ACROSS
1 James embracing that French character in AYL (6)
4 Small wife trembled outside and complained loudly (8)
10 9lb wrecked for private letter container (7)
11 Make things better for one member having turned over (7)
12 Apple providing music (4)
13 Scotsman confused by clue for commercial horse-racing group (6,4)
15 Magnate from outskirts of Torbay gets company working (6)
16 Provided backward judge is covering an island race (7)
17 First lieutenant drops sultan for Pharaoh queen (9)
18 Delay execution of agent, always up about one (8)
19 Imposing portals off-stage – way in (8)
20 One fruit and some others for workman (7)
21 All the employees by a Hebridean isle (6)
22 Strict consumers putting half the eggs in vehicles (6)
23 Over-sentimental Cockney song and dance. Not half! (5)
24 Novel making editor turn cross (5,5)
25 Restaurant employee drops one drink (5)
26 Party leader’s inner strong desire (4)
28 Auction item – one that’s quite odd (7)
29 “Kiss and Love” in a quote about strange things (7)
30 Screamed “Quiet!” and “It smelt bad”, we’re told (8)
31 Differs showing V-sign (6)

DOWN
1 Harriers bound to fountains (4,4)
2 Mildly amused Jack left jacuzzi with half the liquor spilt (9)
3 Declines, as Stanley and Beatrice lose their head (4)
5 Tenderest feelings shot as temporary solution (5,3)
6 Wrecked taxi, he pays for throttle (10)
7 Hillock appearing when returning from stroll on Kerrera (5)
8 Fools society girls around half the week (6)
9 An accepted truth that amateur team receives award (5)
14 Official bulletin about love with gents in France. That’s a one-off (10)
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27 Half a lozenge upset French novelist (4)