



Issue 087

Monday 8 June 2015

CYCLISTS WELCOME AT LASSWADE RESTAURANT

The Paper Mill restaurant in Lasswade has become the first restaurant in the Edinburgh & Lothians area to gain the **Cyclists Welcome Award** from Visit Scotland.



Karen Calvert and her team at The Paper Mill have worked hard to achieve this, including sourcing new cycle parking from a Midlothian blacksmith.

This is a great encouragement for cycling and another first for a Midlothian business. Please spread the word!

MANAGEMENT CHANGES AT TRANSPORT FOR EDINBURGH, LOTHIAN BUSES AND EDINBURGH TRAMS

New faces are set to take on top jobs at Transport for Edinburgh, Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Trams. Lothian Buses is the predominant bus operator in Midlothian.

The appointment of the first non-executive directors at Edinburgh Trams will bring its corporate structure into line with Lothian Buses for the first time.

American Charles Monheim, who has held senior roles at Transport for London and New York City's Metropolitan Transit Authority, will lead the board of Edinburgh Trams. Charles Monheim, who is married to a Scot and moved to Edinburgh in 2014, played a key role in establishing the Oyster card payment system on London's public transport.

Charles Monheim will be joined on the Edinburgh Trams board by Charlene Wallace, a business executive with experience in the rail and air travel

sectors, and Andy Neal, the former chief executive of city centre business Essential Edinburgh.

The board of Lothian Buses also sees new arrivals. Interim General Manager Jim McFarlane replaces Tony Depledge as Chairman. Non-executive directors to be appointed include former Labour MSP Susan Deacon, Scottish Futures Trust infrastructure director Tony Rose, and bus executive Mark Yaxley. Charlene Wallace will also sit on the Lothian Buses board.

Page | 2

Current non-executive directors at Lothian Buses, banker Donald Macleod and transport consultant Steve Cassidy remain in post.

Jim McFarlane and Charles Monheim will also sit as non-executive directors at Transport for Edinburgh, alongside City of Edinburgh Council transport convener Councillor Lesley Hinds and fellow transport spokespeople Councillors Adam McVey, Joanna Mowat and Nigel Bagshaw.

Jim McFarlane said: "I'm extremely proud to have been recommended for this role and I look forward to continuing my work with the team at Lothian Buses.

"Company performance so far this year continues to be strong and we are in a good place to move forward and play a central role in the economic success of Edinburgh and the Lothians – this is an important and sometimes understated part of what we do. Between us all we've got what it takes to deliver, not only for Lothian Buses, but for Edinburgh and the wider city region as a whole."

SPOKES' MIDLOTHIAN CYCLE MAP 2015

An updated map is now available at £5.95 per copy in the shops. A special price of £5 for the first map ordered is offered by Spokes if you order direct from them. Second and more maps ordered at the same time are £4 each. No postal charges. Contact www.spokes.org.uk/spokes-maps for details of how to order direct.

This is the fourth edition of the Midlothian map, and features information useful for cyclists and walkers. The new map includes the new Borders' Railway and the ramifications for cyclists and walkers, the new pathway under the City Bypass that links Gilmerton with Loanhead, and larger scale maps of the main towns in Midlothian.

NATIONAL RAIL PASSENGER OPERATORS' MAP – 31ST EDITION OCT 2015

A revised edition of Barry Doe's franchise rail map has been published. A number of changes take place between June and October 2015 – all are included in this edition.

New lines are an extension to Ebbw Vale Town (already open) and the [Borders route to Tweedbank \(opens 6 September\)](#). Govia Thameslink absorbs Southern, TfL is a new operator (becoming Crossrail in 2018) and London Overground expands.

Anyone may download copies for private or commercial use, including printing any size from the 'Rail Operators' section of www.barrydoe.co.uk . The Oct 2015 map has been downloaded and attached to this newsletter. You can go to the website for links to previous editions.

Barry Doe reports that the continued production of his map remains possible courtesy of six sponsors: **Chester-le-Track; HaCon; Network Rail; Severn-Dee Travel; TAS; and TransportHub**. The logos on the map show their respective internet links.

The map is updated on Barry's behalf by **Image Circle**.

N & P Entries [Buses]

The following Notices & Proceedings [N&P] have been circulated by the Traffic Commissioner for Scotland since the last Travel Team Newsletter.

2059 – Monday 11 May 2015

PM 1137999 R – Aerial ABW Cabs Ltd of 6 Easthouses Industrial Estate, **DALKEITH**, EH22 4DJ has applied for a new operating licence for 1 vehicle. The director is Leslie Fraser. Two undertakings will be attached to the licence if granted. 1 - Limousines and novelty type vehicles are not to be operated under this licence. 2 - Vehicles with eight passenger seats or less will not be operated under this licence without the prior written agreement of the Traffic Commissioner who may require further undertakings.

2060 – Monday 25 May 2015

No Midlothian entries

A & D Entries [Goods]

The following Applications and Decisions [A&D] have been circulated by the Traffic Commissioner for Scotland since the last Travel Team Newsletter.

1936 – Monday 18 May 2015

OM 1138473 R – Funbox Ltd of 11 Hawthorn Gardens, **LOANHEAD**, EH20 9EQ has applied for a new operator licence for an operating centre at 70 Evans Easyspace, Mitchelston Industrial Estate, Mitchelston Drive, **KIRKCALDY**, Fife, KY1 3YG. Authorization is sought for 1 vehicle. The directors are Hannah McConnell, Gary Coupland and Kevin Lewis Macleod.

OM 1090873 R – Keenan [Recycling] Ltd of Hillhead of Auchreddie, New Deer, **TURRIFF**, AB53 6YH has applied for a new operating centre to be added to the operator licence at Todhills Farm, 674 Old Dalkeith Road, **DANDERHALL**, EH22 1RR for 2 vehicles. The directors are Andrew James Thomson, Agnes Keenan, Gregor Iain Keenan, Grant Melvin Keenan and James Melvin Keenan. The operator is also seeking an upgrade of the licence from R [Restricted] to SN [Standard National].

OM 1137084 R – Forsyth Metal Service Ltd of Unit 60, Mayfield Industrial Estate, **MAYFIELD**, EH22 4AD has been granted a new operator licence to run 22 vehicles. The director is Alistair Forsyth.

1937 – Monday 1 June 2015

OM 1138400 SN – Craig William Dunbar trading as Craig Dunbar Haulage of 39 Hillcrest Terrace, Carstairs Junction, **LANARK**, ML11 8RY has applied for

a new operator licence with an operating centre at Lothian DAF, Pentland Industrial Estate, **LOANHEAD**, EH20 9QH for 1 vehicle. The Transport Manager is Nigel Gordon Dunbar.

OM 1127181 SN – Owen Turner Transport Ltd of 10 Larkspur Way, **CARLUKE**, ML8 5TD has been granted an application to vary an existing operating licence to include a new operating centre at Aggregate Industries UK, Dalhousie Business Park, Carrington Road, **BONNYRIGG**, EH19 3HY and authorization for 2 vehicles.

<p>Ask the Travel Team Next Library Sessions</p> <p>Thursday 6 August 2015 Dalkeith – 1730-2000</p> <p>Thursday 3 September 2015 Roslin – 1800-1945</p>	<p>The next issue 088</p> <p>Are there any topics that you want to be covered in the next or future editions? Please let the editor know by e-mail to karl.vanters@midlothian.gov.uk</p>
<p>Attachments to this newsletter 087</p> <p>Barry Doe's 31st edition of the National Rail Passenger Operators' Map</p>	<p>Travel Team attendance at community meetings Do you want someone to attend one of your community meetings to discuss Travel Team issues? Contact Karl Vanters on karl.vanters@midlothian.gov.uk</p>

Midlothian Travel Team

incorporating the Public Transport Unit, part of Travel and Fleet Services, Midlothian Council, Resources Division, Room 9, Dundas Buildings, 62a Polton Street, **BONNYRIGG**, Midlothian, EH19 3YD
 Fax – **0131 654 2797** E-mail – ptu@midlothian.gov.uk

Travel and Fleet Services Business Manager, Vehicle and Equipment Purchase, Budgets, Risks, Works Committee, Stobhill and Bonnyrigg Garage Fleets
Contact [Trevor Docherty](#) – Tel - 0131 561 5448

Bus Routes, Community Council Liaison, Community Planning Liaison, Midlothian Travelmap and other public transport publications, Travel Team Newsletter editor, Tripshare Midlothian, Ask the Travel Team, Bus Diversions due to Road Closures, Academies Transport
Contact [Karl Vanters](#) – Tel - 0131 561 5443

Bustracker and BustrackerSEStran Real Time Info, No Smoking Policy, Bus Shelters, Bus Stops, Bus Stop Information Displays, Emergency Notices, Sheriffhall Park and Ride, Routewise and NaPTAN
Contact [Ricky Dunbar](#) – 0131 561 5466 or [Forbes Brash](#) – 0131 561 5467

Schools' Transport including home-to-school travel and excursions, Social Work Transport [children]
Contact [Debbie Hunter](#) – Tel - 0131 561 5453

Blue Badges, Fleet allocation, Vehicle hiring, Driver Licensing, Invoice Control, Purchase to Pay, Social Work Transport [adults]
Contact [Heather Coutts](#) – Tel - 0131 561 5445

Concessionary Bus Travel for 60+ and Disabled, Young Scot [YS holders attending a Midlothian school contact their school office, school-leavers and those Midlothian

**residents attending a non-Midlothian school contact their local Midlothian library],
Midlothian Taxicards, Midlothian Ring & Go, Carousel Maintenance
Contact Karl Vanters– Tel – 0131 561 5443 [temporarily whilst Jackie Young is absent]**

Buses

If you have had to complain to a bus operator in Scotland and feel that you have not received a satisfactory response, or you have received no response within a reasonable time, you should contact **Bus Users Scotland [BUS]**.

BUS has responsibility for monitoring that bus operators comply with the timekeeping and route details registered with the **Traffic Commissioner for Scotland [TCS]**.

BUS can be contacted at:-

**Bus Users Scotland, Hopetoun Gate, 8b McDonald Road, EDINBURGH, EH7 4LZ
Tel – 0300 111 0001 / Email – enquiries@bususers.org**

TCS [currently Miss Joan Aitken] can be contacted at:-

**Traffic Commissioner for Scotland
Office of the Traffic Commissioner, Scottish Traffic Area Office
Level 6, The Stamp Office, 10 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3EG**

Tel – 0300 123 9000 / E-mail – joan.aitken@otc.gsi.gov.uk

Public Transport Timetable Information

**Traveline Scotland – public transport information call centre at Airdrie
[covers all of Scotland including all bus services to/from/within Midlothian]
0871 200 2233 [24 hours a day/365 days a year]
www.travelinescotland.com**

Cycling

**Midlothian Council Cycling Officer: Dave Kenny - 0131 271 3398
(dave.kenny@midlothian.gov.uk)**

Cycling page on Midlothian Council website: www.midlothian.gov.uk/cycling

**Cycle route planning tools: <http://www.cyclestreets.net/> and
<http://routes.bikehub.co.uk/>**

**Information on diversions due to Borders Railway construction:
<https://sustransscotland.wordpress.com/>**

Travel Team Carousels

**for all Midlothian bus timetables, application forms etc
are located at the following 15 sites throughout Midlothian**

**Midlothian Libraries – Dalkeith, Danderhall, Gorebridge, Lasswade, Loanhead, Mayfield,
Newtongrange and Penicuik. Due to space limitations, the range of leaflets etc at
Roslin Library is restricted to those relevant in the immediate local area only.**

Midlothian Main Council Offices – Fairfield House and Midlothian House, both in Dalkeith, and Dundas Buildings in Bonnyrigg

Health – Pathhead and Penicuik Health Centres, and Midlothian Community Hospital

Borders' Railway

National Rail Enquiries – 0845 748 4950

Page | 6

ScotRail Online – www.scotrail.co.uk

ScotRail general enquiries – including telesales purchase of tickets – contact the ScotRail Customer Relations department on 0344 811 0141 or email customer.relations@scotrail.co.uk

Disabled Assistance – contact 0800 912 2901 [speech] or 18001 0800 912 2901 [textphone service for the hard of hearing]

Report non-emergency incidents or suspicious behaviour on the railway [trains, tracks, railway land] by calling the British Transport Police [BTP] on **0800 40 50 40 or text **61016**.**

These BTP contact numbers apply both during the construction of the railway and after 6 September 2015 when the trains are operating a public service.

Airport

**Airport contacts – 0844 481 8989 or www.edinburghairport.com
Edinburgh Airport, Edinburgh, EH12 9DN**

[Edinburgh Airport Aircraft Noise Line – 0800 731 3397](http://www.edinburghairport.com)