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Nic Millington

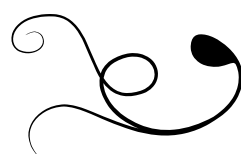


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about the role and value of education in the lives of Gypsies and Travellers, and has worked for the last eight years for Worcestershire County Council Gypsy Roma and Traveller Education Service. She is also keenly aware of the impact that persistent negative reporting by the media has on our communities. The Travellers' Times is the perfect place for Lisa to engage more young people and ensure that they have a voice and can share their stories and aspirations for the future.

We are also delighted to have appointed Chris Smith as The Travellers' Times new Project Manager. Chris is a Romany Traveller and a highly skilled and experienced manager, having until recently been running two of Herefordshire County Council's largest day centres with teams of over 30 staff. Chris is also Vice Chair of West Mercia Police Independent Advisory Group specialising in Romany Gypsies and Travellers, as well as regularly training West Mercia police officers.

Lisa and Chris join Damian Le Bas, Charles Newland and our Editor, Mike Doherty, and I am sure you will agree with me that with such a hugely skilful and knowledgeable team the future for The Travellers' Times looks bright.

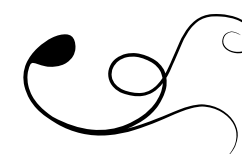
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L-R Keith Dighton and Asa Wilson of the British Catapult Association

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NEWS

Read all about it



PHOTO: © DEREK SPEIRS | Travellers and supporters celebrate outside the Dail'



TRAVELLERS CELEBRATE STATE RECOGNITION OF ETHNIC STATUS IN IRELAND

Travellers and Pavee are celebrating victory after decades of campaigning finally led to the formal recognition of their status as an ethnic group by the Irish state.

Politicians and the public cheered and applauded in the Dáil (Irish parliament) on Wednesday, March 1st, as Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Enda Kenny made the "historic" announcement.

"This announcement shines a light on Travellers' rich distinct history and culture and sends out a message of respect and inclusion," said Pavee Point Director Martin Collins.

"It also lays to rest notions that Travellers are a primitive, dysfunctional, failed settled people who originated from the famine and who just need to be normalised and civilised by the State," he added.

Minceirs Whiden (Cant for Travellers talking), Ireland's all Traveller forum, also welcomed the statement by Enda Kenny and said that it "sets the foundation for a new relationship between the Traveller community and the settled community". They added that the relationship would be "based on respect for cultural difference and inclusion".

"Minceirs Whiden believes this is a very positive step and hope this will set a new foundation for the future where Irish Traveller

culture, history and our community's contribution to Irish society is recognised and respected," they said.

The Irish Traveller Movement also welcomed the "historic" statement and gave thanks to all the campaigners that made it happen.

"We now need to make this count for every Traveller living on this island and build and strengthen our movement to ensure that we meet the challenge for tomorrow and make equality real".

"We applaud every one of you for your tireless dedicated work and commend our brother and sister organisations, Pavee Point, National Traveller Women's Forum and Mincier Whiden."

Martin Collins said that the historic decision was a big step forward, but recognised that the fight for equality for Travellers continued – and that it would be led by future generations of Travellers "with pride in their identity".

"We know that acknowledging Traveller ethnicity does not solve the problems that Travellers face in their daily lives – discrimination, unemployment, lack of proper accommodation and poor educational outcomes," said Martin Collins.

"But respect for our culture has the potential to deconstruct centuries of internalised shame within the Traveller community and allow future generations of Travellers to grow up with pride in their identity."



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LONDON GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

London Gypsies and Travellers have launched a campaign to tackle prejudice and racism.

The campaign, called #weareallsomanythings, is designed to work through both the mainstream media and online social media.

The campaign was launched at London's City Hall and you can find out more at the London Gypsies and Travellers brand-new website at londongypsiesandtravellers.org.uk

"Gypsies and Travellers are active and vibrant members of local communities. They work, take part in local charities, take their children to school just like many other people; they have skills and potential which with a little support can empower them to become equal members of society," say London Gypsies and Travellers.

LEGAL CHALLENGE TO 'DISCRIMINATORY' DEFINITION LAW FORGES AHEAD



PHOTO: © NATASHA QUARMBY | Dosta Grinta Rally



PHOTO: © MIKE DOHERTY
James Probert and his father Nathan Probert at the recent Travelling Ahead Youth Forum

WELSH YOUTH AIMS FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES

James Probert, the Welsh flyweight youth champion, is hoping to be picked for this year's Commonwealth Youth Games in Barbados. He will be joined by John Paul Wilson, another young boxer.

A holder of the Sports Pembrokeshire Boxing Award for two years running, James will also soon be competing for the GB flyweight youth title.

James Probert trains at Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Amateur Boxing Club where his father Nathan Probert (pictured) has been a coach for nine years.

The club has been training boxers of all ages since the 1950s.

Community Law Partnership are challenging a highly controversial new planning definition on behalf of a Gypsy woman in a battle that could lead to the High Court.

In August 2015 the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government changed the definition of Gypsy/ Traveller for planning purposes, sparking a protest and a petition to the government by Gypsy and Traveller campaigners that was covered in the November 2016 issue of The Travellers' Times Magazine.

"We have been arguing since then that the definition is discriminatory, prejudicial, unreasonable and disproportionate especially as regards those Gypsies and Travellers who are old, disabled, in serious ill health or caring for others," said the lawyers for Mrs Nunn.



PHOTO: © THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL | Roma Pupils visit the Belsen Memorial

ROMA PUPILS HONOUR SOLDIERS WHO LIBERATED BELSEN

A group of Roma pupils from Birmingham joined British soldiers in a visit to the site of a former Holocaust Concentration Camp in Germany to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to honour the British soldiers who died liberating it.

The pupils, from The International School, Birmingham, and Lieutenant Ted Prettyjohn and Sergeant Luke Mason from 1st Battalion The Mercian Regiment, visited the former Nazi concentration camp at Belsen. The trip was organised by the school with the help of the Armed Forces Covenant.



PHOTO: John Cunningham

GYPSY WAR HERO HONOURED IN SCUNTHORPE

A memorial stone was unveiled in Scunthorpe for Gypsy John Cunningham, who won the Victoria Cross medal for his bravery in the First World War – when he was only 19 years old.

The unveiling took place on Sunday 13 November 2016 as part of the Remembrance Day service in Scunthorpe.

Communities Minister Lord Bourne said that heroes like John Cunningham remain "inspiring".

"The stone laid to remember John Cunningham is a fitting tribute to his extraordinary strength and courage," said Lord Bourne.

"A century may have passed but heroes like John Cunningham who fought and died for their community and nation are as inspiring as ever. We all owe them our gratitude."

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BARONESS WHITAKER 'CUTS THE TURF' FOR GYPSY CO-OP



PHOTO: © MIKE DOHERTY
L-R: Roger Lee, Pandit Veerendra Rishi, Margy Penny, Olley Brazil, Joe Jones and Garry Brazil

Baroness Janet Whitaker has opened the Gypsy Cooperative's planned development of a new national community and resource centre for Romany Gypsies and Travellers to come together and tackle prejudice.

The Baroness, a member of the Parliamentary group for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers and a colleague of the late Traveller rights champion Lord Avebury, was invited by the Gypsy Cooperative and the Gypsy Council down to Blossom Lodge, a Traveller site near Coxheath in Kent, to 'cut the turf' for the foundations of the new community building.

"I think all politicians should come down to this wonderful place and meet with the people organising this," the Baroness said. "Blossom Lodge looks like a wonderful place to live and the residents here are a valuable part of their local community."

The Gypsy Cooperative said that the planned community centre would be an

educational, cultural and community resource for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in the UK.

"It's about the community building something for themselves and providing for themselves," said Joseph Jones of the Gypsy Council and Gypsy Cooperative.

The ½ acre of land for the new centre has been donated to the project by Romany Gypsy businessman Roger Lee, owner of S&B Developers.

Mr Lee told The Travellers' Times that he wanted the centre to help provide an education for young Gypsy and Traveller people.

"I am fortunate to have been successful in business and I want to put something back," he said.

Mr Lee – who was born and brought up on the road – said that his own education through school "had not been great", but that he had learnt to be a successful businessman in car rentals and land developing through experience.

"One of the things that I hope the centre will be put to use for," said Mr Lee, "is to teach business skills to young Gypsies and Travellers, so that they get the opportunities I got."

Baroness Whitaker also unveiled a brass plaque on a memorial dedicated to past campaigners who had helped Gypsies and Travellers fight for their rights.

The inscription on the brass plaque reads:

"The Gypsy Council UK and the Gypsy Cooperative dedicate this remembrance plaque to:

Norman Dodds MP, Donald Kenrick, Lord Eric Avebury, Lady Bridget Plowden and Pastor John Charles Lywood for their outstanding contribution to the Romany Gypsy and Traveller community."

Read more about the Gypsy Council at The Travellers' Time Online at www.travellerstimes.org.uk

"I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE BURNING INJUSTICES EXPERIENCED BY GYPSIES, ROMA & TRAVELLERS"



Kate Green MP

How ethnicity is recorded matters. By recording and recognising Gypsy and Traveller ethnicity, we help to highlight the discrimination and disadvantage these communities face. Most importantly, it helps us to challenge this discrimination and disadvantage.

That is why the announcement in March that Ireland would finally recognise Irish Traveller ethnicity was met with such delight by the community, activists and campaigners.

But formal recognition of ethnicity is not enough if public services nonetheless fail to include Gypsies and Travellers. This is sadly what we continue to see here in the UK. Despite Gypsies and Travellers being protected ethnic groups, some public services, such as the NHS, continue to overlook them in monitoring systems.

That is something I am passionate about challenging and changing, and why I began working with the Traveller Movement and the Irish Chaplaincy to change the ethnic monitoring system used in youth justice.

I was delighted last month when, after my continuing to push the government for change and securing a debate in Parliament, Ministers finally agreed to update youth justice monitoring systems to include Gypsies and Travellers.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH GRT GROUPS AND THE GRT COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD.

This will have a transformative impact for young Gypsies and Travellers in custody, who have some of the very worst experiences and greater care needs. It will help ensure these children receive more support than they currently do.

But while this was an important victory, the fight does not stop there.

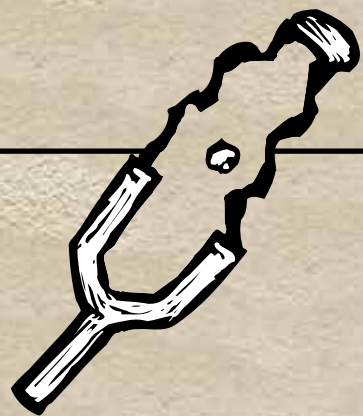
Not only must we ensure that the youth justice system does indeed give GRT children in custody the very best chance of living happy, positive and constructive lives on release, we must also ensure other services, like the NHS, include GRT communities.

That is why I will continue to challenge the government, and continue to fight the corner for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in Parliament. I want to show that Parliament can be a force for good in addressing the burning injustices these communities face.

I look forward to working with GRT groups and the GRT community to make sure their voices are heard.

And together we will show that the discrimination and injustices Gypsies, Roma and Travellers face will no longer be tolerated.





AIMING FOR THE OLYMPICS THE CATAPULT KINGS

Photos by Jean Goldsmith

Keith Dighton and Asa Wilson (l-r front cover), along with three others, co-founded the British Catapult Association (BCA) and run competitive catapult tournaments across the UK.

They recognised a need for people to shoot with catapults on a competitive basis because the standard of skill was so high, but there was nowhere to progress to.

The BCA has been running for 5 years and was soon joined in competitive catapult shooting by the UK Catapult Association. The sport is constantly expanding and events take place three

times a year throughout the UK and lots of men and young boys from the Travelling community are taking part.

Keith Dighton has been catapulting for as long as he can remember and he was taught by his grandfather and father. He has been shooting competitively - both at 'field' events and target shooting - for nearly five years and 'absolutely loves it'.

Asa Wilson is a maker of catapults and has had such demand that he has given up his previous day job in order to produce high quality custom catapults which are used by some of the best shooters in the UK.

Many of the regular competitors are aiming to make catapulting an Olympic recognised sport and there are now catapulting events and associations in Spain, Ireland, Italy and the USA.

The Travellers' Times Mike Doherty and photographer Jean Goldsmith turned up to a shoot in Newport to investigate.

Read more about the new sport in our feature soon to be published online at www.travellerstimes.org.uk.



Mick Moodley, Kane Medley and Norman Bruton



Ambrose Draper



Zack Roberts: UK Junior Champion, Evan Dunkley, Lewis Bower



Ian "Skipman" Jones, Joefe Botton, Joe Clark and Narry Botton from the UK Catapult Association



Competitors win medals and "bragging rights"



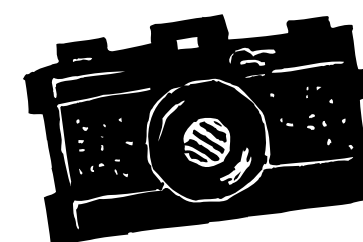
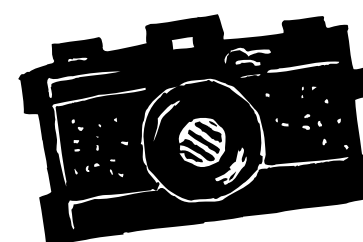
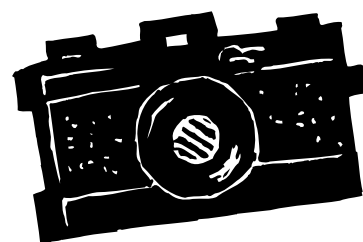
Keith Dighton Jr



Keith Dighton with Kevin Lloyd, fellow BCA founder

FEET ON THE GROUND

An arts project by Leeds GATE



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FEET ON THE GROUND IS SUPPORTED WITH FUNDING FROM
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FEET ON THE GROUND is an art project by Leeds GATE, exploring the history of stopping-places around Leeds. Old stopping-places might be the “stately homes” of Gypsy and Traveller culture, the places we can visit to remember or learn about the history of roadside life. But there are no blue plaques to mark them, no maps or statues to say they matter. Nothing to see. Still - scratch the surface of the city, and there they are, like a hidden seam of gold.

The artists (Delaine Le Bas, Vanessa Cardui, Rudi Holmes, Grace O'Neill) are trying to commemorate them. We're looking at old photos and newspapers; listening to stories; going out with Leeds GATE members to places they used to stop. We've recorded people talking about what life was like then, and how it feels now to stand in these places full of memories. Before we leave each place, we collect a handful of earth; each one will be displayed in its own little decorative metal box, made by young people at Leeds GATE.

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M		20	5	56	15, East Grove Square		Our lady & Good Council.
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M	C	31	1	57	Caravan -	William	none
M	D	17	4	57	13, Royal Rd.	John	none
F	D	23	10	55	27, Hillside Rd.	James	Humlet Inscr.
M	D	11	7	56	48, Anchor Place	Samuel	St. James Bradford.
F	D	15	9	56	39, Woodhouse Hill Rd.	-	none
M		26	2	56	36, Prospect, Tarncliffe	Martin	St. Anne's R.C.
F		10	4	55	Caravan - Humlet	-	none
F		11	7	56	no. Leathley Road.	Stephen	none



We've found:

Stopping places from the 1950s, tucked right into the heart of town.

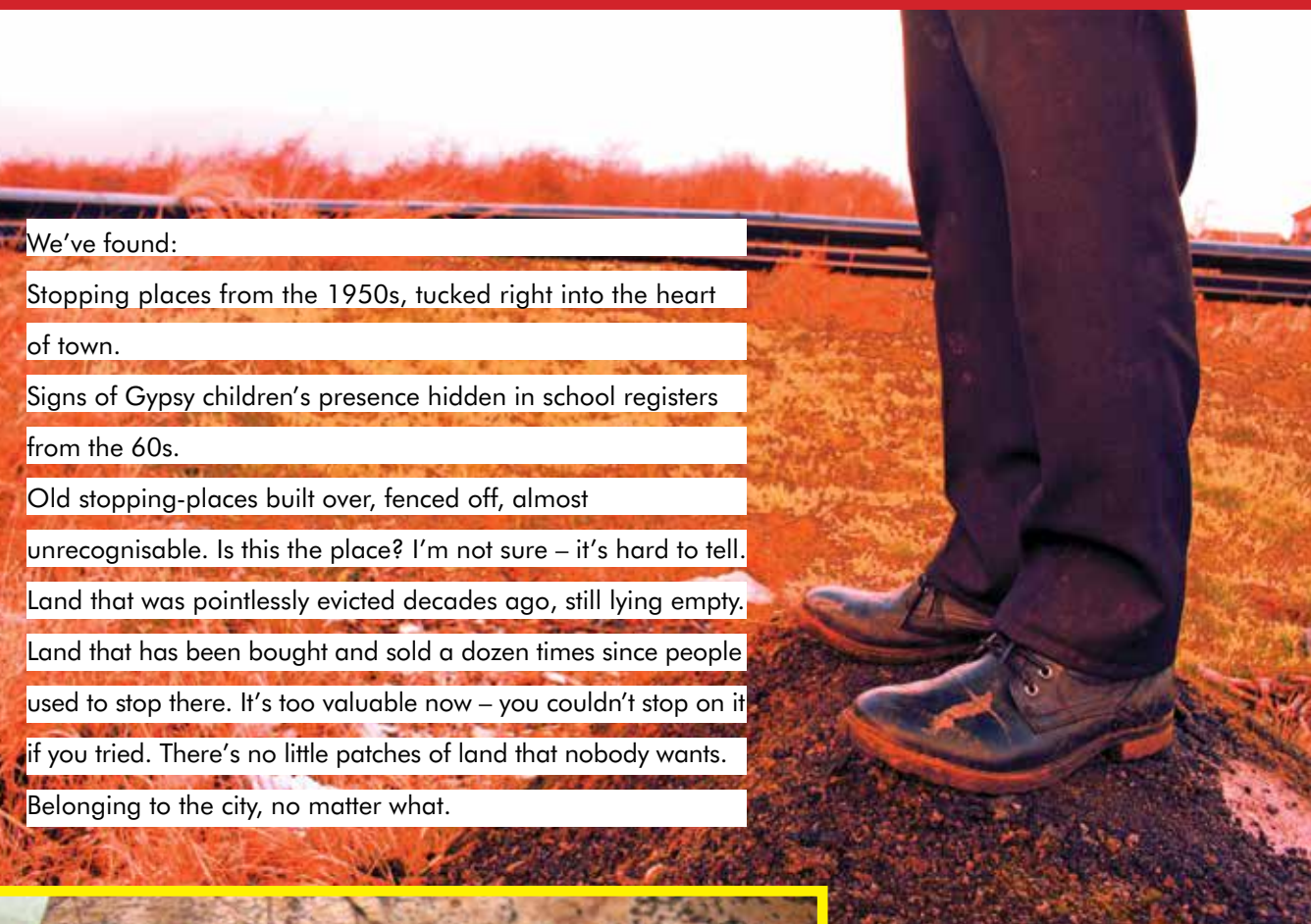
Signs of Gypsy children's presence hidden in school registers from the 60s.

Old stopping-places built over, fenced off, almost unrecognisable. Is this the place? I'm not sure - it's hard to tell.

Land that was pointlessly evicted decades ago, still lying empty.

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Read more on our blog: <https://feetonthegroundart.wordpress.com>
and visit our exhibition at Leeds GATE in May and at East Street Arts, Leeds, in July. Full details on the blog soon.





DELAINE LE BAS

Profile

PHOTO: © MIKE DOHERTY | Delaine Le Bas performs 'On the Reservation'



Delaine Le Bas is a graduate of the influential Saint Martin's School of Art, and a Traveller and anti-racism campaigner. The Travellers' Times caught up with her at the Tetley Art Gallery in Leeds where she was helping to launch the Leeds GATE 'Feet on the Ground' project (see page 10–11) with a performance artwork and installation called 'On the Reservation'. Delaine told us about her "strange and interesting journey" to becoming an important and recognised professional artist.

"It's been a strange and interesting journey. I was really interested in fashion and clothing, that's why I went to art school, but I ended up being an artist, although clothing and costuming is also part of what I do as well," says Delaine.

The eldest daughter out of five brothers and sisters, Delaine was the one that liked going to school.

"I actually liked going to school which was difficult because I am the only one out of five of us that finished school.

And then I had ideas about going to Art College." says Delaine. It was at art school that Delaine met her husband – also a Traveller – an event that Delaine describes as akin to "winning the lottery".

Delaine says her art is about identity and politics. "Feminism is in there as well," she says. "It's also about racism and the different forms that takes, how complex it is, and about where different people stand in society. It's all wrapped up together and very often a lot of what I am doing has got all of those themes in it."

The theme of racism and identity is palpable in the short piece of performance art she performs in her pavilion tent outside the Tetley Gallery. During the performance, Delaine puts on her artificial 'face' – using thick stage make-up – with which she then has to confront the outside world with her true identity hidden.

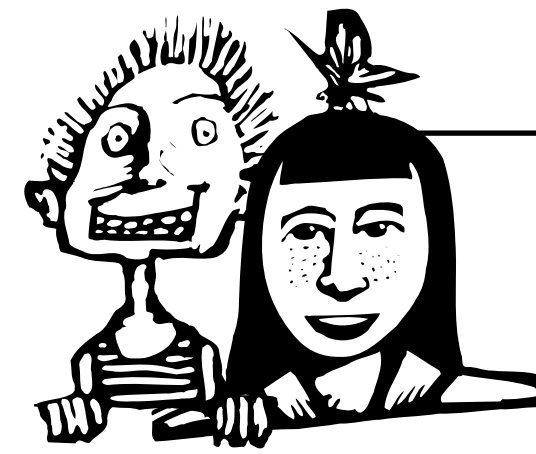
"I got to be honest, until I started school I was completely sheltered from how racist people can be," says Delaine.

"When I started school that's when it started. It was hard and it wasn't only the other kids it was the teachers as well and it didn't stop. So I had to be quite determined when I went in and I was just going to get on with it. I don't agree with any form of racism because I feel that it has a massive impact on people and I think some people find it really difficult to cope with it and some never get over it."

Delaine has a message to all young Gypsies and Travellers who want to become artists or work in other professions like "academics, political stuff, art, and music".

"I think sometimes you have to know that you can jump in and you can swim and it will be alright," says Delaine.

"Put yourself forward – we need more people," she laughs.



YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER FOR YOUTH FORUM IN WALES



PHOTO: © MIKE DOHERTY | Trudy and the Travelling Ahead Advisory Group; Bronwyn Price, Charlie Jenkins, Ricky Price, Trudy Aspinwall, Tyrone Price, Nicole Miller.



PHOTO: © MIKE DOHERTY | TRAVELLERS' TIMES WORKSHOP | Annemarie Maund, Dinah Riley, Scarlett Smith, Levi Price, The TT's Lisa Smith and Michael Doherty



PHOTO: © MIKE DOHERTY | Romani Cultural and Arts Association with Julie Morgan AM; Jane Price, Isaac Blake, Julie Morgan and Shianna Price.

Welsh young people (and a few adults!) gathered together to discuss and debate Gypsy and Traveller life in Wales at the Travelling Ahead Ninth National Forum in Powys, Wales.

The event was held on March 3rd at Baskerville Hall and Welsh Assembly Member Julie Morgan AM launched the event with a presentation, alongside the Travelling Ahead Youth Advisory Group.

Julie Morgan AM promised the young people who came that the Welsh Government would work for them and not against them.

"The Welsh Assembly is committed to giving young people the best opportunities they can in life," she said.

The TT ran a workshop at the forum on how to get your voice heard.

Michael Doherty, a young Irish Traveller, said he would create more stopping places and Traveller sites if he was Prime Minister for a day.

"If there were more stopping places for us to live, then there wouldn't be Travellers pulling onto playing fields and there would be less trouble," he said.

"Everyone should have somewhere to live or to pull on to," he added.

Well done Michael – you just got your voice heard in The TT Magazine!

See more pictures from the Travelling Ahead Youth Forum at the Travellers' Times Online at:

www.travellerstimes.org.uk

OBITUARIES

PHOTO: © CHARLES NEWLAND
Peter Mercer



PETER MERCER MBE (22.1.1934 – 17.1.2017)

Peter was a proud father of 10 children; Paul, Maria, Kerry, Yvette, Peter, Gary and John (two of whom pre-deceased their father). Peter and his third wife Ruth, had Terry, Nathan and Charmaine.

Family was very important to Peter, who, as well as his 10 children, had over 20 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. His daughter Kerry tells me, "Our Dad has always been our hero."

In the early 1950s Peter joined the Army with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He was awarded medals for both his service in the Suez Canal and in Cypress. Peter was also Tri-Service Boxing Champion for three years in a row whilst serving.

He is probably best remembered for his tireless campaigning for the rights of Gypsies and Travellers over the last forty or more years. Active with the East Anglian Gypsy Council, his work also took him to Europe. Pete is probably most well-known for his crucial role in the landmark Court of Appeal judgment in Commission for Racial Equality v Dutton, which established that Romany Gypsies were entitled to protection under the United Kingdom's Race Relations Act. Latterly Peter was Chair of the Trustees for the National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups.

Peter's lifetime work for Gypsies and Travellers was officially recognised in 2000 when he was awarded the MBE for his work.

Travellers have lost a great ambassador, advocate and supporter, we have all lost a good and loyal friend. It's fitting that the last words should go to the Gypsies and Travellers themselves, there is no more fitting tribute than the way they describe Pete in their own words. In no particular order; "A great man, a proper gentleman, a wonderful human being, a lovely man, will be very sadly missed and never forgotten."

The man with the big moustache, the Romany Rye ... will still be telling stories round the campfire.

By Ryalla Duffy

PHOTO: © LYNDA STUTCHBERRY
Bill Rogers



A TRIBUTE TO BILL ROGERS (1926 – 2016)

Reginald Rogers (known as Bill) was born 2 November 1926 the oldest boy of eight siblings at Reginald and Alice Rogers smallholding home on the Mannings Heath at Poole, Dorset.

Bill had attended the two local schools at Branksome Heath and Kemp Welch as a child, thus many of Bill's school friends were from the local Travelling community, like the Turners, Warrens, Stanleys, Phillips, Coles, Cherretts, Smalls, Coopers, Scotts, Crutchers and the Sherwoods.

As a child Bill had grown up with an interest and love of wildlife spending much of his free time on the family smallholding and rabbiting on the Canford Heath along with his younger brother Tony and their many dogs and ferrets.

On leaving school Bill worked at the local garage before joining the 4th Dorset Regiment, spending time in Italy, Palestine and Israel. After the war Bill worked as a truck driver and in the local clay pits with his brother Tony, before working for his cousin Sid who ran Rogers Transport Company.

Bill had an avid interest in goldfinches, breeding them with canaries and their young were renowned as excellent song birds. Bill soon became adept at creating bird boxes, aviaries and lofts for his many canaries, pigeons and doves and was well known as a pigeon fancier breeding prize racing pigeons.

It was whilst working at Rogers Transport that Bill had first met Win, the lady who was to become the love of his life.

In his later years Bill spent much time on the local golf links on the Purbeck accompanying his cousin Sid Rogers until Sid's untimely death. In recent years Bill greatest joy has been spending time with his three grandchildren, Lisa, Lee and Mark.

By Raymond Wills



WHEN IS A TRAVELLER NOT A TRAVELLER?

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The answer is when the Government decides they are not. The new definition of Gypsy and Traveller for planning purposes brought in by the Government since August 2015 excludes those Gypsies and Travellers who have stopped travelling permanently because of age, disability or ill health. The Travellers Advice Team at Community Law Partnership are very keen on taking challenges to this outrageous change in the definition of Gypsies and Travellers and have just lodged one such challenge.

The Travellers' Advice Team (TAT) at Community Law Partnership (CLP) provide advice and representation to Gypsies and Travellers throughout England in the following areas:-

- Evictions from unauthorised encampments
- Evictions from rented sites (local authority, housing association and private)
- Serious disrepair on rented sites
- High Court Planning Appeals
- Planning Injunctions
- Stop Notices and direct action
- Homelessness (including for those in houses who need a pitch)
- Allocation of pitches on local authority sites
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