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# Newsletter



## JANUARY

My apologies for the absence of a January Newsletter, but following as nasty cold over Christmas, I found myself in Hospital with Pneumonia over the New Year – not really good for Newsletter writing!!

Many thanks to those of you who were praying for me – it would appear that God heard your prayers and I now appear to be “on the mend”.

## FEBRUARY

I simply cannot begin this February Newsletter without wishing you all a rather belated, very happy and God-blessed 2026.

Neither can I continue without thanking each and every one of you for your prayer and financial support for the Project over recent years – or without thanking our amazing Team members for all the time and hard work that they put into each and every Stop.

I know that many people say that they have the best job in the world, but I truly have. I am blessed by being able to work alongside so many driven and dedicated individuals, and to be so well supported by so many others. And on top of all of that I am enabled to follow my passion, that of telling young people about our great God and His love for them, and also encouraging them to dedicate their lives to His service. And I thought that retirement would be dull.....

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## Purple Bus blues

Following on from the litany of Bus related problems that I documented in the December Newsletter, we were convinced that we had resolved all potential problems for a long time to come – then disaster! The new (actually reconditioned) gear-change switch that we fitted to the Bus failed towards the end of the last but one week of activities prior to the Christmas shut-down. As previously, we were blessed in that the switch failed whilst the Bus was in John's yard, thus saving us the expense of having it recovered, but it was annoying nevertheless.

Thanks to John and his team and the fact that the switch supplier reacted so swiftly to our plea for help, we only missed two Stops – Swineshead and Wyberton – so it wasn't really the end of the world, but it was rather annoying. However, we believe that God has a plan for everything, so it will be interesting to see just how that pans out in the coming weeks.

## Weather stops play!

Our post-Christmas restart was somewhat disrupted by cold, wet and (worst of all) windy weather at the beginning of January and we were obliged to miss yet more Stops. Taking such a high-sided vehicle out in high winds, along slippery roads is quite dangerous. If we severely damage the Bus, then the Project stops – a risk that we cannot afford to take.



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## **Please Pray.....**

I know that many (if not all) of you regularly pray for our Stops, but I'm now asking that you please pray in particular specifically for some of our stops:

### **Woad Farm stop**

Historically one of our busiest Stops, Woad Farm has been devoid of young people for a few weeks now – and we don't know why! We site the Bus in the car park of the Queen of Spades public house on the Woad Farm Estate and although the pub has recently closed, we are still using the car park there. Whether the closure of the pub has any bearing on why we have not seen any youngsters there, we do not know, but we think it unlikely. So where have they gone? Or rather why have they stopped coming out to join us? We have no idea, but the Team at that Stop would value your prayers as to what we can do to attract the youngsters back. There are 225 households on that estate, so numbers of young people in the area are relatively high – we just don't know why they're not attending the Bus there. Prayers please?

### **Spalding stop**

We have recently had contact with a couple of Churches in Spalding regarding the possibility of our extending our mission there from the one or two Stops a year to something on a more regular basis. How that might work out, we are leaving in God's more than capable hands, but we would ask for your prayers for the Spalding Churches that they may hear God's leading – and follow it.

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## Swineshead stop

The behaviour of a few teenage lads at the Swineshead stop are becoming a significant problem. A small group, six or seven, of 13-15 year old boys have begun to be rude and quite aggressive, both to other youngsters and to the Team Members. The result of this is that many of the younger children feel intimidated and have begun to stay away. How should we deal with these individuals in a way that promotes the Christian values of good manners and politeness that roadHoG stands for, whilst showing love and compassion for them? After all, these young lads need to find Jesus Christ as their Saviour just as much as any other young people we come into contact with. I'll be honest and say that we don't really know what our next move should be – I think that we have exhausted all the methods that usually work – but one thing that I do know is that when we stop trying and simply allow God to act through His Holy Spirit – then the miracles begin to happen. We've seen this at other difficult Stops, such as Fenside, so we are relying on prayer – both ours and yours – to seek God's intervention into this difficult situation.



Please do hold the Teams in your prayers and also the youngsters who we are so very privileged to come into contact with – that they may begin to understand their need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Kev!*

# Diary

Stop dates for February 2026

	LOCATION	Arrive	START	Depart	LOCATION	Arrive	START	Depart
Sun 1st Feb	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 2nd Feb	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 3rd Jan	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 4th Feb	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 5th Feb	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 6th Feb	Wyberton	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Sat 7th Feb	No Stop							
Sun 8th Feb	No Stop							
Mon 9th Feb	Town Centre	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 10th Feb	No Stop							
Wed 11th Feb	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 12th feb	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 13th Feb	No Stop							
Sat 14th Feb	No Stop							
Sun 15th Feb	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 16th Feb	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 17th Feb	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 18th Feb	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 19th Feb	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 20th feb	Wyberton	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Sat 21st Feb	No Stop							
Sun 22nd Feb	No Stop							
Mon 23rd Feb	Town Centre	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 24th Feb	No Stop							
Wed 25th Feb	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 26th Feb	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 27th Feb	No Stop							
Sat 28th Feb	No Stop							

