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We're all going on a summer holiday...

If this were 1963, Cliff Richards and his chums would be busily converting an old ex-London Transport Double Decker Bus to enable them to set off in it for their Summer Holiday. In 2023 the Members of the various roadHoG Teams are preparing to leave their Double Decker – roadHoG - Bus for their own Summer Holidays, and well deserved those holidays are too.

If you have a look at the Diary at the end of this Newsletter, you will see that as we move to the end of July the Stops will close down, one after the other in order, for their Summer Break.

We plan to return to the road again (The Lord willing) on Sunday 3rd September at our Sibsey and Kirton Stops - the other Stops will then re-start in their turn.

We praise God that the numbers of young people attending each of the Stops have increased steadily throughout 2023, however this has also served to add to the workload of all our Team Members, so the Summer Break is not only well deserved, but essential.

We have seen a steady fall in the numbers of Team Members this year, as some folk move away from the area whilst others have been forced to retire due to illness and/or as age catches up with them. **Consequently, we would ask you to pray that The Lord will convict the hearts of some of His people to join the ministry of the roadHoG Youth Project.** If you believe that maybe you are one of those who the Lord is calling, then watch this space, because we will be posting the dates for our Training Sessions in the August Newsletter.



Sylvia

One of the people caused to retire from roadHoG due to ill health this year has been our sister, Sylvia Wells – if you are a member of the roadHoG Prayer Chain, you will know that Sylvia has been unwell for some time and now the Doctors have advised her to retire from the many things she has been so involved in, both at Centenary Methodist Church and – of course - roadHoG. The good news is that she's back home with Martin once again – Praise God! We thank God for all her years of service to roadHoG and we know that she'll continue to pray for us at each and every Stop as she has done in the past and that her husband, Martin, will keep her informed of the goings-on at the Tunnard Street Stop – so we'll still have to behave.....!!

Thank you

Holy Trinity Boston – just 175 years young!

We recently took the Bus along to Holy Trinity Church to join their celebrations of 175 years of worship and outreach in Boston. If you were one of the folk who joined us there, thank you for turning up – we have a really good time.

Prior to our arrival, Tony and Ant had trimmed the trees at the entrance to the Church drive so that David could get the Bus into the car park. However, getting it out again proved more difficult, requiring four people and quite a lot of effort. Eventually, with Tony acting as his guide, David managed to reverse the Bus back along the drive (judiciously avoiding bits of the tree that hadn't been removed) and Janice and I took our lives into our hands to stop the traffic heading out of town along Spilsby Road. Tony was even more adventurous as he strode towards a particularly large articulated lorry heading in the opposite direction, with his arms outstretched – Janice and I muttered a prayer (I dread to think what the Lorry Driver was muttering!) – the lorry slowed to a stop and David swiftly reversed across the road and drove away. We'll work out a better way for our next visit there – I'm not sure my "dicky ticker" could stand that again!



Kirton Methodist – a time of fellowship

John and I were invited to Kirton Methodist Church on Sunday 11th June, to talk about what the roadHoG Project is and to update the folk there about what we have been doing since our last visit, which had been pre-Covid (was it really that long ago?). We also explained exactly where we are with the procurement and conversion of the new Bus and made a plea for folk to consider becoming Team Members. We were very warmly welcomed – lots of choccy biscuits and cups of tea – and had a really great mornings fellowship. If you would like us to visit your Church Fellowship one Sunday – or at any other time to suit yourselves – please do get in touch, as we'd love to share what God has been doing, and is doing through the roadHoG Project – we'll come even if you can't provide the biscuits!!

New Bus

In the next few days, a few of the Project Management Team hope to be able to travel to Blackpool to finalise the design of the new Bus. The new generator has already been purchased and delivered to Blackpool Design Coachbuilders, so that they could work out what space it would take up – and how best to use the remainder. Their latest plans have been discussed by the Project Management Team and tweaked accordingly, so that those of the Team who venture to the West coast know what is expected of them – deliver a Bus that suits our needs - and bring it in on budget!

The picture at the top of the newsletter is what we have in mind. The exterior colour will be purple – we couldn't change that – after all the youngsters in this area recognise us instantly. However, it will be a slightly brighter shade of purple than our current Bus.

As I explained in the last Newsletter, the new Bus is designed to be very environmentally friendly, with a low-emissions, EURO 6 diesel engine, and also utilising roof-mounted Solar Panels to power the low energy lighting, computers, etc, which will allow to run the generator for only a short time at each Stop - and not at all on most School visits. To emphasise the "green credentials" of this new Bus, we have chosen to add a graphic depicting Hoggie on a green road along each side – we hope you like it?

Thanks

Once again, many thanks for all your prayers – we have always said that our current Bus runs on both prayer and diesel, but as the poorly engine gradually gets more poorly week by week, we have realised that recently it is running on much more prayer than diesel! Every blessing,

Kevin!

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roadHoG Stop dates and times July 2023								
	<u>STOP</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>STOP</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Sat 1st July	No Stop							
Sun 2nd July	No Stop							
Mon 3rd July	Tunnard St	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Tue 4th July	No Stop							
Wed 5th July	Fenside	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Thur 6th July	Butterwick	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Fri 7th July	No Stop							
Sat 8th July	No Stop							
Sun 9th July	Sibsey	1:30p m	2:00p m	3:30p m	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 10th July	Woad Farm	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Tue 11th July	High Street	6:30p m	7:00p m	8:30p m				
Wed 12th July	Fishtoft	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Thur 13th July	Swineshead	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Fri 14th July	No Stop							
Sat 15th July	No Stop							
Sun 16th July	No Stop							
Mon 17th July	Tunnard St	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Tue 18th July	No Stop							
Wed 19th July	Fenside	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Thur 20th July	Butterwick	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Fri 21st July	No Stop							
Sat 22nd July	No Stop							
Sun 23rd July	No Stop							
Mon 24th July	Woad Farm	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
SUMMER BREAK - RESTART WITH SIBSEY & KIRTON ON 3rd SEPTEMBER								

Thank you for
your prayers