 14 Transformed dress given a going over, in service (6)
 15 Lease king attached to form of estate I ignored (6)
 16 UK's No. 1 in Open struggling, only just in the lead? (5, 2 words)
 18 A bandage applied to very large place? Discernment required (12)
 19 Starmer's born afresh, producing strong campaign performances? (12)
 26 Crude fleece wrapped round in turn as a blanket (5)
 28 Butterfly to free following rulebook (6)
 29 Sandwiches: number in foreign bread set before one (6)
 30 Pair reduced to single in travelling interrail, moving slowly? (8)
 31 Large tropical fish, American, revealing soft metallic element (6)
 32 Countryman's handle to lift on end of scythe (6)
 33 Acreage yokel yurned over for cows out of service (5)
 34 One escaping mockery (5)

Down

- 1 Behaviour occurring between ragtag groups (5)
 2 Ecstasy filling African people in some sacred places (6)
 3 Ingredient of summer pudding maybe concocted by ear in one go? (8)
 4 A liberal creature associated with church mostly giving charity locally? (6)
 5 Personal tag i.e. didn't get confused with city's (12, 2 words)
 6 Company in flying to Mars go by direction finder (12)
 7 Cause of disease forward fellow's turned up (5)
 8 Coconut oil product to preserve eggs soft? Reverse of that (6)
 9 Daughter mater unexpectedly conceived (6)
 10 Osteal places may afford space to this (5)
 17 Feature of requiem to fade with soaring swell within? (8, 2 words)
 20 Like e.g. US soldiers on parade, from Weald, leaderless, might one assume? (6)
 21 Precise pointer at top of compass? (6)
 22 Shelf honey industrious insect's found in (6)
 23 Poison swallowed direct, dad dropped (6)
 24 Avian spur son observed on magpies (5)
 25 United in small island group, they're not wholly divine (5)
 27 Check up about sign of what's not right in Paddy's bit of casual work (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give 16.

Azed No. 2,569 solution & notes

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Across 10, c in air a ras (rev.); 14, OK in Bosie; ref. O. Wilde's lover; 15, comp. anag.; 22, tragi(c) (rev.) in ala; 24, b(all) + on gre(en); sv bon; 34 seas(0)n + ail.
Down 3, ha(t) in sky; 5, (t)orso; 8, c + Atalan(ta); ref. Bergamo football club; 20, loan in yes (rev.); 26, cf. Omaha; 28, i.e. grope(r); 30, hidden & (se)ven n(ine).

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