DERT-NOT-DERT 2020

Thanks to the global pandemic Lincoln DERT 2020 was cancelled. Needless to say, the Ravens were disappointed but determined to give it our all for ... DERT-NOT-DERT!



To begin the day and to get us in the rapper spirit we dashed madly about our houses to find objects to make a lock (but not swords) ...



Once warm we hunkered down, opened the cider and glued our eyes to Facebook, eager to begin the competition proper. The categories -



Best Solo Rapper Performance

Character

Stepping

Buzz Factor

Music



Best use of Steep Hill



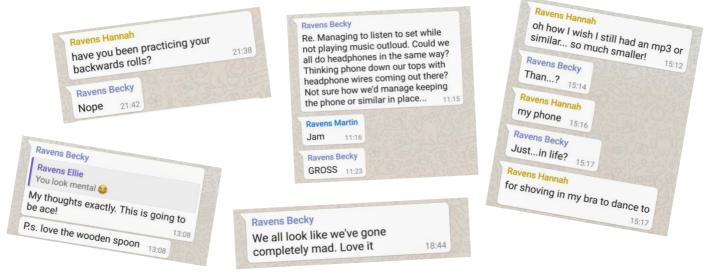


Best Solo Rapper Performance | Premier

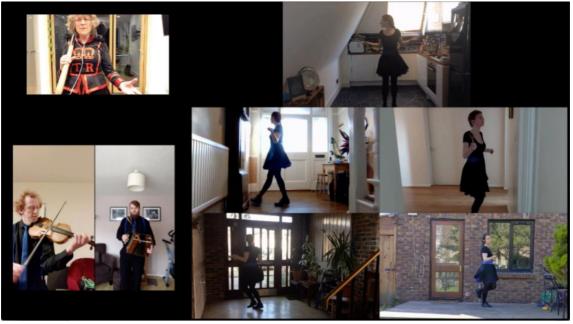
In the weeks prior to the competition the DERT set discussed how to make the dance work and how to make the technology work.

Are people's flats big enough? How will we tumble? Headphones for music?

Should we put our phones in our bras or our hair-dos?

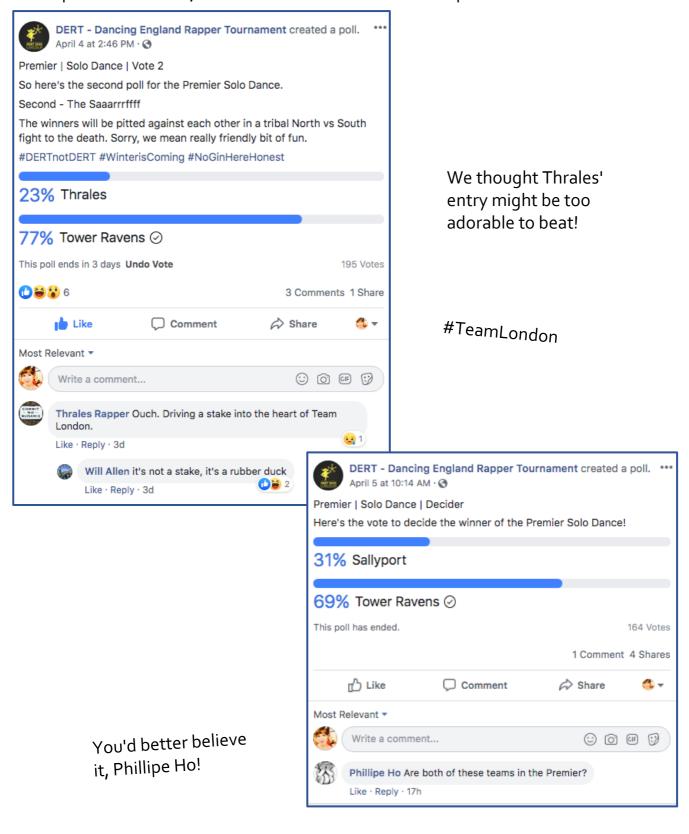


After much conversation and planning, the first (and perhaps the only) fully fledged rapper-in-isolation dance was born. And here she is, the award winning, ISODILLY!



Re-live the memory <u>here</u>

Up against Star & Shadow, Sallyport and Thrales' super cute offering, the competition was stiff, but Tower Ravens came out on top!









So, off to a good start. Next up...

Character

Tower Ravens have strong Tommy routines, so did we worry about Paul's performance? Not at all - we knew he'd have it in the bag! And so did the voters.



Watch the video here!



Hot on the heels of Character is...

Stepping

4s, 8s, 16s, Break step, Doubles and Jonty. With a stepping prize to defend we put effort into this category, no silly jokes for us!



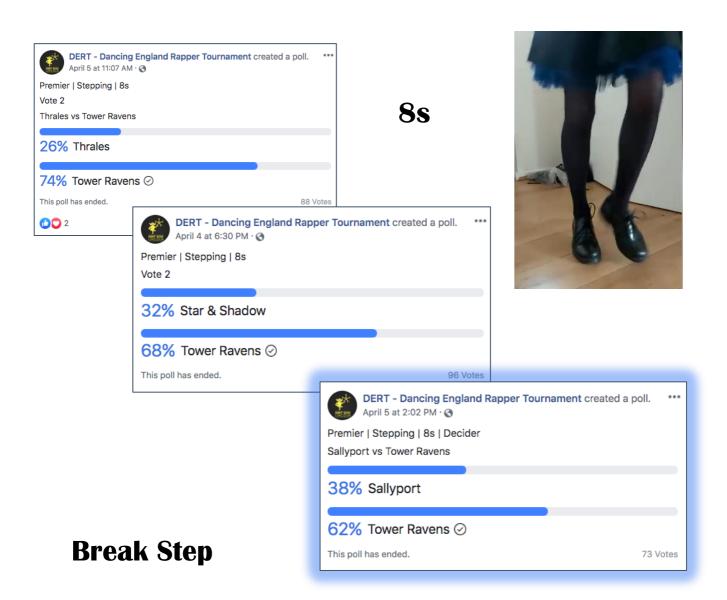
4s

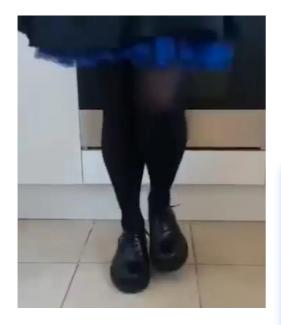




Ravens Becky
Yes...mystery feet! 17:50











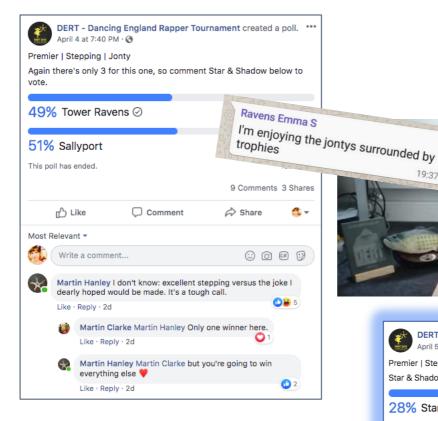
Doubles











Jonty

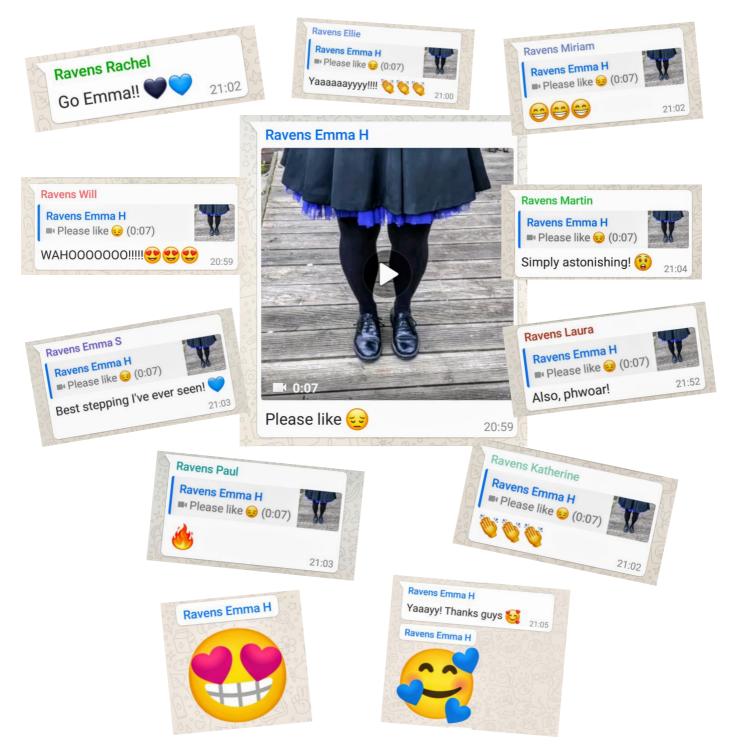


So, on to the next category... Wait! Hang on! What happened to 16s? It seems they were omitted from the competition, but we're going to celebrate them

here!







Up next...

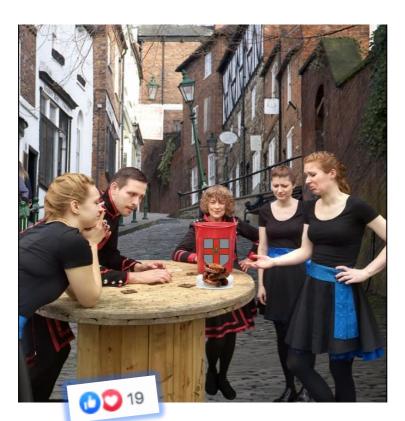
Best use of Steep Hill

After mulling over how to approach this, Miriam volunteered to do some photoshop wizardry to turn last year's photo competition entry into this year's Lincoln themed offering.

Ravens Will
Can you swap the coal for some
Lincolnshire sausages? 22:14













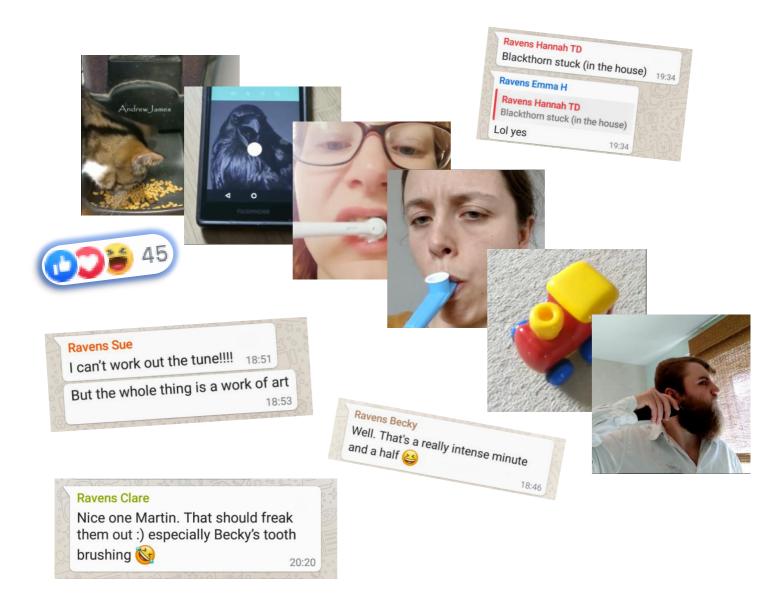
In the end, we didn't mind losing out to Sallyport too much. It was Martin's idea after all!



The penultimate category...

Buzz

Painstakingly put together by Martin and named by Hannah TD our entry was Blackthorn Stuck (in the house). And once again we knocked it out of the park!



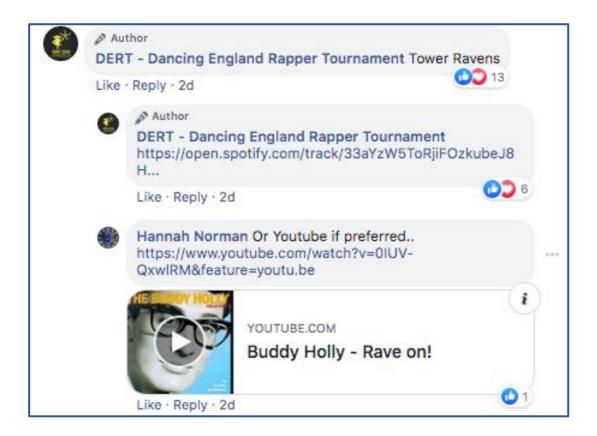
No poll in this category but we beat Thrales' shocking entry by eight likes.

Watch it again <u>here</u>, if you dare.

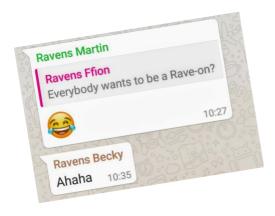
The final category...

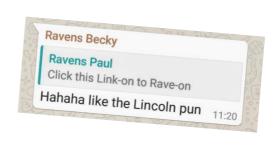
Music

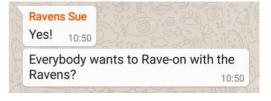
We choose Buddy Holly's 'Rave On!' as our musical entry and it was one of the only two categories in which we didn't win. Could this have something to do with us not being involved in the making? Sorry Buddy, you're just not as good as the Ravens!



At least we had fun with puns...







Just in case all this excitement and poll voting wasn't enough for us, Whip the Cat also supplied a number of quizzes throughout the Saturday.



ANAGRAMS 2020

FEATURING THE FIRST 30 RAPPER TEAMS WE COULD THINK OF ANAGRAMS FOR

1. FRECKLY PESTO -

Pocket Flyers

2. PEN PROGRAMMES -

Mons Meg Rapper

3. BACK LAWNS -

Black Swan

4. SSH! PRISON HARP HISSERS -

Shropshire Sharp Shins

5. FINALLY ANOTHER OUTLOOK, ELEGANT, PROFOUND -

NYFTE

6. AT WHICH PET? -

Whip the Cat

Y CLONE AMUSINGLY? CLAMPED PORKER -

Young Miscellany

Medlock Rapper

9. DINER SPACINGS -

Dancing Spires

10. DEIGNED GLEE -

Leeding Edge

11. COOK MIRRORS -

Crook Morris

12. SLATHER- Thrales

13. BEAMING BULBS -

Mabel Gubbins

14. MONEY TOKENS -

Stone Monkey

15. FILM SEVERAL -

Silver Flame

16. AMBUSH ENDED POLISHING -

High Spen Blue Diamonds

17. HOOK YE TUNA -

Oakenyouth

18. A RENTER VOWS -

Tower Ravens

19. ALL SPORTY -

Sallyport

20. CHARMING, OK! -

Rockingham

Sheffield Steel

21. RAPPED PAPER -

Dapper Rapper

22. AGENT THOR -

Northgate

23. FUSS HER DEFINITIVELY -

Sheffield University

24. HAMMERING RIB -

Birmingham

25. FELLED FETISHES -

26. ME CLEAN GENTS, WINK! -

Newcastle Kingsmen

27. GOSH CARA! -

Gaorsach

28. ROAD WASHSTAND -

Star and Shadow

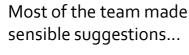
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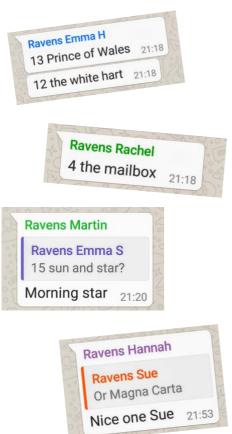
Four Corner

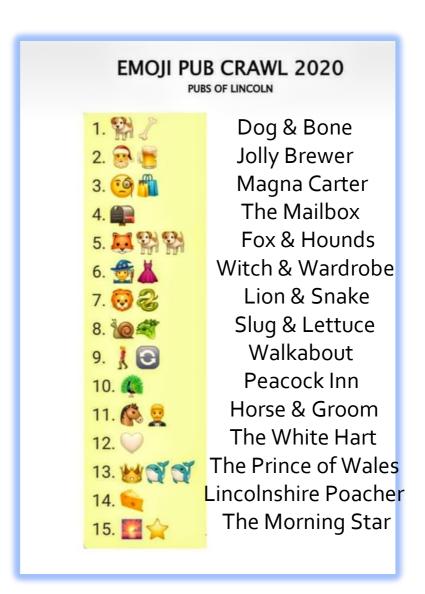
30. BIN THOR SHIRT -

North British

And an emoji pub crawl to finish off the day.







Others, not so much...



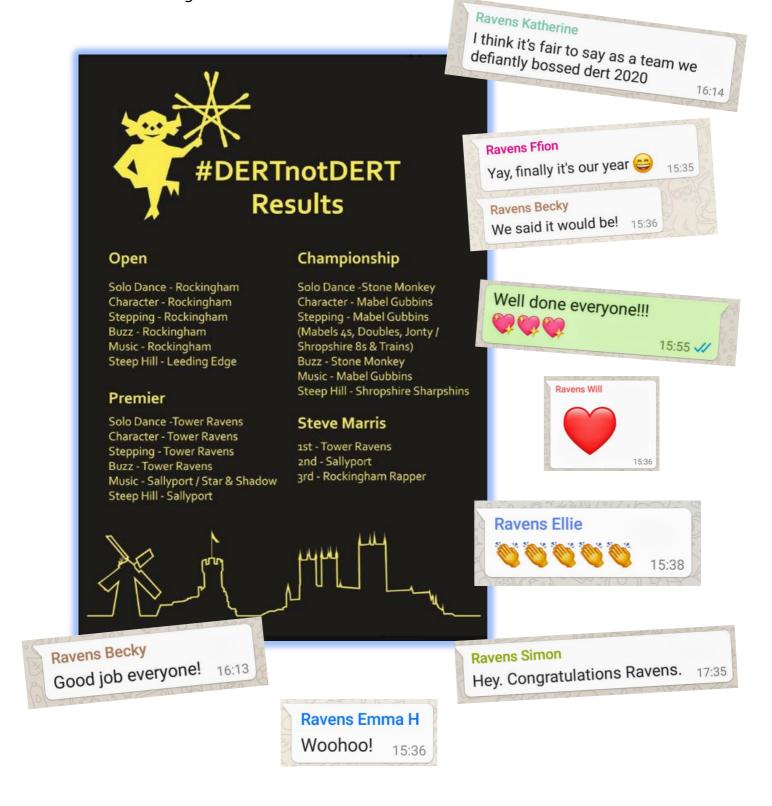




THE RESULTS!

Sunday morning saw the last chance to get a few more votes on the polls.

Then with the main competition out of the way the only thing left to do was nurse our hangovers and wait for the results...



Despite being stuck in our homes and unable to see our rapper friends in real life, DERT 2020 was still a pretty good year for Tower Ravens. We won so many of the competitions!

There was lots of participation, lots of chat and lots of fun!

Well done everyone, ca-caw!





