



Your Service News

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- **Shopmobility Update**
- **Staines upon Thames Day**
- **UCE Booksale**

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www.stainesshopmobility.co.uk

Elmsleigh Centre Sponsorship

We are pleased to announce that the Elmsleigh Centre has agreed to renew its sponsorship of 4 mobility scooters bringing valuable revenue of £1,000 for the charity. This sponsorship will enable the scooters to be serviced and maintained over the next 12 months. This will ensure the scooters are in excellent working order and help to keep maintenance costs down during this period.



The Elmsleigh Centre has been a loyal supporter of Staines Shopmobility and has helped us to enable many people with limited mobility to access shops and other essential facilities in the town centre. We would like to thank the Elmsleigh Centre for its continued support of the charity and for helping to keep Staines an accessible town for all.

Bank Holiday Closing

Please note that the service will be closed on Monday 27th May for the bank holiday and will re-open on Tuesday 28th May. We try to provide opening times to suit all needs but due to limited resources we currently close on Sundays and Bank Holidays as there is minimal demand for this. The service is available from 9.30am-4.15pm, Monday to Saturday.

Holiday Hire Scheme



Staines Shopmobility is pleased to announce that it can now offer a mobility scooter for hire under its holiday hire scheme. This scooter is a Pride Go-go Elite Traveller offering easy assembly / disassembly, a range of up to 10 miles per charge and a maximum user weight of 20 stone. The scooter disassembles into 4 parts to fit into most car boots and is quickly and easily reassembled; you do not require any tools for this. The battery charges via a standard plug / plug socket and can be charged whilst removed from the scooter; this is helpful if the scooter has to be stored away from a mains supply during the hire period. Valid identification such as a driving licence or utility bill is required along with a £100 cash deposit.

Manual wheelchairs are also available to hire with a £50 cash deposit required. Wheelchairs are collapsible and lightweight allowing them to be easily transported in a car boot. For more information or to book a chair please call us on 01784 459416.

Hire Charges

Wheelchair - Overnight £5; Weekend £15; Week £20; Fortnight £35.

Scooter - Overnight £7.50; Weekend £22.50; Week £35; Fortnight £60.

United Church Of Egham



The United Church of Egham has been running a Charity Book Stall since September 2000 and is open most months on Friday afternoons/evenings and Saturday mornings. They aim to raise a minimum of £500 each month (i.e. £5,000 per year) with the proceeds split between their current Church fundraising appeal and a selection of local charities, good causes and two local Church schools. Irrespective of the amount raised, the church always commits to giving £250 to a chosen local charity partner to give something back to the local community; the Bookstall has raised over £30,000 since its inception. They have over 4,000 new and second hand books in stock plus a variety of DVDs, CDs, videos, vinyl and talking cassettes, all lovingly donated and sorted by category/author.

OPENING TIMES: FRIDAYS: 1:30 PM – 8:00 PM, SATURDAYS: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

2013 DATES (and partner charities):

- Fri 08 / Sat 09 Feb : £502 raised (£250 to Faith Awareness in Christian Trust)
- Fri 22 / Sat 23 Mar : £525 raised (£250 to Surrey Air Ambulance)
- Fri 26 / Sat 27 Apr : £830 raised (£250 to Staines Shopmobility)
- Fri 24 / Sat 25 May : (SORRY – BOOKSTALL CANCELLED)
- Fri 21 / Sat 22 Jun : Woking & Sam Beare Hospices
- Fri 19 / Sat 20 Jul : Addlestone Foodbank
- Fri 20 / Sat 21 Sep : Shaw Trust
- Fri 18 / Sat 19 Oct : Runnymede Dementia Carers Support Group
- Fri 22 / Sat 23 Nov : St Jude's Junior School / Christ Church Infant School

Shopmobility Update

The service is now settled into its new temporary home in Norris Road on the Two Rivers, next door to GAP. There are 4 dedicated Shopmobility parking bays outside Costa Coffee with additional Blue Badge bays next to these. If you park in a Shopmobility bay during your visit to Staines then please remember to inform a member of staff so they can issue you with a parking permit; this is to avoid being stopped by a member of the security team as they have been asked to police these for us to deter non-Shopmobility users from parking there. Unfortunately this part of the car park tends to fill up first so you may need to park further away if you come later in the day. We will do our best to deliver a scooter to your car if required but we cannot guarantee this due to periods where there may be only one member of staff on duty; we advise you ring ahead to check this is possible before coming to Staines.

Work on the new unit has yet to commence and Spelthorne Borough Council is currently considering a revision to the original planning application, which looks like delaying this further. A decision is likely around the end of May and we hope a suitable agreement can be reached to enable work on the new unit to commence. We expect the unit to take around 6 months to complete once building work has begun. We will continue to update you on this as and when we receive additional information.

Wheelchair Fundraising Event

The Access Staines Day scheduled for May 12th had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. There were a number of factors leading to this decision but we hope to have the event up and running later in the year. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to staging a successful event shortly.

Acorn Stairlifts

Staines Shopmobility currently holds information on Acorn Stairlifts, one of the UK's leading stairlift providers. Acorn can provide a free no obligation survey and quote with next day installation available. Please ask a member of staff if you would like further information.

Staines Upon Thames Day

After the success of last year's Staines upon Thames day this event will once again be held in the Memorial Gardens on Sunday June 30th commencing at 11am. A host of local organisations will be manning stalls and carrying out various fundraising activities as well as providing information on the services they can offer; Staines Shopmobility will be one of these and we hope you can attend the day to show your support.

Other attractions include boat rides on the Thames, music and a charity duck race. Spelthorne Museum will be open between 11am and 4pm for Staines-upon-Thames Day, with a special exhibition about Staines High Street, above and below ground. Their Window on Spelthorne display case will feature 'Curios from the Archives' and their main exhibition is 'Famous People in Spelthorne'.

Email Address

Staines Shopmobility has switched its telephone and broadband supplier and will now have the following contact details:

Telephone number 01784 459416

Email address: stainesshopmobility@btconnect.com



We can still be contacted on our old email address but we will only be sending emails from stainesshopmobility@btconnect.com in future.

Staines Shopmobility

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Opening Times: 9.30 am—4.15pm
Monday to Saturday

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Do you have a story or info you would like to see included in future newsletters? Please speak to a member of staff or contact us via the details listed at the top left of this page. We would also welcome any comments or suggestions to help us improve your service and / or newsletter.



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If you would like to support our work by way of a donation then please send a cheque payable to 'Staines Shopmobility' and post to the address above. To make a donation online please visit:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stainesshopmobility>



Useful Links

Spelthorne Committee for Action Now (SCAN)

SCAN promotes improved access to premises, services, information and leisure in Spelthorne.
Telephone: **07967 499829** www.spelthorneaccess.org.uk

Age Concern Spelthorne

Age Concern provides help and advice for older people and services include holidays and outings, insurance, library service for the housebound and a handyman service.
Telephone: **01784 444200** www.ageconcernspelthorne.org.uk

Spelride / Dial A Ride

Spelride is the accessible transport service for Spelthorne and Dial A Ride covers residents of Runnymede. Spelride Telephone: **01784 446253** Dial A Ride Telephone: **01932 425875**

Spelthorne Borough Council

Spelthorne Borough Council provides local services and information for Spelthorne.
Tel: **01784 451499** www.spelthorne.gov.uk