



# **Newsletter**

## **Autumn 2009**

### **Biggleswade & District Bus Association**

**END OF TERM** - On the last day of term the bus service will run at lunchtime to coincide with the schools finishing at noon. There will be no bus service later in the day. The service will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**THE AGM** was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Tempsford Stuart Memorial Village Hall. The chairman, Simon Adkins, stepped down and his post was taken up by Caroline Murray. The Minutes Secretary, Felicity Kendall, stepped down and her post was taken up by Emma Kendall. Mrs. Nicola Adkins also joined the committee. We would like to thank Simon and Felicity for all their hard work and welcome the new committee members.

The committee consists of parent volunteers, without whom there would be no bus service. As parents, you are all members of the Biggleswade and District Bus Association and the AGM is your chance to ask any questions and to contribute any ideas regarding the running of the bus service. The committee requires new members on a regular basis to maintain its existence and progression. The next AGM will be held in September 2010. Details will be published nearer the time and we hope that many of you will attend.

**VACANCY.** We have a vacancy for a Membership Secretary as our current membership secretary will be standing down in January. If you feel you would like to take on this post, please contact the chairman, Caroline Murray, as soon as possible. Contact details overleaf.

**BDBA WEBSITE - CAN YOU HELP?** Are you IT competent with experience in designing and maintaining websites? Our website is currently managed by our assistant treasurer, Nick Martin, who is doing a sterling job. We need someone who would be able to offer time and expertise to assist Nick in order to improve the website. You would not be required to join the committee but would be welcome to do so, should you wish.

Our website is [www.bdba.org.uk](http://www.bdba.org.uk) and is a crucial tool in informing the schools and parents of our services and timetables.

**CODE OF CONDUCT.** Every passenger on the BDBA bus services should have signed a Code of Conduct letter. If we have not received your copy we will be in touch with you. The Code of Conduct letter forms part of the contract the parents and passengers enter into with the Biggleswade and District Bus Association which governs the behaviour standards expected on the buses in the interest of passenger safety. Any disruptive behaviour will be dealt with in conjunction with the schools.

**SCHOOL OPEN DAYS.** The committee received a very positive response from the schools when we provided them with flyers for their recent open days. Our aim was to publicise the BDBA bus services in order to maximise passenger numbers to enable us to keep the cost of travel at a reasonable level.

**TERMINATION** Please be advised that one full term's notice is required should you no longer wish to use the bus service. Failure to do so will result in your deposit being retained.

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**I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We thank you for your continued support.**

**Best wishes and warmest regards,**

**Caroline Murray  
Chairman, Biggleswade and District Bus Association**