

BARN THEATRE NEWS



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The Ultimate Tribute Band
Saturday 6th December at 7.45pm

Tickets are selling well for this exciting evening of Zeppelin music and you are advised to book early to be sure of a seat.

We anticipate a full house with the complete and unforgettable Led Zeppelin atmosphere and legendary music.

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How old is the Barn?

We all know that the Barn was built in 1923 using timbers that were part of a sawmill in Titsey village and certainly this sawmill is mentioned in the Domesday Book.

The Domesday Book was commissioned in December 1085 by William the Conqueror, who invaded England in 1066. The first draft was completed in August 1086 and contained records for 13,418 settlements in the English counties south of the rivers Ribble and Tees (the border with Scotland at the time).

The Barn trustees have agreed that it is appropriate to establish the provenance of the main structural timbers and a dendro-chronology survey has been commissioned which will give true answers to the age of these timbers. The survey will take place on November 6th and sample cores from the timbers will then go to Japan for the final analysis. It will be a further 6 months before we receive the final report confirming the results.

New Lights for Old

A new lighting board to be precise. The existing lighting control board here at the Barn was installed in 1986 and during that time has given regular and faultless service to many shows and operators. However after 22 years it is now considered to be of museum standard and we have decided that we must move with the times and install a modern replacement. Following research by Frank Boonham and Alistair Bruce, a Zero 88 Leapfrog 48 lighting control desk with peripherals has been ordered and the installation will be completed before Christmas, in time for this years pantomime. This desk is a modern, state of the art piece of equipment and will give all lighting designers and operators tremendous flexibility for future shows. Amazingly the current control desk cost £4,600 in 1986 and such is the advance in electronics through the intervening years that the new board including installation and training will cost the same amount! This cost will be financed from reserves so no fund raising will be necessary – which makes for a pleasant change.

Southern Counties Drama Festival

The 2009 Southern Counties Drama Festival returns to the Barn Theatre from 23rd - 28th February. Last year's winners, St Paul's Drama Group, went on to be worthy winners of the English Final of the All-England Theatre Festival. We are delighted to say that they are returning in 2009 to defend their title. The Junior Oxted Players who came second last year at the Barn will try to go one better. We are also pleased to announce that we also have new groups taking part for the first time as well as those groups who have supported the festival for many years.

There is still room for one or two more entries. If you are interested please contact the Festival Office: Telephone: 01959 561811 or email sc.df@btinternet.com