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Happy New Year

I pray that each and every one of you will have a very Happy New Year and that you will know the Lord's blessings throughout 2024 (and beyond).

I trust that you have had a good Christmas? From personal experience I know that the degree of relaxation possible is inversely proportional to the age of the youngest relative who shares your festivities!

Looking back

Swineshead Christmas Market

I've just had a look at the January 2023 Newsletter where I reported on a very busy, but really God-blessed time that we had with the Bus at the Swineshead 2022 Christmas Market. The 2023 Market was upgraded from an evening event to one lasting all afternoon and evening, so I need to say a great "thank you" to all the Team Members from the Swineshead Stop (especially Team Leader, Gemma) and also to the Members of other Teams who joined us. Special thanks to Kevin and John for delivering the Bus to Swineshead and manoeuvring it into the tight position we had been allocated

As last year, we gave out drinks, and again, rather than upset the various stallholders, we refrained from selling sweets and devoted our time to talking with the large number of young people and parents who came aboard the Bus.

Was it a success? If numbers of folk attending are anything to go by then, yes it was. If the number of useful conversations are anything to go by - then again yes. Praise God for His blessings. Also - if the quality of the Fish and Chips we had for supper just prior to taking the Bus away is anything to go by - then another success!!



New Bus Update

Commissioning of the New Bus
Please do have a look at the roadHoG website (www.roadhogbus.org.uk) to see the pictures of the new Bus. You will see that we are still quite a way from it being completed – in last January’s Newsletter I said that we were hoping to have it fully functional by September 2023 – we’ve missed that date by a good few months, but as you will see, things are progressing nicely and we should be on track to take delivery in February!

That leaves the Management Group with the problem of organising a Commissioning Service for the New Bus – and this is where we need your prayers please?

We believe that we need to obtain the maximum amount of publicity for the roadHoG Project as possible and also be able to say a huge “thank you” to all our funders, Church Leaders and supporters – and we especially need to thank our Lord God for His amazing blessings – and to seek His continued blessing on the Project going forward. So we’re looking for something that is both “glitzy” and “worshipful” at the same time – hopefully you now see the problem?

Please pray that we’ll know the right thing to do – and then do it?
It will mean quite a lot of work for quite a lot of people, but if we follow The Lord’s leading, then we should be able to give people a good time AND preach the good news of Jesus Christ to quite a large audience – so no pressure then.....

Highlights of 2023

There have been so many – the ones I would personally choose are:

- The moments when a young person asks us why we do what we do and we are able to share our faith and beliefs.
- The times when a youngster who has previously been something of a trouble maker decides to have a sensible conversation with members of staff and we subsequently begin to see, a slight, improvement in their behaviour.
- Being able to have a “chat” with a parent about their child and about our faith and see something of a relationship developing as they “accept” us and what we do – and question how they might explore their own journey towards faith.
- Folk giving up their time to attend a roadHoG training course and then watching them over the coming weeks get well and truly involved in the Project – and enjoying it.
- Seeing Team Members working across a number of Teams, whether just to help out on an occasional basis or enjoying what they do at their “own” Stop so much, that they want to be out on the Bus more often.
- Telling people about roadHoG and them saying that they’ve seen the Bus about on their own area – or better still – them tell me that they used to attend the Bus when they were younger (yes Tony – you are that old...!) and how much they enjoyed their time there and how much they learned whilst on the Bus.
- Almost running out of money, but never actually doing so – God’s provision is amazing!



I haven't mentioned, in the above, the amazing way that funds just seemed to appear for the purchase and conversion of the new Bus, nor the record time that this happened – that's just "things", whilst roadHoG is about "people" – of all ages.

What of 2024?

That's the great thing about being involved in a God-led Project – we don't need to concern ourselves about the minutiae of what "might" or "may" happen – if we allow God to lead us in every decision, at every Stop and at every Meeting, then we can be confident that His love and guiding will be in everything that we do – we've just got to listen to Him.

Exciting, isn't it?

My very best wishes to you all for 2024 and my thanks for all your prayers and support throughout 2023 - and every one of the nine years that I've been involved with roadHoG (yes, I know that compared to many, I'm still a beginner) – we really couldn't function without your support.

Every blessing,

Kev!

Stops and Times in January

Thank you!

Wed 3rd Jan	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm	
Thur 4th Jan	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm	
Fri 5th Jan		No Stop			
Sat 6th Jan		No Stop			
Sun 7th Jan	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton 3:40pm 4:00pm 5:30pm
Mon 8th Jan	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm	
Tue 9th Jan	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm	
Wed 10th Jan	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm	
Thur 11th Jan	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm	
Fri 12th Jan		No Stop			
Sat 13th Jan		No Stop			
Sun 14th Jan		No Stop			
Mon 15th Jan	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm	
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	