

Newsletter



Welcome to September's RoadHoG newsletter

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

August was Tony Coe's last month with the Project and we are only just coming to terms with the amount of work/effort he put into it. We are so grateful to Tony, both as our original founder and also as our Schools Worker and fundraiser, and I cannot begin to explain just how much work Tony has put into the roadHoG Youth Project over the 25 years of its existence. The Project owes both him and his wife Lisa, a huge debt of gratitude.

However we now must look to the future

We have previously asked for people to come forward to assist by taking on board some of the tasks that Tony so effortlessly undertook, but sadly – as yet – we have had no takers. Perhaps I need to simplify my previous explanation of the work that needs to be undertaken.

Project support

We need someone to collate all of the statistics that we collect each month and update various Excel spreadsheets. Basically how many youngsters we welcomed aboard, how many we managed to have “meaningful” conversations with and how many used the Prayer Room. We use this information when applying for funding and for making presentations to the Churches that support us – and to those who might?

We need someone to look at fundraising, make applications to various organisations for funding the Project and to work out whether we are solvent and to produce, and maintain, a Financial Forecast/Budget. The job will involve working closely with LYM Ltd's financial controller to ensure that money is coming in as fast as it goes out and that we have a sound financial strategy in place.

These two roles could be populated by two different people, or one person could take on both. How much time each/either is currently uncertain, but they could be voluntary or paid roles – whichever is the most suitable to the person undertaking it/them.

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Team Members

We are extremely short of Team Members at all of our Stops.

In summary, Team Members undergo a short training session, obtain a DBS and then work at one of our ten Stops around the area. This amounts to a maximum of 2 hours a fortnight, usually in the evening, working with an established Team who will be supportive and helpful, so that you will settle in very quickly. You aren't limited to just one Stop though – many of our Team Members attend more than one Stop.

Bus Drivers

We are DESPERATELY short of Drivers.

Drivers go through the same training as our Team Members, but get the fun of driving the Bus to and from the Stops. The Bus has power steering, an automatic gearbox and light and powerful brakes. It is very easy to drive – it can be driven on a car licence – and we give full training. Currently, all of our Drivers are attending multiple Stops, so any extra Drivers will be very welcome.

Bus Cleaners

We still need a someone to work alongside Judith, John and Moira to clean the Bus once a Month, so if you'd like to work with the roadHoG Project in that way, please let me know and I'll pass your contact details to Moira.

For all of these roles within roadHoG, please do get in touch either by using the roadHoG email address roadhogbus@gmail.com or at: roadhog.kev@btinternet.com or simply have a chat with me or anyone you know who is a Team Member.

WE NEED YOU

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Cool green bus – at the flick of a switch

During the recent hot weather, we have been using the Air-conditioning unit on the top-deck of the Bus to make life more bearable. Unfortunately, that has meant using the generator to provide power, which in turn has meant that the heat it produces has made things even more uncomfortable for those working on the lower-deck – particularly in the kitchen. We have also used more of that precious commodity, diesel, which has cost us more money and made us less of a “green” project. The answer to this problem has been the fitting of this simple looking little switch



This switch allows us to power the air con from the Batteries, which – since we have had the solar panels updated – are perfectly capable of powering the unit, so saving diesel, promoting our Green credentials and not cooking the kitchen staff!

Envelopes

Every now and then, someone will pass me an envelope, or an envelope will be pushed through my letterbox. Invariably these envelopes contain money or a cheque for roadHoG – and invariably, they arrive anonymously.

On behalf of all those involved with roadHoG, I would like to thank you for your donations. The money is always very useful, but it is the thought that someone wishes to support what we do that validates all that we do – so thank you. You and God know who you are, so that’s all that counts.

Matthew 6:3-4

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”



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Sibsey Team summer outing

Last year, fearing that they wouldn't get to see one another for the whole of the Summer Break, the Sibsey Team arranged to meet-up in Skegness for a little fellowship – but mainly for some Fish and Chips. This year, we repeated the exercise, but were especially thrilled to be joined by David Rennie who, whilst having regular Chemotherapy for his Cancer had suffered a heart attack the week prior. Prayer from all our roadHoG Team Members is credited with the fact that having been admitted to hospital on a Tuesday, he was discharged the following Friday and so was able to join us in Skeg the very next Tuesday. Great job by the NHS, but a perfect example of the power of prayer. When we pray, God answers!



Fulney Skate Park

we're planning on taking the Bus to Fulney Skate Park in Spalding for the evening of Friday 11th September. Please, please do be in prayer for us that evening? Last year we signed-in 47 youngsters over 2-hour period – so please pray for them too? We plan to be there from 6pm, so if you live in the Spalding area, please feel free to pop along and say hello – if we have sufficient available staff to provide you with a chaperone – we will gladly show you around the Bus.

Skegness

We are planning to be at Skegness Baptist Church on Sunday the 20th September to share worship there. We'd love you to join us there – the Service begins at 10:45am. Who knows, you might find time for a bag of Fish and Chips afterwards too?

Diary

Stop dates for September

I can't over emphasise the importance of your prayers for the Teams and the youngsters they meet at each Stop. Thank you!

	<u>STOP</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>STOP</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Thur 3rd Sept	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 4th Sept	Wyberton	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Sat 5th Sept	No Stop							
Sun 6th Sept	No Stop							
Mon 7th Sept	Central Park	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 8th Sept	No Stop							
Wed 9th Sept	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 10th Sept	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 11th Sept	roadHoG at Fulney Skate Park Spalding 6pm onwards.....							
Sat 12th Sept	No Stop							
Sun 13th Sept	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 14th Sept	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 15th Sept	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 16th Sept	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 17th Sept	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 18th Sept	Wyberton	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Sat 19th Sept	No Stop							
Sun 20th Sept	roadHoG at Skegness Baptist Church 10:45am							
Mon 21st Sept	Central Park	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 22nd Sept	No Stop							
Wed 23rd Sept	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 24th Sept	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 25th Sept	No Stop							
Sat 26th Sept	No Stop							
Sun 27th Sept	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 28th Sept	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 29th Sept	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 30th Sept	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				

