

FROM ROCKING RHAPSODY TO ROLLIN' CLONES

The Rhapsody Concert, last December, was the most successful of our music evenings with tickets being sold out almost 3 months before the night. By popular demand we now have the return of the Rollin' Clones on **Saturday 15th March at 7.45pm**. The Clones, who were last with us 3 years ago when they made such a tremendous impact, are looking forward to their return and meeting all their old friends. Prepare now for another fantastic evening by booking your tickets on 01959 561811.

FOBS

It was good to see so many Friends at the Drinks Reception on the first Sunday in December – didn't the Theatre look wonderfully 'well dressed' for Christmas? Thanks go to the small band which puts up the decorations ready for that occasion and takes them down again so soon afterwards following the "Christmas Cracker" show the next weekend – we want you to know that your efforts are well worthwhile as the Theatre is so seasonal, warm and welcoming. On the subject of Sunday Clubs, thanks are due to Sandra for her generosity in buying us all our first drink at the January Club in honour of Tony's birthday. It is a great idea to use the 'Club' to celebrate with Barn Friends – do remember to have a word with Sharon and Simon, who organise the bar for us, so that they can help with your plans.

We are delighted that Richard Allen has accepted our invitation to become an honorary FOB – despite the 'health warning' that he might well be called upon for Front of House duties! Richard has been a most generous supporter of the Theatre through his "Barnstormers" group, putting on some splendid shows which have enhanced the reputation of the Theatre and brought in some wonderful new talent – and, of course, raised large sums of money. "The Scarlet Pimpernel" was the Barnstormers' production this year and I know that many Friends appreciated it at the Barn. It was also a runaway sold-out success at "The Minack", Cornwall, in August enabling Richard to make a further significant donation to "Barncool".

What a splendid start to 2008 the Oxted Players gave us with their "sell-out" pantomime! A 'take' of over £100 at the *sweet shop* on the *opening night* has to be a 'first'? The FOBs have noted that a huge stock order will need to go in prior to the 2009 show! Janet and I certainly enjoyed a soaking whilst re-stocking at Bookers midway through the run on a very wet Tuesday but it is all part of the fun of supporting our Theatre – so we told each other!

Speaking of 'supporting our Theatre', please make a note right now of our AGM on Monday 31st March. We are grateful to the Oxted Operatic Society which is allowing us to use the Theatre at the beginning of its period of hire for "Copacabana". This sounds an exciting show and we may even get a glimpse of the beginning of the 'set build' on that night. The turnout for the AGM last year was disappointing. The weather was partly to blame and the fact that many normally loyal members were rehearsing for a show. However, there will be no excuse this year as we have 'put in a request' for a fine spring evening and neither of our resident societies should be rehearsing on that Monday. So, don't wait until the Barn Theatre AGM in June to hear of all the exciting developments for the Theatre but come along to our AGM and quiz Bruce, who has promised to be there, before enjoying a few drinks and nibbles.

Please make sure that you do your best to support the Southern Counties Drama Festival at the end of this month. Pippa has been busy putting together the Front of House teams and, as you will see from the "What's On?", is already preparing for a busier season than last year. Your committee see it as part of their role to be prepared to offer to do FOH duties but it is good to see new faces too and committee members are always ready to be 'stood down' in favour of other volunteers – so, if you see a show where you could and would like to help, don't wait to be called but contact Pippa now to let her know. (01883 712459 or judith.bridges@btinternet.com)



NEW FOXTROT SERENADERS

WE'LL MEET AGAIN AT THE BARN

The New Foxtrot Serenaders return to the Barn Theatre on **Friday 14th March at 7.45pm** with songs from the home front. 'We'll Meet Again' is a celebration of the

music of the war years, featuring the music of Glenn Miller, the songs of Flanagan and Allen, Al Bowlly, George Formby and many more. The special guest is the talented Jazz vocalist, Jeanie Barton, with her interpretation of the songs of Vera Lynn. Tickets £12.00. Available now from 01959 561811 until 25th February 2007 and thereafter from Ibbett Mosely 01883 712241.

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