

Changes to Bus Services from 3rd June

Following a review carried out by Oxfordshire County Council, there will be changes to some bus routes serving the Wychwoods, Fifield and Idbury from Monday 3rd June. Happily, the changes are relatively minor and services will continue at the same frequencies and hours of operation as now.

All Change on the X8

The biggest change is on existing service X8 between The Wychwoods and Chipping Norton. At present this service is operated by Stagecoach, but from **Monday 3rd June** the service will be split into two separate parts and provided by different operators. The section between The Wychwoods and Kingham Station will be renumbered X8A and operated by Go Ride Community Interest Company, with one minor change to the afternoon timetable; the section between Kingham Station and Chipping Norton will be operated by Pulham's Coaches as service X8. Therefore, passengers travelling between The Wychwoods, Fifield or Idbury and Chipping Norton will be required to change buses at Kingham Station; this is a return to the arrangements in force in the later years of operation by RH Transport, however Go

Ride and Pulham's are working together to ensure there is minimal disruption for passengers. Fares will be unaltered from those recently introduced by Stagecoach; through tickets will be issued and accepted on both parts of the service and Stagecoach period tickets will continue to be accepted until the end of June.

Service C1, which operates in the peak times to and from Charlbury Station, will continue as now for a further year but it is important that greater use of this service is made from the Wychwoods to promote its continuation longer term.

A Low-Floor Accessible Minibus

As a result of these changes Go Ride will be introducing a low floor accessible minibus for use on the C1 and X8A services. This is a significant improvement on the current arrangements for the C. For further information, or the virtually unchanged timetables contact: Go Ride on: 0844 870 8397 or email: hello@goridebus.co.uk.

Stagecoach service 233 from Milton and Shipton to Burford and Witney is unaffected by these changes and will continue as now until the next review in 2014.

Dave Harrison

Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

On **Wednesday, June 12th**, the Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society will have a lecture entitled: *Norman Rockwell: Great American Artist or mere Illustrator?* by John Ericson. Norman Rockwell's work enjoys broad popular appeal in America where he is most famous for the cover illustrations of scenes of everyday life which he created for *The Saturday Evening Post*. John Ericson recently retired as Director of

Studies in the School of Education at the University of Bath.

Lectures are held at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF. They begin at 11am with coffee and tea from 10.15 to 10.45am. Non-members are very welcome to attend (suggested donation £8). For more information please see our website www.cotswolddfas.org. Please note there are no lectures in July and August.