

THESE ARE THE TIMES



London Gangshow Fellowship
Founder: Ralph Reader CBE
Spring 2018

CHAIRMAN'S SPRING MESSAGE

Reunion

We enjoyed another happy night at our reunion although were disappointed that David "Tec" Evans was unable to be with us. He deputed his friend Del Spencer to say grace. We send our good wishes to Tec for a full and speedy recovery.

Phil Philips provided music throughout the evening and, as usual, helped everything go well. Tracey Martin entertained us well and involved several of us in her act – Ian Sutherland from the Edinburgh Gang gave a show stopping performance!

The toast to the memory of Ralph and to the London Gang Show Fellowship was proposed with great humour by Iain Waddell who aroused the interest of the Edinburgh table when he said that one of the shows with which he had been involved was Glasgow!

Sad News

I am sorry to have to report that since the last issue of TATTS some of our members who were all regular supporters of our reunion have passed away. Doug Gordon, who has done so much in support of the Fellowship and who was a great ambassador for Gang Show. Terry Simister who produced the Chelmsford show for many years. Ray Sharland who always enjoyed seeing old friends at the reunion.

Our thoughts are with their families and loved ones.

Peter and Pat Rider have moved into a Dementia Care Home. Their son Nick is happy for anyone to contact him (nastynick89@yahoo.co.uk) They are in separate rooms at the home and they spend time together during the day.

Their address:

Prince Michael of Kent Court, Stratford Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD17 4DH

Home Manager: Miss Beverley Roberts, broberts@rmbi.org.uk,

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Website

Mike Hoffman and Barry Thurston have done great work on the website which is now live. Check it out lgsf.org.uk. Please send your ideas for content to mikeh25@waitrose.com.

Our next event is the camp at Hurley, details elsewhere in these pages. Do try and come even if only for a day visit, it really is a good reunion with time to share. I hope to see you there.

David Clay

FUTURE EVENTS.

ANNUAL CAMP Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th June 2018, Hurley, Berkshire

AGM Sunday 28th October 2018

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE Saturday 26th January 2019



FELLOWSHIP CAMP 2018 circa 2011

This is a follow-up to Brenda's article in the December TATTS which she kindly placed on my behalf because Sylvia FORCED me to go on a cruise.

This year's Fellowship Camp will again be held in our "home" at Hurley Riverside Park. The jamboree will run from Friday 22nd June until Sunday 24th June 2018. We have booked sufficient pitches, we hope, but as we get closer to the dates the management will probably try to claw back some of our allocation because the site is becoming ever more popular. It is therefore a good idea to reserve your spot with me as early as possible. I have already received a very great response and I may have to try for more pitches if they have them. I think you all know by now how to get to the site, but if anyone needs information please get in touch with me (0115 9656531). Hurley prefer you not to arrive before 1300 hours due to a narrow access to the Park making it very difficult if you meet people leaving the site. For sat-nav users the post code is SL6 5NE. On approach to the Park, avoid the signs for Hurley Village and follow the International Camp Site signs, following along Shepherds Lane and bearing left at a sharp right bend and forward into the site. Present yourself at Reception, giving your name and pitch number (which I will give you when you book-in with me), and mention London Gang-show Fellowship. If you should need to contact me during the week prior to the camp, I can be reached on 078 543 75515. Looking forward to seeing you all,
Regards,

Tree One
(Peter Bessell) Tel: 0115 9656531

I have been sorting through some paperwork recently and came across this 'little ditty' I thought it was worth including

If – Apologies to R Kipling

If you can take some untried Scout performers
And in a way that only you can know,
Can get from them the sort of slick endeavour
That make 'Gang' mean a fresh and first class show.

If you can then, when war becomes the call boy,
Add to your scouts some pros, yet most quite raw,
Stir up the mixture till its shine and sparkle
Brings laughter home to many a distant shore.

If you can cope with bull and brass above you
And temperamental comics underneath.
To whom the thought of cutting half a minute,
Was worse than drawing out their wisdom teeth

If you can keep in line and out of guard-rooms
In time to don their make-up for the show,
Men who ignored or broke King's regulations
More times than his late Majesty could know.

If you could always make your dame performers
Produce in drag something to make folk purr.
Yet also make quite sure those same performers
When on a Camp did not look like they were.

If when the war was won you could still lead them
A civvy Gang Show up and down the land,
Yet still produce the Scouts with equal brilliance,
The Gang Show's Gang Show where it all began.

If you can do all this, make stars, make laughter,
Make friends, make chickedy-snitch-it fun,
Then brother you must be quite something special,
Which simply means that you're the chief old son.

Cardew Robinson

For those of you who were unable to attend Dougie Gordon's funeral and remembrance service on 30th January I thought you might like to see The Fellowship's flora tribute. Although a sad occasion the music and singing was wonderful and I am sure Dougie would have been pleased so many of his old friends came together in his beloved Warren Lodge. He will be sorely missed but I know we all have such happy memories of this kind and generous man.



Editor's Notes

Please don't forget to look at the website and encourage others to do the same, there are and will be some amazing photographs and fabulous memories. Have a chuckle at yourself and remember old friends and the great fun we all had **lgsf.org.uk**. As David said any contributions will be gratefully accepted, address in the Chairman's message, or I can pass anything on.

We continue to contact members of the gang but this depends on your support in passing on information to help us. TATTS is being received both by e-mail and post and I can only hope that the numbers grow as more people get in touch. However, if anyone has any ideas how we can reach some of our past show members or knows of any members who would like to be contacted, please let Richard or myself know.

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Many thanks to all those people who keep me up to date with happy and sad events around the globe and for ideas to keep TATTS more interesting. It is difficult to include all the features as they come in as TATTS would be too long, but keep them coming please and I will include as many as possible.

See you at camp!

Brenda

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