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Across

- 1 Does one summon diners? Chorister's good for starter (8)
 7 Sounds like murder? Motive, we hear (4)
 10 Company of folk came without morning legume (9)
 11 Extract of Flemish mint – it's medicinal root (6)
 12 Pick up fish, exchanging parts (5)
 14 One's against personal choice, distributing tatties with third of neeps (8)
 15 Composer losing yen to compose (4)
 16 Hard work to complete finally exterminating moth (6)
 18 Argument that'll cause a concession? Lines separated in recast poem may (9)
 20 Wagon in bend roars terribly, about to get stuck reversing (9, 2 words)
 23 Local wanton aforesometimes having fun a great deal (6)
 26 Ready to travel, we hear, one was settled in Warsaw (4)
 28 Parrots I spy flying about in beds (8)
 29 Shame or pity enveloping what mercy conveyed? (5)
 30 Southern group of stars, a translation from Latin (6)
 31 One putting up with canon concerned with a great deal, circulating (9)
 32 Point cut from sea star (4)
 33 Sailed at sea circling, notice direction finders (8)

Down

- 1 I'm in set producing letter from Haifa (5)
 2 A tribute mostly is crafted with love? My work possibly (10)
 3 Monkeys when found in island, mostly running wild (7)
 4 Laplanders afflicted with onset of ailment internally (5)
 5 Special fork deteriorating rustily (tip broken off) (6)
 6 Gross sporty type, head down somewhat (6)
 7 Measure refashioned replica (7)
 8 A goose, almost dead, heading straight for vessel at sea (5)
 9 Seen misbehaving with filly somewhere in W. Africa (7)
 13 I'll be in a committee endlessly reforming radiation-based measure (10, 2 words)
 17 Clown, one known for his positive philosophy? (7)
 18 Riverside plant? See me cutting bract (7)
 19 Spotty and miserable, typical of self-absorbed generation, a drag (7)
 21 Skunk, one left without offspring (6)
 22 I'll follow Pakistani about to climb palm tree (6)
 24 Empty talk regularly interrupted by the Spanish sets (5)
 25 Church council over, getting stuck into alcoholic irrigation! (5)
 27 Romanovs primarily as covered in TASS possibly? (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 11, burr a + anag.; 12, st + rudel(y); 18, it (rev.) + m, b + Romania; 29, hidden & lit.; 30, A + anag + tee; 31, Soc. + anag. + I cal(l); ref. Socrates's regular criticism of Sophists, as recorded by Plato; 32, wee in sny; 33, see velvet.

Down 2, ref. Vladimir P. & RU scrum half; 5, rep in (a)ct; 6, ache in sm(art); 7, anag. in I'm al(l); 19, mise re; 23, comp. anag. & lit.; see goral; 25, (Tempe) rance.

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