

ACROSS

- 1 Rather saucy to be opening bubbly before election begins! (8)
- 7 Control gravity to gain height. (4)
- 10 No point in fighting big cat with stones. (4)
- 11 Flush before nightfall. (4)
- 14 Hollywood scene: infra-red reveals hideout. (4)
- 17 Apparently uses social media more efficiently than in remote places. (8)
- 23 Can consume cereal, it's said – possibly corn. (3)
- 24 Drive from pole to pole in radians? (4)
- 26 Curt answer to gentle critiques. (4)
- 29 Soldier runs back towards sunset, perhaps, to find cover. (3)
- 30 Was in third place; could be fired. (4)
- 35 Admirer takes direction from creep. (4)
- 37 Sizes up inside of undesirable place. (4)
- 40 Superior standards begin with the face. (4)
- 43 Wound up, one might say, by small vehicle. (4)
- 47 Current way of processing spam. (4)
- 48 Store ran out of stock, it seems, before the week began. (4)
- 51 Assistant reports that Italian opera may have moved to Germany? (4)
- 55 A thousand found in Europe, though not really at home there. (3)
- 56 Morning letter indicates agreement. (4)
- 57 Play softly on broken tin, given the volume. (4)
- 59 Discuss taking the matter to a new phase? (3)
- 60 Hard work to get Asian water sample. (8)
- 64 Raised issue with brother. (4)
- 65 Make notes about second thoughts in a sacred place. (4)
- 66 Check by placing foot on the left. (4)
- 67 At intake, movement of water is turbulent. (4)
- 68 Retracts science brief in tears. (8)

DOWN

- 1 Begin ordeal on shabby bedroll in disreputable house. (8)
- 2 Ridicule with Spanish test. (8)
- 4 Small creatures make rest look silly. (8)
- 5 They throw light on network set up around navy. (8)
- 21 Resistance units posted by the government? (4)
- 22 Rule over north of green and pleasant land. (4)
- 26 To help out with a little cash was rewarding. (4)
- 28 Very little thanks in beginning surgical removal of feature. (4)
- 42 Company lawyer delivers concluding remarks. (4)
- 44 Talks about the right to see the plans. (6)
- 46 Open wide for the feast! (6)
- 49 Helpful ladies on the banks of the Tyne, perhaps, will get you drunk. (4)
- 53 Jane's character revealed in letter to mother. (4)
- 54 Nervous arm holds blade, running. (4)
- 57 There may be a bottle left. (4)
- 58 Not before time, hit the snare. (4)

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- 31 Our man on the inside sends an interesting brief, raising the total. (6)
- 32 Garden shed used by internet junkie? (4)
- 34 Force acquiring Chief Inspector with little time to reveal prejudice. (6)
- 37 Prophet receives burn to the ears. (4)

- 60 I lie about with somewhat isolated person. (8)
- 61 Add condiment to last of the cucumbers found in old kitchens. (8)
- 62 Warn about the ant raging outside. (8)
- 63 Does rely somewhat on callers. (8)

THROUGH

- 1 After chopping, broil around zero volume for nutritious meal. (8)
- 3 Apparently one third of a Santa every four years is good. (4)
- 4 Enthusiastic guy with chip on his shoulder. (5)
- 5 Ability to read mild innuendo? (8)
- 6 Old farm workers given treasure in one's legacy. (4)
- 7 Improving ridiculously lame ride. (8)
- 8 Piece of flex trailing over the top. (5)
- 9 Almost an order to lose a poker game? (8)
- 12 We do coal burning to make a decorative material. (8)
- 13 Inspiration holds nothing but a pointer. (5)
- 15 Recover from another dream about space creature meeting scientists. (8)
- 16 Reserves a thousand bob tails. (4)
- 17 Driver takes us for a sing-song on a hill. (8)
- 18 Tiny person made very nervous by hidden thoughts. (5)

- 19 Chances taking a little too much before seeing police officer. (4)
- 20 Instinct found in family of life-savers. (8)
- 25 I'm positive it's something supernatural! (3)
- 27 Pretend it's the current time. (3)
- 31 Keen to get an Oscar in Dodge. (5)
- 33 Man and woman, briefly, back to back, could mean children. (5)
- 36 Thing that can point has a direction and size. (3)
- 38 Drunken run to place of rest. (3)
- 39 Mosaic, apparently, found on tiny piece of land. (5)
- 41 Small matter of stirring some nitrogen. (5)
- 43 Fixes right-angled triangle on compass. (4)
- 45 Peace found by America on rugby pitch, apparently. (4)
- 50 Send silver to Argentina to promote culture. (4)
- 52 Recording the sound of enlightenment would be quite extraordinary. (4)