



## Youth Bus Update March 2017

Already into the third month of the year, its time for the latest news from the Wychavon Youth Bus! With the evenings getting lighter, the cold weather taking a holiday and hopefully we've seen the last of hurricane Dorris and her stormy friends to make our youth bus outings even more pleasant! Here's the latest news and information you need to know!



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

It's been a while since we have done a 'Spotlight' article but before Christmas we announced that we would be having some new members of staff joining the Youth Bus team. So, once all the excitement of the festive season died down we managed to catch up with Iona and Hannah for a quick chat.

**So, can you tell us a bit about yourself?**

**I -** I currently live in Worcester with my friend, I moved there to go to university from Belfast in Northern Ireland but am originally from Newcastle Upon Tyne (which explains the weird mixed accent). I am in my last year at University and want to go on to work in youth services or support services for ex-offenders.

**H -** I am 19 years old, and am originally from the West Midlands, however I moved to Worcester to begin my studies at university. I love being creative and trying new things, as well as travelling, exercising and music.

**What course are you studying at University?**

**I -** I'm studying Applied Criminology at University which is about the criminal justice system.

**H -** I am studying Applied Criminology

**How did you first hear about the Youth Bus?**

**I -** I first heard about the Youth Bus when I got talking to Rob on a course I was on for University.

**H -** my course leader had suggested it as a potential placement.



Iona and Hannah alongside some of our younger regulars in Badsey

**What first attracted you to applying for the role on board the Youth Bus?**

**I -** Being able to work with young people, especially on a cool renovated bus.

**H -** As I may want to go into a career relating to children I thought that the Youth Bus would be a good starting point.

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## Some Bus dates for your diary! – full schedule available online

**Have you worked with young people previously? And if so, what is it you enjoy about working with them?**

I – only young adults but I am a social person who enjoys interacting with other people which is what draws me to working with them.

H - I have volunteered in youth centers and day nurseries previously and I really enjoyed it as it was always busy and there was something different to get involved in every day.

**Do you have any ideas regarding potential projects you would like to implement on board the Youth Bus in 2017 for our young people to get involved with?**

I – I like music and would like to see if any of the young people would be interested in bringing a band together.

H - In terms of potential projects, I think I want to do one relating to health and wellbeing (however I'm not quite sure yet!)

**When you're not studying, or working, what do you like to do in your spare time?**

I – In my spare time I like to catch up with friends, listen to music and go to concerts when I can, I also like to bake, especially baking cakes.

H - When I'm not studying or working I enjoy watching films, spending time with my family and shopping.

**Tell us a random fact about yourself (or what would you say your 'party trick' is?!)**

I – I'm obsessed with fairy lights, penguins and pigs and have a teddy pig called Bacon.

H - A random fact about me is that I can lick my elbow!!



If you want to find out more about Iona or Hannah's role on board the bus, or just want to find out anymore random facts about them, then do chat to them at one of the bus sessions! They won't bite, promise!

- Thursday 23 March - Stoulton 4pm  
- Cropthorne 5.30pm
- Friday 24 March - Fernhill Heath 4pm  
- Offenham 6.30pm
- Wednesday 05 April - Badsey 4.30pm  
- Bretforton 6.15pm
- Friday 07 April – Inkberrow 6.30pm

### Y Viva Espana!!

A fond farewell goes to **Dave Hemming**, Wychavon Community Safety Manager who has now retired and moved over to sunny Spain.



Dave set up the Youth Bus back in 2009 and has also supported a wide range of youth activities in both rural and urban locations over the last seven years as part of the community safety agenda. We thank Dave for being such a youth bus champion and his legacy continues with the youth bus now being more active than ever before!

### Don't miss...

Friday 07 April in **Inkberrow @ 7pm**



**By popular demand the mobile cinema is back! Bring a friend and seat and let's hope it doesn't rain!**

**In the next issue** – look out for our latest competition thanks to Natural Elements - your chance to win organic skin care products!

And we are bringing you some bus facts about space but not as you know it! Plus news about the new villages the bus will be at alongside Lees new feature column!

**Stay safe and keep it youth bus!**

*Rob, Charlie, Lee, Iona and Hannah*

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