

roadHoG Newsletter No 157 - September 2024

Wow – we’re back! I really cannot believe that the four-week Summer Break is over already. As you already know, we had to cancel some of the last Stops of the pre-holiday period due to some maintenance on the Bus and the odd Staff Shortage due to Team Members being on holiday themselves. In fact, it was due to Staff shortages that we had to cancel the unveiling of the new Bus to the good people of Boston at the Borough Council’s Beach Party in the Central Park. Hopefully we will be able to staff the Bus next year and help to support the Council, who have supported us so much over recent months.

Fulney - Spalding

Speaking of support, we are planning on visiting Fulney Skate Park (PE11 2JB) in Spalding on Friday 13th September to support Spalding Police in their efforts to forge ever closer links with the young people in that area. We were last there on the 15th of September last year - having been invited, once again, by Spalding Police – or more accurately, having been invited by one particularly remarkable member of the Community Policing Team there, PCSO Sylwia Davy. Sylwia has a connection with the folk there - both young and old - that is truly remarkable and which would put many a social worker (and Church Outreach Team) to shame.

If you live in Spalding, or the Spalding area and would like to see what the roadHoG Project is all about, then please come along and join us – even for a short while. We aim to be on site by 6pm and to have the doors open by about 6:30pm. When we leave will be more about when the youngsters let us leave than any planning on our part, but if you are a roadHoG Team Member and have some time to spare that evening, please do come along and join in the “fun”.

Wyberton Pt1

Before I joined the roadHoG Project – so over ten years now – there used to be a regular Stop in the village of Wyberton, which ceased to operate for a number of reasons. Now though, the members of Wyberton and Frampton Anglican Churches, Beacons Baptist Church and Wyberton United Reform Church are planning – under God’s guidance – to reintroduce this Stop. Will it happen? Well if prayer and determination from the would-be Team Members is anything to go by then, YES it will!

I’m planning on taking you through how these folks get on working together to get this new Stop functioning with a new report every month. Hopefully, any folks from other Churches here in the Boston area or further afield such as Spalding or Lincoln (or anywhere else come to that) who have ever wondered whether they could host a roadHoG Stop in their own locality will learn what it takes and be inspired to join the Project themselves.

How did it start? Well the Leadership of those four Churches began praying about the possibility of organising a new Stop in their area some time ago. Then the Vicar of Wyberton and Frampton and the leader of Beacon Baptist Church joined roadHoG themselves by going through the necessary training sessions to become Team Members. They then attended various Stops to see how the Teams there worked and, encouraged by what they had seen, they began to encourage their own fellowships to consider using roadHoG as the basis for youth outreach in their area.

Once they had sufficient people willing to work within the Team (a minimum of seven people – although we prefer nine so that we have holiday cover) they began to work out the best place for the Bus to be situated. Ease of access (and exit) for the Bus, ease of access for the young people, safety for the young people getting to the site (as well as whilst they are around the Bus) and what impact having the Bus in that area might have upon the local neighbours were all taken into consideration. Next, they had to work out which evening of the week would be the most suitable, both for the potential Team Members and for the youngsters (were there other, conflicting, youth activities being held locally that evening, etc, etc) and also what evening could we make the Bus be available?

We are now at the point of planning the Training Sessions for the new Team Members – these will be the first sessions that we have run based on the New Bus, so there’s a considerable amount of

preparation for the roadHoG Training Team to do (actually Training Team sounds a bit grand – it's just Janice Elley and me!).

So that's where we are at the moment, I'll bring you more news (hopefully positive) next month, but if you feel that you would like to be a part of this new Team (or any Team come to that) – whatever Church you attend – please do get in touch either through the website or directly with me at kevin.smithbone@btinternet.com

Diary

We start back on Sunday 1st September at Kirton – we have too many Team Members away to begin at Sibsey as originally planned – but please do check out the Diary because without your prayers, we might just as well sit at home and watch TV for all the effect we will have.

We are hoping to be in the Central Park for a few more weeks before the darkening evenings preclude our presence there. Team Members – please, please do come along and join us there if you possibly can? We have so many young people visiting us there that with just the usual seven Team Members, we cannot possibly have sufficient time to speak to as many of them as we would like.

Thanks once again for the prayer – I've already said it, but without you, we really would be wasting our time.

Blessings,

Kev!

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Wed 4th Sept	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
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