

**Harpenden & Wheathampstead
District Scouts
43rd GANG SHOW
1992 PROGRAMME**



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THE GANG SHOW AND SCOUTING

On 30th October 1932 the Gang Show was born. It was staged at the Scala Theatre, off Tottenham Court Road and entitled 'The Gang's All Here!' It was renamed the 'Gang Show' in 1934 and until 1967 was an all-male show. In the following year they were joined by girls and the change was warmly welcomed by audiences and, especially, the cast!

The London Gang Show staged its last performance in 1974 and featured such long-time favourites as 'Making Memories', 'It's great to be young', 'The Happy Land', 'The Morning of your life', 'London Town', and the ubiquitous 'Doctor and his little black bag'. Scouts everywhere mourned the death of Ralph Reader in 1982. His name will always be synonymous with the fun and the friendship of Scouting.

Meanwhile Harpenden Scouts decided to stage their own Show and on Saturday 22 October 1949 Eric Thair produced the first Harpenden Gang Show in the Public Hall. The performance started with 'Crest of a Wave', with which we now traditionally end. Notables in the cast include a certain Conrad Ascher, Graeme Oggelsby (now in charge of the Scouts' dressing room) and Dennis Chappin (Chairman of the Appointments Committee).

In 1969 sixteen Harpenden Rangers joined the cast for the first time. In 1970 Marilyn Hudson took over the production of the Show, and in 1972 the name of Ewan Murray appears in the Cub list.

At this time was born the tradition of the front row boys and their very popular tap dance. Generations of parents have marvelled as untutored feet have mastered terpsichorean skills, and, for many Venture Scouts, it has been the highlight of their Scouting career. Watch the Cub item carefully, for they are tomorrow's 'tappers'.



And so the Gang Show family has grown. We are proud of the fact that we have never held auditions for this Show and now, in the year that sees our first girls in Scout and Cub sections, it is possible for any young person sitting in the audience tonight to say, 'Next year I will be up there'. The backstage staffing has seen little change over the years with many parents providing background support for their sons and daughters on stage.

It is our proud boast that our Gang Show is the end product of much dedication, caring, and background harmony. And it's all such fun.

There is harmony and fun too in our District Scouting, and we invite you to be a part of it. We have seven very active Groups, covering Harpenden, Wheathampstead and Kimpton, and the two largest Venture Scout Units in the county. The Scout Troops, Cub Packs and Beaver Colonies are all full and flourishing, with waiting lists, and we could do so much more with extra help. In particular, we have a very great need for somebody to take charge of our Scout Shop - a great source of revenue for the District. We also need, amongst others, a female leader to take responsibility for our first girls in the 1st Scout Troop.

Join Scouting in Harpenden today and you will find friendships made for life. There is the acquisition of confidence and new skills, challenges to be undertaken, and mountains to climb (if you wish). There are quiet moments too; and, above all, it is **FUN**. Watch the faces of our Gang Show cast.

Like the Gang Show, there is room for everybody. Could **you** help us?

Scouters in the auditorium and foyer will be pleased to answer any questions, or ring Marilyn Hudson (0582 760562) if you would like to chat about it. We welcome you.



DID YOU KNOW ?

That the 3rd Harpenden and 4th Harpenden Groups have unbroken Scouting records since the first National Registration in March 1924? These Groups and the 1st and 2nd (who for some reason were not registered in 1924) and possibly others would have been formed some time between 1908 and 1924. Does anyone know when? Would anyone like to undertake a local history project on the origin of Scouting in Harpenden?

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DID YOU WANT TO KNOW ?

That Front of House Manager **KIT YARDLEY** (Dad) was a member of the first ever Harpenden Gang Show front row? That Gang Show Secretary **JAN YARDLEY** (Mum) was one of the first Rangers to appear in the Show? That **ANDREW YARDLEY** (Son) was the first scout to appear on the stage with parents that had preceded him? That **AMY YARDLEY** (Daughter) is one of the very first Girl Scouts to appear in the show? (Thats enough Ed.)



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- * We have to suffer all the build up to a General Election
- * We have the year of the Promise Appeal

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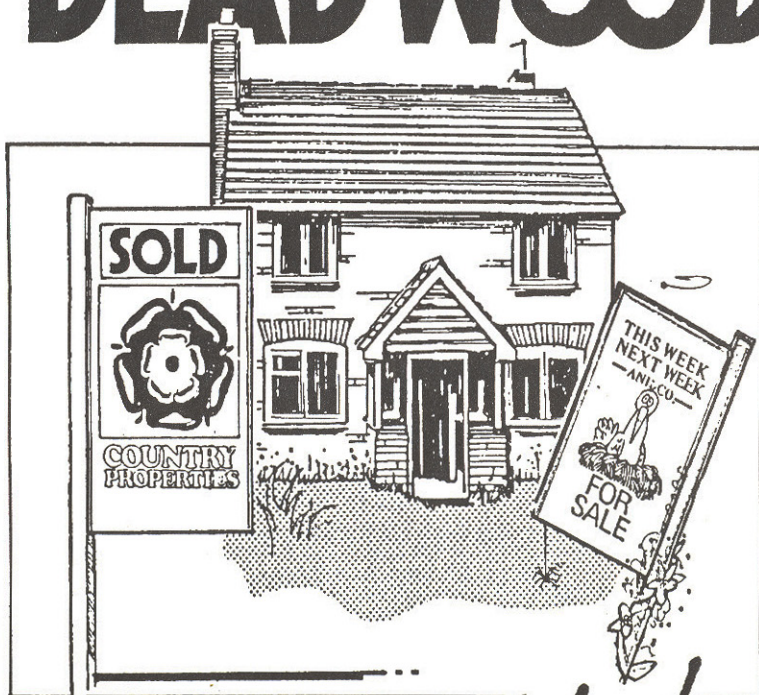
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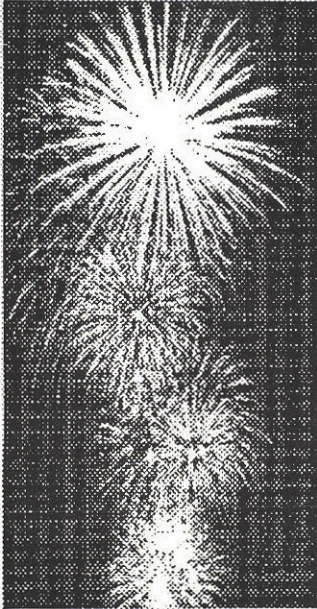


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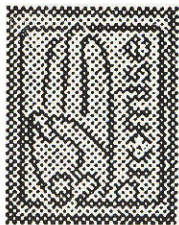
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DID YOU KNOW ?

That a severed electricity cable disrupted the Harpenden Gang Show performance 20 years ago and the stage was lit by the headlights of parents' cars driven up the steps of the Public Hall?



PROGRAMME



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| 1. The Big Time | 7. Winter Wonderland |
| 2. Anything Goes | 8. Fiesta Fandango |
| 3. Around the World
in 15 minutes | 9. On Matrimony Bent |
| 4. Hooray for Hollywood | 10. Oklahoma |
| 5. Officers Mess | 11. Moldichops & the Three
Bears |
| 6. Wish You Were Here | 12. Twisting by the Pool |
| | 13. Over the Sea |
| | 14. Finale |

Producer : Marilyn Hudson

Music Director : Ewan Murray

Choreographer : Angela Archer

The Gang kindly requests that you do not
take photographs or use video cameras,
Thank you.

THE QUEEN

THE GANG



1992

CAST LIST

Catherine Abbott	Mark Dilks	Helen Millins
Kai Allen	Jonathan Dyet	Carl Morgan
Martin Allen	Matthew Dyet	Connor Mulholland
Philip Allen	Timothy Easter	Claire Murray
Stuart Anderson	Lizzie Elston	Helen Newman
Carey Arbury	Andrew Falconer	Richard Nicholls
Matthew Arrowsmith	Ben Fetton	Tamara North
Liz Atkin	Jeremy Finch	Simon Parkinson
Richard Aylott	Catherine Fisher	Simon Pryor
Stuart Aylott	Greg Frost	Craig Redford
George Bailey	Jeremy Frost	Jon Reeves
Tom Bailey	Jenny Gardiner	Matthew Reeves
Colin Banks	Richard Gibson	Mark Richardson
Matthew Barfoot	Andrew Gilbert	John Robson
Andrew Barringer	Jo Gilbert	Ian Rodger
James Bartlett	Lucy Giles	Fiona Rotchell
Matthew Bartlett	Nick Green	Sophie Sanctuary
Danielle Beaumont	Gillian Greenway	Chris Scott
Ross Benson	Kate Hall	Daniel Stevens
Rachel Boden	Kate Haller	Louisa Stevens
Nicholas Bonner	Richard Harrison	Kate Thomas
Adam Boreham	Chris Hayter	Will Thomas
Dale Boreham	Adam Hearn	Louise Thonger
James Bowers	Chris Henry	Matthew Tinsley
Felicity Brooks	Richard Holt	Toby Uppington
Chris Carr	Stephen Holt	Simon Wade
Sam Carr	Russell Husbands	Sonia Wade
Daniel Carter	Joe Ivey	Hilary Walker
Edward Cawrey	Alistair Jeffs	Nick Walker
Neil Charwood	Richard Kelly	David Wells
Nicola Clark	Susie Kingaby	Lesley Wells
Simon Colthorpe	Thomas Kingaby	Andrew Westwell
Edward Colville	Michael Lawrence	Gilly Westwell
Richard Coulter	Verity Lawrence	Jon Wharton
Susie Cox	Nicola Lorraine	Kathy Wheddon
Jessica Crawley	Ben McNaught	Sara Williamson
Helen Davies	Chris Mallindine	Susan Withers
Janine Day	Iain Maxwell	Verity Woods
Katy Day	Lorraine Maxwell	Amy Yardley
Peter Devonshire	Andrew Mellor	Andrew Yardley

CUBS CAST LIST

Jonathan Annets	Andrew Goodson	Chris Ormerod
Niall Blackwell	Jacques Hancock	Nicholas Payne
Simon Bowers	Cameron Hay	Dominic Pearson
Thomas Brigham	David Hay	Oliver Peppiatt
Thomas Busby	Alex Hill	Andrew Porter
Daniel Cooper	John Hillman	Matthew Roberts
David Corrie	Derek Hiner	David Rowe
Jamie Dennehy	Michael Howells	James Rawke
Michael Detyne	Adrian Jones	Jonathan Smith
Ross Dines	Jack Kennedy	Graham Spencer
Nicholas Doolan	Richard Land	Andrew Tibbetts
Graham Dunsterville	Iain Leech	Jeremy Turner
Nick Evans	Robert Loftus	James Whitehouse
David Falder	Matthew Maltby	John Wilson
Aidan Gettings	John Mastel	Peter Woods
Jonathan Gibbs	Alastair Milne	
James Gledhill	David Murphy	

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Stage Staff

Production Assistant	Dorothy Whitehouse
Music Arranger	David Milstead
Scenery Designer	David Keen
Scenery Master	Robert Holland
Stage Hands and Scenery Crew	David Keen, Trevor Brotherton, Mathew Collis, Jenny Haynes, Mark Hubbard, Colin Jeffs, Darren Lowry, Neil Richardson, Hazel Towner & Sally Towner
Costumes	Hazel Oggelsby, Joan Hall, Yvonne O'Keefe, Valerie Pollington, Jane Walter with :- Caroline Allen, Jeanette Bowers, Margaret Clifton, Brenda Cottle, Carol Finch, Carol Freeman, Georgina Jeffery, Beryl Jeffs, Margaret Melville, Joanne & Graeme Oggelsby, Jan Richardson, Lois Robinson, Julie Thompson & Margaret Washbrooke
The Band	Chapter Eight Dance Band
Lighting Designer	Dennis Paddison
Lighting by	The Harpenden Lighting Pool
Sound Effects	Robert Hemmin
Make-up	Members of the Venture Scout Units
Properties	Rupert Whitham, Martin Ballan, Dominic Bourquin & James Hayter
Call Boys	Andy & Yvonne Barford
Cub number produced by	Fran Franklin assisted by Yvonne Lowry, Jean Finlay, Lesley McKenzie-Kerr, Dean Franklin, Albert Elliott & Brian Green
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Secretary	Jan Yardley
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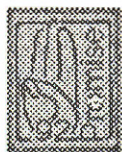
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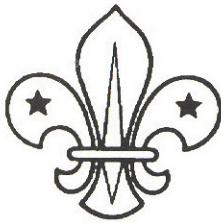
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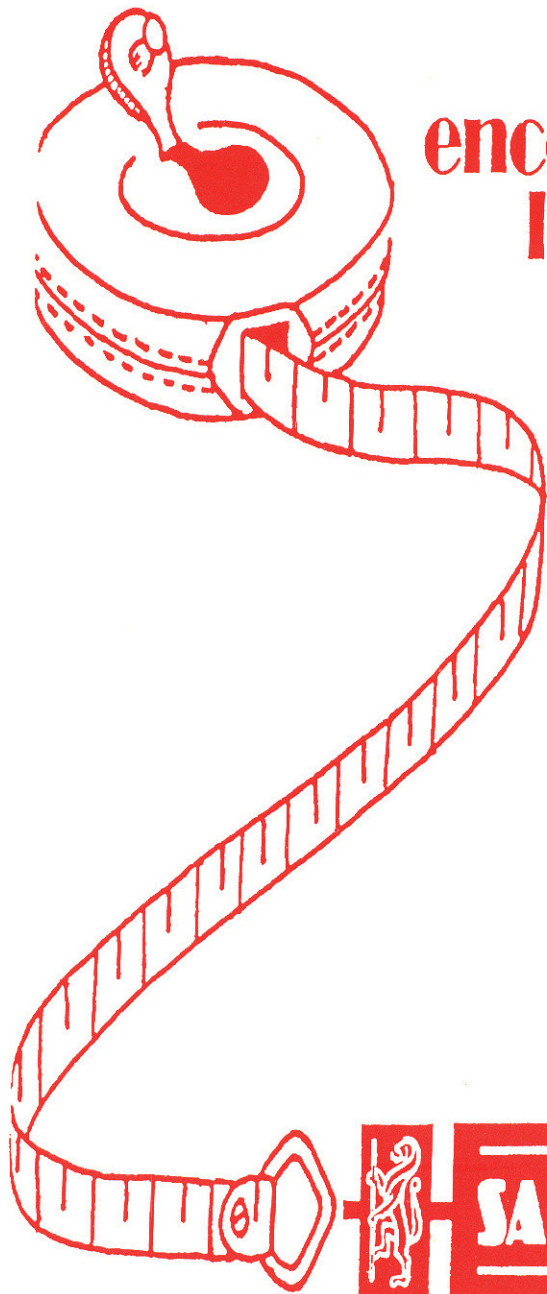
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