

"Quick" clues are in italic

## July 2025 Slot 1 by T-boy

### Across

- 9** *Edible stalks* (7)  
**10** *Ham* (7)  
**11** *Colour* (3)  
**12** Aunt lost in Digamma Island (7)  
**13** Get off the wagon - inebriated at diner (7)  
**14** *Bully* (9)  
**17** Craig disturbed by what Kipling chose over betrothal to Maggie? (5)  
**18** *Transport operation* (7)  
**21** *Bondage* (7)  
**23** Passage of complex pelvic discharge (5)  
**24** *Expert group* (5,4)  
**28** *Preacher* (7)  
**29** *Honesty* (7)  
**31** Bird with clipped tail becomes a hopper (3)  
**32** *Malleable* (7)  
**33** Ms Callas catches the French illness (7)

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- 30** Invalid starts to notice ulcerated left leg (4)

### Down

- 1** Tear into abstainer making a stand (6)  
**2** Shoot messenger (6)  
**3** Demented lady perhaps (4)  
**4** Seize a British canal (6)  
**5** Cars going around old city republic (8)  
**6** *Cess pit* (6,4)  
**7** *Tirade* (8)  
**8** *Fish* (8)  
**15** Guyanese leader abandons desert witchcraft (3)  
**16** Cartilage flap from pork batch found in butchering site (10)  
**18** City American called up in Accident & Emergency (8)  
**19** *Upbraid* (8)  
**20** *Ragged* (8)  
**22** *Coop* (3)  
**25** *Revenue* (6)  
**26** Pig in commercial on a ship (6)  
**27** Asian scriptures embracing the end of life (6)