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Across

- 1 Pet kept in hutch outside (4)
 4 Bits of unwanted wool reused for soft bit of swaddling (8)
 11 Old fool I tear apart blocking means of escape (8)
 13 Madam dancing courantes (9)
 14 Nippers formerly among those resting (5)
 15 Work not fair? Almost last bit for serving woman (4)
 16 Composition, very funny one rendered back to front (4)
 17 Former extravagance I detected among misguided Tories (7)
 19 Stations mostly crucial when moving about in force (9, 2 words)
 22 Tear when penning poetry, once upset (9)
 25 Place to get stuck in? Up to leg freed (7)
 27 What symbolizes life during bank holiday (4)
 29 Curly, very active, perverse, neglecting ward (4)
 31 He's thrown off detective returning for sordid gain (5)
 32 Parisian's after admitting longing for what'll decorate rear ends (9)
 33 Bits of e.g. jellyfish turned arid in crumbling pier (8)
 34 Tenors abandoned practice opening words set to music (8)
 35 What Spaniards may dance to, afternoon after Whit? (4)

Down

- 1 Multiple transplant expertise involving correction of 'leg rust' (12, 2 words)
 2 Winter on the riviera? Here's one taking shelter with group (5)
 3 Church stole, one with belt clothing artist (7)
 5 Poetic trifle, unfashionable, penned by e.g. Franciscan (6)
 6 Class I caught crawling about like insects? (6)
 7 Public upset when urn is spilt (5)
 8 Pink minerals, each half overturned (4)
 9 Artist upset about end of courtesan, passing (7)
 10 One feeling being suggested by another, I sense a hasty shift (12)
 12 One of those doing the rounds in Glasgow? Chambers an obligation (6)
 18 Getting worse again, 'e's losing colour after getting up (7)
 20 Songbird, one in process of catching fish? (6)
 21 Focused briefly on poem? Wrong way round, I admit (7)
 23 Take external link between networks (6)
 24 Sensation concerning probable misprint in Shakespeare (6)
 26 Old Jack climbing inside half of volcano? He'll hope it won't (5)
 28 Arthritis in the chest? It may kill you (5)
 30 Discharged matter, not right after viral infection (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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34	M	A	I	N	M	A	S	T	E	D	Y	

Across 11, punch in cower; see ruck*; 12, J in Ford; 18, stan(hope) (rev.); 26, slap = make-up; 29, see loose fish at loose; 33, tour bill on; 35, ted(d)y.

Down 5, anag. incl. (pumi)ce; 9, I in of fine; 13, a + dips (rev.) + anag.; 15, anag. + m; 19, i.e. I (anag.) in aura.

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