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Across

- 1 Historical dance with swords mostly fitting involving adult (8)
- 7 Your setter's accepting what may represent himself, confused (4)
- 10 Resin, last from tree, rotten (5)
- 11 Deceitful old newly-wed, taking one in (6)
- 13 Cook goose with steamer, being ready for eating? (8)
- 14 A poet's line recast, i.e. put out – he uses too many words (8)
- 15 Assertion aye held by one divulging little (5)
- 16 TV control turning on head? (5)
- 17 Calvin's upset when going into price for cardinal's aide (10)
- 19 Like leafy growth, star-shaped, I observed on centre of poppy inside (10)
- 22 Sanctimonious person's friend – it's revered by Buddhists (5)
- 24 Indian peasant when retiring sheltered by family (5)
- 27 Cat trapped in alarm creating minor set-to once (8)
- 28 Fine Easter feature in unaccompanied pieces – vocal exercises required (8)
- 29 Cast in assorted capers (6)
- 30 Veteran's move stealthily opposite to con lines (5)
- 31 Occupant of many a school, one's not yet flown the nest (4)
- 32 Changes name of uneasy Dennis? (8)

Down

- 1 Wine I objectively preferred with fish served up (5)
- 2 A parrot surmounting picture showing huge barrel organ (11)
- 3 Two-wheeler carried on board boat on Ganges? (5)
- 4 Chop, delicious without last dash of spice, uncontaminated (6)
- 5 The ale drunk on pub's opening? There's a bit left in glass (7)
- 6 Brand's original source detectable in cribs, endlessly (5)
- 7 German scientist, wise man accepting 'first' from Nobel (6)
- 8 Old-fashioned helping? I had one after dividing e.g. pork? Not me (6)
- 9 Archers' favourite? Yet we'll be upset about being kept in (7, 2 words)
- 12 Tides changing about noon, fish free from intermingling (11)
- 17 A Greek letter inscribed in container of Mesolithic era (7)
- 18 Crumbly gravel's what makes rock slippery (7)
- 19 My young had a tough upbringing, showing interest in it? (6)
- 20 It's a newly-built bordering road – it's more spacious than it looks (6)
- 21 Uniform, vivid, length made right? (6)
- 23 Vintage drink? Sounds of disapproval accompanying last in store (5)
- 25 Vocalic sign I found in margins of scroll (5)
- 26 They get driven in smart Lancia with no car mat, all over the place (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,601 solution & notes

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Across 13, comp. anag. & lit.; 17, at it in anag.; 19, i.e. E(rnie) Els; ref. SA golfers; 22, o(n)e in L b; ref. L. Classical Library (Harvard U.P.); see Google; 25, bill (rev.) in i.e. + ral(lies); 28, i.e. become fashionable; 29, e + (d)enial (rev.).

Down 1, 'fame' + Ger + anag.; 6, aprico(t) in cr. + sun (rev.); 7, at la(s)t + l; 8, pad ill in so; 15, tich in Diss; 20, ref. famous humorous def. in C.; 27, ref. Franz Schubert.

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