

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome David Booth to Bibbys of Ingleton. He became a full time employee this year after driving for us on a casual basis for several years. Already he has travelled to Provence and Chamonix (two of our most popular tours) and also to Belgium taking school children to the World War 1 battlefields.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Solve your Christmas present dilemma buy purchasing a Bibby's of Ingleton holiday voucher.

They are available in denominations of **£10, £20, £50 & £100** and come presented in a stylish card.



FREE CAR PARKING

Don't wait out in the cold for the coach to turn up, drive to our depot and take advantage of the free parking, cosy waiting room and toilet facilities. When you arrive back after your holiday your car will be pointed in the right direction, with the keys in, ready to drive away, couldn't be simpler!

Christmas Lunch & Country Drive

Sunday, 18 December 2011

Its that time again ... our famous Christmas Lunch and Drive to Kearton Country Hotel, Thwaite. For the cost of £25.00 you will enjoy a lovely drive into Swaledale, a tasty 3 course traditional Christmas Lunch followed by a raffle with proceeds given to local organisations. The coach will pick up in Ingleton, Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentham, Settle and villages en route.

Book your place now ...



FESTIVAL OF MALE VOICES

Book now for this special musical event at the **MEN Arena Manchester** on Saturday, 24 March 2012. Don't miss this superb evening bringing together over 30 male voice choirs from across Wales, celebrating 50 years of the **Association of Welsh Male Voice choirs**. It has been an annual event in London for several years and in 2012 the celebrations are held in Manchester for the first time. Book now for this evening to remember.



COLLETTE Worldwide Holidays

ALASKA DISCOVERY LAND & CRUISE holiday in **September 2012**.

The cost of **£2949.00 per person** includes transport to Manchester airport, all accommodation, port charges, hotel transfers, sightseeing as per itinerary and services of a Collette tour manager. Full details are in the **2012 Summer Brochure** – If Alaska is somewhere you have always wanted to go, don't delay book now

You can always count on Collette Worldwide Holidays to offer unique and exciting escorted tours and we are pleased to offer you a 14 day

A Memorable Day for Daryl & Zoe

Congratulations to Daryl and Zoe on their marriage on Friday, 19 August. They travelled to All Saints Church, Burton in Lonsdale in the newly renovated Bedford OB coach which looked splendid dressed in wedding ribbons. Daryl is a valued member of the Bibbys team and is employed as a mechanic and driver.



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NEW TOUR FOR 2012 *Pastoral Delights of the Dordogne*

We have decided to give our Provence tour a break for a couple of years and offer a new tour to the historic Dordogne region of France. Departing on 9 June this spectacular 9 day tour will be led by renowned travel writer Anthony Peregrine who will bring the area to life with interesting facts and information whilst discovering beautiful medieval towns, chateaux's and unspoilt countryside. If you want to be part of this interesting and enchanting tour – book for it on Sunday, 13 November in person at Bibbys of Ingleton. Don't miss out...



TWIXMAS TOURS

IF YOU DON'T WANT CHRISTMAS TO END OR YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEW YEAR TO START, THEN A TWIXMAS BREAK IS FOR YOU DEPARTING ON 27 DECEMBER FOR 3 NIGHTS.

Warner Twixmas Break at Bodelwyddan Castle featuring 60s band 'Edison Lighthouse' - **£275**

Scottish Special – Salutation Hotel, Perth - **£199**

These short breaks are ideal for people who want to spend Christmas with the family and be home to celebrate the New year.



LEST WE FORGET...

In 1987 Galloway Coaches from Suffolk contacted us to discuss the possibility of Bibbys operating school tours to the battlefield areas of Belgium and France. We were ready for a new challenge so we became involved. It started with a couple of tours from Northern England and gradually increased as Galloway's order book grew. Tours are based anywhere between the Blankenberge area of the Belgium Coast to Albert on the Somme. The majority of tours concentrate on the Great War 1914-1918 and in particular Ypres, the surrounding area and Somme battlefields of 1916. Other tours were introduced including Verdun and Normandy Landing Beaches and later Berlin and the Third Reich. As the number of tours increase not only do our drivers find the experience rewarding but also feel they are providing a valuable service in transporting the children of today to the Western Front, enabling them to learn the history, and, more importantly the supreme sacrifice paid by so many young men.



Fromelles, Pheasant Wood Cemetary

In 1996 we were contacted by Des Brogan, a former history teacher from Edinburgh. He had established his own business in Edinburgh (Mercat Tours) and was keen to start arranging Battlefield Tours to Belgium and France. However, these would be no ordinary battlefield tours because they would be led by a guide from start to finish and would include music, drama, singing and lots of enthusiasm, with the aim of re-creating the past. We believe this is an experience that all schools should undertake and we have seen many positive changes and reactions in the children we have taken. Being based in Edinburgh, Mercat tours work is predominantly from Scotland and we are the only coach operator working for Mercat, a relationship which has blossomed in 15 years. We have taken groups from Oban, Isle of Skye, Dornoch, Inverness, Peterhead, Aberdeen and all over Scotland to the Western Front and we are proud to be involved. In 2012 we are contracted to operate up to 80 battlefield tours which includes school groups, also adult and private groups. It is a major part of our business which many of our customers are not aware of.

We have a long well established relationship with both Galloway Coaches and Mercat Tours whose 'recreating the past' tour does have a profound effect on today's children. As we head towards the 100 year anniversary of the Great War, the number of school visits will continue and no doubt increase and Bibbys of Ingleton are committed to making sure that the history and sacrifice of so many is not forgotten.

We will remember them ...

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Preserved trenches at Sanctuary wood



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