

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

11th August 2008

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

Stan Laurel Statue in Bishop Auckland.....

A statue of Stan Laurel will be unveiled in Bishop Auckland on Saturday 30th August at about 2pm and it is hoped it will be carried out by Nancy Wardell and Jefferson Huntley Woods who are Stan's nearest relatives in the UK. The council are arranging for L&H films to be shown on a big screen in the Town Hall, where there is a bar, and for various street entertainment. If interested in attending please let me know!

Show Me That Again.....

As we are mid-way through the summer holidays we will screen a number of short films this evening. We will start with the silent 'Your Darn Tootin'', followed by 'Dirty Work', 'Brats' and 'Night Owls'. We may even have a trial for the 'Earsie, Kneesie, Nosey' championship in Wigan.

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

Last year you may recall that I mentioned that Jonathan Hayward is hoping to produce a film featuring a scene from 'Hats Off' (The 'lost' L&H film). I received an e-mail from him at the weekend as follows:-
"I've managed to purchase a professional HDV digital camera, in which it is perfectly possible to make a low-budget film. I certainly hope to get things moving in the near future; and it should be said that you and other SOTD's could easily consider helping the project not just in that proposed 'HATS OFF' sequence. Any further assistance in the project will be much welcomed."

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.....

17 th August	-	Early to Bed Tent Meeting, Spital Hotel, Chesterfield 7:30
6 th Septober	-	Laurel and HarDay, Wigan
8 th Septober	-	Brats Tent Meeting, New Crown Inn 7:30pm
13 th Octomber	-	Brats 20 th University Meeting
20 th Octomber	-	Brats 20 th University Curry Night, Lajawab

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/