

BARN THEATRE NEWS



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FOBS

Our quiet period has continued and we are sorry not to have called upon the services of more of our willing volunteers. Pippa has used this time to good effect in updating the Front of House volunteer list so that she will be poised by the 'phone once the bookings start to pour in for 2008. In fact, I'm sure that many of us will soon hear the call from the Operatic Society for 'Sweet Charity' and the Players for 'Treasure Island' as both Societies have copies of the updated list. We find it particularly difficult to recruit 'car parkers' so do get in touch if you are a sturdy soul who doesn't mind an outside job – and likes to get away early (we do not expect you to stay until the end of a show)! Please avoid booking your holiday for the last week in February 2008 when we'll need a great many volunteers to help with the Southern Counties Drama Festival. We are happy to provide training in all aspects of "Front of House".

Meanwhile, keep in touch by coming to the Theatre on the first Sunday of every month when we open the bar – and definitely plan to call in for a festive 'Christmas Drink' on the first Sunday in December!

The January Sales will soon be upon us in the stores but we can do better than that – join the FOBs now and add an extra 5 months to your membership as all new members will be dated as 2008! Even if you belong to the other societies or support the Theatre in other ways, a membership of the FRIENDS is yet another, enjoyable, way to show your support – Jean, our Membership Secretary, will be delighted to hear from you.

BarnCool Total Continues to Grow

Earlier this week Bruce was delighted to receive, with grateful thanks, a cheque from Chris Bassett, Chairman of Oxted Operatic for **£1000** towards the BarnCool project. This donation was the result of the auction of promises held when the society celebrated their Diamond Anniversary and the profit on a very enjoyable and successful quiz night held in the Barn recently. The fund continues to grow and we are expecting a cheque from Barnstormers following their tour to the Minack Theatre in Cornwall earlier in the year with that tremendous show, *Scarlet Pimpernel*. More news about this in the next edition of BTN.

Christmas Noggin, Natter and Crackers,

This year the annual **Noggin and Natter** will be held on Sunday 2nd December from 12 – 2.30pm. All our readers are invited and it is a super opportunity to reflect on the past year, what the future holds, have a chat with your friends in a relaxed atmosphere and celebrate the Festive Season. Christmas starts at the Barn and we look forward to welcoming you. The following **Saturday the 8th** we welcome you to our annual festive entertainment complete with children, carols, mince pies and mulled wine, tickets are now on general release so please book early to avoid disappointment. **Telephone 01959 561811**

Barn Big Band



"The ConChord Big Band returns to the Barn Theatre, Oxted on Sunday 2nd December to give a one night only performance of it's Big Band "Christmas Show".

The 22 piece band will entertain with a mix of big band favourites and evergreen tunes as well as giving the big band treatment to Christmas and seasonal music.

In addition to ConChord and it's vocalists, guests will appear to add to the entertainment. An evening not to be missed by all those who love great music played in the unforgettable style of a big band.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 obtainable from Frank Osborne - 01342 322646