

ROAD RUNNER — FUNDRAISING SPECIAL

WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS!

But first, welcome to the 2017 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 are leading on three exciting new trips — Milestones Museum, Birdworld and a River Trip on the Thames from Westminster to Greenwich. These are detailed within, along with the old favourites like our summer outings to the seaside.

New Contract Agreed with the Council

The good news is that our contract has been renewed for a further 3 years with a possible 2 year extension. This means our future is assured and we have to give a tremendous thanks to Wandsworth Council who continue to fund us and recognize how important our services are to all those who use us.

Fundraising Drive

However, the bad news is that we have understandably lost some funding (25% now since 2015) so we need your help to make ends meet. We are determined to freeze shopping fares at £2.50 and to keep the cost of outings at last year's prices.



Thames Clipper passing the London Eye

We think it is unfair to charge people extra for wheelchairs and volunteers, and we don't want to 'price out' the people who need us most. BUT we need your help to achieve this and need to raise £20,000/year to make up the shortfall in our funding.

We had a fantastically successful fundraising drive two years ago and managed to raise over £22,000, so we need to do the same again. See overleaf for details of how you can help.



The Milestone Museum - Remember the cry "Any old iron"?



The Sweet Shop at Milestones Museum and the Cutty Sark at Greenwich

Membership Renewal and Survey

We have enclosed a membership renewal and survey form for you to complete and return to us. It is vital for us to keep our records up to date and provide statistics for our funders. You will need to return the form to us by the end of May if you would like to receive a copy of the next newsletter.

We don't charge a membership fee, but if each member donated £10 an amazing £10,000 would be raised! We would urge you to also support us throughout the year, either in the donations box at Shopmobility or direct to the office.

IN PARTICULAR, please ensure we get your e-mail address if you have one – e-mails are a lot cheaper than stamps and save us loads of money!

Legacies

Another way you can potentially help us is remembering us in your Will. Charities raise over a billion pounds from legacies every year, so it can be a really important way to help. Call Paul on 020 8675 3812 for more information.

NEW DESTINATIONS

We know you all love new places to visit and this summer we are trying three new destinations which we hope will be popular.

BIRDWORLD

If you love animals you will love Birdworld. There are shows and displays and the penguin feeding is not to be missed. There is a free train that takes you on a tour and of course the usual catering facilities. The cost is £13.95 for pensioners (payable at the door), but be warned, some walking is required if you want to get round all the exhibits.

Milestones Museum

We are pleased to announce our first visit to Milestones museum in Basingstoke. The museum is a real journey down memory lane and sounds like a great day out.

They have recreated a series of cobbled streets with a penny arcade, an old-fashioned sweet shop and a pub that keeps traditional hours. You will see vintage vehicles in action and rooms from different decades of the past century.

So, if you fancy collecting a ration card to buy some pear drops or sherbet lemons, or listen to Elvis or Tommy Steele on the jukebox in the café, then this is the trip for you! The entry fee is £10.



Penguins at Birdworld

KEW GARDENS have again offered us a special entry deal, so the all inclusive price of £9 is an absolute bargain! Kew has its famous glass houses and you can take a tour to see all the sights on the special land train. There are mobility scooters available, but you must book well in advance on 020 8332 5121.

THE RIVER TRIP

Another new one this summer is the boat trip from Westminster to Greenwich, passing through some of the most iconic scenery on the Thames. The Houses of Parliament, The London Eye, The Tower of London, Tower Bridge and Canary Wharf are all on the route, and we finish at historic Greenwich, from where we return by minibus after lunch and a wander. The boats are accessible (except for the toilets) but be warned, there is some walking and a sloping gang way down to the river. The boat costs about £8, but **TAKE YOUR FREEDOM PASS FOR A DISCOUNT**. The minibus fare is £6.



8 MPH Scooter for sale — £450 with new batteries

KEEP YOUR PIN NUMBER SECRET

We know many of you struggle with your pin numbers, but PLEASE PLEASE, never give them to your volunteer or ask them to do it for you. If you really can't do it, talk to your bank about other ways to pay, like contactless payment. If it is just a question of memorizing the number, you can always change your number to something easier to remember, like a birthday.

Of course watch out for your cash as well. Always get a receipt and keep your purse out of sight.



MP Rosena Allin-Khan at Shopmobility

MP VOLUNTEERS AT SHOPMOBILITY OPEN DAY.

Our recent Shopmobility Volunteers Open Day was a huge success and we were delighted to welcome Tooting MP, Dr Rosena Allin-Khan, who came down and helped.

"Rosena was a really good sport," says MD, Manuel Button, "and Mrs Boxall, who she pushed round the shops, was delighted to get the star treatment."

We got several fantastic new volunteers from the open day, but of course, we always need more. So please do spread the word and encourage family, friends and colleagues to follow Rosena's great example.

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 2017

May

Tuesday	9	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Friday	12	Richmond Park & Isabella Plantation	£6
Thursday	18	Fairmile, Cobham (Pub Lunch)	£7
Wednesday	24	Polhill Garden Centre, Near Orpington	£7
Tuesday	30	Hastings	£12

June

Thursday	1	Eastbourne	£12
Tuesday	6	Ealing Road, Wembley (Shopping)	£6
Monday	12	Toby Carvery, Ewell East	£7
Friday	16	Brighton	£12
Thursday	22	Birdworld, Farnham (plus £13.95 entry)	£10
Wednesday	28	Worthing	£12

July

Tuesday	4	Green Street, East Ham (Shopping)	£6
Friday	7	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£7
Tuesday	11	Milestones Museum, Basingstoke (+£10 entry)	£10
Monday	17	Anchor, Wisley (Pub Lunch)	£7
Thursday	20	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£6
Wednesday	26	Southend-On-Sea	£12

August

Tuesday	1	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Wednesday	9	Hastings	£12
Monday	14	Eastbourne	£12
Thursday	17	Brighton	£12
Friday	25	Southend-On-Sea	£12

September

Friday	1	Worthing	£12
Tuesday	5	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£6
Thursday	7	Kew Gardens (including entry fee)	£9
Tuesday	12	Ealing Road, Wembley (Shopping)	£6
Wednesday	20	Birdworld, Farnham (plus £13.95 entry)	£10
Monday	25	Polhill Garden Centre, Near Orpington	£8

October

Tuesday	3	Green Street, East Ham (Shopping)	£6
Wednesday	11	Milestones Museum, Basingstoke (+£10 entry)	£10
Friday	20	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£7
Monday	30	Hogsmill, Worcester Park (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