

roadHOG
the House of God on the road



A month of success

Hello! – well October has been another busy month for the roadHoG Team Members, with almost every Stop reporting record numbers of young people visiting the Bus. Praise God for the numbers, but please also pray that we might get the opportunity to speak to the youngsters about our faith and do so in a way that is both interesting and easy to understand?

Training:

All of our Team Members are requested to undertake a Refresher course every three years – particularly focused on Safeguarding, both for themselves and our young visitors – and over recent weeks we have staged three separate sessions in an attempt to cater for people's diaries. A total of 25 Members have each given up an evening to attend these sessions – thank you so much folks.

We have also undertaken a Training Session (over two evenings) for those folk who felt that God was calling them to a ministry to young people through the roadHoG Project and we are pleased to welcome 4 new members aboard the roadHoG – one of whom is a Driver (we are desperately short of Drivers!) – Praise God for each and every one of them!

Kind Gift

The “One Stop Shop” youth project has recently closed down and whilst we were all very sorry to hear that news, we were thrilled when they approached roadHoG and offered us all of their remaining funding – amazing! We are so grateful to the Trustees of the One Stop Shop, particularly as our operational funding always runs low at this time of year. This unexpected additional income will allow us to not only fill any funding gap, but will allow us to cope with any unexpected costs that might arise with getting the new Bus on the road. Someone asked me the other day what sort of unexpected costs we might encounter with the new Bus. It's difficult to know what unexpected things to expect really, 'cos they're unexpected.....



Co-op

This year the roadHoG Project has been selected as Community Champions by the Lincolnshire Co-op, which means that folk can support us by supporting the Co-op. If you would like to support us through this scheme you can do so by visiting the following Co-op stores and businesses:

Argyle Street Food Store, Parkside Pharmacy, Boston Funeral Home, Boston Travel Branch, Eastwood Road Food Store, Skirbeck Road Food Store, Liquor Pond Pharmacy, Swineshead Food Store, Swineshead Pharmacy, Woodville Road Food Store and Kirton Pharmacy.

Christmas Shutdown

It seems as though we have only just returned to the road following the Summer shutdown and now we have been planning the Christmas shutdown!

So here we go then.....

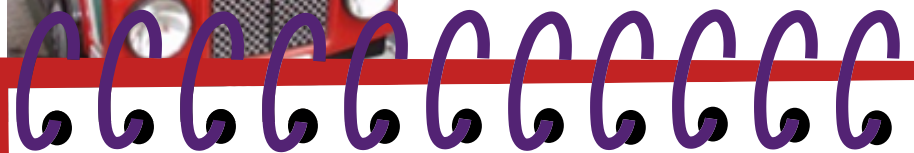
- The final roadHoG Stop of 2023 will be Tunnard Street on the 18th December.
- The first roadHoG Stop of 2024 will be Fenside on the 3rd January.

These dates will ensure that we will be operating the same fortnightly pattern as we have previously.



The new bus!

We recently sent Tony Coe up to Blackpool (they quickly sent him back!) to see what progress has been made with the conversion of our newly purchased, ex-Transport for London, Gemini Double Decker Bus into the new roadHoG Bus. Here's what he found out for us:



The new bus is progressing well. It is a miracle really that we are where we are today. God has been amazing at providing us with this replacement bus. Although it feels a long journey (starting in March 2022), it could have taken a lot longer and we are so grateful that God has provided us friends and supporters to make it possible.

At the time of writing, the new bus is 6 weeks into the conversion and the coach builders have been spending this time ripping out, making good and putting access panels in for future maintenance work. We have been told that progress always looks slow at the start, but once they start building inside, progress is quick. This was certainly our experience when our first bus was built in 2009. I would encourage you to check out the images of the progress on our website (www.roadhogbus.org.uk), if you haven't already done so.

The coach builders had a number of obstacles to overcome with the bus, including making it waterproof, replacing damaged panels and getting around all the electronics of modern buses, but it is such a lovely bus and we are very excited at how it will enable us to provide young people with a safe place and a place where we can share God's wonderful love.

The conversion is planned to take 16 weeks, which should take us to mid-December, however, realistically this will be in the new year which isn't a problem considering it will be Christmas.

There are many things I am excited about with the new bus. First of all being able stand up in it! I am excited about being able to keep the prayer room open upstairs, should we need to close the upper deck. I am also very excited about our efforts to be better stewards of God's creation, by finding a bus with a clean engine and striving to use the generator less. Above all, I am very excited that the Lord has given us the continued opportunity to meet with the new generations of young people in our town and be available to share with them why Jesus is real to us, so much so that we want to keep being the House of God on the road.

Tony



Thanks for all your prayers – our current Bus is running almost entirely on prayer now and I rather think that we just keep pumping diesel in out of habit. It really shouldn't still be running, but (as I write this) it is, but only due to your prayers.

Blessings,
 Kev!

Stops and Times this November

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