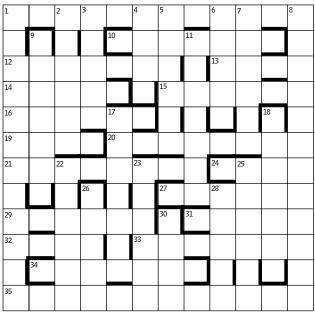
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ACROSS

- 1 Special effect on stage does for grand army (12, 2 words, apostrophe)
- **10** Frolicsome nurse in pool (7)
- 12 Recovering quickly from British form of E. coli (7)
- 13 Country missing in dispersed defensive alliance (4)
- **14** Rascal nearly having wings clipped (5)
- 15 Boy meets girl: the result is a blazing affair (6)
- **16** He's nautical? As playing with this rope, etc? (6)
- **19** Cable securing pet? (4)
- 20 Lively female bird, it's often seen in orchards (8)
- 21 Vagrant scrambled last egg going round run (8)
- 24 Like stuffing, good stuffing e.g.? (4)
- 27 German river, dry at edges, put through sifting process (6)
- 29 Coley processed by Norway 'changed' island (6)
- 31 Connect with Cupid (5)
- 32 Weight? Plenty cutting back (4)
- **33** A lady misbehaving in company? The opposite upper stratum (7)
- **34** With claret-vessels aplenty Earl opens wine before us (7)
- **35** Historical rally round old St Petersburg, leaderless, making matters worse? (12)

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Across 11, RA in san; 12, ave (rev.) in wint(er); 13, 'close'; 16, a bit in hs (qv); 18, hidden rev.; 27, 'sway' + 'beer'; 30, RI in mast; 32, alternate letters; 34, stunk (rev.); 35, tore k all in steeper.

Down 2, mal + C in aia; 3, Rob in PE; 4, Liz (rev.) in hay (hey); 7, hidden rev.; 8, i.e. 'l vied'; 11, Ch. OTT all in anag.; 20, IS in irate; 22, tune (rev.) in to; ref. sustaining pedal on piano; 23, ex (=X) + anag.; 24, (c)larine(t); ref. Charlie 'Bird' Parker, jazz saxophonist; 25, I in glas(s); 28, b + | gu(l)p.

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1 Neil Craggs, Little Kingshill, Bucks 2 Barry Dell, Newquay, Cornwall 3 W.J. Petrusewicz, London NW3

DOWN

- 1 Corpuscle I damaged with TB NHS is part of it (12, 2 words)
- 2 Bit of money overseas I invested in superb piece of art (6)
- 3 Conifers planted in coppice annually (5)
- 4 Small stream runs poorly (4)
- **5** The Family Tree, a play of Mamet's (6)
- 6 Will S's bride reared oriental shrub (5)
- 7 Set this loaded with small stone? Great stones! (6)
- 8 Air hostess in fancy lace brought over complimentary sweets etc (12, 2 words)
- **9** Anterior insect parts are mostly on top when flying (7)
- 11 Tit and sandpiper (female), common feature in plantations (7, 2 words)
- 17 Maybe mature group upset when disheartened (7)
- **18** Rare plant to procure as stuffing for cooked meat? (7)
- 22 It doesn't produce much of a glow try mixing with ale (6)
- 23 Setter, maybe: 'Good solving (albeit old-fashioned) drop in' (6.2 words)
- 25 Antique copper colour? Wow, that's old! (6)
- **26** Stylishness? Only moderate clothing line (5)
- 28 Small quantity MO cut up, mouldy (5)
- **30** 'How are you?' 'Unco —, hooey! Nae sae weel' (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.