



RoadHoG News

August 2020

Kev's Kolumn

Once again I'd like to start this edition of the RoadHoG Newsletter with a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has been praying for us as we have returned the Bus to the streets following the lifting of some of the shutdown regulations.

The return has not been easy – as you are aware, we cannot allow the youngsters on board the Bus, but are restricted to giving them free drinks, having a (very) socially distanced chat and giving them little cards with details of how to access our Website. Tony Coe has done a fantastic job in expanding the website and now, youngsters can find a number of helpful things there to read and to view and can gain access to our virtual Prayer Room. Many thanks too, to the Team Members who have returned (suitably masked and gloved) to help operate this new, and yet strangely familiar, way of reaching out to the young people of Boston and its surrounding area.

Based upon a suggestion from Rachel – one of our wonderfully helpful PCSO's – John parked the Bus on Norfolk Street the other evening, alongside the railings of Boston Central Park, where it was visible to all the young people that had congregated there. I was able to distribute about thirty of our invitation cards to the youngsters and to offer them a drink at the Bus at Tunnard Street Car Park a little later on that evening. Surprisingly none of the youngsters took up the offer of a free drink, but as they had received the cards and I had been privileged to have a chat with them all, we felt that although they hadn't actually visited the Bus, we had fulfilled our mandate by offering a good number of young people some help and were pleased to be able to pray for them later that evening. Thanks for the idea Rachel – brilliant!

Possibly because they are concerned about just what Covid-19 related dangers we might be exposing their children to, a number of parents have been accompanying their children to the Bus recently. Many have stayed for a drink along with their children and this has given us the opportunity to chat to them and explain why we do what we do and who we are doing it for - Praise God, we appear to have begun a ministry to parents now as well!!

The Project Management Team has decided that we are NOT closing for the summer this year. RoadHoG usually takes a break during the month of August, but we have decided that as we were off the streets for such a long time already this year, we need to keep going until Christmas. We may need extra mince pies this year to keep us going for that long though! If you're reading this Carol Meeds – this means you (please?????)!!

Whilst a few of us have been out on the bus enjoying ourselves in the fresh air recently, Tony and Rita have been feverishly preparing funding applications and sending them out – please do pray that, at least some of these will be successful? We don't want to be inundated with cash, but we do need just enough. That way we will keep on trusting God, but still be able to keep the Bank Manager happy!

The RoadHoG Bus – or Hoggie to his friends – has been out and about for almost eleven years now and, although he is in great shape for a hard worked 31 year old ex-service bus, our umbrella group – Lincolnshire Youth Mission Ltd – are seeking the funding to purchase a somewhat newer Bus so that we are "fit" for the future. Please pray that, if it is in line with God's will, we will receive the (rather large – about £60K) grant that we need for this from somewhere.....

Thanks you once again for your prayers – please do continue to pray for us, but mainly for the young people in our area who have had their, already complicated, modern lives turned upside down by the Coronavirus – pray that they may find that the answer to this – and all the other problems that life might bring their way is Jesus.

Kev



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

Points for prayer

Dates to pray for:

Monday 3rd August 7:15 – 7:45 Tunnard Street Car Park
8:15 - 8:45 Woad Farm
Tuesday 4th August RoadHoG Management Group meeting on Zoom
Wednesday 5th August 7:15 – 7:45 Butterwick
8:15 - 8:45 Fishtoft
Tuesday 11th August 7:15 – 7:45 High Street Boston
8:15 - 8:45 Sibsey
Thursday 13th August 7:15 – 7:45 Kirton
8:15 - 8:45 Swineshead
Monday 17th August 7:15 – 7:45 Tunnard Street Car Park
8:15 - 8:45 Woad Farm
Wednesday 19th August 7:15 – 7:45 Butterwick
8:15 - 8:45 Fishtoft
Tuesday 25th August 7:15 – 7:45 High Street Boston
8:15 - 8:45 Sibsey
Thursday 27th August 7:15 – 7:45 Kirton
8:15 - 8:45 Swineshead
Monday 31st August 7:15 – 7:45 Tunnard Street Car Park
8:15 - 8:45 Woad Farm

Please also pray for:

- God to provide all necessary funding, thanking Him for His amazing provision for us in the past.
- For guidance for LYM as they consider a replacement bus, and for God to provide the necessary grant if this is His will.
- For greater use of the website resources by young people, especially the Virtual Prayer Room.
- For wisdom and opportunities for Tony as he prepares to work with schools in the autumn within the new limits within schools.
- For God to make clear the way ahead, and provide support and resources for RoadHoG North.

DON'T FORGET: A date for your diary
What? The next RoadHoG Prayer Meeting
When? 7pm on Friday 11th September
Where and how? Watch this space!!



Dont' forget to check out the website:
www.roadhog.bus.org.uk

For activity sheets, a family quiz and the virtual Prayer Room!!

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