

Grand Sheik: John Burton

Grand Vizier: Alan Hancock

Sub-Vice Vizier: Brian Jessop

Remember: All members
have no authority whatsoever!



Vice Sheik: Kevin Hepplestone

Vice Vizier: Mark Johnson

Everyone Else: Board Members
At Large

Twas Ever Thus! - Brats Monthly Newsletter

9th May 2005

Good Evening once again and welcome to another evening of fun and frivolity dedicated to the worlds greatest ever comedy duo Messrs Stan Laurel and Oliver Norvell Hardy.

Terry Royles (RIP).....

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Terry on April 14th aged 65 after a battle against cancer. Back in 1989 Terry was the landlord of the Princess Royal Public House and myself a regular in said establishment. It was purely by chance that I went into the 'lightly' used function room in which I found the walls covered in pictures of Stan and Babe. Having established Terry's passion for the Boys he soon offered the function room to be the venue for a L&H society. This resulted in Terry, myself, and Chris Croft founding the Tent. The first meeting on 17th October 1989, played host to over 100 attendees!

As landlord Terry always supported the Tent and regularly purchased memorabilia, which he often had to sneak past his wife Pauline. He always offered his own TV and video for use at meetings and trusted ourselves to return said items upstairs after each meeting (hic!). Terry and Pauline continued to offer the Brats Tent a warm welcome until their retirement in 1999 at which time the Tent pitched camp at its current venue. Heppy and myself represented the Tent at Terry's funeral, which attracted over 200 mourners – a testament to Terry's popularity! I can safely say that without Terry's encouragement the Tent wouldn't have got off the ground and it is to Terry that we owe a debt of thanks for so many special nights that we have subsequently enjoyed in the company of Mr Laurel and Mr Hardy!

Show me that again.....

Tonight we will screen **Pack up Your Troubles** and a selection of shorts

Ulverston Trip 2nd July 2005.....

We need to fill the coach so the event is also open to family and friends. Pick up points will be Handsworth and central Sheffield. Cost is £10 per person with a £5 deposit required ASAP. Come along and see **Stan's birthplace**, visit the **L&H Museum** or maybe call in for refreshments at the **Stan Laurel Pub!**

Forthcoming Events.....

Sunday 21st May – Early to Bed Tent, 7:30pm, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield
(Complete with video projector & big screen)

Monday 13th June – Brats Tent Meeting, 7:30pm New Crown Inn

Fraternally Yours,
John

You can lead a horse to water, But a pencil must be lead! (Brats 1930)