

Grand Sheik: John Burton

Grand Vizier: Alan Hancock

Sub-Vice Vizier: Brian Jessop

Remember: The above named have absolutely No authority whatsoever!



Vice Sheik: Kevin Hepplestone

Vice Vizier: Mark Johnson

Everyone Else: Board Members
At Large

13th October 2008

Twas Ever Thus! - Brats Monthly Newsletter Tonight we're celebrating our University!

Happy Birthday.....

On the 17th October 1988 over 100 Laurel and Hardy aficionados met for the first time at the



Princess Royal, Woodhouse Mill with the aim of establishing a Sons of the Desert Tent in Sheffield (See the photo below).

Who would believe that 20 years on and the Brats Tent are still going strong celebrating their 20th University? There are still members who came along to the first meeting who are in attendance tonight - Several minds without a single thought?

Show Me That Again....

Tonight we will screen **Twice Two, Them Thar Hills** and **Tit For Tat**. We also welcome The Early To Bed Tent for the 2nd leg of the annual quiz - the 1st leg of which should have been held last month but will be held next week instead- Doh!

My My And Still They Come....

Since 1988 the Brats Tent has held a regularly monthly meeting with only one being cancelled due to snow, however a meeting was still held that night as more than 30 Sons still braved the weather conditions to attend. The Tent has pitched at two venues The

Princess Royal, 1988 -2000, and more recently The New Crown Inn, Handsworth. Amongst social events the Tent has visited Ulverston on numerous occasions, held filmshows at the Anvil Cinema and the Showroom Cinema, visited several breweries, held banquets, and curry nights. However the pinnacle came in 1999 when the Brats Tent successfully hosted the UK convention at the Hellaby Hall Hotel. On this theme the Tent in one form or another has been represented at every UK and European Convention and the majority of Scottish Mini-

Conventions and International Conventions since 1989.

Gee That's Toug...?

To celebrate our University we will be visiting the Lajawab restaurant (Soon to be re-named Koh-i-Noor) for an Indian buffet meal next Monday (20th). Meet at the New Crown

7:15, arrive at restaurant for 8:00. Unfortunately I was unable to reserve enough seats for a visit to Foo Yungs, for some Suki Yaki as originally intended!

Diary Dates.....

19th October - Early to Bed Tent

Meeting (Spital Hotel 7:30)

20th October - 20th University Curry Night

10th Nowonder - Brats Meeting 8th December -

Brats Xmas meeting with the bring a prize, win a prize raffle

22nd December - Xmas Banquet (TB Confirmed)

- Tonight we will also auction the memorabilia previously on display in the pub to raise funds for the Laurel and Hardy Statue Appeal. The fund still requires around £4k to be raised before the statue can be erected in April 2009 (A firm date has still to be confirmed). It would be nice if as a Tent we could raise a decent amount to help this worthy cause in recognition of our comedy heroes.

Thank you once again for your continued support and Happy University!

Fraternally Yours,
John,

