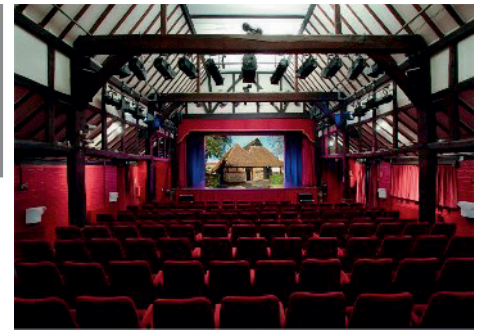


# BARN THEATRE

## NEWS



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## Barn 100 Phase One Complete

With Phase One completed the builders are now progressing Phase Two which includes fitting the new toilets out. The walls are plastered and painted, vinyl floors complete and cubicles being erected as we go to print. By the time High School Musical starts we hope to have some of the toilets in operation.

Increased costs of building materials have continued to exasperate and frustrate, bringing us close to the end of the monies reserved for these works. A further £10,000 from FOBs was a recent, warmly welcomed surprise and a bequest from a deceased patron has helped also but we must be vigilant as the works progress, so as not to over stretch ourselves.

Your financial support is desperately needed please, if we are to be able to continue to the end of the project and be ready for our very special centenary celebrations in 2024. Please donate direct to our bank account 75687569 sort code 601909 or scan the QR code here and follow the instructions to make a donation via your credit or debit card. Thank you.



# ANDY ASKINS



## AWARD WINNING COMEDIAN & MUSICIAN Saturday 10th September at 7.45pm

"Andy Askins is one of my all-time favourites" - Jason Manford

Join Andy Askins and guests as House of Stand Up presents 'An Evening of Top London Comedy'

Andy Askins is a diminutive figure who exudes an air of vulnerability as he steps up to the microphone armed with a guitar and a cheeky grin. It's an overwhelmingly misleading demeanour which serves to heighten the impact of the killer lines that he delivers.

Andy has an expertly crafted routine littered with an eclectic mix of offbeat original comic songs and parodies. A talented musician with a captivating voice, popular songs have been re-written and given a perverse twist to tremendous comic effect. Andy has built a reputation as a distinctive and original talent. In his 15 years as full-time comic he has performed with Michael McIntyre, Lee Evans, Jason Manford, Alan Carr, Jimmy Carr, Micky Flanagan, Harry Hill, Rhod Gilbert, Bill Bailey and Jack Dee.

Tickets [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

## The New Foxtrot Serenaders

25<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert

### Music Maestro Please!

A Pot Pourri of musical delights, celebrating 25 years at the Barn Theatre.

From The Dance Band Days, Music Hall and The Good Old Days of Variety. Including Dixieland and the Swing era, and a special tribute to One Hundred Years of the BBC.

The band will be joined by some special guests from the world of TV, Broadcasting and Musical Theatre.

So it's on with the show, thanks for the memory and here's to the next time!

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**7.45 pm Tickets £20**  
[www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

Following their show in 2021, **Classic Rock Revival** are returning to **The Barn Theatre on Friday 16th September** to bring you a spell-binding live show full of Classic Rock's greatest hits from the 60s, 70s & 80s. The 8-piece band, made up of some of the UK's best session musicians, will take you on a journey through the golden age of Classic Rock, performing hits from genre-defining artists such as Fleetwood Mac, Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, Queen, Bon Jovi, Van Halen and many more along the way.

Classic Rock Revival seamlessly capture the timeless essence of Classic Rock through their impeccable attention to detail, whether that be delivering flawless four-part harmonies or note-perfect guitar solos, the band strive to perform each song as close to the original recording as possible. Having performed at theatres and festivals across the United Kingdom, Classic Rock Revival have built their reputation as one of the leading rock tribute acts



The first half of 2022 has seen FOBs provide front of house volunteers for no fewer than 60 public performances, with a further 36 still to come before the end of the year. As always, we are extremely grateful to those of you who regularly come forward to help staff these performances, and would love to hear from you again if maybe you haven't volunteered for a while. The more offers of help we receive, the less of a burden it is on those who regularly offer their services. If you can help by giving up the occasional evening, please don't hesitate to contact me ([fobs.chairman@barntheatreoxted.co.uk](mailto:fobs.chairman@barntheatreoxted.co.uk)).

The building work at the theatre has been progressing extremely well over the last few months, meaning that our new bar store will soon be fully operational. This will be of enormous benefit in the smooth-running of the bar and the whole front of house operation, resulting in greater workspace in the bar kitchen and a significant increase in our storage area. Improvements are also planned in the foyer, with the relocation of the box office and sweet counter. Exciting times ahead!

Paul Robinson

## THREE MEN IN A BOAT

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm

Tickets [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

After the huge success of Old Herbaceous, and The Haunted

House, Kick In The Head Productions are back with a rip roaring barrel of fun, Three Men in a Boat, with Giles Shenton (Old Herbaceous himself!) playing the part of Jerome K Jerome. Join Jerome as he recounts the hilarious story of his boating holiday along the magnificent River Thames with his two companions and Montmorency the dog. Come and join in the fun as Giles Shenton expertly takes the helm

and pilots you through the ridiculous tale of men behaving badly while messing about in boats!

'Timeless appeal' The Independent

'Pitch-perfect comedy about, well, three men in a boat' The Telegraph



in the country.

Book your tickets now to join **Classic Rock Revival** on a spectacular journey across three decades of Classic Rock!





oxted musical  
theatre company

Oxted Musical Theatre Company are set to perform "Curtains" this November.

Book, Additional Lyrics: Rupert Holmes

Music, Additional Lyrics: John Kander

Lyrics: Fred Ebb

Original Book and Concept: Peter Stone

"Curtains" - The Musical Murder Mystery Comedy.

It's 1959 in Boston, a leading lady is murdered on opening night, and it's left to the musical loving detective to find the culprit from among the cast and crew. In this witty musical comedy let Oxted Musical Theatre Company take you on a hilarious journey and entertain you at every turn.

Should you wish to be involved, rehearsals have not yet started please let us know if you would like to audition. we'd love to have you.

[oxtedmusicaltheatrecompany@gmail.com](mailto:oxtedmusicaltheatrecompany@gmail.com)



Following last years successful debut production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Improbable New Musical Less Miserable The New Aquarian Opera Company are returning to the Barn Theatre in October with Franz Lehár's, The Merry Widow. This is the world's most popular operetta for good reason, combining fabulous music with a rattlingly good story of love, deceit and redemption.

Aquarian Opera are based in Oxted and a Barn Theatre resident company. We have secured an amazing cast of principals and a live band, but it is not too late to join the chorus if you want to perform with us.

Contact [melanie@aquarianopera.com](mailto:melanie@aquarianopera.com)

October 26th to 29th

Tickets [www.barntheatre.co.uk](http://www.barntheatre.co.uk)

## The Merry Mikado Returns!

Well, we didn't expect it, either. But people have asked us to tour this show again and **to bring it back to the Barn**. So we're delighted – and clearly at least some of you are, too.

Perhaps sunny East Surrey faces more turbulence than the Pajanes empire? At least over here the Mikado is still at the helm, steering some sort of course - even if a wholly idiosyncratic one - whereas you can't necessarily say the same in your hinterland, where political hubble-bubble has made topsy-turvy Titipu seem rather tame.



Photo credit Alex Brenner

Don't you believe it! We don't go in for 'tame'! We're doubling down on the worst jokes, bringing in even worse accents and revising the lunatic, learned and this time possibly (hopefully?) licentious little list.

To remind you, if you saw us last time, or to tempt you if you didn't, here is the summary of the story:

**Nanki-Poo cannot marry Yum-Yum because she is betrothed to Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner, who cannot do his duty without executing himself. Yet when the Mikado insists upon an execution, somehow no-one loses his head.....**

And here are some comments about our performances last Autumn: *'Absolutely brilliant! I took my 15 year old and we loved it'.*

*'The acting and singing tonight were of such a high standard, and being a bit of a G and S purist, I was unsure whether it would be for me but I need not have worried! Brilliant!'*

We look forward to seeing you at the Barn on **7.45pm Saturday September 9th**. As usual, tickets are on sale from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

## Re-registering of Chaperones at the Barn Theatre, Oxted

Here at the Barn we take the care of children seriously and know that you do too. We recognise however, that the increasing cost of re-registering as a chaperone with Surrey County Council, together with the hassle factor of travelling to Redhill or Woking can be off putting.

On **Wednesday 21st September 2022**, Surrey County Council are running a course at the Barn for new chaperones and have kindly allowed a re-registering service on the same evening on a strictly timetabled basis only, but arrangements will need to be made direct with SCC by **Friday 2nd September 2022** by telephoning **01483 517838**. They will advise you what documents you need to present, when and where. You may also be required to complete the NSPCC on-line training which may incur a fee of £25.

Please remember to book your appointment on the 21st September direct with SCC **no later than Friday 2nd September**.

# Talent of Kenley Holiday Workshop recognised again

Kenley Holiday Workshop are pleased to announce that our 2021 production of 'Oliver!' was in the top three productions and received a Highly Commended Certificate for the Noda Youth East Award.

The photo(s) show Deen, Georgina, Sophie and Jack at the Awards Ceremony.



Having tackled Victorian England in Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* last summer, this year KHW are switching it up and moving to modern day America for their 27th show at The Barn with the very different *High School Musical* where Troy, Gabriella, and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends, and family while balancing their classes and extra curricular activities. It's the first day after winter break and the Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical, led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

The photo shows Malachy, Ruben and Alieu - Wildcats

Performances are from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. All tickets £18.00 from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk) or 01883 331400

## MEMBERS WANTED

Holland sports Juniors are looking for more players from u8s - u12's



All abilities welcome!

Come & join one of the fastest growing clubs in Surrey with great facilities and highly qualified coaches in place, led by coach Mikey.

Did you know?

We also host a Saturday school (Years Reception - Year 3)  
 Rec & year 1s - 9:15/30 - 10:15/30  
 Year 2 & 3s - 10:45/11 - 11:45/12

And...midweek football classes and multi skills sessions from age reception - year 6 children.

Contact coach Mikey today to start your free session - [m-dean@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m-dean@hotmail.co.uk) 07510172789"

She stopped the show.....but then it wasn't going very fast. Noel Coward



Dave, Phil, Rebecca and Angie starting and finishing the **OXTED PRAM RACE**, representing the Barn as they do every year.

## Sunday Clubs

Hopefully most people now get the eNews or notifications of events via our Facebook page but just a reminder for everyone about Sunday Club which is held on the first Sunday of every month. The bar is open from noon - 2.00pm and nibbles are served so if you are new to the theatre, why not come along to find out more about what happens there or if you are an 'old hand', come to meet friends or network. We all work very hard, so this is a chance to relax and enjoy somewhere that means so much to so many. Hope to see you there!

The Editor of the Barn Theatre News is Bruce Reed and contributions are always gratefully received. Copy should be sent to [barntheatre@btinternet.com](mailto:barntheatre@btinternet.com) Press deadline for the next issue is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October