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Across

- 1 Money going into drink, leading to depression (4)
- 4 Negotiate screed, penning answer (8)
- 10 Gouty old French leader admits grip failing finally (9)
- 12 Afghan city centre, centre moving eastwards (5)
- 13 Glass ornament, uncommonly small one on back of cup (5)
- 15 Boozer switching ends – one barely disturbs the surface (7)
- 16 Note scrawled by doctor: 'proceed with burying' (6)
- 17 Truly it requires courage going without bra (4)
- 18 Unusually coiled tail denoting particular articulation? (10)
- 20 A blow on limb seen in photo showing one severely handicapped (10)
- 25 An old-fashioned carriage, line scrapped for bishop? (4)
- 26 Employ volunteers kept within control (6)
- 27 I'm bowed, in rags, hobbling round Australia (7)
- 29 Part of Crab or Lion between head of Pisces and tail of Capricorn (5)
- 30 Reel sailor's to tighten with rope (5)
- 31 Fresh mount – he's supplied with troops on the move (9)
- 32 Rats etc? See one of them I dealt with round old lair (8)
- 33 Joe maybe disheartened as Mac's well off (4)

Down

- 1 Stupid one left with bungled prep right away after school (7)
- 2 Palm I prune rising round centre of topiary (6)
- 3 Murphy that is discounted for seat (4)
- 4 Floor covering I'm lifting after so long (6)
- 5 Gunner not so well with virtuoso around (11)
- 6 Drink, what teetotaler takes, giving up half? It may be painful for jogger (6)
- 7 Charm e'er denied a driver of pack animals (6)
- 8 Artist captivated by a Pacific climbing plant with bright blooms (9)
- 9 Sexy youth, under the influence (5)
- 11 He empties US bins, clothing togs spoilt with oil (11)
- 14 In the saddle, having a dance, once capering around (9, 2 words)
- 19 Trump (crucial) showing desire to catch up (7, 2 words)
- 21 Went back over dosage unit before swallowed (6)
- 22 State founder adorning flag (6)
- 23 Good-time girl in midst of binge is happy (6)
- 24 We offered protection for sailors – I bone up on cases (6)
- 25 Fag, not good? Gives you rough breathing (5)
- 28 Wipe foredeck up (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 11, a sana(Tory); 17, IT in anag.; 18, extra (qv) + anag. incl. r; 29, com. + Prado + R; 33, rec (rev.) in den.

Down 4, cam + bia(s); 5, uses te(n) in Howard; 7, H in arco + n; 15, blue ribbon = badge of the teetotal; 19, anag. less tu; 22, p, t in Noel (rev.).

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