

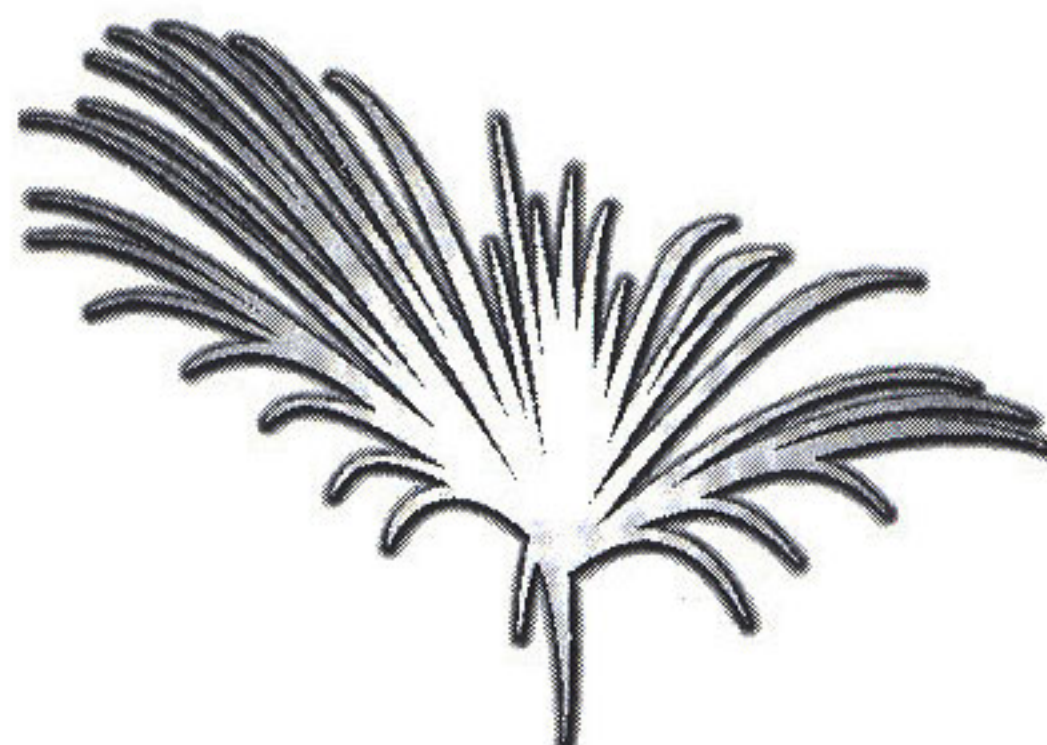
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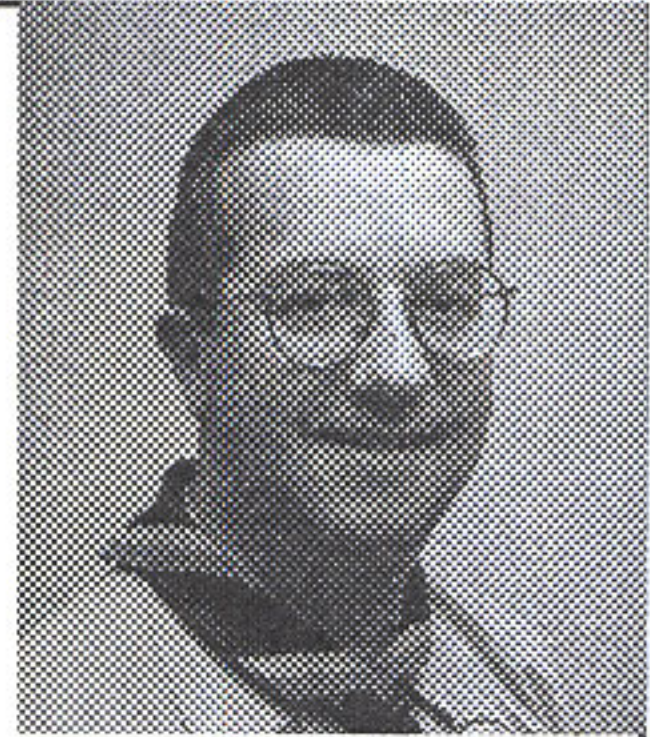
If it were a wine, it would be an Australian Shiraz – in your face and full-bodied.

If it were an animal, it would be an old dog – faithful, reliable, but one that you can teach new tricks! (If the Producer were an animal, he would have been put down long ago.)

If it were an annual showcase of the best that Harpenden has to offer, and the best of Scouting, then it would have fulfilled exactly what it sets out to do every year.

Sit down/back/on the edge of your seat and shout/applaud/cheer these 138 young people as they show you just what they can do with vocal chords, reconditioned left feet and a liberal dose of enthusiasm. Despite the headaches and heartaches, the lost voices and the occasional despair of the production team, the Harpenden Gang never ceases to amaze. And as we say thank you and farewell to Dorothy Cawrey and Richard Turberville, and welcome to Liz Barringer (Costumes) and Neil Johnston (Assistant Producer) to replace them, we continue to assure the future of this institution in our town.

Ewan Murray



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SHOW STORY

Based on an extract from the Hornsby (Sydney, Australia) Gang Show programme.

So what is a Gang Show?

A Gang Show is a variety show staged by Venture Scouts, Scouts and Cubs - generally to a high standard that Ralph Reader would recognise as carrying on the very best traditions of Gang Show and the theatrical arts.

And this doesn't just involve the actors and dancers and others in the cast. The Gang Show is made up of over two hundred people - not just the hundred-odd cast on stage - and covers all areas of the modern theatre from lighting, scenery, costume, music and orchestra, audio special effects, and energetic ticket sellers.

The Story

Gang Show had its beginning in England in 1932 when a young Rover Scout, Ralph Reader, was making a name for himself in theatrical circles. In fact, Ralph was already a famous and sought after choreographer on Broadway - but his life took a remarkable twist after he wrote and produced the first Gang Show to raise money for a local swimming pool. Recognising the worth of this form of training, Baden-Powell encouraged Reader to continue.

He did - and went on to establish the world famous London Gang Show tradition, as well as writing the words and music to hundreds of songs and sketches, including the world famous song "*We're Riding Along on the Crest of a Wave*" (1934). From that small beginning, the Gang Show has become one of the traditions of Scouting and has given Royal Command performances - the only amateur act to ever receive this honour.

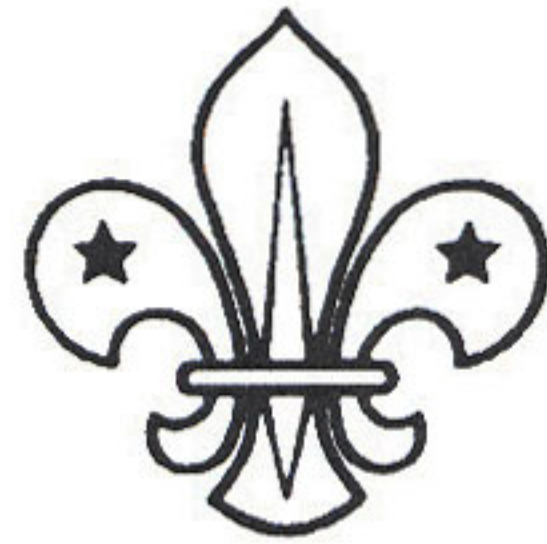
Sir Harry Secombe, Sir Richard Attenborough, Peter Sellers, Darryl Stewart, Max Bygraves, Spike Milligan, Norrie Paramour, Dick Emery, Tony Hancock and many other stage and film stars were involved in Gang Shows early in their careers and have contributed in building the Gang Show tradition.

Gang Shows then spread quickly to many other countries around the world, as well as to most capital cities in Australia. It is often said that a Gang Show is playing somewhere in the world every night of the year!

The tradition lives on in Harpenden with a Gang Show that we hope Ralph Reader would be proud of.

Did You Know?

That Miss Patsy Ross claims the title for the Harpenden Gang Shows' most consistent supporter?



Miss Ross, aged 77, was taken to the first Harpenden Gang Show in October 1949 and has only missed one year since then - when ill in Hospital.

Look out for Miss Ross in a front row seat wearing her red Gang Show Scarf and congratulate her on her 51st show.

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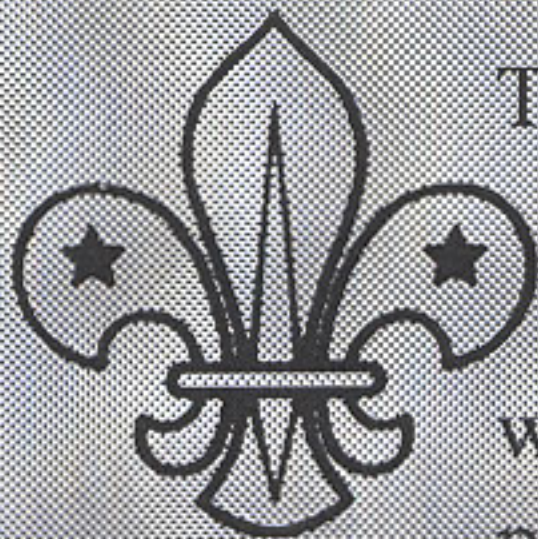
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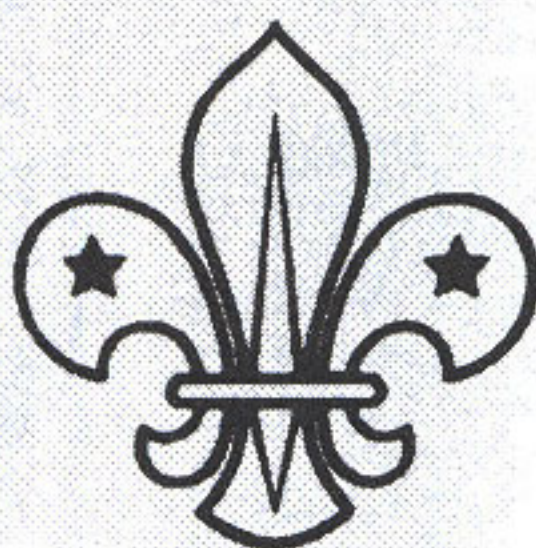
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1st WHEATHAMPSTEAD (MEAD) CUB PACK CAMP AT LEES WOOD 1999

(Sorry, such a good story and I left it out of last year's programme! Here it is, only a year late. Ed.)

“When we arrived we were all very excited this was my first time at cub camp. There were five tents for us to sleep in, mine was called St. Albans, the others were named after local places. After laying out our bedding in the tent we played a really cool wide game finding things in the woods and using maps to decode what they meant, our team came second. That night we went to bed at half past ten, It was cold but I was warm in my sleeping bag. I asked the other people in the tent, they seemed warm except for one person. The ground had lots of stones on it and I was laying on one. Next morning after breakfast we went on a climbing wall. I couldn't climb the big wall, so I climbed the small wall. I didn't absail because I was scared so I went down the ladder. After we had all climed the climbing wall we went on the assault course, you climb a tiny wall down a pole, across a balancing beam across a chain, through tyres, up a ladder, across a rope bridge, down a pole, up a cargo-net and through tubes. Then we went through some more tubes. We then went air rifle shooting, I got one bullseye. That night we made fires and cooked our tea on them, it was great fun and everybody got covered in smoke the food was good to. I had a really fab time and can't wait to go camping again.”

James Munday aged 8
member of white six, Mead Cub Pack



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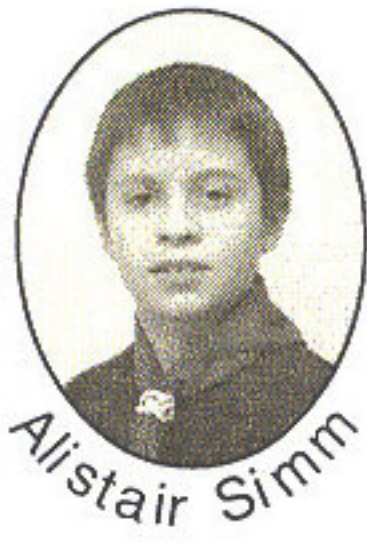
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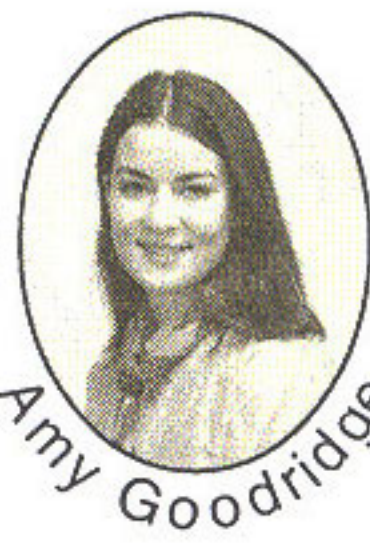
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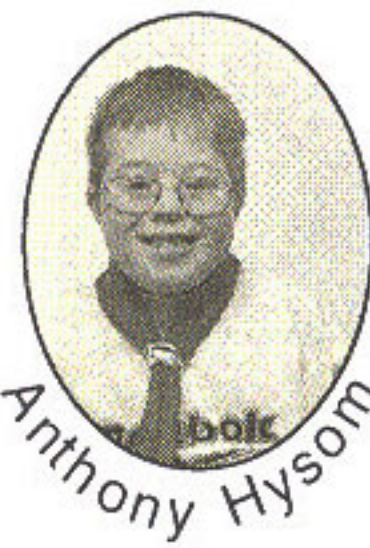
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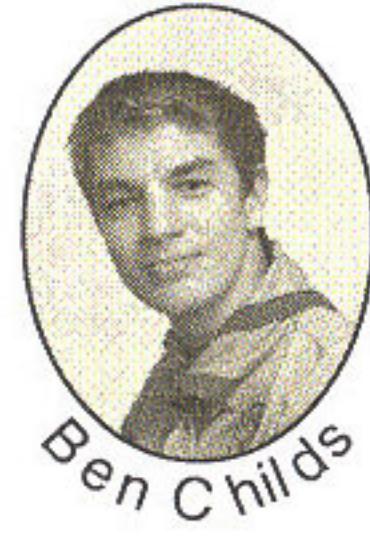
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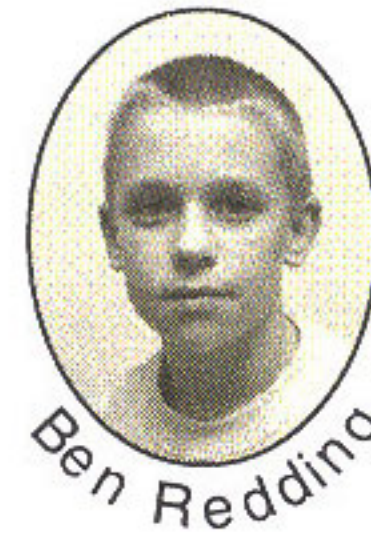
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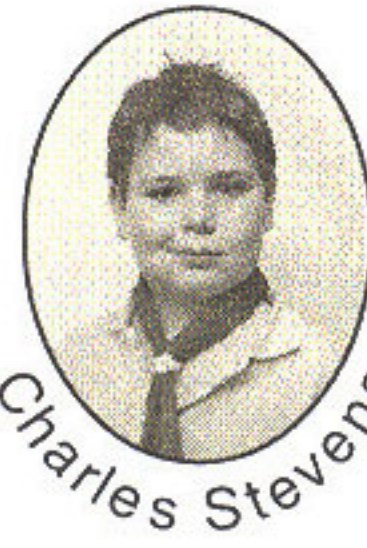
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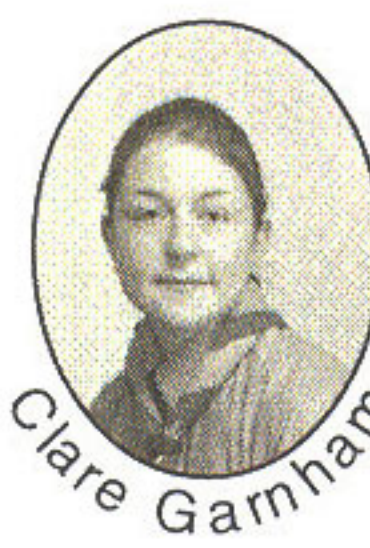
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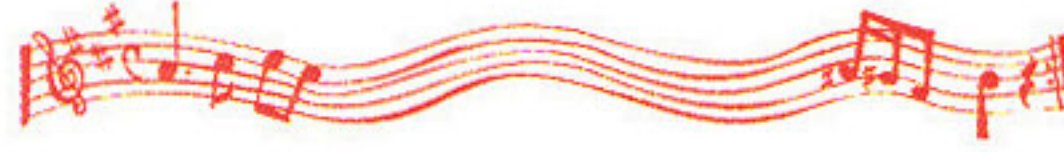
James Kerridge



James Lawrence



Act One



The Queen

- 1. Entertainment 2001*
- 2. The Headmaster*
- 3. Body Zone*
- 4. Weekending*
- 5. Cinderella*
- 6. Hit the Road Jack*

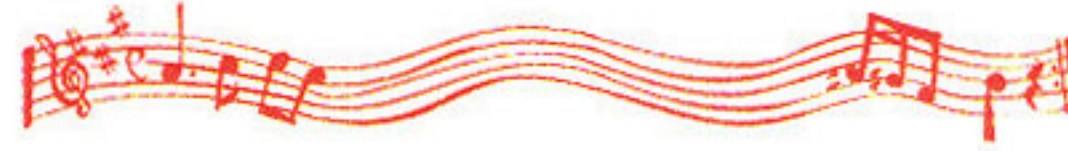
Interval

Producer & Musical Director – Ewan Murray

Choreographer – Angela Archer



Act Two



- 7. Keep it in the Family*
- 8. Follow the Band*
- 9. It's still Rock'n' Roll to me*
- 10. Cause & Effects*
- 11. Dance Trance*
- 12. The Choirboys*
- 13. Never Can Say Goodbye*

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

THE GANG



James Saunders



James Thurman



James Quiggin



Jason Ling



Jenny Amsby



Jenny Hunt



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Joshua Naden



Justin Hayes



Karen Blackwell



Kate Johnston



Kate Murray



Keith Paddison



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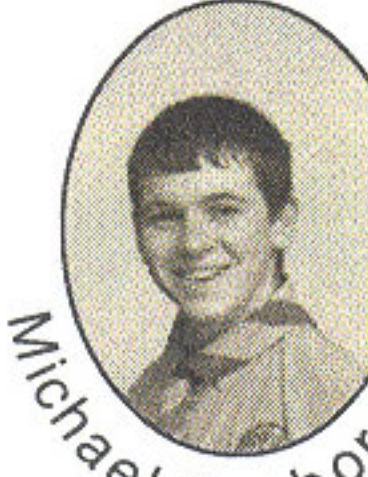
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Paul Bowen



Paul Carsons



Paul Whittaker



Peter Williams



Rachael Bangs



Rachel Tibbetts



Richard Boulton



Richard Mulholland



Robert Carragher



Robert Sarney



Roddy Norris



Sam Brooker



Sam Kirsop



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Simon Powell



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Timothy Angus



Tom Kerridge



Vicky Shah



William Read



William Simpson



Guy Watts



2001



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Assistant Producers	Jemma Finch and Neil Johnston
Music Arranger	Chris Pettitt
Rehearsal Pianist	Graham Thomson
Scenery Designer & Stage Manager	David Keen
Stage Hands and Scenery Crew	Mark Hubbard, Colin Jeffs, Darren Lowry, Sue Mann, Helen Mann, Phil Robinson, Jan & Kit Yardley, Tom Adams, Adam Robinson, John Banks
Wardrobe	Dorothy Cawrey, Liz Barringer, Margaret Melville, Jeanette Bowers, Elaine Brind, Marion Goodson, Chrissy Hunter, Beryl Jeffs, Penny Chapman, Jane Walter, Pam Woodford Smith, Susanne Woods, Mavis Whiteway, Fran Coulter, June Jones, Kate Flannigan, Jane Murray, Gill Pickin, Sara Thrale
The Band	Reeds – Lucy Campbell, Chris Pettitt, Sue Pollitt; Trumpet – Jamie Stoneman, Tim Benwell; Trombone – Adrian Jarvis; Piano – Graham Thomson; Bass – Gareth Covey-Crump; Drums – Neil Duncan; Guitar – Russell Husbands
Lighting Designer	Neil Hewitt
Lighting by	The Harpenden Lighting Pool
Sound	Robert and Susie Hemmin
Make Up	Jeremy Finch assisted by Harpenden Venture Scouts
Properties	Brian Woods
Call Boy	Andrew Barford
Cub Number written and produced by	Richard Harrington
Assisted by	Jo Busby, Albert Elliott, Liz Jack, Yvonne Lowry, Tina Miller
Cub Costumes	Sue Brooker
Scout Room	Liz Davie, Dorothy Whitehouse, Helen Mellor, Liz Scott, Ros Mulholland
Box Office	Phil and Lois Robinson
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Stewards	Carl Peter assisted by Venture Scouts
Refreshments	Helen Peter with the assistance of parents and leaders
Confectionery	Jan Yardley
Programme	Bob Finch
Publicity	Penny Turnbull and Marion Morris
Special Effects	Pyro 1 Martin Allen because he wanted his name in the programme

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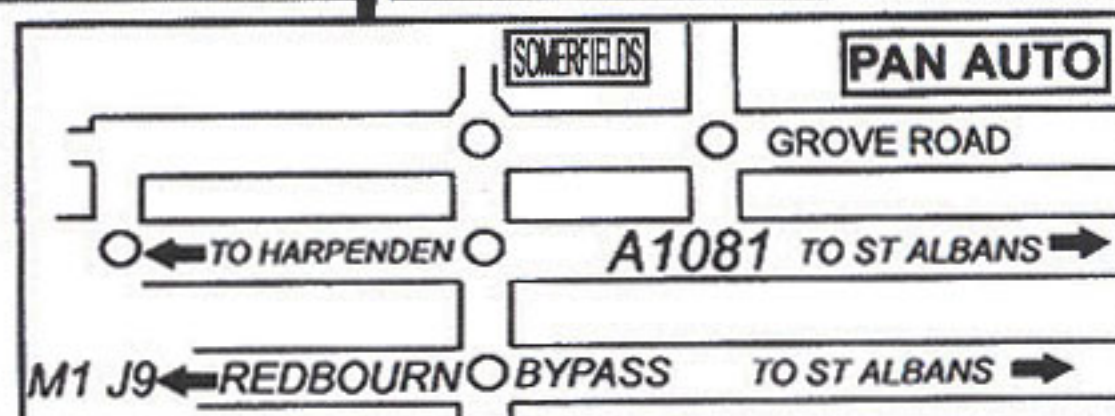
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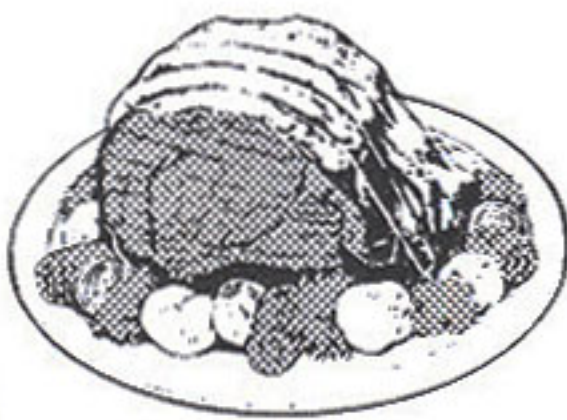
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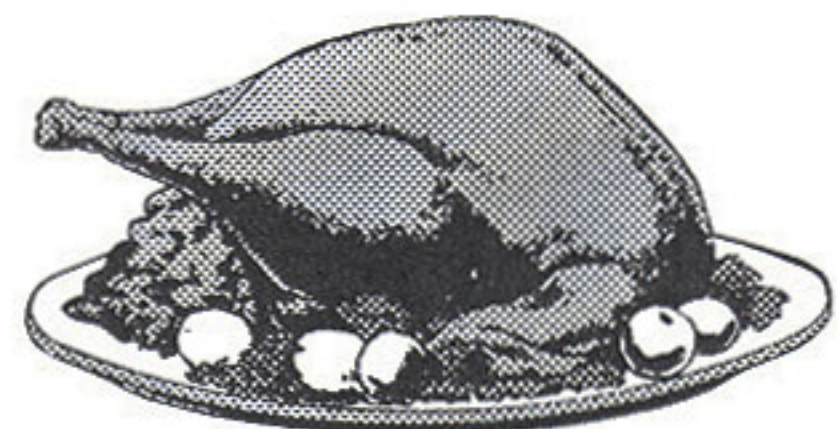
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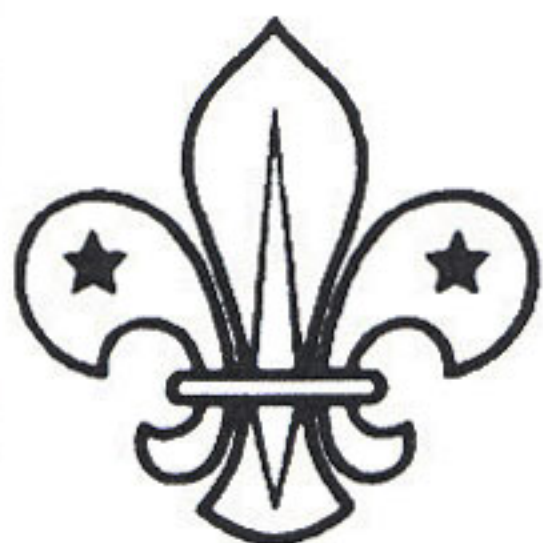
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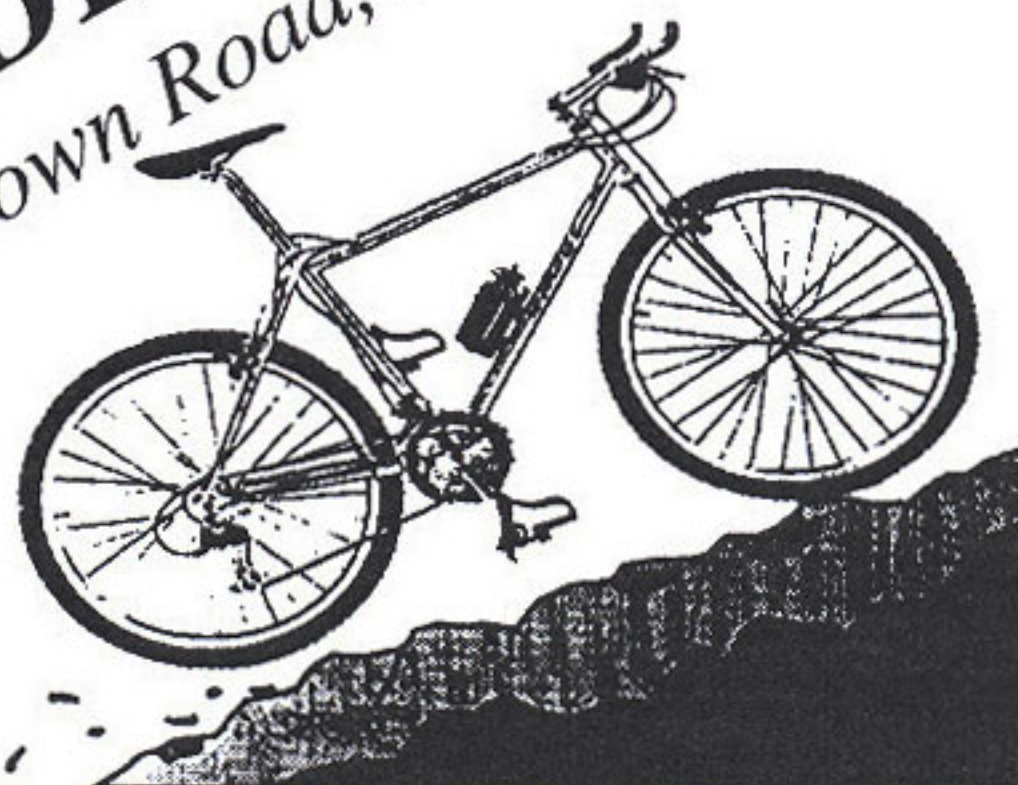
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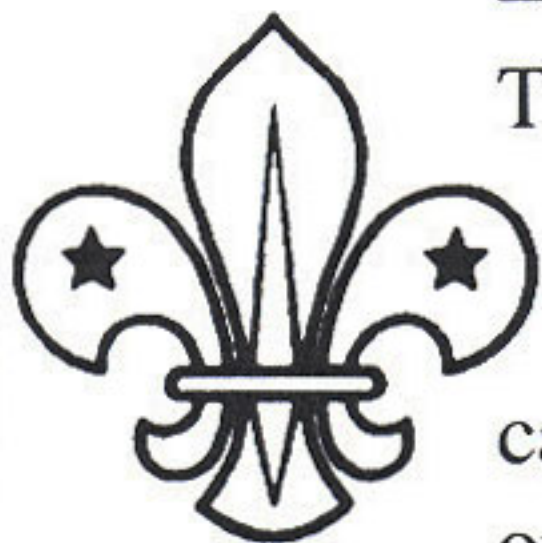
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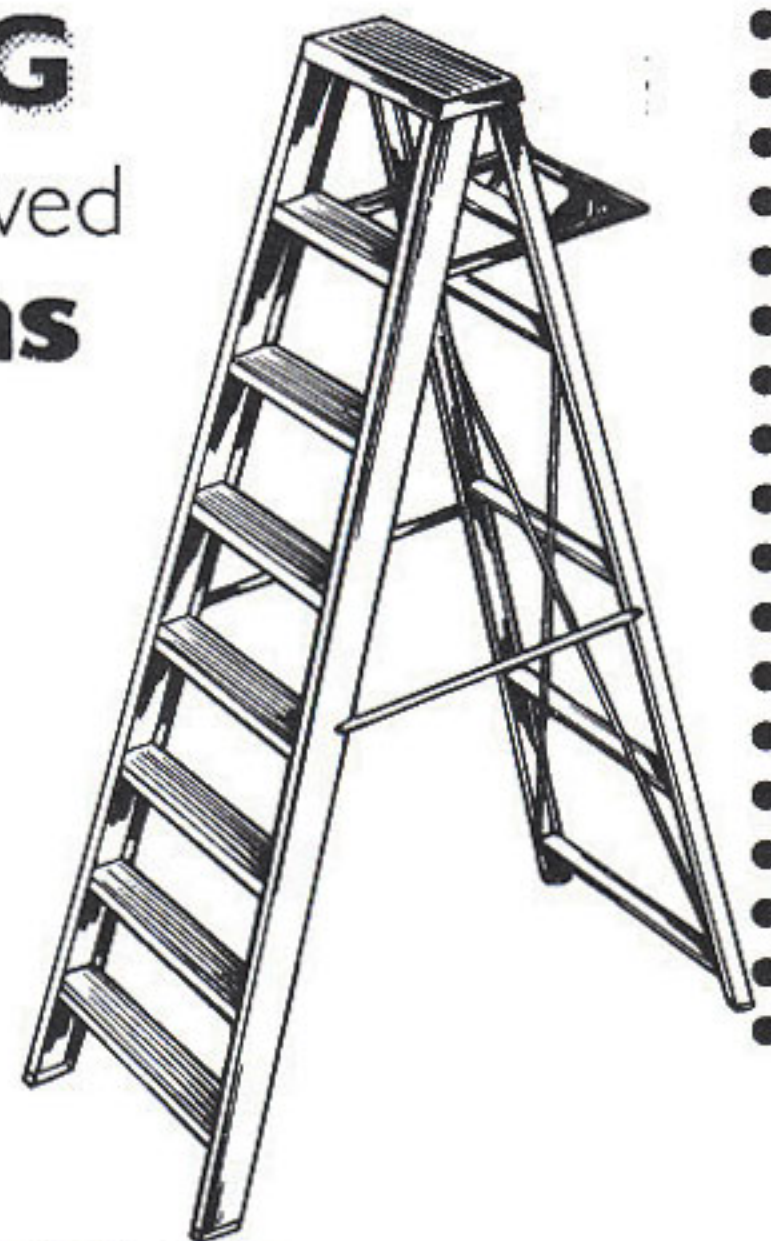
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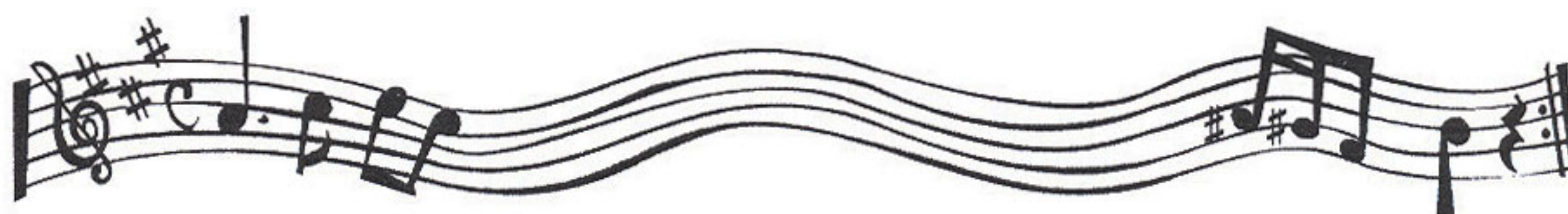
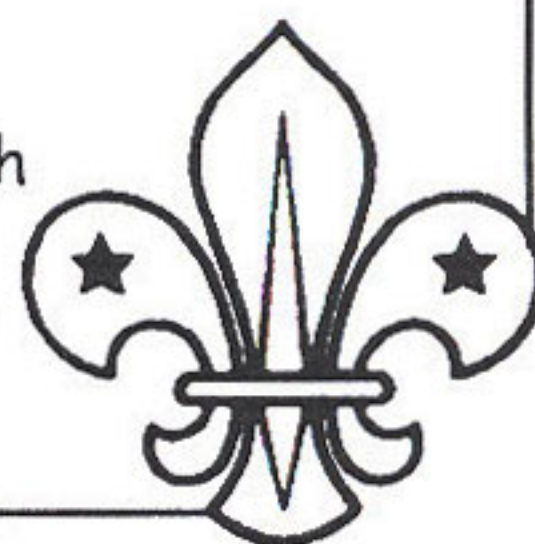


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Naturally all these activities need Adult help. If you think you could enjoy becoming involved, whether it is to help with the Gang Show itself or with the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Venture Scouts as a leader or administrator, please get in touch.

To offer help with any aspect of the Gang Show - Bob Finch (Gang Show Committee Chairman) 01438 832497.

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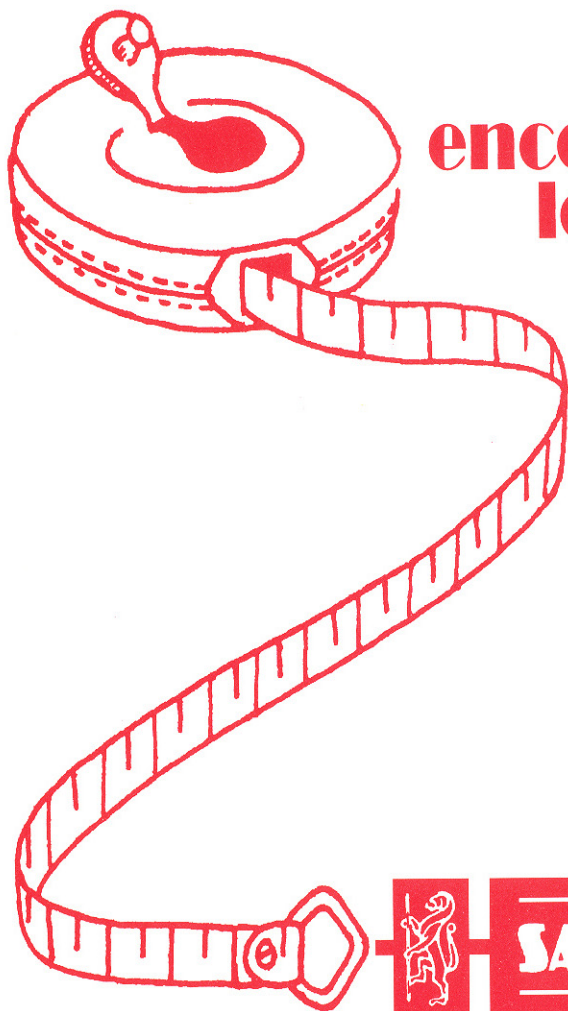
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