

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

Grand Sheik: John Burton

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have absolutely no authority
whatsoever!



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Vice Vizier: Mark Johnson

Everyone Else: Board Members
At Large

Twas Ever Thus! - Brats Monthly Newsletter

9th April 2007

Good evening and a Happy Easter to you all and welcome to another evening of fun and frivolity in the company of our dear old friends Stan & Ollie.

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

There has been some speculation in the UK press that a new film is in the pipeline, telling about the early life of Stan Laurel and how he went on to meet Oliver Hardy in America. The Daily Express (18.03.07.) devoted most of a page relating the story under the heading "Robson and Mark are proud to be the new Blockheads". It explains that Robson Green and Mark Benton are keen to play Stan and Ollie in the proposed film.

The film will be based on a script called *Anything for Laughs* and, although no firm decisions seem to have been made yet, Robson Green is obviously very keen on the idea. He says, "Mark and I are a similar size to Laurel and Hardy. We're also great fans. Because we love what they do so much, we try to achieve what they did all those years ago but set against something modern and real."

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

Stan Laurel loved to write letters. After the death of his long-time partner, it is estimated that Stan wrote several thousand letters! Over the years, as the recipients have passed away, these letters have scattered all over the world, where they now reside in scrapbooks, collectors' albums or on fans' walls.

The Stan Laurel Correspondence Archive Project hopes to collect and catalogue as many of Stan's letters as is possible, and make their content available to fans and researchers all around the world, helping everyone to understand Stan better and celebrate his genius. You can visit the Archive Project at www.lettersfromstan.com.

Show me that again.....

This evening as it is a holiday meeting, what better film to screen than **Them That Hills** to enjoy a bit of rest and relaxation? Also in fitting with the spirit of the occasion although not quite having Easter eggs – **Tit for Tat** does see a vast number of chicken eggs on display in Halls Grocers!

Other events in 2007.....

15 th April	–	Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30pm
23 rd April	-	Brats Curry Night, Lajawab Restaurant
14 th May	-	Brats Tent Meeting, New Crown Inn, 7:30pm
16 th June	-	Bottesford L&H event (Bull Inn, Bottesford)
7 th July	-	Ulverston Carnival
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)**

Webpage:

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