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ACRM SA Inc. Meetings are on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month.

There is no Meeting in December.

The OCM in July is on the 24th...

Aug's OCM is on the 28th.

ACRM SA Inc. Meetings are held at 3 Redmond Rd. Collinswood. SA.

Gawler/Barossa general meetings are bi-monthly (every two months), on the THIRD TUESDAY of the month. No meeting in December.

PRESSIE'S PRATTLE: Phil 48:

I know, I promised not to whinge but without a wee whimper, I'd be void of any inspiration at all. After that build up, I'd better get going.

It's Friday morning, 21st July and I'm busting a gut to fill in one more page for the Communicator, before packing to go to the Sandy Creek Ride, 1:00pm start today.

Okay, let's analyse that. Last weekend was the 24-Hour Trial (documented elsewhere) and since returning, all we had to do was produce the mag, print and post it, then put the Sandy Creek ride together, feasible within a week, sure but we didn't get Sandy Creek info (and that was patchy at best) until Thursday arvo', thus it is Friday and the mag is not finished so if you didn't get this mag before the meeting you now know why. My only option is to take the lappy with me and write something at the ride, then print and post Monday. I doubt if time for much proof reading will occur so be prepared for a warts and all Communicator.

I just noticed the page count and realised I'm not a page short, I'm an article short and nowhere to put it. Therefore after finishing this scribble I'll have to remove a page of something else, more than likely, some of the corny jokes.

It's now 5.35 Sun morning at Sandy Creek and it's a Sunny 10° - Year right, which planet are you on? I'll rephrase that, leave out the sunny bit and the rest is right. Chris 49 has just called horses away, John 232 & Dick 21 have left main to go to their respective controls. Phil 322 and his daughter Kylie have now gone to their control and first horses have been seen at check 1. Oh six hundred and all through check 1, time for some brekky, while we wait for Check 2 to call in numbers, which he duly did and for the next 9 hours a steady flow of info kept us abreast of the whereabouts of twenty-two 80k riders and another fifty in other varying distance rides. At presentation it was touted an outstanding success and ACRM was duly thanked for playing our part in that success. It was around 5:00pm when we hooked up the van and pulled out of the venue for an easy trip home, which suited me because it is now time to put that mag together. While the Sandy Creek Rides are popular and we all enjoy doing them, I'm glad it was not a long weekend, or we would have sleep another night on uncomfortable caravan beds and wait another day to get home, unwind and sleep in a proper bed..

Rally Round-up;Trev 120:

Despite a lousy start to the planning, including a lack of numbers to cover the controls, the 2018 24-hour Trial went very well. However, by lack of numbers, I should say it was an improvement on last year and wish to thank all who helped, particularly those who heard our plea last year and signed on this year.

24-Hour Reliability Trial ;Phil 48:

The 24 Hour Trial 2018, this year, was known as just that and will be until a new naming rights sponsor is found.

Apart from the name, the game was the same, however, by 24 hour standards, this year's trial was fairly easy. On-air traffic was kept to a minimum, intentionally (a move instigated by the 24 hour committee to try and minimise how much course controller chatter occurred. We have always strove to keep on-air chatter to a minimum and the extra effort this year paid off. The aim was helped along by the lack of injuries. I'd like to say there were none but alas, it wouldn't be the Twenty-four without a few broken bones. Is there a downside to quiet time? Sure is, in the wee hours of the morning, when everyone is trying to stay awake, the quiet can be quite boring. There is one obligatory moment during the wee hours when Tuck 141 reads out his Ode to the Trial. It's become a bit of a tradition, legendry almost and you'll find it elsewhere in the mag. Over the years, there have been a few other versions float around and in some cases, equally as good but often not printable. You can't bleep out printed words, well you can but its not the same.

From my point of view the twenty-four this year was fairly taxing and my body kept telling me "It's getting too old for much more of this shit." To clarify that, I should say the work at the 24-hour is still as exiting as ever but the packing up, unpacking, setting up and pulling it all down again, just to pack up, go home and repeat it all, is a young bloke's game, which I'm not.

The repeater on Mount Rufus was again stretched to its limits to cover the whole track and one control in particular ended up doing most of the work on a mobile phone. Luckily, but mainly due to being planned that way, the course didn't extend as far north this year and phone coverage was fairly good all round, thus much of the controller traffic was handled in house by mobile phone, having a huge effect on the reduced on-air traffic. While on about spring chickens and those of us who are not, Graham 141, Chris 49 & Trevor 120, none of whom are getting any younger, again put in a mammoth effort and in this list of helpers at Main, I include Sue Haseldene, who pencilled alongside Chris all weekend, thank you all for a job well done. Another who needs a mention is Bill 78, who reckons you are

only as old as the woman you feel, was again there to help with many of the shitty jobs, making the load on us a lot easier.

Leaving only the members, who did all the work out on the controls to get their well earned accolades and similarly the many controllers ,who took up the challenge this year. Well done all and thanks for assisting in a successful Twenty-Four. While I'm on a roll, the medics in the Course controllers cars, the Course controllers and the committee back in main, all deserve a pat on the back too. The only thing wrong with thanking individuals, is missing some out so to everyone else tied up with this event, Thank you.

Bloopers!! One comes to mind. We hang an ACRM Radio Operator sign on the door to the room we are in and if its on the inside, it's only visible when the door is open so when its cold and the door is shut the sign is hung outside but if the door is then opened the sign is out of sight behind the door. Naturally that is exactly what happened so out of sight, out of mind, reigned supreme and we left without it. One of the 24-hour committee spotted it and has it safe for us, so no biggy.

Training Officer's tweet;Bill 78:

There are basically three mobile phone carriers in South Australia, irrelevant of your provider, there comes a time when you're in a "Black Spot" for signal coverage. Hope is not lost, if you require to call the **000** emergency phone number, **try the number 112**. This number is provider independent; the phone seeks out the nearest and strongest signal. The call will be answered by a 000 phone call centre and take your call through to the appropriate operator. **Remember the number is 112.**

Treasure Trove; Chris 49:

I would like to thank all member's who helped me search for a particular ball of wool. When Jean 318 sent me a text asking if I still needed the wool as she had some left over from a blanket she had just crocheted, I was relieved but apprehensive, as I still had to go to my friend Stella's place to see if it matched. Prior to then I had carried a sleeve around as a sample.

On Monday I drove to Nuriootpa to see Jean, have a cuppa, a chat and a look at the precious ball of wool.

The colours looked right but it was going to be a visit to Stella' before I'd know for sure. Unfortunately, once side by side the pink and white matched but the burgundy was a lighter shade than the colour on the almost knitted jumper. While at Stella's she decided I'd done enough running around for it and unravelled the sleeves so she could change it to short sleeves. Problem solved.

After talking to Jean we have decided to make some Trauma Teddies for her doctor to have on hand for children who may be upset.

: Tech Tips; Phil 48:

I'm going to make a strange foray into the world of NBN, at least the bit I'm aware of and that is to do with your normal phones and what will happen to them after NBN.

All is not doom and gloom with this newfound way of delivering phone and Internet. It's worth noting though, things will change. No longer is there a voltage available over the phone line, in fact there is pretty well nothing on the phone line, except the NBN signal, if the NBN is delivered via your old copper phone wires. In order to get a phone going again the dial tone and other basics are created within the NBN system and once successfully connected a phone point is available on the back of the modem that is supplied, meaning one phone point as opposed to the many you may have had prior. It may sound bad but it should be easily rectified and if you have a good installer he may do it for you. Failing that, a good sparky (there is one advertised in the back of this book) will be able to connect the phone out from the modem back to a wall socket and get those phones in other rooms working again. Luckily, somewhere back in history, Telecom or it was probably PMG in those days, standardised the phone connection in domestic use to a parallel system, which sort of meant that you could hang phones across the blue and white wires until a desired load was reached. And various phones had varying capacitance so there was no set amount of phones that could be on any given system, instead the installer could phone a test number and get a report on when the maximum had been reached. Without getting too political. No, the NBN is not as good as it should be – for many reasons, one main reason is the fact that fibre optics cable is terminated at a "Node" to your existing, slow copper phone wires and losses occur. Speed tests will show that even a poor speed on NBN is still better than the old ADSL. Great!! I hear you cheer but wait for it, your excitement is a wee bit premature. Remember my opening line about no

voltage on the phone lines any more? Well here comes the crunch, that stuff called electricity that we all pay dearly for, whether we get it or not is the only thing standing between NBN service and no service. If you have any reliance on the phone, i.e. smart dialler or security dialler; make sure it is mentioned at the time of installation so that a suitable back-up battery or UPS is fitted. Without it you can forget about getting help during a brownout. Another option is to make sure your mobile phone (If you have one) is maintained and in good working order. If you wish to maintain your landline (home phone) you will have to go through a carrier to apply for the NBN, however you may wish to forfeit your home number and go to a mobile phone only and after all, you have probably had your mobile long enough for all your friends to know it now.

My Mother always told me ; Chris 49:

My Mother always said, by Anna Tochter. A small book containing bits I'm sure we have all heard, starting with, you'll understand when you have children of your own. It is divided into sections and we are up to:

Section 11; *Mother knows best.*

Mother's have a (often contradictory) saying for everything and all occasions.

Least said, soonest mended.
Eavesdroppers never hear any good of themselves.
Better out than in.
If you can't be good, be careful.
Don't care was made to care.
Out of sight out of mind.
Don't make a fuss.
The devil finds work for Idle hands.
Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil.
Neither borrower nor lender be.
Monkey see monkey do.
Better safe than sorry.
There will be tears before bedtime.
Don't make mountains out of molehills.
She's no better than she should be.
If you don't stop that, you won't be able to help it.
More haste, less speed.
If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing well.
A thing learned now is a habit for life.
Funny ha-ha or funny Peculiar?
A secret is only a secret when you don't tell anyone.
It's never too soon to learn.
Were you behind the barn door when brains were being given out?

Were you born in a tent?
All things in moderation.
I've got eyes in the back of my head you know.
If you go to bed with wet hair, you'll catch your death of cold.

One more batch,
Manners maketh daughters
Oh, the hours of work that went in here.
When someone asks how you are, don't tell them.
Say "very well thank you."

Protect yourself from other people's bad manners,
by a conspicuous display of your own good ones.

If you can't say anything nice about someone,
Don't say anything at all.

Manners are all we have to separate us from the animals.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Thank you letters must be written within the month.

Don't make personal remarks

Don't point and don't whisper

Children should be seen and not heard.

Speak only when spoken to and not before.

Tuck's tales; Graham 141:

Following a presentation from Hon John Dawkins at a recent Gawler History Team meeting, the National Trust museum in Gawler made contact to arrange a visit to Parliament House for a historic inspection.

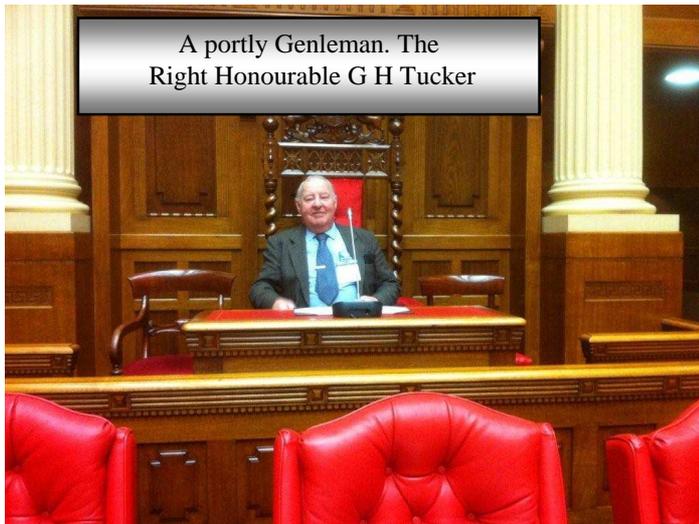
A number of members showed an interest in attending and a date was agreed upon. The message got around, and soon we had an equal number of members of the Gawler History Team interested.

As a result, a party of 22 met at the main entrance of Parliament House and were ushered through Security, issued with name tags and then were met by Hon John Dawkins and his team and conveyed in three shifts up the elevator to morning tea of coffee and biscuits.

Personally, having never visited before, I was surprised at the actual size of the building. We visited the Upper House with its Red upholstery and were able to appreciate the acoustics of this chamber.

From there to Old Parliament House and on the way to the House of Assembly, we visited the Library with its large collection of books etc.

This chamber houses 47 MP's but lacks the acoustic qualities of the Upper House, but we were allowed to sit in the green seats (all labelled with an



A portly Gentleman. The
Right Honourable G H Tucker

MP's name and title).

All through our visit, the Hon John Dawkins kept us informed of the history of the South Australian Parliament .

All agreed that it was an interesting and worthwhile outing.

LAST MONTH'S
CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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July's answers

Birthday greetings and best wishes.

Birthday greetings for August are extended to:

Malcolm 17 for the 2nd.

Luke 371 for the 8th.

Vicki 172 for the 29th.

We wish you all the very best for a special day.

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I hate to say it but items for sale, to buy or exchange have been a little scant over the last few months, thus it is an ideal time to submit your for sale items to us.

Jokes...Not too subtle.

Grandma Joke

"Hi! My name is Gertrude," said the lady next to him on the plane. "It's so nice to meet you! I'm flying to New York for my grandson's third birthday. I'm so excited! I remember when he was just a little thumbkin and now he's already three! It's really hard to believe. He's the most adorable thing you've ever seen! You know what? Hold on, I think I might have a picture on me. Let me take a look in my purse, yes, here it is, just look at him, isn't he adorable. Do you see his dimple on his left cheek? Simply adorable! I could stare at his picture all day. Oh my, and you should hear him on the phone! He is just the cutest, he says to me in the cutest voice "Hi Grandma!" It just gets me all teary eyed." After what seemed like two hours for the poor man sitting next to her, Gertrude seemed to realize that perhaps she was talking a bit too much. "You know, I feel terrible! Here I am just talking and talking without letting you get in a word edgewise! Tell me, what do you think about my Grandson!"

Horse

Jack strode into 'John's Stable' looking to buy a horse. "Listen here" said John, "I've got just the horse your looking for, the only thing is, he was trained by an interesting fellow. He doesn't go and stop the usual way. The way to get him to stop is to scream heyhey the way to get him to go is to scream Thank God. Jim nodded his head, "fine with me, can I take him for a test run?" Jim was having the time of his life this horse sure could run he thought to himself. Jim was speeding down the dirt road when he suddenly saw a cliff up ahead "stop!" screamed Jim, but the horse kept on going. No matter how much he tried he could not remember the words to get it to stop. "yoyo" screamed Jim but the horse just kept on speeding ahead. It was 5 feet from the cliff when Jim suddenly remembered "heyhey!" Jim screamed. The horse skidded to a halt just 1 inch from the cliff. Jim could not believe his good fortune, he looked up to the sky, raise his hands in the air, breathed a deep sigh of relief and said with conviction "Thank God."

Minutes of 404th OCM

Minutes of Meeting 404 held on 26th June 2018 at Collinswood.

Meeting opened at 2005 hrs

Present.. 141,78, 21, 232, 45, 43, 44, 48, 49, 113, 212.

Apologies 80,233,64,370,371,372,333,40,423,120,

Minutes of Previous Meeting Moved 212 Sec21 & Carried.

Matters arising Nil

Correspondence In 18I/ 20,21,22,23 Out 18O 2 moved 232, sec113 and carried.

Reports

President Printed balance of Raffle tickets. Need to sell more!

Secretary. Visited Parliament House today

Treasurer Bal \$7385.99 In \$14.59 Out Nil

Inc Central Belt \$4125.09 In \$150 Moved 141 Sec 44

Training Officer Well done at Robbie.

Rally Coord. Absent with apology Horse event 22 July

operators required

Social Sec Sell as many raffle books as possible

Resources Nil

General Business

113 Suggested using radios as a prize for raffles. May try it sometime.

Next meeting 405th July 24th 2018

Meeting Closed 2030



IN THE KITCHEN WITH CHRIS 49.

RAISIN RING CAKE

125g softened butter	1 cup caster sugar
2 eggs	1 cup sour cream
1 tsp vanilla essence	2 cups plain flour
1 tsp baking powder	1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
¼ tsp salt	½ cup raisins, chopped

Topping

¼ cup sugar	½ cup walnuts
½ cup chopped raisins	1 tsp mixed spice

Method: - Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease a ring tin.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then beat in eggs. Stir in sour cream and vanilla. Mix in sifted dry ingredients, then stir in raisins.

Spoon half the mixture into the prepared cake tin. Combine topping ingredients and sprinkle half over the batter. Spoon remaining cake mixture on top and sprinkle with remaining topping. Bake for 50-60 minutes. Cool for about 10 minutes before removing from the tin.

Serves 8-10

LEMONY GINGER CAKE

125g softened butter	1 cup sugar
1 egg	grated zest of 2 small lemons
2 cups plain flour	pinch salt
2 tsp ground ginger	1 cup warm milk
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda	2 tblspns golden syrup

Method : - Preheat oven to 140°C. Grease a 20-cm x 11-cm loaf tin.

Beat butter and sugar to a light fluffy cream. Add egg and beat well. Add lemon zest. Sift flour with the salt and ginger. Combine warm milk with the bicarbonate of soda and golden syrup and add to the creamed mixture alternately with flour. Beat vigorously.

Pour into prepared tin and bake for about 1 hour (test after 45 minutes).

Serves 8-10

4 eggs
230g butter
2 tblspns cornflour
Pinch salt
1 tblspn extra flour
230g sugar
230g plain flour
½ tsp baking powder
2 tblspns sherry

Method: - Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and line a 20-cm square or round cake tin
Beat eggs and sugar in a small bowl. In another bowl cream butter add sifted flours,
baking powder and salt, then beat in egg and sugar mixture. Add sherry and fold in the
extra flour to prevent curdling.

Spoon mixture into prepared tin and bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour. When cold, top with
icing made with sifted icing sugar, a little butter and some sherry.

Serves 8

GOURMET FRUIT CAKE

450g currants
450g each of seedless raisins, seeded raisins, and dried figs, chopped
230g dried prunes, cooked, drained, pitted and chopped
230g dates, chopped 170g glacé cherries, finely chopped
170g candied citron, finely sliced 110g candied orange peel, finely chopped
230g almonds, blanched, toasted and slivered
3 cups dark rum (or whiskey) 240g softened butter
2 cups dark brown sugar 5 lge eggs
1 ½ tsp each ground cinnamon, ground nutmeg, ground allspice
2 cups plain flour 2 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt

Method: - Combine dried and candied fruit and almonds. Stir in rum (or whiskey) and let
the mixture stand for a week.

Preheat oven to 135°C. Butter two 8-cm baking pans and line them with brown paper or
baking paper, making sure the paper extends over the edge of the tins. Butter the paper
lightly.

Cream butter and gradually blend in sugar and spices. Beat in 2 eggs. Sift together flour,
baking powder and salt. Blend 1 cup of the flour mixture with the creamed mixture and
beat in 3 more eggs. Stir in fruit and rum mixture and remaining flour, mixing the batter
well.

Pour the batter into the prepared pans, pressing it down firmly into the corners, then drop
filled pans from a height of 15 cm to eliminate any air bubbles. Place the cakes in the
oven and put a shallow pan filled with hot water on the bottom of the oven, underneath the
cakes. Bake for 2½ hours, or until they test done. Cool the cakes in the pans for 1 hour,
then transfer to wire racks, peel off the paper and leave to cool thoroughly.

Wrap cooled cakes in cheesecloth that has been soaked in rum and store in tightly covered
containers. Let the cakes age as long as possible before serving (one month minimum),
moistening cloths every month with dark rum. Makes 2 cakes (each serves 8-10)

LIGHT FRUIT CAKE

1 x 300ml condensed milk 250g butter
500g mixed fruit (chopped apricots, apple and sultanas, or fruit medley)
2 cups plain flour ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
½ tsp salt

Method: - Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and line a 20-cm cake tin.

Put condensed milk, 1¼ cups water, butter and fruit in a saucepan and stir over low heat until combined and butter is melted. Set aside for 10 minutes.

Sift flour, soda and salt into a bowl, then add to the fruit mixture and mix well.

Place mixture in the prepared tin and bake for 1¼ to 1½ .

Serves 8

SWEET POTATO FRUIT CAKE

¾ cup butter 2 tblspns golden syrup
1 cup sugar 500g mixed dried fruit
2 eggs, well beaten 1 cup mashed sweet potato
1 cup plain flour 1 cup self-raising flour
1 tsp mixed spice 1 tsp ground nutmeg
Pinch salt

Method: - Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease a 22cm square cake tin.

Melt butter in as large saucepan. Add golden syrup, sugar and mixed fruit and stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and add the eggs and sweet potato. When cool, add sifted flour, spices and salt.

Place in prepared tin and bake for 1½ hours.

Serves 10-12



When we did our first Clare event we were introduced to an incredible cat, nicknamed Panda (something to do with its colour, I suspect). It was however an incredible, most pleasant cat, which coming from a cat hater is quite a compliment. When at the oval last, there was no sign of him, I don't know if Panda died, ran off or was taken but oddly enough, I hope he is

still chasing shiny things around - somewhere. It was mesmerised by the shiny BNC fitting on the coax and as I tried to roll it up, Panda pounced on it, laid on it and the more it moved the more playful he got. It was the showground's cat not any particular person's cat and it survived quite nicely on food scraps that occur in bins and on the ground at a show ground so while it was technically no ones cat it was loved by all who had anything to with the showground and I've no doubt a few extra scraps of food was purposely left around.. Either way it was a healthy cat and wanted for nothing.

I had intended doing some photos of the prior Twenty fours but the only photos I have were chronicled only a few mags ago in the Twenty four hour Special Edition.

The only thing Twenty-four left is to print Tuck's Ode to the Trial 2018

It's no secret that the Ode has become a bit of Tuck's Twenty-four history and although a few have had a go at similar scribbles, Tuck's has remained the only one to regularly link all the controls together by name and in order.



Ode to the trial 2018

OUT we go into the **SCRUB**, past the **TANK** leading into the **STICKS**.

We were surprised to meet the **SARGENT** at the **QUARRY** near **INVERMAY LANE**, but pleased to find the **HOMESTEAD**.

Just up the road was a **PELICAN** entering the **PINES**, and what a **CHASE** we had.

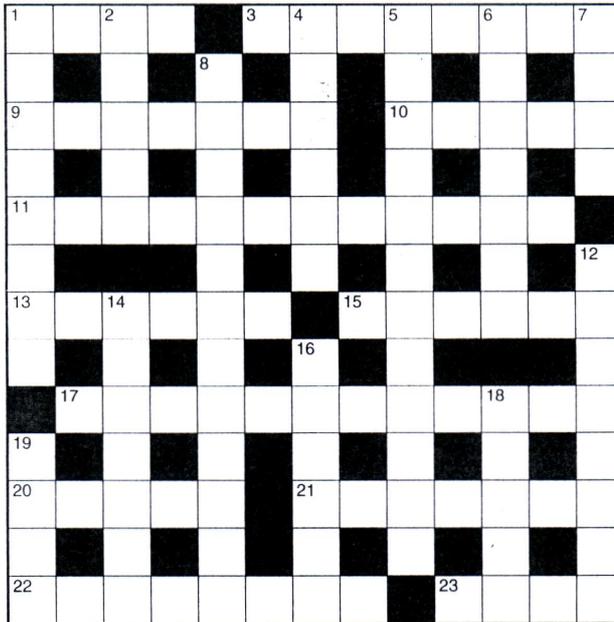
One would need to be as pure as a **BISHOP** to wade through the **CREEK** past the **RUSTY** fence at the **ACCOMODATION** where the **WILD DOG** jumped the **IRONGATE**.

We thought we saw a **BOMBER** through the **GAP** near the **STACK**.

“ARGO on OLIVE” its safe to drive **FORDS** through the **CUTTING** on the way back to **MAIN**.

Crossword Puzzle, compiled by
Chris 49.

Answers next month.



(Aug 18)

ACROSS

1. Becomes ill (4).
3. Infancy(8)
9. Bad point against licence (7).
10. Put a value on (5).
11. 24th December (13).
13. Magazine Boss (6).
15. Type of fuel (6).
17. Sewing fancywork (12).
20. Firm belief (5).
21. Not giving way to requests (7).
22. Offices of an agent (8).
23. Pip (4).

DOWN

1. Taken against will (8).
2. Monkey-like animal (5).
4. Respiratory disease (6).
5. Male from Northern country UK (12).
6. 8 musical steps (7)
7. Extinct bird (4)
8. Of members of the highest social rank (12)
12. Got out of a car (8).
14. Exceedingly huge (7).
16. Make or become wider (6).
18. Picture or statue (5).
19. .Volcanic mountain (4).

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