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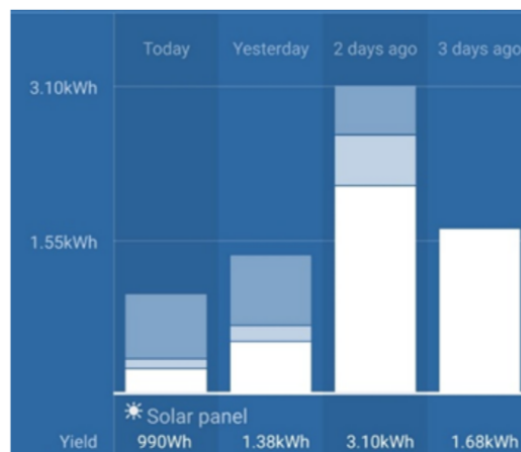
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Welcome to April's **Mulicoloured** roadHoG newsletter

GOING EVEN MORE **GREENER**

I told you last month of the proposed work on our Solar Panel array and so it was that Tony and I found ourselves at an electrical specialists at Leverton the other morning to drop the Bus off for a couple of days. That meant cancelling both the Fishtoft and Swineshead Stops that week. Incidentally, whilst avoiding a badly parked car on a previous evening, the Bus had got a little too close to some trees and so we had some of the roof wiring to the panels had been damaged, so everything was all coming together nicely. The Next afternoon when Tony and I collected the Bus - ready for the Wyberton Stop that evening - the performance of the solar panels was five times than anything we had previously achieved (see photo of the readout).



So thanks to Tony, to Simon Grant (electrician extraordinaire) and Boston Baptist Trust (who covered the costs involved), roadHoG is “**greener**” than it’s ever been.

Oh – and Simon rerouted the roof cabling, so that we will have a much lower risk of tree damage to the system in future!

Thank you all so much for your prayers over this.

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THE BLUE BUS

It's been almost a year now since a group of folks began turning up at Fosdyke on a Friday to work on converting our Blue Bus into a Youth Bus to work alongside our nice new Purple Bus.



I hope next month to give you a list of all the work undertaken so far, but the good news is that we are almost there, just some cleaning and installation of some computers and screens to go. I say some cleaning, but the inside was a mess and we're still trying to complete that, so if anyone would like to volunteer to help, I can assure you of a warm welcome and a free lunch at The Moorings Café afterwards – just get in touch!

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One problem which, until we tackled it we hadn't expected to be a problem, was the removal of the clear plastic covering material stuck to the insides of the windows. Over the year's people had scratched various comments into them, which we didn't want our youngsters seeing and/or copying. Taking the films off took ages and ages, using a heat gun and scrapers.



We then found ourselves left with an adhesive residue which we simply cannot remove. We've tried just about every commercial glue remover on the market, with and without heat and all to no avail, so if – after looking at the pictures – you have any ideas, please do contact us.

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THE PURPLE BUS

Our purple Bus is equipped with a special catalytic converter to enable it to achieve London Transport's low emissions requirements. This is great in theory, but in practise it has meant that we've had troubles with the "AdBlue" system – almost from day one. Last year we only achieved the MOT requirement of "all dashboard warning lights must be off" by a miraculous answer to prayer, when the light went off on the way to the MOT Station, but came on again during the journey back to Fosdyke. John decided to fit a new AdBlue pump – that fixed things for a few weeks, then the warning light came back on again. John had the auto electrician set up the pump and the computer – that worked for a few days or so..... And series of these trial and error efforts went on for a year, However, John and mechanic Alex are nothing if not tenacious and whilst we're still not happy that the problem is completely solved, they worked up until the eleventh hour pre-MOT and we now have a new MOT and a EURO6 compliant Bus once agains..... Thanks guys!

TRAINING

For those wishing to join the roadHoG Project, or just get a better idea of just what we do, there will be a Training Session held over two evenings at Boston Baptist Church (98 High St, Boston, PE21 8TA) from 7pm - Thursday 16th April & Thursday 23rd April. You will need to attend both Sessions to become a Team Member.

Current Team Members who need to undertake a Refresher Course can do so by joining us as well.

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PRAYER MEETING

We would love for you to join us for our next time of prayer for then roadHoG Project. We will be meeting together at 7pm on Friday 24th April at Leverton Church Hall (PE22 0AX – the tin shed on the A16 just outside Leverton!) – please come along for this hour of prayerful worship – you'll be very, very welcome!!

BOOKS FOR YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS

Over the past few years, Tony has provided free of charge, to school children who are transitioning from Primary School (Year 6) to Secondary School (Year 7), a copy of the Scripture Union booklet "It's Your Move". I have personally met a number of youngsters who have told me what a great help this book was to them when they changed schools – some were still gaining help from their copy years later when they had faced other changes within their lives.

These books aren't cheap, but we've bought some 300 this year at a 25% discount. In the past many of you have expressed a desire to contribute to the cost of these books, so if you would like to help out again this year, please donate through our website:

www.roadhogbus.org.uk Thanks!!

Many thanks once again for your financial – and more importantly – prayerful support of the roadHoG Youth Project. If your Church would like a visit, during the week, or during a Sunday Service for us to present a more personal update on what's going on within the Project (we are even happy to lead the whole Sunday Service if you would like), then please get in touch through our website.

Kev!

Diary

Stop dates for April 2026

	BUS STOP	Arrive	START	Depart	BUS STOP	Arrive	START	Depart
Wed 1st April	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 2nd April	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 3rd April	Wyberton	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Sat 4th April	No Stop							
Sun 5th April	No Stop							
Mon 6th April	Town Centre	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 7th April	No Stop							
Wed 8th April	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 9th April	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 10th April	No Stop							
Sat 11th April	No Stop							
Sun 12th April	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 13th April	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 14th April	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 15th April	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 16th April	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 17th April	Wyberton	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Sat 18th April	No Stop							
Sun 19th April	No Stop							
Mon 20th April	Central Park	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 21st April	No Stop							
Wed 22nd April	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 23rd April	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 24th April	No Stop							
Sat 25th April	No Stop							
Sun 26th April	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 27th April	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 28th April	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 29th April	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 30th April	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				

