

The logo for the Royal Tarbridge Wells Juggling Club is centered at the top. It features the words "Royal Tarbridge Wells" in a stylized, outlined font across the top, and "Juggling Club" in a larger, similar font below it. On either side of the text are small, stylized illustrations of jugglers performing. The entire logo is enclosed within a decorative border of small dots.

**Royal Tarbridge Wells
Juggling Club**

NOVEMBER 1998 NEWSLETTER

It's nearly Christmas Everyone !!!

I must apologise for the delay in this newsletter as we have all been busy with juggling displays and workshops. I would like to take this opportunity in giving a big thank you to everybody who has supported the club in the many displays and events we have attended this year, so :-

" THANK YOU "

(Gosh ! that was a big thank you !!!)

The club needs new members, so if anyone knows everybody who is interested in juggling, please invite them to the club on Tuesday evenings.

Don't forget that the Christmas Party this year will be held on **Tuesday 22nd December**. All are welcome including :- Mums, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Girlfriends, Boyfriends, and even people who you have never met before. Sorry but no rats allowed !

There will be a show so please start preparing your acts if you wish to take part. It is Fancy Dress with prizes for the best costumes.

There will also be a buffet, so if anyone can bring along any crisps, sandwiches etc., these will be gratefully received.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I would just like to remind everyone that all memberships will be due in January 1999.

I'm sure that we would all like to thank Cora for doing a great job as Membership Secretary. I'm sure that all of you like your new membership cards and if you have any queries, then please contact Cora.

THE RTWJC COMMITTEE

If anyone has forgotten or is new to the club then the committee is as follows :-

CHAIR PERSON	:	Dave Akhurst
TREASURER / SECRETARY	:	Kevin Fletcher
PRESIDENT	:	Michael Bonfield

Remaining committee :-

Dave Kinder	Keith Parks	Dave Leech
Pete Curran	Jon Relf	Danny Colyer
Mark Greasley	Cora Hallett	

A committee meeting is still to be held to discuss the future and running of the club. All persons named above will be notified where and when the meeting will take place.

The committee is to be re-evaluated and it has been proposed that four committee meetings per year will take place to evaluate the running of the club.

All major decisions concerning the club will be voted upon by the committee.

New and remaining positions within the committee are required to be filled. The suggested positions are as follows :-

1. SECRETARY
2. EVENTS ORGANISER / S
3. PROMOTER

If you would like to offer your services to the committee then please contact either Kevin or myself (Dave A.). To be eligible for a position on the committee, you are required to be a paid up member of the club, attend the weekly club meetings on a regular basis and that you are prepared to take an active roll in the running of the club.

So don't be shy and come forward and help to promote one of the *FINEST* juggling clubs in the country !!! I would just like to mention that the club is now "6" years old. Let's hear it for the club :-

!!! Hooray !!!

Articles from the Members

Below is a list of accounts of the events that the juggling club have attended in 1998 :-

ALMAVIA OPERA SOCIETY

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th July

RTWJC joined the Almavia Opera Society for their production of The Bartered Bride by Bedrich Smetana. Dave L, Tammy, Pete, myself and Bess the Wonderdog, joined a large cast of 'unknowns' - or was that Zoe Ball in the chorus ?

The plot is as follows: Jenik and Marenka are in love, but Marenka's father has her tied to a marriage contract with 'the son of Toby Micha' - Vasek, but, Jenik outwits everyone by signing another contract so that he gets 300 gold pieces provided Marenka marries 'a son of Toby Micha'. As Jenik is a son of Toby Micha, he gets the gold and the girl ! This went on for 3 hours, with an amazing circus scene in the middle (*by guess who ?*)

After rehearsals under the tyrannical direction of Maria Pattinson, the circus scene was quite good; starting off in a little gypsy caravan which marched down the hill, with Tammy on stilts and me on a unicycle. Once on stage, Dave L and I, alias 'The Fabulous Banana Brothers from Argentina', performed dazzling feats of dexterity with a devil stick, whilst Tammy, alias 'Lofty McCall', pulled off some nifty fire staff moves.

RTWJC always steals the show where ever they go. We performed the spectacular finale with some solo fire juggling then passing around Lofty McCall, who was remarkably calm in the face of danger !

It was cold, it was wet, but it was a great weekend. We were acclaimed as the best bit of the show because there was no singing. We certainly left our mark - our pictures are on their fridge and our origami jumping frogs are next to their pot plants.

Thank you to the Talbot Empire for all the free wine, beer and Pimms and gorgeous food. Thanks Dave L. for the philosophical chat, the origami frogs, letting me crash at his place and lots more. Thanks to Tammy for introducing me to Gemma (**big thank you !**) and the use of her tent. And finally thanks to Pete for the kind chaeffeurring (is that right?), the tea and for keeping me a place at the aga when we came in !

Regards,

Jon Relf

(There was more to this - lots more and more and more ! If anyone wishes to see a full transcript - see Jon. - the Ed.)

Articles from the Members

Continued :-

PADDOCK WOOD CARNIVAL

Saturday 18th July

A wonderful day had by all (Dave A, Cora, Mark, Kim, Bryn, Steve and myself). Weather perfect apart from a 10 minute shower. Comfortable walk in procession (not too far). Arrived at fete to a well organised roped off area for workshops. Busy most of the day, I taught someone to juggle knives, a person called "Rory", the name rings a bell ???

Well done to Bryn and Kim with their stilt walking, everyone like them, Dave A and Steve with their small magic shows throughout the day and also Dave A on his 6Ft. unicycle and handle bars, phew !!! Cora had her lovely "hair-do" and Mark wore his jesters costume.

Well done everyone !

Regards,

Pete Curran

CROWBOROUGH CARNIVAL

Saturday 12th September

Rain, rain, rain and more rain with a few wet patches in the middle !!!

Our float (tractor) broke down have way round but luckily there was a herd of farmers on the float in front which came to our rescue. (*Is that right - a herd of farmers ???*).

Steve suffered a slight accident on his unicycle and was taken to hospital for a check up, and being brave as he is, he even came back to tell us about it at half-time. By this time several young pretty ladies gathered around him to see if he was alright, then suddenly the rest of the male population of the club decided to fall off their unicycles to see if they could get the same attention as Steve !!! (*Unfortunately it did not work !*).

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the club, and that includes our brave tractor driver.

A club member lost their car keys and after 3/4 hour (*at 11:00p.m.*) trying to break into their car, someone discovered the lost car keys on the "ROOF" of their car !!! I wonder who the person in question is ???

(*Please could the person in question deposit £100 in used notes (sealed in a plain brown envelope) to the left cubicle of the men's toilet in the Unicorn pub in Marden at 22:00 on 07:11:98, otherwise I will be forced to uncover Kevin's identity. Oops, Sorry !*).

Regards,

Dave A

ITEMS FOR SALE

T - Shirts with Old Club Design, Size : Medium & Large £5:00

T - Shirts with New Club Design, Size : Medium & Large £9:50

Badges, only 50p

Car Stickers

OTHER BUSINESS

A video cassette is now available for hire of the 1998 11th British Juggling Convention that was held at Whitchurch, near Bristol which members of the club attended and are included in the video.

The club now has details on the 12th British Juggling Convention to be held in Durham. The dates are 8th to 11th April 1999. If anyone is interested then please contact Kevin or myself (Dave A) for an application form.

On Saturday 28th November, the club has been asked if any jugglers would be available to help promote and raise money for Age Concern. This will take place in the Royal Victoria Centre in Tunbridge Wells. Times are to be arranged. If any is interested, please contact Kevin.

If anyone is interested in creating the next newsletter or has an article for submission, then please contact Kevin or myself.

Please keep this newsletter for future use.

Best regards,

Kevin & Dave A.

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