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# Newsletter



Welcome to June roadHoG newsletter

## THE BUS DILEMMA

One of the questions that has long been in contention worldwide is “which came first, the Chicken or the Egg”? At our house the answer is easy – they both come at the same time thanks to Asda’s delivery service!

For some time now, there’s been a similar question that’s bothered both the roadHoG Management Team, here in Boston, and the Directors of Lincolnshire Youth Mission Ltd, our umbrella company based in Lincoln. That question has been, “should we invest money in the Blue Bus and get it completed, so that it’s ready when more Churches ask for us to work with them in their local outreach, or should we wait until there’s a demand from these other Churches and then finish off the Bus?”.



In the interim, the group of people who regularly give up their Friday mornings, to work on the interior of the Bus have been gradually getting it ready – and now they’re almost at the finishing line.

Both the Management Team and LYM had agreed that any mechanical work needed should be completed to such a standard that the Bus would have a life of at least ten years and that meant new brakes, new suspension, a new fuel tank, and replacement/strengthening of the chassis “outriggers” (places where the chassis meets the outer parts of the bus body). All of this work, plus the addition of decals to the outside of the Bus (logos etc to say who we are), as well as a year’s Insurance, would cost us about ten thousand pounds, which was about ten thousand pounds more than we had!

Please note that I said “had” – because we have just been gifted the ten thousand pounds required – praise God!!

We can now continue to get the Blue Bus ready, but then we’ll need somewhere to use it and someone to staff it, someone to drive it, and, and.....it is almost endless .... Please pray for all of these things?

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## Do we really look like that???

A recent craft aboard the Bus encouraged youngsters to decorate Gingerbread men (it's 2026, so should that perhaps be Gingerbread people?).



The youngsters at the Sibsey Stop decided to decorate their gingerbread people to make them look like the Team Members at that Stop.

There were 7 Team Members on the Bus that day and I was one of those seven. I therefore hope that am the one not represented here!

## Solar panels update

The upgraded panels and control gear are continuing to work as we were told they would and we haven't had to use the generator for weeks now – that's diesel saved (and money, which, with fuel costs rising over recent months, has proven a huge bonus) and the planet polluted slightly less than it would have been! The planet may have only benefited by an infinitesimally small amount, but it all counts!

What's more, I now have an "App" on my phone which allows me to check how much electricity we're generating – and even more startling – I've learned how to use it!!

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## Behind the scenes

If you've ever been involved in staging a play, a concert, a fair, or anything like that, you'll know that the activity stands – or falls – by the amount of work that goes on in the background. All the folk who organise the things that are “invisible” on the day, but which make sure that everything goes smoothly, they are the unsung heroes of any successful endeavour.

That's true too of roadHoG. I've previously mentioned John Cropley and Alex, his mechanical genius. I've also mentioned the Drivers who check and report any faults on the Bus, fill it with fuel and generally put in loads of work, unseen by most people associated with the Project, but today I wish to mention a few others, starting with [the Cleaners](#).

## Hygiene Heros

After every Stop, the Team members clean the seats, the kitchen utensils, the craft areas and materials, they clean the floors and generally leave the Bus sparkling for the next Stop, however that's not all the story.

Every two weeks our Cleaners – the unsung heroes – head over to Fosdyke and give the interior of the Bus a thorough “going over”. Spiders are ejected from their homes and their webs removed, Nooks and Crannies – missed by the rest of us – are explored for muck and grime and given a thorough clean out. Nothing seems to get missed – however I'm a bloke and we don't tend to see muck – but I do recognise a clean Bus when I see one.

Our lovely Cleaners are as much a part of the roadHoG Project as the Team members, Team Leaders and everyone else, but seem to get much less thanks – mainly because they come and go without drama, just quietly getting on with making the Project work.

Consequently, I'd like to say thank you to them – I can't give you their names, because I forgot to ask permission – but without them, we would suffer with a dirty, less hygienic, not so welcoming Bus. You know who you are – so thank you, from me and from all of us who are privileged to have a clean and sparkling Bus at our disposal week in and week out – thank you!

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## More Unsung Heros

Along with these people I'd like to thank the purchaser and producer of materials for the Crafts, the supplier of sweets, drinks, cups, indeed everything to do with the kitchen. That same person also prints and prepares all the operating sheets used on the Bus, collates all the completed paperwork. Thanks to you too.

I'd also like to thank the folk who plan and present the Training Sessions to prospective Team Members, who sort, check and apply for DBS Certificates, etc, etc, etc.

The list of these important, yet unseen people, just goes on and on – and I've not included all the background stuff that Tony Coe does in addition to his Schools Worker role – which you'll have seen in the Job Description that I circulated last month (the job is still vacant, if you believe that God might be calling you to take it on....?).

And I've not mentioned the Directors of Lincolnshire Youth Mission Ltd (LYM), who ensure that we're "legal" with regard to Companies House, The Charity Commission, HMRC, etc, etc.

Neither have I mentioned all our Team Members, Team Leaders, etc. To all of you, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you do to make roadHoG possible.

In Luke Ch15 vs 10, we're told that Jesus said:

**"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."**

So, on behalf of the Angels (if I'm not being too impertinent) who you've made very happy when any of the youngsters we have met through the Bus, have turned their lives over to Jesus, or who will in the coming years, there's extra – heavenly – thanks for all you do.

Thanks also to you reading this, for your interest in the Project, for your prayers and your financial support. Every blessing to you all.

*Kev!*

# Diary

Stop dates for June 2026

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

