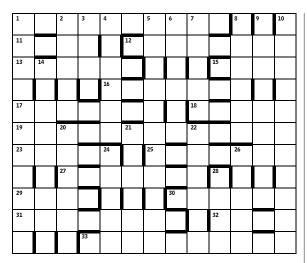
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Across

- 1 Snappy dresser, outstanding one in petroleum processing plant (10)
- 11 One in wellies quite likely kept in shoe rack (4)
- 12 Cartilaginous stuff in horn CD's manufactured with it (8)
- **13** Increase county gossip? (6)
- **15** Sets required in staging Elsinore (4)
- **16** Ships containing European in place of ordinary dabs (7)
- 17 Plain song? Probed endlessly about that (7)
- **18** Muscly lump where contemporary art is shown round yard (5)
- **19** Doubly annoyed with service taken again for elaborate church symbol (13)
- **23** Domestic having to spray round centre of study (5)
- 25 Salt in love turned loose, worried (7)
- 27 Gifts, on being removed from stock, sent off (7)
- **29** What gets said after it, often recalling fine sport? (4)
- **30** Calf that was butchered for Easter (6)
- 31 Hay cooked with duck egg, soft inside a morbid diet (8)
- **32** Survey serious corrosion affecting newbuild (beginnings of) (4)
- **33** Source of timber set, bake furiously in brazier (10)

Down

- 1 Friend, muddled chap no good with tip in cafe, producing unacceptable one? (11, 2 words)
- **2** Backs possibly injured dropped from later game? (5)
- 3 Crop that's cold, damp and chilly (4)
- 4 Indication of hesitancy with vermin around? We'll supply estimates (6)
- **5** Duenna's responsibility, having tea with person approaching maturity (11)
- **6** Wellington's address offering telling punch error mostly corrected (6)
- 7 Once prodigious energy, above standard (5)
- **8** Antiseptic compound? Unsuccessful one's given up, cocaine preferred (6)
- 9 In Paris he boards Metro with me, switching device to record journey (9)
- **10** Election as part of formal account? (11)
- 14 Bird that's not OK in theater stalls? (9)
- 20 Best tux restyled with oof (6)
- **21** Biddy entering coach for plane (6)
- 22 Sacred text, extract from scriptures as translated (6)
- **24** Priest welcoming church legate from overseas (5)
- **26** Pressed to the mast, sailor's to work 'ard as drudge (5)
- 28 Strap cracks time to leave (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 10, hit in ope(n); 13, anag. less in; 15, BM in suit; 16, tie n in tot; 18, rock + b I r(ea)d; 27, dessert (rev.); 29, al(l) in tree; ref. Irish ballad, 'Rose of T.; 31, scan(ties); 32, OK in anag.; 35, ad bar in three.

Down 1, 'tricked' in consor(t); 2, anag. in sol; 4, (pa)stime; 6, anag. incl. r, & lit.; 7, cf. rubbers; 8, cf. makar; 19, oak (rev.) + line (qv); 28, a lobe (rev.).

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