



THE BRITISH
STUNT REGISTER

EST. 1973



Dear All,

Well it's been an extraordinary year. We've gone from being the JISC Stunt Register administered by Equity to the British Stunt Register all in the space of a few months.

And the reason it has been possible was that those of us on the 2 committees (the ESC and the JISC) got the feedback from a lot of the membership who, like us, felt that the Register was very much an established and recognised organisation within the film and TV industry and should continue. And the common voice from the membership was the thing that got it done!

Since then, the many, many meetings and literally thousands of emails have consolidated into the British Stunt Register and we're back on the map in a short enough time that many industry colleagues I've talked to who were unaware of our situation, just took it for granted that we now had an office in Pinewood and everything else was the same!

So we're off on the journey to what will be a far better organisation/association/gathering of similar skilled professionals...call it what you will.. than the old JISC Register where we were at the beck and call of the non-stunt members of both the JISC and JIGS and whose (in many cases) non-appearance of indifferent members meant that we were so often inquorate that membership and upgrade meetings were postponed and cancelled along with some appeals going through for upgrades or applications which were turned down by the ESC for very sound reasons and then overridden by non-stunt people!

We are now self-administering and finally have the opportunity to continue building an organisation for stunt professionals run by stunt professionals.

So, enough of the history. Moving on.

The membership response so far has been really good which is fantastic as even at this time of year's extra expenses, we have been receiving membership subscriptions every day in increasing numbers.

I know I keep banging on about it, but it is YOUR Register and our voice and recognition within the industry is dependent on a strong membership in order for us to continue to improve the professionalism of our aspect of the business.

We'll be looking at various courses in the New Year which will range from a tailored-for-stunties Health and Safety course to First Aid and other relevant stunt specific opportunities. The more people who sign up for these courses, the more knowledge you'll have under your belt and the safer you become either as a performer or a coordinator (and the more people, the cheaper it works out).

I see that Equity are proposing running a series of seminars on the ins and outs of contracts and I would urge as many of you as possible to attend and learn a bit more about your contractual rights (and obligations) so that you understand the working hours on different agreements, the overtime rates and most importantly, the repeats and rights obligations of the employing companies.

So that'll do for the moment. I would take this opportunity to wish everyone my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and I very much look forward to the coming year and the BSR going from strength to strength.

Jim Dowdall

Chairman

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**UPGRADE
APPLICATIONS
WELCOMED**

USEFUL LINKS

- [Personal Accident Insurance](#)
- [Shearwater Insurance Services](#)
- [First Act Insurance](#)
- [Equity Pension Scheme](#)
- Hencilla Canworth: Andy Barker

DISCOUNTS!

Keep your membership cards with you at all times and you will find there are discounts to be had.

The committee have negotiated with various companies so that upon presentation of your membership card you'll get discounts on various relevant products and services. So far [Drift Limits](#), Motorsport World and [David Lloyd](#) fitness clubs are

If you are ready to upgrade please make your intentions known by the 2nd January to Emma at: upgrades@thebritishstuntregister.com.

The next upgrade meeting is scheduled for Sunday 28th January 2018, and you must hand in your paperwork to the office no later than Thursday 18th January 2018. Please ensure your documents are presented in an organised and accessible form. You will be required to attend the meeting in person and details of your time-slot will be emailed to you in the new year.

Just a reminder the office opening hours are:

Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm. Note the office is closed from Friday 22nd December and re-opens on 2nd January.

Santa's Chills n' Thrills



>>>> We have it on good authority that the ultimate stunt man has a nightmare with his Risk Assessment every December, but it's worth it for the summer fun...ho ho ho.

Merry Christmas to all.



Your membership cards and welcome pack will be issued throughout January. Your current grade will be applied and is colour coded.



BIDDING OPEN!

As membership cards will be numbered we are auctioning the coveted membership number "007". Every penny raised will be split between the [Mark Milsome](#) family fund and [The Variety Club of Great Britain](#).

Click [here](#) to be taken to the auction website for your chance to be a *Double O*.



STUNT NEWS

Read all about it!

Most obviously the big news is that the stunties are doin' it for themselves! A new year is coming and brings with it a new British Stunt Register.

participating. For the David Lloyd Brooklands Christmas Offer and corporate deals for 2018 give Georgie in the membership team a call on 01932 827 908, and mention the British Stunt Register. In the coming months we hope to add a few restaurants and hotels to the list. If any members have businesses that can offer your fellow stunt performers deals on products or services please let us know - it's a great way of building positive vibes and contributing to the register.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Do you know of an event we should tell everyone about? Email us !



It's awards season again and we are aware that many of you worked on nominated productions such as Dunkirk, Wonder Woman and Game of Thrones. Click to see the [nominations](#).

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We welcome submissions of significant news that you feel should be shared in our newsletter - to submit your news suggestions please email: newsletter@thebritishstuntregister.com

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WHY NOT HEAD ON OVER THERE AND GIVE YOURSELVES A LIKE...



We expect our [website](#) to be up and running during January so please bear with us and do check our holding page for the link to the auction site.



Applications are coming in thick and fast, but please do get your completed and signed membership application form back to us along with your payment as soon as possible - remember your membership starts on 1st Feb!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I thought I was a member of the register - why have I been sent an application pack to join again?

A: The JISC register which was supported by PACT, JIGS and Equity no longer exists, therefore you are not a member of the old register. This newly formed association assumes the same role and functions as the former JISC register, and is to the best of our knowledge, the only organisation administering and grading stunt professionals in the UK.

Q: Why should I join the British Stunt Register?

A: Being part of the BSR signifies your commitment to being a stunt professional and shows support for both your colleagues and the industry as a whole. By joining us, you are recognised as part of an elite association which is envied the world over. The stunt register was formed in 1973 and since then a great number of members have benefited from very lucrative careers borne out of the hard work of like-minded individuals protecting all our interests. The BSR intend to continue this practise for many years to come.

Q: What happens if I don't join the register?

A: There is no obligation to join the BSR but as a member you will be included in the stunt register book and become part of an association whose aims are to develop a safe and well respected

stunt community in the UK. The BSR is the "go to place" for the BBC and ITV and most other production companies, so if you are not a member you may miss out.

Q: If I join can I work for non-member coordinators?

A: We cannot restrict your work practices however we would always encourage you to work with BSR registered stunt coordinators.

Q: Why do I have to pay now, and what will I get?

A: Please help us get the membership applications processed in good time by submitting your documents and making payment as soon as you can - we expect to have a lot of membership cards to print and send out in January before the start date of 1st February.

The cost of your membership has been very carefully considered and calculated to cover our set up expenses and the running costs of an office infrastructure: rent, phone, equipment, a member of staff etc - all of which in the past was provided free of charge by Equity but now comes at a cost.

Membership benefits include advertising in the stunt register book which will be distributed to the industry professionals, plus discounts for various equipment and training schools - we are looking to expand on these in the near future.

Q: How long have I got to get my Stunt Book entry sorted out?

A: The latest possible deadline to receive your entry form and photographs at the office is January 31st 2018 - please try to submit your particulars as soon as possible so we don't have a deluge on the last day. Admin thanks you in advance.

Q: On the Stunt Book Entry Form the address box is too small, can I make it bigger?

A: No, we have to admit the form was designed with digital form filling in mind. We're sorry if you're trying to fill it in by hand and don't have space. Please use the space around the box if necessary for now and we will re-design the form in due course. Please ensure you keep us updated with your current address and we can fill in that part of the stunt book entry form for you if necessary.

Q: Will upgrades be happening soon, and why do I have to attend in person?

A: Yes! As you can see the first Upgrade meeting is now scheduled for Sunday 28th January 2018. but please make sure you hand in your documents to the office by the 18th January. By attending in person we have the opportunity to discuss the upgrade with you and any queries may be dealt with immediately, avoiding the possibility of rejecting of your application.

Q: When can we vote for changes to the committee members?

A: We decided to keep the current committee for the first twelve months as we had all been instrumental in structuring and creating the British Stunt Register. We feel our inside knowledge and experience is invaluable during this initial phase. Elections for the new committee will take place in Oct / Nov 2018.

JUST FOR FUN:

Emma has a big packet of Maltesers to send to the first person to email

Newsletter@thebritishstuntregister.com

with the name of the man reading the newspaper in the black and white photograph above.

Help us to handle your enquiries efficiently by choosing the relevant email address:

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Upgrade queries/submissions: upgrades@thebritishstuntregister.com

Committee queries/suggestions: committee@thebritishstuntregister.com

Trainee's joining the register: applications@thebritishstuntregister.com

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