



Community Minibus - Billingshurst Division

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NEWSLETTER January 2018

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 2018 promises to be another exciting year for the minibus service. The trips planned for the next three months are detailed on the reverse and we look forward to seeing you on some of them – please encourage your friends to join us, as we would love to see an increase in passenger numbers, to increase minibus usage and keep costs down.

After a number of years with no fare rises, we've had to increase them from 1st January. Our revenue, including fundraising, is not covering our costs. Fuel price keeps going up! We are exploring other opportunities to increase funds from donations, sponsors and grants, and to keep fares affordable and competitive. There will be our usual fundraising event in March – but instead of a coffee morning there will be a tea afternoon to be held on Saturday 24th March.

If you have a BLUE CARD please bring it with you on our trips as it helps when trying to park the minibus on our visits to town centres.

Should you know anyone interested in joining our team of drivers, escorts and volunteers I should be pleased to hear from them.

Steve O'Dowd (Telephone 784428)

Please note that bookings for trips in this newsletter cannot be made until 29th December.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Annual subscriptions for 2018 are now due. The cost this year is £5 – no increase on last year. Subs can be paid to the escort on your next journey. Alternatively cheques for £5 can be made out to “The Community Minibus Association” and sent to Mike Leslie at 26 Silver Lane. The tea afternoon is another opportunity to pay and Mike will be there to receive subscriptions. Note that we will **not** be issuing / updating membership cards – these will no longer be required.

CHURCH FRIENDLY LUNCH AND SENIORS' LUNCH CLUB. Dates for these social and welcoming events can be obtained through the organisers, who will also take bookings. Although the minibus provides transport for these lunches, please note that Geraldine does not take bookings for these journeys. Dates are no longer included in the list overleaf.

If you are interested in these lunches please contact the organisers –

For the St. Mary's Church Friendly lunch - Church Office Telephone 782332

For the Seniors' Lunch Club – Sandy Duck Telephone 786146

CHICHESTER. There are trips on several Wednesdays for Market Day. The other trips on Tuesdays are for shopping. There is a lunchtime concert at 1.10pm in the cathedral on Tuesday 20th February which is a trumpet and piano recital including works by Beethoven and Chopin.

VILLAGE PANTOMIME - Saturday 20th January at 12.30 - We will take you to Babbacombe Manor on Dartmoor (Barns Green Village Hall), where Barns Green Players present their new pantomime - “**Sherlock Holmes**”. Join us for a great afternoon of laughter and hilarious entertainment. Tickets for the show are £12 for minibus transport and the show. Book with Geraldine. Cheques made out to R.CROMWELL for £12 to be sent to 10 Birch Drive Billingshurst RH14 9RQ

MYSTERY DRIVE – Wednesday 7th March. No lunch has been pre-booked and we will go to a town where there will be the opportunity to find local eateries. There will be a morning coffee stop. Cost £10 payable on the day.

AFTERNOON TEA – Saturday 24th March. 2.00pm to 4.00pm at **St Gabriel's Church Hall.** A fundraising event, which will include raffles and various stalls as well as tea and cakes. If you need transport the minibus will be available to bring you to this event and we are looking forward to seeing as many of our members and friends as possible.

Billingshurst Community Minibus Schedule: January, February and March 2018

Date	Time	Destination	Fare
January			
Thurs 4th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 4th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Tues 9th	10:00 am	Chichester	£6.00
Thurs 11th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 11th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Wed 17th	10:00 am	Chichester Market Day	£6.00
Thurs 18th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 18th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Sat 20th	12.30pm	Barns Green Pantomime	£12.00
Tues 23rd	10.00 am	Holmbush M&S and Tescos	£6.00
Thurs 25th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 25th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
February			
Thurs 1st	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 1st	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Thurs 8th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 8th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Tues 13th	10.00 am	Worthing	£6.00
Thurs 15th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 15th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Tues 20th	10.00 am	Chichester	£6.00
Thurs 22nd	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 22nd	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Wed 28th	10.00 am	Chichester Market Day	£6.00
March			
Thurs 1st	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 1st	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Wed 7th	10:00 am	Mystery Drive	£10.00
Thurs 8th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 8th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Tues 13th	10.00 am	Worthing	£6.00
Thurs 15th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 15th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Wed 21st	10.00 am	Chichester Market Day	£6.00
Thurs 22nd	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 22nd	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00
Tues 27th	10.00 am	Chichester	£6.00
Thurs 29th	9.00 am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£3.00
Thurs 29th	1.15 pm	Horsham & Tescos	£3.00

BOOKINGS:- GERALDINE PIKE 01403 786147

From 29th December 2017 for trips on this newsletter.

Annual Membership costs £5.00 – subscriptions due 1st January 2018

**For volunteer, associate membership, donation or sponsorship enquiries email
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