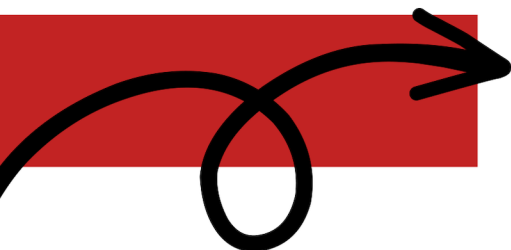


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Hello and welcome to the May edition of the RoadHoG Newsletter.

Getting ready for the New Bus

Well, I've managed to get the newsletter out on time this month, but I'm not quite sure how, as there has been so much to do: planning the launch / commissioning of the new Bus on May 11th (I hope to see you all there?), sorting out little issues – including finding out what all the switches do.....

John and Ben have been busy preparing the Bus, including obtaining a new MOT – which it passed easily – well done both!

Tony has been busy sorting out the electronics, such as the games consoles, Wi-Fi and other such tech stuff, whilst also writing a training manual for all our Team Members and preparing the training programme - which promises to take almost every evening for the next two weeks!

In the meantime, Caz has been sorting out the kitchen and the various storage bins and – along with Jenny – sorting out the board games.

Who would have thought that there would be so much to do, just to transfer the workings of roadHoG from our original Bus to the new one?

Coming and going

Last month I showed a picture of the new Bus being delivered after dark at John's yard in Fosdyke, this week my nighttime photo is of the original Bus leaving its final routine Stop at Butterwick, on Thursday the 25th April.

Quite a few Team Members came along to see the event, to take photos and make videos, etc (and also to partake of a beverage at the local hostelry!). I've never liked the idea of anthropomorphising the Bus and have always resisted the urge to call it "Hoggie", as many folk have, but even I shed a little tear as "Hoggie" pulled away into the night – and gave it a gentle pat on the engine cover.

11th May – 2 pm

By now, you should all have received an invitation to join us at Boston Rugby Club, at the Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston on Saturday 11th May for the commissioning of the new roadHoG Bus. This will be the culmination of a huge effort by so many people and a celebration both of their input and that of the many, many people and organisations that helped us raise almost one hundred and eighty thousand pounds to purchase and fit-out the Bus. We aim to "kick-off" at 2pm, and we would love to have as many people there to celebrate this amazing example of God's provision as possible. Please do feel free to invite as many folk as you like – if we overflow the room, there's always the rugby field.....!



You are invited!

Please do come and join us for the commissioning of the new bus. It would be brilliant to see you there.



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MAY 11 2:00 PM

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"It's Your Move"

Over recent years, we have made an annual appeal for funds to purchase a number of copies of the booklet "It's Your Move", which Tony hands out to year 6 children to help prepare them, for the move to secondary education. Each year folk dig deep into their pockets and we always have enough copies for all the children that Tony meets. However, "does it do any good, or are we wasting our money?" is a fair question to ask - well I now have the answer!

A young man came aboard the Bus the other evening and told me that this was the first time he had been back on the Bus since he had been on it at his primary school a number of years previously. One of his memories of the Bus was that Tony had given him a copy of the "It's your move" booklet and he said that the book had (in his words) helped him "through some really, really dark times" as he had struggled with the pressure of moving to a new school, making new friends, etc. If you have helped just that one young man by your generous giving, then it was worth it, but my suspicion is that there are lot of other young people out there who have been helped by reading the booklet too.

The young lad asked me to thank Tony for his help, but I need to thank you too, because without your generosity, Tony would not have been able to provide the help that this young man so desperately needed - thank you so much!!

Taken but returned...

A few weeks ago, at one of our regular Stops, one of the Controllers for our X-Box game console was stolen - and to be quite honest, we all felt slightly let down - that one of the youngsters we have got to know so well could do that to us - and although we knew who it was who had taken it, we couldn't prove it.....

However, God had other ideas about the situation, because the other evening a young man and his father came along to the Bus (at a completely different location to the one where the controller had "vanished") and handed back the controller. Apparently the thief had been boasting about his "acquisition" whilst trying to sell it. When he heard about this, our young hero went to see the thief and demanded that he give him the controller, so that he could return it to us - which he subsequently did. Our hero's Mum sent us the following message on Facebook:

"So glad my son managed to retrieve the stolen controller. You guys do an amazing job for the community so he was sad when he saw something had been stolen."

He refused to take a reward for his actions and his Dad refused any petrol money, although we did manage to persuade him to take a few sweets, but it seemed a paltry reward for such a wonderful act.



Thank you once again for all you help and support, your love and your prayers!

Blessings,

Kevin!

Stops and Times

roadHoG Stop dates and times May 2024 (with some April too!)

	STOP	Arrive	START	Depart	STOP	Arrive	START	Depart
Mon 29th April	Woad Farm	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Tue 30th April	High Street	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Wed 1st May	Fishtoft	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Thur 2nd May	Swineshead	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Fri 3rd May	No Stop							
Sat 4th May	No Stop							
Sun 5th May	No Stop							
Mon 6th May	Tunnard St	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Tue 7th May	Kirton	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Wed 8th May	Fenside	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Thur 9th May	Butterwick	Team Training - Fosdyke from 7pm						
Fri 10th May	No Stop							
Sat 11th May	2pm Commissioning of new roadHoG Bus - Princess Royal Sports Arena							
Sun 12th May	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 13th May	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 14th May	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 15th May	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 16th May	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 17th May	No Stop							
Sat 18th May	No Stop							
Sun 19th May	No Stop							
Mon 20th May	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 21st May	No Stop							
Wed 22nd May	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 23rd May	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 24th May	No Stop							
Sat 25th May	No Stop							
Sun 26th May	roadHoG at The Carrington Steam Festival (all day)							
Mon 27th May	roadHoG at The Carrington Steam Festival (until 5pm, then @ Woad Farm)							
	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 28th May	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 29th May	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 30th May	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 31st May	No Stop							



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In the sixteenth week of the bus' conversion - full speed ahead with the fitting of the lower deck chill out lounge and the kitchen area. The serving hatch window and generator is fitted. More finishing touches to the upper deck with doors.