

Barn Theatre

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Maureen's Two Grand For Us



Dancers from the Maureen Brown School of Dance

Following a very successful 'Spring Show' in May, Maureen Brown of the Maureen Brown School of Dance has sent the Barn a magnificent donation, of the profits from the show in the princely sum of £2000. This is not the first donation from the shows that Maureen produces here triennially and both Maureen and husband John have been made Honorary Life Members of the FOBs in recent years to thank them for their generosity. Apart from the financial donations the school is very supportive in helping whenever there is a special event, most recently when the Duke of Kent visited and of course at every Christmas Show they appear in their spectacular and breathtaking costumes to delight us all. The young ladies from the school also hold the record for a Barn 2000 retiring bucket collection raising £385 on one evening alone.

Thank you Maureen, John and all the pupils for this tremendous boost to our finances and we look forward to welcoming you back to The Barn again soon. (PS. Don't forget to book early)

What shall we do next?

Following the successful completion of the Barn 2000 project many people have been asking what comes next?

The Trustees accept that they can only rest for a while and enjoy the fruits of labours past; before they move forward again and over the next few months the Board of Trustees will be considering various ideas. BUT this is your theatre, you enabled Barn 2000 and we should like you to assist in our decision making by giving us your ideas and dreams for the future of The Barn. Primarily we need to ensure that The Barn stays at the forefront of the community in Oxted and Tandridge whilst retaining the traditions that have been so important in keeping it alive through good and bad years since 1924 when it opened.

We shall continue with normal maintenance and replacement works where required but we must look at the bigger picture for a project that will stand us in good stead over the next few decades and be beneficial to all who frequent the theatre, whatever role or task they may have before them.

At the moment we have two proposals to work on, air conditioning the auditorium and the formation of a purpose built low level orchestra pit at the front of the stage. This latter scheme, the pit, has been visited before, some 30/40 years ago when apparently it was considered untenable due to structural reasons. Time has moved on and we shall look and take advice on this aspect before going too far. As to air conditioning, we know that to achieve an installation compatible with the Barn décor will be difficult and hence expensive but similarly we shall investigate thoroughly.

Please use this opportunity to give us your views, we achieved Barn 2000 against the odds so lets move forward together on the next step to ensuring the endurance of the Barn for the future generations.

We must ask for your suggestions in writing please, either traditional correspondence or by e-mail. Letters should go to Bruce Reed by fax on 01959 569574 or by post to the Barn office at 15a High Street, Westerham, Kent, TN16 1RA. E-mail should be sent to barntheatre@btinternet.com. There will be a bottle of champagne for the proposers (Trustees excluded) of any innovative schemes which subsequently become reality, provided that they are not something already in discussion between the Trustees.

Me & My Girl (& a cast of fifty)

Now established as a firm favourite, Kenley Holiday Workshop takes to the stage from 10th – 13th August with their latest production *Me & My Girl*. Packed with sing-along tunes like *The Lambeth Walk*, *The Sun Has Got His Hat On* and *Leaning On A Lamppost* the show promises to be another hit for this talented Youth Group. This production follows on from last year's success 'Anything Goes' for which NODA said "The problem with doing a NODA report for KHW is that I run out of superlatives. The build up to the number Anything Goes was (a word I rarely use) phenomenal."



*Lauren Berke & Ryan Parsons
When Sally met Bill*

So help NODA find the right words for this show by joining *Me & My Girl* and a cast of fifty next week when you are invited to do the *Lambeth Walk*. For ticket availability ring 0208 660 4400 or Ibbett Mosely on 01883 712241.