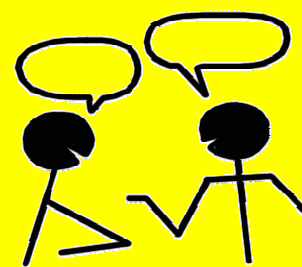
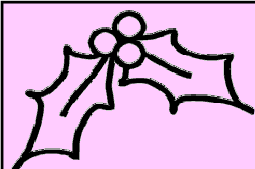


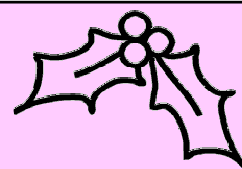
PADAN BULLETIN



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Seasonal Greetings



to all our readers!



Call to fix web's inaccessible sites

A campaign has launched aimed at improving the online experience for Disabled people. A new site called Fix the Web allows disabled and older people to report problems they find when surfing.

There are an estimated six million disabled and older users in the UK but many sites continue to cause problems.

The new scheme, launched by charity Citizens Online, will see volunteers report complaints back to site owners.

Fix the Web has set itself the ambitious target of getting 10,000 volunteers dealing with 250,000 websites within two years.

Common issues that arise when disabled users surf the web include:

- sites which are incompatible with screen readers
- text that is difficult to read
- websites that prohibit access for non-mouse users over-fussy and distracting layouts.

www.fixtheweb.net

PADAN November Catch Up

User Led Organisations (ULO)

Discussions are continuing at meetings hosted by Fusion. There is a general willingness to be part of a Steering Group if Plymouth City Council would give resources to support it.

PADAN members met with the city council's **Parking** Manager to raise some of the long standing issues with car parks. Parking Manager, Mike Artherton has offered to conduct a city-wide survey of disabled drivers.

PADAN members are busy organising the **Disability Arts Event** to be held at Plymouth University in March next year. Workshops may include painting, dance. Exeter-based sculptor James Lake will be leading a workshop on paper sculpture.

PADAN members and their friends and family are encouraged to look at the **DisabledGo** website to see how useful or otherwise it is for them.

www.disabledgo.com

Some responses have already been received but more are needed. Send your comments to:

chair@plymdan.org.uk

PADAN Dates

CARERS RIGHTS DAY "Caring About Equality"

Friday 3rd December

10am to 3pm at Jury's Inn

Contact DIAC 01752 201766

Free workshops for carers of stroke survivors

Brickfields Sports Centre (Madden Road, Devonport PL1 4NE)

Wednesday 8th December

10.30am to 2.30pm

or

Tuesday 25th January

10am to 2pm

Carers Champions 01752 211348

Do you want to avoid having a stroke?

Free Health Promotion and stroke prevention workshops

Brickfields Sports Centre (Madden Road, Devonport PL1 4NE)

Wednesday 19th January

10am to 2pm

Carers Champions 01752 211348

Plymouth Wheelchair Service User Group (PWSUG)

Tuesday 7 December plus AGM

1pm to 5pm

Mount Gould Local Care Centre
Sharon: pwsug@fsmail.net

There's still time to have your say on the future of transport in Plymouth

The Council is busy developing its third Local Transport Plan (LTP). The LTP will set out the city's objectives and strategy for transport investment for 2011 to 2026.

The city faces many transport challenges in the future - not least is how to provide the improved transport infrastructure and services needed to cope with the city's planned economic and population growth. It is vital that the LTP is fit for the task.

This plan includes cars, buses, commercial traffic, trains, parking, walking, cycling and more.

The final public consultation session of 2010 is:

Tuesday 7th December
11am – 5pm
University of Plymouth
Roland Levinsky Building

For more information about the Local Transport Plan please visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/ltp or call 01752 668000.

The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination.

Don Williams Jnr.

Local Transport Plan Consultation Drop-in

Friday 7 January

10am - 4pm

Plymouth Guild
Ernest English House
Buckwell Street
Plymouth
PL1 2DA

Come and talk to transport officers about the Local Transport Plan and have your say!

Are you a scooter user?

Do you wonder if you could take your scooter on the bus?

You can have a free assessment and learn how to manoeuvre your scooter on and off the bus by contacting:

CityBus

Mike Stokes
01752 662 271

First Devon and Cornwall

Mark Statham
0845 600 1420

Can you swim?

If not, you could receive 6 one hour free lessons by registering with the Sports Development Unit on 01752 307140.

Start date: Friday 14 January 2011
Time: 7pm to 8pm
Venue: UCP Marjon

Contact Us

Local Transport Plan

www.plymouth.gov.uk/ltp

or call 01752 668000

Fix the Web

Improving the online experience for disabled people

www.fixtheweb.net

Matching Houses

House swapping for disabled people

www.matchinghouses.com

Are you a member of PADAN?

Why not?

Membership is free with lots of opportunities to get involved with access issues, consultation sessions, short term projects and much more.

Contact PADAN

Email: info@plymdan.org.uk

Report a disablist incident to Plymouth City Council

01752 304321

Inclusion@plymouth.gov.uk

DEW

(Disability Engagement Worker)

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Plymouth Disabled Bus Users Group

Contact: David Cumbers
07966 515928

DBUG meets with bus operators once a quarter to discuss the issues of bus access, better bus design, driver training and customer care.

Plymouth Wheelchair Service User Group (PWSUG)

Sharon: pwsug@fsmail.net

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