

Barn Theatre News



Spring into Summer Season

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SOUTHERN COUNTIES DRAMA FESTIVAL RELAUNCHED BY THE BARN

Following the disappointing cancellation of the SCDF (previously The Betchworth Festival) earlier this year, a small group of Festival enthusiasts led by Martin Patrick (Editor of this publication, Barn Trustee and sometime Panto Dame) got together determined to '**Bring Festival Back to the Barn**'. As a result of this initiative the existing festival committee have accepted our offer to take over and we plan to relaunch the festival for the week of February 19th – 24th 2007.

Whilst the overall structure of the Festival must remain in compliance with the rules of The All England Theatre Festival it is hoped to modernise and energise the event. An open afternoon and relaunch for all interested parties and groups is planned at the Barn on Sunday July 2nd at 2:30pm. Why not join us first at the Sunday Club and we will help you get those creative juices flowing.

Enquiries to Martin, Caro or Bruce via email to Barntheatre@btinternet.com or 01959 561811

OXTED CARNIVAL *Saturday 1st July*

Our annual 'Tea and Cakes' contribution to the carnival is already being planned, databases for phone numbers being checked and recipe books studied in depth.

Without all our loyal cake makers, tent erectors and tea makers we just wouldn't be able to make such an impact on this very important day in the life of our local community. Do help us by responding to Caro's request for a cake – as sure as day dawns the call will come!

Our gazebos are showing signs of wear so if anyone can loan us such items they will be welcomed gratefully.

Do come along on the day, take a turn behind a tea pot or clearing tables – it is all great fun and so worthwhile. See you there.

We start at 9.30am on Master Park and cakes can be delivered to the Little Barn from 10am.

GET IN THE HABIT! *Nunsense 21st - 24th June*

Rehearsals are well on their way for The Barnstormers forthcoming production of the hilarious comedy musical 'Nunsense'. This award winning show comes to the Barn stage from Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th June with all money raised being donating to the Barn Theatre Development Fund.

'Nunsense' is a hilarious talent show staged by five survivors at the Little Sisters of Hoboken nunnery, the rest of the sisterhood having succumbed to botulism after eating vichyssoise prepared by Sister Julia! The remaining 'Little Hobos' parade their talents at a variety show staged to raise funds so that the last four of the dearly departed can be buried. The musical score pulses with merriment and an unabashed desire to make you laugh, with songs and spontaneous comic interludes paced at break-neck speed. Amid the merriment is a riotous audience participation quiz that has everyone rolling in the aisles. 'Nunsense' offers a cornucopia of hilarity for the whole family, proving conclusively that nun rhymes with fun!

The cast features the well known talents of Teresa Skinner, Fiona Steel, Cathy Longhurst, Natasha Palmer and Lizzie Skinner who play the five all-singing all-dancing nuns. They are under the direction of Martin Patrick (Director), Ian Skipper (Musical Director) and Jolene and Sophie Kiddle (Choreographers). Bruce Reed's creative talents will be seen on set design and as always Richard Allen will be overseeing proceedings as Producer.

BTN recently spoke to Richard Allen who is "very pleased with the talented cast that they have assembled". Rehearsals are proving to be "lots of fun" and "everything promises a wonderful show which should have the Barn audiences rolling with laughter". Book your tickets now for a 'Funny Nunny' evening's entertainment supporting the future improvement of your theatre.

Tickets for 'Nunsense' are available now from the Barn Theatre Box Office on 01959 561811 (office hours) or via TheBarnstormers online box office at www.thebarnstormers.org

Book early to avoid disappointment.



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