

# GLOUCESTER **DIAL-A-RIDE**

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## SUMMER 2006 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. Did we say Summer? Perhaps by the time you receive this newsletter it will have started!!

Not to worry, our buses are warm and dry, so we're waiting to take you out and about to your usual destinations. Book now, Linda and Sue are waiting to take your calls.



### **A CELEBRATION FOR 20 YEARS' SERVICE !**

*The Committee presented Sue with a lovely bouquet of flowers and a cake in recognition of her 20 years' service with Dial-a-Ride. Sue has been with Dial-a-Ride from its beginnings, starting as the only driver, and now as Dial-a-Ride's Operations Manager.*

*We wish Sue many more happy years' service.*

### **FOND FAREWELL: Sandy, Linda and Ian**



*I expect you all know by now that in such a short time we have lost three treasured staff of Dial-a-Ride. First **LINDA**, who had been with us for 13 years organising all your trips so efficiently. The staff gave her a grand 'send off' in 'England's Glory' pub where we presented her with a lovely watch and matching bracelet. We all wish Linda good luck in her new job.*

*Then we have had to say a sad farewell to **SANDY** and **IAN**, another great loss to Dial-a-Ride. Sandy, who helped to organise your trips and husband Ian, who drove you all to your destinations with such kindness. They are both enjoying a much deserved second retirement, although knowing them both as we do, they will still be giving up their time to help all they come into contact with. We wish them both much happiness.*

*Gloucester Dial-a-Ride would like to thank **The Charles Irving Charitable Trust** for their kind support in helping to fund this newsletter.*

## FINDING IT HARD TO HEAR PEOPLE ON THE PHONE THESE DAYS? ARE YOU TIRED OF PEOPLE MUMBLING?

*Maybe Gloucester Dial-a-Ride and / or Gloucestershire Deaf Association can help?*

**Gloucester Dial-a-Ride** – from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006 we will be accepting email and fax bookings, as well as phone bookings. This will offer better access for people with hearing difficulties and also for everyone else by lengthening the booking hours available.

### **Gloucester Dial-a-Ride booking options from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006 –**

Telephone 01452 502100 from 9am – 1.30pm Mon-Thurs (to 1pm Fridays)

Fax 01452 502373

Email [info@gloucesterdialaride.org.uk](mailto:info@gloucesterdialaride.org.uk)

Web [www.gloucesterdialaride.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterdialaride.org.uk)

*An example booking form is enclosed to show the information needed for fax / email bookings. You can download the form from our website.*

**Gloucestershire Deaf Association** – they can help you with many things around the home, eg phones, TV and door bells as well as other day to day communication issues. Every Thursday morning from 9am to 12 noon you can drop in to their 'Equipment Room', which has a range of items that could make a difference. They have a 'try before you buy' policy, so give them a go, you never know.....

Contact Gloucestershire Deaf Association:

Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3JL

Telephone 01452 372999

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## IF YOU WANT TO GET TO THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE DEAF ASSOCIATION WHY NOT BOOK YOUR TRAVEL WITH GLOUCESTER DIAL-A-RIDE?



**Miles of Smiles: Have you heard these new song titles, just out?**

*“She was only the Town Clerk’s daughter but she let the Borough Surveyor”*

*“I used to kiss her on the lips, but its all over now”*

*“She forgot to switch off the electric blanket, so now she’s the toast of the town”*

*“We feed the baby garlic so we can find him in the dark”*

*Thought for Summer: And **summer's** lease hath all too **short** a date. (Shakespeare)*