

Barn Theatre

Eightieth Entertaining Year



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KENT COMES TO SURREY



We are delighted to confirm that His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent has accepted an invitation to visit The Barn and will formally open the BARN 2000 project on Thursday 24th February at 10.30am. The Duke undertakes many Royal engagements, travelling widely and we are honoured that he is joining us on this very special occasion.

The visit will include a tour of the theatre and the new facilities, including a small reception during which a sample of those with significant involvement in the project will be presented to His Royal Highness. Following the reception, The Duke will formally

open the project by unveiling a plaque and signing our visitor's book.

The timing of the visit is most apt, following completion of the installation of the wheelchair lift provided by The Oxted Players in the rear dressing room, only this week. The last major element of the project.

Whilst the plaque that The Duke will unveil will be permanently displayed in the new bar area it is proposed that the unveiling ceremony take place on stage, thereby affording the opportunity for 250 guests and visitors to join and witness this very special event.

For obvious security reasons, seating in the auditorium for the ceremony will be limited to invited guests and those with passes. It is our wish to accommodate as many people as possible on the day and named passes will be issued upon request on a first come first served basis to those telephoning the office (01959 561811).

A historical day in the life of your theatre, a fitting climax to our 80th year and one not to be missed. A time to dust off those Union Jack flags and join us in celebrating the continuing achievements, here at The Barn.

Don't delay, make that phone call now.

WWOS

VE Day Anniversary Celebrations

A VE Variety Show
Saturday 30th April 2005

For the last 10 years, WWOS have been delighting packed houses to their own (Their Very Own) Olde Time Music Halls across the south east of England. From Bromley to Brighton, from Croydon to Christchurch & From Otford to Oxted! They return to the Barn Theatre, Oxted this year with something a bit different ... To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of VE day, they will be presenting a VE Variety Show on Saturday 30th April chaired by the exuberant and effervescent (do you know when he efferwasn't!) Mr Kevin Gauntlett. An evening of nostalgia is promised, including Max Miller, Flanagan & Allen, Vera Lynn and the Home Guard Concert Party! ... BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment! Box Office: 01959 561811.

UP, UP AND DOWN AGAIN!

As we go to print, the new wheelchair lift is being installed to give access to the stage from the new dressing room. Not only will this enable the wheelchair bound to access stage level easily but will aid the moving of large costume skips and similar heavy loads from the loading bay area to the dressing room level and back again.

The final item of the Barn 2000 project and kindly provided by The Oxted Players to whom we are extremely grateful. Richard Stilgoe has agreed to bring some of the music apprentices from the Orpheus Trust to the Barn.

