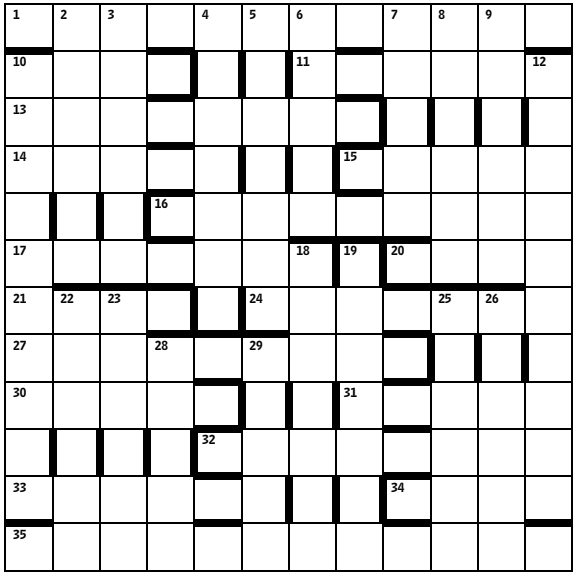
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Across

1 Pub rep disturbed by din, typical of the nobs? (12)
10 Free swimmer forming line in drain (4)
11 One with no respect for the law formerly, if old and cunning (6)
13 Cat tires, being groomed with a comb (8)
14 Straight Scotch, outrageous with a dash of tonic (5)
15 Bit of old silver, foreign, first to last a surprise coming out of the blue (5)
16 Iron-rich mineral, form of pale stone (9)
17 One convinced space is not a vacuum and is within endless abundance (7)
20 Change course, being slack (4)
21 Where beer may be served before universal prohibition (4)
24 Massage thigh in club, not new (7)
27 See our Homer funnily portrayed in yellow pigment (9)
30 Twiggy, large scale, conveyed by artist, man mostly (5)
31 Virus hospital noted in folio? (5)
32 Shower not active? Charger required (8)
33 Cultivated French composer incorporates little volume (6)
34 Vessel essential to save navy (4)
35 Mason notes damaged sideboard (12, 2 words)

Down

2 Trio keeping melody in place (6)
3 Creases I kept in place with pressing (6)
4 One of lines on board, endlessly irritating (7)
5 Cheek about the French being without support (7)
6 Ruler in Fiji, and Argentina also (5)
7 Label on American marsh plant (5)
8 Dirk seen in ruck by the sound of it (6)
9 Ballet position to follow step by step from below centre of entrechat (6)
10 Religious texts stir RCs up unusually round Spain (10)
12 Moths, three fluttering over, are caught soaring (10)
18 Scots over there in Perth on derricks (7)
19 Seaside plant mum pulled up, cutting stalk (7)
22 Bracken artist found climbing famous mountain (6)
23 Brit overseas mixed oat in grafted veg (6)
25 Feet in blended pastel (6)
26 Tincture, faint? Concentrated it was held to have curative powers (6)
28 Compartment, a killer containing little breadth (5)
29 In old letters what's scribbled under? (5)

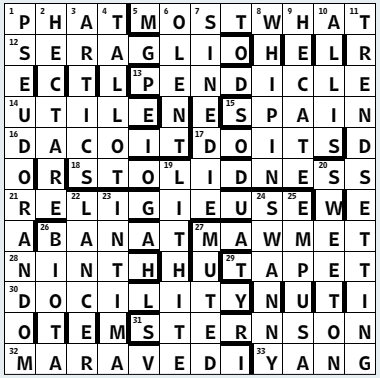
The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended. It does not give the spelling at 32 (in Merriam Webster).

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Across 5, anag. incl. two; 12, gare (Fr.) in oils (all rev.); 21, anag. + e use, & lit.; 28, n in anag., & lit.
Down 4, l lo in tat; 6, (p)olent(a); 11, TR + set t in ending; 23, in time with a for e; 24, ref. Swanee whistle; 25, ref. 9 Dn; 27, mut(t) + ed.

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