

Jitterbugs Tent meeting April 13th 2013

I am delighted to report that the Jitterbugs Tent meeting on the 13th April was a great evening's fun and frolics...

The night began as it always does with us carrying in loads of gear and boxes of Tent supplies, through the main room of the social club and into our back room. There was a family gathering type party thingy going on in the main room and as we passed through, I couldn't help but notice a large hog roast on the food table, surrounded by all the trimmings... You couldn't write the fact that our first movie was actually "Hog Wild".

The abundance of children was fantastic and the future of The Boys is fully cemented in Ireland. Senan Maguire and Jack Clifford attended their first Tent meeting and were very welcome. Giggles and laughs galore as the aerial antics of Stan and Ollie took hold and we all guffawed some more. After the movie, our esteemed projectionist, whoever he was, showed a "now and then" locations piece on the film and it added to the enjoyment.

Brilliant to see some old faces on the night. Jitterbugs members that we haven't seen for many many years came along, joined the fun, and promised to keep coming.

We moved on with "We Faw Down" and once more, the laughter and giggling confirmed that the silent movies were still a great way to enjoy Laurel and Hardy. Another "now and then" locations trip by the unknown projectionist brought a few questions and a Google Earth location picture showed how much Hollywood has changed since the days of The Boys.

With the music of "Mastermind", two Jitterbugs members were shamed and called forward to answer the charges of NOT attending the last meeting and they shall remain nameless although Stephen and Tom have promised not to do it again!

We finished our evening with "Pardon Us" and some in attendance had never seen the restored "fire" scene so that was a treat for them....

With the loyal toasts and the sounds of "We Are the Sons of the Desert", ringing in our ears we all set off home and some even went searching for the hog roast, which had sadly disappeared!

Oh, the Sons of the Desert!

Liam

