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Carrington Success!

Well we did it! We took the roadHoG Bus to the Carrington Steam Rally and we survived!!

We had a great pitch this year, just by the entrance to the event and the organisers were kind enough to link us to their power supply so that we didn't need to keep the generator running all the time (more about the generator later).

We welcomed 151 visitors on the Sunday and a further 229 on the Monday, but it was hard to keep a check on numbers with so many people swarming all over the Bus.

We gave away an almost unmeasurable number of hot and cold drinks, helped the youngsters make literally hundreds of bead bracelets and – most important of all – provides a listening ear for anyone who wished to talk and talk they did!

The Team Members, who gave so freely of their Bank Holiday weekend, spent a lot of time helping people (of all ages) with their problems – both spiritual and secular – and allowed a few to let off some steam to a complete stranger, possibly the best medicine of all. Some folk came with their problems of belief, some their problems of understanding just what God was doing in their lives and some were just trying to make sense of the concept of belief in general, both ours and, in some cases, theirs.

We were so busy that I completely forgot to take a photograph of the Bus on the site..... Sorry! It did look impressive though.....



New Bus!

As I am typing this Newsletter, the new Bus is with Blackpool Design Coachbuilders, who are busy trying to "adjust" the original plans of the internal layout, on which they had based their initial quotation, to fit to the Bus's Gemini-style body.

Once that is completed some of the Project Management Team will travel over to Blackpool to discuss the finer detail points and give the go-ahead for the conversion process to begin in their next production "slot", toward the end of June. If everything goes according to plan, we should have the newly converted Bus back in Boston for everyone to have a look at by late September/early October.

So – you may ask - where did the money come from? Well a whopping 38% of came from giving by individuals within the community – thank you so much everyone for your donations, from the "widows' mite" given by some of the youngsters who visit the Bus, through to a few quite astounding personal gifts. We are so grateful to each and every person who gave from the own pockets.

A number of charitable groups also gave us funds, these include our Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Boston Municipal Non-Educational Charities, Lincolnshire Methodist (DRMG), Garfield Weston, Benefact Trust, Medlock Trust, Boston Big Local and Bicker Wind Farm Trust – a huge grateful THANK YOU to every one of you.



Memories

At one of our Stops recently, we were joined by four older youths (some had beards!). They had been passing and had called in for a cup of Hot Chocolate and to reminisce about their experiences of the Bus when they were younger. Although they had visited the Bus at different Stops – their memories were singularly all joyful and happy - and they remembered fondly the Staff who had looked after them back then. It's a sobering reminder of just how long roadHoG has been operating in the Boston area – and how many hours our Team members have given to the Project – and how many hours of prayer have gone in to it.

To both Team members and prayers alike – a huge thank you!



Old bus

The old (current) Bus keeps soldiering on for us – provided we keep the speed down to a maximum of 40 mph and give her a regular drink of water, she just keeps going – Praise God. The \$64,000 question is "will she keep going until the new Bus is ready?" The answer is – we don't know – but we're praying that she will.....

She does have the odd hiccup though, the generator died on us the other week – and the auxiliary generator was locked in my garage. Not usually a problem, but I was in Türkiye (please note the new – and correct – spelling) and I had the keys with me..... The Teams were fantastic though, limiting their use of battery power by not serving Hot Drinks and – where possible – utilizing our collection of outside games. John Cropley and a genius Generator Magician called Lee met up one evening, after both had finished their day jobs, and traced the fault to a burned-out fuse holder. A simple fix, but only following hours of fault-finding and getting (very) dirty. Well done chaps – power is returned and we only had to miss one Stop!

Well things were sorted - until one of the lighting circuits on the Bus then decided to down tools in sympathy, but John and Mechanic Ben soon sorted that though – well done (again) chaps!

Please do continue to pray that the current Bus keeps going until the new arrives – thanks!

Team Membership

If you think that maybe God is calling you to join us as a Team Member, please do get in touch either directly (kevin.smithbone@btinternet.com) or through the website and we will arrange for you to see at first-hand what we do and if you still feel led to work with us, we will provide you with all the necessary training.

Have a great Summer everyone!!

Blessings,

Kevin!

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roadHOG Stop dates and times June 2023								
	STOP	Arrive	START	Depart	STOP	Arrive	START	Depart
Thur 1st June	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 2nd June	No Stop							
Sat 3rd June	No Stop							
Sun 4th June	No Stop							
Mon 5th June	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 6th June	No Stop							
Wed 7th June	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 8th June	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 9th June	No Stop							
Sat 10th June	No Stop							
Sun 11th June	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 12th June	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 13th June	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 14th June	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 15th June	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 16th June	No Stop							
Sat 17th June	No Stop							
Sun 18th June	No Stop							
Mon 19th June	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 20th June	No Stop							
Wed 21st June	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 22nd June	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 23rd June	No Stop							
Sat 24th June	No Stop							
Sun 25th June	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 26th June	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 27th June	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 28th June	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 29th June	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 30th June	No Stop							

Thank you for
your prayers