



Youth Bus Update January 2016

It may be a **rainy and dull** start to the year but our winter program continues and we are all geared up for **2016**. We've got lots of **new projects** and **scheduled stops** that will be taking place so here's your first update of the year on what we've been up to over the last month.



Youth Bus Quiz Master: Staff member Lee sporting his festive reindeer hat

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Mixing it Up

We finally **updated** the **mixing desk** on board the bus as the last one was rather worn. Thanks to **DJ Supplies** in **Kidderminster** we sourced a new **Numark DJ console**, which makes a sparkling addition to the bus and it sounds great too with a five band EQ (**lots of extra sliders to play with**).

Festive Fun on the Bus

The **Inkberrow Christmas party** went off with a bang (quite literally with all the Christmas crackers we bought!). The **trimmings** were up, the **Christmas music videos** were blasting via the outside screen, **Christmas films** were being show on board and lots of **festive-inspired activities** were available for you to get involved with. These included a **Christmas themed quiz** (hosted by our very own on quiz master, Lee), **'Pin the Nose on Rudolph'** and **Christmas card making**. And of course the party food went down a storm... It was a fun filled night and we hope to be back **BIGGER and better next Christmas!** Suggestions always welcome ☺



"Thank you to the Youth Bus Team for an excellent party in Inkberrow" - Parent



Spotlight on... Sam

One of the Youth Bus regulars is joining the team to do a bit of **work experience** over the next couple of months so we thought we would catch up with him and **introduce him** to you all.



Name: Sam
Age: 17 years
Current Position: Student at South Worcestershire College
Course: Plumbing and Heating (Level 1)
Youth Bus Member: Five years

So Sam, what are your reasons for wanting some work experience?

I need to complete a certain amount of hours work experience for my college course, but I also want to do it so that I have **experience to reference** on my **C.V.** as I know that employers aren't just concerned with academic achievements anymore, they also look at the **practical experience** people have had.

Is there anything in particular that you are hoping to gain from working on the Youth Bus?

My main aim is to improve my **communication skills** with others and I am hoping the bus will provide me with the opportunity to do this as it is a **brilliant service** that helps lots of young people. These skills will be **really beneficial to me in the future**, both personally and when attending interviews for jobs when I have finished my course.

What are your aspirations for the future then Sam?

At the moment I am concentrating on completing my college course and getting **good grades**. I really want to do well. Another option, if the **plumbing and heating** doesn't work out, is that I would like to train as an **electrician** because I enjoy manual labour and being 'hands on'.

Keep an eye out for Sam next time you're on the bus and if you see him don't forget to say hi! 😊

Wychavon Community Recognition Awards

If you know **someone** or a **community organisation** that **deserves to be recognised** for the work they do then this is a great chance to **acknowledge and thank them** for their efforts. Please see the attached poster for more details. The **nomination form** is also attached.

Deadline for Entries: WED 10 FEBRUARY 2016

NEXT STOP: DEFFORD YOUTH CLUB...

Last month we teamed up with **New Generation Youth Club** – a new youth club that launched on Friday 13 November at **Defford Village Hall**. The session was a **great success** and much fun was had by both young people and staff. A **big thanks** to all of the volunteers who have set up the club and we are hoping to be **back regularly in 2016**.

"Thanks so much guys the kids loved it and haven't stopped telling everyone hope to see you soon" –
Youth club volunteer

UPCOMING YOUTH BUS DATES...

Our new bus schedule for **February to April** will be available **very soon** so do get in touch if you want a visit in your area. You can also catch us at some of our next stops including:

Wednesday 13 January
Inkberrow Village Hall
5.30-7pm

Wednesday 20 January
Badsey
4-5.15pm
Bretforton
5.30-6.30pm

Friday 22 January
Inkberrow Village Hall
5.30-7pm

Wednesday 27 January
Middle Littleton
4-5.15pm
South Meadows
5.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 3 February
Great Comberton
4-6pm

Friday 5 February
Inberrow Village Hall
5.30-7pm

Thought for the Month

'Everybody is a genius. But, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life believing that it is stupid.'

Albert Einstein