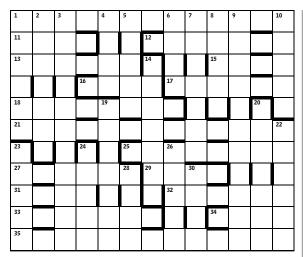
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Across

- 1 Harvard fresher, girl in rum dance, ungainly number (13)
- 11 The governor occupies position in list from which twelve were chosen (4)
- 12 Tamilnadu's devastated, lad swept away in this? (7)
- **13** Tussle in the south–west? Local service cut, line closed (6)
- **15** Epic hero? King loses first by bog (4)
- **16** Burnsian songster in avoiding hawk (4)
- 17 Two signs of wealth maybe creating popular outcry? (6)
- **18** Cistern supplying what school staff serving top table do (8)
- 21 Bearing witness to finest Act II in play (13)
- 25 Strip clubs: reluctant entering French one, being female (8)
- 27 Group of senior ministers, excluding Rudd, rigidly formal (6)
- 29 Swell? Crescendo may proceed so (4)
- **31** Short article is apt read? Edits this possibly (4)
- **32** Ordinary short sword back round middle of waist (6)
- **33** English vessel with nothing aboard, one conveying Boney to St Helena? (7)
- **34** Those in the oldest profession, they say, dull as it sounds (4)
- **35** Tennis Repton's adapted, relatively safe environmentally (13)

Down

- 1 A puff or two might make insecure roof —(6)
- 2 Constituent of opium or cocaine inhaled by nostril once? Death mostly follows (7)

- 3 I put in days on eastern garment almost finished, a fourth (11)
- 4 Get foot cut from middle of weapon (4)
- 5 Casanova's first present for beloved (5)
- 6 Those coming first in algebra and second in French? I don't believe it (4, 2 words)
- 7 Seamy ultras mixed up with core of collusion (7)
- **8** Succeeded, never associated with allurements? (5)
- 9 Rising block, Tories mostly excited about publicity, one likely to win in vote? (11)
- 10 King at home brought up odd job for Paddy (5)
- 14 Toast included in tally of expenses chalked up? (7)
- 19 Children (tinies)? So typical of nanny, isn't led astray (7)
- **20** Either of two Oxbridge colleges acceptable for 'harmless drudge' (7)
- 22 Hall e.g. among number put up, ultramodern (6)
- 23 Quaker? Not unlike one he reveres endlessly? (5)
- 24 It's for lifting potatoes one planted in trench (5)
- **26** Bacteria? Opening of cut on back of head put off (5)
- **28** One looks out for catch making appearance before end of patter (4)
- 30 Waterfall, one leaving depression (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 14, in a mo (rev.); 15, anag. incl. at l; 16, chi(ppy) in a rue (rev.); 20, Richard S. (1672-1729); 21, comp. anag. incl. e; 27, ur(t)icas E; 31, ref. zodiacal sign; 32, U in anag.; 33, e(leve)n + v(ictory). Down 4, do (rev.) in anag.; 7, eco + il(ls) (rev.); 8, Dimble(by); ref. broadcasting family; 10, mither in seen; 19, ref. moules à la marinière (qy); 23, utu in mum.

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