

Jitterbugs Tent meeting Nov 2013

T'was a lovely night November last that saw members of the Jitterbugs Tent and their friends and family descend upon the social club in RTE for another night of fun.

We had a great turnout and had a few new faces in the crowd, which were duly welcomed to our madness.

Delighted we were, to see a large child presence and even more delighted we were to hear their guffaws and hearty laughter as they watched the antics of Stan and Ollie on the screen. Children today do not know the movies that we grew up with. They are missing out on a whole era of fun and I am so glad that we are helping in some small way to pass on this gift to them.

Mid way through our fun, we deviated, as we do, to play "I'm a Laurel and Hardy Fan, Get Me Out Of Here".... Tom Copperthwaite lost the toss, drew the short straw at the same time, and was elected by unanimous numbers to contest the game... He failed dismally in the "Mae Busch Tucker Trial".... Imagine not being able to tell the flavour of Jelly by touch?

Loyal toasts and our singsong, brought us to a close and with hugs and handshakes, we wrapped another Jitterbugs meeting. A meeting where the warmth of the room could be felt. I found the atmosphere different at this one. We were there for fun, but also shared a fondness for these loveable comedians and their craft...

One member's wife had joined us for the first time in over 10 years. Always believing that our meets were about old films and nerdyness, it is safe to say she feels differently now. At the end of the meeting, her thoughts were about that exact warmth and friendship and how nice it all felt.

I came away smiling because myself, Stephen, Colin, Tom, Sean, Neville, Kieran and everyone else involved in Jitterbugs must be doing something right....

Liam