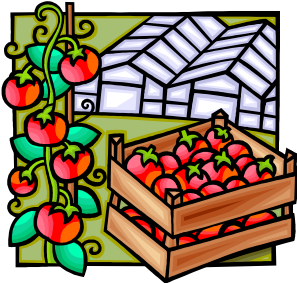




ATWEST



ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT WEST SOMERSET



ATWEST TRAVEL CLUB

I am starting to get some feedback that the newsletter is a bit small - or at least that the print of the wordsearch is a bit small!

So I'm trying something new this month to see if it works any better. I have enlarged the print size of all the pages, and increased the number of pages so that I can still squeeze the same number of bits in. So now Debbie has a new puzzle page, as well as her jokes and fun page, the photos are larger so you'll be able to spot yourself if you feature, and the hopefully the print is big enough not to be a problem for anyone.

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HELP WANTED

Do you have a few hours to spare one day a week?
We are looking for volunteer escorts to help on regular shopping bus routes. If this sounds like your cup of tea please phone us on 01643 709701 for more information.

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Deb's Joke and Fun Corner!

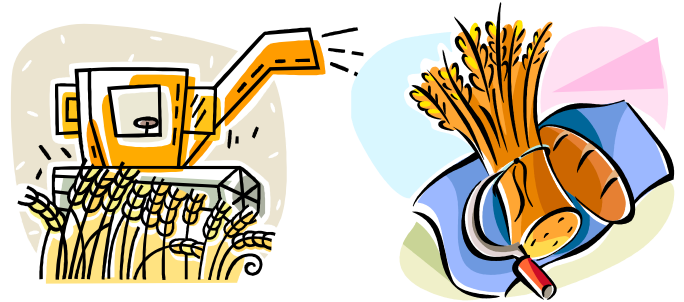


Birder 1: What kind of bird is that?

Birder 2: A gulp.

Birder 1: A gulp? I've never heard of it.

Birder 2: It's like a swallow, only it's bigger.



A man was driving down the road with twenty penguins on his back seat. A policeman stopped him and said that he couldn't drive around with the penguins in the car and should take them to the zoo. The man agreed and drove off.

The next day the same man was driving down the road with twenty penguins on the back seat. He is stopped by the same policeman who said, "Hey! I thought I told you to take those to the zoo."

The man replied, "I did. Today I'm taking them to the movies."

A man went to the cinema and was surprised to see a woman with a large collie dog sitting in front of him. He was even more surprised to hear the dog laughing at the film.

Eventually he tapped the woman on the shoulder. "Excuse me," he said to the woman, "but I'm amazed that your dog is laughing in all the right places."

"I find it amazing myself," said the woman. "He hated the book."



Deb's (new) Puzzle Page!

Hope you enjoyed the code puzzle last month. Here is another to work on!

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The Man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

Confucius (solution to last month's code)

BUSH
CHAMPAIGN
COMMON
COUNTRYSIDE
DESERT
FIELD
GRASSLAND
GREEN
HAYFIELD
HINTERLAND
LEA
LLANO
MEADOW
MOOR

OUTBACK
PADDOCK
PAMPAS
PARK
PASTURELAND
PLAIN
RURAL
SALT FLATS
SAVANNA
SNOWFIELD
STEPPE
TUNDRA
WASTELAND
WILDERNESS



MINEHEAD EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



In mid-July Minehead Evening Townswomen's Guild visited Kilver Court Gardens near Shepton Mallet.

I took a Travel Club trip there last year and although the gardens are quite compact, there are a lot of different features squeezed in. The most dramatic of these is the Charlton Viaduct which acts as backdrop to the gardens and over which the Somerset and Dorset railway passes. There is also a large lake, gorgeous rock garden complete with stream and waterfalls, and a great variety of plants.

The gardens were built for the staff and workers of what was at the time a woollen factory. They fell into disrepair when the factory closed but were restored by the Showerings family of Babycham fame. They have been something of a secret treasure until recent years but are now fully open to the public and well worth a visit.

The Townswomen's Guild had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and were extra pleased when they found out how much it had rained in Minehead in their absence - they hadn't seen a drop!

WARNING TO EVERYONE



I don't want to be the bringer of doom and gloom but this is worth bringing to your attention.

On a recent Travel Club trip to Wells a passenger had their handbag stolen. Wells is apparently notorious on market day, but nevertheless this is a horrible thing to have happened.

I'm sure that 99% of the time you are very careful with your personal belongings, but please do be extra careful when you are out and about and don't give thieves the opportunity to spoil your day.

WATCHET GARDENING CLUB



There are many fun things about driving for Atwest, and one of them is visiting new places. As a keen gardener I particularly like going to new gardens and was thrilled to find myself at Cadhay Manor near Ottery St. Mary with Watchet Gardening Club.

This is a privately-owned Manor, only open one afternoon a week, but definitely worth making the effort for. The group joined one of two guided tours of the garden whilst I wandered round freestyle! There are lovely open stretches of lawn, ponds, delightful formal borders and luscious wild borders. The walled garden, which presumably was the kitchen garden in the Manor's heyday, now contains more than 20 allotments which are looked after by local families. They were certainly impressive.

You can also do a guided tour of the house, which can be rented as a whole for a wedding or party venue, and an old barn has been converted into a tearoom in which to gather your strength before exploring a bit more!

NOTICE TO GROUP LEADERS

It is scary to be thinking so far ahead but Lloyd and Debbie have asked me to mention that our buses are getting very booked up for November and December.

If you are planning a group outing for either of these months it is advisable to get in touch with them as soon as possible to ensure your booking is successful - we would hate for anyone to be disappointed.

Thank you!



MINEHEAD REVISITED by Mike Prescott



The Promenade, North Hill, Minehead.
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This photo was taken some time in the 1890s. There's not too much in the way of sea defences, and only a few houses on North Hill. Standouts are Mount Royal, Beaconwood and Elgin Tower. The one on the very top was empty for most of the sixties - used by hippies.

Notice the street gas lamps in the foreground. It looks as if the line of trees is newly planted - they didn't last long going by pictures taken a number of years later! Also there is no pier as yet (it was built in 1901).

The Metropole (Hobby Horse) stands out on the left, with houses both sides of Quay Street. A very peaceful picture!

ATWEST AGM

Thursday September 9th 2010

at

United Reform Church,

Bancks Street,

Minehead

at 10.30am

Everyone is welcome so please come along, hear how Atwest has done over the past year, and have your say about the future. Tea and biscuits available!!

Slinky Service

Do you have a transport need?

Do you struggle to access public transport?

If so, we might be able to help.

The Slinky service is a door-to-door dial-a-ride transport service for individuals without access to their own vehicle, or who would struggle to use public transport because of lack of availability, or mobility difficulties.

The service can be used to get to appointments, work, school, meetings and for other needs anywhere in West Somerset.

If you think we might be able to help please phone

01643 707090

ATWEST BEGINS WORK ON A VERY LOCAL PROJECT



The sign on our new gates.



The cake that launched the development!



CJ Lynch cutting the first sod



Raising a glass to the future of Atwest

After 5 long years of hard work and struggle the site works finally start this week (12th August) on the Acorn Site. A fortnight ago many of those who have supported this venture gathered together on the land for a ceremonial 'Cutting of the first Sod'. Ann Foxhuntley, Chairman of ATWEST, invited guests to raise their glasses to a successful outcome, and this was followed by the cutting of a large cake by WS councilors and funders.

Brian Worrall, ATWEST Manager, thanked everyone for their hard work and contribution to the project. He said "We are so pleased to be starting work here. The new office building will provide comfortable accommodation for the staff, a rest room for drivers and a meeting room for passenger groups or trustees."

Barbara Middleton, Project manager, said "A month ago, we were delighted that the whole process of funding, lease, site works and building was all coming together at last after two years. Unfortunately the company supplying the building, unexpectedly raised the price by adding on the cost of items which they had previously included. We simply did not have enough money. Now we're hoping that a local firm will be able to supply the building and this will make the whole thing a very local project. It will be extremely energy efficient, using either carbon neutral or recycled materials wherever possible and will need very little heating". She said that ATWEST had received wonderful support from everyone locally.

Guests included Councillors and Officers from West Somerset and Somerset County Council, the scheme manager from Local Action for Rural Communities (LARC), ATWEST Trustees, staff, passengers and volunteers.

The project has been mainly funded by Futurebuilders England, LARC, Leonard Laity Stoate Charitable Trust, Somerset County Council and through fundraising efforts by the passengers.

with thanks to Barbara Middleton

SEPTEMBER'S TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

Tuesday 7th September

HONITON or OTTER NURSERIES

(£6 per seat)

There is a lovely market in Honiton on a Tuesday, or you could choose to spend the time at Otter Nurseries where you are bound to pick up a garden bargain!

Friday 10th September

BOEVEY'S, SIMONSBATH

They always look after us very well at this tearoom, and you can be certain of a scenic ride out and back!

Thursday 16th September

SIDMOUTH

(£6 per seat)

Well, the children will be back at school so you should just about have this splendid seaside town to yourselves for shopping, ice-cream or just sitting and staring!

Monday 20th September

CLARKS VILLAGE

This must be one of the most popular Travel Club destinations. Hopefully lots of you will be looking for items for your autumn wardrobe and will feel like coming along to see what is on offer.

Wednesday 29th September

TAUNTON or MONKTON ELM

Another trip with options – either shopping in Taunton adding more to your autumn wardrobe, or shopping at this great garden centre hopefully buying some new goodies for the garden.

Wednesday 6th October

STAGHUNTERS INN

Lunch at this pub has proved very popular over the year, and it is another place where you can be certain that the journey to and from will be scenic! You might even see some early autumn colour.

The booking line for **Travel Club** trips will open at 9.00am on **Wednesday 1st September**. 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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