

SNAPSHOTS AROUND THE COUNTRY



DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP 2008

## Some Books from the “Moving On” Series

Monday 10a.m. – 4p.m.

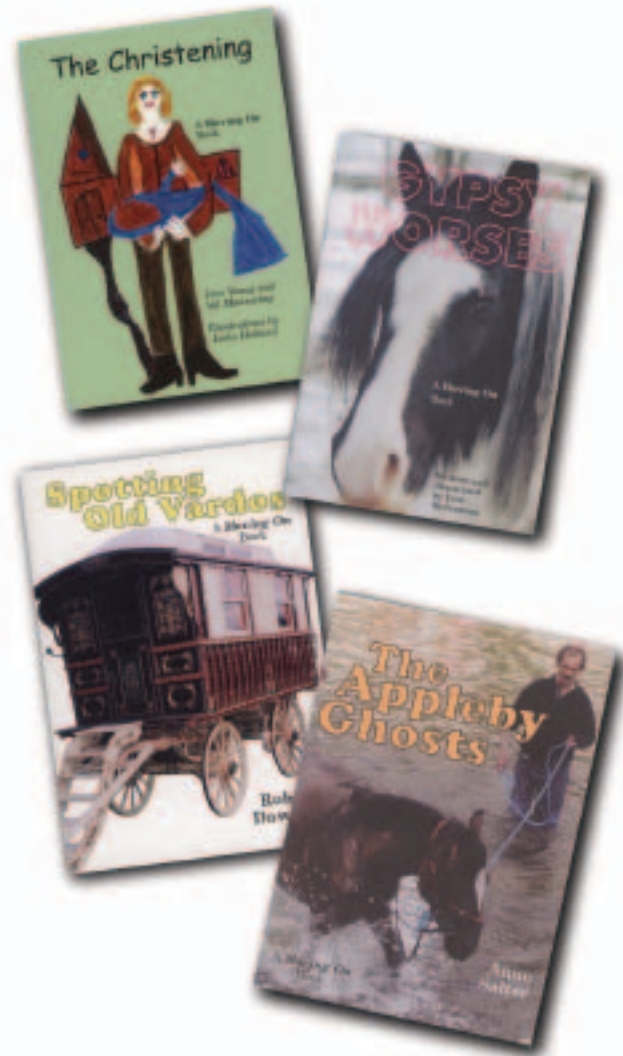
Wednesday 10a.m. – 4 pm.

Friday 10a.m. – 4p.m.

Wednesdays and Fridays  
we are open for office visits  
but would you please call  
01629 583300 and make  
an appointment first.

**D G L G**

Winners of the Queen’s Golden  
Jubilee Award 2003, Committee  
Members of The Gypsy & Traveller  
Coalition, Winners of Liberty Award  
Queens Home Office Award 2004  
Innovative Police Training



Edited by Bob Dawson  
(retired Head Teacher).

## THE DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP



Ernest Bailey  
Community Centre,  
New Street,  
Matlock,  
DE4 3FE

Tel/fax: 01629 583300

Email:  
[info@dglg.org](mailto:info@dglg.org)

Website:  
[www.dglg.org](http://www.dglg.org)

# An Egyptian (Gypsy) history



*Absalom, Britannia and Levi George at Firbeck, Notts*

There have been numerous recommendations (National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups London Conference Sept 07) that have called for a history book regarding Gypsy people that can be rolled out in schools. DGLG has decided that it will implement this book as part of the Moving Forward book scheme rather than end the scheme all together. There have been approximately 300 Acts and clauses in legislation that has an impact on the lives of our people - over 100 within the Victorian era. Some Acts were designed to have genocidal effect on the Gypsy people of England, other clauses and Acts have had a detrimental effect without the realisation that they would impact. Recent research shows that the first arrival of Gypsy people was not logged in 1505 but some 20 years earlier. We give a snippet of a tiny bit of history here, watch out for the book.

- ❖ 1530 The Egyptian Act: People calling themselves Egyptians are to be barred from entering England. They are hereby given 16 days to leave or risk imprisonment and loss of their goods and possessions King Henry V111.
- ❖ 1554 Egyptians Act: this Act banned Gypsy people coming to England and imposed the death penalty to those who did not leave England within one month. Queen Mary.
- ❖ 1562 An Act for the better Relief of the Poor of this Kingdom, Queen Elizabeth 1. Added that Egyptians be added to Rogues, vagabonds and sturdy beggars within the meaning of this Act.

“ And if such person or persons shall refuse to go, or shall not remain in such parish where they ought to be settled as aforesaid, but shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace of the City, County or Town Corporate where the said Offence shall be committed to send such person or persons offending to the House of correction, there to be punished as a Vagabond, or to a public Workhouse in this present Act hereafter mentioned, there to be employed in Work or Labour”.....shall think fit to be transported to the England Plantations.

## Further Acts

- ❖ 1597 Act for the Repression of Vagrancy.
- ❖ 1824 Vagrancy Act imprisonment for those wandering telling fortunes living under tent and cart.
- ❖ 1835 Highways Act a fine for camping on the highway.
- ❖ 1889 Local Government Act councils allowed to make byelaws.

## Many more

- ❖ 1960 Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act.  
3 decades of further Acts
- ❖ 1994 Criminal Justice Act.  
and still in 2006/7 Romany Gypsy people have found themselves stripped of their 'gypsy status'. The worry is being legislated out of existence within 'mainstream' policy.

# JANUARY

If the cap fits...wear it



*Absolom Adolphus, Metherringham Fens*



# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
National Holocaust Memorial Day						
27	28	29	30	31		



# FEBRUARY

Where gone those days



*Burton the 3rd Burton, his wife Gena (nee Bryan) and his children John and Derek on horse, Maia with mother and Morris on left (a cousin of his mother)*

# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	



# MARCH

## A regal abode



(we would  
like it to  
be a legal  
abode)



# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



# APRIL



Britannia Duffy, 2007  
"Stow was very wet this year!"

# April Showers



# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	International Roma Day 8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



# MAY

# Stow Treasures



*A stall at Stow Fair displaying a selection of colourful delft  
Reproduced with thanks to Redbridge  
Traveller Support Group*



# MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	Stow-on-the-Wold Horse Fair*	15	16
18	19	20	21	22	23	St Sara's Day *
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				* Fair Day the Thursday closest to May 12th, the Feast of St Philip * Patron Saint (Sara La Kali) of Roma Gypsy People		



JUNE

Fair by the King's Charter



# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Appleby Horse Fair	Appleby Horse Fair
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Appleby Horse Fair	Appleby Horse Fair					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



JULY

New Arrivals





# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# AUGUST

## Summer Days



# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



# SEPTEMBER

# Old Times



# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
				Look out in this month for Romany Roots Festival in Southampton and The Yellow Rose Awards in Kent		



OCTOBER

Autumn Woods



THE GIPSY CAMP NEAR THE KENNELS BETWEEN TANDHURST AND MINSTEAD

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	Stow-on-the-Wold Horse Fair*	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31		
				* Traditionally around the 24th of October, Feast of St David Thursday is the main day			



# NOVEMBER

## For Remembrance

### I'm Only a Child What Do I Know....

People do you know, a long time ago,  
Gypsies hid in the woods, because they had nowhere to go.  
With their coloured wagons and benders too,  
They cooked big pots of rabbit stew.

But people hated them from far and near,  
Don't worry said one man, for I am here,  
I will build gas chambers, so high in the sky,  
Where thousands of them will surely die,  
I'll rid this world of man, woman and child,  
No one of this race will be left in the wild.

But God was good he saved a few  
And sent them out to spread a seed or two.  
In no time at all the world was full,  
With beautiful Gypsies tall and small.  
Their laughter and music, was heard from all over the land,  
This upset the gorjers, so began their new plan.

To get rid of the Travellers and Gypsies too,  
Let's call up the council and see what they do,  
We have built some sites all over the place,  
Why won't these Gypsies stay in one place?  
The sites are not too bad or that good too,  
They are on rubbish tips somewhere near you.

And not only that madam, I've got good news to tell,  
The government's new laws will put them through hell,

The police will run their camps both day and night,  
Big brother will tell if they're not doing right,  
So in a few years, they will be no more,  
Gypsies selling heather at your doors.

We will keep these Gypsies away from people like you,  
The law is with us, there is nothing they can do,  
Don't worry, dear madam, all is well,  
If you see some Gypsies please phone and tell,

I'll send out the council and bailiffs as well.  
To move them on to where I can't tell,  
Then all the land will belong to you and me,  
To build big houses as far as the eye can see,

In hundred of years or maybe more,  
Tony Robinson's grandson, will be knocking on your door,  
He found an earring, along an old path,  
Believed it was from this group in the distant past,

His eyes filled with wonder and glee,  
This is not an earring from you and me,  
He followed the path, to see where it would lead,  
There he found Gypsies still roaming free,

The moral of this poem, as you have read,  
Is Gypsies will survive and racism dead?

by Blue boy Jones





# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Armistice Day				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Universal Childrens' Day*		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30				* From Declaration of the Rights of the Child 1959		



# DECEMBER

A winter's tale, a pedlar's work



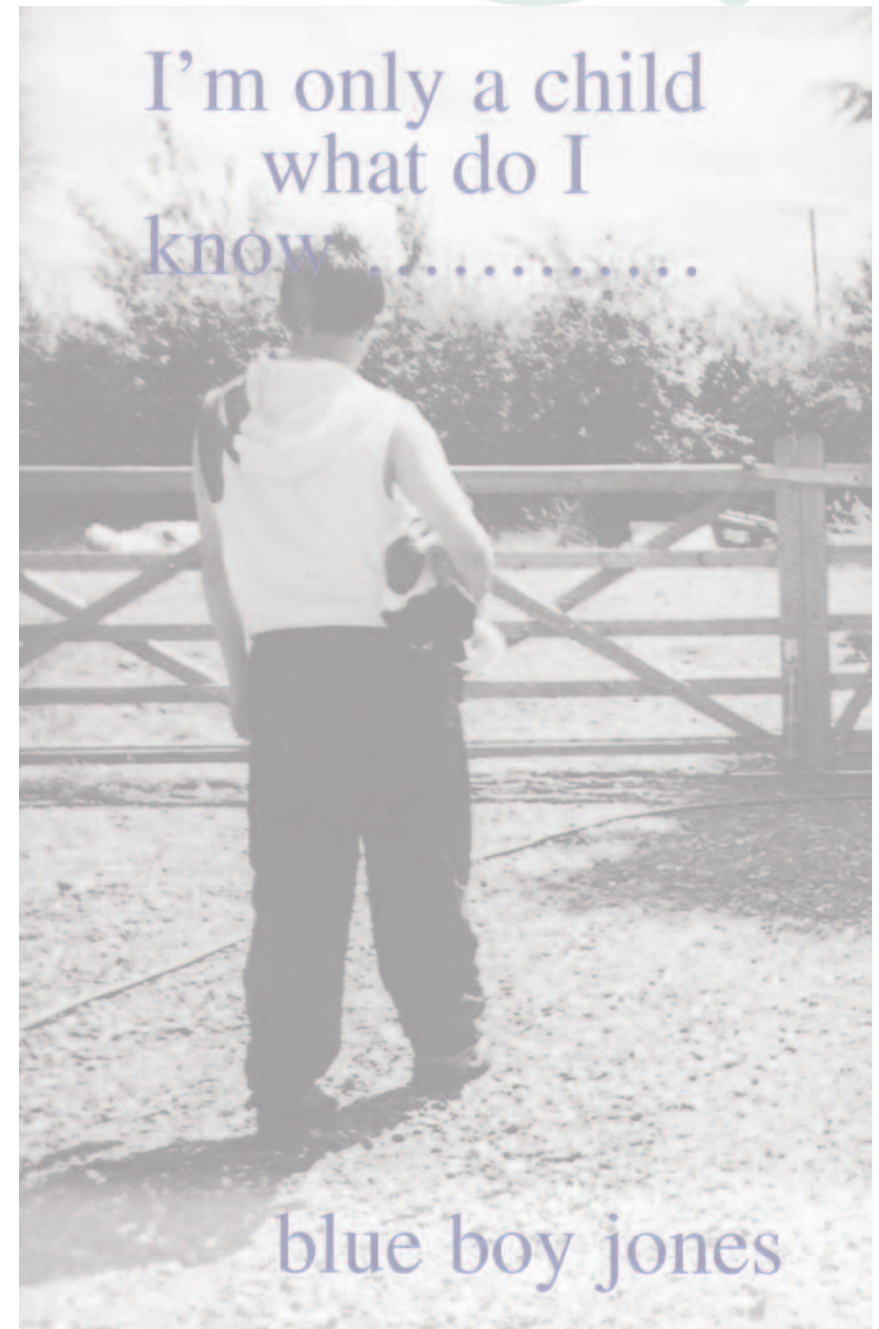
# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	
				25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



# Fire Tales

I watched the orange light,  
A flicker from a spark,  
The smoke was slowly rising,  
As the evening drew to dark,  
I sat there with a cheeky smile,  
And a stick to poke the flame,  
I listened to them tell their tales,  
And the laughter surely came,  
They told of many generations,  
Many that have past,  
They told these tales with passion,  
Knowing they will surely last,  
As I walked off to me trailer,  
And getting myself in bed,  
I wondered will my life and travels,  
Will be told when I am dead,  
The fire is the place,  
For them to keep their dreams alive,  
To tell the tales of many a dream,  
And a generation that survived.



# Contributors to the Calendar

## Lincolnshire Gypsy Liaison Group

Founded Autumn 2005

Constituted Spring 2006

Start up Funded by Allen Lane and Travellers Aid Trust. A pilot scheme to be funded by Supporting People. New Office opened September 1st 2007.

Established to promote more sites and increased understanding of the Gypsy and Traveller way of life

Diversity training, talks in schools.



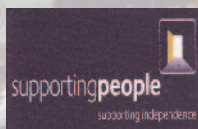
Gainsborough Waterford Enterprise Centre

Unit 11A

Lea Road

Gainsborough

Lincs DN211LX



Contact LGLG@hotmail.co.uk

Tel 01427 619521

Mobile 07507 558359

Fax 01427 619553

With thanks Jan/April history of Acts page.

## The Clearwater Gypsies

The aim of the Clearwater Gypsies is to lead by action. We challenge local authorities to fulfill their legal duty. We discuss Local Development Frameworks to ensure that provision is made for both settled and transit Gypsy Travellers.

We set up our own permanent site and the first transit site in the south of England for 25 years. Both sites are recommended in the good practice guide recommended by government. We did this at our own expense to give an example of what good accommodation for Gypsy people should be. We worked with Southampton council and secured their first transit site secured by one vote (changing one councillor's view) we try to build links with the settled community by staging events such as the Romani Roots festival, that shows Gypsy way of life and culture.

Gypsy people and the general public attended this event over 3,500 this year (2007)

Contact Greg Yates

Tel 01243 572367

With thanks for cover photo & Sept photo.

## Canterbury Gypsy & Traveller Support Group

The group undertake a lot of work in the southern region and are part of the Southern Network. They hold The Yellow Rose Community Award day in September. They present awards to individuals that have dedicated time and effort in improving the accommodation needs or promoting the culture of Romany Gypsy, Irish Travellers and like The East Midlands Gypsy and Travellers Forum includes Showmen. This group has a Youth division also which is very important. Blue Boy who wrote the poem 'I am only a child what do I know' is Gypsy/Traveller member of the youth Parliament.

Moate farm,  
Stodmarsh Road,  
Canterbury, Kent,  
CT3 4AP

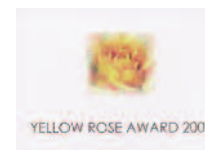
Tel 01227 453441

07765 174141

E-mail Josephjonesct3@aol.com

With thanks for permission to reproduce 'I am only a child what do I know'. Book available from above address.

Groups are on the Federation website also  
[www.nationalgypsytravellerfederation.org](http://www.nationalgypsytravellerfederation.org)  
[info@nationalgypsytravellerfederation.org](mailto:info@nationalgypsytravellerfederation.org)



## Who to contact for help

**Planning Aid** offers free, professional advice on planning issues to people who can't afford to employ consultants. They may be able to help you apply for planning permission.

Contact them on one of their regional numbers:

- East of England: 0870 850 9801
- East Midlands: 0870 850 9802
- Greater London: 020 7247 4900
- North: 0870 850 9803
- North West: 0870 850 9804
- Scotland: 0845 603 7602
- South: 0870 240 7522
- South East: 0870 850 9806
- South West: 0870 850 9807
- Wales: 02920 464225
- West Midlands: 0121 766 8044
- Yorkshire: 0870 850 9808

Or visit [www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk](http://www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk)

Some **planning consultants** specialise in Gypsy and Traveller planning. Consultants charge for their services and most cover the whole country.

- Philip Brown Associates: 01788 570574
- South West Law: 0117 3146400
- Bramwell, Brown, Odedra: 01494 782244
- Michael Cox Associates: 01273 834521
- Alison Heine: 01606 777757
- Planning Solutions LLP Mathew Green  
01952 728873

## Other organisations that may be able to help you:

### **Community Law Partnership: 0845 1202 980**

Includes Travellers Advice Team, 24-hour advice for Gypsies and Travellers including advice on evictions, harassment, planning and discrimination.

### **Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group: 01629 583300**

Provide help and advice on planning issues and can put you in touch with reputable planners. There are also planners that deal specifically with Showman sites.

## Be Aware!!!

Not all solicitors understand Gypsy planning and neither do some planning consultants. Please take good advice or it may cost you more than you bargained for, anything from between £12,000 and £20,000 in fines and a short stay at HM pleasure of 6 days to 3 weeks. We wouldn't want this list getting any longer or worse.

**ChangeUp**

Managed by Capacitybuilders  
Supported by the Cabinet Office

## Getting your site passed

How to apply for planning permission



**MOVING FORWARD**



**DERBYSHIRE GYPSY  
LIAISON GROUP**

Information leaflet by the  
Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group  
[www.dglg.org](http://www.dglg.org)  
email: [info@dglg.org](mailto:info@dglg.org)  
Tel : 01629 583300

## Gypsy sites need to have planning permission to avoid enforcement action or eviction.

This leaflet explains how to apply for planning permission and contains contact details if you need more information.

### Applying for Planning Permission

You need to apply to your local planning authority (usually the District, Borough or City Council) for planning permission.

You will need to send the Council:

- Application forms and certificates
- A plan showing where your site is
- A plan showing the layout and details of your site, such as car parking and hedgerows or fences
- A design and access statement
- A supporting statement

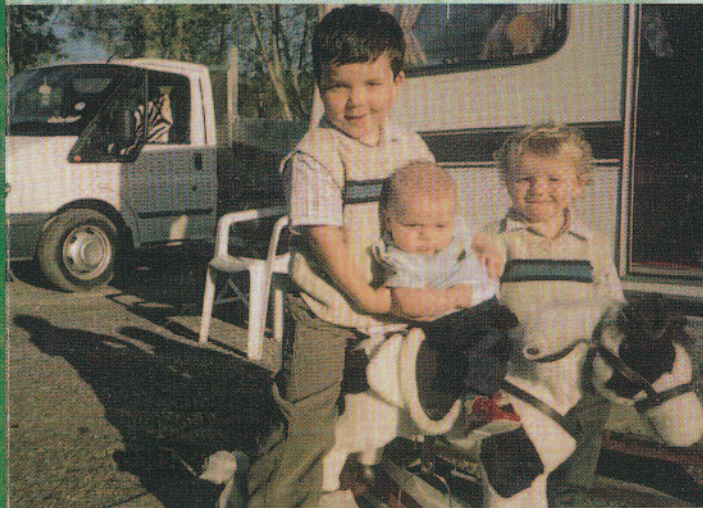
The Design and Access statement should explain what the site will look like, how it fits in with the area and how easy it is to get to local facilities.

Your supporting statement should include why you need the site and relevant information about your situation (for example children attending local schools).

A Planning Officer will deal with your application.

## Remember:

- **ALWAYS** get up-to-date advice on planning. Out-of-date information could prove very costly.
- Make sure you know where your site is so you apply to the right planning authority – sometimes it isn't obvious!
- Make sure your plans meet caravan site licence requirements (for example spacing of trailers, septic tanks)



- Show that you have thought about the environment:
  - Don't put down more hard standing than you really need, especially in rural areas
  - Always plant native trees that grow locally – don't plant fast growing conifers
  - Ask the Council if they will provide a separate bin for your recycling

## The Planning Process

The Planning Officer will:

- Visit your site
- Write to your neighbours
- Investigate issues such as flood risk, noise, pollution and road safety

You can ask people such as your doctor or education support service and local Gypsy/Traveller support group for supportive letters.

Your application will be recommended for approval or refusal. Local councillors will decide whether or not to approve it.

You might be allowed to speak for a few minutes at the meeting.

**BE AWARE!!!!** You cannot discuss your application with them unless they ask you questions and you may only have 3 minutes to get your main points across.

If refused, you can appeal against the decision. An independent Planning Inspector then decides your application.





DERBYSHIRE  
GYPSY LIAISON  
GROUP



MOVING FORWARD