

# THESE ARE THE TIMES



*London Gangshow Fellowship  
Founder: Ralph Reader CBE  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Despite my optimism in the last two editions of TATTs I am afraid that the camp had to be cancelled. However, we can at last look forward to getting together again.

We are planning to hold the AGM in Shepperton meeting face to face at last. Please book the date, details below with the usual official notification Sunday 31 October 2021.

We are also planning the Reunion, again please book the date Saturday 29 January 2022.

Scout Association staff are gradually returning to normal working and we will resume our discussions re visiting the Promise Pathway and viewing our Paving in memory of Ralph.

GS90

Ewan Murray, Nigel Hailey and the team behind GS80 are planning a celebration Gang Show in London in July 2022. Details in the article included in this edition. They have invited us to join the cast on stage in one item which gives us a great opportunity to celebrate 90 years of Gang Show, pay tribute to Ralph and appear with some of the young people who are helping to keep Ralph's creation alive. Read the article, book the date and let me know that you want to be involved.

I look forward to seeing you at our events this year and, in the meantime, I hope that you and your families keep well and stay safe.

David



circa 2019.

## FELLOWSHIP CAMP 2021

As David has mentioned, sadly we had to cancel camp for a second year. This decision was not taken lightly and was due to many different factors. It is hoped that a solution can be found for 2022 although it probably will not be in the same format. Unfortunately several regular campers have sold their rigs, me included, or have them stored out of the country and others are no longer able to either make the journey or spend time in the middle of a field. Hopefully by the time Winter TATTS is due I will be able to let everyone know some of the options and a decision can be taken so that we can still get together in June/July next year.



If you can enlarge this you may well be able to recognise yourself or friends and children. A bit of nostalgia and perhaps a prompt to keep an eye on arrangements for 2022!

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## **PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS.**

**AGM** Sunday 31st October 2021

**ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**ANNUAL CAMP/GET TOGETHER** (To be Advised)

### **GS90**

Next year will see the 90 years since the first London Gang Show in 1932. As has become a tradition we are staging a special one night Gang Show to celebrate this milestone – celebrating 90 years and looking forward to the next 90! This will be known as “GS90” and 60 shows from around the UK have indicated interest in taking part. With a cast of 200 it should be a fantastic evening.

We are delighted to announce that GS90 will take place on Saturday, 9th July 2022 at the famed Eventim Apollo, Hammersmith, London.

Yes, GS90 will indeed be ‘Live at the Apollo’!

The Eventim Apollo, formally the Hammersmith Apollo, is one of London’s major live entertainment venues. Located in Hammersmith, West London, it is one of the UK’s largest and best preserved art deco theatres. Having opened its doors in 1932, it will also be the venue’s 90th birthday in 2022, so perfectly apt for our own celebration.

To list the endless acts, performers, bands & productions that have appeared at The Apollo over its iconic history would take until GS100! But those that have also performed Live at The Apollo include the likes of Ed Sheeran, Paloma Faith, Queen, David Bowie, Robbie Williams, Elton John, Kanye West, Cliff Richards, Duke Ellington and The Beatles.... The list goes on and on.

The venue has also featured in many films and TV programs and played host to a number of stage productions including Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Dr Doolittle, SpongeBob SquarePants, and has even hosted The Royal Variety Performance!

We would like to invite past members of the London Gang Show to take part in the Ralph Reader Remembered item along with our cast. You would be part of a couple of familiar songs, Strollin’ and Friends. If you are interested then please contact David as set out below. You will be able to get a ticket and enjoy the show just slipping out for this item.

For everyone else – get the date in your diary, tickets will go on sale towards the end of this year and more details will be in later editions of TATTS. It will be a night not to be missed!

Nigel Hailey and Ewan Murray – co-producers GS90

I believe that it is an honour for us to have been invited to join the cast of GS90 on stage in a tribute to Ralph. We will be required to be in Hammersmith during the day on 9th July for rehearsals. There are many hotels in the area so even if you have a long distance to travel you can still be part of this special event. Please email/text or phone to let me know that you want to be involved so that you receive further details.

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## **Editor's Notes**

Even though this year has again been difficult I felt it was very important to say hi to everyone and let you all know that at present we are trying to move on.

The Committee has continued to keep in touch and we have the first face to face committee meeting for some time booked for the middle of this month. Any decisions that come out of that meeting will be circulated in the usual manner and if there is anyone you know who doesn't receive email or snail mail, please let them know any relevant details.

We are hoping with the recent lifting of restrictions, the effectiveness of the vaccine and the population learning to live with this virus in a sensible, considerate and safe way, following guidelines where necessary we will be able to hold our events. TATTS and the various forms of communication will try to keep you updated as things unfold, fingers crossed for a celebration of the Promise Pathway at Gilwell.

**The Official notification of the AGM 2021 is included at the end of this edition and can I please impress on everyone how important it is to let me know if you are attending. We are booked at The Warren Lodge this year, opposite our normal venue. (The Anchor is still closed). If you have been unable to attend in previous years it would be lovely to see you and a great way of spending time with friends we haven't seen for so long. The meeting is usually about an hour with time before and after to chat and socialize.**

The format of the annual camp is likely to change in the future due to many members selling their rigs, or 'getting older' we will not have the numbers. Some of our younger members are on the case and for my part it is heartening to see that the "children" are keen to keep an annual gathering going.

Please don't forget to look at the website and encourage others to do the same. There are some amazing photographs and fabulous memories, which are updated as and when new material is found. Have a chuckle at yourself and remember old friends and the great fun we all had. [lgsf.org.uk](http://lgsf.org.uk).

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 would be great to hear about your shows, when they resume so that we can publish details and any locals or those wanting to catch up with friends to visit and of course any great reviews or relevant information about members.

Although it is difficult to include too many features keep them coming please and I will include as many as possible.

I hope you are all coping with the current situation and staying safe. Looking forward to meeting again soon.

Brenda

**“Keep looking for the Bluebird”**

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# **LONDON GANG SHOW FELLOWSHIP**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the forty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the London Gang Show Fellowship will be held at The Warren Lodge, Church Square, Shepperton, Middlesex on Sunday, 31st October 2021 commencing at 1.00pm.

The following business will be transacted: -



### **Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts Election of President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer Election of six members to the Executive Committee**

Nominations for any of the above offices should reach the Secretary no later than 15th October 2021

Please join us at 12 noon for light refreshments. There will also be a cash bar available.

Guests are welcome at the meeting but shall not vote.

Members are also reminded that the annual subscription of £5 falls due on 1<sup>st</sup> October and should be sent to the Membership Secretary, Mr Richard Micklefield – address below.

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**NB**

**It will greatly assist with catering if you will please confirm your attendance**