

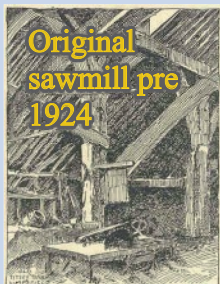
# BARN THEATRE

## NEWS



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# The BARN THEATRE *Oxted* Centenary



Original sawmill pre 1924



Signwriter at work 1948



Original Barn 1924



Original Barn 1924

**OUR OPENING PRODUCTION IN MAY 1924  
100 YEARS AGO**

**The Oxted and Limpsfield Players, with whom the Crichton Dramatic Club was early associated.**

**SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL by RICHARD B SHERIDAN**

**From this 100 year old photo we can still see a fabulously detailed set and magnificent costumes, no power tools and a set easily as good as our teams produce today.**



A post box topper is a crochet or knitted hat or bonnet for a pillar box, designed as a tribute, commemoration, or for public enjoyment.

DO YOU RECOGNISE ONE OF THE VARIOUS COATS LEFT AFTER RECENT PERFORMANCES AT THE THEATRE?



PLEASE CALL IN AND COLLECT BEFORE WE SEND THESE ITEMS ROUND TO THE LOCAL CHARITY SHOP

### CENTENARY SOCIAL EVENTS

Book now to avoid disappointment  
[www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Make teams from your friends and enjoy a Barn Quiz night including a fish and chip supper. 7.30pm

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Have some lunch with us at Sunday Club with BBQ meats and salads. Sunday Club opens at 12 noon.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Enjoy a Barn Afternoon Tea with Carol Stark reminiscing about her years at the theatre 2.30pm. Bar opens at 1.00pm

OXTED AND LIMPSFIED BARN THEATRE COMPANY LTD will hold their AGM at the Barn on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May commencing at 8pm.

All are welcome but only shareholders may vote and questions to the board must be submitted to [barntheatre@btinternet.com](mailto:barntheatre@btinternet.com) by 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The New Aquarian Opera Company are thrilled to be returning to the Barn as part of the Centenary Celebrations with their production



of "Last Night of the Proms" featuring all your proms favourites. Don't forget to bring your flags and be prepared to sing along with the New Aquarian Opera singers and orchestra! As well as the Fantasia on British Sea Songs, which includes "Rule Britannia" we'll be performing Carmen Suite – but with singers! We'll also be performing a semi-staged

production of Puccini's hilarious one act opera, Gianni Schicchi. As well as the mayhem on stage, there will be beautiful music to enjoy, especially the most famous of all soprano arias "O mio babbino caro" sung by Loretta to her father Gianni Schicchi.

New Aquarian Opera will return in November with their new production of Puccini's La Boheme. If you are interested in joining us, please contact: [melanie@aquarianopera.com](mailto:melanie@aquarianopera.com)



Oxted Musical Theatre Company worked a lot outside the hours of 9 to 5 to get this Dolly Parton Musical on the road in just 3 months. Packed full of her less known but equally well written songs, a clever set that moved seamlessly on and off stage, together with a happy enthusiastic cast, the company

had wonderful time performing this show. Together with Musical Director Robert Randall and Choreographer Kerry Payne, Director and Designer Mike Mackenzie said he was very proud of how his cast and crew brought his vision to life. The show played to large houses and OMTC are now hoping that they can the same do for their November production of The Addams Family. But before that, as part of the Barn Theatre Centenary Celebrations they will be taking us right back to start of the Barns history by performing an Old Time Music Hall. So we invite you to come along on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> for laughs, entertainment and a good old Singalong !

As a fitting finale to the Barn Centenary, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, the Really Happy Company are presenting “A Night of a 100 Years”, a romp through the decades since the theatre first opened in 1924.

We are looking forward to welcome a wealth of talent to the stage. We are very privileged to have a fabulous production team, all long standing stalwarts of our beautiful theatre, comprising of Sarah Morrison who will be directing our show with Kerry Payne as choreographer and Michael Burbridge as our musical director.

The show will focus on the life and times of the Barn itself through the past 100 years and we are actively seeking snippets of memories and history to embed within our production and include on our website. If you have something which you feel is relevant, we would love to receive this either by email or selfie video please, to [barntheatre@barn100years.org](mailto:barntheatre@barn100years.org).

There will be two performances at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are available from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk).

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# A Night of 100 Years

A Celebration of Music, Dance and Drama at The Barn over the last one hundred years

**The Barn Theatre, Oxted**  
**Saturday 26th October 2024**  
2.30pm and 7.30pm

Booking via the website: [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

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**DIRECT FROM THE WILD WEST END**  
From the producers of the hit touring show 'One night in Dublin'

## THE BIG COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

FEATURING THE AWARD WINNING "WILD MURPHYS" COVERING CLASSIC COUNTRY SONGS BY  
JOHNNY CASH, DOLLY PARTON, JOHN DENVER,  
KENNY ROGERS, HANK WILLIAMS, WILLIE NELSON,  
SHANIA TWAIN, THE EAGLES, GARTH BROOKS,  
GLEN CAMPBELL, BELLAMY BROTHERS AND MANY MORE.

IT'S GONNA BE A SEA OF COWBOY HATS WHEN  
THE BIG COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW RIDES INTO TOWN!

FROM THE WILD MURPHYS, THE AWARD WINNING BAND THAT BROUGHT YOU THE HIT TOURING PRODUCTION 'ONE NIGHT IN DUBLIN' THIS SHOW HAS BEEN WOWING AUDIENCES AND RECEIVING OUTSTANDING REVIEWS ALL OVER THE UK AND EUROPE.

A BAND OF AMAZING MUSICIANS WITH MALE AND FEMALE LEAD SINGERS, STUNNING HARMONIES AND LIVE FIDDLE IT'S TWO HOUR EXTRAVAGANZA OF UNASHAMEDLY OLD SCHOOL SINGALONG COUNTRY MUSIC FILLED WITH HAND-CLAPPING, FOOT-STOMPING, BOOT-SCOOTIN' CLASSICS FROM THE LIKES OF KENNY ROGERS, DOLLY PARTON, SHANIA TWAIN, GARTH BROOKS, JOHNNY CASH, WILLIE NELSON, THE EAGLES AND MORE.

FEATURING A TEN GALLON HAT FULL OF GREAT COUNTRY AND WESTERN HITS INCLUDING 'THE GAMBLER', 'TAKE IT EASY', 'MAN! I FEEL LIKE A WOMAN', 'RING OF FIRE', 'THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA' AND MANY MORE. IF YOU LIKE A LITTLE BIT OF CLASSIC COUNTRY MUSIC THEN WHY NOT DUST OFF THOSE BOOTS, GRAB YOUR PARTNERS AND MOSEY ON DOWN?!

Friday 7th June | 7.30pm  
[www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)



# RANDY AND THE ROCKETS

**30 years of the greatest music**  
**Buy your tickets now, don't be disappointed**  
[www.barntheatreoxtd.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxtd.co.uk)



Are you ready to turn up the energy at the Barn Theatre and give your yourself an unforgettable musical experience? Look no further than Randy and the Rockets – a powerhouse covers band celebrating their incredible 30 year journey in the music industry!

Joining them will be a host of fantastic musicians and performers who have joined them on-stage over their illustrious career. **Henry Gotellier from The Karma Effect, Pete Greeves from The Classic Rock Revival, Steve Gamble of Wyatt Riot, Mariam Mickels and Elle Hayes from The Whiskey Sours and many more...**

**A Legacy of Rock Excellence:** Randy and the Rockets have not only stood the test of time but have thrived in it. With a rich history of headlining alongside iconic acts like Reef, The Sweet, Paul Young, B\*Witched, Scouting For Girls, Go West and more, their 30th-year milestone is a testament to their enduring passion for delivering electrifying performances. Lead guitarist Martin Mickels has shared the stage with legendary bands such as The Sweet, Never The Bride, and Violent Storm. Martin's talent was showcased on Sky Arts Guitar Star, solidifying his place among the guitar virtuosos of our time. Alongside him, the multi-talented Matt Hayes, known for his international chart-topping single with Lickspittle, and Mick Hayes, a.k.a. Randy, who has graced the stage with icons like David Bowie, Marc Bolan, and Billy Idol.

**Lockdown Phenomenon:** Throughout the challenges of lockdown, Randy and the Rockets didn't miss a beat, performing an impressive 67 shows and amassing over 750,000 views online. Their dedicated fan base, with over 6000 followers on social media, speaks volumes about the band's ability to connect with audiences.

**Unforgettable Stage Presence:** Randy and the Rockets bring more than just music to the stage – they deliver a spectacle! Their high-energy performances, crowd-engaging antics and infectious enthusiasm create an electric atmosphere that will have you talking long after the event.



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## JUKEBOX!

Thursday 30th May 2024 at 7.30pm

A GLORIOUS SELECTION OF THE BEST OF THE BEST OF MUSICAL THEATRE! GET READY FOR ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT AS SOME OF THE MOST ICONIC MOMENTS FROM THE WORLD OF MUSICAL THEATRE ARE BROUGHT TO LIFE IN THIS CELEBRATION CONCERT! MORE "OUTRAGEOUSLY GOOD" ENTERTAINMENT FROM GLOW THEATRE GROUP!

Tickets available from [www.barntheatreoxtd.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxtd.co.uk)  
07813 916105

Since our very first production back in 2008 the Barn Theatre has been a very important part of the Glow journey, providing our actors with the perfect place to learn and perform. We have staged almost 50 musical theatre productions at the Barn during those 16 years, and probably the same number of Festival plays too! It's been a busy time! We have always been so beautifully supported by the Barn, the Trustees and the amazing band of FOH volunteers, all of whom make this marvellous venue the wonderful place that it is! It is our pleasure, therefore, to be a part of the Barn Theatre Centenary Festival, playing our part in celebrating this amazing theatre, and celebrating the thousands and thousands of people who have trodden the boards here during the last 100 years! For our part in this party, we offer you Jukebox – a glorious selection of the best of the best of musical theatre – chosen by our actors, with many taking the opportunity to showcase their own personal favourites.

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Barn!**

The Barn Theatre News is created by Bruce Reed who is always willing to include your contribution at [Barntheatre@btinternet.com](mailto:Barntheatre@btinternet.com)  
Copy for the next edition should be received by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July