



This puzzle contains various 4s to 14, the 1 downs' 7 10
 14 — 9, 13, 21ac, 27, 29, 30, 4, 11, 18, 20, 21, 26

Across

- 1 Evidence of the credit crunch affecting Santa's elves, or his Christmas postman? (8)
- 5 Little time going through fitting part of body (6)
- 9 4, also do without a sign (6-2)
- 10 Leader of leaders? (6)
- 12 Such a happy feeling restricts leader of Bradford plant (9)
- 13 In curry house, potatoes had left unfinished 4 (5)
- 14 *See 22 Down*
- 16 One from Tyneside, beset by fever, is turned over by this woman (7)
- 19 Suffering, off to Spain (2,1,4)
- 21 The Intelligence Men love 4 (4)
- 24 What I'll win for top pork pie? I shan't be getting up for it (3-2)
- 25 Nasty criminal after the doctor whose patients are invited to lie on the sofa? (9)
- 27 Copper's audible 4 (3,3)
- 28 Toy group of followers? (5,3)
- 29 Really ache — 4's about this size (2,4)
- 30 4 of those in gallery went (8)

Down

- 1 What gels The Sun, late in the day (6)
- 2 Cut wage disheartened rough (6)
- 3 Unheated, where one may live in partial darkness, no end in sight (5)
- 4 Decent extra, long in film (7)
- 6 It's said he looks after park plant (9)
- 7 Sociable exodus (8)
- 8 Typical of socialite with upcoming meeting — ripped off (4,4)
- 11 4 depression (4)
- 15 Is it blown within range? Rhone plan's screwed up (9)
- 17 Sellers up here, not half high on wobbly stilts (3,5)
- 18 4's food and water source (8)
- 20 4, thanks — and thanks again (4)
- 21 4 to sausage (7)
- 22/14 Takes Mike's order for show — "X 1dn 7 10" (4,2,4)
- 23 First signs of sugar daddy carrying partner, is it said? (6)
- 26 Top knocked off, sets 4 (5)