

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL UNION

RAG APPEAL 1953

In aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes and St. Christopher's School *(for handicapped children)*



VICTORIA ROOMS,
BRISTOL 8

Chairman:

W. J. MELLORS

Secretary:

E. V. WILFORD

12th February, 1953

Associated British Pathe Ltd.,
Film House,
Wardour Street,
London, W.1.

Dear Sir,

At the beginning of next month the students of this University will be holding their Rag Week, which has as its climax a procession of about 50 decorated drays and a battle between students of rival Universities with soot and rotten fruit.

These events are, to say the least, spectacular and eminently suitable for newsreel presentation. We ourselves have two films taken at past Rags which find universal popularity wherever they are shown.

We would therefore like to invite you to come and record this year's Rag which we hope will soon be as nationally known as last years.

The programme is as shown on the back of the attached ticket counterfoils, which also give some information of our Car Competition with a new Hillman Minx as first prize.

Yours truly,

Chairman.

Oh yes - we will cover the soot & rotten fruit fight.

c.c. Mr. Howard Thomas.

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February 25th, 1953.

W. J. Mellors Esq.,
Chairman,
University of Bristol Union Rag Appeal 1953,
Victoria Rooms,
Bristol 8.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of February 12th and we are pleased to accept your invitation to film your Rag for the newsreel.

Naturally we would wish to send on the day on which we could obtain the best material. Would this be March 7th? We would like to get the soot and rotten fruit fight. Perhaps you will contact us again?

Yours faithfully,
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27th FEB 1953

Secretary :
E. V. WILFORD

Associated British Pathe Ltd.,
Pathe House 133/135 Oxford St.,
London W.1.

*Four cameras
see me
see us of good
thing to rag
in parliament*

Dear Sir,

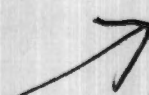
Thank you for your letter of the 25th inst. We are very pleased to see that you will be able to come.

The day on which you would obtain the best material would be Saturday the 7th of March. The full programme for this day will be as follows:-

All Morning there will be students in fancy dress of all kinds ,collecting from the public. During this time there will be all sorts of minor stunts going on.

At 2.pm.The Procession will form up and leave the Victoria Rooms at 2.30. to tour Bristol by the following route;- Queens Road, Park St., Centre, Baldwin St., Bristol Bridge, Bath St., Philip St., Tower Hill , Old Market St., Careys Lane, Ellbroad St., Broadmead, Merchant St., Broadmead, Union St., Lower Maudlin St., Upper Maudlin St., Park Row, Queens Rd.

This Procession will consist of 50 or more decorated drays with many hundreds of students in all manner of dress.



It will be led by the Royal Artillery Mounted band from Aldershot, and the spectacle should be a really terrific occasion.

When the Procession returns to the Victoria rooms at 4.30 The Battle will Commence- A castle has been built in which 'pirates from Southampton University Will be holding a female hostage. This will be attacked by Students from Bristol Who will try to recapture the hostage . In the middle of the battle more students from Birmingham will join in as a Peace Protest and a Bloddthirsty scene of carnage should ensue. The weapons will be bags of flour and soot and guns firing feathers will be used.

I expect that you will be making your own arrangements, but I think that at least two cameras would be necessary. This year there is a scaffolding built nearby which overlooks the Battlefield which should make a good position to film from.

If you want any further information could you phone this office (Bristol 38274) any afternoon after 12pm when we would quite willingly make any further arrangements necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Chairman.