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Across

- 1 Drinks knocked back, including round, in early youth (8)
- 7 Eric, maybe, not employed in Lidl emporium (4)
- 11 Peasants skin a chicken, to be stuffed with sage finally (9)
- 12 Transfer a lot in computer's memory for arts degree (4)
- 13 Poet's drinking a little – drunk accepts prohibition (6)
- 14 Contract closed after shock (7)
- 15 This opens in composition ... as in opera maybe? (4)
- 16 French tradespeople aroused ire opening large works (8)
- 20 Nurse interrupts grinder that's damaged first layer of plaster (9)
- 21 Unreliable mate, roué accepting short time in dalliance (9)
- 25 A rotter grabs man from behind in tavern (8)
- 26 Manure to touch up a bit of horticulture (4)
- 27 Lacking advance, earl debt ruined, multiplied somewhat (7)
- 30 A guy that's relaxed (6, 2 words)
- 31 Make heavy demands on adult groups in biology (4)
- 32 Occupants of reptile house, close together, shut up inside (9)
- 33 Important dates to delete? Not quite (4)
- 34 Gap between teeth? Help returned to check one (8)

Down

- 1 Music heralded our queen's arrival – see special Arab coat (4)
- 2 Mash, line fed to young pet? (4)
- 3 Parasitic insects making infected pet drop hair I trapped (12)
- 4 Weakling, poorly raised, in endless poverty (6)
- 5 It's avoided in some diets, stuff with (unequal) parts switched (6)
- 6 I'll be captivated by girls without ending string of verses (6)
- 8 Darling with cute tail mishandled, put out of joint (12)
- 9 The French embracing love in Rome getting end away – they softened (8)
- 10 Confuse fish following disguised net (8)
- 16 Enzyme to be left in peace? (8)
- 17 Poem crafted with art about Welsh sweet apple, old (8)
- 18 Curved roof timbers, we hear, forming a cross (4)
- 19 Tea-time treat? It has middle of chocolate (double) coating on (4)
- 22 Free ride as given a lift (6)
- 23 Hurt, a treat in such as *The Elephant Man* (6)
- 24 Scottish institutes, after time belonging to that lot (6)
- 28 Millions undergoing rising bill, a testing thing (4)
- 29 What may occupy base? Not much turns up (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended. It does not give one possibly unfamiliar trade name.

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Across 1, sup erst + anag.; 12, ref. Bristol fashion; 13, yo(u) + we; 25, D, E + pr(of) essor; 29, cf. poet; 30, (f)il(e) in do (all rev.); 33, i.e. rends in tetters.

Down 5, 'toll'd'; 7, d in choree; 8, cf. twinge; 20, comp. anag.; 24, are + set (rev.); 28, Fr. = towards.

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