



Dear Wealden Wheels Member

We have a number of things to update you on starting with the changes within our fleet.

Both Millie (small Transit) and Mandy (16-seat Transit) were starting to show signs of age, so a decision was made to replace them. Additionally, the 15-seat luxury Mercedes bus on loan from K.C.C. was recalled. We first sold Mandy to a chap who planned to convert her into a campervan and travel to Portugal to live. She was replaced by a much newer version, still a Ford Transit with 16 seats and still called Mandy, but having covered barely 14k miles! Next, a generous offer was accepted for Millie and the proceeds of this sale were put towards the purchase of a VW Caddy – see overleaf – who we decided to call Marvin.

The name Marvin came about having made arrangements to purchase the vehicle from a young lady in Manchester as it was her late father's car. Wanting to continue the protocol of identifying our vehicles by names beginning with 'M' we rather hoped the previous owner had

been called Mike or Malcolm but alas he was Brian! However, Hayley his daughter gave this some thought and suggested that as her father was an ardent guitarist and a lifelong fan of The Shadow's guitarist Hank Marvin, we adopt that! We've since sent pictures of Marvin to Hayley and she's absolutely delighted that the vehicle is in our care and being used in her father's memory.

With the arrival of the two new vehicles we decided to take the opportunity to refresh the livery and to 'tweak' our logo.



The New Mandy

Three out of our four vehicles are now wheelchair accessible and we thought our logo should reflect the changing needs and inclusivity of our membership. The revised logo now contains the recognised blue wheelchair symbol.

Another exciting addition to the fleet is a motorised mobility scooter. This was generously donated to us by the East Kent Stroke Association and can be easily transported in Marvin (or Mollie and Meg), so a full day out for someone who struggles with walking any distance is now possible.



Introducing Marvin

Fish & Chips or Afternoon Tea?

Again this summer, the most popular destination for group outings is Dymchurch, home to both Beach 48 Fish & Chip Restaurant and The Corner House Tea Rooms.

Both are located on the High Street so just a stone's throw from the sandy beach and far-reaching promenade. There's an incredible group deal to be had when travelling with Wealden Wheels!

Beach 48 offers Cod & Chips, Garden or Mushy Peas, Bread & Butter and a Cup of Tea PLUS A DESSERT for £6.50pp!

As well as café style lunches, The Corner House Tea Rooms offers Afternoon Tea of

Scone, Jam, Butter, Cream, Slice of Cake and a Pot of Tea for just £5 per person.

These deals are available to our Members on any day of choice for £6.00pp fare.*



New Volunteers

We're delighted to welcome two new volunteers to our pool of MiDAS-trained drivers – Deborah and Chris. You'll be seeing them out and about soon!

* Terms & Conditions

- All trips are subject to achieving a minimum number of interested Members.
- Pickups can be from Chilham, Charing, Egerton, Pluckley and Smarden. Collection from other areas by arrangement.
- We aim to always provide an air conditioned minibus!
- Payment must be made at the time of booking.
- Entrance charges and refreshments are payable by the passenger unless stated otherwise.

VISIT THE LEGENDARY BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL

for

'There'll always be an England'

Marking the incredible spirit
of the War years.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

**Places are still available for this
truly memorable, moving and
enjoyable show.**

Brick Lane Music Hall keeps the
tradition alive, offering food and
drink accompanied by fantastic
entertainment, with familiar songs and
topical humour, often irreverent, and
audience participation is
greatly encouraged!

Doors Open 1.15pm

Show 2.00pm to 4.45pm

£44 per person

(Show ticket £35 plus £9 return fare)

Wealden Wheels is your village community, not-for-profit transport initiative, supported by Kent County Council and Parish Councils of Chilham, Charing, Egerton, Pluckley and Smarden.

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Self-Drive Hire our brand new VW Caddy from £39 PER DAY*



'Marvin' is the latest addition to Wealden Wheels
Your local community transport provider

There are many reasons why YOU might choose to hire a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) from us:

- **Affordable** - from as little as £39 per day*
- **Convenient** - local, friendly service at times to suit YOU
- Insurance and Breakdown Cover included
- Days Out
- Holidays and Trips
- Visits to Friends and Relatives
- Transport for times of illness or temporary disability
- Hospital or Nursing Home transfer
- Practical transport for a mobility scooter
- Your own WAV might be having repairs
- Try a WAV before buying

Accessibility features include:

- Optional hire of mobility scooter (pictured above)
- Lowered floor
- Full wheelchair restraint system
- Lightweight rear wheelchair/scooter ramp
- Lap and diagonal seat belts for wheelchair and seated passengers
- Automatic transmission - if you have a car licence you can drive it**

As with our minibuses, you can hire Marvin with a volunteer driver. Rates start from 80p per mile (minimum charges apply)

Call the Wealden Wheels office for more information and to book Marvin or any of our other vehicles.



WEALDEN WHEELS
YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROVIDER

Terms and Conditions

* Introductory offer until 31.10.18 £39 self-drive hire per day plus 20p per mile for Wealden Wheels Members who live in Chilham, Charing, Egerton, Pluckley and Smarden. Increases to £49 per day from 01.11.18. £49 self-drive hire per day plus 20p per mile for Wealden Wheels Members who live beyond the five supporting parishes. Increases to £59 per day from 01.11.18.

** Subject to an online DVLA licence check and vehicle familiarisation. Minimum 5 years full licence. Maximum of 3 penalty points. Driver must be aged between 25 and 79 years of age at the time of hire.