

# BARN THEATRE

## NEWS

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### *Help For Heroes*

I am sure that many of you share my sadness and exasperation each day when hearing or reading news of our gallant troops in Iran and Afghanistan being killed or suffering horrible mutilating injuries. Putting aside views as to the rights and wrongs of our troops being there, we can do little to help from the safety of our armchairs or from behind a desk so it is proposed to stage a concert over two evenings at the Barn, to raise funds for the charity 'Help For Heroes'. The concert is in the very early stages of planning but the dates are likely to be **October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010**. This is still almost a year away but please put these dates in your diaries and if you would like to help sponsor this event or to be involved in any capacity please register your interest with Bruce either by telephone 01959561811 or by email at [barntheatre@btinternet.com](mailto:barntheatre@btinternet.com)

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### *On-line Bookings*

On behalf of the Trustees I have been testing a number of different on-line booking systems, trying to find one that would best suit the needs of the Barn Theatre. The one that I felt best suited our set up was trialled by Kenley Holiday Workshop for both of their productions in the summer. I know that some of you used the system to book your tickets. The system proved very successful and generally comments were favourable, particularly the ease of use and the ability to choose the seats from those available.

Following the trial we are now starting to roll out this on-line booking system to other Barn shows and eventually we hope to offer this extra booking facility to all Barn shows.

You can visit the online booking by logging onto [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk) and then either use the 'Book Tickets' button on the front page which will take you to all the shows that have an online booking facility, or you can go via the 'What's On' button which will take you to the calendar page. From here you can see a list of all the Barn Shows together with a link next to a show to the online booking system for that production.

Your comments and feedback would be most welcome. Please email me at [martindpatrick@btinternet.com](mailto:martindpatrick@btinternet.com)

### *Editorial*

Next year Barn Theatre News will enter its fourteenth year of publication. During that time it has played an important part in promoting the Barn Theatre, those societies that perform there and the personalities that are so vital to the success of the theatre.

Over the years we have always had our regular contributors from the two resident societies, The Friends of the Barn and Bruce Reed. They can always be relied upon when it comes to submitting copy, even if that copy sometimes arrives a little late!

It would be nice to widen the scope of material that we receive. I would very much welcome articles, comments and letters on a range of topics. They do not have to be Barn specific. For example it would be nice to have the occasional 'People Profile' or 'News from other groups' and what's happening on 'The London Theatre Scene'.

Also I would welcome your views on what you think of this publication. Do you think Barn Theatre News is getting stale? It has only had one Editor who is no longer a cub reporter. Is it now time for a change? Should we be a 'red top' or 'broad sheet'?

Your comments and stories please to the editor.



### *Christmas Natter and Noggin*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 12 - 2pm**

Christmas starts at the Barn with our traditional Natter and Noggin to which you are all warmly welcomed. It is your chance to see friends and family in the convivial surroundings of the Barn and to enjoy the hospitality of the FOBs and Trustees. Carolyn is already planning those delicious plates of nibbles and you need to arrive early if you wish to partake. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy.