ACROSS
1 Unkempt, quiet kind of cat, with little time left (6)
4 A dry beer drunk with pumpernickel (3,5)
9 Spotted carnivores with a sense of humour? (6)
10 Risqué golf shot that usually pays off (4,4)
12 Upset by obvious run-out (8)
13 One's inclined to be emphatic (6)
15 Talking posh may also be frowned upon (4)
16 Old copyists representing mostly river scenes (10)
19 Frank's English likewise said to gain entrance (4,6)
20, 19 down You need to soak Goldsmith's biscuits (4,7)
23 Stirring finale recalling 24 eg at springtime (2,4)
25 Slimmer's chocolate ration, perhaps, if she's to look good in it! (3-5)
27 Wiggly lines young Edward joined up (8)
28 A month without Leo playing the cat (6)
29 It can explain to teacher why you don't appear to be educated (4,4)
30 Take the mickey when seconds finally arrive (4,2)

DOWN
1 Trains some sea creatures altogether (7)
2, 3 It's said ironically to give precedence (3,6,6)
4 The yellow tie mentioned (4)
6 Inspired article welcomed by staff of Life (8)
7 She's not completely above the law (5)
8 Shows what Roman policy does in Scotland? (7)
11 Accurate summary given poor grade (7)
14 Shooting in Dynasty following endless row (7)
17 Strange tail-less male with needle-like teeth? (9)
18 Stupid pair join in naming the killer (8)
19 See 20
21 The pale sort of liquor seen at bottom of glass (7)
22 Dad's in pain, perhaps being brave (6)
24 For Olive's relation ring up about one (5)
26 Starts to drive everywhere by taxi? You'll soon get into it! (4)

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