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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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<u>Club nights at The New Inn, Heckfield, 8pm, 2nd Monday in every month</u>
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Mo's Mutterings

Hi folks, how lovely to see the wonderful sunshine over the last weeks. Life will be even better when the clocks go forwards on Saturday night. (Don't forget – always towards summer or, spring forward and fall back, whatever reminds you to alter your clocks, including the ones on your Austins!).

I cannot really put into words how Don and I feel about Trevor Wild's sudden death, devastated comes to mind straight away. He will be missed so much, such a lovely man with his cheery smile and quiet manner. It's so unfair. I hope Jane will still take part in our club activities during the year, it was really brave of her to come to the last club night and I am sure she was a real asset to her team in the making of the shoebox car. Trevor had a grand send off with twelve vintage cars following him on his last journey across the downs to Portsmouth, as Jane said afterwards, he was out in front , in the lead as usual.

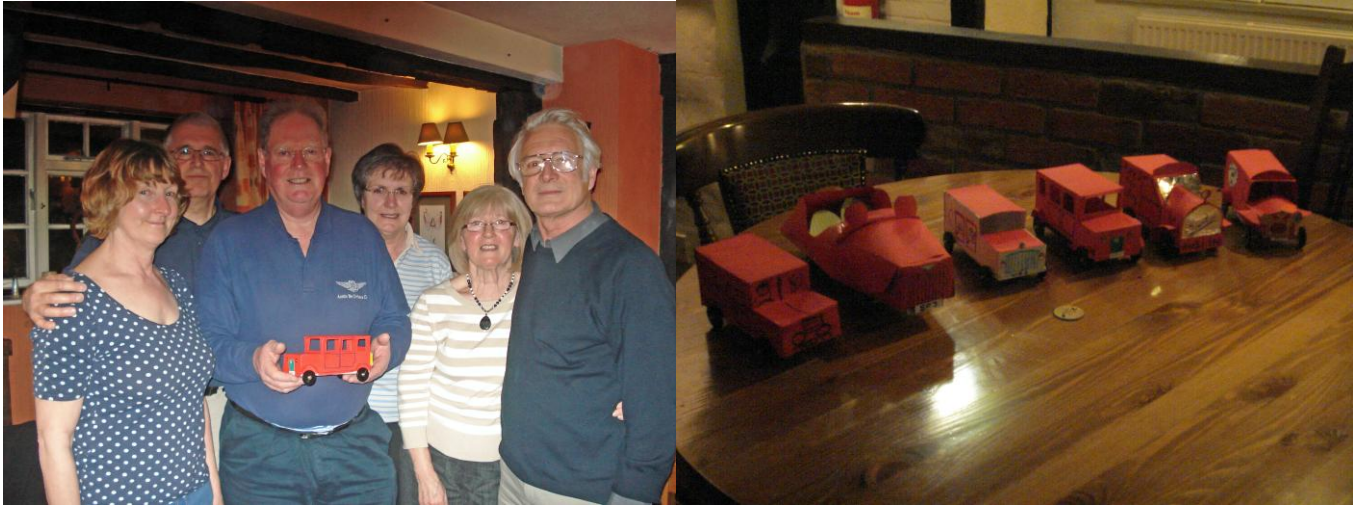
Unfortunately, there will be no Queries of the Month this time as Andy Ranson has serious problems with his technology down in Weymouth. However, he has managed to get his "new" MG running. Funny that! Hopefully, he will have everything up and running again for the May edition.

Maureen

Chairman's Corner

The March club night saw us all scratching our heads trying to work out how to make a cardboard car from Don's meagre parts and instructions. There were some budding designers who came up with excellent cars .

The winner of the best car, as adjudged by Tim the landlord, was that of Julie Ell's team and the winning team for furthest distance travelled was that of Peter Appleford's, so congratulations to them.



The raffle proceeds were again used to donate to a charity in memory of a member who had sadly passed away. I mean of course, Trevor Wild. Jane, his partner, was bravely with us and requested the money be sent to Help for Heroes.

The title of the next club night is Spring Airing where we get out the real cars and generally compare notes, with a glass or two in between. Let's hope that the weather we are currently having stays with us for that evening.

John

Secretary's Scribblings

Quiz News

February Quiz

This one, devised by Julie (Els) and Mick (Corbett), featured places and attractions that Julie has visited at some time or another, during her life. There were only three entries and the winners, in this instance, with 25 correct answers for the 26 questions, were Andy and Do (Ranson) so congratulations to them.

Answers to the quiz appear elsewhere in this edition.

April Quiz:

"*This Will Make You Cross*". Answers to this one all contain the letter 'X'. Please forward your entries, to reach me by Friday 6th May, enclosing the customary £1.00 towards prizes. Thanks!

Lord Austin ~ 70th Anniversary of his Death

The 70th anniversary of Lord Austin's death, in 1941, is fast approaching and the Austin Ten Driver's Club (ATDC), in particular, is planning to commemorate this by arranging for a short, graveside service to be held, on Sunday 22nd May, at Holy Trinity Church, The Lickey, which is a couple of miles from Longbridge and just a mile from his former home of Lickey Grange.

All clubs/centres associated with the ATDC have been invited, via David Kear, (ATDC Archivist), to send representatives to this event, although it is also appreciated that such attendance is likely to be limited to those within 'striking distance' of the location in question.

The NHAEG Committee decided at the January Committee Meeting, that, in principle, we should mark the occasion by sending a wreath/tribute as a small 'Thank You', in memory of the man, whose

creations have provided so much pleasure, to so many, over the years – and, indeed, continue to do so today.

Accordingly, it is intended to arrange for such a tribute to be forwarded to David, who has kindly offered to place it at the graveside, on our behalf. This is, of course, unless there is any NHAEG member who possibly plans being in the area, just south of Birmingham, on the 22nd May and who may care to perform this task in person. If this is the case please do let me, or any member of the Committee, know, by the May Club Night (9th), in order to discuss details.

90th Birthday of the Austin 7!

Following on from the aforementioned it may not have escaped the notice of many that *next* year will be the 90th Anniversary of the birth, in 1922, of the Austin 'baby'. This will doubtless be celebrated, in one way or another, by clubs all over the country, if not the entire globe!

Here in the UK, the A7CA (Austin Seven Clubs Association), in particular, is planning a three-day event to be held in the grounds and using the facilities of Warwick School. The Scottish Austin Seven Club (ScA7C) has picked up the baton and has agreed to mastermind the event. In due course, doubtless more details will emerge as to what is actually planned.

At the most recent NHAEG Committee Meeting it was agreed that we would give this venture formal, active support and, accordingly, Dave and Karen (Witton) and Don (Breakspear) all kindly offered to orchestrate matters from our Club's viewpoint. The notion has even been floated to combine attendance at the A7CA Celebration event with, possibly, a trip of slightly longer duration to that part of the country which, as will be appreciated, has quite a lot to offer in terms of visitor attractions and places of interest.

At this stage and in view of the time frame involved, it's not possible to put much 'meat on the bone', so far as details are concerned. However, as and when these become available they will be passed on to all members since it is hoped that as many as possible will be interested enough and, of course, be available to join those deciding on celebrating the birth of something which has, today, given so much pleasure to so many throughout almost nine decades.

Watch this space but, in the meantime, if anyone has any immediate questions about this initiative please get back to me and I will try to fill in any gaps.

Forthcoming Event – in Brief

We regularly received details of events planned for this year, often from far-flung corners of the country. The ones mentioned below are just a small selection of those felt to be of possible interest to members. Please contact those named in each instance for further details.

1. Woking Hospice 10th Classic Car Show and Fayre – Sunday 5th June

This event is highly recommended by two of our members and evidently attracts something in the order of 400 vehicles.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Sue Spencer, Fundraising Department, Woking and Sam Beare Hospices, on 01483 881750.

Entry Forms can be downloaded via their website: www.wsbhospices.co.uk. Entry is £5.00 per car with two occupants. This should be submitted before Friday 20th May 2011. Please also note that Club Entries are also welcome (minimum of 5 cars per club) but with each car on a separate entry form. So, if a sufficient number of us intend supporting this event it would be fun to consolidate our entries and go as a Club.

2. Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – White Dove Collector's Transport Show Sunday 14th August.

This will be held, as previously, on the Kingsley Sports Ground, Sickles Lane, near Bordon and attracts Veteran, Vintage and Classic Cars, plus motorcycles, military and commercial vehicles.

Details from whitedoveevents@hotmail.co.uk

Please note, however, that the date clashes with that of the August Amble being organised by Colin (Greig).

3. **Turweston Wings and Wheels - Sunday 18th September.**

This event combines a car show, involving all the usual categories of historic vehicles, plus an air show in which flying examples of WW2 aircraft are on display. In the past there have been fly-pasts of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, plus a visit from a Vulcan bomber.

There are also Trade Stands and an Autojumble.

The address of Turweston Aerodromw is Biddledon Road, Westbury, Brackley. Northants. NN13 5YD tel: 01250 705400

Further details obtainable from tanya@turwestonflight.com

Inter Register Club

The first couple of events in the table below, being 'local', are those which are well within the 'stretch' of vehicles owned by NHAEG members. An Entry Form for the most imminent one, the Alvis Scatter Rally, which is also do-able purely as a tour of the countryside, appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Inter-Register Events – 2011 – Revised dates

Date	Organising Club	Event	Location	Possible Clashes
<u>Sat 9th April</u>	Alvis	Scatter Rally + tour	West Sussex/ Hampshire	
Sat 18th Jun	750MC	"Trally" - mix of na rally and treasure hunt	Hants/Berks	VSCC Harewood Hill Climb and Yorkshire Tour
Event on offer: Sun 26 th June	Riley	Bathos Trophy scatter rally	Worcestershire	LC&ES weekend also in Worcestershire
Sun 17 th July	Humber	Navigation Rally	Dorset	VSCC Southern Rally Sat 16 th July
Sun 31 th July	STD	Driving Tests + tour	Hungerford	VSCC Norfolk Tour
July (date to be set)	<i>Alvis – may not happen</i>	Navigation/ Treasure Hunt	Scotland	
Sun 18 th Sept (tbc)	Riley	Scatter	North Wilts/ Gloucestershire	VSCC Yorkshire Tri
Sun 25 th Sept	Crossley	Treasure Hunt	North Yorks	LC&ES weekend Cotswolds
Sat 1 st October	Alvis	Scatter Rally	Dartmoor	VSCC Loton Park 1 st and 2 nd Oct
Sat 19 th Nov	ATDC/NHAEG	"Nightjar" Scatter/Orienteering	Surrey/Hants/Berks	VSCC Cotswold Tri Sat 19 th Nov

That's it for this month. April's upon us; all the plants, trees and vehicles are waking up, so see you at the 'Spring Airing' on the 11th!

Colin's Comments

On Sunday the 6th March I went along with grandson Ben to the 'Morris/Austin Day' at Brooklands, which I had recommended in last month's newsletter. It was a very good day with plenty of pre-war Austins in the Paddock, far more than Morris. Most of the Morris vehicles were in fact post-war, the majority being Minors, which were parked elsewhere around the museum. The weather was fairly good and after parking up we had a look round at the other cars and had a chat with many old friends.

There was a very good selection of cars and much to my surprise I found my old Nippy which I had not seen since I sold it twelve years ago. The present owner only purchased the car just before Christmas and was delighted to meet one of its previous owners. He had obtained the car from the person I sold it to who would appear not to have used the car very much as it had only covered 375 miles in the twelve years of his ownership. It had been for an MOT each year so I imagine most of the mileage must have been covered in going to and from the MOT centre.

It was just as I had sold the car with the same stickers on the windscreen and the side screens in the same plastic bags I had put them in when selling. I am glad to say however, the new owner has already done some mileage and intends to use the car regularly, so hopefully I will see it around on occasions. On returning home I emailed the new owner with some details of magazines that the car appeared in during my ownership. During the day I took some photographs of the Nippy with Arabella, my Austin 10 Cabriolet.



After lunch the Test Hill was opened for those with pre-war cars who wished to attempt it. You are not allowed a run up but have to do a standing start at the bottom, which is 1 in 8 soon changing to 1 in 6 followed by 1 in 4. Ben and I had 4 runs up the hill with the first nearly ending in disaster as the engine was not warmed up enough and we only just made the top. It would have been very embarrassing if we had had to reverse all the way down again. On the following 3 runs with a nice hot engine, Arabella shot up with no problems, all great fun.

After this there was a huge parade of all cars going round Mercedes Benz World and out onto the public roads before returning to Brooklands to all park up on the banking for some photographs. It was then time to return home, which was a very pleasant run particularly as by now the sun had come out.

It was an excellent day but very much saddened 36 hours later at the news about Trevor Wild who along with Jane had been at Brooklands, as was Peter Barlow who had all been standing at the side of the Test Hill cheering me on. It was such sad news and Ann and I both send our condolences to Jane and also Trevor's family.

That's all for now. Safe and Happy motoring

Colin

Don's Doodlings

Yes, it's that time again when Maureen is asking me for my doodlings.

It is a bit of a job to know where to start as in many ways it has not been the best few weeks for us. Firstly, with my mum passing away last month, Maureen and I would like to thank you all for your kind messages of condolence and also our thanks to all who attended mum's funeral.

Only a few weeks later we had the devastating news that Trevor Wild had suddenly passed away! Maureen and I first met Trevor on our first trip with Karen and Dave Witton to the Normandy beaches and over time got to know him as a very thoughtful and caring man. This was reiterated by his family and friends at his funeral. I know he will be missed by many.

As sad as my opening paragraph is, life continues. This was shown by Jane (Trevor's partner) attending club night on Monday to take part in the shoebox car construction. I was not quite sure how the evening would go but by the laughter and comments by all six teams I think it went down very well. The standard of construction of all six cars in an hour and a half was fantastic.

Last Monday evening we had a committee evening and spent some time discussing the forthcoming club nights and events. It would appear it is going to be a busy time and you can check this out in your new diary in the newsletter.

Can I suggest that if you see an event you would like to take part in, please contact the club member organising it, as soon as possible. The reason is that some events include a stopover at a hotel and the number of rooms reserved are limited. It is therefore a first come first served basis. Saying that, if you are interested in a trip to Witney, in Oxfordshire, to visit the brewery where Brakespear's beer is brewed, with a stopover at The Fleece Hotel in Witney, please let me know immediately if you are interested in this trip which is on the 24th and 25th September this year. We have a maximum of ten rooms provisionally booked at the hotel in Witney. If you would like to go please either e-mail me or telephone me immediately, to secure your place. On talking to the proprietor of the hotel I have secured a deal of £80 PER ROOM including breakfast and VAT. Hopefully, I will be able to fit in a few things around Witney to make it AN EXPERIENCE, perhaps bungi jumping and white water rafting! (Not!).

Don

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FOR SALE
AUSTIN 7 – 1937 Opel

Part restored. According to the owner this car has been rewired, the engine rebuilt and would run.

The body paintwork is OK and it needs a new hood. The framework is OK but the interior trim needs doing.

The colour is blue and black and the car has been with the present owner for the past 25 years.

If you would like to know more, please contact **John Hancock on 01189885387.**

Club Nite 11th April 2011

As you are aware if you were at club nite in March, I have organised for Joy Craig to come and talk to us about **fuchsias** in April. As it is now the 'right' time of year, she will be bringing a number of plants with her. These along with her other **fuchsia** regalia may be purchased. Joy will happily explain the best places for the particular plants – as you know there are thousands of varieties – and answer any questions you may have. She will not repeat the show from last Autumn but will talk in practical terms about caring for these wonderful plants.

We shall meet in the conference room starting about 8pm. Joy will have set up before so feel free to wander in. In addition perhaps we can do our annual plant swap on this nite. I shall bring some plants from my garden and then we can swap them – if you do not have any plants then I am VERY happy to accept homemade cakes, chocolate etc. Basically anything which is not good for me!!

See you at club nite

Karen

DRIVE IT DAY 2011

Next month is fast approaching and so wanted to make sure that you have all let me know if you are planning to come on this trip. Many thanks to those who have already responded and I am aware that a couple of you are committed already on the Daffodil Run – it is an unfortunate clash but not one easily avoided this year due to lateness of Easter, the royal wedding – all in all April is a busy month!

Anyhow if anyone would like to come and you have not already responded then please can I invite you to do so as soon as possible? I shall be letting the restaurant know final numbers next month so it would be very helpful if all can let me know by the end of this month. I can then collate the info I have and collect money for the menu choices at club nite. I would ask that you either let me have cheques on club nite or send to me at my address below. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO NHAEG. Jean can then pay the restaurant that money and individuals can settle any extras on the day. I show below those who have responded to me. Please do excuse if I have omitted anyone – I am currently on jury service and doing that and my job is quite onerous!

1. Karen & Dave!!
2. Trevor & Jean
3. Don & Maureen
4. Colin & Ann

5. Joan & John (not eating in restaurant)
6. Nick & Pat
7. Jenny & Peter
8. Mick & Julie (not eating in restaurant)
9. Peter & Pauline
10. John Chad
11. Jane Hanslip
12. Dave & Hazel
13. Phil & Jan - I know you said you would kindly help but not sure if I have your choices or if you know you can make it yet?

I know that Andy Seager and Malcolm and Sandra are double booked.

Look forward to hearing from anyone else who would like to partake!!

Thanks
Karen Witton

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Karen's Ladies' Page

Well the sun is finally shining and the weather has finally warmed up and Dave and I are really looking forward to the Spring Airing. I love this time of the year when the birds are nesting, all the colour bursts in the garden and it really is a time for being out there. I have been busy in the garden and Dave has also been busy outside – hopefully that keeps him away from Ebay and other auction sites, as who knows what would happen otherwise!

Dave has now decided that he will ensure that all the 'girls' have 'summer MOTs – think he has decided that driving Molly in rush hour in January is really no fun and I am sure that you all agree. So Dave's project this year is to align them all so as you can imagine there is a lot of work – well, fettling - to be done. Actually this is an apt description for what we ladies do in the garden – just like with our Austins, a gardener's work is never done. There is always something to trim, move, plant, a new plant to try or just taking cuttings. Julie Els and I have a number of conversations about this or that plant – it is great fun walking around someone else's or my garden and remembering where plants came from – am looking forward to our plant swap next month. I suppose therefore I do understand why our men folk can spend so many hours talking about the smallest things on the cars and this fix and that experiment. Dave looks at me blankly when I am talking re the garden and names of plants – he thinks a *choisia* is having another Austin!

Anyhow I hope that you are all enjoying the garden as we are and particularly the bird watching. Dave and I want to install a camera in one or two of our next boxes – we have heard great things about this and if anyone has any experience we would love to hear. I know colour is so very expensive – is it worth the extra for the quality and does anyone have any tips? Interestingly I watched a wren checking out one of our blue tit boxes – this is very surprising – has anyone had experience of wrens using boxes? We have had long tailed tits use the boxes so guess anything is possible?

On Sunday, Dave and I will be organising the Drive It Day route – hopefully the weather will remain fair and we are looking forward to organising a beautiful and interesting run for you all with a few twists along the way.

Look forward to seeing you at club nite and until then have fun with your Austins!

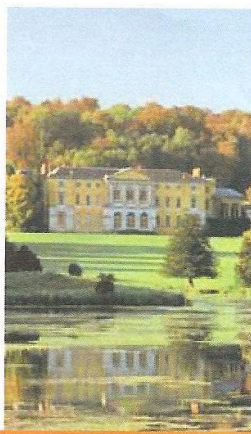
Karen



Your Invitation to West Wycombe Park's Vintage, Veteran and Classic Car Event

Sunday 19th June 2011

*Car owners are being invited to exhibit
at West Wycombe Park's new event.
Enjoy an afternoon in the grounds of
this 18th century villa with its stunning
park backdrop*



This is a value added event for the benefit of our visitors and will make their visit even more memorable with your participation in a glorious setting. Places are limited to 200 vehicles and your early response would be appreciated.

Please contact:

Christine Hathaway, Manager
Post: National Trust, West Wycombe
Park, Bucks HP14 3AJ
Tel: 01494 513569 or 01494 451600
Email: Christine.Hathaway@
nationaltrust.org.uk

Name: _____
Address: _____

Post Code: _____
Car Club: _____
Contact tel no: _____
Email: _____
Make: _____
Model: _____
Year: _____
Reg No: _____
Using a low loader Yes/No? _____

By completing this form you are confirming that your vehicle complies with the Road Traffic Act as regards Tax, Insurance and MOT

Admission is free. **Please respond as soon as possible**

We look forward to seeing you at beautiful West Wycombe Park. Picnics welcome as there is no tea room on the property.

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Trevor Mulford gave me this to put in the newsletter. Draw your own conclusions!

TAILPIECE

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Motor Sport
1958 October

February 2011 Quiz Where In The World? ANSWERS

All answers were cities, places or landmarks, where Julie (Els) has travelled; one for each of the 26 letters of the alphabet.

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| 1) Born in a Mediterranean Air Force Base | AKROTIRI (A) |
| 2) On the Magic Roundabout | FLORENCE (F) |
| 3) Composer Strauss in a fortified town? | JOHANNESBURG (J) |
| 4) Home of universal characters | ORLANDO (O) |
| 5) Not me and a male goose | UGANDA (U) |
| 6) Ferried by an Austin 7 trip here | YARMOUTH (Y) |
| 7) He had five rings in two thousand | SYDNEY (S) |
| 8) Weary expression spanning a river perhaps? | BRIDGE OF SIGHS (B) |
| 9) More in Italy | ROME (R) |
| 10) More acres for ER | QUEENSLAND (Q) |
| 11) Gambling on a Grand Prix circuit | MONTE CARLO (M) |
| 12) The tallest hotels overlooking the 'New World' | DUBAI (D) |
| 13) Northern Rhodesia by another name | ZAMBIA (Z) |
| 14) Longest reigning British monarch had a house here | ISLE OF WIGHT (I) |
| 15) Capital of Seychelles takes a tumble | VICTORIA FALLS (V) |
| 16) This place swings like a pendulum do | ENGLAND (E) |
| 17) Breakfast pastry at the seat of Government | DENMARK (D) |
| 18) A place where nobody dares to go (I didn't) - I went to the theatre instead | XANADU (X) |
| 19) Uncle Bulgaria could make a big noise here | WIMBLEDON (W) |
| 20) Crown the King of Scots in Aussie | PERTH (P) |
| 21) Doctors stay away from this large fruit | NEW YORK (N) |
| 22) Too high to eat off? | TABLE MOUNTAIN (T) |
| 23) Boundary for a Roman Emporor | HADRIAN'S WALL (H) |
| 24) A method or passage follows this female | GALWAY (G) |
| 25) Messie Kim in a sunny state | KISSIMMEE (K) |
| 26) A large French feline? | LYON (L) |

*The winning entry came from Andy and Do (Ranson) with a very creditable 25 correct answers. The one which eluded them, as it did all others, was X!
Congratulations to them both. It's understood they consumed one of their Easter Egg prizes on the long journey back home to Weymouth. They needed it for the caffeine and to keep up their blood sugar levels!*

April 2011 Quiz "This Will Make You Cross"

All answers contain the letter 'X' - Simple!

Entries please, to Trevor Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF, together with £1.00 (towards cost of prizes), by Friday, 6th May 2011.

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| 1. | A CITY WHICH ONCE CONSUMED FOOD | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 2. | CONCERNING A PIECE OF ELECTRIC WIRE? | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 3. | SOMEWHERE BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE | _ _ _ _ _ | (9) |
| 4. | WORLD WAR II BOMBER | _ _ _ _ _ | (7) |
| 5. | CAUSES GALLUS DOMESTICUS TO SCRATCH! | _ _ _ _ _ | (9) |
| 6. | MOUNTAIN GOAT CLAIMING TO BE FOOTBALLER | _ _ _ _ | (4) |
| 7. | A GIRL AND A DEVON RIVER ADDS TO A BUILDING | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 8. | QUICK TERPSICHOREAN MOVEMENTS | _ _ _ _ _ | (7) |
| 9. | CHOOSES A ROOM IN PRISON FOR A SCREEN DETAIL | _ _ _ _ _ | (5)) |
| 10. | A MUSICAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE? | _ _ _ _ _ | (9) |
| 11. | PROVIDES WARMTH FOR A HUNTED ANIMAL'S FOOT! | _ _ _ _ _ | (8) |
| 12. | AN UNDERGROUND RIVER ? | _ _ _ _ | (4) |
| 13. | HE MAY TELL YOU TO GET STUFFED! | _ _ _ _ _ | (11) |
| 14. | REVERSED 14 TH & 15 TH , PLUS 24 TH & 25 TH IS A GEM! | _ _ _ _ | (4) |
| 15. | FEMALE PARENT IN AN AUSTIN CAR? | _ _ _ _ _ | (7) |
| 16. | A SWEET COSMIC COLLECTION | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 17. | WILD CAT THAT CAN JOIN | _ _ _ _ | (4) |
| 18. | A DESTRUCTIVE RULER | _ _ _ | (3) |
| 19. | NOT THE FIRST BOOK | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 20. | WITHOUT THIS WE CANNOT LIVE | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |