



## Newsletter 20

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have plans to improve our service to you this year - further details to be revealed soon!

### 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of our recent draws - Thank you for your support - We are pleased to announce that you helped us raise £951 from October 2010 to September 2011 which is greatly appreciated. You can join the 100 Club at any time during the year, just send a cheque, payable to ODCTG for £12 to me at the address below.

#### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jean Fulbrook, Okehampton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Buchan, Okehampton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Edith Mellish, Halwill

#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Dawson, Okehampton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Westlake, Okehampton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Bond, Halwill

#### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Miss MD Fulford, Okehampton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy Russell, Sticklepath
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anonymous - Donation

### Saturday Trips (Ring and Ride Bus plus Peugeot when numbers require)

4 <sup>th</sup> February	Brookes Garden Centre	£9
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Barnstaple	£9
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday on Ice - Tropicana, Westpoint	£38
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lifton Farm Shop	£8
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Teignmouth	£9
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Tavistock	£8
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Atlantic Village	£9
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Sidmouth (Triangle)	£9
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Otter Nurseries	£9

### Trips with the Peugeot

Please note that we have passengers spread over a wide area - we do try to give everyone a chance of joining the trips by travelling in different directions each week but if we do have seats available we will pick you up for an extra charge if you are not on the route of the trip or you can choose to join the bus in Okehampton if you are able to get into the town for pick up. Please note these trips are subject to cancellation if we do not receive enough support or we require the vehicle for wheelchair transport to hospital. If you have a group of friends who would like to go to a particular place, please let us know and we will try and organise this for you on a suitable date or let us know if you have any ideas about new places to visit.

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Buckfast Abbey	£9
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Plymouth	£9
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Totnes	£9

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Princetown	£9
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	South Molton	£9

## **Castleham Café**

The Café is now up and running at Castleham Lodge, Castle Road, Okehampton and can be used by anyone. It is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and 12noon until 3pm on Sunday for roast dinners only. There is full disabled access and facilities. The daily menu includes sandwiches, jacket potatoes, salads, desserts, basic meals including fish and chips, ham and eggs etc. They also have two daily meal specials. On Saturday there is a high tea for an all inclusive price of £6 a head and on Sunday the roast dinners are £5 for the main course. High tea and Sunday roast booking is preferable although not essential. For more information please ring Mike Copeman on 07598915595.

## **Community Cars**

For clarification, please note that we charge 50p per mile for all journeys (apart from local in town journeys which are £3.50 return) which the drivers measure in their cars. You may find that different drivers charge differing amounts for the same journey, the mileage can obviously vary if drivers take a different route, either through choice or because of roadworks/accident/delays to ensure you reach your appointment on time. Please remember all our drivers are volunteers who give up their time free of charge, we just provide them with a contribution towards the running cost of their car. Please pay them the amount requested and if you are unhappy speak to the office rather than the driver. Thank you for your co-operation. Without the kindness of our drivers we would not be able to provide a service.

## **Drivers**

We said goodbye and thank you to 4 drivers at Christmas, Tony Hill from Bratton Clovelly who has only been driving for us for a few months, is moving to Plymouth. Chris Burke from Belstone has had to stand down due to being offered a new charitable position. Catherine Martineau from Drewsteignton has been driving for us since 1994 and Pat Parrish from Okehampton who has driven for us since 1992, regularly driving for 2 days each week! We are extremely grateful for their assistance and wish them all well.

We have been continuing to try and recruit new drivers and recently have welcomed John Bartlett from Hatherleigh, Mary Gambrell from Highampton, Terry Newbery from Folly Gate and Leslie Stickland from Belstone to assist with the increasing demand for transport.

## **Finance - Are you claiming everything you are entitled to?**

More than £5 billion of means-tested benefits go unclaimed every year - use the Age UK online calculator to check whether you are receiving all you are entitled to:

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/money-matters/claiming-benefits/?itc=0&ito=3088&itv=1010446381513>

## **Website**

Please see our website at [www.odctg.co.uk](http://www.odctg.co.uk) for up to date information, photos and more.

## **Legacy**

If you have had good service, please remember us in your will. Thank you.

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