

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

13th Nowonder 2006

Good Evening and welcome once again to a meeting dedicated to the timeless humour of our dear old friends Stan Laurel & Oliver Norvell Hardy.

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

over 20 Brats visited the Bradfield Brewery on the outskirts of Sheffield on 20th October. We were greeted by John & Sue who run the brewery and their welcoming staff, who made it an extremely enjoyable evening. Everyone joined in for the loyal toast and linked hands for the Sons anthem. To add to the fun a special pump clip featuring Stan and Babe for the ale 'Another Fine Mess' replaced the usual Farmers Stout pump clip for the evening. This was accompanied by Farmers Brown Cow, Farmers Pale Ale, and Farmers Blonde. With almost 3 barrels of these exceptional ales consumed in 3 1/2 hours as you can imagine we all went away happy, tired and more noticeably spiffed!

Who was Columbus?.....

A reminder that all Sons of the Desert worldwide are invited to meet online, perhaps resulting in the world's biggest Sons of the Desert meeting. The debut of this potentially annual event will take place in the Laurel and Hardy Forum Chatroom at <http://laurelandhardyforum.com/index.php?page=24> on Wednesday, 29th Nowonder, 2006 starting at approximately 9pm GMT and running until 5am GMT. The programme will consist of film screenings and live chat, and the aim is to have special guests for "live" questions and answers sessions too.

Show me that again.....

To celebrate the nights getting longer and darker, tonight we are screening *The Laurel and Hardy Murder Case*, and *Oliver the Eighth* along with a further selection of shorts for your pleasure

Xmas Events.....

There will be 2 events in December, with our Xmas meeting being held on 11th – don't forget to bring along a raffle prize, for our annual bring a prize win a prize raffle.

On 18th December we will have a special Xmas event with buffet (there will be a small charge – TBC), at which we will screen a selection of shorts (or maybe Babes in Toyland!)

Forthcoming events in 2006 and beyond.....

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| 19 th Nowonder | – | Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30pm |
| 11 th December | - | Brats Xmas meeting, New Crown Inn |
| 18 th December | - | Brats Xmas get together – with buffet, New Crown Inn |
| 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)*

Website:

www.handsworth.org.uk/societies/sons/