



Youth Bus Update - March 2016

Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter. Spring is finally on its way meaning lighter evenings and warmer days will be with us soon (hopefully!), which is brilliant news for the Youth Bus.

The Bus Returns to Stoulton

It has been a few years since the bus was last in Stoulton, but on returning to the village last month we were over-the-moon to be greeted by a load of fresh young faces all ready and raring to go. They all climbed aboard and had lots of fun; the feedback we received was really positive – from both the young people and their parents.

We would like to make a special mention to **Sue Nixon, a Stoulton resident and member of the village's Parish Council**. Sue provided us with incredible support and helped to raise awareness of the bus session to all the locals living in the village. Thanks to her the session was a great success and we will be returning again soon. It is so important that we all work together to help our young people, so if you can help us promote sessions in your area and would like local flyers to help spread the word please get in touch.

Youth Bus Schedule April – May 2016

We still have some availability for our next bus schedule, so get in touch if you're interested in making a booking. Remember you can also catch us over the Easter holidays...

- **Tuesday 29 March at Great Comberton** (2pm), **Middle Littleton** (4pm) and **South Meadows** (5.30pm).
- **Thursday 31 March at Stoulton** (2pm) and **Crothorne** (3.30pm).
- **Friday 8 April at Inkberrow Village Hall** (2.30pm).
- **Wednesday 13 April at Badsey** (4pm) and **Bretforton** (5.45pm).

Work Placements on the Youth Bus

We are really excited to announce that **full and part-time work opportunities** to assist with the delivery of sessions on the Youth Bus are now available.

Opportunities include full-time sandwich course placements and also flexible and paid work-based learning up to 26 hours per week. To learn more about the roles just click on this link:

www.wychavon.gov.uk/studentplacements.

If you require any further information or wish to express an interest in the roles available, please email us at youthbus@wychavon.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Student placements at

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College students give us their views

We recently pulled up at **South Worcestershire College** to get the students' help with research for a current Youth Bus project. **We are developing an information leaflet for 12-18 year olds** that will provide them with useful contacts that can support them with a range of issues such as financial, physical or emotional well-being.

We asked their opinion on various aspects of the leaflet, ranging from potential title ideas, to design preferences. It was great to meet so many young people; an enjoyable day was had by all and we gathered lots of new ideas for the leaflet.

We strongly believe in getting young people's views on things that directly affect them. It's all about empowering young people and ensuring their voices are being listened to. We want to encourage them to have a positive influence on their own lives and help them become more resilient.

Copies of the leaflet will be available on the bus from May 2016 and also available in digital formats. **Pick up your FREE copy next time we are in your village.**



Vacuum our villages!

Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

The campaign aims to inspire a million people to take action and enjoy a few hours together litter-picking to make the places where we live more beautiful.

If you're planning a litter pick in your village and want to encourage more young people to take part then get in touch and we can bring the bus along to show support.

We are also happy to help organise a tidy-up event in any of our regular villages, so if you're interested then give us a shout. We think it's a great opportunity to help your community rather than a rubbish idea! 😊

Funding special – next issue!

In the next issue we will give you an update on the latest funding news about the Youth Bus and most importantly give you details of how you can support the service we provide. We rely on external funding grants to stay on the road so we need your help over the next few years.

Thought for the Month

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

Martin Luther King, Jr.