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What a lot can happen between one Sunday Club and the next!! Almost before the end of the Sunday Club on 1st June, Sharon, Simon and I were clearing the bar area ready for 'the works' on the air conditioning to commence on Monday 2nd. In the week leading up to the Sunday Club of 6th July, Janet, husband Jeff and I were cleaning up the bar area ready to take in a large Bookers' delivery of bar and sweet stock ready to recommence normal operations. As I write, we have just successfully 'commissioned' the new air conditioning in the Theatre during "Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance". It will take experience and 'feed back' from our audiences to optimise the new system for the comfort of all our patrons – so we'll welcome your constructive comments.

I expect that most of our members had no need to visit the Theatre whilst work was in progress but I did pop in several times and I have to report that on every occasion I found the Chairman of the Barn Theatre Trustees there, not just supervising but frequently working very hard – ably supported by Caro, Quidditch and Barny! We owe a great debt of gratitude to Bruce for skilful scheduling, careful choice of suppliers and constant monitoring; all of which delivered an excellent job well on time. THANK YOU, BRUCE and fellow Trustees.

Members who were around for the Oxted Carnival and who visited The Barn Theatre tea and cakes tent will have found the Trustees, ably supported by other 'Barn People', busy promoting our profile in the town as well as earning a substantial sum for the coffers! Many thanks to those FOBs who responded generously to Caro's annual call for cakes – the tent was once more a sell-out success.

The newly formed Oxted Junior Operatic Society (OJOs) also gave our Theatre reputation a boost at the Carnival with their enthusiastic and skilful 'trailer' for their "Back to the 80s" show – they managed to sell quite a number of tickets too.

Your committee met recently and looked at a busy Autumn/Winter season – so, front of house volunteers, stand by for calls from Pippa! Pippa is delighted with the number of E-mail contacts which she now has. This saves her time and us money - so thanks to those who have agreed to let us contact them by this method. If you have an E-mail address and have not yet let us have it, we'd love to hear from you please.

Les Miserables School Edition Kenley Holiday Workshop

Les Miserables, a West End hit for over twenty years and the world's longest running musical, comes to the Barn Theatre, Oxted when Kenley Holiday Workshop present *Les Miserables School Edition* from Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th August.

Les Mis School Edition is probably the Workshop's most challenging production to date and promises to be one of their best. They have built up a loyal following since moving to the Barn 13 years ago where their productions

play to packed houses and great critical acclaim. Both the company and their audience are looking forward to benefiting from the newly installed air conditioning at the Barn!

Look The Part

Polo shirts and sweatshirts with the embroidered Barn logo can now be ordered again and they are available in red, navy, black or grey in childrens and all adult sizes. For more details and prices contact Caro on 01883 744810 or by e-mail at carolyn.rowley@btinternet.com.

