

BARNCOOL

This year is the year we need to start fundraising in earnest if we are to succeed with the completion of our plans for air conditioning the auditorium in a reasonable time. We only need to raise a further £50,000 as we are fortunate to have substantial funds already reserved for this project. Bright yellow Gift Aid forms are enclosed with this issue and we would urge you to help us by being as generous as possible please.

As always the Allen family are at the very helm of such fundraising plans and I do hope you will support their ideas for raising money for this project.



Richard's **BARNSTORMERS** start the new year with their Stephen Sondheim musical "**Putting It Together**" this coming week from **Thursday 8th until Saturday 10th February**. This is followed by brother-in-law Graham with the **New Foxtrot Serenaders** and their evening of Hollywood greats "**Lullaby of Broadway**" on Friday March 23rd, at 7.45pm when they present a Great American Songbook, featuring the music of Jerome Kern, Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter and George Gershwin, to name just a few! So "C'mon and listen to...." the New Foxtrot Serenaders! You can book your tickets now! Still only £10.00. Available from 01959 561811 until 17th February 2007 and thereafter from Ibbett Mosely 01883 712241.

In June the "**BARNSTORMERS**" return to the Barn with the wonderful musical "**Scarlet Pimpernel**" which, at the invitation of the **Minack Theatre**, tours to Cornwall during the August Bank Holiday week.

We know from past experience that all these shows will be tremendous and we are so lucky that the profits come, very generously, direct to the Barn. Richard and Graham have been at the forefront of fundraising for many years and deserve your support. Please don't delay, order your tickets NOW using the order forms enclosed with this issue.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Another great hit with the regulars and sold out weeks before. Always a wonderful evening directed, compered and produced by our very own Martin Patrick aided as usual by Musical Director, Michael Burbidge with contributions by the resident and local groups and schools. Mulled wine and mince pies provided by the Friends of the Barn, gorgeous Christmas decorations and a wonderful ambience all add up to an annual event that is the favourite of the year. All proceeds come to the Barn, a total of over £2500, from this single event. Next year is booked for Saturday 8th December so please make a note in your diary and order your tickets in plenty of time.

THEY SEEK THEM HERE, THEY SEEK THEM THERE!

'The Scarlet Pimpernel'

Barn Theatre, Oxted – Mon 25th to Sat 30th June 2007

Minack Theatre, Porthcurno, Cornwall – Mon 27th to Fri 31st August 2007

Casting is in progress for The Barnstormers forthcoming production of the spectacular hit musical 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' presented at the Barn in June and the Minack Theatre, Cornwall in August. They are very interested to hear from anyone wishing to join the company on tour and in particular are looking for men and women for their chorus of debaucherous French peasants, decadent English aristocracy and dashing swordsmen!

Based on Baroness Orczy's ever-popular story of love, deception and intrigue, 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' tells the classic tale of the English aristocrat, Sir Percy Blakeney, who is secretly the Scarlet Pimpernel, and who with his loyal band of followers make repeated daring trips to France to save would-be victims from the very scaffolding of the guillotine. The Barnstormers promise an exhilarating adventure with a lavish musical score, hilarious libretto, glittering costumes and spectacular sword fights. The perfect family adventure for both the Barn and Minack.

If you're interested in being involved with 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' then please contact Richard on richard@thebarnstormers.org or 01883 346093. This is truly a unique opportunity to perform this thrilling musical at two so diverse venues. Whether the action takes place beneath the historic timbers of the Barn or within the breathtaking setting of the Minack, this is certainly a production not to be missed. For more information about 'The Scarlet Pimpernel', why not check out The Barnstormers website at www.thebarnstormers.org

Heard at the theatre and it is for you to guess the little birds names

First little bird was heard to say:-

"You might be on to a good thing – he says he really liked you

Second little bird replied:-

"He's going to put my ----- in the play and he gave me a wink at the end"

Answers on a postcard to the editor please.

Apology

In the last edition of BTN we led with an article announcing the launch of 'Barncool'. To support the need for such a project we also published a letter, which made reference to an isolated instance we believed highlighted the problems that can arise in the summer when the Theatre gets uncomfortably warm. We would like to apologise for any distress caused to Shakespeare4Kidz. This was certainly not our intention.

The Editor