

THESE ARE THE TIMES



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

AGM Sunday 28 October 2023

Following discussion at last year's AGM we have located a more central venue for this year's AGM which will be held at The Prince of Wales Feathers, 8 Warren Street, London W1T 5LD.

Join us at 12noon for light refreshments, we have arranged a varied menu of buffet food, followed by the AGM at 1pm when, amongst other matters, we will discuss the winding up of The Fellowship and our funds.

This is really more of a get together than a business meeting with plenty of time to catch up with friends. The formal notice is included in TATTs.

Please let Brenda or me know if you are coming as we need the numbers for catering. lgsf-tatts74@hotmail.co.uk davidclayathome@hotmail.com

Reunion Saturday 27 January 2024

The Ship Hotel, Monument Green, Weybridge, KT13 8BQ.

Book the date. Details to be released soon.

We plan to make this a special Farewell Reunion Dinner.

Summer event 2024

Please read and reply to Brenda's item in this issue about plans for "an alternative summer *camp*"

Promise Pathway Gilwell

After many delays we finally made it! See report in these pages

AGM 2024 Sunday 27 October 2024

Yes, a long way off but book the date now. We have booked lunch at The Ship Hotel Weybridge to be followed by our final AGM. We plan to make this a very special event and will subsidise the lunch from our general funds.

Whilst this will be our final formal event as The London Gang Show Fellowship, the bonds and friendships made over 50 years ago in the London Gang Show, and in subsequent years with our friends from other gang shows, will continue unchanged and it is my belief and hope that we will continue meeting regularly.

I hope to see you at the AGM and reunion
David

GILWELL PATHWAY 27th MAY 2023



We finally made it! A visit to Gilwell on a warm Saturday in May as close to

Ralph's birthday as we could. As you can see red scarves were worn, photographs were taken and a glass of bubbly to toast Ralph's memory. The majority of us, along with spouses then adjourned to a local hostelry where we had a few more drinks and a light lunch. Great company and reminiscing of fond and funny memories.

PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS.

AGM Sunday 28th October 2023

This is being held in London this year, very close to Warren Street tube station (which is on the Northern and Victoria lines) in the hope that a few more of you will be able to attend. I understand the parking is quite easy on a Sunday and of course for those of you with disabled stickers it should mean easier access. There will be snacks available in the room and tea and coffee supplied. We have paid for a package so that will mean the drinks will be free. The room has been booked from 12 noon until 4pm and we are hoping to have some photos showing on the TV provided.

Full details are at the end of this edition as usual and I would appreciate an idea of the numbers attending as soon as possible. Thank you

THE FINAL ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE Saturday 27th January 2024

This will be a sad but we hope an occasion full of wonderful memories and a great chance to catch up and make sure we stay in touch. It will be held at The Ship, Weybridge as usual and full details will be sent out as soon as they are available.

The toast and speech to Ralph we hope will be a little different but full of personal contributions from you all. Bob Corp-Reader has agreed to attend and be part of the toast and tributes to Ralph and I'm sure as ever this will be full of some personal insights and anecdotes. **I hope to give the speech on behalf of the girls and would like to hear from any of you ladies about any memories, many I'm sure funny and maybe like myself knowing Ralph and being part of the show has opened doors and introductions.** So please send your contributions to the usual email (bt-bp49@hotmail.com). There will be other people involved so it should prove to be an interesting listen.

The cabaret and music is booked and we hope we can fill the room this year with everyone who has attended in the past and perhaps some of those of you who haven't ever attended.



circa 2022.

ANNUAL CAMP/GET TOGETHER 2024

We didn't meet in June this year, which was disappointing as it was due to lack of interest or members mobility problems. As 2024 is our last year I have been researching some other ideas and wondered how many people would be interested in a Warner's long weekend? There are of course several options but the one that seems the most practical and has ground level accommodation that could also keep everyone fairly close together is Corton, it is near Southwold on the Suffolk coast. I would try to book for the last weekend in June as usual and personally would go from Thursday 27th June through to Monday morning 1st July for ease of travel and time to see everyone. It is easy find on Google or similar sites under Warner holidays. If you are interested please let me know on my email (bt-bp49@hotmail.com) the sooner the better because I may be able to get a discount for early bookings as a group. If this idea doesn't appeal then please feel free to make some more suggestions and they can be researched.

Thanks Brenda



CONGRATULATIONS!

At a highly emotional ceremony on 19 July, the Edinburgh Gang Show legend that is Mike Grainger was presented with Scouting's highest award, The Silver Wolf.

At a ceremony at Mike's beloved Bonaly presided over by John Bruce, the citation was read by regional commissioner Martin Elliot before the award itself was presented by fellow Silver Wolf recipient Ronnie MacDonald.

Speeches were given about Mike's longstanding commitment and support for both Bonaly Scout Centre (Edinburgh's camping ground) and Longcraig Scout Centre (Edinburgh's water activities centre) before Alan Hunter, Regional Advisor for staged performances, spoke of Mike's outstanding service to Edinburgh Gang Show.

Edinburgh Gang Show directors Andy Johnston and Louise Hunter said 'It is almost impossible to measure Mike's commitment to and influence over the young people of Edinburgh and South East Region - including us!! Mike is one of very few people in the history of Edinburgh Gang Show to be awarded this most prestigious of honours and we couldn't be prouder.'

Mike has been involved with the Edinburgh Gang Show for over 40 years and has been at many of the London Gang Show Fellowship Dinners and events over the years. Some may remember him behind a pillar in a comedy scene worthy of any top-notch Gang Show!

Many congratulations to Mike - the Edinburgh Gang Show Grandad - we love ya!



Elizabeth Smith (nee) Fricker received the Silver Acorn during her trip to Croatia with the 'Alternative Jamboree'. She was awarded this highly deserved honour due to her dedication as Scout leader, GSL, attending and helping to organise participants for jamborees and many camps as well as two and a half terms as DC of Southwark District. She was a member of the Bermondsey/Southwark Gang Show. She has also been instrumental in moving the GS archives around the country, finding the initial storage facility and then on to its final safety in Stoke.

I'm sure all members of the LGSF are proud to know these members and we wish them many more years of happy scouting.

Editor's Notes

The Official notification of the AGM 2023 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.

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**.

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, 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.

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-seventh Annual General Meeting of the London Gang Show Fellowship will be held at The Prince of Wales Feathers, 8 Warren Street, London W1T 5LD on Sunday, 29th October 2023 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 14th October 2022

Please come along as a buffet, coffee and drinks have been organised at 12 noon.

.Members are also reminded that the annual subscription of £5 falls due on 1st 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