



ATWEST



ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT WEST SOMERSET

In this issue...

Page 1

*New yard

Page 2

*Deb's Joke and Fun Corner

Page 3

*Deb's Puzzle Page

Page 4

*A song

Page 5

*Concessionary Fare campaign

Page 6

*Minehead revisited

Page 7

*Moor Rover

Page 8

* **Travel Club** trips for November

ATWEST TRAVEL CLUB

By the time you read this we will know what the Government Spending Review has said. We might also be getting some idea how the cuts will be reflected locally. There is more on the Concessionary Fare campaign on page 5.

But it isn't all doom and gloom - there's fireworks, jokes and puzzles, another of Mike's postcards and lots of other stuff!

It isn't a very good photo, but on 30th September the buses were moved from our old yard in Mart Road to our new yard in Brunel Road - now all we need is the new office! ↓



ATWEST, Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BJ

Phone 01643 709701 Email: atwestoffice@aol.com

Website: www.atwest.org.uk Email Anna at: atwestnews@aol.com



Deb's Joke and Fun Corner!



During the time of the French Revolution an Englishman, a Welshman and an Irishman (no racism intended!) were captured and taken to the guillotine. The first man taken up was the Englishman. He was asked whether he wanted to lie face up or face down. He chose face up. The guillotine dropped but stopped short. The rules were that if a man wasn't beheaded at the first attempt, he was allowed to go free. So the Englishman went free.

Next up was the Welshman. He also chose to lie face up, and the same thing happened - the guillotine stopped short and so he was allowed to walk free.

Finally came the Irishman. He also chose to lie face up. "Ah ha," he said. "I see what the problem is."

The new apprentice on a building site was asked by the foreman to fetch a wheelbarrow from the other side of the site. He came back a few minutes later with two wheelbarrows, one on top of the other. The foreman asked why he had brought across two wheelbarrows. The reply came, "Well, I wasn't going to carry it."



Hopefully it's a bit early for snow photos but these made me laugh!

I'm running out of your jokes and need some help - if you have any funny stories, puzzles, jokes or pictures that I could use in the newsletter please send them!



Deb's (nearly new) Puzzle Page!



V I O B R T J L M V J M M Q P R I
 T B B C E T A N N I H C A C G E H
 L E L M A E R C S S G S S L R T O
 A A U S S E L M T S I N M J I T W
 U M B B N N B W O R I M H I N I L
 G H B R H I O B A C P C P E R T E
 H W E E P T V R K Y E L L E Y K L
 A E R I V G R E T V W F R A R D F
 C S Y R V I R N L A F A R M J P F
 P R H A L M R T B I O B E V C B U
 C P N G V V G H N R O V S H H S N
 V S M I L E U S E V L C O J L H S
 P N L G A V F M E I R R C E X R I
 B C A G A M F I A E T B Z N L I B
 V N C L V V A W E L W H I M P E R
 V B M E F Z W C E C J J P J M K O
 H C E A I V H C V B M X J N M R J

WHAT ENGLISH WORD RETAINS ITS PRONUNCIATION EVEN WHEN YOU TAKE AWAY FOUR OF ITS FIVE LETTERS?

Answer: Queue (Q)!

MLE MYZBUJ SGP ZBCZBZMP:
 MYP QBZTPGJP SBV YQXSB
 JMQHZVZMK; SBV Z'X BEM
 JOGP SWEQM MYP QBZTPGJP.

- SOWPGM PZBJMPZB

I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members. Groucho Marx
 (solution to last month's code)

Hopefully there'll be more LAUGHING than CRYING!

BAWL
 BEAM
 BLUBBER
 BRAY
 CACHINNATE
 CHORTLE
 CRY
 GIGGLE
 GRIN
 GUFFAW
 HOWL
 LAUGH
 ROAR

SCREAM
 SCREECH
 SHRIEK
 SIMPER
 SMILE
 SMIRK
 SNICKER
 SNIFFLE
 SNIVEL
 SNORT
 SNUFFLE
 SOB
 TITTER
 WAIL
 WEEP
 WHIMPER
 YAWL

A SONG TO MAKE YOU GIGGLE!

TO BE SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "My favourite things"



Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting;

Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings;

Bundles of magazines tied up with string;

These are a few of my favourite things.



Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses;

Polident and Fixadent and false teeth in glasses;

Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings;

These are a few of my favourite things.



When the pipes leak, when the bones creek, when the
knees go bad,



I simply remember my favourite things, and then I don't feel so bad.



Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions;

No spicy hot food, or food cooked with onions;

Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring;

These are a few of my favourite things.



Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin';

Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin';

And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,

When we remember our favourite things.



When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes
grow dim,

Then I remember the great life I've had, and then I don't feel so
bad!

Sung by Julie Andrews at her 70th Birthday concert in Sydney, Australia.

CONCESSIONARY FARES

A meeting was held in Timberscombe Village Hall on Thursday 30th September 2010 to discuss the possible cuts in the Concessionary Fare scheme. Organised by John Goodall of the Orchards Social Club, an audience of 40 people assembled to meet and question the local councillors who attended.



Frances Nicholson (County Councillor for Dulverton and Exmoor),

Brenda Maitland-Walker (County Councillor for Minehead),

and **Edwin May** (Chairman of West Somerset District Council) were in attendance.

Also available for questions was Brian Worrall, manager of Atwest.

After an introduction by John Goodall explaining the purpose of the meeting and how it was expected to run, the councillors took the floor. Instead of making speeches they invited members of the audience to come forward to speak to them individually and informally.

Tea and coffee were served whilst councillors circulated so more individuals could discuss their concerns with them. The meeting closed after an hour.

Over a 10 day period Engage, assisted by Brian, have held drop-in sessions to provide information about how the loss of the Concessionary Fare will affect you, and to help write letters of concern. The first session was well attended thanks to Debbie's pleas for people to come and have their photo taken by Steve Guscott for the West Somerset Free Press! However, the other sessions were very quiet and rather disappointing – does it mean everyone has written a letter, or that we haven't explained how serious this might be for everyone?

But a big thank you and well done to those who have already written letters – many of you have had responses so hopefully the message is getting through. There is still time to write and we would urge you to do so before it is too late. By the time you read this the Government's Spending Review will have been reported and some details may have started to emerge about local cuts – if the Concessionary Fare is cut from Community Transport you will no longer be able to use your bus pass when travelling with Atwest and we will have to apply charges to all of the services we provide.



← Brian helping Mrs Sippitt and Mrs Morris with letters.

Some of the attendees at the first session. →



MINEHEAD REVISITED



The Lido opened on June 6th 1936 with an attendance of well over 1000. The highlights included high diving displays by various County champions and a water polo match between Cheltenham and Somerset (Cheltenham won 2-1).

It was an international class seawater pool equipped with all the facilities including restaurant, sun loungers, showers and so on. Many inter-regional galas were staged through the sixties and during the summer months the schools of the district used it every morning.

The lido was paid for by the Luttrell family of Dunster for the benefit of the local populace. When Mr Luttrell decided to sell it, it was bought by a group of Minehead business men. Gradually during the late sixties the number of people using it dropped, reasons being other attractions such as Butlins, television and so on. In the end Butlins purchased it, but it was allowed to deteriorate badly until it was just a shell by the late 1980s. The site was then bought by a development company and today it is covered by buildings.

But in its heyday it was the focal point of the summer season and many great times were spent there by the youngsters of the town. (Debbie spent as much of her summer holidays there as time and money allowed!)



PLEASE HELP!

EACH MONTH I TRY TO PUT LOTS OF DIFFERENT THINGS INTO THE NEWSLETTER - INFORMATION FROM US THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW, BUT ALSO THINGS THAT YOU HAVE DONE. THE TROUBLE IS THAT YOU HARDLY EVER TELL ME WHAT YOU HAVE DONE OR WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN! PLEASE JOIN IN OTHERWISE I MIGHT GO ON STRIKE AND STOP DOING A NEWSLETTER!

MOOR ROVER AT HALSWAY MANOR



Sometime during the summer it became apparent that the Moor Rover service was doing incredibly well, and a target of 600 passengers by the end of September (the end of the period when it could be used by individuals and groups of fewer than 6) was set. It ran very close but the

target was missed by just a handful.

However, Halsway Manor near Crowcombe held a Walking Festival during the first week of October. 40 people stayed in the Manor for the week, walking during the daytime and folk dancing in the evening.

Moor Rover supplied 6 buses during the week to take the walkers to and from their destinations which included Clatworthy Reservoir, Selworthy, Horner, Webbers Post and the Quantocks. The photo shows the walkers awaiting their transport to Horner.

At the time of writing (mid-October) we can now say that our greatest expectations have been surpassed and Moor Rover has made 846 passenger journeys! And the service runs until the end of October so perhaps we should set a new target!

SOME RED
DEER I SAW
RECENTLY!!!
(IF ONLY EH?
BUT I HAVE
HEARD A STAG
BOLVING OR
BELLOWING ON
SEVERAL
EVENINGS
WHILST
WALKING THE
DOG!)



NOVEMBER'S TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

Friday 5th November

YEOVIL

Hopefully there won't be any fireworks on this trip, just a lovely ride out, some great shopping, lunch, and a warm glow of satisfaction!

Wednesday 10th November

ATLANTIC VILLAGE

(£5 per seat)

There aren't as many shops as Clarks Village but the M&S is fantastic and there are other very classy shops. You will definitely spend some money!

Tuesday 16th November

SANDERS GARDEN WORLD

Christmas is coming and this garden centre always puts on a wonderful display of goodies, both seasonal and plenty. I defy anyone to come away without something!

Friday 19th November

BARNSTAPLE

(£4 per seat)

I'm running out of words to describe this very popular destination – the shops are great, the Pannier Market is special, and the ride over should be glorious.

Wednesday 24th November

WELLS

Christmas Fair at the Bishop's Palace

This is a special event which includes free entry to the Cathedral, Bishop's Palace and gardens. The market will be on as usual and there is also this "extravaganza" of shopping with "the finest of products and gifts" plus food hall and entertainment. **THIS WILL BE A FULL DAY TRIP!**

Thursday 2nd December

CRIBBS CAUSEWAY (£6 per seat)

Two floors of exciting shopping all undercover – a large John Lewis, massive M&S, and lots of places to eat! What better shopping experience could you ask for!

BOOK AS MANY TRIPS AS YOU LIKE!

The booking line for **Travel Club** trips will open at 9.00am on **Thursday 28th October**. Please remember that bookings will not be taken before this time.

Booking line number 01643 709701

PLEASE NOTE... the £1 booking fee has not been included in any costs per seat - it must be added to that price.

ADVERTISEMENT



Thorne Segar
Solicitors

A brighter legal outlook for:

- Wills & Probate
- Tax Planning
- Investments & Trusts
- Conveyancing

Thorne Segar, 3 Bancks Street, Minehead
Telephone: 01643 703234 Fax: 01643 704697
Email: partners@thornesegar.co.uk
Web: www.thornesegar.co.uk