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PUBLIC HALL



**THE GANG SHOW**  
**1966**

***PROGRAMME***

**6<sup>d</sup>**

Organised by: HARPENDEN AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS





## GANG SHOWS

Just over thirty years ago, Ralph Reader, who was then known as 'A Holborn Rover' staged the first ever Gang Show in the Scala Theatre in London. Productions continued there annually until the outbreak of hostilities in 1939.

The proceeds in those days were devoted mainly to the purchase and maintenance of the permanent camp site at Downe in Kent, which was then used by the London members of the Boy Scout Movement.

During the War, Ralph Reader produced numerous Gang Shows for the Services in many parts of the world. These were always popular and some of the cast were to become very well known in Show Business.

After the War, Ralph Reader again started producing all Scout Gang Shows—this time at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith; subsequently these have been staged at the Hippodrome, Golders Green. The proceeds from these performances have been devoted to the benefit of the Movement as a whole and, through the years, a very large sum has been raised by his efforts and also those of the numerous members of the cast.

From this small beginning in the nineteen-thirties, Gang Shows have been produced by many Boy Scout Associations all over the world using scripts and music written by Ralph Reader. These productions continue and it is the proud claim that every night of the year somewhere in the world a Gang Show is playing.

In 1949, Eric Thair, who was then Assistant District Commissioner, produced the first Gang Show in Harpenden and he has continued to do so annually with only one exception.

Those taking part in the Show consist mainly of members of the Movement drawn from the various Groups in Harpenden & District. They have, however, the very able and invaluable assistance of many other people "off stage" without whose aid it would be virtually impossible to put on a show and to whom our thanks are due.

Thank you for coming. We hope that you will enjoy the performance and that you will come again next year together with your friends.







*Scouting has always owed a great deal to the men and women who have given Scouting support and encouragement and who have established its links with the public in general.*

*This can certainly be said of ERIC THAIR.*

*His work for the Movement in Harpenden, on top of his other voluntary spheres, is well and truly appreciated by us all.*





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# THE GANG SHOW

1966

Produced by **ERIC THAIR**

- 1 THE OPENING
- 2 TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT
- 3 INTERPOL
- 4 SCHOOLBOYS (CUBS)
- 5 DO AS THE ROMANS DO
- 6 MUMS
- 7 SWEET BELINDA
- 8 CROSSED WIRES

- 9 FREE AND FRIPPENCE HAPENNY
- 10 SEA SALTS
- 11 THE PHILOSOPHICAL PORTER
- 12 I SEE RED
- INTERVAL
- 13 ALL DRESSED UP
- 14 PARENT'S COMMITTEE
- 15 COME TO THE FAIR

- 16 ROGER AND PAT
- 17 OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES
- 18 COMING HOME
- 19 HOLIDAYS
- 20 DESERT ROSEMARIE
- 21 TAP
- 22 WHEN A BAND STARTS TO PLAY
- 23 FINALE

THE QUEEN

*Anything may happen between items!*

T. ARNOLD  
C. BROTHERTON  
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## THE GANG

C. SCHOPP  
G. SMITH  
G. SPRING  
A. STUBBS  
G. STUBBS  
D. TAILOR  
P. THOMPSON

R. UDELL  
D. WATLER  
K. WATLER  
G. WHITE  
W. WILLIAMS  
S. WRIGHT

*The Gang requests no photographs  
and  
no smoking during the performance*

## Cubs

C. ACKROYD  
A. BARON  
M. BRIGGS  
G. BURCHELL  
G. CROWE  
D. CURL  
D. ELLEDGE  
S. HALL  
G. JACKSON  
M. JENNINGS  
N. PIKE  
D. ROLT  
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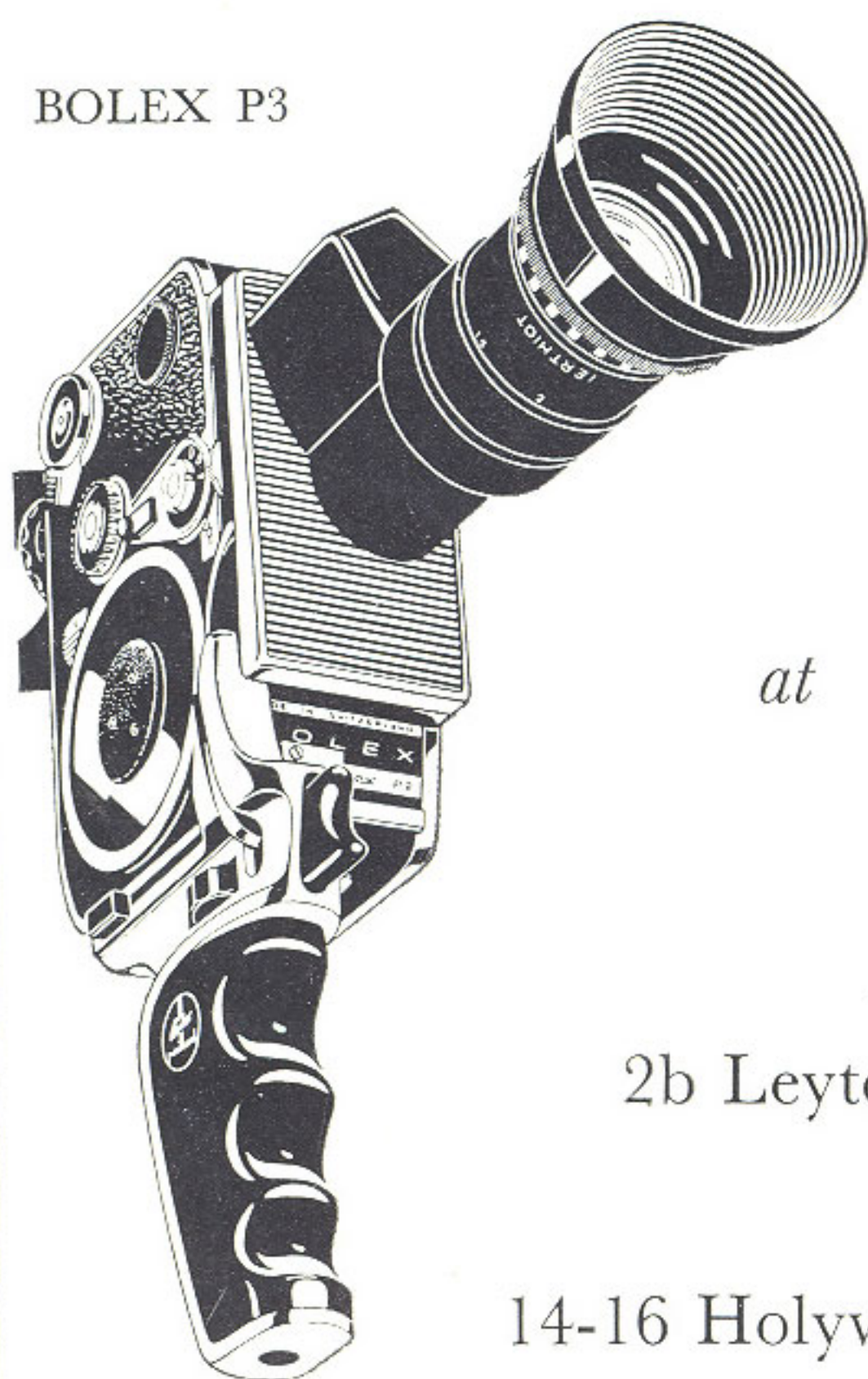
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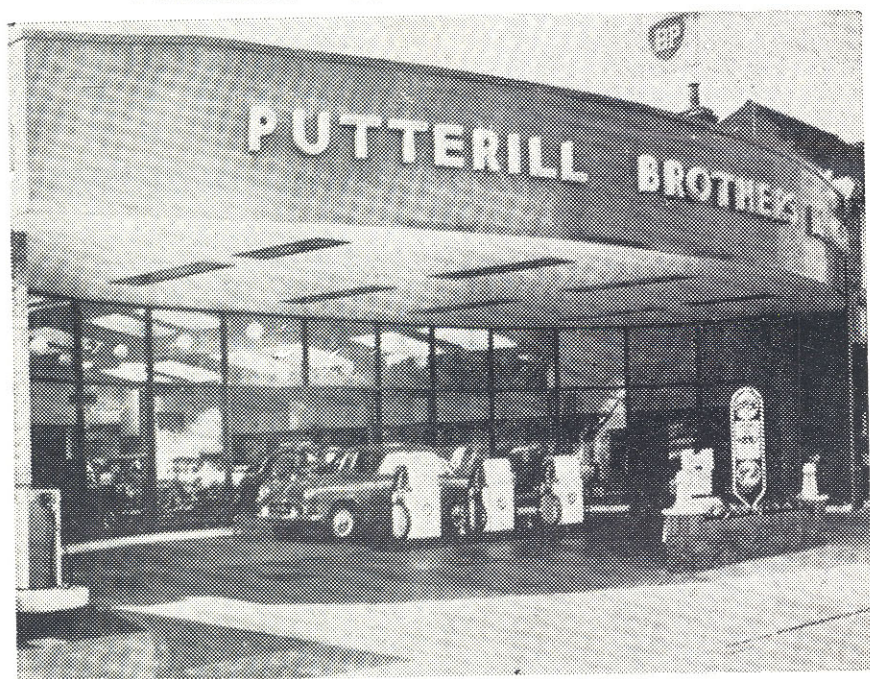
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