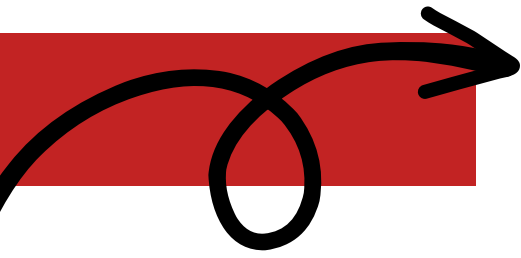


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## Happy Christmas

**Hello there everyone – I'd like to begin this Newsletter by wishing everyone a splendid and relaxing Christmas and New Year break – especially all of our Team Members who work so hard throughout 2023.**

### Life on the bus

The other day, someone mentioned that these Newsletters are all “upbeat” and they asked me whether we ever have any problems at our various Stops – and, of course, the answer is that we do have problems, but by God's amazing grace they all seem to resolve themselves eventually.

We have recently had a number of incidents of bad behavior at a number of Stops – none of which appear to be linked – but all have resulted in our having to exclude youngsters for a number of visits of the Bus. Their exclusion is not our attempting to “punish” the youngsters – that's certainly not in our remit – but we do attempt to modify their behavior for their greater good and also that of the other youngsters who attend the Bus.

We have learned that exclusion from the Bus for a week or two, comes as a great shock to the youngsters, because we take away from them something that they want – time on the Bus with their friends. Schools often exclude pupils, but that is often to the young people's delight, as they usually view exclusion from school as an extra holiday and something boast to their friends about...

## A big thank you

We have welcomed a huge number of young people aboard the roadHoG Bus this year, both at our local Stops and also at the various schools that Tony visits – and none of this would be possible without such a dedicated Team of workers.

Neither would it be possible without all of the folk who pray regularly for the work, for individual Stops and for the funding to be available to keep the Project on the road.

And that leads me on to thank all of those folk who give so generously, whether by regular donations or one-off payments, both large and small sums.

Without all of you, Team Members, regular prayers and givers, the roadHoG Project would not be the success that it is – thank you all!



## New Bus Update

Tony, David Wilkinson and Kevin Mothers travelled over to Blackpool again on the 6th December (hence why this Newsletter is a little late as I wanted to be able to update you on progress) and the Bus is coming along well – please do look at the most recent pictures that Tony has uploaded to our website: [www.roadhogbus.org.uk](http://www.roadhogbus.org.uk) Issues with the availability of materials and the fact that the Bus painters (a separate company than the folks converting the Bus) have taken on a load of extra work for another client could mean that we won't get the Bus here in Boston until early February - at best! That's not a problem – provided the current Bus keeps on running – but your prayers are very much needed to ensure that it will!



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However, preventing them from doing something that they really want to do – being on the Bus - usually results in their being wary of breaking the rules (usually serious roughhousing, swearing, damaging the Bus or similar inappropriate behavior) again – at least for a few weeks.

Please pray for the young people who seem to find boundaries difficult to understand or something to challenge? Please pray that they might not take their “I'll do what I want” attitude out into the world when they eventually leave school – with all the attendant problems that will bring for them as they try to fit into the wider society.



We haven't only had problems with youngsters being difficult recently – the roadHoG Bus has also thrown a few tantrums lately. One afternoon at our Sibsey Stop, the generator suddenly decided that it had had enough and that it wasn't going to run anymore that day. Its attitude must have been contagious because when I went to get my emergency back-up generator, that too refused to start and proceeded to dump a whole tank of petrol across my driveway. The emergency back-up generator for the emergency generator (if you see what I mean) did start, so we bundled it into a vehicle and rushed off to the Kirton Stop. First pull of the starter cord – nothing happened – second pull, it went and continued running, but the starter cord snapped! Much praising of The Lord ensued as we realised that it would enable us to boil the water for the ever necessary Hot Chocolate – however we were concerned that if it stopped, we wouldn't be able to start it again – it didn't..... God is good!

The next day, John Cropley and Tony Coe had a dig around in the generator cupboard (having had to remove most of the kitchen first so that they could get at it) and – THEY FIXED IT! Thanks guys – we are all so grateful to you both for that – problem over?

No - the problem was not over! Because whilst everything ran well on the Monday evening at the Woad Farm Stop, at the Bus's next outing at Fishtoft, the heater refused to start up and the interior lights all dimmed down to almost nothing! Fortunately, our Bus engineer, Ben was with us and so he and I pulled out the seating to find that for some reason the battery charger had decided not to work - maybe it hadn't liked the slightly unstable voltage that my little generator had provided it with at Kirton – who knows? Ben found the reset button on the charger and we were in business again, was it by chance that Ben was there, or had God got it all in hand anyway – I prefer to believe the latter to be true.

Since then – other than gaining an even greater thirst for water to keep the very poorly engine going – the Bus seems to be behaving – DO NOT STOP PRAYING!! Please?



## Stops and Times in December & January

	<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 Dec		No Stop						
Sat 2nd Dec		No Stop						
Sun 3rd Dec		No Stop						
Mon 4th Dec	Tunnard St	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Tue 5th Dec		No Stop						
Wed 6th Dec	Fenside	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Thur 7th Dec	Butterwick	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Fri 8th Dec		No Stop						
Sat 9th Dec		No Stop						
Sun 10th Dec	Sibsey	1:30p m	2:00p m	3:30p m	Kirton	3:40p m	4:00p m	5:30p m
Mon 11th Dec	Woad Farm	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Tue 12th Dec	High Street	6:30p m	7:00p m	8:30p m				
Wed 13th Dec	Fishtoft	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Thur 14th Dec	Swineshead	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				
Fri 15th Dec		No Stop						
Sat 16th Dec		3pm to 8pm @ Swineshead Christmas Mar						
Sun 17th Dec		No Stop						
Mon 18th Dec	Tunnard St	7:00p m	7:30p m	9:00p m				

### January

Have a wonderful Christmas  
 – enjoy celebrating God’s  
 amazing gift to all  
 humankind, His Son Jesus  
 Christ – and I pray that 2024  
 will be a year of blessings for  
 you all!

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Wed 3rd Jan	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 4th Jan	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
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Sat 6th Jan		No Stop						
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Sat 13th Jan		No Stop						
Sun 14th Jan		No Stop						
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Tue 16th Jan		No Stop						
Wed 17th Jan	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 18th Jan	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 19th Jan		No Stop						
Sat 20th Jan		No Stop						
Sun 21st Jan	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 22nd Jan	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 23rd Jan	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 24th Jan	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 25th Jan	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 26th Jan		No Stop						
Sat 27th Jan		No Stop						
Sun 28th Jan		No Stop						
Mon 29th Jan	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 30th Jan		No Stop						
Wed 31st Jan	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				

Thank you!