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Your city, your move!

Welcome to the March 2011 *good going* newsletter! This newsletter aims to keep you up to date with all sustainable transport news, information, events and new *good going* discounts. Those with email access can sign up to receive the e-newsletter. If you would prefer to be sent the newsletter electronically, please email Travelchoice@peterborough.gov.uk.

Does your child use a school bus pass or Megarider?

If it expires on 8 April 2011 you will need to contact us to get a new bus pass issued for the summer term 2011.

Please call 01733 747474 and ask for the passenger transport team.

Cycle maps

Did you know you can purchase your cycle map of Peterborough from the Travelchoice Centre based in Queensgate bus station?



Christmas car share campaign

The aim of the campaign was to reward existing car sharers as well as encouraging new members to the car sharing website.

During the three weeks of the campaign sign-ups to the website more than tripled. The website now has almost 1,500 members and in the past 12 months they have cut their vehicle costs (fuel and wear and tear) by a total of £192,305, saved 273 tonnes of CO₂ and reduced single occupancy driving in the city by 810,600 miles.



The competition winner Sarah Sewell, who works at Norwich and Peterborough Building Society at Lynch Wood Business Park, introduced her colleague Samantha Jones to the website. The pair will share a luxury hamper from Van Hage at Peterborough Garden Park.

Bikeability cycle training until 2015

Travelchoice has successfully received funding to deliver Bikeability cycle training until 2015.



Bikeability teaches children and young people to cycle confidently and safely on modern roads. It is a progressive scheme which begins off-road moving to on-road training

when basic bike skills have been achieved. Upon completion of the course, each participant will receive a badge, certificate and goody bag. Next year, Travelchoice will build on the success of this year and the funding will be used to support a number of non-term time cycle training to encourage even more families to get on their bikes! Bikeability is now being offered to every Year 6 pupil across the city. If you are interested in being an instructor or wish to learn more about Bikeability, contact Travelchoice.

Peterborough's Community Link

Community Link is designed for people who are unable to use or have difficulty using public transport, or where no public transport is available. Whether you use a wheelchair or not, specialised transport and professional drivers will help you gain greater access to shops and other vital services. Community Link can collect you from your home and take you to the city centre.



To use the service you must become a member and this costs £5.00 per person or £7.50 per couple per year. You can book the service up to 48 hours in advance. However, lines close at 12 noon on the day prior to travel. You can ring 01733 317460 to make a booking and the line is open Mondays to Fridays 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Inform the operator of your name, membership number and journey details and then wait for the driver to collect you from your home, assist you on and off the vehicle and help you with your shopping. Passengers are able to take up to four carrier bags each.

If you feel this service is for you please call 01733 747474 and ask for the passenger transport team.

Information kiosk at Queensgate bus station

In the last edition of *good going* we told you about the new website links available and encouraged you to try it. Well it seems like many of you have as in the last two months the hits have increased from 1500 per month to over 3500. Among

the most popular sites visited is the Traveline website which allows you to plan your journey. It would also seem that the kiosk is used the most at lunchtime and between 5.00pm and 6.00pm when the Travelchoice centre is closed. Keep visiting the kiosk and get the website hits up!

Concessionary bus passes

When you get on the bus you will need to use your concessionary card in a different way. Just place your card on top of the ticket machine when you get on and wait for your ticket to print. If you're not sure what to do, ask your driver who will be happy to help. You don't need to apply for a new card, as all existing valid cards have the technology built in.



Hospital bus services

In the last edition of *good going* we told you that the City Care Centre and Peterborough City Hospital would be served by Citi 7. For those of you who have used the service you will be aware that the bus currently stops in a location some distance from the entrance of the hospital off Bretton Gate. This location is temporary and a new location near to the entrance will be in use when all of the demolition works have been completed.

Peterborough Local Access Forum

Are you a walker, cyclist, rider, or other visitor who enjoys the Peterborough countryside? Would you like to see more people travelling without using cars or improve the access to Peterborough's countryside, whilst safeguarding its future? Maybe you would benefit from being a part of The Peterborough Local Access Forum?

The forum meets approximately every two months in the evening

at Bridge House and has a diverse range of members, all volunteers giving their time and experience to improving countryside access for the future. If you are interested in the forum or would like to attend one of our meetings, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Secretary on: peterboroughlaf@googlemail.com

Do you enjoy walking?

The Ramblers, Peterborough Group organises weekly walks on Sundays that cover the best walking country near Peterborough. The walks are for individuals, families and all ages to enjoy without the stress of driving your car to the location and then having to drive back. It's so easy. All you have to do is board the Local Link 401/404 from Queensgate bus station bay 9 at the allocated time and then relax before walking at a pace that suits you, whilst you take in the local history and wildlife. The best news is that most walks end near a pub or café!



For further details of the walks please contact Rohan Wilson on 01733 331393 or look out for posters with information in Queensgate bus station.

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