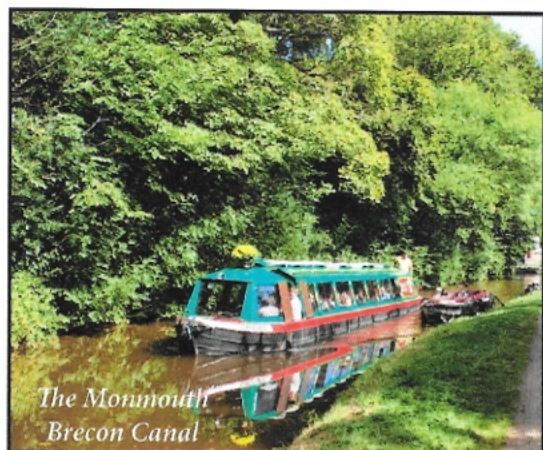


ALTON U3A / 6th - 11th MAY 2027



The Monmouth
Brecon Canal

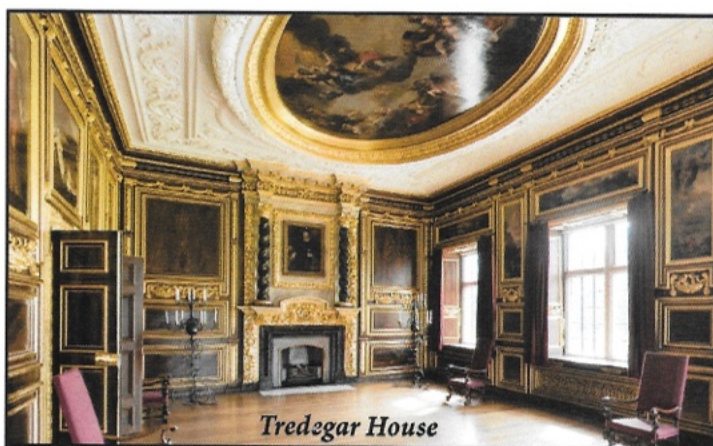


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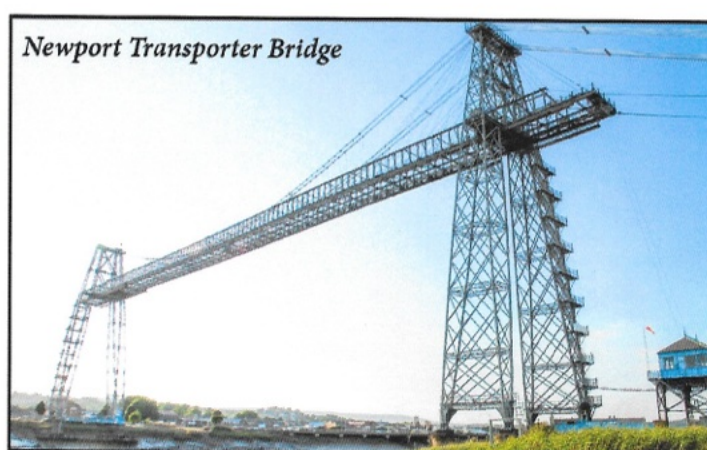
THE BRECON BEACONS

The beautiful Brecon Beacons have been chosen as the destination for 2027, with the traditional combination of a super hotel, a relaxed itinerary and a luxury coach all being applied.

The Brecon Beacons, although relatively easy to get to, remain spectacularly unspoilt. Tour highlights include a scenic ride on the Brecon Mountain Railway, plus visits to the Royal Mint Museum, Duffryn Gardens, Tredegar House and the national status 'Big Pit' coal mining museum. Picturesque Hay-on-Wye also features in the varied programme, as does the new visitor centre for the remarkable Newport Transporter Bridge, along with a scenic cruise on the River Wye from Symonds Yat and a stop in the Cotswolds on the way home.



Tredegar House



Newport Transporter Bridge

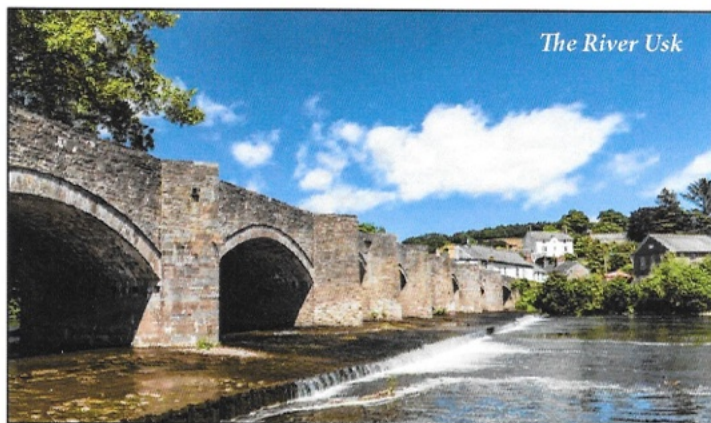
THE 4* CASTLE OF BRECON HOTEL

The oldest hotel in Wales reopened in May 2025 after a total refurbishment. It took 18 months and cost £3m but we don't think anyone could say that the results aren't stunning. As you would expect, the bedrooms offer a high standard of comfort, but the Castle of Brecon really scores with its public areas, the main bar, the lounges, the stylish restaurant and fantastic large, south facing terrace with its views towards the River Usk and the beautiful green hills beyond. The Castle of Brecon also offers a great town centre location. Brecon is a town on the up, surrounded by delightful countryside and relatively easily accessible, it offers a decent choice of shops and a range of cafes and pubs and, if you choose to go for a wander, we recommend you head for the nearby cathedral or the attractive canal basin at the head of the Monmouth Brecon Canal.

The Castle of Brecon is part of 'The Coaching Inn Group', which has a great passion for restoring lovely old hotels and especially historic coaching inns. They have built a portfolio of these stunning buildings through refurbishing, revitalising and breathing life back into the businesses they have taken over, creating elegant, comfortable and well-priced accommodation and relaxed and stylish bars, coffee houses & eateries.



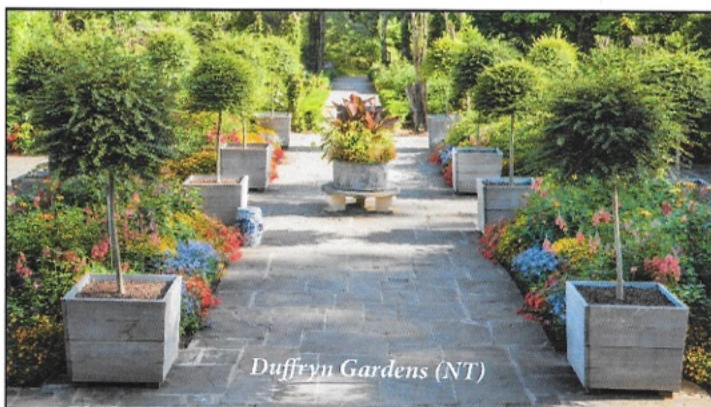
The Brecon Mountain Railway



The River Usk



The Big Pitt Museum



Duffryn Gardens (NT)



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Luxury coach travel
 5-nights 4* hotel accommodation
 Buffet breakfasts each morning
 3-course evening meals throughout
 Stop at the new Newport Transporter Bridge Visitor Centre
 Scenic coach tour of the Brecon Beacons
 Visits to Tredegar House (NT)** & Dyffryn Gardens (NT)**
 Guided tour of the Royal Mint Museum
 Visit to the Big Pit Coal Mining Museum
 Ride on the Brecon Mountain Railway**
 River Wye Cruise & a stop in the Cotswolds en route home
 Portage at the hotel & provision for driver's gratuity

Optional Supplements

Double room for single occupancy £225
 Up-grade to River View Room - tba
 Escorted underground tour at the Big Pit - £8

** See Booking Form

YOUR ITINERARY

Thursday - After departing Alton at 09.00 the coach starts its journey westwards to arrive in Brecon by mid-afternoon. On the way the group will stop at the new visitor centre for remarkable **Newport Transporter Bridge**.

Friday - Keeping things very relaxed, the morning is free in **Brecon**. In the afternoon there will trip to **Hay-on-Wye** with delightful scenery all along the 16-mile route.

Saturday - The programme today visits combines two contrasting visits. First to the '**Big Pit**' the national status museum that celebrates the long history of coal mining in Wales. The visit offers the chance to join an underground tour (cost £8pp). From here the group visit **Tredegar House**, the opulent former home of the Morgan Family (later Lord Tredegar) who once owned 40,000 acres in the area. It's now owned by Newport Council and operated by the National Trust.

Sunday - Slowing the pace there will be scenic, circular **Brecon Beacons** coach tour with visits to **Goytre Wharf** and **Abergavenny**, and a ride on the **Brecon Mountain Railway**.

Monday - Today the group will first visit the **Royal Mint Museum** for a guided tour, before carrying on to visit to the National Trust's celebrated **Dyffryn Gardens**.

Tuesday - The group travel home via a **scenic cruise on the River Wye** and a comfort stop in the **Cotswolds**. The expected time of arrival back in Alton is around 18.30.