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ACROSS

- 1 Have nothing to do with free ticket winning (4,2)
- 5 Very bad period of time for a rural community (7)
- 9 Recognise celebrities? Do this, perhaps, if struck (3,5)
- 13 Run off in polished stilettos after parade? (4,1,5,4,2,5)
- 14 Explain Pinter's opening in *Betrayal* (5,3)
- 15 Urgently heading for teleprinter after distress call one received (7)
- 16 Class take this after dope (6)
- 17 Hope to have most of jelly with helping (10)
- 20 Timid type, a bishop settling in London, maybe, in an overcrowded area (6,6)
- 23 Food pleasing to the eye, we're told (4)
- 24 With book in college defining game (8)
- 26 Guys in principle responsible for a block of flats (8)
- 29 Problem with arson, a crucial matter? (7,5)
- 30 Nerve and audacity shown in hold-up (10)
- 32 Group after sound system for convention (10)
- 34 Possible result of game being in grass allowed to roam wild (8,4)
- 36 Insensitive column, a problem for the editor? (8)
- 38 Tire oneself out on visit by Italian (6,2)
- 39 Dam — spooky no end (4)
- 41 Long distance traveller, finished with school (7,5)
- 43 TV game show runs into considerable trouble (3,7)
- 44 Stand as excursion party returned (6)
- 46 Disgusting old boy linked with ugly incident (7)
- 48 Non-professionals playing are a must (8)
- 50 Might a matador confront a problem head-on? (4,3,4,2,3,5)
- 51 Artist wearing a top he designed, and a gibus (5,3)
- 52 One putting clothes on sideboard (7)
- 53 Plant in trouble had backing (6)

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- 2 Story-teller having to sit up after first of allegories (5)
- 3 Decoy's snout (5,6)
- 4 Peg describing a row about bishop in cocktail lounge? (5,3)
- 5 Large container porter brought in for a man (5)
- 6 I suffer over lad's affair (7)
- 7 Suitable whip (11)
- 8 Select rice, ultimately — low in calories (5)
- 9 Little tip for final applicants (9)
- 10 Distinctive character in Newmarket hostelry (5)
- 11 Film male, one fielding after start of test (3,5,3)
- 12 Without opener, field a substitute (7)
- 18 Figure alien must be breaking law (9)
- 19 Lunacy omitting son in senseless action (7)
- 21 Invoice committee for hoarding (9)
- 22 Turn on wench providing winch (8)
- 25 So ended a broadcast about married heroine in play (9)
- 27 Fruit drink that's delicious in the East (9)
- 28 Tiresome nanny and I go out (8)
- 31 Substantial bidding (7)
- 33 Enthusiastic card game in plant (3-3,5)
- 34 Inexperienced in a good way, that is belonging to an upper-class set? (5-6)
- 35 Sensible paraglider heading this way eventually? (4-2-5)
- 37 Outgoing person, former scout, entering IOM races (9)
- 40 Under pressure, made and delivered a sermon (8)
- 42 Type of car difficult to beat (7)
- 43 Sleep so long on top of sofa bed (3-4)
- 45 Drop daughter with it by church (5)
- 47 Pronounce fit (5)
- 48 Detest rough bar small house installed (5)
- 49 Swiss dish acrostic contains (5)