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- Across**
- 1 Deviously help grand trickery involving energy and venting humour? (12)
 - 10 Nasty Scot in Glasgow we found among personnel (4)
 - 11 Excess reporting? Cut initial chapter (7)
 - 12 Rising like a bird that exercises a turn so (7)
 - 13 Bits of breakfast roughage adding nourishment (4)
 - 15 Appearing when option's selected, champers at an end (5)
 - 17 Plot ryots worked (5)
 - 18 Singer's first substandard track (5)
 - 21 Balance is shown following ball in French team (9)
 - 23 Poodle treated by (US) vet producing type of liniment (9)
 - 24 Historical assembly learnt about them (5)
 - 26 Spare mobile's thrown into waste container often (5)
 - 28 What makes society wither and die in some parts (5)
 - 30 Hall, type of expansion university welcomed (4)
 - 31 Feature of green belt behind schedule, not the first? About right (7)
 - 32 Blind cave-dweller erupts furiously, pierced by Odysseus initially (7)
 - 33 It carries significance for Sikhs, knocking back strong drink (4)
 - 34 The old trees they varied with flower parts of differing length (12)

- Down**
- 1 Ah gosh! Rapper garbled cursive sequence (12)
 - 2 Moth took off in joint (7)
 - 3 Droop on fringes of university dance (4)
 - 4 Like wine making one merry dipped into regularly by distinguished don (5)
 - 5 Radar system creating endless work – terribly solemn about it (9)
 - 6 Class benders (not classically proper!) (5)
 - 7 Outcry once dress comes into contact with grease (7)
 - 8 Mild oath senior officer produces having lost pipe outside? (4)
 - 9 Meeting-place, special, to study e.g. *Playboy* feature? (12, 2 words)
 - 14 Extract from pasture dock for nettle rash (5)
 - 16 Press lied freely displaying hubris? Far from it (9)
 - 19 Damned old and cold cramped houses (5)
 - 20 Stewed fruit with a dash of lemon in? It was intriguing (7)
 - 22 Shift is taken up and nearly spoilt (7)
 - 25 Blast of air, tornado with no hush inside (5)
 - 26 Prop displaying bulge, routine with stone put on (5)
 - 27 International practice formerly sanctioned by law (4)
 - 29 Twain-like, showing what's universal in boy's upbringing (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 2, tom (qv) in accused; 11, comp. anag. & lit.; 14, anag. + nd; 17, i.e. 24-hour clock; 18, s A1 d; Port S.; 27, spur(I)OUs; 33, i.e. pier rot; 34, (FO)remen; 35, a deni(Zen).

Down 1, odd + anag.; 5, anag. + oof; 7, cf set off; 10, did act (vb) in anag. less n; 21, anag.; ref. tune, 'Alexander's R. Band'; 22, first letters & lit.; 24, men in anag.; 29, mo on; m. = month.

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