

Street Mosaics

Italy: The tiny village of Genzano celebrates its 200th "Festival of the Flowers" And, once again, skilful hands ~~quickly~~ decorate the streets with wonderful mosaics - using ~~various~~ ^{many} shades of petals.

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Once a year, for two centuries, this Festival has revealed the skill of local craftsmen. The mosaics usually feature religious and historical ~~subjects~~ ^{themes} ~~subjects~~ ~~including~~ ~~the~~ ~~life~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~village~~ ~~and~~ ~~its~~ ~~surroundings~~

Austria - speed boat record

Austria: At Poertschach, famous German speed-boat ace, Christoph von Meyenburg takes ^{out} his new craft, "Mathea VII" ~~out~~ - for an attempt on the world record for motor boats in the 800 k.g. class...

And at top speed, the ~~boat~~ ^{craft} (which the speed king designed himself) touches the water in only three places...

Speeding round the specially prepared course, the attempt was successful.

Von Meyenburg set up a new record - with an average speed of just over 76 1/2 miles an hour. **END.**

Swansea to Mumbles Railway

South Wales: In a pageant of railway history, the famous horse-drawn "train" of the Swansea and Mumbles line - returns to the "iron road" - celebrating the Company's 150 years of pioneer travel.

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~~And~~ In those early days, sugar, not coal, kept the train going. The railway opened in 1804 - and seventy-three years later, came steam traction - the Victorian family outings - and those "Oh, so polite" railway officials...

It's ~~so~~ interesting to recall that as many as eighteen hundred passengers were carried "on" one train - a record for those days...

And before the coming of restaurant cars, the engine supplied ~~hot~~ hot water for local housewives.

~~The line moved on, from those leisurely days to the 1930s and the character with the shops, leaving for danger on Mumbles pier, the oldest passenger railway in the world.~~

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