



# ATWEST



**ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT WEST SOMERSET**



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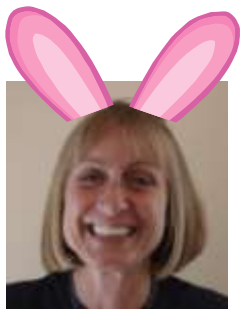
## ATWEST TRAVEL CLUB

Well, I think Spring has finally sprung! There are lambs in the fields, daffodils in the verges, the early morning is full of birdsong, and the sun feels warm (when it shines!) As well as all the work-type things that I do, I have finally been able to get on with some gardening and am looking forward to a trip to the garden centre to treat myself to some new plants for the summer! I hope that the improvement in the weather finally means an end to the winter and you can look forward to some lovely trips in the sunshine! HAPPY EASTER!

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# Deb's Joke and Fun Corner!



The grim reaper came for me last night but I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner... talk about Dyson with Death!



So what does someone really mean when they say they're fine?

- F – fed-up
- I – insecure
- N – neurotic
- E – emotional

Hope this doesn't apply to you!!



Look for the finished picture in Tate Modern!



Brings a whole new meaning to dog racing!

Andrew Lloyd Webber always took his cat to work at the theatre. Being such a familiar figure the cat was often given tit bits and munchies and quickly became known as the Fat Tom of the Opera!

My friend Sid has become the victim of id theft. Now he's just known as S!

I couldn't find an Easter Word Search so here is one for Spring - Keep Fit and Exercise!!



AEROBICS	PARALLEL BARS
ATHLETICS	PECTORAL
BALANCE BEAM	PHYSIQUE
BARBELL	PUSH UPS
BICEPS	PHYSIQUE
BIKE	PUSH UPS
BODY BUILDING	RINGS
DELTOID	ROWING MACHINE
DIET	RUNNING
EXERCISE	SPORT
FITNESS	SWIMMING
GYMNASIUM	TRAINER
HEALTH	TRAMPOLINE
HORSE	TREADMILL
JOGGING	TRICEPS
MEDICINE BALL	WEIGHTS
MUSCLES	WORKOUT
NUTRITION	

## HAVE YOU LOST ANYTHING?

We are developing a fine collection of bits and pieces found on the buses at the end of the day. We have glasses, umbrellas and many other things. If you have lost something and are not sure where, it is definitely worth phoning the office to see if we might have it. Hopefully we will be able to reunite you with a lost item, and re-home all these articles!



## NEW VEHICLE



This is our new MPV  
- multi-purpose  
vehicle - with 6  
passenger seats.  
We will be able to  
use it for all sorts  
of jobs including the  
occasional Slinky run  
perhaps!



## ATTENTION PLEASE!

Many people have already paid their money but there is still lots outstanding - don't forget or you won't be able to receive the newsletter or book Travel Club trips!

## MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

### TRAVEL CLUB

IN ORDER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND CONTINUE RECEIVING THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PLEASE PAY THE £5 ANNUAL FEE BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.

### GROUP LEADERS

THE £20 GROUP REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT BOOKINGS FOR GROUP TRIPS WITHOUT IT.



## TRAVEL CLUB TRIP TO CHEDDAR GORGE

On 8<sup>th</sup> March Brian Jessep took 10 Travel Club members to Cheddar Gorge and Cheddar Garden Centre. Brian drove through the gorge, a breathtaking experience, before parking up. The weather was bitterly cold (despite the big blue sky) and everyone was somewhat reluctant to leave the cosiness of the bus, but as you can see from the photos, they were persuaded in the end! Thank you to Sally Hunt for letting us use her photos.



After enjoying the scenery as long as they could stand the cold, Brian then drove to Cheddar Garden Centre where there was plenty of time for lunch and buying some treats for the garden!



## EXMOOR ADVENTURES

On February 9<sup>th</sup> Atwest's Moor Rover service carried 10 passengers from Porlock Vale House to the Valley of the Rocks for a day's rock climbing and abseiling. The day's activities were organised and run by a fairly new company called Exmoor Adventures which run activity trips all over Exmoor. Pictured is a group cycling at Wimbleball Lake last summer.

If you and a group of friends are feeling adventurous why not give Dan a call and arrange an activity day with him!



Phone 07976 208279 or email [dan@exmooradventures.co.uk](mailto:dan@exmooradventures.co.uk)



# COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE



At the end of February Brian Worrall and Lloyd Parry attended the annual conference of the CTA, this year held in Manchester's Central Convention Complex. Lloyd was particularly excited about the train ride up as he would be travelling on a section of line he'd never seen, and both of them were looking forward to the all-you-can-eat breakfast offered at the hotel! I think neither experience was disappointing! On a serious note though, attendance at a conference like this is a great way to meet people working in similar organisations to Atwest, sharing experiences and learning from problems and successes from organisations from all over the country.

Brian and Lloyd attended a variety of workshops and talked to people on several different stands throughout the conference, picking up lots of useful leaflets and some goodies too!

## TRAVEL CLUB TRIP TO ALLERFORD INN



The Travel Club trips that include a pub lunch followed by a scenic drive home have proved very popular this winter. We have visited The Staghunters Inn at Brendon twice, and Raleghs Cross once, and the seats have been snapped up very quickly. Everyone who has been seems to have enjoyed themselves very much - good food, good company and delightful scenery!

This month Lloyd decided the trip should go in a different direction and head east towards the big city of Taunton! The Allerford Inn at Norton Fitzwarren had been highly recommended by several people and looked like a good destination. Several of you agreed and on March 12<sup>th</sup> two buses set out to pick up passengers from Minehead to Williton. As you can see from the photo the pub arranged for everyone to sit together and looked after them very well.

Nigel and Pete King were the drivers and decided to take different routes back home - Nigel explored the Brendons and Pete came over the Quantocks! The weather was very good and passengers on both buses had some splendid views!

We're back to the Staghunters Inn in April!

# APRIL'S **TRAVEL CLUB** TRIPS

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

## **STAGHUNTERS INN**

We're not quite in the Cream Tea season yet so this is another lunch-and-scenic-drive outing – a very popular trip to a very popular pub!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

## **BARNSTAPLE**

**(£4 per seat)**

Well, Easter may have gone, and all the chocolate been consumed so it might definitely be time for buying some fresh fruit, or taking a walk along the river!

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

## **TIVERTON**

**(£4 per seat)**

This is a very popular market town with a good variety of shops and places to visit – well worth a trip!

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

## **YEOVIL**

I lived just down the road from Yeovil for many years and only went shopping there once! But it is a good shopping destination with many of the usual High Street shops, and some different ones too!

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

## **CLARKS VILLAGE**

Time to find some bargains for the summer?

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

## **WESTERN-SUPER-MARE**

**(£4 per seat)**

Fish and chips anyone?

The booking line for **Travel Club** trips will open at 9.00am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember that bookings will not be taken before this time.

**Booking line number 01643 709701**

*PLEASE NOTE...* FOR ALL FULL DAY **Travel Club** TRIPS THE BUS WILL BE LEAVING FOR HOME AT 3pm. This does not apply to group trips, where the time can be booked as needed.

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