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Across

- 1** One introduced strums idly? It obviates gaping (7)
12 One of Veronica's group often ends in her bed being ignored (4)
13 Trainee to give inducement following press release (8)
14 What gives (Malay?) maiden shelter in shower? (5)
15 Snack placed in container for Byzantine governor (7)
16 Sugar pound short in a helping (6)
18 Eastern team I assembled round king in ruler's office (7)
19 A shot of rum in mug for one broadcasting on CB (7)
20 Russia maybe? Not her race (4)
21 Insect found in a gilt hotel, wriggling – it's a very big one (13, 2 words)
25 Portion of reblochon for like-minded party get-together (4)
26 Cheese tart, cooked: I'll join company tucking into that (7)
29 Chap free, having taken in daily (7)
31 Divide in two morsel that's dry inside (6)
32 Special incinerator torana embellished, hot inside (7)
33 Shell getting good mark after exam (5)
35 Force one left disgracefully, caught in immorality (8)
36 Meat a bit off in Maxim's? (4)
37 Address? Prince given pick (7)

Down

- 1** Highland crowd resounded after this is removed (6)
2 Pair like to get drunk, left in, showing avoidance of moral considerations (11)
3 Marine monster fathoms from sand-dune (3)
4 Part of clergyman's ecclesiastical residence in parish (5)
5 Cheerful pub arranged nosh (6)
6 Sailors leaving navy to get lubricated (5)
7 Brewery stout I included in main course, not the last (6)
8 With shifting of time alarms minor cast players? (8)
9 Toad making a chirp when flipped (4)
10 Tactical ace exploited line with full components (11)
11 One of the lesser orders, crooked, admitting ultimate in malfeasance (5)
17 Brassy alloy, ample in coal that's mined (8)
22 Its webs adorn the garden space, bordering one (6)
23 Bees trapped by farmer float (6)
24 Old coin (no shilling) that may still be found (6)
25 Slices of beef roast and veal, often well done (5)
27 Yard given coverage by press, hard (5)
28 Sexiness revealed in article, quite a small part (5)
30 Small foreign coin? It's fallen out of tunic (4)
34 Measure of cloth, length shown in two ways (3)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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22	M	I	M	F	R	E	T	W
28	A	C	A	R	I	N	A	O
30	R	I	T	E	L	C	V	O
32	A	N	A	N	K	E	E	D
34	H	E	L	T	E	R	S	K

Across 1, grass (= marijuana) + Ger. in stags; 16, vague ref. to TV comedy *Only Fools and Horses*; 18, (s)hame; 19, anag. in spinner; 28, A + Carina; 30, r + ite(m); 31, ouch² in vee (v); 32, must (n); 34, (s)helter + anag.

Down 1, gro(pin)g; 7, knock up = impregnate; 12, car + anag. + od; 20, see flicker²; 24, ref. Rainer Maria R., Austrian poet; 26, x CE in el.

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