

ROAD RUNNER FREE TRIP SPECIAL

Welcome to the 2019 Summer edition of Road Runner. We hope you are all looking forward to the new set of outings, which you will find as usual on the back page. This year we will be following on from last summer's successes and are again running trips to the Hyde Park Liberty Drives, the Drummond Arms at Albury and the River Trip to Greenwich. New on the list is Bexhill-on-Sea with its famous De La Warr Pavilion, which we are sure will be popular. These trips are detailed within, along with the old favourites like our summer outings to the seaside.

FREE TRIP VOUCHER

As part of our publicity drive this year, we are giving everyone a free trip voucher which you will find enclosed. We hope it will encourage new members to give us a try and have a day out. You can choose any one of our trips, but you must specify which of your bookings will be the freebie when you call us. When you take your free trip, make sure to take the voucher and hand it to the driver. Free trips are non-transferrable or refundable—read the small print for full details.

We also hope to focus the energy of the local community and get new volunteers to help when



Returning from Greenwich after the ever popular river trip

needed. There will of course be the usual wheelchairs and scooters available, and if a whole day out at the coast is too much, why not try a half-day trip like Richmond Park or a pub lunch by the river.

LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS

Last season we were plagued by cancellations and no shows from people who forgot what they had booked. This really is a cardinal sin as other people miss out and we waste valuable resources and volunteer time and effort. Obviously we know things happen and people get sick, but please mark your trips on a calendar and don't forget us. If you are ill, let us know. **AND REMEMBER** this goes for your regular shopping trips as well!

SHOPMO VOLUNTEERS WIN CIVIC AWARD

Pictured is the Mayor with Malcolm, Marcia, Ray, Ruby and Veronica receiving a Civic Award at last year's ceremony. You don't need us to tell you what a fantastic job they do and how richly they deserve this honour and recognition.

Of course, success breeds success and even more of you need volunteers these days, so do spread the word and help us meet demand.



Shoptmobility Volunteers Win Civic Award



June, Paul and John at Bexhill-on-Sea and the art deco De La Warr Pavilion on the promenade.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA

New on our list is Bexhill-on-Sea, an historic sea-side resort near Hastings, that has real charm and which we are sure you will enjoy. It is home to the De La Warr Pavilion, one of the UK's finest examples of modernist architecture, which includes an arts centre and a lovely restaurant with great views. It has a beautiful two mile stretch of promenade and beach to enjoy with several fascinating architectural features and elegant Art deco buildings.

DIAL-A-RIDE LATEST NEWS

We continue to run five Dial-a-Ride buses in the area and would like to encourage you all to become members and start using this world-leading service. Call Dial-a-Ride on **0343 222 7777**.

Things are much better than they were and we need to stimulate demand to maintain levels of service.

THE WCT CHOIR

It is a year since we started the choir for passengers and volunteers, and we go from strength to strength. We have performed at the AGM and at the Older People's Forum and it's great fun. Anyone interested should call Manuel to find out more.



INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

For those of you who have joined us recently and have not quite worked out how we can help you, the following explains it all!

Shopping Shuttle — We collect you from home and take you to our Shopmobility Centre at Sainsbury's. We have volunteers to push wheelchairs and to help.

Outings — We run a programme of outings throughout the year. Please refer to the back page for full details.

Shopmobility — Based at Sainsbury's in Garratt Lane, provides free wheelchairs, scooters and volunteers.

Silver Daytrippers — Trips for people who are 60 plus and able to travel independently to our collection points in the Borough. A wide range of popular destinations.

Scooters and Wheelchairs — Always available for rent or to buy — try before you buy and some great lease/purchase options.



Ready to go home from Shopmobility

DON'T OVERLOAD THE POOR DRIVERS AND ESCORTS

Remember, one trolley **or** 2 large carrier bags (or 4 small) is your limit. If necessary, order on line or join Age Concern's home delivery service for your larger stock items and use us for the nice things in life and to get out and see people and grab a coffee.

One of our passengers sent us this poem. A little tongue in cheek, but they do say laughter is the best medicine.

A JOURNEY TO SHOPMOBILITY

The bus that I boarded to Shopmo today
Was full of old ladies with hair white and grey.
All telling each other in voices quite shrill
Of all their problems and every known ill.
In the time that it took to travel two miles
I heard about pimples, and boils and piles.
Gladys had earache and Jill was in pain
From muscular cramp and a varicose vein.
Betty told Ada who'd lost all her hair
Of (horror of horrors) a problem "down there".
Florrie, a lady who seems very frail
Told all of the others a terrible tale
Of being attacked by the cat from next door
Leaving her buttocks all tattered and raw.
A lady named Martha just couldn't resist
Describing in detail her nasty big cyst.
Mabel was telling her good friend Nanette
Of the pain in her toe and how bad it could get.
Meanwhile someone at the back of the bus
Seemed to be causing a great deal of fuss
By claiming her illness would put theirs to shame
But, being well bred I can't tell you its name.

The stories were nasty but worse was to come
Making me shudder and leaving me numb.
For Doris was telling her closest friend Lil
Of a problem with wind that was making her ill.
Then, much to my horror and great consternation
Proceeded to give her a loud demonstration.

When I got off the bus I could only assume
That I'd actually travelled in God's Waiting Room!

Mal Reese



Let the train take the bus to the library and the park
Leaving her buttocks all tattered and raw
A lady named Martha just couldn't resist
Describing in detail her nasty big cyst

COULD YOU BE A TRANSPORT CHAMPION? COME TO OUR CONFERENCE IN MAY

Do you live in a Sheltered Housing, or are you a member of a club, or have you got a bunch of friends or people you go shopping with and do you fancy organising some outings with them?

Community Transport has always been about small self-help groups getting together and having fun. Days out are a great way to make new friends and keep active and involved, but we know it is not so easy to get organised.

So, come to our conference on Thursday 23rd May, 2pm at Shopmobility. We will explain the various options, destinations, fixed prices per person and all the tricks of the trade to make it work.

Call Manuel to find out more and to let us know if you are coming.

THANKS TO SAINSBURY'S, WBC AND OUR VOLUNTEERS

Road Runner, as always, would like to record its appreciation to the people responsible for funding the services we provide for Wandsworth residents. In particular, Sainsbury's have been fantastic in providing us with brilliant new premises, and along with the long-term committed support of Wandsworth Council, have made us a world leader in this type of service. Of course, none of it could happen without our superb team of volunteers who drive the minibuses, help at Shopmobility, support our passengers on outings and act as trustees on our Management Committee. To keep our VIP's informed, we are sending them a copy of this newsletter .

Wandsworth Community Transport

ROAD RUNNER SUMMER TRIPS 2019

May

Tuesday	07	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Friday	10	Richmond Park & Isabella Plantation	£6
Wednesday	15	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£7
Monday	20	Fairmile, Cobham (Pub Lunch)	£7
Wednesday	22	Worthing	£12
Tuesday	28	Bexhill-On-Sea	£12
Thursday	30	Southend-On-Sea	£12

June

Tuesday	04	Ealing Road, Wembley (Shopping)	£6
Friday	07	Hyde Park & the Liberty Drives	£7
Tuesday	11	Brighton	£12
Wednesday	12	The Drummond, Albury	£7
Monday	17	Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham	£8
Thursday	20	Eastbourne	£12
Wednesday	26	Hastings	£12
Friday	28	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£6

July

Monday	01	Worthing	£12
Tuesday	02	Walthamstow Market (Shopping)	£6
Friday	05	Kew Gardens (including entry fee)	£9
Wednesday	10	Eastbourne	£12
Monday	15	Hyde Park & the Liberty Drives	£7
Thursday	18	Bexhill-On-Sea	£12
Tuesday	23	Polhill Garden Centre, Near Orpington	£8
Monday	29	Brighton	£12
Wednesday	31	Southend-On-Sea	£12

August

Friday	02	Worthing	£12
Tuesday	06	Green Street, East Ham (Shopping)	£6
Monday	12	Hastings	£12
Thursday	15	Thames Court, Shepperton (Pub Lunch)	£7
Tuesday	20	Eastbourne	£12
Thursday	22	Brighton	£12
Wednesday	28	Bexhill-On-Sea	£12

September

Tuesday	03	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Monday	09	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£6
Tuesday	17	Kew Gardens (including entry fee)	£9
Friday	20	Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham	£8
Wednesday	25	Toby Carvery, Ewell East	£7

October

Tuesday	01	Ealing Road, Wembley (Shopping)	£6
Monday	07	The Drummond, Albury	£7
Friday	18	Polhill Garden Centre, Near Orpington	£8
Thursday	24	Fairmile, Cobham (Pub Lunch)	£7

Please note:

We reserve the right to cancel any trip should we consider it is not economically viable. Fares do not include admission prices unless otherwise indicated.

Please call 020 8675 3812 to make your bookings – maximum of 3 trips at any one time