



ATWEST



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ATWEST TRAVEL CLUB

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE!

It is that time of year again when we ask you to pay the annual subscription of £5 to receive the newsletter in the post (due on 1st April). We are not putting the price up this year, but to reduce our costs we will now only be printing the newsletter every other month.

The next one will come out at the end of May and cover June and July. By then I hope to have been on a few nice trips and taken some photos to put in!

Another change for this year is that the newsletter will now only be sent to individuals who have paid a subscription. In the past it was also automatically sent to group leaders.

Once the members' booking day has passed the information on trips will be available on the Atwest website or by calling into the office for a copy of the newsletter.

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Deb's Joke and Fun Page!

Two fish were in a tank. One turned to the other and said, "Do you know how to drive one of these things?"

A man was walking through the woods when he stumbled across a lamp. In time-honoured tradition he picked it up, rubbed it and out popped a genie who granted him three wishes.

"I'd like a million pounds," said the man. And POOF! A million pounds appeared.

"And what is your second wish?" asked the genie.

"I'd like a new Ferrari." And POOF! A gleaming red Ferrari appeared.

"And for your third wish?" asked the genie.

"I'd like to be irresistible to women," replied the man. And POOF he turned into a box of chocolates!



A lady invited some people to dinner. At the table she asked her six year old daughter, "Would you like to say grace?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear mummy say," suggested her father.

The daughter bowed her head and said "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

It's time for 'Britain's Got Talent' again!

I said "Put 'em up, or else!"



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Deb's Puzzle Page!



Easter Word Hunt



HAPPY EASTER!

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| COLORFUL | HOTCROSSBUN | RABBIT |
| DAFFODILS | HUNT | SEARCH |
| DECORATE | JELLYBEAN | SPRING |
| DYE | LAMB | SUNDAY |
| EASTER | LILY | TULIPS |

I couldn't fit the Sudoku onto this page so it's gone over there! Good luck!

Everything is cool here in the office!



MINEHEAD REVISITED by Mike Prescott



A picture with a difference this month.

I expect most of you will know the tradition of the Minehead Hobby Horse that comes around the area at the beginning of May. Years ago youngsters used to make one of their own to earn some pocket money - just a bit of sacking, some

rags and a small wooden frame and that was it!

I remember this was the first outing after the war (at the beginning of May the year before Victory was just around the corner). We made a few bob I think! One particular instance I remember was going up to Periton Mead House that was then a private residence owned by Sir Hartley Maud, and his wife giving us a two-shilling piece each - a fortune to us.

That is me on the accordion, I was twelve then. By the next year I had passed the stage of Hobby-Horsing but it was great fun!



STATISTICS!

As you know we did a big mail out a couple of weeks ago to bring everyone up-to-date with how the changes from Somerset County Council are going to affect Atwest and therefore our passengers.

Hopefully all the information made sense and we've been able to answer any questions that have arisen over the past few days. We also hope that things aren't too scary and that we can keep transporting you!

Just for interest I thought you'd like to know we sent out over 1000 envelopes (and have only had 7 returned by Royal Mail which is amazing) to passengers registered with shopping buses, Travel Club and Group Transport, containing nearly 6000 sheets of paper! It was quite a job stuffing those envelopes I can tell you!

DOES ANYONE HAVE A BOOK OF LOCAL POSTCODES THAT WE COULD HAVE? ROYAL MAIL NO LONGER PRODUCES THEM!



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MAY'S TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

Friday 6th May

MONKTON ELM GARDEN CENTRE

Arrive 12.00pm, depart 2.30pm **£5.50 per seat**

This is a lovely garden centre with good quality plants, lots of garden sundries, gifts, a pet centre, a craft centre, and of course an excellent restaurant where you can have anything from homemade cake to a full cooked lunch. I defy you to come home empty-handed!

Wednesday 11th May

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Arrive 11.30am, depart 3.00pm *****Special price of £6 per seat*****

I don't really need to sell Weston to you – it is already a very popular destination and with the pier now fully open there are even more attractions than before! And I would hope that the weather will be glorious so perhaps an ice-cream to finish the day?

Tuesday 17th May

LYNMOUTH followed by a drive through the VALLEY OF THE ROCKS

Arrive 12.30pm, depart Lynmouth 2.30pm **£4.00 per seat**

The Valley of the Rocks is one of the most dramatic places on Exmoor and I love going there! And to have time for lunch and a wander round the shops in Lynmouth beforehand will make for a splendid afternoon!

Wednesday 25th May

BOEVEY'S TEAROOM, SIMONSBATH (via Porlock Hill and Exford)

Arrive 2.00pm, depart 3.30pm **£2.50 per seat**

We couldn't stop doing the cream tea afternoons just because of the new charges and this is a really lovely tearoom – worth a visit for the size of the teacakes alone! I bet you couldn't eat a whole one!

Please book as many of these as you would like!

The booking line for May's **Travel Club** trips will open at 9.00am on Wednesday 27th April. Please remember that bookings will not be taken before this time.

Booking line number 01643 709701

APRIL'S TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

Wednesday 6th April

BLACKDOWN GARDEN CENTRE

Arrive 12.00pm, depart 2.30pm **£5.50 per seat**

There is an incredible range of plants to be found here, as well as the usual sundries and gifts. There is also an excellent aquatics centre if you like watching the tropical fish! And needless to say the restaurant serves delicious cakes, snacks and lunches!

Tuesday 12th April

STAGHUNTERS INN, BRENDON (via Porlock Hill)

Arrive 12.00pm, depart 2.00pm **£2.50 per seat**

This has proved to be the most successful of our lunch trips so it is always worth repeating. The journey out and back is very scenic and the pub is set in a pretty location, is very atmospheric and serves delicious food. What more could you ask?

Thursday 21st April

TAUNTON TOWN CENTRE

Arrive 11.30am, depart 3.00pm **£6.00 per seat**

There are lots of big name shops in Taunton but also some interesting independent stores. If you don't have much shopping to do then there is always the museum to visit, time for a walk along the river, and certainly lots of places to eat and drink!

Wednesday 27th April

DULVERTON (out via Dunster return via Porlock Hill)

Arrive 12.30pm, depart 2.30pm **£3.50 per seat**

Just the ride to Dulverton is worth coming out for, but once you get there you'll find some interesting shops, wonderful places for lunch, and might even be able to accessorize your wedding outfit for Friday!

Please book as many of these trips as you would like!

The booking line for April's **Travel Club** trips will open at 9.00am on Thursday 31st March. Please remember that bookings will not be taken before this time.

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