

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

10th July 2006

Good Evening and welcome to our summer meeting (which probably means that it will be raining today!)

You don't believe me!.....

Another Fine Mess - 80 Years of Laurel & Hardy will air on BBC Radio 2 from 8.30pm till 9.30pm on Tuesday 18th July. The programme will be presented by Norman Wisdom and will feature new interviews with Ken Dodd, Jean Darling, Alex Norton (from Taggart - talking about restoring the Panopticon Theatre), Brian Clarke (Oldham Coliseum, where Stan appeared in Sleeping Beauty in 1907), and several Sons of the Desert!

Amongst the archive material will be Hal Roach, Harry Worth, Tony Hancock's widow and Peter Cushing.

I can read reading but I can't read writing.....

Bowler Dessert Number 66 arrived as forecast at the last meeting, the very next day – You don't believe me! With 64 pages of news, features and rare pictures this is as ever a 'must have' item for all Sons. There is a feature on Charles Middleton who appeared in four L&H films despite his main claim to fame being Ming the Merciless in the Flash Gordon series. Another excellent volume and a credit to tireless editor Willie McIntyre! At meetings during the loyal toasts we often ask 'Where's Jessop?' we now know the answer – Page 22 of Bowler Dessert Number 66!

Show me that again.....

*Following on from the feature in Bowler Dessert tonight's films all feature Charles Middleton. We start with perhaps his best known role as the Commandant in **Beau Hunks**. This will be followed by **Pack up Your Troubles**, which finds the boys searching for Mr Smith! Our final film is generally screened at our December meeting **The Fixer Uppers** in which Stan receives a telephone call from 'Some joker'!*

Forthcoming events in 2006 and beyond.....

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| 16 th July | – | Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30pm |
| 24 th July | - | Brats Curry Night – Lajawab Restaurant |
| 11 th August | - | Acorn Brewery visit (Leave New Crown 6:45pm, Sheffield Bankers Draft 7pm price £15 Total) |
| 14 th August | - | Brats Meeting, New Crown Inn, 7:30pm |
| 2 nd September | - | Laurel and HarDay, Beer Engine, Wigan |
| 24 th – 27 th August 2007 | - | 8 th European Convention, Red Star Hotel, Near Dublin
Price £295 – application forms available from myself |

*Fraternally Yours,
John,*

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