



TRIP News

Connecting our Communities

April to June



TEAM TRIP

BACK:

Neil—Manager

MIDDLE:

Sharon—Deputy Manager

Julie— Ring & Ride Co-ordinator

Mollie-Voluntary Cars

Jenny -Admin

FRONT:

Janine -Befriending Co-ordinator

Sandra—Befriending Admin & Voluntary Cars Co-ordinator



Featured above are members of the TRIP TEAM based in our offices on New Street.

Some of whom you may well have met and had help from.

Many members of all the TRIP teams, including our drivers, volunteers etc. have been a part of TRIP for +10-15 years, sadly however, there comes a time when retirement or relocation happens along.

Such a time is here for Jenny, a +10-year veteran of TRIP who is retiring with our best wishes and thanks for her years of service—we will miss her.

Janine our awesome Befriending Co-ordinator, is soon to follow her husband to new pastures in Oxford (their gain, our loss). Her position will be taken over by xxxxxx

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The amazing TRIP HOLIDAYS...



JERSEY TRIP 2019: Evening meal at the Mayfair Hotel. (Sadly since this holiday, Margarete Dobson (front right) has died)



JERSEY TRIP 2018

Group outside a shop in North Jersey, supplying top-end, hand-made jewellery.

TRIP HOLIDAYS 2020:

A gentle reminder for our Passenger Club of the **Cotswold Break** and also advanced notification of a **Jersey Break** in **September**.

If these are of interest to you and your friends then make contact in the usual way.

Cotswold Break

Thursday 28th May - Sunday 31st May 2020

This is a 4 day, 3 night break staying at the Holiday Inn Hotel at Gloucester on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis visiting various locations of interest within the Cotswold area.

This hotel does not have evening entertainment but there is a bar by the restaurant, and a pool, steam room, sauna and other fitness apparatus available for those wishing to improve their outward appearance (if the bar doesn't do it).

The cost will, of course, include collecting and returning you to your home, the accommodation at the hotel, visits to Gloucester Cathedral, Bourton-on-the-Water, Stow-on-the-Wold, Broadway, Moreton-in-Marsh, Chipping Norton and even a Downton Abbey location, to name but a few.

The cost of this venture for a **single** person is **£270.00**.
For those sharing a room the cost is **£210** per person.

As usual this cost does not include entry fees to any establishments visited.

If this does interest you and you wish to be considered for a place please call the office and enter your name on the list. There are only 12 places on the bus so it will probably be names out of the hat to select the lucky few. Should it be well over-subscribed, then I shall consider doing the venture again next year.

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NB: Jersey Break

Wed 2nd Sept – Sun 6th Sept 2020

Only 12 places available.

Book soon—01404 46529

2019 COTSWOLD TRIP

← Visit to a Pottery

TRIP Events:

New winter friendship group launched in Honiton to combat isolation (Midweek Herald)



Honiton transport charity TRIP, has used Devon county council funding to launch a new social initiative.

TRIP, based in New Street, picks people up and takes them to a meal, where they can share experiences with others and have a natter - all for a £5 donation.

Sharon Thorne, deputy manager of TRIP, said: "We are reaching out to those people' with whom in the past we often struggled to engage. We recognise also, that it is not just elderly people who are isolated."

The winter friendship group project runs until the end of March and has been made possible thanks to £6,500 in grant funding, awarded to TRIP by Devon County Council.

Mrs Thorne said: "Without the support of the council, we would have been unable to offer these fantastic day trips to help TRIP engage with some of the most vulnerable people over the winter period. It has been a privilege to share a meal with these people and see the smiles on their faces."

NB: These events have been so successful, all are now fully booked, but watch this space for more of the same from TRIP.



Divas, Dudes, Disco Dancers...

(‘Ducklings’ Welcome!)

TRIP are pleased to announce an exciting new event:

On the 15th April between 2-4 at the Mackarness Hall we are planning a informal dance and natter - with tea & cake!

We are honoured that Karen & Nelson Rose, (local dance gurus’), supported by Zoe Lloyd from the amazing ‘Gentle Moves’ sessions, will be there to show how it’s done!.

The idea is to just come along and get dancing - have a natter and enjoy the company of others.

This is a free event and we hope you will join us.

As it’s half term, children/grandchild are welcome.



A pop-up dining experience held in Honiton on Valentine's Day netted more than £500 for transport charity TRIP.
(Midweek Herald)

Neil Hurlock (Manager TRIP) & Mandy Newman (TRIP Deputy Chairman) running the bar on the night.

The event was kindly sponsored by Combe Estate



More than 100 guests' taste buds were treated by dishes served up by Pickle Shack, a food company delivering creative catering for weddings and events across Devon, Somerset, Dorset and Cornwall.

The evening was staged at the Mackarness Hall, with members of TRIP selling cocktails and holding a raffle.

Charlotte Cora Music provided the entertainment on the evening.

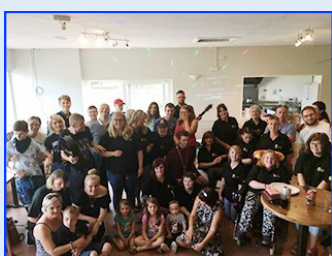
Sharon Thorne, deputy manager of TRIP, said: *"The money raised, alongside other fundraising and grants, means we can now order the new wheelchair accessible vehicle to replace our much-loved Renault.*

Thanks to everyone who attended on the evening for their support, and to our main sponsors - Simon and Karissa from Combe Estate.

We hope everybody enjoyed themselves."

TRIP Craft Fair: 23rd May @ Mackarness Hall, Honiton

Open from 9am to -12.30pm Free entry
Tea & cake, delicious bacon & sausage baps.



As well as the craft and charity stalls we are proud to announce that the brilliant:-

Honiton Makaton, Sing & Sign Choir will be performing.

Come and enjoy a great morning out for the whole family...

TRIP BEFRIENDING—CAFÉ CONNECT—AVIATOR RESTAURANT—DUNKESWELL



UPDATE ON TRIP CAFÉ CONNECT - AVIATOR RESTAURANT, 23RD JANUARY.

It may have been a chilly, cloudy, miserable day outside but in The Aviator Restaurant at Dunkeswell Airport, the people attending the TRIP Befriending Café Connect Hub were more aware of the warmth of friendship of those around them, with much chat being shared as well as cups of tea and the occasional slice of cake.

This might have been only the first of this particular gathering arranged by Janine Stedman, Befriending Co-ordinator, (under the auspices of the players of the PostCode Lottery who provided the funding), but it certainly won't be the last!

The objective of this group is to provide the means whereby local people who are isolated and alone can meet up, enjoy a social outing and hopefully make some new friends.

The Aviator Café & Restaurant was kind enough to offer the venue to the organisers, who initially thought there would be about 20 attendees. In the end however, 37 people from Honiton, Dunkeswell, Luppitt, and other surrounding areas made their way to the event. TRIP had provided assisted transport with one of their buses for those who did not have the means to get there.

The 'vibe' was great, conversation flowed and everyone it seemed, felt included and part of a whole. *Those that arrived as strangers, left as friends!*

Another Café Connect is to take place at the same venue on 26th March between 2 - 4pm and hopefully will continue once a month thereafter. **NB: Thursday 24th April**

Do come along, we welcome everyone; young, old, gentlemen, even children!

Although complimentary hot drinks are provided, donations are always most welcome.



Highlights of the
2nd quarter 2020
Ring & Ride and
Passenger Club
Program:
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Dates for your diary:

- 15th April**—Dance & discourse date with tea & cake
Mackarness Hall. Honiton 2-4pm free entry
- 24th April**—TRIP Café Connect, The Aviator Dunkeswell
2 -4pm Transport available if required
- 23rd May** - TRIP Craft Fair Mackarness Hall 9-12.30

TRIP receives £5,000 donation towards new wheelchair accessible minibus

TRIP is thrilled to have received a generous donation from John James Underdown Charitable Trust. This, alongside other donations from individuals, events and grants, has allowed TRIP to raise over £25,000 towards the purchase of a new wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Mrs Thorne (TRIP Deputy Manager) said: "We are over the moon with the generosity of local people, which shows just how much TRIP impacts on the community of East Devon. We applied to the Underdown Trust before Christmas and are delighted with their continued support of TRIP, which has enabled us to change lives."

The charity uses this vehicle to transport not only the elderly, but also rurally isolated people to medical and social appointment as well as shopping trips and days out, thus helping to reduce loneliness and isolation and make a positive impact on peoples lives.

One of the vehicles TRIP is looking to replace is a Renault bus which is more than 12 years old. Mrs Thorne said the 'much-loved' eight seater is due for retirement!

TRIP *for all your local mobility solutions and more!*

TRIP Ring & Ride:

Shopping trips and days out

TRIP Wheels:

Wheelchair friendly transport

TRIP Cars:

Transport to medical appointments

TRIP Information:

Impartial information and advice

TRIP Mobility:

New and used mobility equipment

TRIP Equipment:

Daily living aids to make life easier

TRIP Befriending:

Companionship and support for isolated and lonely People



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