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Living Streets Guernsey LBG Newsletter— May 2013

Lunch time walks launched at the PEH

On a bitterly cold and windy February morning Tom Le Pelley and Pat Wisner joined a group of PEH staff to help launch their “Lunch Time Walks” as part of “Weight Wise” week.



Christine Jewell on the left is holding up a poster showing our part in the project— we designed a map highlighting two circular walks. There is a description of the walks and two photos of scenes en route. We all braved the cold to try out the 30 minute walk which included a very muddy green lane!

The self-guided leaflets are now available throughout the hospital in a bid to encourage staff to take a lunch time break to boost their energy levels and improve their overall fitness.

As a result of the collaboration with the PEH, the Living Streets “Guernsey Country Walks” greeting cards are now available for purchase in the hospital shop and are proving very popular.

For those who have more time there is a 50 minute walk where you can explore the quiet lanes on the borders of St. Martin and St. Andrew.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Walk to Work Week
 13th—17th May
Walk to School Week
 20th—24th May

Sunday 14th July
The Living Streets
Tranquillity Walk - 2.30 pm
starting at Capelles Chapel

Summer bus proposals consultation

Many of our members use the buses in addition to other forms of transport. Some do not drive at all so are completely dependent on the bus service.

Living Streets co-ordinated responses from its members and forwarded them to the Environment Department. Seven members contacted us and put forward their thoughts on the proposals. In addition several of us submitted our own personal viewpoints.

The Environment Department has now supported CT Plus’ ideas in spite of a lot of opposition to the proposals. The new routes start on 12th May.

Farewell to Jean Lees



Pride of place in our Newsletter this month must be this lovely photo of Jean Lees and some of the committee back in 2008. The photo was taken for an article in the Living Streets UK newsletter. We had a two page spread about our campaigning work which led to the development of the one way system around the new Baubigny Schools.

Jean had been a staunch supporter of STEPS/Living Streets since its inception. She took part in our first major survey of every zebra crossing in the island. She had been our Treasurer for many years and was well know for her tough quizzes through which she raised hundreds of pounds for Living Streets. Jean also generously provided a venue for our committee meetings on many occasions. We will all miss her terribly.

2013 Tranquillity Walk

This year’s walk is on **Sunday 14th July** and it starts at **Capelles Chapel** at **2.30pm**. It will be a joint effort with the Methodist Circuit who wish to mark “Action for Children” day. The route will include our Baubigny Schools pathway and then will go north to Delancey Park and take a circular route towards Grand Havre and back to Capelles for tea and buns!

This is our main fund raiser of the year & we need as many walkers as possible to take part. Please pass the word around amongst your friends & family. **Go to our website to download a sponsorship form or contact Pat**

Hautes Capelles School traffic—we need a solution!



Living Streets has tried on many occasions over the years to find a solution to the traffic congestion around Hautes Capelles Primary School. The photo above illustrates the problem. A parent with a buggy and child can barely fit on the footpath and they are being intimidated by closely following cars. There are lines of traffic in the distance. The fact is the road is too narrow to cater for the volume and size of traffic. If the parent wasn't there the cars would most probably be driving on the footpath.

Everything has been tried—enforcement of “pavement surfing” by the Police; attempts to provide a footpath within the adjoining field and, more recently, with the help of our member Judith Le Tissier, we suggested a one way system. The Environment Department looked closely at our suggestion but came to the conclusion that *“the one way system would create other equally or more significant traffic and pedestrian safety related issues in other nearby roads which could not easily be overcome.”*

We believe that there is an issue regarding the amount of parking that is available at the school (and the church next door) resulting in there being no incentive for parents to do anything other than drive their children to school.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Obesogenic environment

What is it? It is a neighbourhood that makes you fat. Three recent studies in Western Australia, San Diego and Seattle and San Francisco Bay have shown that if people have options to shop and exercise locally they will take them and health can improve. There is a strong relationship between neighbourhood planning and health.

Islington says 20's Plenty

The London Borough of Islington has agreed to implement borough wide 20mph speed limits on main roads under the Council's control. It's a major triumph for the Islington Living Streets' Group who began campaigning over a decade ago.

(Living Streets journal "Street Life")

Altering school start times to reduce pedestrian injuries

Researchers in the City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, set out to determine whether modifying school start times can be used to reduce children's exposure to traffic on their morning walks to schools. Their analysis showed that it may be possible to achieve an almost 15% reduction in the total number of encounters between child pedestrians and motor vehicles during the morning commute by staggering school start times.

(Traffic Injury Prevention Volume 14, Issue 4—2013)

A social network for young Londoners on the buses

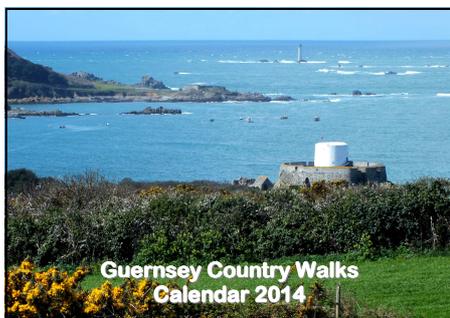
Free bus travel has improved the social lives and independence of 12—18 year olds in London. Travelling as a group is seen as a sign of loyalty & getting on a bus without friends is seen as betrayal. Young Londoners have the freedom to get about with their friends without always asking their parents for money.

(Mobilities journal—April 2013)

Speed Awareness Courses

Recent research provides evidence that the National Speed Awareness Course produces positive changes in attitudes, with drivers perceiving fewer advantages & more disadvantages of speeding. *(Brainbox Research Ltd. 29/1/13)*

“Guernsey Country Walks” Calendar 2014 is out



Our new calendar is now out and is in tourist outlets costing £4.99. You can buy directly from us at the St. Martin's Farmers Market on most Saturday mornings. We also sell at other venues. Check out our website “What's On” page for details. (More funds go to the charity if you buy direct).

GENTLE REMINDER

Subscriptions were due on 1st April. If you have forgotten to pay your £12 sub, please could you send it to Pat as soon as possible. If you would like to pay by Standing order in the future, contact Pat (268088).

Environment Minister is quizzed by members at our AGM

Following the formal AGM on 24th April and the voting back into the Chair of Tom Le Pelley and other committee members, Roger Domaille gave a brief summary of the work of the Environment Department. He then, very generously took questions from the floor for the next hour.

The hot topics were about the Road Transport Strategy, paid parking, school buses, road safety around schools, scooter parking and one way systems. We appreciated the informal nature of the meeting and we felt that Deputy Domaille took on board our comments. We look forward to a close working relationship with his Board.



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