

## ROAD RUNNER

Welcome to the 2018 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 again trialling some new destinations, including the Hyde Park Liberty Drives, the Drummond Arms at Albury and Walthamstow Street Market. There will also be another chance to take the riverboat to Greenwich, which was well oversubscribed last year. These trips are detailed within, along with the old favourites like our summer outings to the seaside.

### UNLIMITED BOOKING AND CANCELLATIONS

As you all know, we normally limit people to three bookings at any one time to ensure everyone gets a chance to book. BUT, by popular request, we have decided to let people book for the whole summer so they can finalise their plans in advance.

There is a downside of course. This will not work if people forget what they are meant to be doing and don't turn up, or cancel because they change their minds. We cannot afford to run empty buses, so it is up to you to make it work.



*Enjoying a sing-a-long at our anniversary concert*

### SING SING SING SING

Everybody likes to sing and we keep on hearing how good it is for us. So why not join the new WCT choir? It will meet on Thursdays at 2.30 at Wandsworth Shopmobility (at the back of Sainsbury's on Garratt Lane, SW18). At the moment, we are gauging whether there is enough interest to make it worthwhile, so do call us and put your name down and we will tell you more.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability or experience. We will do old favourite sing-a-long numbers and it should be a lot of fun.

### FAME AT LAST

For years we have been getting visits from Japan to see how our fantastic Shopping Shuttle and Shopmobility work, and now we have just received a delegation from Korea, pictured left. They were especially impressed with our fantastic volunteers and it illustrates what a world-leading service we offer.

Help us spread the word and tell your friends!



*The Korean Delegation visiting Shopmobility*



*Last year's river trip to Greenwich and the eclectic Walthamstow Market*

### THE RIVER TRIP

Last summer we successfully trialled this trip, which goes 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 £4, but **TAKE YOUR FREEDOM PASS TO GET THE DISCOUNT**. The minibus fare is £6.

### DIAL-A-RIDE LATEST NEWS

We have now been running five Dial-a-Ride buses since last August and it has been a great success. We really want you all to become members and start using this world-leading service and make sure we keep demand as high as possible in Wandsworth.

Call Dial-a-Ride on **0343 222 7777**

### PUB LUNCH AT THE DRUMMOND, ALBURY

This is another new venue and we are sure you will enjoy this lovely pub with a garden right on the river. Do let us know if you like it.



### 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*

### WALTHAMSTOW STREET MARKET

This is another new one, which we think will complement our usual range of exotic market destinations. Walthamstow has everything (apparently) and a distinct Afro Caribbean flavour. Let us know if you get any good bargains!



## HYDE PARK AND THE LIBERTY DRIVES

Hyde Park has great attractions, including the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain, the Albert Memorial, Kensington Palace, the Serpentine Gallery and much much more. The accessible and free-of-charge Liberty Rides are a fantastic way to get to see them all. After the trip around the park, we will lunch at the Italian Gardens Cafe and then return home.

## WHY NOT TRY THE SHOPPING SHUTTLE

Many of you are already regulars, but for those who haven't given it a try yet, NOW IS THE TIME! We have vacancies in all areas, and at only £2.50 (which includes volunteer and wheelchair or scooter if you need one) it is fantastic value. You get a regular slot each week and you will soon make friends with the other shoppers and volunteers. We take you to our Shopmobility office at Sainsbury in Wandsworth, but of course you can also visit the fantastic Southside Shopping Centre and surrounding attractions. You get two hours and can sit and wait for your return at Shopmobility, where the friendly Marcia and Malcolm will look after you.

## FAREWELL TO CHARLIE, HELLO JULIE



Charlie Lowden

We were all very sad when Charlie told us he was leaving at the end of last year, having moved to Haywards Heath. He was much loved by all his regular shoppers and was always ready to help. Good luck Charlie and all the best. But fear not!

Many of you will already have met Julie, who is our fantastic new driver and already a key member of the team. Julie is pictured (right) with volunteer bus cleaner Giorgio.



## 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 2018

### May

Tuesday	8	Walthamstow Market (Shopping)	£6
Monday	14	Richmond Park & Isabella Plantation	£6
Thursday	17	Fairmile, Cobham (Pub Lunch)	£7
Wednesday	23	Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham	£8
Tuesday	29	Eastbourne	£12
Thursday	31	Hastings	£12

### June

Tuesday	5	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Monday	11	The Drummond, Albury	£7
Wednesday	13	Worthing	£12
Tuesday	19	Hyde Park & the Liberty Drives	£7
Friday	22	Brighton	£12
Thursday	28	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£7

### July

Tuesday	3	Ealing Road, Wembley (Shopping)	£6
Monday	9	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£6
Thursday	12	Anchor, Wisley (Pub Lunch)	£7
Tuesday	17	Hastings	£12
Friday	20	Hyde Park & the Liberty Drives	£7
Wednesday	25	Southend-On-Sea	£12

### August

Friday	3	Worthing	£12
Tuesday	7	Green Street, East Ham (Shopping)	£6
Thursday	9	Brighton	£12
Wednesday	15	Eastbourne	£12
Monday	20	Anchor, Wisley (Pub Lunch)	£7
Friday	24	Southend-On-Sea	£12

### September

Tuesday	4	Walthamstow Market (Shopping)	£6
Friday	7	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£6
Wednesday	12	The Drummond, Albury	£7
Thursday	20	Kew Gardens (including entry fee)	£9
Monday	24	Polhill Garden Centre, Near Orpington	£8

### October

Tuesday	2	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Thursday	11	Toby Carvery, Ewell East	£7
Wednesday	17	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£7
Monday	22	Fairmile, Cobham (Pub Lunch)	£7
Friday	26	Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham	£8

**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