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***Travel Club**
trips for March

50%

Somerset County Council has imposed a 50% concession on all Community Transport from April 1st 2011.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU IF YOU HAVE A BUS PASS?

When travelling on ATWEST TRAVEL CLUB trips, GROUP MEMBER trips or the SHOPPING BUSES you will now have to pay 50% of the fare within the district of West Somerset.

You will have to pay 100% of the fare outside West Somerset.

There is no change to the Slinky service until at least 2012.

Lots of rules and regulations will have to change too, including the way we operate some of our administration. We are working hard to sort all of this out as quickly as possible ready for April 1st, and as soon as all the details are clear and all the necessary decisions have been made we will be producing an information sheet which should explain everything you need to know. This will be mailed to all Atwest registered members.

We have to ask for your patience for a little longer whilst we make all the decisions and preparations but hope to be in touch well before the end of March.

Thank you.

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Deb's Joke and Fun Page!

What two letters spell jealousy? NV!

A farmer went out to his field one morning only to find all of his cows frozen solid. As far as the eye could see were cows, motionless like statues. It had been a bitterly cold night, but he'd never thought anything like this would happen. The realisation of the situation then dawned on him. With his entire livestock gone, how would he make ends meet? How would he feed his wife and children? How would he pay the mortgage? He sat with his head in his hands, trying to come to terms with his impending poverty.

Just then, an elderly woman walked by. "What's the matter?" asked the old lady. The farmer gestured toward the frozen cows and explained his predicament to the woman. Without hesitation the old woman smiled and began to rub one of the cow's noses. After a few seconds the cow began to twitch and was soon back to normal and chewing the cud.

One by one, the old woman defrosted the cows until the whole field was full of healthy animals. The farmer was delighted and asked the woman what she wanted as a repayment for her deed. She declined his offer and walked off across the field.

A passer-by who had witnessed the whole thing approached the farmer. "You know who that was don't you?" said the passer-by.

"No." said the farmer "Who?" "That was Thora Hird."

Five people have been stabbed with knitting needles. The police say the killer is following a pattern!



Well, Spring has sprung, the garden is bursting into life, and is this where babies come from?

Erm... me thinks someone left the hosepipe running!



What do you get when you cross a giant elk with cocoa powder?

A chocolate moose!

Deb's Puzzle Page!



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Spot the inventor!

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 BENZ BUNSEN BURROUGHS
 CARTWRIGHT COLT CROMPTON
 DAIMLER DE SEVERSKY DIESEL
 DUNLOP EDISON FORD
 FRANKLIN FULTON JEFFERSON
 LEONARDO DA VINCI MARCONI
 MORSE NOBEL PULLMAN
 SINGER STEPHENSON TULL
 WATT WESTINGHOUSE

How did you do last time? Here's another Sudoku to exercise those brain cells!

WESTON-SUPER-MARE



Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to... Weston-super-Mare! This is always a popular destination for the Travel Club and this trip was no exception with two buses going up for a lovely day in February. Here is the newly rebuilt pier, and Pete enjoying the facilities! Richard wouldn't let me use his photoboard photo!

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SNOWDROP VALLEY by St Audries Court, Watchet



On the 8th February residents of St Audries Court in Watchet took a trip down Snowdrop Valley, and as you can see they were rewarded with a fantastic display.

After a delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches in the Moorland Hall (provided by the Exmoor Pony Society) they had a drive over Dunkery before heading for home.

Hopefully, in this photo you can make out the deer that they saw as they drove along towards the Beacon. The herd contained about 9 stags and 2 hinds. What a wonderful and unplanned finale to the day!

With thanks to the residents for their report of the trip, and particularly Mrs Mair for her photos!



MINEHEAD REVISITED by Mike Prescott



How peaceful the Minehead Parade looked a hundred years ago with plenty of room for the transport of the day to pass up and down.

The boys with their bows and arrows (no computers, ipods etc in those days) and the lady with the pram crossing the road have no fear of being harassed by traffic!

The buildings haven't changed much except for the much lamented Plume of Feathers on the corner, now various establishments.

It looks as if the man with the pony and trap on the right is waiting for a fare (perhaps his was the original Slinky transport!) - how different it is from the same view now.



EXMOOR ADVENTURES



We had our first Moor Rover booking of the year when Exmoor Adventures hired the bus to carry a group to the Valley of the Rocks for a day's rock climbing.

The group were staying at Porlock Vale House near Porlock Weir, and taking part in many activities during their stay.

As you can see they had a beautiful day and apparently it wasn't as nippy on the

fingers as they expected! And judging by the smiles on these ladies' faces it looks like they had a lot of fun.

What a fantastic and satisfying thing it must be to climb to the top of these rocks and if you squint really hard you might be able to spot the bus parked in the bottom of the Valley!

MARCH'S TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

Tuesday 8th March

BURNHAM ON SEA

Hopefully the sun will be shining, the sky will be blue, and the fish and chips delicious, or the ice-cream, or the tea and cakes!

Monday 14th March

CHEDDAR GORGE and CHEDDAR GARDEN CENTRE

The beauty of Cheddar Gorge is breathtaking and having enjoyed a journey up the gorge there will be time for lunch and shopping at the garden centre.

Friday 18th March

LUNCH at the COTTAGE INN, KEENTHORNE

By popular request we are again visiting this lovely pub. It went down very well last time so hopefully you might be tempted to give it a go!

Tuesday 22nd March

HONITON or OTTER NURSERIES (£6 per seat)

The choice is yours – either spend the day in Honiton visiting the market and lovely shops, or go along to Otter Nurseries to make some special purchases for the garden!

Monday 28th March

CLARKS VILLAGE

Time to buy a quick treat for that spring holiday, an outfit for the Royal Wedding, or just to look for a bargain pair of shoes!

Wednesday 30th March

WELLS

Those who went to the special Christmas fair had a great day out so why not see what an "ordinary" market day has to offer!

BOOK AS MANY TRIPS AS YOU WOULD LIKE!

The booking line for **Travel Club** trips will open at 9.00am on Tuesday 1st March. Please remember that bookings will not be taken before this time.

Booking line number 01643 709701