



Okehampton & District Community Transport Group



Newsletter 1

Welcome to our Newsletter! We will be producing a copy quarterly to keep you informed of forthcoming trips and to give you a chance to have your say! Please let us know if you would prefer us not to send this to you and if you have an email address and would be happy to receive information from us to save paper and postage we would be grateful.

100 Club

The first draw was held at the end of October with the results:

1 st	17	J Eyke	(volunteer driver)
2 nd	18	M Eyke	(volunteer driver)
3 rd	25	Mr Weeks	Okehampton

November

1 st	45	Mrs Bolt	Whiddon Down
2 nd	19	Mrs Chaney	Hatherleigh
3 rd	4	Miss Woolcombe-Boyce	Bridestowe

Thank you for your support. If you have not already joined and wish to do so, please ask Sue for an entry form.

Thank You

We held a cream tea at Okehampton Golf Club as a thank you to our voluntary drivers and their partners for their continuing support.

Community Car Drivers

We would like to welcome Chris Burke and Bob and Chrissie Taylor to our team of voluntary drivers. We know that you will join us in sending our sympathy to the family of Jim Fargin who sadly passed away in October, we will miss his cheerful, friendly personality.

New Logo/Website - Coming soon!

We are designing a new logo to use on our vehicles and brochures etc. We are in the process of setting up a website to enable new people to the area to locate our services. We will be linking it to all the local village websites to continue the promotion of both the Ring and Ride and Voluntary Car Service.

Community Car Service

This is available 7 days a week, subject to availability of drivers. Passengers pay 50p per mile from their home to destination and return. Single journeys are charged at 70p per mile. The minimum charge for journeys of 3 miles or less is £3.50. When possible, particularly on longer journeys, we try to car share with other passengers, to share the cost.

Newsletter Ideas

If you have anything you would like published which may be of interest to our passengers, please let us know.

New Zoned Fares for Ring & Ride Bus

We will be introducing a new system for charging passengers to ensure that it is fair to all passengers in relation to distance travelled. The following changes will take effect from 1st January 2009:

Okehampton Town Centre - Zone 1 - £2 per journey

Zone 2 - £3 - South Zeal, Sticklepath, Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay, Thorndon Cross, Folly Gate

Zone 3 - £4 - Bridestowe, Hatherleigh, North Tawton, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Halwill, Lewdown, Chagford

Saturday Trips

We run 'Saturday Specials' to places of interest - to book your seat please ring on the Monday prior to the trip 01837 55000. Please note, cancellations must be made by noon on the Friday before the trip takes place otherwise we reserve the right to charge the fare applicable to the destination. We withhold the right to cancel or change any date or destination without notice. If you do not live in Okehampton or along the route of the proposed journey, there will be an extra charge for collection from your home.

13 December	Homeleigh Garden Centre	£6.00
10 January	Tavistock	£5.50
17 January	Atlantic Village, Bideford	£6.50
24 January	Trago Mills/House of Marbles	£6.50
31 January	Exeter	£6.00
7 February	Otter Nurseries	£6.50
14 February	Tavistock	£5.50
21 February	Exmouth	£6.00
28 February	No Trip - Half Term	

Walk and Talk

We have been asked to invite you to join one of the weekly short walks organised by West Devon Walk and Talk, which take place on a Tuesday morning starting outside Waitrose at 10.30am and take approx. 30/40 minutes for the level 1 - The walks are suitable for those that do little or no physical activity at present and people restricted by mobility problems and walk slowly, finding hills a struggle, on flat, level, hard-surfaced paths and pavements, no steep hills or steps, suitable for wheelchairs and buggies and 30/45 minutes for level 2 - suitable for people who do a small amount of physical activity but need to increase their activity level, those with minor mobility problems that walk at a moderate speed and are able to cope with moderate gradients, on footpaths and pavements with some gradients, sometimes steps or uneven terrain. They finish at a local café and are free, just take enough money to join them for refreshments at the end if you would like to. The scheme is operated by friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to promote walking for health - do you know walking can: make you feel good, give you more energy, help you sleep better, strengthen your heart, help reduce stress, reduce blood pressure, help manage your weight, achieve better mobility and help you make new friends. Full details from Olive Hennessey, Volunteer walk leader on 01837 659257.



Merry Christmas from everyone at ODCTG!

