

# BARN THEATRE

## NEWS

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### *Farewell to Frank*



It is with deep regret that we report the death of Frank Boonham on Thursday 3rd November in East Surrey Hospital after many months of declining health. Frank's light shone brightly for many years at the Barn Theatre where he was a long-serving Trustee and Board Member. His area of responsibility and expertise was stage lighting and project managing major electrical works around the theatre. Frank also

devoted many hours to the theatre restoring, maintaining and testing lights. Over the years he was responsible for designing the lighting for many successful productions with great skill and dedication. He was always very keen that these skills be passed onto a younger generation who he saw as the lifeblood and future of the theatre.

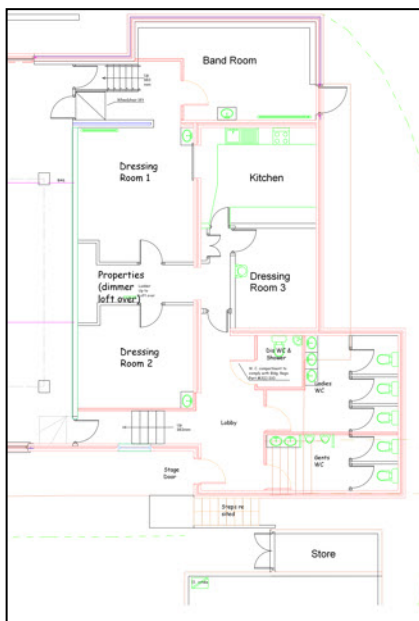
When he stepped down from lighting shows he always made himself available to the youth groups to offer advice and guidance and was most generous in praising good work. He mentored many youngsters who wanted to become lighting designers and technicians. Andrew Bruce was such a youngster

who worked with and learnt such a lot from Frank. Frank wanted to pass his Barn Shares to Andrew as recognition of the achievement Andrew has made as a lighting designer and operator. The shares were presented to Andrew by Frank's wife Betty at the Barn Theatre's Sunday Club in October.

Frank was a perfect gentleman; nothing was too much trouble. He loved being involved with the Barn and was an inspiration to those who worked with him and he will be sorely missed. Our sympathies go to Betty and his family at this time.



*Andrew Bruce receiving Frank's Barn Shares from Betty Boonham*



### *Not just a Flash in the Noggin & Natter Pan*

Following the AGM in June when the prospect of new toilet facilities backstage was mentioned we now have the first draft of the proposed plans which are before the Trustees for discussion and are published here in BTN. If you have any thoughts or comments on these proposals then please send them to Bruce by email. Barntheatre @btinternet.com

A small sub-committee will be formed from members of the board who will evaluate any comments received and also assess whether it is possible that the project can be widened to include the improvement of the backstage area.

From 12pm to 2pm on 4th December the bar at the Barn will be buzzing as we all get together for our annual pre Christmas Noggin and Natter.

We invite you to come along, enjoy a drink and some nibbles with your friends and browse the gifts available from our Christmas Market stalls whilst sampling Caro's delicious nibbles too. All are welcome, do bring your family and friends to this very popular annual gathering.

If you create high quality items (crafts, produce etc) and would like to be involved in running a stall at our Christmas Market in the foyer please e-mail publicity@barntheatreoxtd.co.uk