

Squires Report

2009



Performances

2008 was almost a repeat of 2007, with very little to report. See the other side of this page for the full programme. One of the highlights included Joe and his mates cooking at the social evening at Adams Restaurant. It was surprising they let us back after the St Georges night show a few weeks earlier. The Newark show was a chance for us to put on a good show to a large audience. We also managed to get a load of freebies including a block of compressed rape seed oil. This is the coal of the future and it does not take a few billion years to mature. The Gate to Southwell was a piece of cake compared to most years and involved very little walking. Joe presented the purse, and I have to point out that this may be a bit short next year because of Nottingham's £42m investment in Icelandic banks. The weather was generally poor during the whole summer, but it was abysmal at Swanage. We went there for the weekend festival without a full side, something that we should avoid in future. This meant hanging around for slots and waiting for volunteers to make up a set. The torrential rain didn't help, but as a break to this Steve and Helen's hospitality was greatly appreciated. I can see why he wants to be a train driver, when you get up close and personal with steam engines on the Swanage Railway. Lento Abbey festival turned out to be quite a spectacle when the clown, with an irritating voice like Sue Pollard, got hit by a low flying gazebo. She had it coming from the moment she picked up the microphone. Mary Poppins would have handled the wind change much more elegantly.

Thanks

Thanks to the Foxleys for the May Day breakfast and the Christmas party. Thanks to the Martins for the Boxing Day lunch. Thanks to Ken for organising the Winter Solstice, and all those that supported him. Thanks to all those who organised tours and helped out with all the jobs that needed doing.

Health and Safety

The side was pleased to see the recovery of both Vic and Marlene. This was followed by the knock on effect of Ken returning to almost normal. Steve currently has his arm in plaster, and the rest of us just complain about colds, flu and in growing toe nails.

Cloggies

I think we need to thank the Cloggies this year for turning out with us on so many occasions. This added a bit of variety to the performances and meant that some of the gigs were much less demanding.

Conclusion

As with previous years, Eric will be trying to finish the minutes of the meeting before we actually close the business. Therefore this report is necessarily short and submitted in electronic format.

2008

- Monday 14th January 8pm: Harlaxton Hall: Morris, Plough play and rapper
- Monday 17th March: St Patrick's Day: No practice - Joy & Eric et al playing & singing from 8pm at the Wagon & Horses, Redhill - bring instruments, voices, bodhrans etc
- Saturday 29th March: British Pagan Federation: Derby Cricket Ground 1145 for 12noon and 2pm: Committed! And a fee. Note change of timing. We have SH poss, KB, FE, JE, EF, PG, CL poss, SM poss, WP, AS, ST, BW. Bring bodhrans etc for music spots.
- Sunday 20th April: Daytime Nottingham Castle Mummers Play Old Father A = WP, Beau Romer = JE, Beau Slasher = ST, Turkish K = KB, St George = VM, Doctor = FE
- Sunday 20th April: Evening 9.30pm Catholic Club, Carlton Hill, with cloggies; KB, FE, JE, EF, SM, WP, AS. ST
- Monday 21st April: Last practice at Queen's Walk
- Tuesday 22nd April: St George's night show at the Adams Restaurant and Brasserie, Lace Market, 7 to 7.45 then food. Probably morris, then clog and then Mummers Play then sword
- Monday 28th April: First Monday tour, the Ferry at Wilford, 8pm, Stewart's tour, with cloggies. (No Eric)
- Thursday 1st May: Dawn at the Robin Hood statue, breakfast at Joy&Eric's, you'll be free for a day's work by 7am, with cloggies.
- Monday 5th May: Broxtowe request
- Thursday 8th May: Social evening at the Adams Restaurant and Brasserie, Lace Market
- Saturday 10th May: Newark and Notts Show.
- Monday 12th May: 8pm Worlds End (Lowdham); 9pm Marquis Inn (Hoveringham) (Cecil)
- Monday 19th May: 8pm Malt Shovel (Shardlow); 9pm Steamboat (note change) (Trent Lock) (Eric)(swapped) (confirmed), with cloggies.
- Sunday 1st June: Lunchtime Hoveringham Vintage Vehicle Rally, with cloggies.
- Monday 2nd June: 8 pm Marquis of Granby (Granby) (note change); 9 pm Durham Ox (Orston) (Vic and Paul)
- Saturday 7th June: Gate to Southwell (confirmed).
- Monday 9th June: 8pm onwards Royal Oak (Ockbrook) (William) (confirmed), with cloggies.
- Monday 16th June: 8:30pm onwards Woodlark Inn (Lambley) (Andy) (confirmed), with cloggies.
- Monday 23rd June: 8pm Broad Oak (Strelley); 9pm Admiral Rodney (Wollaton) (Joe)
- Monday 30th June 8pm Wagon & Horses (Redhill); 9pm Bread and Bitter (Mapperly Top) (Steve M)
- Monday 7th July: 8pm Golden Fleece (Upper Broughton); 9pm Plough (Hickling) (Simon)(swapped) (confirmed)
- Monday 14th July: 8pm The Lion (Mosley Street); 9pm Pear Tree (Basford Crossing)(Arthur) (confirmed), with cloggies.
- Saturday 19th July: Lenton Abbey festival £100 - yes
- Sunday 20th July: Owthorpe Country Fair is on
- Monday 21st July: 8pm Trip to Jerusalem; 9pm Lord Nelson (Sneinton) (Ken) (confirmed) , with cloggies.
- Monday 11th August: 8.30pm Morris & Clog at the Bread & Bitter, Mapperly Top
- Boxing Day, Bottesford