

UPDATE 3 – December

SATURDAY 16TH & SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023



Hi Folks,

I hope that you all have a Merry (but too merry - 'hic!') Christmas. I guess that we have all had to tighten our belts this year as everything has *gone up*. But on Christmas Eve, Father Christmas will be *coming down* our chimneys and bringing us some goodies. Let us hope that 2023 will be much jollier for us all.

I know of one Jolly good event that we can all enjoy and that is the **Seaside Extravaganza**

As promised, here are some further details about our **SIX** special shows.

++++SATURDAY 16th September++++

11am - 1pm

LAUREL & HARDY IN SOUTHEND

A great compilation of L&H films (some with an unusual twist), clips, period Southend footage and a special presentation of Stan and Ollie's show in August 1952 at the Southend Odeon

3pm - 5pm **HE OF FUNNY WAYS AND A SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN**

Marc De Coninck joins us from Belgium to introduce his two excellent 2017 documentaries of Stan and Babe. They are touching and beautiful. Marc will also introduce two L&H films of his choice.

7pm - 9pm

THE PARK INN PALACE VARIETY SHOW

Our live show will feature comedy icon & L&H fan **Jeffrey Holland**, piano accompaniment to L&H films by **David Stanley**, the scintillating saxophone of **Saxe Saf**, the clever and dedicated tribute to L&H by Philip and Tony of **'The Lucky Dog Theatre**, and supreme ventriloquist **Steve Hewlett**

++++SUNDAY 17th September++++

11am – 1pm

DO-OH! - A TRIBUTE TO FIN

James Henderson Finlayson was never a star, but we put the spotlight on Fin with an array of extracts, clips, and films, including many rarities away from Laurel & Hardy. Altogether...do-oh!

3pm - 5pm

FRED & BILL – TWO LEGENDARY PIONEERS

Dave Crump, scriptwriter, music-hall historian, actor, and author of the wonderful book *'Fred Karno – The Legend Behind the Laughter'*, will give an illustrated presentation on *'The Guvnor'*. In the second half, we will show **Gary Winstanley's** affectionate documentary about Bill Cubin. Fred and Bill's enthusiasm and their achievements truly make them *'Two Legendary Pioneers'*

7pm - 9pm

STAN & OLLIE 'S MUSICAL MELTDOWN

We will end our weekend with a trip to Brushwood Gulch to watch the L&H classic feature *'Way Out West.'* In support we will see many other musical moments connected to Stan & Ollie.

++++IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT++++

We will have to limit our number to 90 attendees for this event. We already have nearly that number of persons who have indicated that they wish to attend. Indeed, some people have been on the ball, booked their hotel, and paid for their ticket(s). If you receive this newsletter, then you are on my list with a place that is reserved for you. I know that the event is still nine months away, but if you know that you will be coming, please pay for the ticket ASAP (see below). Thank you. If you now know that you cannot join us, then please advise me and then this will free up places.

HOW TO BOOK TICKET(S)

Please contact me by e-mail or telephone indicating your requirements as shown above. I will confirm the cost. Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Saps At Sea Fund), PayPal or Bank Transfer (ask for details). I will send you a receipt which serves as your ticket – but you do not have to bring it along on the day. I will have a list!!!

PARK INN PALACE HOTEL

Have you booked yet? Do not leave it too late. Details of the special rates were advertised in the last two Updates – but contact me if you do not have this information. Please remember that to obtain the special rate for Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September at the hotel you should either

(1) phone the hotel direct 01702 455100

or (2) e-mail the events manager ruth.hession@parkinn.com

If you book through a third-party, you will NOT have benefit of the special rate.

STAYING ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHEND

If you wish to stay elsewhere then you will need to make your own arrangements. There is a wide choice of hotels/BBs in Southend. I can help with advice about other hotels/B&B's etc.

Please do hesitate to contact me if you have any other queries. In the meantime,.....*Merry Yuletide*

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