

PROFILE OF OUR TREASURER-



Ken is our Treasurer and he volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays. He is a Gloucester man, born and bred, having always lived in the City.

The only time Ken was away from the City was for 4 years when he was in the RAF from 1943 to 1947.

As Ken has always worked with figures, as a Commercial Accountant, he has been available as treasurer for many organisations so he is still a busy man since retiring!

Ken is very much a family man being the youngest of 6 children and having 2 sons of his own and 4 wonderful grandchildren. He says that "life has been kind to him and it is nice being able to give something back". Ken and his late wife worked voluntarily for quite a few charities. Ken says that it is a pleasure and privilege to be part of the great team at Dial-a-Ride and we at Dial-a-Ride really appreciate Ken's time and commitment.

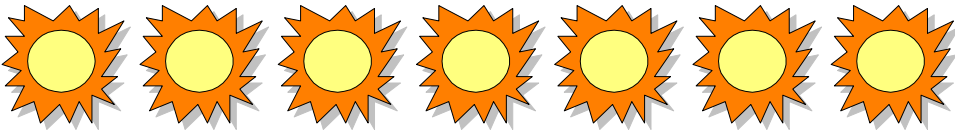
DIAL-a-RIDE's SUMMER BRAIN TEASER (no prizes this time!)

If No4 is a MARS BAR and No.13 is MOONLIGHT work out what chocolate/sweet bar the others are:

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| 1. High class thoroughfare | _____ |
| 2. Dark occult | _____ |
| 3. Various black items | _____ |
| 4. Mother's local | Mars Bar _____ |
| 5. Good children want these | _____ |
| 6. Assorted girls | _____ |
| 7. Lorry drivers' snack | _____ |
| 8. Locals from Malta | _____ |
| 9. Toothless drink | _____ |
| 10. Big cat's pub | _____ |
| 11. One who wanders | _____ |
| 12. It's a party | _____ |
| 13. Frankie Vaughan wanted! | Moonlight _____ |
| 14. Edible fasteners | _____ |
| 15. Istanbul harem | _____ |
| 16. Big bus | _____ |
| 17. Outside meal | _____ |
| 18. Lost them | _____ |
| 19. Money making royalty | _____ |
| 20. Clever folk | _____ |

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**GLOUCESTER DIAL-A-RIDE
SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2004**



Oh! to be in Gloucester now that Summer's here. Warm, sunny weather all around. Five buses buzzing about the town, full of our lovely passengers enjoying themselves. Come, join us and get out and about!

HOT CROSS BUNS AT SAINSBURY'S BARNWOOD ON 6 APRIL

Nearly 50 members of Gloucester and Newent Dial-a-Rides enjoyed a great morning courtesy of Sainsbury just before Easter. Passengers shopped and then relaxed in the coffee shop with hot-cross buns, coffee and tea before the big prize draw took place. The lucky winner of a Sainsbury voucher was Mrs Vaughan, Gloucester. The local press were there and we enjoyed coverage in the Citizen, Gloucestershire Independent and on Radio Gloucestershire.



Here are some of you enjoying a break at Sainsbury. Are you there? And who's that hiding??!

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS??

WE NOW HAVE A SATURDAY SERVICE

To find out more please contact Sue or Linda on the usual number – 502100.

DIAL-A-RIDE NEWS

I expect by now you will have met our new driver Ian Hill who is settling in well. Our AGM on 30th June went well and our management committee has been strengthened by the addition of Liz Vaughan, a loyal passenger over many years, and Jane Griffiths and Ann-Marie Cuffe, who will be able to represent views of our younger members due to their involvement with the Physical Disability Forum.

We've been advertising Gloucester Dial-a-Ride on Severn Sound's Classic Gold radio station. If you've not heard it yet then tune into 774 Medium Wave any morning between 6 and 10am. Tell your friends as well! We have also had 2 stars on Radio Gloucestershire's airwaves in recent months – member, Evie Mallard and Dial-a-Ride driver, Roger Langston.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LIGS?

Do you get your care needs met by Home care or similar? Did you know that you can have money from Social Services instead of the more usual arrangement of a carer being sent to you? This money is called a **Direct Payment**. With this money you employ your own Personal Assistant to come to you **when you want them to come**. You will no longer have to sit around wondering **IF** they will turn up, **WHEN** they will turn up or **WHO** will turn up. You will be in control. You will make the decisions. To find out more contact your Social Worker or call **Living Independently in Gloucestershire (LIGS)** on **01452 411000**.

2003/04 SURVEY

A really big thanks to all of you who responded to our recent survey – we had over 250 replies, which is really fantastic. Many, many of you took time to write in the 'And finally' section and your comments really make us realise – staff, volunteers and management - how important providing a good service is to all of you. We look forward to keeping you mobile for years to come.

Please find enclosed a report, produced by our Development Worker, Malcolm Dunn, for a full analysis of the results!

JOKER'S CORNER

A man went to heaven and knocks the door – St Peter opens it – man fades away
Man knocks again – St Peter opens it – man fades away
Another knock – Peter says – What happens with you?
Man says "They are trying to resuscitate me!"



MEMBERS' SECTION

You have already provided us with some great material for the newsletters and here are just a couple of them –

BRUCE PAINTER has sent in the following "Down Memory Lane".....



As I am a Forester, born and bred, I can only give you my view of Old Gloucester.

When we were at school my sister and I came into Gloucester with our Grandmother. We came in by train and took Grandma to the Cattle Market which was then by the station. We left her there for the sale of second-hand clothes. We took her basket and her order for groceries to the Co-op in Brunswick Road (where Boots is now). We loved watching the cash carriers flying through the shop to the cashier's desk.

We then looked round the lovely shops in Gloucester and back to the Cattle Market to pick up Grandma. We stopped on the way to have tea and a Chelsea bun at the NBWTAU (National British Women's Total Abstinence Unit). With Grandma we then went to the dairy in Longsmith Street to pick up the butter for the whole family. We had a glass of milk and cheese and biscuits there. It was then on to Lanes to get fish and chips to take home for dinner. Then we went back to the station where the lad from the Co-op would be waiting with Grandma's basket of groceries. The train took us home about 3 pm after a morning in Gloucester we always enjoyed.

.....and now for a poem sent in by PHILIP AMPHLETT

TICK-TOCK-TICK-TOCK

*Time waits for no man first it's here with us then it's gone
Time it always leaves us on our own to soldier on
Time has seen us throughout history until today
Time waits for no man and from this one fact you cannot get away*

*If you travel back through the ages to when it all begun
We are told by scientists Earth is a chip off a planet called the Sun
It must have cooled down quickly as our own ice age couldn't have been much fun
But are we going back or forth in time, should I stay or had I better run*

*Time waits for no man and that includes you and I today
Soon tomorrow will be yesterday and our good memories of it will simply fade away
They can be recalled or kept in photographs of what we did and when
Time waits for no man because when it's gone it never calls again.*

SUMMER TRIPS – WE HAVE PLANS FOR THESE IN JULY AND AUGUST. DETAILS WILL BE ON THE BUSES SOON.