

Sons of the Desert – Brats Tent (Sheffield) Oasis 80 (Founded 1988)

Grand Sheik: John Burton

Grand Vizier: Alan Hancock

Sub-Vice Vizier: Brian Jessop

Remember: All members
have absolutely no authority
whatsoever!



Vice Sheik: Kevin Hepplestone

Vice Vizier: Mark Johnson

Everyone Else: Board Members
At Large

’Twas Ever Thus! - Brats Monthly Newsletter

8th May 2006

Welcome once again to an evening dedicated to the fun and humour of our dear old friends Stan and Ollie!

Show me that again.....

Tonight’s we will screen *Fra Diavolo*, as we haven’t had it on for a while and it’s a useful way of getting people in training for the Kneesey, Earsey, Nosey world championship to be held in 4 months time. We will also screen the shorts *Unaccustomed As We Are* and *County Hospital*.

UK Convention 2007.....

The convention will be based at the Quality Hotel in Hanley, Stoke on Trent and will take place from Friday 4th to Monday 7th May, 2007.

- It is fifty-five years since the Boys topped the bill at the Theatre Royal in Hanley and the tent will be marking the occasion, and the tenth anniversary of the tent, with many of the traditional Sons events such as films, a quiz, Sons Entertain and a charity auction, together with a few new ideas such as a Way Out West night and an inaugural Son of the Year Award.

- The cost is £220.00 for adults and £55.00 for children up to 14 years old, if sharing with an adult. There is a supplement of £15.00 per night for a single room. The first instalment, of £80.00, is required by 31st August, 2006. Cheques should be made payable to Antony Waite, or payment can be paid through PayPal. Antony’s address is 9 St. Georges Road, Poolfields, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, ST5 2NE.

Next time you visit London.....

There is an avenue of 102 Stars at St Pauls Church, (The Actors Church), Covent Garden, if you get the chance to visit, you will find a star dedicated to a certain Stan Laurel (Recognition in his own country!) alongside other famous UK stars such as Spike Milligan, Tommy Cooper (and Ant & Dec?).

Forthcoming events in 2006.....

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| 14 th May | - | Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30pm |
| 12 th June | - | Brats Meeting, New Crown Inn, 7:30pm |
| 17 th June | - | Boys at the Bull, Bottesford, (Bull Inn from 1pm) |
| 1 st July | - | Ulverston Carnival |
| 12 th – 16 th July | - | International Convention, Harlem, Georgia USA! see http://www.berthmarks.com/index.htm for more details |
| 24 th July | - | Brats Curry Night – Lajawab Restaurant |
| 11 th August | - | Acorn Brewery visit |
| 2 nd September | - | Laurel and HarDay, Beer Engine, Wigan |

Fraternally Yours,
John,

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