



The Barn: Press Pack



Chichester Filmmakers

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The mystery of a girl trapped out of time, never ageing and accused of witchcraft in the 16th century, when a tragic turn of events propels her to the 20th century and reveals her destiny and link to an ancient Viking inheritance.

The Barn (2024)

A film by Jonathan Brooker
& Chichester Filmmakers

“She lost everything”



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The Barn: Synopsis

Movie Title : The Barn

Genre : Mystery / History / Folk

Director : Jonathan Brooker

Year: 2024

An epic short covering four time periods, *The Barn* finds a young woman dressed in 14th-century clothes discovered lifeless in an isolated barn by a 16th-century farmer. Adopted by the kindly man and his family, the small community that first welcomed her begins to notice that she doesn't appear to age. Upon the death of her adopted parents, things reach a head when she is accused of witchery and chased from the village to a horrifying climax in the barn she was discovered in many years earlier. The apparently immortal girl awakes again in the mid-20th century, where voices from a distant past reveal the mystery of her survival and path ahead links to an ancient Viking inheritance.



A Word From The Director

Jonathan Brooker

“The inspiration for the Barn came from a visit to the Weald and Downland Living Museum. The story soon fell into place, as Ellen, the young woman at the heart of the mystery, took over. Bringing her story to the screen has been an incredible and rewarding journey, and only possible thanks to the dedication and passion of filmmakers and our supporters from Chichester and across Sussex.”

The Barn: Production Timeline

NOVEMBER 2023

Chichester Filmmakers founded, commenced recruitment of cast and crew and script development.

APRIL 2024

The Barn: Main shoot across five days at iconic West Sussex locations.

JULY 2024

Completion of the Barn trailer and director's edit



FEBRUARY 2024

Cast read-through of *The Barn* with support of Academy Award-winner Kate Winslet

JUNE 2024

The Barn: Additional filming, including drone footage

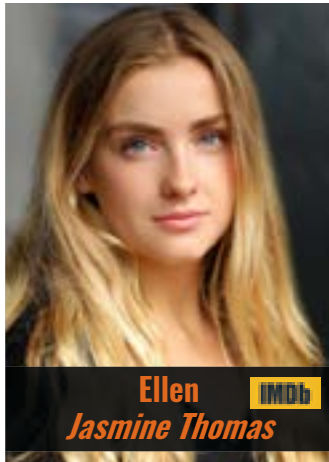
AUGUST 2024

Premiere of *The Barn* at the Chichester International Film Festival

The Barn: Main Cast

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Ellen 
Jasmine Thomas

Ellen, the mysterious young woman who never seems to age.



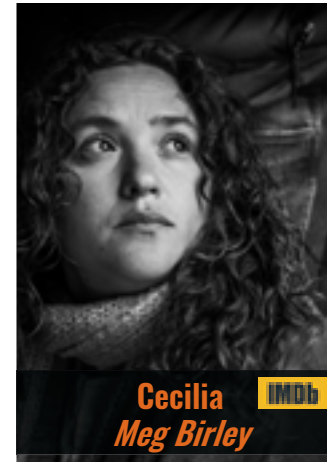
Odin 
Mark Chapman

The Allfather of Norse mythology, but what's his connection to Ellen?



Thomas 
Chris Beaumont

The kind 16th-century farmer who welcomes Ellen into his family when he discovers her.



Cecilia 
Meg Birley

Ellen's mother confronting tragic loss in the 14th century



William 
Peter McCrohon

Ellen's father, who would do anything to save his daughter as she slips from his care.



George 
Simon Willshire

A 16th-century villager who's certain that Ellen is responsible for the bad luck befalling his community.



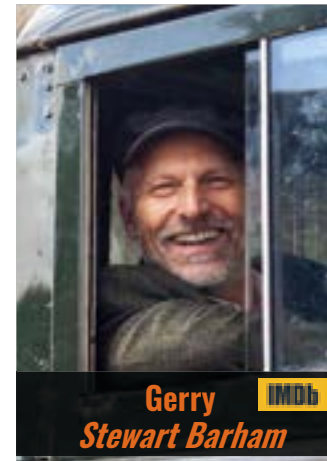
Mary 
Lena Richardson

The 16th-century wife who welcomes Ellen as a daughter.



Alice 
Lucy Mabbitt

Even Ellen's adopted sister and best friend questions Ellen's age – how far will she go to defend her?



Gerry 
Stewart Barham

The 20th century estate agent whose plans to buy an abandoned barn take a turn when he finds Ellen lifeless inside.

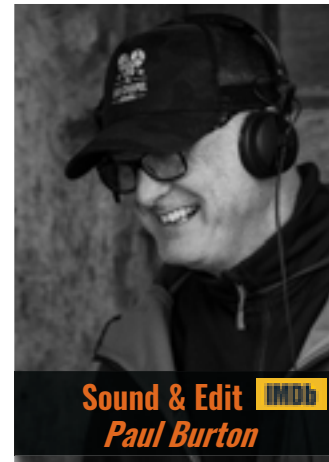
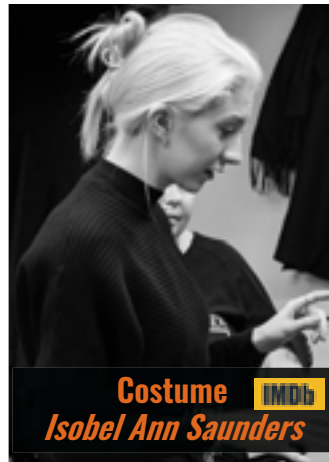
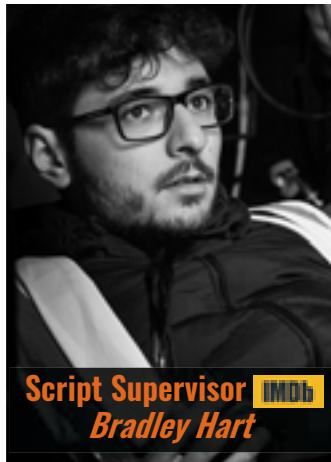
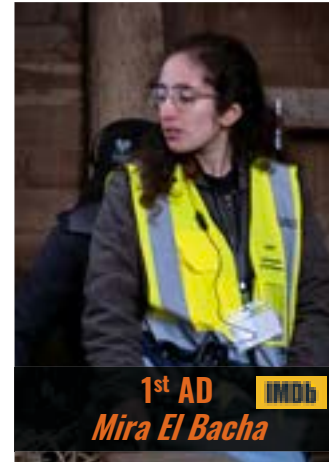
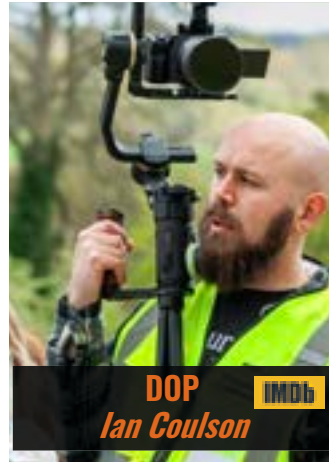
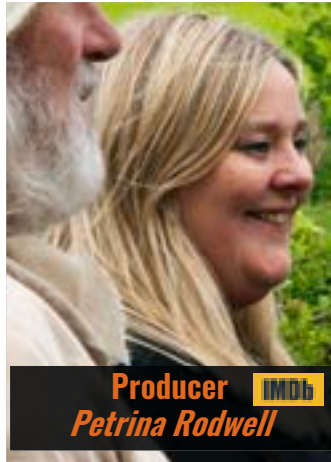


Catherine 
Hazel Stock

The 16th century villager whose fear propels Ellen to her destiny in the 20th century.

The Barn: Crew

Find our full crew at



Locations

The Barn captured multiple time periods using two iconic locations in West Sussex.

Weald and Downland Living Museum

The incredible living museum in the foothills of the South Downs provides the backdrop for the 14th, 16th and 20th-century scenes in *The Barn*. The award-winning museum has grown to include 50 buildings covering 950AD to the 19th century since it was founded in 1970.



wealddown.co.uk

St Andrews-by-the-Ford

The iconic Saxon church St Andrew-by-the-Ford near Arundel provided the backdrop for a pivotal scene where the villagers' concerns about Ellen reach a shocking conclusion.



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Behind The Scenes



The Barn: In Numbers

20+

**Cast
members**

30+

**Crew
members**

4

**Time
periods**

5

**Day
main shoot**

**“Such a lovely girl.
Always so well-mannered and kind.
But it is undeniable that she looks as fresh
as when she was taken in...”**

- Agnes, The Barn -

Premiere & Honours



4 August 2024

Gala Premiere

Following official selection, the Barn Gala Premiere will take place at the Chichester International Film Festival in August 2024



About Chichester Filmmakers

Chichester Filmmakers was established in late 2023 to support film enthusiasts and professionals alike.

The community group aims to bring together like-minded individuals who are passionate about film, introduce them to the film industry, and help them develop hands-on skills.

It plans to support projects in and around the city of Chichester, as well as East & West Sussex and Hampshire – 2024's *The Barn* is the organisation's ambitious debut. For more information, please visit below.

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