

Good going newsletter Issue 15: August 2008

In this edition we report on some exciting developments at the Travelchoice Centre, highlight the success of carsharepeterborough.com and launch a competition to win one of three Megarider bus tickets. There is also some information about changes to bus services as well as details of a gentle cycle ride around some of Peterborough's fantastic natural attractions.

Travelchoice Centre extends opening hours

From 2 August the Travelchoice Centre is open from 9:00 am to 16:00 pm every Saturday. The extended opening hours have been introduced to help accommodate the high number of visitors that the centre currently receives.

Alongside this, two new members of staff have been recruited to ensure there are enough resources to make Saturday opening possible. The team will be on hand to offer you any help and advice you may need. Information available at the Travelchoice Centre include bus and train timetables, concessionary bus pass application forms and local maps. It also acts as a ticket agent for National Express coaches, Shaws, Peterborough Travel Consultants and Polonia. Stagecoach period tickets are also available.

There is still a chance to get your hands on the discounted National Express Young Person's Coach Cards. The Travelchoice Centre and National Express are offering a 15 month card for the price of 12 months. The card, which costs just £10, is available to anyone aged between 16 and 26 and entitles you to 30% off all National Express journeys within the UK. The offer runs until the end of August 2008, so hurry down to the Travelchoice centre if you want to sign up.



Car sharing hits record high!

Registrations to the website carsharepeterborough.com have rocketed lately, with June seeing a record number of 57 new members.

It seems that the rise in fuels costs, which looks set to continue, has encouraged many local people to look at different ways of saving money.

As well as helping to keep your wallet a bit fatter, car sharing will also help to protect the environment by reducing the amount of CO₂ emissions

To register, log on to www.carsharepeterborough.com



Dates for your diary

Here are some up-coming dates that you might want to be aware of.

September:

- 16 - 22 Travelchoice Week. Join us in celebrating sustainable travel within Peterborough.
- 22 - In Town Without My Car day. Can you do it?

October:

- 26 - End of British summer time. Remember the clocks go back. Use your cycle safety equipment, such lights and reflective clothing.

Calling all members!

Travelchoice are looking for local residents to be involved with new photos that we are producing. If you would like to be photographed and are free on weekdays, please email your name, age and contact details to;

travelchoice@peterborough.gov.uk



Bus timetable changes

Throughout August there will be substantial changes to the Stagecoach bus network following the introduction of the Citi 7 route, which runs from Yaxley to Eye via Queensgate.

The changes will affect the GNER station taxibus, X12, Citi 1, Citi 3, Citi 4, Citi 5, Citi 6, 12, 13 & 13A, 14 & X14,15, 16, 32, 36, 331, 337, Local Link 408, Local Link 410, and X8.

For full details please visit www.travelchoice.org.uk. Alternatively, you can find all the information at the Travel Choice Centre in the Queensgate shopping centre.

Bus price changes

From August 1st the following price increases will become effective on the Local Link bus service:

- Fares up to £2.00 will be increased by 10p
- Fares over £2.00 will be increased by 20p
- The minimum fare will be increased to £1.20
- All-day unlimited travel tickets will increase to £3.00

However, please note that weekly child tickets will remain at £8.00 and weekly adult tickets will remain at £10.00. The upper age limit for child fares across all busses will be their 17th birthday.

If you need further information please feel free to contact the Integrated Passenger Transport Team on 07133 317462

A Place to Cycle

Bretton - Marholm - Castor

A nice gentle ride for this issue, which will take you a total of 10.5 miles around some great routes in Peterborough.

Starting out at Bretton Centre, turn left onto Bretton way. As you continue on the road, turn right and head towards a large white gate, which marks the entrance to Milton Park. On your left you should see the new housing development called the Deanery.

Continuing along the tracks will bring you to Park Farm Road, and at this point you need to take a right until you reach Castor Road. Here you need to take another right and follow the signs for Marholm, where there are plenty of places for you to stop for refreshments if needed.

When you're ready, continue on through Marholm heading towards Ufford and take a left on Heath Road. Following this road will take you to Castor Hanglands National Nature Reserve. The history of this area goes back over 2,000 years, and the nature reserve is famous for its four distinct habitats; woodland, grassland, scrub and wetland.

After delighting in the sights at the nature reserve, continue on Heath Road towards Castor and Ailsworth. Before you reach the A47 take the left turn into the fields, at which point you will re-join the Green Wheel. Following this route will take you over the A47 using the fly over by Milton Golf Club.

As you head into Castor, take the first left for Milton Ferry Bridge, this will take you into Ferry Meadows. Here you will be able to take advantage of your Good Going card with 10% off all purchases at the Lakeside Bar and Café.

When ready, leave Ferry Meadows and continue along the cycle route by the A47 and use the Underpass by the Travelex building which will bring you back onto Bretton Way.



Picture shows Gunwade lake at Ferry Meadows

Mega rider bus ticket competition

To celebrate the extended opening hours of the Travelchoice Centre we are giving away 3 week-long Stagecoach Megarider bus tickets. For your chance to win, simply answer the following question;

What are the new Saturday opening hours of the Travelchoice centre?

The closing date is 31 August. Please send your answer, along with your name and address to;

Travelchoice, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1TN

Alternatively, you can send your answer via email to:

travelchoice@peterborough.gov.uk



Attention!

Where possible we would like to send this newsletter out via email to reduce paper use. Please email travelchoice@peterborough.gov.uk to receive a pdf e-newsletter

Double Decker days out!

Stagecoach are operating a return service to Skegness every Saturday throughout July and August. You still have time to take advantage of this great offer, which runs from the Queensgate bus station, and costs just £10 for adults, £7 for children and £22 for a family.

If you would like to book, please contact 01733 554575. or visit the Travelchoice Centre in Queensgate.

good going discounts

The following organisations are some of our *good going* patrons offering a discount to card holders:

Wareley Motor Repairs

20% off CO₂ testing, services and repairs

Tel: 01733 312384

First Choice

(Serpentine Green and Queensgate travel shop only)

5% off all UK breaks, UK coach tours and worldwide cruises

Tel: 01733 553303 Serpentine Green

Tel: 01733 890048 Queensgate

On Yer Bike

10% off all full priced accessories

Tel: 01733 561550

Orton Meadows Pitch & Putt

10% off a round of Pitch and Putt

Tel: 01733 237478

Milletts

10% off all full priced merchandise

Tel: 01733 341374

The Pizza House

10% discount on all evening meals (between 6pm–11pm)

Tel: 01733 567929

Lakeside Bar & Café, Ferry Meadows

10% off all purchases

Tel: 01733 370293

Stylistics Hairdressers

15% off all hair & beauty treatments (not to be used in conjunction with other offers)

Tel: 01733 565622

Café Nova

20% off all purchases (not to be used in conjunction with other offers)

Tel: 01733 890563

Bristows Cycles

10% off purchases over £10 (excl. repairs)

Tel: 01733 231755

Flag Fen Archaeology Park

20% discount on standard entry

Tel: 0844 414 0646

Railworld

1 free entry with 1 full adult ticket

Tel: 01733 344240

Activity World

£1 off child admission

Tel: 01733 558774

Motorsavers

10% off any bike or cycle accessories

Tel: 01733 565059

Great Performance Ltd

10% off the world's most accurate pedometers

Tel: 0845 868 1886 or visit

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