

# BARN THEATRE

## NEWS



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### PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW LADIES TOILETS



## Barn 100

Phase Two of Barn 100 is now complete with the new toilets commissioned. This was only possible due to the further recent donation from FOBs of £10,000 and a very welcome and generous donation from Southern Counties Drama Festival of £8,000.

Phase Three is now well under way with internal alterations to the bar store and Front of House areas moving on but at a slower rate due to a shortage of funds.

We have done very well to date, having achieved far more than we anticipated when we started earlier this year but have now reached the point of needing more money to complete the works. So please dig deep and help by sending a donation now, either direct to our bank account 75687569, sort code 60-16-09, telephone 07802 302025, e-mail [barntheatre@btinternet.com](mailto:barntheatre@btinternet.com) or scan the QR code here and follow the instructions to make a donation via your card.



**Curtains** is a musical mystery comedy with a book by Rupert Holmes, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and music by John Kander, with additional lyrics by Kander and Holmes. Based on the original book and concept

of the same name by Peter Stone, the musical is a send-up of backstage murder mystery plots, set in 1959 Boston, Massachusetts and follows the fallout when Jessica Cranshaw, the supremely untalented star of Robbin' Hood of the Old West is murdered during her opening night curtain call. It is up to Lieutenant Frank Cioffi, a police detective who moonlights as a musical theatre fan, to save the show, solve the case, and maybe even find love before the show reopens, without getting killed himself. Cioffi also dreams of being in musical theatre. The show opened on Broadway to mixed reviews, though several critics praised the libretto and the character of Lieutenant Cioffi, who critic Ben Brantley called "the best damn musical theatre character since Mama Rose in Gypsy and the best role of David Hyde Pierce's career."



At the Barn from 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk) for tickets

# Ghost Hunt At The Barn

21.10 on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 until  
01:30 on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



Are you  
Brave  
enough to  
join us on a  
full blown  
ghost hunt

The Barn Theatre has countless reports of strange and unexplained happenings going on inside it. Some people are fearful of working in the building alone due to hearing footsteps and voices late at night. Performers from a previous time have also been seen at different times and there is a very strong feeling of being watched in there. People have also felt nudged when walking on the stage. We will be conducting a full blown ghost hunt to find out what goes on after dark - are you brave enough to join us there ? Over 18's only please

<https://www.ghosthunbertours.co.uk/event-info/ghost-hunt-at-the-barn-theatre-oxted/ticket-form>

Tickets are **not for sale** through the usual Barn Theatre box office



The last three months have seen one of the busiest periods ever for FOBs, providing front of house support for no fewer than 23 public performances. With record-breaking bar sales thanks to several full houses, the trend is set to continue, with a further 14 performances still to staff before the end of the year. Please do let us know if you are able to give any support to the front of house team, even if it is only for a couple of hours. All offers of help are greatly appreciated.

Work on our new bar store has now been completed, and the benefit of having all our stock in one place has already been appreciated by those who have recently done a bar support duty. We now also have a new chest freezer in the new front of house



Part of the new bar store

## Surrey Culture Website



Surrey County Council has created a free website to showcase the vibrant arts and cultural landscape across Surrey. If you are involved with providing arts and cultural services, you can add yourself to the Surrey Culture Website, whether you are an artist, community group

or venue. The website also includes filters to search for accessible venues, promotes jobs and funding opportunities in the creative sector and much more.

Visit <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/culture>

office, capable of holding over 600 tubs of ice cream, meaning that we do not have to place orders quite so often. The one remaining change to the front of house layout will be to relocate the box office to the left hand side of the foyer with a new counter, and this will done as soon as funds allow.



Paul Robinson

## THE SHOW MUST GO ON

OMTC's next production is now in full swing and is so much fun to be involved with.

The untimely departure of our Chairperson and show Director led to rapid re-auditioning and vacancies for a Director and Musical Director. Richard Seagroatt (Director) and Emma Denny (Musical Director) took on these roles to support Kerry Brackpool our Choreographer. The creators of "Chicago" and "Cabaret" devised this lively musical which has many memorable song numbers, that are constantly in your head. We have gained and welcome four new members for this show, who have never performed at the Barn, one who was recruited following our stall at the Hurst Green Community Fair.

Rehearsals are fun, with our Production team having endless patience with us and COVID!

We will be announcing our April 2023 show during the "Curtains" show week.

Come along to support local Amateur Dramatics, we need you, our audience. Consider joining us on stage in a future show or supporting with many of the "backstage" roles. See you there!



## Spud n' Bubbles

For what has now become a Barn tradition, for the first **Sunday Club** of the New Year, on **1<sup>st</sup> January** we are again having a simple baked potato lunch with a meat or veggie option and like last year it will also include a glass of 'bubbles' or a soft drink.

'Spud n' Bubbles' will cost £10.00 (all profits to the theatre) and if possible please order and pay upfront. I can collect the money any time I am at the theatre or make contact if you haven't seen me. I shall serve at 1.00pm and everyone who has ordered and paid for their meal by 12.45pm will be guaranteed a spud but after that they will be available to anyone who turns up on the day and pays.

Please e-mail me ([carolyn.rowley@btinternet.com](mailto:carolyn.rowley@btinternet.com)) with orders as soon as possible (last e-mail orders 30<sup>th</sup> Dec) as I intend to restrict numbers to 50, on a first come, first served basis. Also, if you need to cancel please do so by 30<sup>th</sup> December or expect to be asked for the money as last year we had some 'no-shows'!

Please do try and join us, particularly as this time **Sunday Club falls on New Year's Day!**



**The New Aquarian Opera Company** returned to the Barn with their long awaited production of **The Merry Widow** last week. On the Saturday before opening night, three of our cast members and the Musical Director came down with the dreaded lurgy, COVID, putting the production in jeopardy! It was then a real rush to find a replacement for Camille, one of the main principals. This translation of **The Merry Widow** has only ever been performed once before, making it even harder to find a cover for the role. But we managed! Thankfully a Camille was found the day before our new opening night and the show was saved! We had wonderful feedback from our audiences and were so thankful that they came to see us during these difficult times! We are returning late next year with a production of **The Marriage of Figaro** in a new English translation!!! For further information contact [melanie@aquarianopera.com](mailto:melanie@aquarianopera.com)

THE MERRY OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS A NEW FAIRYTALE OPERA  
WITH MUSIC FROM GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL TO JEROME KERN

## Cinderella'23

THE BARN THEATRE, OXTED  
SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY  
AT 7.30PM  
TICKETS £20; FAMILY OF 4, £60;  
CHILDREN UNDER 12, £10



## On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023,

seven professional opera singers will assume multiple roles from humans to fairy god-parents to mice, recounting Merry Opera's riotous and original take on the classic and well-loved fairy-tale of Cinderella. As timeless as ever, our heroine has now finally resolved to transform her forsaken circumstances into happiness ever after. Burdened - or blessed? - by grumpy stepmothers and fairy godfathers, aided - or impeded? - by anima(gica)l assistants and glass slippers, she threads her way through life's anguish and comedy to find her gallant Prince. An evening of love, laughter and classic musical favourites from the wonderful arias of Handel and Rossini to the fabulous songs of Jerome Kern, all ending with a joyous and unexpected twist.

Don't miss Merry Opera's "Cinderella'23"; a fairytale opera for all the family with the earlier starting time of 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**SCOTT BENNETT**  
AWARD-WINNING COMEDIAN & PODCASTER



*"Great material, great delivery, a very funny man" - Rob Brydon*

After starting comedy in late 2009, Scott Bennett is a stand-up comedian and writer whose star is most definitely on the rise. His last two shows Leap Year and Relax were nominated for 'Best Show' at the Leicester Comedy Festival and he has been named by Chortle as "One To Watch" for 2018 & 2019.



Back by popular demand, book early to avoid disappointment



Pictured here is Dave Nichols, starter of the Oxted Pram Race for 25 or more years. Three Barn families help with the Pram Race each year, the Nichols, Muscios and Littlefords. This year the Pram Race Committee have donated a generous £600 to our Barn100 appeal, for which we are most grateful.

# ULTIMATE ELTON

And  
THE ROCKET BAND

Performing the best of  
**ELTON JOHN**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Barn Theatre, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0AA**

Time: 7:45pm Tickets: £22 - £25

For tickets visit: [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)



[www.ultimateelton.com](http://www.ultimateelton.com)

The Editor of the Barn Theatre News is Bruce Reed and contributions are always gratefully received.

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## Music Nights 2023, all tickets on sale now.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

The Dream Syndicate with support from Rain Parade. Two legendary American Indie rock bands on one night

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Randy and the Rockets our local heroes of Rock music

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Croydon Male Voice Choir with an evening of choral fun and in the bar after the show

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Monkey and the Guv bring you "On Broadway", featuring old friend Stuart Matthew Price and his wife Heather with all your favourite songs

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

One Night in Dublin... the ultimate Irish Tribute Band returns by popular demand

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

The Hijacked Hollies

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Classic Rock Revival return by popular demand for two nights of the best rock music around

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

The music of Sammy, Frank and Dean a tribute to the Rat Pack and friends.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Oye Santana, a tribute to the music of Carlos Santana

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Alter Eagles returning to the Barn after 10 years to perform much of the repertoire of Eagles tracks from over 35 years

**BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

### Sunday Clubs

Hopefully most people now get the eNews or notifications of events via our Facebook page but just a reminder for everyone about Sunday Club which is held on the first Sunday of every month. The bar is open from noon – 2.00pm and nibbles are served so if you are new to the theatre, why not come along to find out more about what happens there or if you are an 'old hand', come to meet friends or network. We all work very hard, so this is a chance to relax and enjoy somewhere that means so much to so many. Hope to see you there!