

## *Southend Gang Show Fellowship News & Notes:*

Dear All,

Nearly 5 Months since the end of It's A Date 2006, I thought I would send out a newsletter to let people know what is going on within the fellowship.

### **Programme of Events:**

*8<sup>th</sup> July 2006:* Beach BBQ opposite the Moorings B&B 12pm.

*September:* The West End. Neil is organising a trip to the West End to see a show. Any ideas for shows that people would like to see, family or non-family are to be sent to him. Neil will then organise a ballot and see what seems most popular. Current suggestions are Mary Poppins, Lion King, Billy Elliot, We Will Rock You, Phantom & Les Mis. Numbers will dictate whether we book a coach etc.

Let Neil have your thoughts ASAP: [neil.dusty@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:neil.dusty@blueyonder.co.uk)

*October:* Southend West Night Hike. Any volunteers to help run a base please let me know. Date and times to follow.

*3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006:* Spooky Tales Night Walk around Hadleigh Castle. Emma Bearman is thinking of organising the above. Please let her know if you are interested so that we can book it: [emmabrowne@themail.co.uk](mailto:emmabrowne@themail.co.uk)

### **Southend Carnival:**

The Fellowship is entering into the spirit of fundraising by entering the "Red Barrows Display Team" (think Red Hoovers but with wheel barrows and less rehearsal time!) into Southend Carnival. Anyone who has some time on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2006 and would be interested in helping out please let Tim Goddard know. We aren't building a big float, but will be decorating a milk float and possibly the land rover on the morning as well as working out the routine. We need at least 15 people to help make this happen so if you are free and fancy a laugh let Tim know: [timgoddard@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:timgoddard@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **Network Centenary Ball:**

We have booked 40 tickets for the Synergy Network Centenary Dinner Dance at the Cliffs Pavilion on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2007. For those who went a couple of years ago it will be a similar event, based in the main auditorium. The cost is £32.00 per person and includes a 3 course meal, it is black tie. Families and Friends are most welcome as well.

If you are interested in attending please let Karen Thompson know: [administrator@southendgangshow.org](mailto:administrator@southendgangshow.org).

## **It's A Knockout**

Due to the increasing popularity of It's A Knockout it was decided at the last Fellowship AGM that the running of It's A Knockout would be taken over by the Fellowship. At a committee meeting on Thursday the committee agreed to this and asked Tim Goddard as co-founder of the knockout if he was happy to let us take on the running of the event, which he was.

As a result we have decided that we are going to try and run the Knockout in such a way that we have a standard rate that we charge per event. We will also look in to grants and fundraising so that we can get a box trailer so that everything to run a day's mini knockout is stored ready to go. The fees for the knockout will fund equipment replenishment and subsidising team clothing etc. The knockout team will be evolving as time goes on and the same rules will apply as they do for Gang Show, in terms of having to be active in Scouting or Guiding, members of the fellowship do not have automatic rights into the team and that past members will be invited back first. New members can apply to be on the team when there are spaces. We will still be selective about attending events otherwise we could be at two or three major events a year across the country. The number of events we cover will depend on the size of the team.

MAD weekend was a huge success running the mini knockout format and we have been asked to attend Essex Experience which is about giving disadvantaged kids in Essex an activity day. This is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 so any one who would be interested in helping out please let Karen know.

We have also been approached for Essex Jamboree 2008 so if you would be interested in joining the knockout team or finding out what knockout is about please contact myself or Karen. As Essex is a much bigger event there will be roles for those who don't fancy the running around and making a fool of yourself.

## **Finances:**

It looks like we are getting nearer to sorting out the Fellowship bank account, despite Barclays trying to thwart Karen's best attempts yet again! Once the account is open we will let you know who owe's any money as a result of expired cheques.

Southend West district has paid our capitation fees this year and we need to reimburse them urgently. Please can I ask all full members to get me a cheque for £25 payable to "Southend West District Scout Council". I have e-mailed the people who owe money directly, this is just a reminder.

That's all for the time being. For those not on e-mail feel free to phone me on 07801 233125 for any question or queries.

*James*