

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

Tw'as Ever Thus! - Brats Monthly Newsletter

12th March 2007

Good Evening and welcome to another evening of fun and frivolity in the company of our dear old friends Stan & Ollie

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

In the 1970s, Stan and Ollie had a chart hit with *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine*. Would you like to see Laurel and Hardy back in the charts? The UK now counts music downloads as part of its charts. It counts downloads without there having to be any hard copies bought. What this means is that, if enough people downloaded a Laurel and Hardy song, it could make it back into the charts. There are direct links to the songs on Virgin Digital and iTunes.

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

In *Cumbernauld News* (24.01.07.) there was an advert for *The Copper Top*, a pub in Falkirk, and it is owned by Finn Inns. A Coincidence? (As Fin was born in Falkirk) Or, being in Falkirk, was it named because of Fin?

In the recent book about the James Bond films *The Art of Bond* (ISBN 9780752215518) there is a quote regarding the spinning saws suspended from a helicopter in the film *The World is Not Enough*. "The slicing of the car by the saws on the helicopter we got from an old Laurel and Hardy gag" - obviously from the sawmill in *Busy Bodies*.

Show me that again.....

This evening we will be screening a selection of shorts and the feature **Blockheads**, the shorts will comprise of **Hog Wild**, **Double Whoopee** and **Berth Marks**.

Other events in 2007.....

18 th March	-	Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30pm
9 th April	-	Brats Tent, New Crown Inn, 7:30pm (Easter Monday!)
23 rd April	-	Brats Curry Night, Lajawab Restaurant
4 th - 7 th May	-	U.K. Convention, Quality Hotel, Stoke on Trent (£220)
16 th June	-	Bottesford L&H event (Bull Inn, Bottesford)
7 th July	-	Ulverston Carnival
24 th - 27 th August 2007	-	8 th European Convention, Red Star Hotel, Near Dublin Price £295 - application forms available from myself
1 st September	-	Laurel & HarDay (Venue TBC)

Fraternally Yours,
John,

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

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