

BARN THEATRE

NEWS



May 2026



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Ms Carolyn Rowley

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AN INVITATION FROM THE PALACE

A very special invitation arrived with Bruce and Caro earlier this week from His Majesty the King. We are invited to attend at Buckingham Palace for a Garden Party on Friday May 8th and possibly meet the King and other Royals.

The reason given is “service to theatre”.

A very auspicious occasion and it should be shared with our whole Barn community of volunteers without whom we would not have been noticed.

There is no record in the Barn archives of previous such invitations being received within our community and this is surely an acknowledgment of what we have achieved in our 102 years, being finally realised



The Golden Age Of The Hollywood Musical

Featuring The NFS Show Band (New Foxtrot Serenaders) in their 29th year of shows at the Barn Theatre.

This year the band brings you the very best of the legendary Hollywood Musical.

From Top Hat, An American In Paris, Singing in the Rain, The Wizard of Oz, Oklahoma, West Side Story and many more. So join us for a very special matinee performance at

3.00pm on Sunday 31st May 2026 for a Yankee Doodle Dandy of a show!



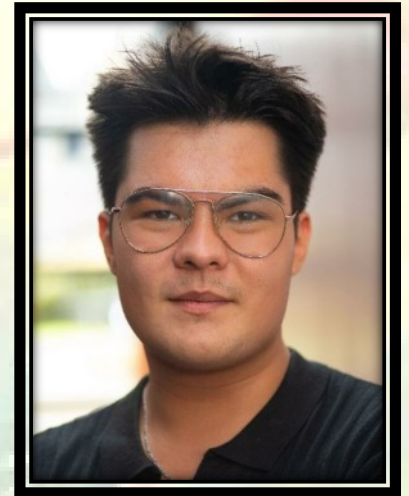
Big Talent, Bigger Trouble: Little Shop of Horrors Takes Over The Barn



A quirky florist shop, a mysterious plant, and a whole lot of trouble are about to take root in Oxted. *Little Shop of Horrors* bursts onto the stage at **The Barn Theatre** in June, bringing its irresistible mix of dark comedy, sci-fi charm, and show-stopping Motown-inspired tunes to one of Surrey's most beloved community theatres.

This is a dazzling production of the long running Broadway hit – the deliciously dark, delightfully tongue-in-cheek iconic musical that's charmed audiences for over 40 years. The production features an exceptionally talented cast — their energy, skill, and passion light up The Barn's intimate stage, making this iconic cult-classic musical feel fresh, bold, and brilliantly alive. Several of these performers will move from this production direct to some of the most prestigious professional theatre training programmes in England, following in the footsteps of other Glow graduates who have gone on to train at

RADA, GSA, Royal Central, Italia Conti, Mountview and Chichester.



Follow the hapless Seymour Krelborn as he stumbles upon a strange and spectacular plant that promises him everything he's ever wanted — fame, fortune, and maybe even love — so long as he keeps feeding its ever-growing appetite. With vibrant characters, wicked humour, and a story that's equal parts outrageous and heartfelt, this is a theatrical experience that blossoms with personality.

Step inside the shop and enjoy a night of big laughs, bold performances, and a botanical menace you won't forget. At The Barn Theatre in Oxted, *Little Shop of Horrors* is ready to bloom. Whether you're a die-hard fan or a first-time visitor to Skid Row, don't miss your chance to experience this riotous theatrical treat.

25th to 27th June at 7.30pm, with a matinee performance at 2.30pm on Saturday 27th.

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At the recent FOB's AGM in March it was announced a change to the way in which FOBs will be set up moving forwards. Instead of operating as an unincorporated association, a new company, officially known as The Friends of the Barn Theatre Oxted Ltd, is being established as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Barn Theatre. Very little will change in the day-to-day running of FOBs, but one of the major benefits of the new arrangement is that it will provide greater protection for members of the existing committee, who have previously been left exposed for any potential financial liabilities. Exciting times ahead!



Tandridge Lottery - The Barn Theatre has been a benefactor of the Tandridge Lottery since its inception in 2018. We are delighted to announce that on our 8th anniversary of being associated with the lottery we have just reached a fundraising milestone of having raised over £8,000. The lottery is drawn weekly, with the chance of winning a cash prize of £25,000 - for every £1 ticket sold the Barn receives 50p, so the more tickets that are sold, the more we receive. If you would to get involved please visit the website tandridgelottery.co.uk/support/the-barn-theatre-oxted or contact me at fobs.chairman@barntheatreoxted.co.uk for more information.

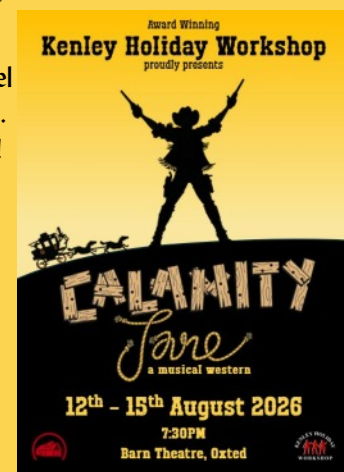
Paul Robinson - Chairman of FOBs

Calamity Jane performed by Kenley Holiday Workshop

Doris Day set the bar for "Calamity Jane" the musical in 1953, but the energy and talent of the award-winning Kenley Holiday Workshop is sure to surpass the well-loved film.

The whip-crackin' musical comedy classic will take the Barn by storm in August and set your feet tapping with songs such as "The Deadwood Stage", "The Black Hills of Dakota" and "Just Blew in from the Windy City."

Directed by Ros Broyd with choreography by Kerry Payne and musical direction by Michael Burbidge, the enthusiasm from 45 young people will ensure that this is a runaway success. What are you waiting for, you wild coyotes? Whip-crack away and book your tickets now!





Photos from our most recent production of **Guys & Dolls**

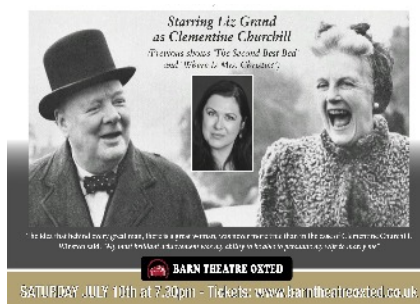


Oxted Musical Theatre Company's production of 'Guys & Dolls' has received stellar reviews, lots of great songs, lively dancing and of course a little romance. The company would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to the creative team, cast, band, and crew who made it happen. It was great to see a good influx of talented new members on and off the stage. Hopefully they will stay for OMTC's November production of 'All Shook Up'. Featuring mega hits from the beloved Elvis® catalogue, this musical fantasy will have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as "Heartbreak Hotel", "Hound Dog", "Jailhouse Rock", and "Don't be Cruel". If you are interested in being in the show, helping back stage, then auditions start on the 24th May. Full details are on our website or by contacting us at oxtedmusicaltheatrecompany@gmail.com.

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