2016 – Childhood's end

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2016: International Year …
Of Pulses
Of Global Understanding
And, from the evidence,
… Of Quixotic Naivety

Because this year left us speechless…

Once again, our year is told in pictures.

January

We appeared in a book written by David Hardy. The book launch was in Australia, so we sent a video … http://www.ragandboneman.org/store/p4/BOLD.html

May

27th: For the birds! A set of bird houses were displayed near Stratford International station (which has no international connections). As well as the Orbit and the Westminster clock tower, the set includes Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge. They will eventually be relocated around the Olympic Park, but they are currently still waiting outside the station…

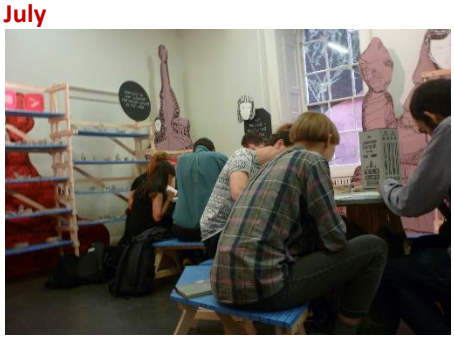
June

4th: The Pink Singers Summer concert, **One Night Only**, in which Philip played Jupiter (from *Orphée aux Enfers*) with a very camp thunderbolt. This was the best Pink concert so far, in Martin's opinion. (This is a picture from the final rehearsal.)

20th: The Pink Singers took part in a concert of support for the Orlando shooting victims, at St Pancras Parish Church hear Euston.

25th: Philip being interviewed for London Live TV during the Pride parade. He was interviewed twice that day!

July



Through July and August: Martin took part in *A Night School on Anarres*, an art project at Somerset House. His role was to create and teach an artificial language, Pravic, based on Ursula Le Guin's *The Dispossessed*. For more on Pravic (ᒣᑦᑎᒐ) and the whole art project, see:

http://martinedwardes.webplus.net/pravic/

August

13th: We attended the Pride Run in Victoria Park again this year. There was quite a large contingent of Pinkies, as this post-event picture shows – and they don't look like they've just run 10kms!

18th: Matt, one of our surrogate sons, reached 50. Now that makes us feel old! He had a meal at a Turkish restaurant in Islington with many friends.

Mr Jeffrey Simmons (right), managing director of the publishers W. H. Allen, arguing with members of the Gay Liberation Front who protested in London yesterday about the firm's publication of a sex manual called "Everything you always wanted to know about sex." The delegation handed in to the firm's offices off the Strand a letter objecting to the way homosexuality was treated in the book, which was written by an American psychiatrist *(Picture by Don Morley)*

19th: A trip to the Metropolitan Archive to see the LGBTQ history exhibition. There were at least two pictures of Philip from his GLF campaigning days, so that means he's an official national treasure. Now that makes *him* feel old!

September

14th: A trip up the Thames from Westminster to Richmond. This is the Star and Garter, the site of a fateful GLF disco in 1972, which saw the birth of a partnership which changed the World …

November

19th: Late Autumn in the Olympic Park. It used to be that the Fall colour was all finished before November began, so why is it now so late? It can't be global warming because that nice Mr Trump tells us that it doesn't exist.

That Techie Stuff

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Christopher Boyle and Kathy McKay of Exeter University say it's wrong to lie to children about Santa Claus. Why is it OK for politicians to lie to adults about everything else?

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