



Newsletter

Summer 2010

Biggleswade & District Bus Association

END OF TERM - On the last day of term – Friday July 9th - 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 Thursday, September 2nd.

BUS MONITORS. Passenger safety and happiness is something the committee takes very seriously. Members of the committee have volunteered to take time out of their own busy schedules in order to travel on the buses to monitor behaviour and interaction on the routes. This will occur each term on various occasions. We hope this will have an effect on the behaviour but time will tell. As parents, we are responsible for our own child's behaviour and I hope each of you will take this matter as seriously as we do. We welcome any thoughts you may have on this.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. If you have any concerns / opinions / ideas you would like to share regarding the Biggleswade and District Bus Service, we would like to invite you to attend our AGM in September. It is only by airing these issues that we are able to effect change. All parents are welcome to attend as you are all members of the Association.

The BDBA is constantly adapting and changing to improve the service we deliver and to enhance passenger safety on our buses. We value your input.

THE AGM will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd 7.30pm – 8.30pm at The Tempsford Stuart Memorial Village Hall. This is accessible from both carriageways of the A1.

Address:- Church Street, Tempsford, Bedfordshire. SG19 2AW

The committee consists of a small group of parent volunteers, without whom there would be no bus service. We require new members on a regular basis to maintain our existence and progression. We meet just 3 times a year and deal with issues as they arise throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the committee or finding out more, please contact the chairman, Caroline Murray on chairman@bdba.org.uk or give me a call on 01480 473286.

PRIVILEGE IN PERIL. There have been a number of instances recently where passengers have attempted to travel on the regular Stagecoach buses without a valid BDBA bus pass. Please be advised that ALL passengers need to have a bus pass in a legible condition with the correct photo, which has not been tampered with in any way. It should display a current BDBA sticker. The drivers will confiscate any bus passes not deemed valid. To be allowed the use of the regular Stagecoach buses is a privilege we all enjoy and is a vital addition to our 3 usual routes. However, this privilege is in danger of being withdrawn if passengers continue to abuse the system which would have a huge impact, especially on those taking GCSE and A level exams. Should you require a replacement bus pass, please see our website for details, www.bdba.org.uk.

NO LONGER REQUIRE OUR SERVICES? WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR DEPOSIT BACK? 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.

Please note that all bus passes must now be returned to the treasurer upon termination in order to secure the return of your deposit.

DO YOU NEED ANOTHER PLACE ON THE BUS? Should you require any additional places on the buses for September or beyond, please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

APPLICATIONS/QUERIES. All future applications/queries regarding bus places should be forwarded to the membership secretary:-

Phillippa Wilkinson, 6 The Baulk , Pottton, Sandy , Beds SG19 2DR.

AUTUMN INVOICES. Please ensure that your payment and completed invoice are returned immediately to enable the treasurer to process the paperwork and to allow you to pay the reduced fare. The cheques will NOT be banked before September 7th.

BDBA WEBSITE, www.bdba.org.uk. A huge thank you to our webmaster for redesigning our website. The website is now completely user friendly and there are links into this website from almost all the schools. Please check the website for all BDBA information, forms and contact details along with important news such as changes to services caused by road works or bad weather.

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Best wishes and warmest regards,

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