



# RoadHoG News

## March 2018

### Kev's Kolumn

Perhaps numbers aren't as important as we might think – two things have happened recently that have made me realise that this is so.....

1) At a few Stops around Christmas we experienced fewer young people than usual. I guess that this was due to holidays, family commitments, parties, etc, but what a blessing this turned out to be. We managed to have more (and deeper) conversations with the youngsters who were there, which has enabled us to build deeper relationships with them. Whether that was due to our being less "overwhelmed" than usual, or because the youngsters were less inclined to "show off" to their friends than usual, I don't know, but we give thanks to God for the opportunities presented - and taken!

2) Many people regularly give money to help operate the Project, some donate by Direct Debit, others by less regular means - passing me a cheque or a handful of banknotes from time to time – all of which we are extremely grateful for, because without them the RoadHoG Project simply could not operate. However a couple of weeks ago a dear Christian Brother of mine who has very little means, gave me a five pound note, which reflected a significant proportion of his weekly income. To say I was touched would be a gross understatement and it brought the reaction of Jesus to the widow who gave of her exceptionally meagre income to the Temple (Mark 12:41-44 / Luke 21:1-4) into clear focus. Then the other week, this same brother presented me with a bag, full of small change, which he had collected from his neighbours in, and visitors to, the sheltered accommodation in which he lives. That seven pounds and forty pence were worth more to me that day than all the money we are given each year put together – such generosity and a willingness and ingenuity to raise cash, even when he had run out of cash himself, has touched me very deeply indeed.

So, small numbers, whether they be the number of young people on the Bus at a Stop, or a small amount of money – can be taken and used by the Lord to great effect – greater even than we could have thought or imagined. Similarly, when each of you remembers us in your prayers – even perhaps for a fleeting second during your busy day – the Lord takes that and pours out His blessing on us. So thank you all, whether you donate a little or a lot to the RoadHoG Project, whether you pray for us regularly or occasionally. God can take that and use it in a way you or I might never expect or imagine.

News for rejoicing! Tony Coe has begun visiting Schools recently and already we are beginning to see young people visiting the Bus at various Stops in direct response to his invitation. Not only that, some are being brought along by parents to whom we can provide a hot beverage and have a chat about what we are doing and – most importantly – why we're doing it. God is goooooooooood!

Remember, if you'd like to visit the Bus one evening to see what happens at a Stop, either out of curiosity or a desire to be able to pray better into the Project, or because you feel that working on the Bus as a Team member might just be for you, please email or call me and I'll be happy to chaperone you at a Stop for an evening. **Kev!**

### Keeping in touch

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### Please pray

#### For Stops in March

Monday 5th 7.30pm Woad Farm  
Wednesday 7th 7.30pm Fishtoft  
Sunday 11th 6.30pm Sibsey  
Monday 12th 7.30pm Butterwick  
Wednesday 14th 7.30pm Tunnard St  
Monday 19th 7.30pm Woad Farm  
Wednesday 21st 7.30pm Fishtoft  
Sunday 25th 4pm Kirton  
6.30pm Sibsey  
Monday 26th 7.30pm Butterwick  
Wednesday 28th 7.30pm Tunnard St

#### Pray also for:

- The visit of the bus to Churches Together in Spalding on 15th March. Pray that God would clearly guide as to the bus's involvement here.
- The next meeting of the RoadHoG Management group on 27th March.
- Many creative opportunities to share something of the message of Easter with young people.
- Praise God for good conversations recently. Pray that these will continue and grow.
- The schools ministry. Praise God for new young people on the bus as a result. Pray for more opportunities to get into schools.
- Praise God for His provision. Pray for Tony as he applies for grant funding, and pray that God will continue to supply all our needs.
- Safety in travelling as the cold weather continues, and that the bus will continue to run well.

**Partner Churches:** New Life Community Church, Boston Baptist Church, the Beacon Church, Boston Methodist Circuit and the Anglican Holland Deanery. **Project contact:** [www.roadhogbus.org.uk](http://www.roadhogbus.org.uk)