



Youth Bus Update Christmas Edition 2016



Welcome to the Christmas Edition of the youth bus newsletter! Hopefully you can find time to take in the latest news about the youth bus in amongst the food, presents and Christmas songs!

We must start by saying a huge thank you to **RWT Commercial Services** in Lye who have been working on the bus over the last six weeks. They have carried out some essential upgrading to the vehicle and have put a considerable amount of their time into this as they feel it's important to help young people in the community. We are really grateful for their help and support and thanks to them we will be back out on the road in the New Year.

Santa and the Round Table Elves

Have you spotted Lee in your village this Christmas, or heard the jingling of Santa's sleigh?



Our colleague, Lee, is a dedicated member of the **Vale of Evesham Round Table** which was formed in 1950 and still going strong. It provides the opportunity for men aged between 18 and 45 to make new friendships, gain new experiences and make a difference in the community.

In the run up to Christmas members of the Round Table are extremely busy as they join Santa Claus and his elves on his magical journey through Evesham, spreading Christmas cheer among the Vale youngsters.

All money that is collected is dispersed between local charities and donated to good causes.

Lee said 'I really enjoy being a part of the Round Table Santa Sleigh. For me, the best part of Christmas, is being able to give something back to the community.'



You've got to be in it to win it

Once again, a massive thankyou to those of you who took part in our autumn competition; we were overwhelmed by the response.

Your correct answers included the 16th century which was when the earliest type of hot water bottle, referred to as a 'bed warmer', was reported, and the engineer who invented the modern conventional hot water bottle was a Croatian man. To find out more you could always take a trip to the Hot Water Bottle Museum near Melksham (yes, it really does exist!)

A big congratulations to all of our winners!



Lauren, one of our Bretforton members, looking extremely happy with her prize – a monkey hot water bottle. Guaranteed to keep her toasty all year round!

There will be more competition opportunities in 2017, so keep an eye out and get involved! You never know, you may be our next lucky winner!

Are you interested in technology and the media?

If the answer is yes, you may want to take a look at the following competition...

THE ULTIMATE WYCHAVON SHORT FILM COMPETITION
THIS COMPETITION COULD SAVE YOUR BEST FRIENDS' LIFE...

THE BRIEF
MAKE AN ADVERT ON:
DATING A SMOKER
NOT SMOKING WHEN PREGNANT
NOT SMOKING AROUND BABIES & CHILDREN

THE CHALLENGE
BE CREATIVE
BE ORIGINAL
BE INDIVIDUAL
UNDER 2 MINUTES

WIN CINEMA VOUCHERS FOR YOUR TEAM

CLOSING DATE: 27 FEB 2017 (5PM) AWARDS: 6 MARCH 2017 ENTER AT: CUTFILMS.ORG/WYCHAVON

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For more information and to get involved visit [Cut Films](http://CutFilms). The deadline for entries is 5pm on 27th February 2017.

Book NOW for 2017

With the new year fast approaching we are already taking bookings for spring 2017 onwards. We will continue to support our regular villages, but also have new visits in **Upton Snodsbury, Pinvin, Elmey Castle and Drakes Broughton** 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.

New Staff Members

In the New Year we will be joined by three new members of staff, so look out for a spotlight on them in the coming months. Iona will be joining us as our new student assistant youth bus worker, and Hannah and Lauren will be volunteering on board the bus too as part of their university studies.



Our final message of 2016...

We'd like to thank you all for your continued support of the Youth Bus. Without the help of parents, community representatives, parish councils, local organisations and of course our young people, it would not be possible to provide the service that we do.

Next year is set to be an exciting time for the Youth Bus with lots of new projects, new areas, new competitions, new events and new people getting on board so we're looking forward to seeing you in 2017!



Rob, Charlie and Lee

The Youth Bus Team

ASTRONOMICAL FACT: It is now officially Winter!

Today (21/12) marks the beginning of the Winter Solstice, which will end in March. The Spring Equinox will begin on 20 March 2017.

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