

## Jitterbugs Tent meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

I began to get a little worried during the afternoon of the 23rd Feb. Snow was falling and sticking to the ground and I wondered about cancelling. After a few hours, it became apparent that we might have a chance after all and so the trek to RTE was made. We had two apologies from Stephen and Tom, the two stalwarts who rarely miss Tent meetings. As we set up the room, a few members arrived and it looked like we were in for a cosy meeting with Stan and Ollie. Young Harry was keen to show me his Asterix the Gaul books with a number of references to Stan and Ollie and I took some photos of the pages, as I had not seen them before.

As we began our first film, "The Music Box", the door opened and a few more bodies filtered in. A few minutes later and a few more joined us... The room was now a respectable 25ish...

The Music Box went down very well and all in attendance were warned to watch carefully as a Jitterbugs quiz was on the cards that night. With the final credits playing, the quiz began and the questions were focused on those with eagle eyes who might have seen something that others did not. So how many times did they do the hat switch routine in total?

"Going Bye Bye", was next to adorn the screen and Walter Long's performance had us all in stitches... Ollie asking how they could help with Stan offering to "get you a sandwich", had certain members in fits of laughter and it spread to the rest of the room.. Heads down and more questions based on that movie had everyone thinking hard.

We replenished our glasses in time for "Angora Love", and all agreed that it was great to see a super silent movie from the Boys.

Quiz sheets collected, popcorn distributed and the loyal toasts were performed quite professionally it has to be said by Colin and Liam...

Robert won the quiz and collected a pair of Laurel and Hardy dolls for his mantelpiece. Whilst Jitterbugs Tent badges were given to all who took part.... Great efforts from Georgia and Kieron and also from Sam.

We finished up with a request from Colin, "Come Clean" and Mae Busch had a certain section of the audience in awe of her superb performance as the suicidal woman.

Linking arms and singing "We are the Sons of the Desert", finished our evening. Young Georgia came up to me afterwards and asked when our next meeting would be. I asked her when she was free and she said, "Second Saturday in April"... So we'll go for that. Nothing better to do!

Liam

