



Youth Bus Update December 2015



It's nearly that time of year again and once again the year has flown by. We have been clocking up even more miles on the bus delivering more youth sessions. During the autumn months we have been out and about each week offering a range of drop-in activities for young people in rural areas, with lots going on. Here's a catch up on what we've been up to...

Student placements on the Youth Bus

We had a lot of **interest from universities** regarding the student opportunities we are offering on the bus. These include both part-time **undergraduate work placements** and also **full-time sandwich year opportunities**. Not only do these opportunities provide valuable staffing for sessions, they also mean that we can help students as part of their learning and development to meet the academic criteria for their degrees. In the next issue you can find out more about **Charlie Rainey**, who has just started her university work placement with us.



WINTER SCHEDULE

Youth Bus members will have already received our schedule and the latest dates are also in this newsletter. We've made a **few alterations** this time with more **Friday sessions** on the programme and new dates added during the **Christmas week** too. Remember to keep an eye on our **Facebook page** for the latest information or message us if you are unsure of any bus times.



INTRODUCING THE 'BIG SCREEN'

We've had lots of **positive feedback** this year with the addition of our **outdoor mobile cinema screen**. This is used outside the bus (weather permitting) to expand the provision on offer with multi-media sources. Young people have the opportunity to watch their **favourite YouTube videos, films or gaming** on the screen. The feedback so far has been great and we are currently exploring the use of the screen next year for events and video/film projects. **More details on this in the New Year, so keep your eyes peeled!**

Tragic loss

Many of you may already be aware that last month **Graham Stanley** passed away. Our regular bus users in Inkberrow have known Graham for the last few years and others would have met him during our summer events programmes. He provided **valuable support** for the Youth Bus and we would not have been able to deliver so many sessions without him. He was always **enthusiastic, motivated and keen** to ensure the young people had a range of activities available for them. Graham was **always kind and caring** towards others and keen to get involved with sports and arts, planning events, competitions and had lots of **valuable ideas** for the bus. He will be **greatly missed by all of us**.

NATIONAL YOUTH WORK WEEK

The first week of November was **National Youth Work Week**. The week provided an opportunity to raise awareness of youth work and what goes on in Worcestershire. As part of the week we welcomed **students from the University of Worcester** onto the bus as part of their induction to learn about youth provision across the county. Joanne Lewis, Course Leader for Youth and Community Studies, said that students felt that the week was well organised, with each placement giving an excellent overview of their service. The feedback from the students demonstrated that being able to see the selection of services available within the area was extremely valuable – a **“fantastic facility for young people”** that was **“stylish and modern with lots on offer”** – these were just some of the comments received.



Book now for 2016

With the new year fast approaching we are already taking bookings for spring onwards. We will continue to support our regular villages, but also have new visits in **Crothorne, Defford and Stoulton** being arranged. Do get in touch if you want to get your village on our schedule. We are still offering **free taster sessions** alongside opportunities to book us on a regular basis.

Get your thinking caps on!

In the New Year we will be **asking for your help**. We want to find out from young people, parents and community representatives what **YOU** would like to see happening on **YOUR** bus in 2016. As a service we value your opinions and strive to keep the bus fresh and up-to-date. **Ideas will include what new activities we could run, any specific workshop topics or areas of interest to you, as well as new outreach project ideas.** So get thinking and prepare to share your ideas with us over the next couple of months!



Throckmorton Outdoor Activity Day

In **October** half-term we took the bus to **Throckmorton Shooting Club** to support their Outdoor Activity Day. A great day was had by all, some of our district councillors were also their including Councillors Mrs Audrey Steel and David Brotheridge (as seen to the right of the photo).

Updated Winter Schedule:

December		January		February	
Wednesday 9 December	Middle Littleton 4-5.15pm	Monday 21 December	Badsey 3.30-5pm	Friday 22 January	Inkberrow Village Hall 5.30-7pm
	South Meadows 5.30-6.30pm	Wednesday 13 January	Inkberrow Village Hall 5.30-7pm	Wednesday 27 January	Middle Littleton 4-5.15pm
Wednesday 16 December	Badsey 4-5.30pm	Wednesday 20 January	Badsey 4-5.15pm	Wednesday 3 February	Great Comberton 4-6pm
	Bretforton 5.45-7pm		Bretforton 5.30-6.30pm	Friday 5 February	Inkberrow Village Hall 5.30-7pm
Friday 18 December	Inkberrow Village Hall 5.30-7pm				
Monday 21 December	Great Comberton 1-3pm				



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Youth Bus, and to wish you all a very merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing what 2016 has in store for us.

REMINDER: Are you between 11 and 17 and interested in visual/performing arts? Auditions for ‘The W Factor’ are being held in January 2016. See the attached flyer for more information.

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