



**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

The day trip has been confirmed. We are planning a trip to Llandudno on Saturday 22nd August. The first 16 who expressed an interest will be contacted shortly with details. To everyone else, we will keep you on the waiting list and we are planning more trips for the future.

**PlusBus coming to a street near you.....**

As most of you will know last December PlusBus had an additional bus added to its fleet. The bus is combined with a primary school contract which means that the bus is only available to you between 09:30—14:30 during school hours. However, this does mean that there is extra availability during school holidays, especially during the summer. This is particularly true after 14:30 in the afternoon. Please call the office to find out if the bus is available for any extra trips you might need. Call us to check on school holiday dates at any time.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS  
NEWSLETTER IN LARGE  
PRINT, PLEASE CALL  
0151 357 4420**

## Local News

Chester Zoo has revealed details of a £225m multi-phase development plan.

The first phase of the project – called Natural Vision – will be a £90m bio-dome named Heart of Africa.

The dome will be themed on an African rainforest and be home to a band of gorillas, a troop of chimpanzees, Okapi (rare giraffe-like creatures) and a variety of tropical birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish and invertebrates.

The Heart of Africa will include a series of connected domes, with an interactive water ride and themed dining facilities.

London-based architects Proctor & Matthews – who were responsible for the Gorilla Kingdom at London zoo – are designing the dome. They will be assisted by Faber Maunsell, which will be providing all engineering services, including structural, services, sustainability and ecological advice. Turner & Townsend will provide project and cost management services.

The first phase will also include a 90-bedroom hotel, a conservation college and a revamped main entrance leading to a marina development on zoo-owned land beside the Shropshire Union Canal.

Later phases will include the development of themed zones – representing the African Savannah, with large mixed herd exhibits such as lions, giraffe, rhino, zebra and antelope; an Asian Plains zone with elephants, cheetah and rhino; and an Islands and Water zone.

There are also plans for a Cheshire Village zone, which would include a farmyard, children's play facilities and themed dining.

The Northwest Regional Development Agency has provided funding to enable the project to progress to the planning stage. A formal application is expected to be submitted later this year.

The entire project is expected to be completed in 2018.

If you would like to visit the Zoo please call the team at PlusBus and we will try to arrange a trip for you.



## **Extra items taken on the bus — are we allowed?**

Please be aware that our buses are not set up to take large items as we have very little storage space to secure extra baggage safely. If you are wanting to take extra items on our buses please call the office before you travel or notify us at the time of your booking so that we can advise. We will refuse a journey if we feel that it would be unsafe to travel so always call us to check.

## New Starters.....

**Welcome to Alan Farrington who has joined us in the last couple of weeks. Alan is employed as a casual driver and helps cover for holidays.**

**Alan also drives for the Council on their mobile library, so you may recognise his face!!**



**And welcome to Brian Williams who joined us a couple of months ago.**

**Brian helps cover our weekend work and has become a valued member of the team.**



## Driver Profile — Stuart Watkins

**Name: Stuart Watkins**

**Age: 44**

**Born: Mars**

**Job Title: PlusBus Driver**

Stuart has been a full time driver with PlusBus for just over a year. He is well liked by both passengers and staff and we have had many compliments on his choice of music in the bus!! He is always friendly and will do his utmost to help his passengers.



### Questions answered

**Can I ask for a direct journey, rather than travel with other passengers?**

PlusBus is not for your exclusive use. It is designed to take as many people as possible. This means that we pick up more than one person on a journey, whenever this is feasible.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

*That under a Tudor law it is illegal for a Welshman to enter Chester after night fall.....!*

## Numbers You Need To Know

- **For bookings, registrations & general enquiries:**  
**0151 357 4420**  
(lines open between 09:00 - 16:30 weekdays)
- **For cancellations:**  
**0151 357 4425**  
(lines open 09:00 - 22:30 weekdays and Saturday)
- **For urgent operational problems:**  
**0151 357 4429**  
(lines open 09:00 - 22:30 weekdays and Saturday)

If you have any further questions, comments, or suggestions please contact us at:

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