

Terry Lamming

GoFar Driver – Teller of Tales – Maker of Things

Whilst working for the Moorlands Centre, I heard that a new transport charity required volunteer drivers. I had always preferred driving larger vehicles than cars, so I thought I would volunteer and if I was good enough, I could guarantee that the Moorlands would have a driver “on tap”

I got in touch with the Goole GoFar and they set up a test drive for me. I met Jim the tester in Tesco’s car park and he asked me to show him how well I could drive. I set off around the car park...never faster than 30mph! Jim said, “That’s quite impressive.... Now could you do it in a FORWARD gear!” However, he seemed satisfied and said, “Don’t ring us we’ll ring you!” That is all history now, about fifteen years’ history to be exact and as I have never worked anywhere for over four years, presumably...I must be good enough. In those fifteen years I’ve seen lots of drivers come and go, sometimes it’s sad, but sometimes it’s for the better.

I have enjoyed working with Castaway...A job that has taken up quite a lot of my time whilst I’ve been at GoFar. Also during my time here, I have driven as far west as Liverpool, as far south as Ipswich and as far north as Beamish, all with lots of different groups and of course, all within legal driving hours. I once took a church group out for the day and as we passed Howden the minister said, “I think we should all pray,” and that’s just what they did. I have to say this was a little unnerving for an old atheist like me....I’m still not sure if it was my driving that made them want to say a prayer...but we got there and back safe and sound so.....!

Over the past four years, on a Wednesday, I have taken the aptly named Wednesday Club, whose members are the oldest teenagers in Yorkshire, to the vast city of....Ellerton. There you will find us in the Village Hall, which is situated just past M&S and next to Tesco!!!!

I have never worked out how many miles I have driven whilst at GoFar, but I’m certain if I were to ask Frank “Where’s your Mileage” Bryars, he would be able to tell me to the inch. You would certainly have to be shrewd to “pinch” a mile or two from Frank.

I thoroughly enjoy working for GoFar and as I have always said, “The job is only as good as the craic!” Joking apart, I do enjoy being a driver here and hope to carry on for many more years....dependent on which of my two “bosses” I listen to. We have a good team here and I have missed working with them....most of them, during the furlough period and I am certain they have said the same of me!!! Here’s to the next fifteen years!

Terry Lamming – Christine’s favourite driver....possibly....maybe...sort of....maybe not!

P.S. I have written this slowly as I know you can’t read fast!!

