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 **inundate**
/ˈɪnʌdeɪt/
verb

1. overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.
"we've been inundated with complaints from listeners"

Similar: [overwhelm](#) [overpower](#) [overburden](#) [overrun](#) [overload](#) [swamp](#)

After a slightly cloudy start, the weather on Thursday 17th August was beautiful. The roadHoG Bus was parked in Boston's Central Park for the Borough Council's "Beach Party in the Park" event and within the first hour (we opened the doors at 10am) it was **inundated** with both adults and children seeking free drinks and wishing to play the computer games or to make bead bracelets. We estimate that Martin Wells made and gave away over 300 drinks in the five hours that the event was open – we were so busy that I didn't even manage to take a photograph for you all to see. We estimate that Martin Wells made and gave away over 300 drinks in the five hours that the event was open – we were so busy that I didn't even manage to take a photograph for you all to see.

At the closing time of 3pm, we had to (almost) forcibly eject people so that we could begin the clean-up!

The Friday was a little overcast all day, but even so, we estimate that we gave away 250 drinks and at no point was there much free space for Team Members to have a sit down within the Bus– not that we had time to do much sitting. Due to unavoidably low Team numbers we were somewhat limited in the time we could spend on conversations with people, but afterwards, we all had stories to tell of opportunities to share the Gospel and of testimonies given.

As in previous years, the event was organized by Francis Taylor of Boston Borough Council and – as previous years – it all went without a hitch – at least from our perspective. Fran and her team were fantastic – even the guy cleaning out the toilets was amazingly helpful and polite.



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On top of everything Darren – who was in charge of all the amenities – allowed us to experiment with getting the Bus into and out of the Park through the Norfolk Street gates. Not so important this year, but when we have the new Bus next year – with its Solar Panels on the roof – we won't dare take it through the trees at the town entrance in case we damage them!! However, despite the tight turning circle (we have to avoid the water tank buried there, which was installed to catch excessive rain water and prevent a flood within the central town area), we managed it - result!!

Please pray that the Council will let us take the Bus into the park one evening a fortnight next Summer, as the Skate Park area there has been identified as a hot-spot for antisocial behaviour and we believe that the presence of the Bus there could be helpful.

Back to work...

As you will see from the Diary, we resume our routine of regular Stops on Sunday 3rd September (how can six weeks go by so fast????), but we also have some extra Stops to get in during September:

- **Saturday 9th September** we will be at Boston Baptist Church for their Celebration Day between 2pm and 4pm, please come along and support us? The Baptist Church is one of our regular stops and we hope to engage even more closely with youngsters living in that area of town.
- **Sunday 10th September**, we will be supporting Celebrate Surfleet from 11am. Why Surfleet you ask? Well we have been trying to engage with Spalding and District Churches for some years now and we hope that being at the event in Surfleet will give us an opportunity to do just that.
- **Friday 15th September**, we will actually be in Spalding!! Fulney Skate Park to be precise – sadly not at the invitation of the local Churches but at the invitation of Spalding Police, who are seeking closer ties with the youngsters in that somewhat deprived area of the town. Last year we managed to visit Fulney twice, the first night we had 44 youngsters on board, the second 40. The need there is truly huge. Many of the conversations with the youngsters were truly harrowing. The rewards in terms of young lives redirected both spiritually and socially are – potentially – amazing.

Could I ask you to please pray for these three events?

1. That we might get sufficient Team Members along to make the difference between just being there and being able to have meaningful conversations.
2. That we might be able to point lost and searching people – of all ages – towards Jesus Christ.

Thanks!

New Bus

We have paid the first installment for the conversion from Transport for London commuter bus to roadHoG Youth Bus and work has begun on that process!! Last year we couldn't really (if we were being sensible) imagine being at this stage, but where does "sensible" fit into it when you are about the work of the God of all creation? Praise God, we should have the Bus here by Christmas, so that means that from now until then we have a lot of praying to do if the old Bus is to keep going for another four months – will you join us in that please?

Once again, many, many thanks from all the roadHoG Teams for all your help both financial and prayerful – without you, we couldn't be out there – working with youngsters who would otherwise never visit a Church or meet with Christian folk in a meaningful way.

If you wish to join us as a Team Member, or just want to get to know better what we do and how we do it, then may I suggest that you join us for our next round of Team Member Training sessions?

You will need to attend TWO sessions – one is concerned with Safeguarding and one is all about what we do on the Bus – I like to call it Bus Protocol. We have reserved Boston Baptist Church on **Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 24th October** for these sessions.

We plan to start at 7:30pm and be finished on both evenings no later than 9:30pm.

Please do come along and join us – we don't bite – and you may find that you have a God-given gift for working with youngsters that you never realised that you had.

If you need more details, please don't hesitate to call me on 01909094038 for a chat.

Blessings, Rev!

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roadHoG Stop dates and times September 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>
Fri 1st Sept	No Stop							
Sat 2nd Sept	No Stop							
Sun 3rd Sept	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 4th Sept	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 5th Sept	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 6th Sept	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 7th Sept	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 8th Sept	No Stop							
Sat 9th Sept	roadHoG at Boston Baptist Church Celebration Day - High Street Boston							
Sun 10th Sept	roadHoG at Celebrate Surfleet in Glen Park Surfleet (PE11 4DB) from 11am							
Mon 11th Sept	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 12th Sept	No Stop							
Wed 13th Sept	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 14th Sept	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 15th Sept	roadHoG supporting Spalding Police at Fulney Skate Park from 6pm							
Sat 16th Sept	No Stop							
Sun 17th Sept	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 18 Sept	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 19th Sept	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 20th Sept	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 21st Sept	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 22nd Sept	No Stop							
Sat 23rd Sept	No Stop							
Sun 24th Sept	No Stop							
Mon 25th Sept	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 26th Sept	No Stop							
Wed 27th Sept	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 28th Sept	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 29th Sept	No Stop							
Sat 30th Sept	No Stop							
Sun 1st Oct	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 2nd Oct	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
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