



RoadHoG News

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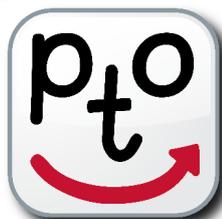
Kev's Contribution

Many thanks to the Methodist Churches in and around Boston, both the local Methodist Circuit and the Methodist District groups have made sizable donations to the work of the Road-HoG Bus over the next year – many thanks to them and to our Lord who has made this possible.

During an (all too short) interview on Radio Lincolnshire the other Sunday morning, I was asked by Bob Whiting, the interviewer, what people get out of being a part of a RoadHoG Team. To be absolutely honest, I'd never thought much about that before and I really can't remember what my answer was. But it did cause me to think very seriously about it later on.

Before that question, I had never considered if those of us in the RoadHoG Teams got anything out of it, and yet every Team Member that I had previously spoken to clearly felt genuinely privileged to be allowed to serve God simply by being there! No one appears to feel that giving up two hours every two weeks is a great commitment or drain on their time, or that the work is in any way onerous. Nor do they appear to be looking for any reward. Rather they simply appear to consider their time on the Bus as a part of their response to Jesus' command to each and every Christian in Matthew 28, to "**make disciples of all nations**".

So what **do** the Team members get out of being a part of the RoadHoG Project? I decided to ask a few of them and by far and away the most popular answer was the joy they each receive at welcoming young people onto the Bus and simply sharing God's love with them in a non-threatening or confrontational manner. Second, came the feeling of fellowship. One Team Member described it as being a member of the RoadHoG Family - and this is something that we are currently really trying to develop and promote – whilst others cited the shared time of biblical reflection and joint prayer as most important to them. However underlying all that, there is always the feeling that we **are** making a difference.



Dates to Pray for!

Wednesday 3rd - 7.30pm Fishtoft
Sunday 7th - 4pm Kirton
Monday 8th - 7.30pm Butterwick
Wednesday 10th - 7.30pm Tunnard Street
Saturday 13th - 8am - Team meeting
Monday 15th - 7.30pm Woad Farm
Tuesday 16th - Local Management Group meeting
Wednesday 17th - 7.30pm - Fishtoft
Sunday 21st - 4pm Kirton
6.30pm - Sibsey
Monday 22nd - 7.30pm - Butterwick
Wednesday 24th - 7.30pm - Tunnard Street
Sunday 28th/Monday 29th - Carrington Steam Rally
Monday 29th - 7.30pm Woad Farm
Wednesday 31st - 7.30pm Fishoft

Carrington
Steam & Heritage Show
Rally

Please do come and meet us at the Carrington Steam Rally 28th & 29th May.

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Key's Contribution continued!

I was privileged to spend some time with a Sister in the Lord a few weeks ago as a young man told us of his family problems. He has drug-taking father who had turned to crime to fund his habit and was now in prison and a mother who was trying to obtain a restraining order against the father on his forthcoming release, to prevent him from disrupting his children's lives even further. We made no comment other than to share our own testimonies of the love of Jesus Christ, but it was abundantly clear that the young man was greatly relieved to be able to simply open up and release some of his feelings in an atmosphere of non-judgemental love. I have to confess that it felt wonderful to have been a part of that, and to have the privilege of praying for that young man over subsequent weeks. We both felt the love of Jesus and the leading of His Holy Spirit during the time we listened to this young man's life story and somehow received a joy and a peace we really couldn't explain.

God is no man's debtor and the rewards He gives are somehow intangible and yet more solid than anything that the world can ever hope to experience. I was recently challenged to apply to my own life the words of the apostle Paul when he says in Philippians Ch 1 vs 21 "**For me to live is Christ and to die is gain**" – and perhaps time spent talking with the young man, gave me just the faintest inkling of what Paul meant. God really is amazing!

Finally – the youngsters who join us at Tunnard Street are extremely boisterous and sometimes it causes me to wonder whether anything that we say or do there has any influence. But I know many of you are praying for the Bus when it is out on the streets and God rewarded your prayers the other week. One young man, who had sustained a serious injury the previous day whilst on his cycle and was clearly in great pain, insisted that his father brought him along to the Stop. He then asked "When can you begin coming over here every week?" God is Good!