

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 of the above named 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

9th June 2008

Good Evening Everyone - A lot of weather we've been having lately!

Laurel and Hardy Statue in Ulverston.....

As you are probably aware there is a financial appeal to erect a statue of the Boys in Stan's home town of Ulverston, As a Tent we have donated amounts in support of this as have some of us on an individual basis. The statue has been sculpted by Graham Ibberson from Barnsley and has been cast. There have been a few hold ups in terms of where the statue could be sited etc but now all seems well and it is now expected that the statue will be unveiled in April 2009 (Date to be confirmed). Once an exact date is set we will organise a coach to the event.

The appeal is still short of approx £10k and a 100 club has been set up by the Sons of the Desert to raise the outstanding balance by sponsors donating £100. It would be nice if the Brats Tent could help to ensure that the statue is erected in Ulverston. As we average 30 people approx per meeting if everybody was in agreement and prepared to donate £3 each we could contribute as a Tent – we will receive a certificate to confirm our donation.

Show Me That Again.....

This evening we will start off with the short, *Me and My Pal* in which it is Ollie' wedding day. We will then screen *The Further Perils of Laurel and Hardy*, featuring a selection of short films with commentary from Robert Youngson. We will then screen *Unaccustomed As We Are* which was the Boys first talkie. We will finish with the classic *Helpmates*.

Stan Laurel Please Stand Up.....

Myself, Heppy and Duncan all attended the above play which was performed by Bob Kingdom. The play was based around Stan reminiscing about his life with numerous references to the Boys films and as would be expected, many one liners from the films. A delightful evening and a great performance – the show is currently touring the country so look out for it if on holiday. There will be a special performance in Ulverston on Friday 4th July, the day before the Ulverston carnival!

Diary Dates.....

21st June - Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30
14th July - Brats Tent Meeting, New Crown Inn 7:30pm

Thank you once again for your continued support!

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/