November 2026
Edition 182

Newsletter

Welcome to November's RoadHoG newsletter

Winter Sunshine = Warmth

It's getting Wintery and we have had to have to use the heating on the roadHoG Bus over the last few nights.

To our delight, we have discovered that since we had the Solar Panels rewired by our friends at SJG Electrical, we can use the Air Conditioning unit to heat the upstairs and also run the hot air heating system downstairs (although the hot air system does provide some heat to the upstairs too) without having to use the generator for the whole evening, so nice and toasty without using huge amounts of diesel.



The RoadHoG solar panels

The battery pack, fed by the solar panels, appears to be capable of providing a substantial amount the electricity we need and it would appear that in the Summer, the generator will hardly be needed at all.

A huge vote of thanks to Simon of SJG Electrical for all the help he has given us over recent weeks!

Newsletter

THANKS TONY

As you will all be aware by now, Tony Coe has retired from the Project and the Team Members decided to mark the occasion by signing a giant card for him and taking up a collection for him and Lisa.

We presented these to him the other week - after first “trying” to fill him up with fish and chips (honestly that lad is like a bottomless pit!!).



I’m not sure Tony realises just how much we’re going to miss him (we actually miss him already!!), or how much a part of each of our individual lives he has become, however we’ll always be ready for a chat - with more fish and chips, obviously!!

I’m sure I speak for every one of you when I say that we wish Tony and Lisa every blessing for their future endeavours – whatever God may have in store for them!

Newsletter

TEAM MEMBERS TRAINING

It was wonderful to be able to welcome five new Team Members to the Project after they completed their Training on Saturday 10th October.

Two of the five have joined us as Drivers, and along with Tony Hall (who was already a Team Member), we now have three new Drivers in place, greatly reducing the pressure on John and the other Drivers. Praise God for His provision!

Five New Team Members may seem quite a lot, but we are still desperately low in numbers, so if you could possibly spare two hours every fortnight to join us please do get in touch so that we can plan our next Training Session: roadhog.kevin@btinternet.com

Lincolnshire Co-op

I'm extremely happy to announce that we have been nominated as a Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champion! So if you (or your friends and/or family) use a Lincolnshire Co-op shop, please select roadHoG as your chosen recipient of their donations, anytime between now and March 2027.



Newsletter

A TALE OF TWO STOPS

I mentioned the other month that the Central Park Stop has now become the Town Centre Stop for the dark Winter months – and the two Stops could hardly be more different.

In Central Park the youngsters we attract are mainly aged 9 to 13 (usually complete with skateboards), but those we see in the Town Centre tend to be older, mainly aged 13 to 17 years – although a few of the youngsters from the Park do still attend in the Town.

One of the problems of dealing with older teens is that they often have a desire to "push the boundaries" of what the Team Members would consider to be good behaviour and their physical size seems to make them believe that they can do just as they want and that we will be forced to let them do as they wish. A very good example of this happened only recently.
Four "young men" came aboard and showed Kev a video that had been taken of one of them being arrested earlier that day. We let him know that we did not think that such behaviour was in any way "clever".

A few minutes later one of the other lads offered me "weed" (cannabis) and I had to inform him that if he showed me – or indeed anyone on the Bus – this weed, then he would have to leave the Bus immediately. Furthermore, if he tried to sell any of his stash, or tried to smoke it on the Bus, we would call the Police. The four were mildly disruptive, and told numerous times to stop swearing. Then one of the group began to use a Nicotine Vape – he was immediately told to stop, but refused. They were asked to leave but refused and challenged us as to what we were going to do, as they were not leaving.

At that point, the decision was made to remove the Bus from the Stop - the Team began closing down the computer games, closing-up the kitchen and the Driver started the engine.

The four disruptive youngsters and the other thirteen – who were causing no problems, but were busy with the craft and video games – were all told to leave. The thirteen behaved kids did leave, but the four troublemakers still refused to leave.

Newsletter

Eventually the four did then leave (although their language was “interesting”), and the Bus moved safely away from the Stop, and the Team Members also left safely too.

The four troublemakers were rounded upon by the other youngsters who were angry that they had forced the Bus to be removed from the Stop – peer pressure is a very valuable tool when working with young people.

One of the troublemakers said later he hadn’t believed we would actually take the Bus away. When Kev told him that the Team Members gave their time voluntarily, he said that he hadn’t realised that and asked me why we did it. He was told him that we wanted the young people to have somewhere out of the cold where they could just get together and have a good evening. I do believe that he looked somewhat chastened and said “Sorry mate – I didn’t realise – can I come aboard when the Bus is here again?”
We will have to see whether he was truly sorry and whether he, and his friends, return to the Bus and behave themselves.

Life aboard the roadHoG bus is rarely dull!

IT’S CHRISTMAS!

That means that we have had to plan the Christmas Shutdown for the Bus.

The Management Team have decided that the last Stop pre-Christmas will be Butterwick on Thursday the 17th December.

The first Stop(s) after Christmas will therefore be Sibsey and Kirton on Sunday the 3rd January 2027.

Once again I am privileged to be able to thank each and every one of you for you input into the roadHoG Project, whether that’s in prayer, in financial giving, or just being interested in what we’re doing – THANK YOU!

Kev

Diary

Stop dates for November

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

