



2012 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Dear Members

*From the 1st April 2012, Bournemouth Community Transport are pleased to announce that they are forming into a new Charity and we will now be known as **sedcat** (South East Dorset Community Accessible Transport). With our new Charitable status we hope to be able to move forward and develop community transport over a much wider area. We have a new and enthusiastic board of Trustees who are helping us to raise our profile, seek more funding and resolve many transport issues within the community.*

On page 3 of the newsletter you will be able to read about the "Sponsored Cycle Ride to Sardinia". If community transport is to move forward and develop we need to improve our fleet of mini-buses. This sponsored cycle ride is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for a new bus, and I urge all of you to help us with this fundraising event. We have eight brave, and hopefully fit, cyclists who intend cycling from the Castlepoint Shopmobility unit to Sardinia in Italy. The group will leave on the 2nd August and they will be cycling over 1,000 miles, carrying tents and camping equipment on their bikes.

You can help by sponsoring the group; if you would like to do this, please fill in the sponsorship form on page 3. Once the group have reached Sardinia we will contact you and ask you for the money you have pledged. This money will be put towards our "New BAT Bus Fund"

*Dave Parsons
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A message from the Chair of our new Trustees, Hazel Walker

I am delighted to share in this, the first newsletter of **sedcat- your community transport**. I have had the pleasure of working with older people all my working life and I know how important it is to be able to get out and about. I also know how difficult this can be as you get older, or have mobility issues. If you can't get out, your whole world shrinks and this can affect both your physical and mental wellbeing. This is why I am delighted to be involved in the new South East Dorset Community Accessible Transport.

Some of you are already regular users of the shopping bus, and enjoy the outings, others of you use shopmobility or the volunteer car scheme. The Trustees and staff are determined that **sedcat** offers a wide range of transport so that you can get out and about more easily. We hope that even more people will get to know about what we offer. Over the next few years, we want to be able to offer more trips, more shopping and access to leisure opportunities and eventually we want to expand across a wider area, so that we can reach more people. We know how important accessible transport is for people who cannot use their own or public transport, and we want to be there for you. The Trustees and myself would like to hear of your thoughts and ideas, so please contact me on hazels.walker@virgin.net or through the **sedcat** offices. The sedcat Trustees are Linda Nelson, Bev Hepting, Colin Feltham and Paul Payne as well as myself and we can be contacted through the offices.

"sedcat, stretching out across South East Dorset bringing accessible and personable transport to your doorstep."

A Boost to the BAT Bus service

To celebrate the beginning of our new Charity sedcat - your community transport, we will shortly be launching a new service within the Bournemouth area which we hope will give more choice to both current and new members. The BAT Bus will now operate two services with extra drop off points, these are shown below:

Bus 1 *Castlepoint Shopping Centre:*
Shopmobility
Top Level

TESCO, Riverside Avenue, Castle Lane

Bus 2 *Boscombe Sovereign Centre, Shopmobility*

ASDA, St Paul's Road

Shopping time will still remain at 2 hours; mobility equipment will be available for hire at Shopmobility.

Bus 1 will drop passengers outside TESCO where seating is available for members to wait for the return of the BAT Bus, members will also be able to wait in the restaurant.

Bus 2 will drop passengers at the Travel Interchange where there is easy access to ASDA via an escalator or a short walk will take them to a lift to gain access to the main floor. Members can wait for the return of the BAT bus where there is seating available, or they can have a coffee in the Interchange coffee shop or Costa Coffee both of which are close by.

The BAT Bus booking system will remain the same, when you speak to Sue we ask that you tell her your preferred drop off point.

We very much hope that the new service will improve and enhance our service with more members joining and we look forward to seeing more of you out and about shopping. ***Dave Parsons and Alison Morrison***

Raising funds for a new BAT Bus

It's not often you hear about two sixteen year olds who are giving up part of their summer holidays to cycle all the way from Bournemouth to Sardinia to raise money to help a local charity; but this is what Will Nurse from New Milton and Paul Rickard from Poole are planning. The boys will be leading a group of 8 cyclists who will be setting off from the Castlepoint Shopmobility unit in Bournemouth on the 2nd August. In the group there will be three 16yr olds, one 17yr old and four adults who will accompany the boys solely as back up. Will and Paul have chosen the BAT Bus as the charity they wish to support.

Many of you who travel on the BAT Bus on a Monday or Thursday will recognise Margaret Nurse, a regular user of the BAT Bus. Will Nurse is Margaret's grandson and it is Will who came up with the idea of raising money for a new bus to help his Grandmother.

Alison Morrison, Deputy Community Transport Manager, said "we are thrilled that the boys have chosen to support the BAT Bus. We are in desperate need of upgrading our small fleet of mini-buses; there are so many more elderly people in our community who are in real need of help with transport. Increasing access to the community is an important step in the battle against loneliness, isolation and depression; once people find the BAT Bus their lives are often much happier and more fulfilled."



Paul Rickard, Margaret Nurse and Will Nurse



Paul Rickard, Alison Morrison and Will Nurse

If any of you are reading this and thinking you would like to hold a fund raising event yourself, maybe a coffee morning or tea party, please contact Alison or Judith who will be very pleased to hear from you. You can telephone them at Castlepoint Shopmobility on 01202 598295.

SPONSORSHIP FORM FOR THE 'SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE TO SARDINIA'

Please sponsor us : Will Nurse and Paul Rickard

On our cycle trip from Castlepoint Shopmobility Unit to Sardinia, Italy on the 2nd August

In aid of: A new BAT Bus

Name : Telephone Number

Address:

Amount pledged Please now send this form to:

Dave Parsons, sedcat, 3-5 Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth BH1 4HN

or you can hand it into either Boscombe or Castlepoint Shopmobility. Thankyou.



Ina and Elsie set off for Sainsbury's at Castlepoint

A big thank you to Ina Teichmann from Germany who wanted to do some voluntary work in the community during her recent stay in Bournemouth. Over a three month period during the winter, Ina popped into the Castlepoint Shopmobility to join John and Diana on the Monday morning BAT Bus supported shopping programme. Over these few months Ina and Elsie became firm friends, Elsie told Alison "with Ina helping me up to the shops each Monday, I can carry on at home knowing that there will always be something to eat in the fridge! I will really miss our chats which I so enjoyed"

A plea for more double knit wool from Margaret and Edie

If any of you have any spare wool hidden away in your cupboards please hand it to Sue at Boscombe or Alison and Judith at Castlepoint. The knitters are getting ready for next winter and could really do with more wool, so please help.



The Bucketeers were out on the top mall at the recent Castlepoint Pancake Day Race to start collecting for the 'New Bat Bus Fund'



It was cold, it was wet and it was extremely windy but the bucketeers kept on shaking their buckets!

A big thank you to ASDA for inviting us to be the 'official' collectors on Pancake day and

a special thank you to all the Volunteers who kept on shaking those buckets.



Father Christmas Nick Farley with BAT Bus members en route for a drink and lunch at the Green Dragon pub

We can report that another successful Santa Tour took place at the Green Dragon pub on the 17th December last year. Father Christmas Nick Farley, Chief Elf Bob Cox and Assistant Elf Phil Brightwell harnessed up the Reindeers to three buses and flew the BAT Bus members off for their annual Christmas get together. A record number of

BAT Bus members booked this outing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Margaret Shillabeer, a BAT Bus member said " We are all so grateful to Nick for organising the outings which we all really enjoy. For many of us a day or afternoon out on the BAT Bus is the only opportunity for us to meet up with friends, have a nice meal out and enjoy ourselves".

