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ATWEST TRAVEL CLUB

May is such a lovely month with trees starting to come into leaf and an ever increasing variety of flowers. The winter may have been long and cold but all our hardy plants really benefit. The daffodils have been glorious, the cherry blossom is wonderful and we still have bluebells and rhododendrons to look forward to (among other things). And at last there is warmth in the sun so we can leave some of our woolly layers behind when we venture out!

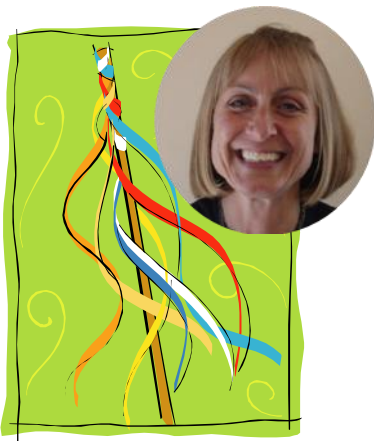
Hope you have a lovely month planning and making visits!

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Email your jokes and stories to Anna at atwestnews@aol.com

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Deb's Joke and Fun Corner!



What happened when a red ship collided with a blue ship?

The passengers were marooned!

It is so good to know that there isn't a thing we need to worry about!

A true story – apparently!

An 83 year old woman talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going.

What's grey with four legs and a trunk?

A mouse going on holiday.

What do you get when you drop a grand piano down a mine shaft?

A flat minor!

What do you get when you drop a grand piano into an army barracks?

A flat major!



Be afraid, be very afraid!

Makes sense to me....!

Time for a chat, a natter or a good old chinwag? Hope you enjoy this over a cup of tea!



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LOCAL EVENTS

ORCHARDS SOCIAL CLUB - FETE and CARNIVAL

On Saturday 12th June at 12.00noon

The committee of Orchards Social Club in Timberscombe are looking for people to join the procession at their carnival by entering a decorated vehicle, riding a decorated horse or dressing up and joining the parade. All the entries will be judged and prizes awarded for the best decorated vehicle, best flower pole, and best walking float or person.

If you would like to join please phone 07787 313775, email goodajo@aol.com or drop in to the next Carnival meeting on Thursday May 6th at 7.30pm in the Old Dairy, Timberscombe.

Even if you can't join in the procession, put the date in your diary for an afternoon out in Timberscombe!



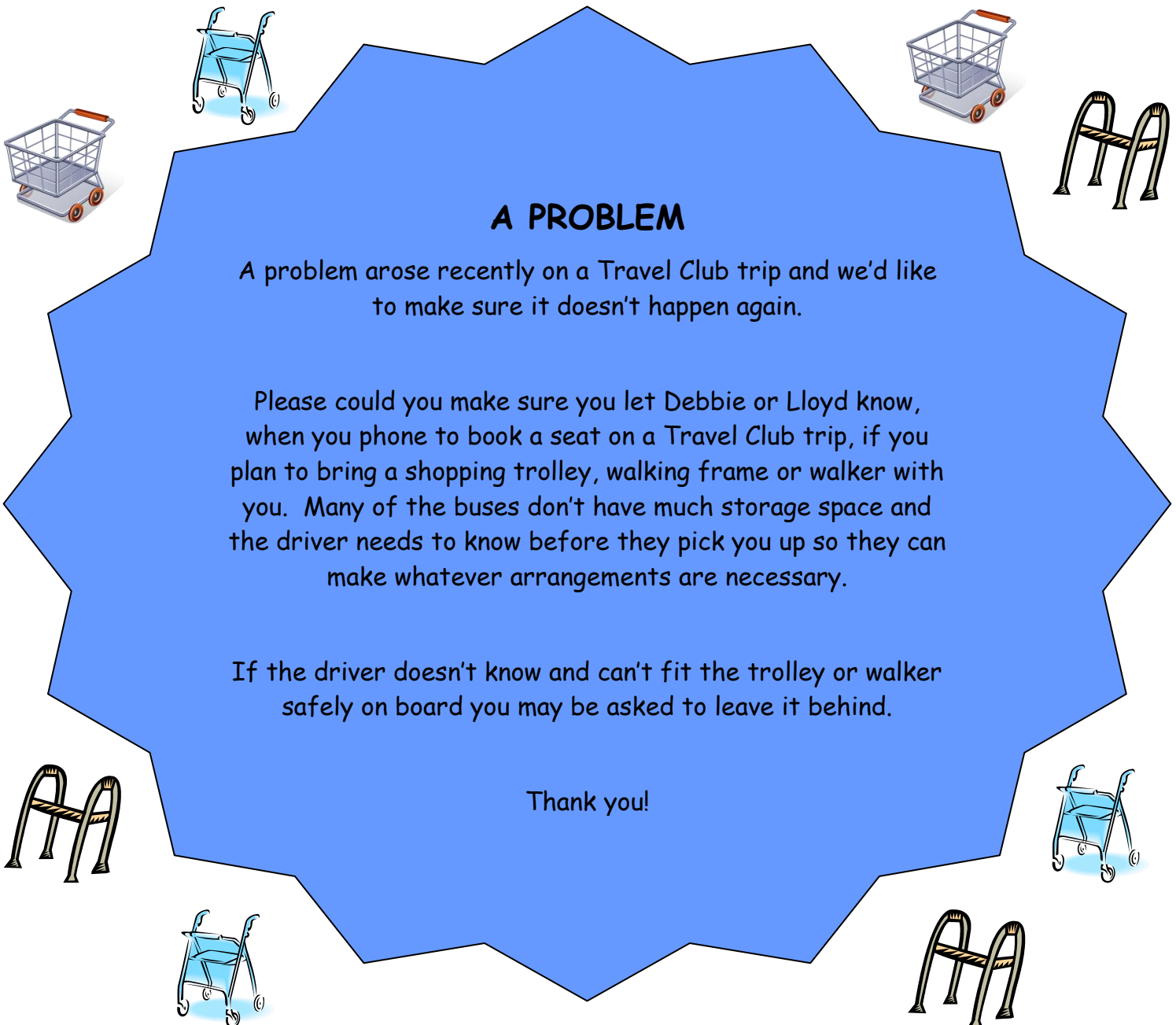
A PROBLEM

A problem arose recently on a Travel Club trip and we'd like to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Please could you make sure you let Debbie or Lloyd know, when you phone to book a seat on a Travel Club trip, if you plan to bring a shopping trolley, walking frame or walker with you. Many of the buses don't have much storage space and the driver needs to know before they pick you up so they can make whatever arrangements are necessary.

If the driver doesn't know and can't fit the trolley or walker safely on board you may be asked to leave it behind.

Thank you!



MINEHEAD REVISITED by Mike Prescott

The building on the left with the large white chimney was the Red Lion (now the Quay Inn). There were three other public houses down there - the Queen's Head, the Pier and the George.

The narrow street was thronged with visitors when the paddle steamer came in - no cars in those days!

The buildings on the right were damaged by storms in the early 1900s and were gradually cleared until in the years at the end of WW1 the road was widened as it is now.

Mount Royal, which was a private residence, stands out behind the Red Lion. It still looks the same today.



Quay Street, Minehead circa 1900

This postcard and information was provided by Mike Prescott whom many of you will know from his extraordinary escorting skills on the Thursday shopping bus and for the Parks Day Centre. If you want to know anything about Minehead or the local area he is the man to ask - and he has promised to write a bit for the newsletter every month which is great!



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FOR SALE

Have you ever been caught short, found a loo and been without a 20p piece to pay for it?

We have Radar keys for sale which give you access to any disabled loo where the facilities exist.

Why not to treat yourself and take away the worry of a trip across Exmoor, or anywhere else in the country (the keys are universal)?

They cost £4.25 and are available from the Atwest office.

Just drop in or give us a ring on 01643 709701



BLACK VENUS INN, CHALLACOMBE



This historic 16th Century building is situated in a beautiful part of Exmoor and is believed to be the only pub in England bearing this unusual name. It is full of character and charm and boasts a wonderful variety of food.



This ranges from sandwiches and ciabattas (hot and cold) including traditional cheese, hand-carved ham, and tuna and mayonnaise, to the Black Venus Chilli Dog described as "not for the faint hearted"! Hot food includes soup and other light meals, something called The Exmoor Beast and their famous hot Chilli Con Carne! And if you still have room there is a stunning selection of puddings to finish you off! I think you might need a snooze after a meal here!

KILVER COURT - SUMMER 2009



The Gardens at Kilver Court were first created by Ernest Jardine as a recreational space for the factory workers of Kilver Court in the 1800s and were known as Jardine's Park and Vegetable Gardens. In the 1960s, they were restored and developed by the Showering family of Babycham fame, who commissioned George Whitelegg to recreate his Gold medal winning Chelsea Flower Show rockery garden within the setting. At the time the garden was a bold and modern design statement but since then they have remained a hidden secret. Until now that is with new owners Roger and Monty Saul opening them for everyone to enjoy.



MOOR ROVER



Over the past couple of weeks drivers have been venturing to the four corners of Exmoor and West Somerset delivering leaflets advertising the Moor Rover service. We have mainly been targeting accommodation providers but also tearooms, pubs and other places where visitors to Exmoor may find themselves taking a break!

Moor Rover is a service for accessing Exmoor designed for use by walkers, cyclists, bird watchers, and anyone else who wants to get there and leave their car at home! It can drop people off, pick people up, or do both, as long as the journeys are booked before the day of travel.

Last year Atwest and Exmoor National Park launched this service with the help of Johnny Kingdom. It took off really well and is already off to a flying start in 2010. At the moment the service is available to groups of 6 or more, and from July 1st individuals and small groups of people will be able to use it.



Hopefully it will do well again this year and become an established part of the services that Atwest has to offer.

If you are interested in learning more about Moor Rover or are considering using the service phone 01643 709701 for further details.

MAY'S TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

Monday 10th May

BLACK VENUS INN, CHALLACOMBE

This pub has a varied menu to cater for all tastes (see page 5 for more details). After lunch the ride home will take a scenic route across the southern limits of Exmoor – a very beautiful part of the country!

Wednesday 12th May

WELLS

This is a wonderful city for tourists to visit, but it also has a splendid market on a Wednesday for those who like a bit of retail therapy!

Tuesday 18th May

KILVER COURT, SHEPTON MALLET

(group rate £4 per person)

We took a very successful trip to these gardens last summer and were asked to revisit for the azaleas flowering.

Friday 21st May

BOEVEY'S, SIMONSBATH

Summer must be here! This is the first of many drive-and-a-Cream Tea trips! This lovely tea room has the biggest teacakes you have ever seen, and many other delicious temptations too!

The booking line for **Travel Club** trips will open at 9.00am on **Thursday 29th April**. Please remember that bookings will not be taken before this time.

Booking line number 01643 709701

Tuesday 25th May

SIDMOUTH (£6 per seat)

Time to dig out the shorts and flip flops and take a paddle in the sea before fish and chips and an ice-cream!

Tuesday 1st June

BLACKDOWN GARDEN CENTRE

The gardens should be flourishing but you might still have a gap or two to fill! Go on, treat yourself!

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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