

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

It was Ever Thus! - Brats Monthly Newsletter

14th July 2008

Good Evening and welcome to another evening of fun and frivolity dedicated to the timeless humour of Messrs Laurel & Hardy

Laurel and Hardy Statue in Ulverston.....

As mentioned last meeting, the appeal for the statue 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, **Oliver The Eighth** in which the boys have the opportunity to make the acquaintance of a rich widow and her butler. Tonight's feature is **Saps At Sea** where Ollie is suffering from a rare illness! We will then get organised with the film **Chickens Come Home**.

You Don't Believe Me!.....

Heppy returned home yesterday from the International Convention in Holland, where a swell time was had by all! He took with him a heavy bag with castors, which contained his belongings, a bag which he has used on several other occasions. He has always carried the bag as the handle was made of fabric and he thought that it may rip if he pulled the bag on its castors. On his way back to the airport a fellow son asked why he was carrying the heavy bag when he could pull it on its castors. Heppy explained his predicament to which the Son said "Why that's not the handle for pulling it!" to which he pointed to another handle which was sturdy and which elongated when he pressed it "That's the handle for pulling it with!" – Doh!

2009 UK Convention.....

The convention is to take place from 1st-4th May 2009, at the Cumbria Grand Hotel and will include trips to Morecambe Winter Gardens - where the Boys played in 1947 - and Ulverston - where they also visited in 1947. The web address is <http://baycon2009.co.uk>. – Cost based upon two people sharing is £ 225.00 (per person) Either to be paid in full or by three instalments of £75.00

Diary Dates.....

20th July - Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30
11th August - 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)**

Webpage:

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