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100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of our recent draws - Thank you for your support - We are pleased to announce that you helped us raise £951 from October 2010 to September 2011 which is greatly appreciated. You can join the 100 Club at any time during the year, just send a cheque, payable to ODCTG for £12 to me at the address below.

April

- 1st Mrs Boston, Okehampton - donated back to charity
- 2nd Mrs J Hicks, Lewdown
- 3rd Mr & Mrs T Kingman, Okehampton

May

- Mrs J White, Halwill Junction
- Mr J Hooper, Okehampton
- Mr D Reason, Sticklepath

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With the increasing costs of printing and postage, if you or your family have an email address, please let us know so that we can send information to you electronically to cut down on our costs. Thank you.

Devon County Council Community Transport Awards

We are pleased to report that following nomination, Alan and Lin Perrott received an award in recognition of their contribution to Community Transport in Devon, this was received at a ceremony at County Hall on 25th May. Sue accompanied them and they enjoyed a lovely evening hearing all the nominations for the various categories including Volunteer of the Year, Employee of the Year, Group of the Year and other Volunteer awards. The winner of the Volunteer of the Year award was a 90 year old man who is still volunteering! These awards take place each year and nominations can be submitted by clients, members of the organisation or the general public.



Visit to Powderham Castle

We have had a request for a visit to Powderham, unfortunately they are not open on a Saturday but we have decided to arrange a trip with both vehicles on Monday 6th August during the school holidays when the bus is not required for the school run each end of the day. If we take a group of 15 or more then the entry cost is greatly reduced. The cost of the trip will be £17 to include entry if we have 15 or more or £20 if we only take one vehicle. Please let us know ASAP if you would like a seat and send a deposit of £7. Thank you.

Naming of our Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

We have decided to name our vehicles following the suggestions of Bill Litherland and hope you will agree they are appropriate - The Peugeot will be named Winnie - after Winnie Glynn who was a regular passenger for many years and really enjoyed her trips out in the vehicle. The Citroen will be named Meri - in memory of Meri Ineson, wife of Kit who was a driver for many years and also an active fundraiser for our group.

Saturday Trips (Ring and Ride Bus plus Peugeot when numbers require)

1 st September	Tamar View Nurseries, Saltash	£10
8 th September	Beer	£12
15 th September	Easy Going Tour - DNP with guide	£10
22 nd September	Lost Gardens of Heligan	£20 includes Senior entry
29 th September	Barnstaple	£9

Trips with the Peugeot

We have had extra grab rails and a step fitted which should enable easier access for our clients.

A list of trips will be available and will be published on our website, in our vehicles and by phoning the office.

If you have a group of friends who would like to arrange a trip, give us a ring and we will do our best to organise it for you.

Thursday 14th June Castle Drogo, National Trust property £8 transport only

We will also be arranging some Sunday lunch trips - details available from the office or on posters in our vehicles.

Drivers

We said goodbye to Brian Finch who has moved to Exmouth and Dave Welch who has moved to Taunton but welcome back Chrissie Taylor who has returned to Okehampton.

We are always looking for new drivers to join our team, we particularly need drivers who are willing to undertake wheelchair training to drive our two wheelchair accessible vehicles which are being kept very busy.

Please contact the office if you would like to know more.

Oke-dokey - A Time for Life service

An Okehampton Social Group for the over 50's - meet on a Thursday morning over a cup of coffee and chat with like-minded people. It's an opportunity to talk about what you would like to do in the coming week or so. Perhaps you'd like to see a film, go for a walk on the moor, go shopping, or use the computers at a community centre, but don't want to do it on your own. Perhaps there is someone who feels the same as you do, and you could go together. Or if you just want to meet up with others for a chat over coffee, that's fine too. Every Thursday, 10.30am at Castleham Lodge. Just turn up, there's nothing to join, no membership fee. Just £1 per session to include coffee/tea and biscuits. For further information contact Ali 01822 810897 ali@timeforlife.org.uk

Time For Life - Groups at Castleham Lodge

These groups are open to everyone aged 50 and over from Okehampton and the surrounding towns and villages. These are just some of the activities which take place, some groups may have occasional holidays, please check before going along. Castle Café open daily for drinks, snacks and lunches. Sing-a-long every Monday 11am £2 ~ Writing Circle 4th Tuesday each month 2pm £1 ~ Art Club every Wednesday 2pm £2 ~ Seated Exercise every Thursday 12 noon £2 ~ Let's Play with Fabric & Yarn every Thursday 2pm £1.50.

If you require transport please ring us on 55000 and we will do our best to help.

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Who? Tell the people who run your service what you think of it

How? We can pass your comments to the people who make the changes

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Website

Please see our website at www.odctg.co.uk for up to date information, photos and more.

Legacy

If you have had good service, please remember us in your will. Thank you.

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