

BARN THEATRE

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Barn Theatre AGM

Wednesday June 13th is the evening of the Barn AGM and all are welcome. A traditional AGM followed by a convivial get together in the bar and your chance to enjoy a glass of wine with the shareholders of the Oxted and Limpsfield Barn Theatre Company Ltd. Now a charity the company AGM is open to all and we look forward to seeing you there at 8pm.

Shares in the original company are still available for sale at £1 each and in blocks of ten minimum. Totally worthless but a lovely memento in the share certificate and the cash goes to the Barn to help with improvement of the facilities. Great for birthday and Christmas presents. Telephone the office for an application form if interested 01959 561811.

Dave Watkins

We have lost so many dear friends this month as you will see in this edition of BTN. One of these was Dave. He was well known to many at the Theatre for some 30 years, having performed for The Oxted Players from the 1970s, and was a prominent and active member of their Committee, responsible for publicity until the 1990s. He was also on the Friends of the Barn Committee for many years taking charge of the stock. He loved performing and appeared in many productions for the Oxted Players including *The Happiest Days of Your Life* and *Hobson's Choice* which were two of his favourites. He also appeared in a few OOS productions including *South Pacific* and regularly sang in the Christmas Choir at The Barn. He last appeared on stage for TOPS in *Twelfth Night* in 2005 but family tragedies curtailed his activities. However, he still remained active with set building and painting until he suffered a stroke in 2011 which left him confined to a wheelchair. He was a true Welshman and a real gentleman and he will be sorely missed.

Carnival Capers

The annual Oxted carnival is scheduled for Saturday 7th July and as usual we shall be organising our magnificent tea and cakes stand. Please do let Caro know if you are able to make a cake for the event. 01883 744810 or carolyn.rowley@btinternet.com

Tent erecters are always welcome at the beginning and end of the day to help with putting up the marquees. 9.15am on the park in the morning and about 5pm for the massive clear up.

If you are able to help please let Bruce know on 07802 302025 or barntheatre@btinternet.com

St John's Ambulance Brigade

There are two tickets for every performance at the Barn that are never offered for sale – they are reserved for some special volunteers. For more than ten years members of St John Ambulance have attended the vast majority of performances, sitting quietly & unobtrusively at the back of the auditorium, always available if needed. Fortunately their services are rarely called upon but when they are it is wonderful to have their professional level of care available to us. And, although they are not called into action very often their reassuring presence is appreciated. On behalf of everyone at the Barn and all our patrons we say a big “Thank You” to our friends from St John Ambulance.

AETF Area Semi-Final

The Barn Theatre will be hosting the All-England Theatre Festival, Eastern Area Semi-Final, on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May. This is a one-act play festival and winning teams from the home counties will compete against each other to see who will represent the eastern area at the English Finals at the Swan Theatre, Worcester, in June. Tickets from 01883 331400 or www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

Hello, Kenley!

The talented youngsters of KHW, who have been appearing at the Barn every summer since 1996, will be returning once again this summer with their latest production of *Hello, Dolly!* Set in 1890s metropolitan New York City, *Hello, Dolly!* tells the story of widowed cantankerous tightwad businessman Horace Vandergelder, owner of a Hay and Feed Store, who has employed the deliciously meddlesome matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi to find him a new wife. The show is full of memorable songs including *Put On Your Sunday Clothes*, *Ribbons Down My Back*, *Before the Parade Passes By*, *Elegance*, and the number from which the show takes its name, *Hello, Dolly!*

Come and join the KHW on a whirlwind race around New York at the turn of the twentieth century, as we follow the adventures of America's best-known matchmaker!

Book your tickets now on 01883 331400 or online at www.kenleyholidayworkshop.co.uk DON'T MISS IT!