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Hello and welcome

Hello – I hope you are enjoying the Summer? The pessimist in me doesn't think that the nice weather will last, but the optimist in me keeps me wearing shorts and sandals.....

Hello and welcome to the July edition of the RoadHoG Newsletter.

Sunbathing in Skeggy

roadHoG's been on an early Summer holiday (no – Cliff Richards didn't take the wheel) to Skegness no less, and only the wonderfully warm welcome we received from the lovely people at St Paul's Baptist Church there managed to surpass the pleasant sunshine we had that day. Yes folks, the sun really did shine in Skeggy, in June.

For a few years now St Paul's have supported roadHoG both in giving and in prayer and on top of that, Kate Beaumont, who now worships at St Paul's, travels every other Sunday across from Skeg to Sibsey to lead the roadHoG Bus Team there, so we had a double reason for going – OK three reasons if you count the fish and chip lunch that we had after the Service!

John Cropley did such an amazing piece of reversing to get the Bus into the Church Car Park that a retired ex-bus driver who works in the Café opposite the Church felt that he had to congratulate John as one professional to another. John grabbed the opportunity to tell the chap about what we were doing there and about who we serve. He then introduced him to Raish, the Pastor, who furnished him with further details about God's great love and encouraged him to attend worship there! As we say "it ain't all about the youngsters"!

If you would like the roadHoG Bus to visit your Church Fellowship, or you'd just like someone from the Project to speak at a service or at a meeting, please do get in touch. However, you may need some patience as getting diaries to coincide can sometimes be very difficult – we've been trying to get a mutually acceptable date to visit Zion Methodist Church in Boston for ages – thanks for your patience Folks!

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Sandcastles!

No – we didn't make any sandcastles at Skeggy, but Boston Big Local and Boston Borough Council have once again teamed up to organize a beach party in Boston's Central Park, so plenty of opportunity there for sandcastle construction. We are planning on taking the Bus along again this year so, God willing, we will be in the Park on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June, between 10am and 3pm. I'll be asking Team Members to volunteer to staff the Bus a little nearer the time, but I'd like to take the opportunity now to invite as many of our supporters as possible to pop along, have a cup of Hot Chocolate (or something cooler?) and have a time of fellowship with us? Summer diaries fill up fast, so get the Beach Party in yours sooner rather than later please? As in previous years we will be giving away free Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate (of course) and cool (not cold – we don't have a fridge) squash to – we expect – somewhere between 100 and 200 people each day. Previously, this has given us some wonderful opportunities to share our faith with more “unchurched” (I hate that word, but I can't think of a better one) people than at any other time of the year – even Christmas – so it's an event we cannot afford to miss.



Wyberton?

Once upon a time, the roadHoG Bus used to visit Wyberton on a regular basis, but due to a number of reasons we haven't been there for over ten years now. However, Rev Sudharshan Sarvananthan of Wyberton and Frampton Parish Churches and Paul Caddell, the leader of Beacon Baptist Church, have high hopes of being able to recruit sufficient Team Members to begin a new Stop there – possibly this Autumn! Please do pray for our brothers there and for their congregations, that if it God's will that roadHoG is to return to Wyberton, it will happen. Perhaps you might like to volunteer to work with roadHoG there? If so, please do get in touch either directly to me or via the website – or even have a chat with Sudharshan or Paul? All of the Teams in all of the places that the roadHoG Bus visits are fully dependent on your prayers, because we operate being mindful of God's words to Zerubbabel:
“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty—you will succeed because of my Spirit,”
Zech 4:6 (Good News Bible)

RoadHoG's Summer Holiday

We've only had the new Bus a few months, but we're already planning on giving it a holiday. Actually it's the Team Members who need the holiday after a particularly busy year. They've had to nurse our original Bus along for the year, then sit through some pretty intense training on how to operate the new Bus and then put what they've learned into practice. The Team Members have worked so hard that the transition from original Bus to new Bus has been almost seamless – and that's been reflected way that the young people have been able to feel relaxed and at home, so quickly. Our last Stop pre shutdown this Summer will be at Butterwick on Thursday 1st August and we'll be back rested and not too badly sunburned (we hope) at Sibsey and then Kirton, on Sunday 1st September – and then we'll start planning the Christmas shutdown!!!!!!



Swineshead are the limit!

That should really read “Swineshead are at the limit”. The Swineshead Stop has become so successful that numbers of up to 40 young people trying to get aboard the Bus there have become the norm. Consequently Gemma and her Team there have had to introduce a two level system, with younger children being allowed on board the Bus for the first half an hour – and then leaving – and older ones being on board for the final half hour. They have also had to limit the maximum number of youngsters aboard to 25 at any one time.

Over 25 youngsters on board at any one time poses a real danger of someone getting crushed or injured in some other way as they all try to pack into, what is really, quite a small space. In addition, the Team do not have any real opportunity to speak with the youngsters and the idea of trying to run the quiz with such numbers is akin to herding wild mice with a feather – impossible. Consequently we have rolled-out the 25 limit to all Stops for both safety and safeguarding reasons. Please praise God for the popularity of the Bus in Swineshead and also seek His blessing on Gemma (Team Leader) and the Team there who are doing such a great job, but also please pray for the youngsters themselves that following conversations with the staff – and observing their example of Christian care and love – they will begin to seek God for themselves?

roadHoG Stop dates and times July 2024								
	STOP	Arrive	START	Depart	STOP	Arrive	START	Depart
Mon 1st July	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 2nd July	No Stop							
Wed 3rd July	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 4th July	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 5th July	No Stop							
Sat 6th July	No Stop							
Sun 7th July	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 8th July	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 9th July	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 10th July	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 11th July	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 12th July	No Stop							
Sat 13th July	No Stop							
Sun 14th July	No Stop							
Mon 15th July	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 16th July	No Stop							
Wed 17th July	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 18th July	Butterwick	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 19th July	No Stop							
Sat 20th July	No Stop							
Sun 21st July	Sibsey	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	Kirton	3:40pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 22nd July	Woad Farm	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 23rd July	High Street	6:30pm	7:00pm	8:30pm				
Wed 24th July	Fishtoft	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Thur 25th July	Swineshead	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Fri 26th July	No Stop							
Sat 27th July	No Stop							
Sun 28th July	No Stop							
Mon 29th July	Tunnard St	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				
Tue 30th July	No Stop							
Wed 31st July	Fenside	7:00pm	7:30pm	9:00pm				

Stops and Times

Thank you all for your support and prayers, may God bless each and every one of you mightily and may you succeed through His Holy Spirit in all of your endeavors for Him.

Blessings,

Kevin!