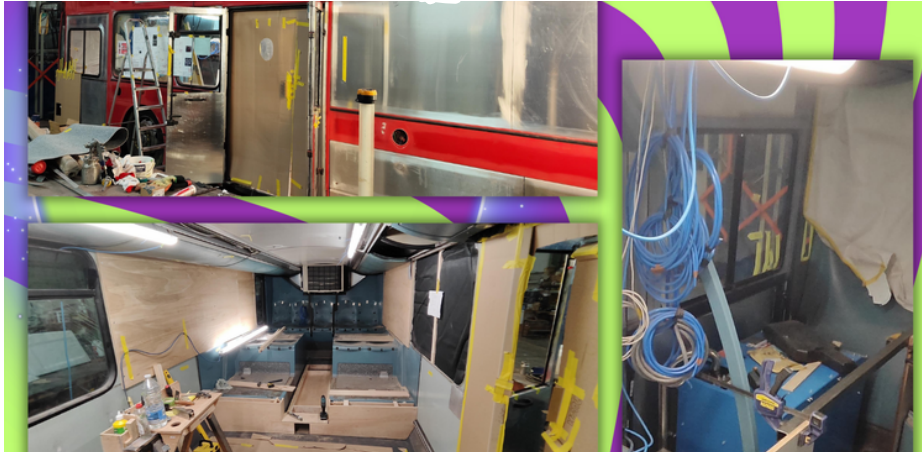


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the House of God on the road



Well we're getting into the New Year now and - am I imagining it or - is there already an increase in daylight hours?

Many people keep asking me when the New Bus will be delivered to Boston and my honest answer is "I don't know". Blackpool Design Coachbuilders, who are undertaking the transformation have been beset with staff health problems and materials supply issues, but they continue to make progress and the latest batch of photographs are on our Website www.roadhogbus.org.uk Please have a look at them - I think you'll be very impressed.

RoadHoG Training

I'm thrilled to report that we have a few people who wish to undertake the training necessary to become Members of a roadHoG Bus Team. The training consists of two parts, one "Safeguarding" (I know, I know, we're all Safeguarded to death, but I'm afraid that it's a necessity in our modern age!) and the second part, "Bus Protocol", which is essentially how we apply Safeguarding and "uncommon commonsense" to the way we work on the Bus.

If you'd like to join our first session - if only to find out what it's all about - then please join us on Monday 5th, from 7pm at Boston Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome!

2023 Facts:

One of the questions that Tony asks is "What does HoG stand for in roadHoG?" (the answer is - as you know - House of God), the answer is all around them on the Bus, but it is amazing just how often things that are right in front of us we fail to notice.

For instance, I am on the Bus for quite a few evenings a week but I have no idea just how many visitors we have in a year. Fortunately Tony does:

1. During 2023 we welcomed a total of 3,807 young people on board and we were blessed to pray with 134 of them. We were thrilled to talk about our faith to many more. We didn't manage to have a one-to-one conversation with all of the youngsters, however, they all had the opportunity to read the Posters and Bible Texts around the Bus and learn something about Jesus's love.



Drivers

The roadHoG Project is dependent upon volunteer Drivers.

Drivers undertake exactly the same training as all other Team Members. Then John Cropley gets involved and takes the people who are interested out in the Bus for a little taster of what it's like driving a small house on Lincolnshire roads. Spoiler alert – with its power brakes, power steering and automatic gearbox – it's amazingly easy to drive and the Bus can be driven by anyone possessing a normal Car Driving Licence – even I can drive it (although John will tell you that I can't drive it very well). Those folk who enjoy the experience (trust me you will – it's addictive) can then undertake further training with John and become a fully-fledged roadHoG Bus Driver.

We are extremely grateful to all our Drivers for “going the extra mile” for roadHoG (literally), but we can always use more trained folk to share the workload, so if you think you might like to try your hand (both hands actually - and both feet!) at driving the roadHoG Bus, then please come along to Boston Baptist Church on the 5th February and discern whether maybe God is calling you to this important ministry?

For those folk who can't make the 5th Feb, but who feel that perhaps God is calling them to work with the roadHoG Project – in any capacity - please get in touch with me for a chat?

Send me a message through the website:

The 2023 Facts continued...

In addition, many of the youngsters will have asked questions of the Team Members such as “why do you work on board this Bus?”, “how much do you get paid”, “what's roadHoG all about?” etc, etc. In answering each of those questions, the Team Member(s) can share something of their own faith and have perhaps been able to challenge them to find out about Jesus Christ for themselves.

Each of those 3,807 young people will almost certainly have taken part in the nightly quiz which contains questions about the Bible and the life of Jesus Christ. Another chance for conversations about who Jesus is. And at the end of the Stop, the youngsters will have been invited to join the Team to say “The Grace” – which gives raise to many questions.

2. The number of young people who attended the Bus whilst Tony was working in local schools was a further 1,402 – and you can be assured that Tony will have managed to slip the Gospel into every school visit.

3. Added together that gives a total of 5,209 visits by young people to the Bus during the year!

RoadHoG isn't about numbers though, it's about interacting with young people with a view to sowing the seeds of faith in Jesus Christ – which, we pray will grow into a true faith in the coming years through the Holy Spirit.

Since Tony saw his vision come to fruition in 2009, when the roadHoG Bus first began to visit the area in and around Boston, 44,434 young people visit the Bus and have prayed with 1,281.

Could I please ask that you hold all of those 44,434 people in your prayers, that God will stir their hearts and that they will turn to Him?

It just remains for me to once again thank each one of you for your continued prayer support for the roadHoG Youth Project.

Have a truly blessed February!

Kevin!



Stops and Times in February

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