

THESE ARE THE TIMES



London Gangshow Fellowship
Founder: Ralph Reader CBE
Spring 2022

CHAIRMAN'S SPRING MESSAGE

Reunion

To misquote Ralph, "It was terrific" to be back together again after such a long absence. There really was a great sense of reunion with people from up and down the country. Phil Philips was magnificent as usual and we were well entertained by Frances Fry. I will leave our special correspondent to comment in greater detail but do just want to thank our President, David Catt-Camfield, for proposing the toast in such an evocative and enjoyable way.

Looking ahead, we have booked the venue, the musician, the entertainer and the speaker so all that remains is for you to book the date, Saturday 28 January 2023.

GS90 Saturday, 9th July 2022

If you have not yet booked your tickets then do not delay. We were fortunate to have some of the production team with us at the reunion and understand that everything is moving along "nicely, nicely" as our dear Jack Seaton would have said. Information will be sent to everyone who has taken advantage of the opportunity to join on stage the 166 scouts and guides from 39 Gang Shows and share in the celebration of Ralph's creation.

More info: www.gs90.org.uk

Clarice Ridge

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and Jim and their families at this sad time. Details of her funeral arrangements and "The Ron and Clarice Ridge Celebration Fund" are included in this issue.

David Clayton

David, a former producer of Edinburgh Gang Show was a good friend known to many of us. Sadly he recently passed away and we share the sadness of his many friends in Edinburgh and our sympathy with his family

Website

Remember to send ideas for the website to Michael Hoffman. mikeh25@waitrose.com.

If you have not viewed it lately have a peep now! www.lgsf.org.uk

Annual Camp

Our next event, Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th June 2022, details in these pages.

David Clay

CLARICE RIDGE (01/03/1929 - 12/02/2022)

To all who knew Clarice (and Ron), Scouted or worked with them at the Children's Society or knew them in a host of other ways, here are the details for Clarice's funeral on 24th March 2022.

All donations instead of flowers for mum, please add to charity page we are using again:

ronridge.muchloved.com

Going towards the Alzheimer's Society. We have changed the page to include mum as well as dad, they would have liked that.

The service is at Green Acres in North Weald at 1pm.

The reception is at Hutton Freemasons Hall at 2.30pm.

Jim & Ron



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The Ron and Clarice
Ridge Celebration Fund

A Report on the Dinner Dance in January

Following a missing year we resumed our annual dinner at The Ship in Weybridge on 29th January 2022. What an occasion to greet friends that generally we hadn't seen for two years. Unfortunately some of the Fellowship were still being cautious and numbers were down on an average year but whilst attendance was low the noise levels were high, thank you Edinburgh. Even at the last minute some had to isolate and miss the evening not least Brenda who was instrumental in organising the evening and Belinda who was unwell, we missed you and I am forsworn not to mention what Brian and Alan got up to. The banquet was accompanied as usual by Phil Philips who hadn't forgotten how to tinkle his ivories, giving way to a cabaret singer who thoroughly entertained us before Phil came back to accompany us on a few well known and remembered numbers. We thank the committee for the work that they do in organising the events of the year, next event is the camp, or not camp for those too ancient to pitch their double fours. Let's look forward to next January when we will return on the Crest of a Wave, amongst Birds of a Feather, an Angel and Friends, not sure we will Meet the Navy on the Thames, and evoke more Memories whilst Strolling.

Kevin and Angie

The following has been received from Freddy O'Hare. He has agreed to the information being added to TATTS for all members to see. If you would like to view this video, Freddy will send you the link via email. It's well worth a look.

2022 LGSF Dinner Video Film

Somewhat belatedly I have managed to complete the video film.

Sorry my filming was a bit jittery in places and I would have liked to do a better job of audio editing. A further apology for missing David led "Strolling" as I was far too inebriated to realise that I wasn't pressing the right button!!!!

Feel free to use it, forward it, or bin it.

The film runs for about 15minutes with file size of 785MB. Too large to be emailed direct as an attachment you will receive a link to download the file from "PCloud" as previously.

Again, many thanks for all your efforts in bringing to fruition another successful and greatly enjoyable evening.

Freddy & Jenny O'Hare

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FUTURE EVENTS.

ANNUAL CAMP Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th June2022, Glasbury, Hereford

GANG SHOW 90 Saturday 9th July 2022, Eventime Apollo, Hammersmith

AGM Sunday 30th October 2022

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE Saturday 28th January 2023

FELLOWSHIP CAMP 2022 circa 2019



Hello everyone

Some of you with very, very long memories may recall that we once used to have an annual gathering which we referred to as London Gang-Show Fellowship Camp.

As explained in the Winter edition many regular campers have sold their rigs or have them stored abroad, there is also the realisation of age creeping up on us which would have made Hurley a depleted gathering. Therefore we have been looking at other ideas and found, we hope, a good compromise allowing those who wish to camp to continue doing so and others to attend in more comfortable accommodation. I fully understand that some members are reluctant to change and feel that the compromise is not for them. However, several members feel if we don't find a suitable alternative then this summer gathering will cease completely and that seems a shame, when we can continue to meet albeit differently. A small team of members have been researching several ideas across the UK, trying hard to be as near to Hurley as possible, this proved impossible without it being extremely expensive and impractical for our needs. Eventually we have booked a small family camp site in Glasbury that has very reasonable hotel/B and B accommodation within walking distance.

This would enable those in the hotel accommodation to go to the campsite for the usual coffee morning or visit the campers and still get together on Saturday evening for a chat and sing song. If you haven't yet booked and would like to join us the information is below. If you would like to camp then please contact me and I will deal with that, as I'm not sure how many sites are still available.

Below is information about the options:

Camping/Caravan: Ty Rhosyn Coch Campsite, Glasbury, Wales (They have a website)
£15 per pitch (2 adults, 3 children) plus £4 per night for electric hook-up.
Add adults £7 per person, add children £3.50 per child

This is a small family run site with basic shower and toilet facilities. They have offered to erect a gazebo to enable us to meet for our usual coffee morning or get together on Saturday night. Some members have expressed concern that if they are in hotel accommodation they do not want to put on the campers to supply coffee, drinks and food etc. My suggestion would be to bring mugs and glasses, I am happy to supply paper plates and I'm sure we could come to an arrangement whereby everyone could contribute to any meals.: Or to eat away from the camp and just get together for a chat or sing song. Details can be discussed at a later date.

There is B & B and hotel accommodation very close by. **The Harp Inn** which is opposite is now fully booked with our members.

The Black Mountain Lodge which is also within walking distance still had accommodation at the time of writing this.

The River Café is ideal for canoeing enthusiasts with accommodation and canoe hire at very reasonable prices, again in walking distance.

Foyles is slightly more expensive, but not too pricey.
There are also several more nearby, all with different things to offer.

This option is of course open to any members and I look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces.

If this year's get together doesn't work then we will think again and of course we are open to any suggestions that can include all those who want to meet up

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Editor's Note

Tempus Fugit and of course COVID 19 means life has changed and I feel that is reflected in this edition. However, I hope that we can still find a way to meet and stay in touch.

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**. As David said any contributions will be gratefully accepted, or I can pass anything on.

Don't forget to let me know of any reunions and hopefully shows in the not too distant future it will be good to hear we're still out there enjoying ourselves.

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 your news so that we can publish details of any events locally so that 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.

We are booked to be at camp and look forward to seeing everyone there, as well as GS90.

Stay safe and fingers crossed for a happy and eventful coming Scouting and GS year.

Brenda

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