



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our Winter/Spring Newsletter. Our schedule is overleaf – please book early to avoid disappointment.

Fares and subscription charges remain unchanged for this quarter, as detailed below. We hope this helps and encourages you to advertise our services to your friends!

Steve O’Dowd has decided to step down from his role as Local Coordinator, therefore we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Steve for all his efforts over a number of years. Unfortunately, Steve broke his ankle recently, but is on the road to recovery, so we look forward to seeing him back in harness soon. Steve will still be driving once his ankle is up and running.

I have taken over as Local Coordinator and hope that I can provide the same service as Steve.

Kind regards, Alan Jenkins: Local Coordinator (Telephone 01403 741935)

Bookings for trips in this newsletter cannot be made until 10.00am on Wednesday 26th Feb.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Minibus Afternoon Tea at St Gabriels Church Hall, 18 East St, Billingshurst RH14 9QH

We will need donations of home-made cakes and other refreshments for the cake stall, please contact Brenda 01403 784719 brendahomden2@hotmail.co.uk

For donations of Books, CD’s, jigsaw puzzles and prizes for the Tombola, please contact Geraldine 01403 786147 geraldinepike48@btinternet.com

We will also need volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs etc, from 1.30pm on, all help gratefully received.

For those members that need pickup at home there will be a fare of £2. Finally, and most importantly, come along on the day and invite your friends and family.

10TH JUNE THREE RIVERS CRUISE. The cruise on board the Ocean Scene lasts approximately three hours and takes us on a Harbour Tour along the River Test, Hamble and Itchen.

During the trip we will enjoy a fish and chip lunch with tea or coffee and maybe the odd tipple. Fare of £48 to include travel to and from the boat and Fish and Chip lunch. First come, first served. Advance payment required, cheques payable to:-
 R. CROMWELL. 10, Birch Drive, Billingshurst, RH14 9RQ

18TH JUNE ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL CORPUS CHRISTI CARPET OF FLOWERS AND LUNCH. Lunch is not included in the fare price.

6th NOVEMBER FIDDLER ON THE ROOF – EASTBOURNE enquiries to RACromwell@aol.com

2025 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Passengers must have a valid annual subscription to travel on trips. The annual charge for 2025 will be £10.

Subs for 2025 can be paid on your next journey. Alternatively, send a cheque payable to “Community Minibus Association (West Sussex)” to Billingshurst Minibus at 2 Kenilworth Place, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9UB

IMPORTANT REMINDER

- Please be prompt and ready for both pick up, and for your return journey. It is unfair to other passengers and crew not to be.
- Remember that it may take some time to get to you for pick up. Please be patient.
- Our buses sometimes are overloaded with mobility aids. Please advise us of any changes in this regard, when booking. We may have to restrict numbers on certain trip, when shopping and aids take too much room.
- Finally, please be considerate and courteous to crew and passengers when issues arise!

Bookings - Jan Ireland is now doing Bookings Administration

When calling to make a booking, change, or cancellation, please ring the 0300 number and select option 1. Leave your name, number and what trips you would like to go on, cancel, or change. Please only ring once with this information and Jan will call you back to confirm your request(s). If you have a long list of changes then say this, and Jan will call you back and discuss.

GENERAL BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE FROM **WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AFTER 10:00 AM**
 BY CALLING **0300 772 7735**

For volunteer, associate membership, donation or sponsorship enquiries email billiminibus@gmail.com
 or ring Alan on (01403) 741935

Billingshurst Community Minibus Schedule

March 2025 to May 2025

Date	Day	Time	Destination	Fare
1-Mar	Sat	12:45	Gilbert & Sullivan - Yeoman of the Guard (Leatherhead) – Fully Booked. Waitlist only.	£23 + £10
4-Mar	Tue	10:00	Newbridge Garden Centre	£4.00
5-Mar	Wed	10:00	Chichester Market Day	£8.00
6-Mar	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
6-Mar	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
12-Mar	Wed	13:00	Squires Garden Centre	£6.00
13-Mar	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
13-Mar	Thu	2:30	Lidl	£2.00
15-Mar	Sat	2.30	Minibus Afternoon Tea St Gabriels	£2.00
20-Mar	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
20-Mar	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
21-Mar	Fri	10:30	Drive over South Downs to Rustington	£12.00
25-Mar	Tue	11:00	Old Barn Garden Centre	£4.00
27-Mar	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
27-Mar	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
28-Mar	Fri	10:00	Tangmere Aviation Museum (Fare £8 + £11 entrance fee)	£8 + £11
1-Apr	Tue	9:30	Nymans House & Garden. (Fare £8 NT & RHS Members £free Non NT Members £20)	£8 + £20
3-Apr	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
3-Apr	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
8-Apr	Tue	10:00	East Grinstead	£8.00
9-Apr	Wed	13:00	Shoreham Airport for Tea	£8.00
10-Apr	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
10-Apr	Thu	14:30	Lidl	£2.00
15-Apr	Tue	13:00	Hilliers	£4.00
16-Apr	Wed	11:00	Riverside Cafe Houghton Bridge	£8.00
17-Apr	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
17-Apr	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
22-Apr	Tue	10:00	Chichester Cathedral Flower Decs & Shopping	£8.00
24-Apr	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
24-Apr	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
25-Apr	Fri	10:00	Polesden Lacey Garden and Coffee (Fare £8 and £15 entrance fee NT members free)	£8 + £15
29-Apr	Tue	10:00	Mystery Drive stop for lunch	£14.00
30-Apr	Wed	10:00	Chichester Market Day	£8.00
1-May	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
1-May	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
7-May	Wed	10:30	Michelham Priory & Gardens ((Dates to be confirmed) Fare £12 + £13 entrance fee)	£12 + £13
8-May	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
8-May	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
9-May	Fri	10:00	Dorking & Market	£8.00
14-May	Wed	10:00	Chichester Market Day	£8.00
15-May	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
15-May	Thu	14:30	Lidl	£2.00
20-May	Tue	13:00	Shoreham Airport for Tea	£8.00
21-May	Wed	10:00	Devils Punchbowl & Grayshott Pottery for Lunch	£8.00
22-May	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
22-May	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
27-May	Tue	11:00	Old Barn Garden Centre	£4.00
28-May	Wed	11:00	Fishbourne Roman Palace & Gardens (Fare £8 + £12 entrance fee for 65+)	£8 + £12
29-May	Thu	9:00	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4.00
29-May	Thu	13:30	Tesco	£4.00
30-May	Fri	10:00	Notcutts and Ditchling Scenic Drive	£12.00
10-Jun	Tue	9:00	3 Rivers Cruise Advance payment required to Richard Cromwell.	£48.00
18-Jun	Wed	9:30	Arundel Cathedral Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers and lunch	£8.00