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WELCOME

Welcome to the first official newsletter of the Yorkshire Ukulele Circle, after twenty years of having meetings in various parts of Yorkshire we thought it was about time that we had our own occasional newsletter and with today's modern technology it's not too difficult to achieve a reasonable standard.

You only have to look at the way the "Vellum" has improved form it's humble beginnings over thirty years ago to the splendid glossy magazine that our President/Acting Editor Dennis Taylor has created to see just what can be done.

We all read various newspapers and magazines throughout the week and its oh so easy just to pick it up, scan through it, read what interests you and then put it back in the rack. The Yorkshire Ukulele Circle newsletter will be slightly different, it's you the reader who will decide what you want to read, you will even decide wether a newsletter will be wanted because without your input we won't be able to operate. I'm sure you will agree that the brilliant meetings that we all enjoy don't just happen but are the result of lots of hard work from a few dedicated people. Please respond to the call and sharpen up your pencils, Don't just tell the person sat next to you, let's all hear about it, anything that involves George Formby, ukuleles, our fellow members (as long as it's not scandalous) or anything else you would like to see. You needn't bother posting anything just hand it to one of the committee at the next meeting and we will see that you *get in the news.* One thing though, don't just tell someone something by word of mouth, we obviously need things on paper but it needn't be written on anything special,

So don't forget, write it down!!!!

Christmas party a great success

Tuesday the 20th December was Christmas party night at the Yorkshire Ukulele Circle in Mirfield. As usual seats were difficult to obtain and by eight thirty the room was full. Guests this week included George Formby Society treasurer Charles Peacock and probably the people who travelled the furthest were Ted & Christine Bradley who had travelled all the way from Abingdon near Oxford. Actually, we couldn't really class Ted & Christine as guests because they are now part of the regular gang and usually manage to get to a fair proportion of the Mirfield meetings.

The proceeding got off to a prompt start at 20.00 and every playing member got an opportunity to show their respective talents.

Club stewardess Pauline, provided us all with a splendid buffet and there were some top quality prizes to be one in the raffle.

It was nice to see one or two fresh faces in the audience, we even had a couple of younger members with us and both of them were carrying ukuleles. Let's hope it won't be too long before they are both getting up and giving us all a lesson in the art of ukulele playing. The meeting closed around midnight and everyone had a splendid time. We even managed to feed the official members of the club with remains of the buffet, *a good time was had by all.*

Awards of appreciation

Awards were handed out at the recent Christmas party to one or two of the members for their hard work throughout the year to make the meetings the total success that they are. Dennis Mitchell and Dickie Speake were each presented with a dress shirt which they can make use of whilst they do their own entertaining, Santa Clause (George Butterworth) was presented with a nice bottle of something to keep the cold out. The steward and stewardess were give a token of our appreciation, and last but by no means least, our cheery secretary Lionel Owen was also given a drop of the hard stuff. Brenda Butterworth and Kath Mountain were each awarded a bouquet of flowers and a kiss from presenter of the awards Peter Pollard, both ladies were then noted to have a big smile on their faces for the rest of the evening. One glaring omission though was our convivial MC. Paul Mountain who should have also been recognized and someone needs their fingers slapping for letting this happen. Paul can always be relied upon to give all the entertainers a nice build-up and when we are running out of time he will always stand down for someone else to have a go. In short, he is 100 per cent and the Yorkshire Ukulele Circle just wouldn't be the same without him.

Seen on television

It's amazing really, one of the films rarely seen on television of our George, "Keep Your Seats Please", has been shown at least three times in the last couple of months. Satellite television are responsible and we have watched "It's In The Air" also on Sky TV. quite recently as well. The satellite station are to be congratulated, whilst the terrestial channels either chop bits out just to suit their schedules or interrupt the films with commercial breaks, on the satellite film channels the films are shown in their entirety without any interruptions for adverts. No one though seems to hold the screening rights of the least shown film of them all, "He Snoops To Conquer". For some unknown reason this film is never seeing on television and the only copy most Formby fans have seen is the one with Dutch subtitles. Perhaps if a few of the Formby fans put pen to paper and contacted the various television stations something could be done, I'm aware that this film certainly wouldn't win any Oscars but by the same token there is plenty of everybody else's rubbish on at certain times of the day.

Blakeley's Films....

Whilst we are talking about Formby films, Peter Pollard recently discovered that the film company responsible for George's first two films (other than the silent one which is lost), Blakeley's productions are still in existence and videos of the two films in question, "Boots! Boots!" and "Off The Dole" can be obtained by writing to the company at the address shown elsewhere on this page. The videos I received are certainly the best quality I have ever seen of these two films and are a must for any collector of the Formby films. Frank Randle fans are also well catered for because there are a few of his films also available. The films don't however come in a presentation case and are just sent in the normal cardboard video box. Even the little bit of plastic which is removed to protect the video against accidental erasure was still in place.

That was the year....

Well, that's 1994 nicely out of the way and 1995 starts with our meeting at the Grove public house, Wakefield on the first Thursday in January. Before we leave 1994 lets just reflect on another successful year for the Yorkshire Ukulele Circle. We once again played at the Cookridge Open Day, not the best of event because we were sharing the stage with a brass band and things didn't really work very well, by the time we had exchanged our chairs with the band, people seemed to have lost interest. We had a very nice time at Nostal Priory until the rains came and spoilt things. We also had two very pleasant evenings in Church Fenton, entertaining the locals in the village hall.

Mac & Millie McGee celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary and we all gathered in Mirfield to toast their health and a good night was had by all.

The highlight of the year though must be the twentieth anniversary which because of the anticipated larger than normal audience, had to be held at the Shelf village hall, situated between Halifax and Bradford. It was pleasing to note that our efforts were not in vain and a capacity crowd turned up to enjoy another splendid buffet, a great concert and all in all, a very pleasant evening. A few of the original members were present and were made welcome.

Another smashing day out was attending the fund raising events at the firm where our genial host Paul Mountain works. We played all afternoon in the works canteen and everybody was well received by a very appreciative audience. Lets hope that 1995 will have as many treats in store. ------- I'm sure it will.

Millie McGee on the road to recovery

It is pleasing to note that one of our lady members, Millie McGee is on the road to recovery after a spell in hospital undergoing surgery. Millie's other half, Mac was in attendance at the Xmas party and gave us the good news, a get well card was passed around the room and was covered in signatures before the evening was through.
Lets' hope that it won't be too long before Millie is back were she belongs with all the gang at the Yorkshire Ukulele Circle, ***get well soon Millie.***

Sam comes home

Staying with the hospital scene, I'm sure you'll all be pleased to know that Sam Hudson, grandson of Kathryn & Peter Pollard, will, by the time you read this, have arrived home after going on for twelve weeks in the special baby units of both Leeds General Infirmary and Pinderfields, Wakefield. Sam was a very early arrival and was very seriously ill for quite a while just after he was born. Sam, along with his Grandma and Grandpa would like to thank all their friends in both the Yorkshire Ukulele Circle, and the George Formby Society for all their kindness and concern during what were very distressing times. Let's hope it won't be too long before Peter is doing a double act with Sam sometime in the next few years,

FORTHCOMING EVENT

One of the first events of 1995 to look forward to will be another big 'do at the Mirfield Conservative Club on Saturday February 11th when Peter Pollard and his pal Ted Bradley with their respective wife's Kathryn & Christine will host a party night. Dickie will be on the keyboard and everything else will be in place just like the normal night. A *free* buffet will be provided by Pauline and a good time is guaranteed. Your only requirement will be to roll up and enjoy yourself's. Under different circumstances this event would be termed as a private party but Ted & Christine live too far away and Kathryn and Peter have just been evicted from their penthouse council flat and therefore couldn't really accommodate everybody. *Please remember the date.....*
February 11th 1995



Jack Jones is made honorary member of the G. F. S.

Congratulations must go to occasional visitor from over the border Mr. Jack Jones on being nominated an honorary life member of the George Formby Society. Jack received his award at the September Winter Gardens meeting.
Did anybody catch him on the tele recently, Jack was featurd in a programme all about disabled people. He was shown at the Blackpool branch meeting with our very own Dickie Speake.