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Across

- 1** Light blue marks on bird fluttering in its home? (9)
- 10** Former duke dismissing flanking pages showing scars (4)
- 11** Hairs of a kind in the ears, not so sensible (7)
- 12** In tumult old militiaman gets detached from Tim (5)
- 14** Glasgow bum after a drink begged endlessly (penniless) (6)
- 16** Dot and Peter naughtily messed about (8)
- 17** Struggle in net (4)
- 18** Murrayfield ground? That's armful I scattered (4)
- 21** Peter's friend powdered in talc containing fragrant oil (10)
- 22** Tripped lightly, free of stones, round savoury snack (10)
- 25** Hat sailor wears back to front – he's a fool (4)
- 26** Sandy's underground den, requiring very little money (4)
- 28** A role he's mangled for listeners (8)
- 31** Digital problem maybe affected Anglia broadcast (6)
- 32** Musk's asset? 'Equates with lavender' – there you'll have it (5)
- 33** Boozer opening to give away? Hurried along (7)
- 34** Talent negative, not useful (4)
- 35** European in Kolkata? He accompanies clique in service as of old (9)

Down

- 1** Chaplain behind jaw in the kirk (5)
- 2** Player of medley goes from this, like contact between pilots aloft (8)
- 3** Lives twice interrupted by love (4)
- 4** Where dogs are set on rodents dodging trap, just the thing (6)
- 5** Seine (say), wrong, free, rising up once wholly decayed (10)
- 6** Some with allergies avoid this surfeit, half of mutton (6)
- 7** Shred songs Spooner-style? He may well be deaf (9)
- 8** Dance? No thanks, it's obscure for poet (4)
- 9** Sort of foot-lever let out to disentangle inside (7)
- 13** Prince in position of steersman round a riverside French commune (10)
- 15** Water bird I caught on lake, served in pastry (9)
- 19** Type of paste to chill in gruel, stirred (8, 2 words)
- 20** Quiet sort of green lining recess (7)
- 23** No longer trim I kept in lying flat (6)
- 24** Examination applied to a bit of old silver (6)
- 27** Unit of landed herrings one wrapped in special string (5)
- 29** Leading officer flourished lost banner with joyful cry (4)
- 30** Old couple, people ageing ultimately (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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1, imitated; 2, distance; 3, Spartans; part in sans; 4, sparring; 5, investor; 6, trochees; 7, minimise; nim I in mise; 8, minister; 9, retrates; set art ER (all rev.); 10, serrates; 11, restores; 12, strobile; 13, regimens; 14, armigers; Mig in are + r, s; 15, sarsenet; 16, baseness; 17, barriers; 18, lingerie; 19, pointers; 20, scinter; 21, stenotic; 22, notecase; 23, terraces; 24, regellate; gel in reate; 25, outpoint; 26, obedient; 27, creditor; 28, torchère; 29, Serevent; 30, oriental; 31, outtaken; u TT in oaken; 32, bone-cave; 33, crevasse; vas s in cree; 34, echelons; 35, vent-hole; 36, aperiend.

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