

Presenting the

TWJC

# newsletter

A Jon Relf Production

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## It's newsletter time again!

(You've got to show some enthusiasm)

In this edition we have a few pictures from rehearsals of the show & wotnot, an overview of our amazing new awards scheme, the outcomes of another highly productive committee meeting & some rubbish to fill in the gaps.

Same old drill as usual then...

*Jon*

## I want I want I want...

Okay so this doesn't exactly embrace the spirit of Christmas (I'll get around to that) but there are lots of things that everyone needs to do.

First of all we need a **new club poster**, & we're holding a competition to get one. It needs to have all the necessary info (club name, location, times etc.) plus it must include the club jester logo, the website address (<http://www.twjc.co.uk>) & the TWBC logo:



We'd like it to promote all of the skills we do, unicycling, stilts, tightrope, not just juggling. The poster will be put up everywhere we can think of to help promote the club & attract new members, so it better be good.

The entries will be judged at the Summer Show (see 'Things to stick in your diary' later on), so please give your entries to Kevin, Dave A. or myself before June. The winner will obviously see their design used as our club poster & they will also win a superb mystery prize. The more perceptive readers will understand the hidden meaning behind that last phrase.

Most people are aware that the 13<sup>th</sup> British Juggling Convention is rapidly approaching & we have a very large contingent willing to play the away fixture. We would also like a 'TWJC on Tour' poster to display in the car windscreens as we travel to York & maybe a flag to raise in the middle of our campsite?

Next I'd like to ask everyone to supply me with a **fact file** for the website please. The sooner you do the sooner I stop nagging. I would still like other people to write an article or draw a picture for these newsletters too. It

doesn't have to be long or even any good; I've been getting away with it for eight editions now.

### Psst...

So long as you don't ask any questions an anonymous member can get hold of a cheap source of juggling equipment. So if you want to buy yourself a set of balls, clubs, a diabolo or anything else, speak to Dave A. (the A stands for anonymous).

We may buy in a stock of equipment, which would be sold to people at events that we attend.

### Speaking of which...

Here is a list of dates that we have been asked to run workshops at.

Tonbridge Flower Show  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Iden Green Fayre  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Meadow School, Southborough  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Paddock Wood Carnival  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July

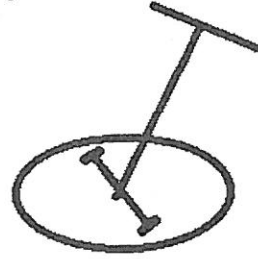
At which your attendance would be very much appreciated.

& While we're talking about dates Topper & Akaido (!) are running a juggling festival to coincide with the Rye Medieval Festival again this year on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of August.

### Keep it clean

It is very important that everyone tries to keep our equipment tidy. At the end of the evening could everyone please put the props into the coffin neatly & carefully so as to prevent

**FOR SALE**  
**One red Unicycle**  
**Any offer considered**



**The better the offer the longer it will be considered. See Kevin.**

damage & unnecessary wear & tear.  
Thankyou.

### The Committee

Following the meeting last week the Committee is currently made up of:

Chairman	Dave Akhurst
Secretary	Kevin Fletcher
Membership Secretary	Cora Hallett
Chief of Propaganda	Jon Relf

Pete Curran, Mark Greasley, Kim Hilton,  
Dave Kinder, Dave Leech & Beth  
Tichborne,

Welcome back to Dave Kinder who has rejoined the Committee & has become the champion for the existential rights of video cameras everywhere.

### So what is going on with the video camera?

Well after much discussion it has been decided to introduce a hire charge of £1 per week & is still only available to adult club members, so we're still sorry kids.

However, anyone borrowing the camera must supply his or her own tape & return the camera with the battery

*Here's a big picture of Holly on her stilts during rehearsals for our big night out at the Spice of Life Charity Show*



fully recharged. The borrower will also be under obligation to take full responsibility for the camera, if it is lost, stolen or damaged in any way that person must pay the full cost of repair or replacement. The borrower will also be required to sign a contract to this effect each time they take the camera home.

The club is also going to buy a protective carry case for the tripod too. Just thought I'd mention it.

### **Embracing the Spirit of Christmas**

So what can the club give back to you? Firstly if you don't know already, we have been successful in applying for a £700 grant (the cheque is in the post), to fund workshops run by professionals. Steve Rawlings is a name that has popped up, & maybe Richard Vobes will return for another brilliant mime workshop. If you have any other workshops that you'd like to see happen &/or know of someone who could run such a session please let us know.

The club will be purchasing some new equipment soon to replace the old & tatty stuff. If there is anything that we don't have & you think would be good for the club tell us, preferably before York & we'll see what we can do.

If we do indeed accept Dave K's suggestion for a foot juggling wedge type thingy, maybe we should get a crash helmet?

We are also interested in putting on a club outing of some sort. Dave L. has suggested a trip to see Circus Oz. around Easter time, if anyone is interested see Dave L. because I've just decided that he can compile a list of

names (committee meetings are for the weak, we want dictatorship!) He will also be able to tell you the exact dates & if enough people are interested on a particular day it shouldn't be too hard to make a group booking. Well done Dave.

### **Dirty, Sneaky & Downright Underhanded Manipulation Exposed**

It has recently come light that a small group of TWJC members have been secretly working away for a few weeks now on a dastardly plot.

The concept of the scheme is no different from the whipping of slaves in medieval times to make them work harder, or even the cruel dangling of a carrot (easy Beth) in front of a mule to tease the poor animal into walking.

A couple of committee members have plans to make people learn new skills by resorting to petty bribery, offering prestigious Certificates of Merit to those who achieve certain levels of skill with whatever prop.

The scheme is the brainchild of Cora Hallett, while Dave L. has been working on the certificate's design. I had nothing to do with it what so ever.

The suggested levels of achievement are as follows:

- Has qualified...(ie can do...)
- Can perform 3 tricks with...
- Can perform 10 tricks with...
- Can perform 25 tricks with...
- Can perform loads of tricks with...

You can earn a certificate for any prop; balls, clubs, diabolo, devilstick, unicycle, fondue set, anything. However we will not be giving these things away

in Christmas crackers. If you want a certificate you will have to show us that you can meet the standards, & you will have to do it on stage at the Summer Show.

### **Things to stick in your diary**

Cora's notes say that the Summer show will be held in June. How about Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Summer Solstice?

As a break from the norm the show will comprise of both acts & demonstrations for anyone who wants to receive one of those aforementioned certificates. All you've got to do is get on stage & show us what you can do.

On the week before (Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>) there will be an auction where you can bring along anything you'd like to get rid of.

For the Christmas show Cora has written 'December' in her notes which is really useful because someone might not know. My Buffy calender says that the last Tuesday before Christmas is the 19<sup>th</sup> (which is incidentally two days before the Winter Solstice). The Christmas Show will feature acts & a raffle.

### **& Finally**

A shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign which read 'BEST DEALS.'

He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading 'LOWEST PRICES.'

The shopkeeper panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop. It read...

**'MAIN ENTRANCE'**