



Update Number Four

Nowonder and December 2017

“There’s going to be a fight”

Surely not at the 2018 L & H UK Convention? Well, I’ll ‘Come Clean’ and let you all know, there will not be a fight, but there will be a battle. We will be showing BATTLE OF THE CENTURY 16mm film, which includes that second reel that was discovered not so long ago. Thanks go to David Wyatt for making this available for the Convention. The screening will be on the Friday evening – so do your very best not to be late arriving at the hotel otherwise you will miss a treat. This has not been released on DVD – and there is no news of an imminent release.



Church visit on Saturday Morning



This would not normally be on the itinerary of Laurel and Hardy Conventions, but there is good reason that we will be visiting the fifteenth century St James Church, Whitefriars. It is the home of Norwich Puppet Theatre. The church was closed as a place of worship and used as a homeless shelter. In

1980 following internal conversion, it was re-opened as the puppet theatre. It has a 175 seat auditorium, a 50 seat studio, workshops, gallery space, a shop and bar. There are regular puppet shows and workshops. It is equipped to show films on a large screen. The theatre creates some of their puppets on site. They present shows throughout the UK and abroad.



Interestingly, the venue is now linked with one of its original uses, as it is licensed for Weddings and civil partnerships.



It is a fascinating place to visit and learn about the world of puppetry. Paul and I went there a couple of weeks ago and we know that they are really looking forward to presenting their private puppet show for the Sons of the Desert

Extra Nights

- As mentioned in Update Number One, it is possible to book extra nights before or after the Convention at these special rates:-
£85 per room, including breakfast
£129 for dinner, bed and breakfast (dinner £22 per person)
£107 for single occupancy dinner, bed and breakfast
- The hotel now has a list of the 141 Conventioneers that shows who is sharing with whom in the 76 rooms which we are occupying. If you wish to book extra nights you will be able to do this after Monday 6th November. This will ensure that you will be accommodated in the same room as you will be booked in for the Convention
- To book extra nights contact the hotel direct ++ (0) 844 815 9036 and please mention that you are attending the Laurel and Hardy Convention.

Hopefully this will be straightforward, but if you encounter any difficulties, then please contact me.

Early Bird Savers

- ✚ Thank you to the 66 Sons who have taken advantage of 'The Early Bird Saver' and paid in full. There is still just time to do so as payment should reach me by 1st November.
- ✚ There are 43 Sons who haven't yet made any payment. Obviously we do need money in the pot soon as we will be incurring some big expenses in the near future. Please do contact me so we can make suitable arrangements if there are any problems.
- ✚ We don't want to lose anyone who has booked and wants to come. We do have ten people on the 'Reserve List' who are biting their nails or thinking of slipping me a £10 for a place! I don't accept bribes and I don't want anyone to be disappointed. In the words sung by Doris Day....

*Que sera, sera
Whatever will be will be
The future's not ours to see
Que sera, sera*