

JOHNNY KINGDOM AT THE LAUNCH OF ATWEST'S MOOR ROVER SERVICE



Johnny Kingdom getting on to the Moor Rover bus at Simonsbath

To launch the Moor Rover service, Exmoor National Park Authority asked Johnny Kingdom, well-known enthusiast and promoter of Exmoor, to spend some time with ATWest staff and the bus in order to take some promotional photographs. I was there in my capacity as the Travel Club Newsletter Editor to take some photos for ATWest. Although the weather wasn't ideal it didn't rain (much) and Johnny and his wife Julie were charming and very enthusiastic about the service and were more than happy to put their names towards promoting it.

The Kingdoms arrived at Boeveys Tearooms in Simonsbath, the start of the launch, full of news of some stags that had been spotted close by. This was too good an opportunity to miss so we set off in the bus to have a look. Two stags were visible (though some distance away) and quite clear through Johnny's tremendous binoculars!



Stag-watching at Cornham Brake



Johnny and Julie and the Moor Rover bus at Brendon Two Gates

After this exciting interlude Lloyd drove us all up to Brendon Two Gates to photograph the bus with one of the many beautiful views to be found on Exmoor. Luckily there wasn't too much traffic but one car did stop and the driver said that his friend from Cumbria was always talking about Johnny Kingdom and couldn't believe his luck to have spotted him on the road!

The morning finished with lunch back at Boeveys and talking to Johnny about how the Moor Rover service will work. The food was delicious and we came away knowing that Johnny had discovered somewhere new to eat and a new service to encourage the wider use of Exmoor!



Barbara, Lloyd, Julie and Johnny Kingdom, Brian, and Dan of E.N.P. at Brendon Two Gates