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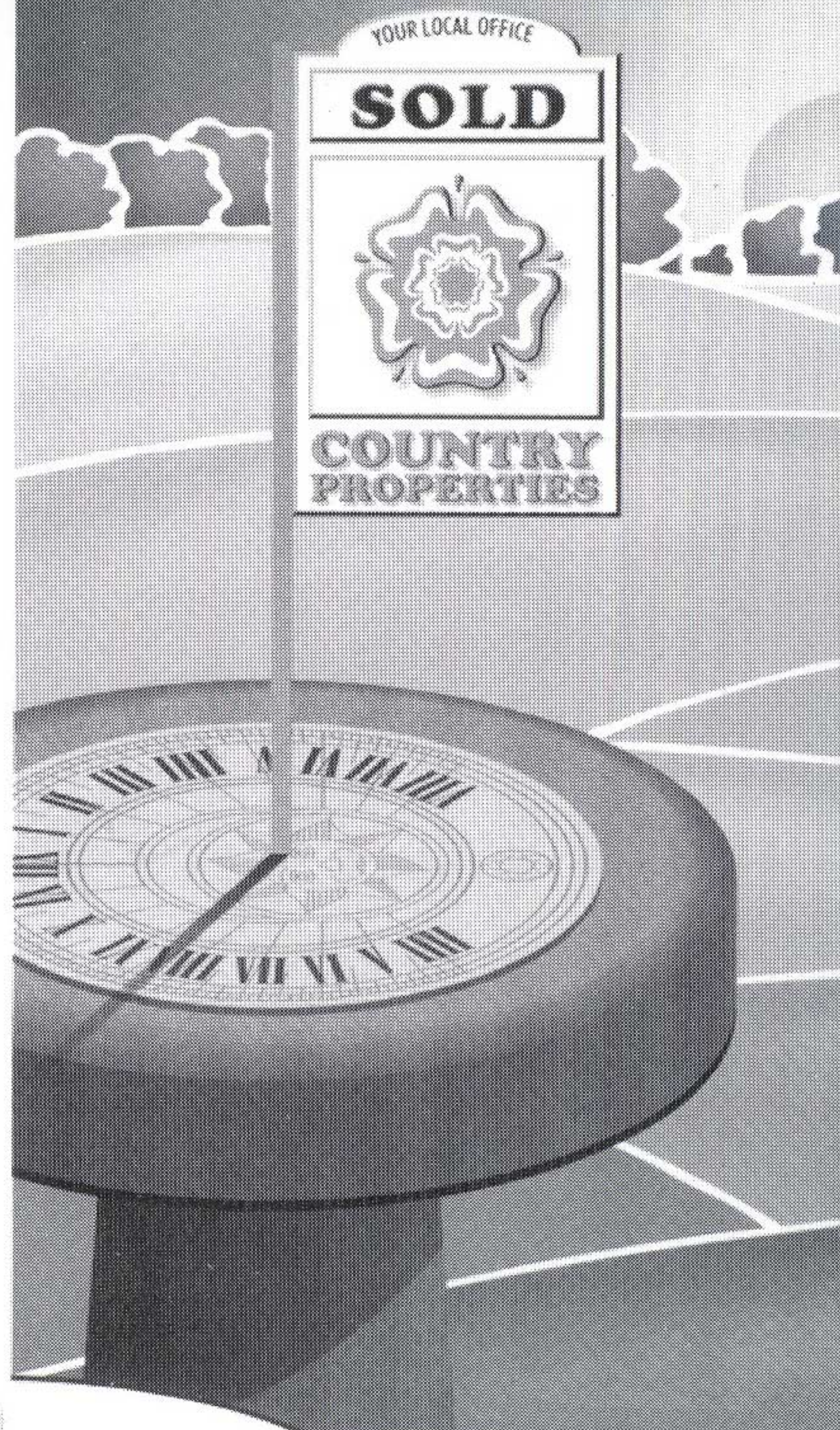


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FROM THE PRODUCER

Where does the time go? Watching video clips from the 1993 show recently, I saw several cubs who this week are tap-dancing on the front row of the chorus. This progression 'through the ranks' is just one part of the magic that makes our Gang Show so very special.

Another key element of the formula is what goes on before this week during four months of rehearsals every Tuesday and Sunday. Continuity of members of the production and back-stage teams ensures consistency every year, and a striving to make every Show better than the one before. Since 1980, Angela has been a part of this team, converting pairs of left feet into twinkling toes (well, as far as is humanly possible). This year is to be her last. I want to convey the heartfelt gratitude of the 23 Gangs (some 2,500 Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts – including me!) she has choreographed, and of the 115 audiences who have watched and enjoyed the Show during that time. Thank you, Angela.

This Show has a proud history, and everyone who is part of it is to be thanked and remembered. But particularly this year we remember John Hudson, former Stage Manager and Scenery Master of the Show, who passed away in the summer. At this time of celebration of another Show, our thoughts are with Marilyn, the children and grandchildren.

The past, present and future are all present in the tapestry of the Harpenden Gang Show. Remember the past, enjoy the present, and when watching the Cub number, look forward to the future.

Ewan



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Once again the Gang Show is with us and this provides the very visible face of Scouting in the town, However, it merely scratches at the surface of the activities that are open to boys and girls in the area: Scouting, the Gang Show and much, much more. The Scout Movement's primary focus is to help young people make the most of life and this is achieved by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training guided by dedicated adult leaders.

As we are constantly looking to develop the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials of our youngsters, the activities offered are very broad. Camping and outdoor pursuits feature largely in the programme and include short one or two-nights' camping on local sites where the youngsters can learn not only the basic camping skills but also such activities as abseiling, rock climbing, potholing and archery in a noncompetitive environment. As the youngsters get older then these activities get tougher with expeditions to the wild parts of the UK and Europe in both summer and winter, including exhausting team competitions where the skills in map reading are as important as physical strength.

Our community involvement programme is a very important aspect of Scouting and Christmas time gives us the opportunity to provide a useful community service. Cubs collect and distribute over 4,000 Christmas cards for the elderly, and Venture Scouts deliver Christmas hampers to families in Tower Hamlets on Christmas eve as a result of extensive fund-raising by them, many getting up early on a bleak December morning to go to the local railway station and help relieve weary commuters of a bit a change for a worthy cause, backed up by a rousing pop group. Other times in the year see the older ones in the District help the underprivileged children from the East End of London enjoy a day of outdoor activities at Gilwell Park, Scouting's Headquarters in the Essex countryside.

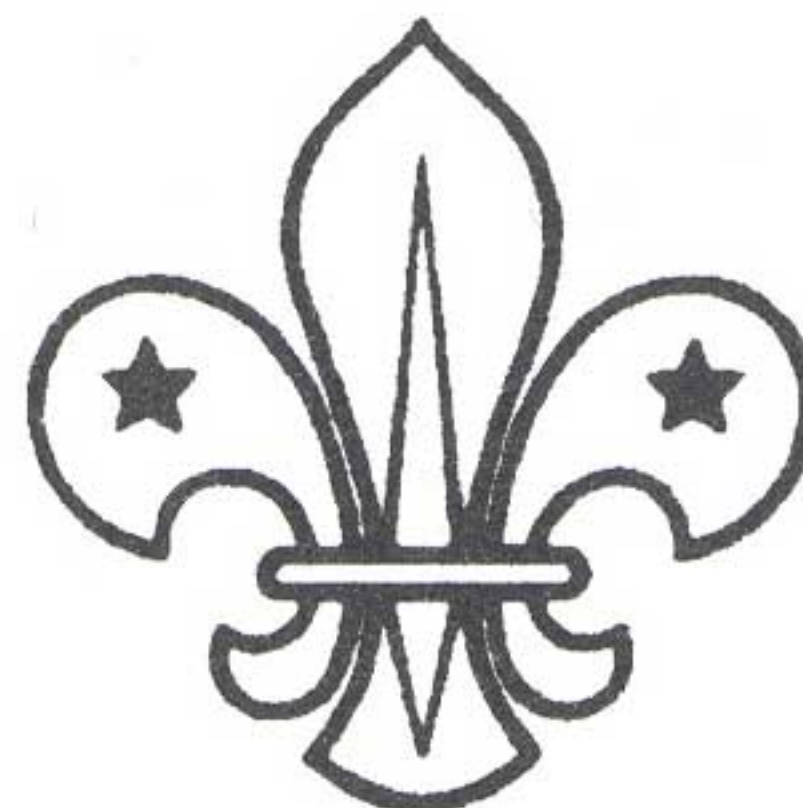
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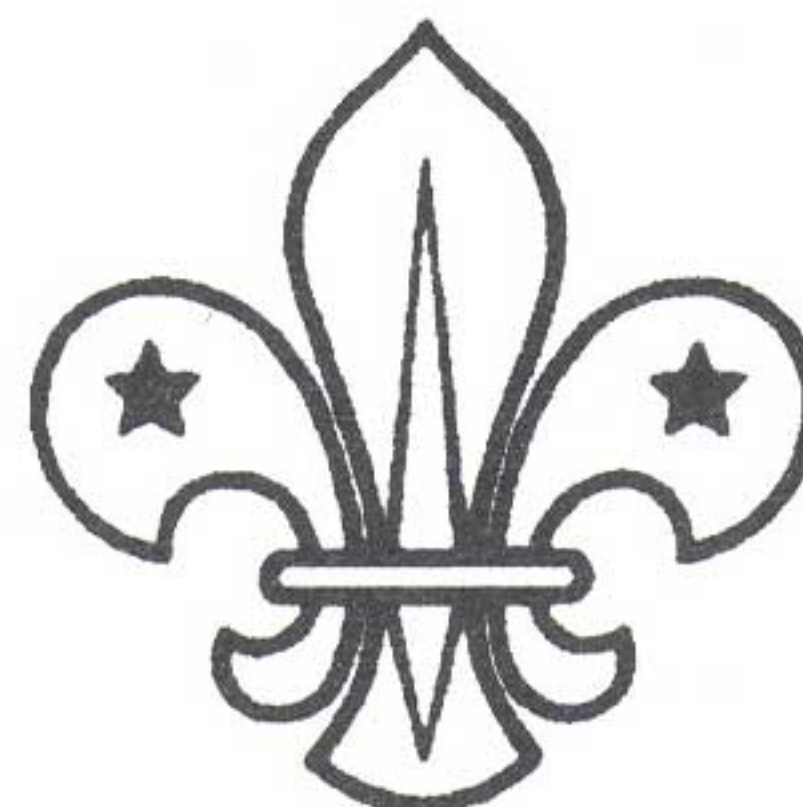
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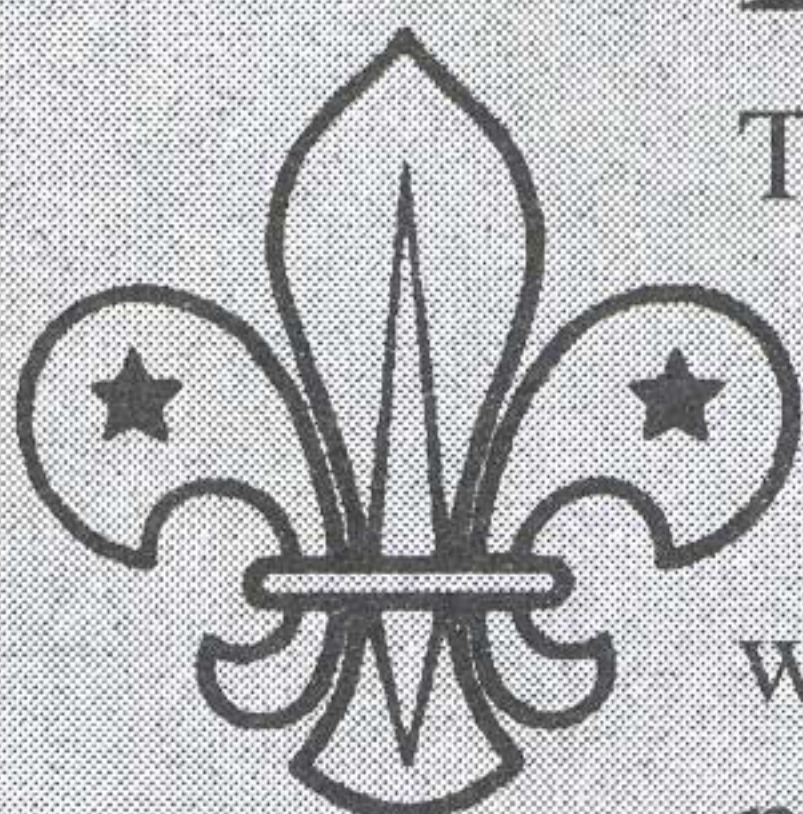
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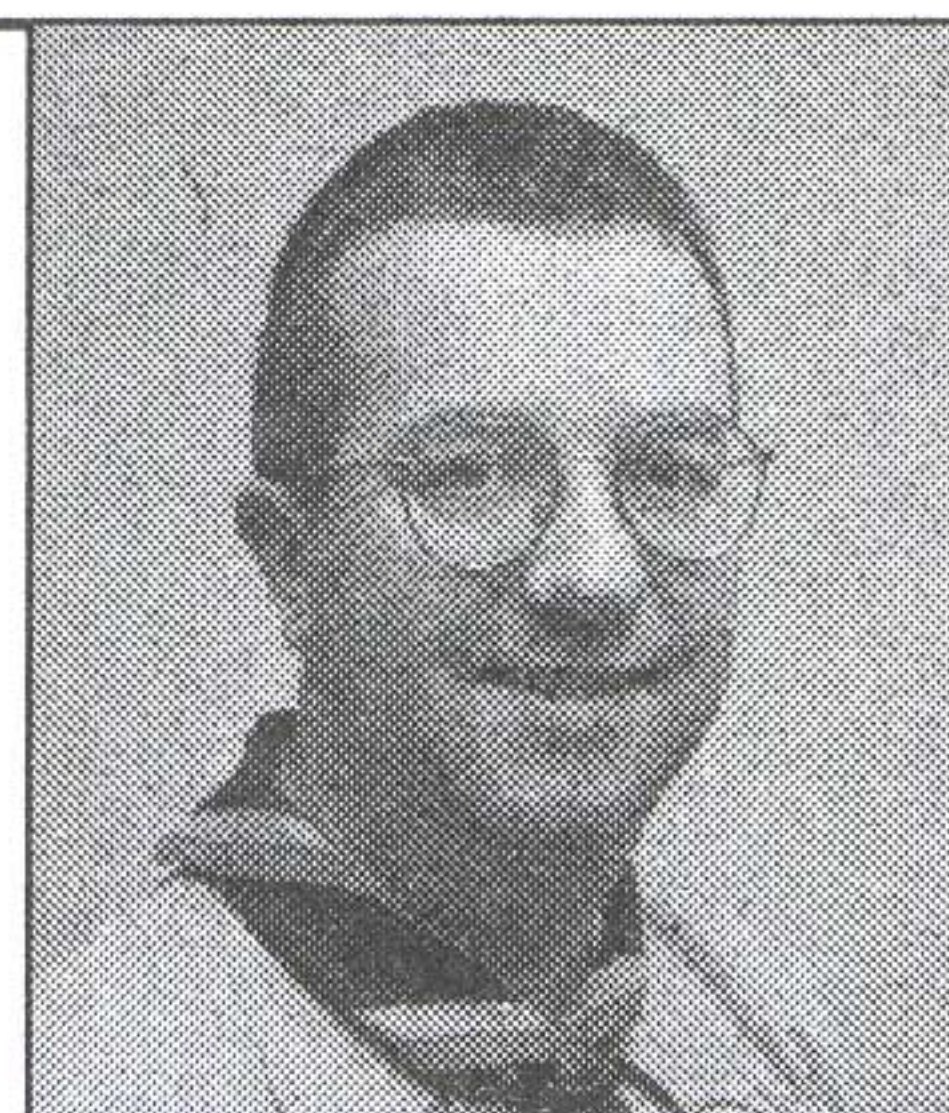


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Learn More About Ewan!

This week we celebrate with Ewan Murray his 25th Harpenden Gang Show. From starting as a nervous but keen Cub Scout performer to his current position of Producer and Musical Director, his enthusiasm for the Show shines through. The audience can see the energy he puts into the job simply by the way he wields his conductor's baton. Those involved behind the footlights know of the enormous amount of time and effort he puts in. But does he have time for anything else?



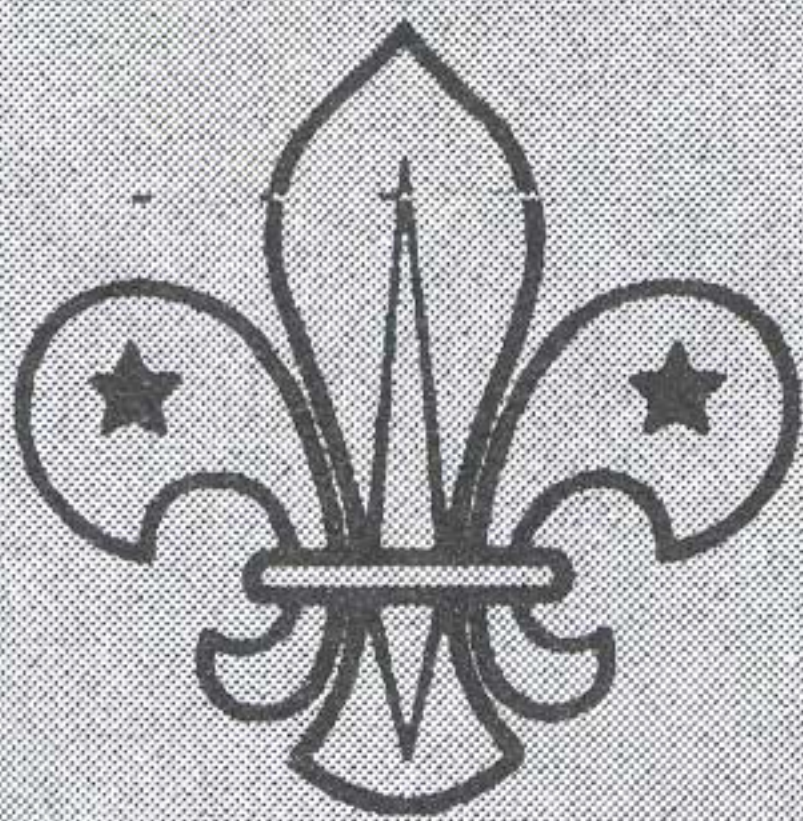
Surprisingly, quite a lot! The most important priority for him is his family – children Isobel (8), Bethany (6) and William (4) and his wife Claire. They all love the Show, come to the dress rehearsals and at least one performance. One day, hopefully, we shall see some little Murrays on the stage?

Ewan's interests and talents are many, a musical thread running through most of them. His Christian faith is most important to him as is his involvement with his home church in Hitchin. He plays the organ and guitar at church services as well as helping in many other ways. We can all see and benefit from his love of music tonight. He plays a number of instruments – piano, organ, guitar, clarinet, recorder and piano accordion – probably others too. He plays the keyboard in a dance band (Chapter Eight), members of which help make up the Gang Show band. He composes music, mostly religious, and also songs that have been sung in past Gang Shows.

But that is not all. Ewan is an excellent skier and played hockey for Harpenden and Blueharts when slightly younger. He has a very wide general knowledge – a Trivial Pursuit opponent to be respected; and speaks three foreign languages fluently – French, Italian and German. His job has often made use of his linguistic talents – he is presently Marketing Manager for Percy Fox, which is the wine division of the better known Guinness company.

Ewan is intent on maintaining those characteristics of the Harpenden Gang Show that we believe make it unique. 'We have never auditioned and will not do so while I am in the driving seat', says Ewan. 'The only limit on numbers is that necessary for safety reasons. Each member of every Section in the district will have the right to appear in the Show – regardless of ability.' Another aspect of the Harpenden Gang Show is the strong sense of continuity – many of the adult helpers are ex Gang members and every year there are cast members that have parents who once performed on the stage at Harpenden. This is another facet that appeals to Ewan. 'One thing that makes the Show so enjoyable for me is working with members of past Gangs, he says. 'For us to still find the Show as enjoyable and fulfilling as we did as Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scout performers all those years ago says a lot for Harpenden Gang Show and, of course, for Scouting too.'

Keep going Ewan for many a year yet – who knows, we might celebrate your 50th show?



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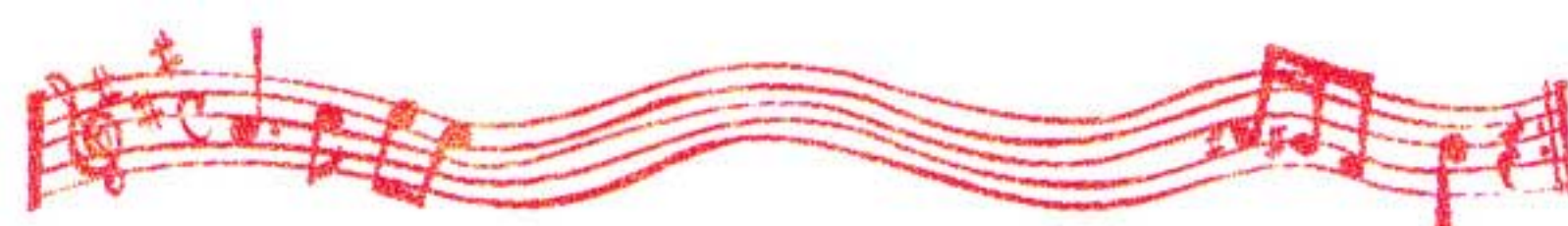
Claire Linacre



Calum Lindsay



1st Half



The Queen

- 1. Rock the Rhythm***
- 2. At the Nick***
- 3. Muck and Magic***
- 4. Radio Days***
- 5. Sugar Plum***
- 6. Heartbreak Hotel***

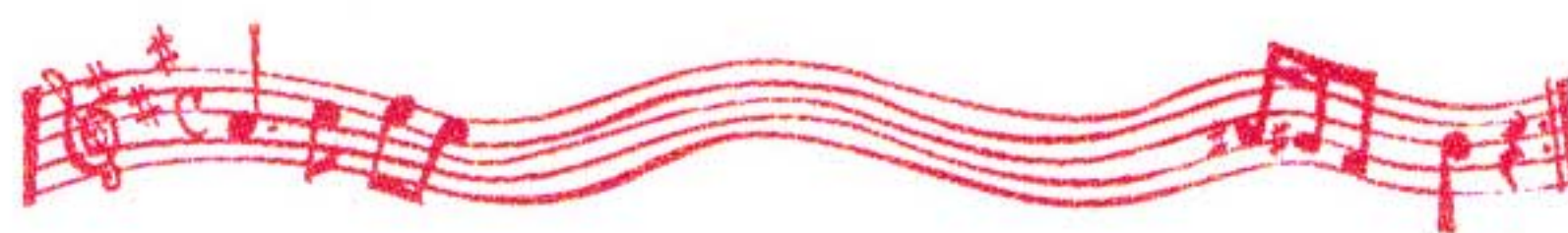
Interval

Producer & Musical Director – Ewan Murray

Choreographer – Angela Archer



2nd Half



7. *Moondance*

8. *Mouldichops*

9. *Viva La Fiesta*

10. *The Fairly Accurate Knife Thrower*

11. *That's What I Like*

12. *There It Is Again*

13. *A Different Beat*

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or use video cameras. Thank You.

THE GANG



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Jason Ling



Oliver Ling



Martin Loader



Stephen Logan



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Daniel Meakin



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Nick Miller



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THE GANG



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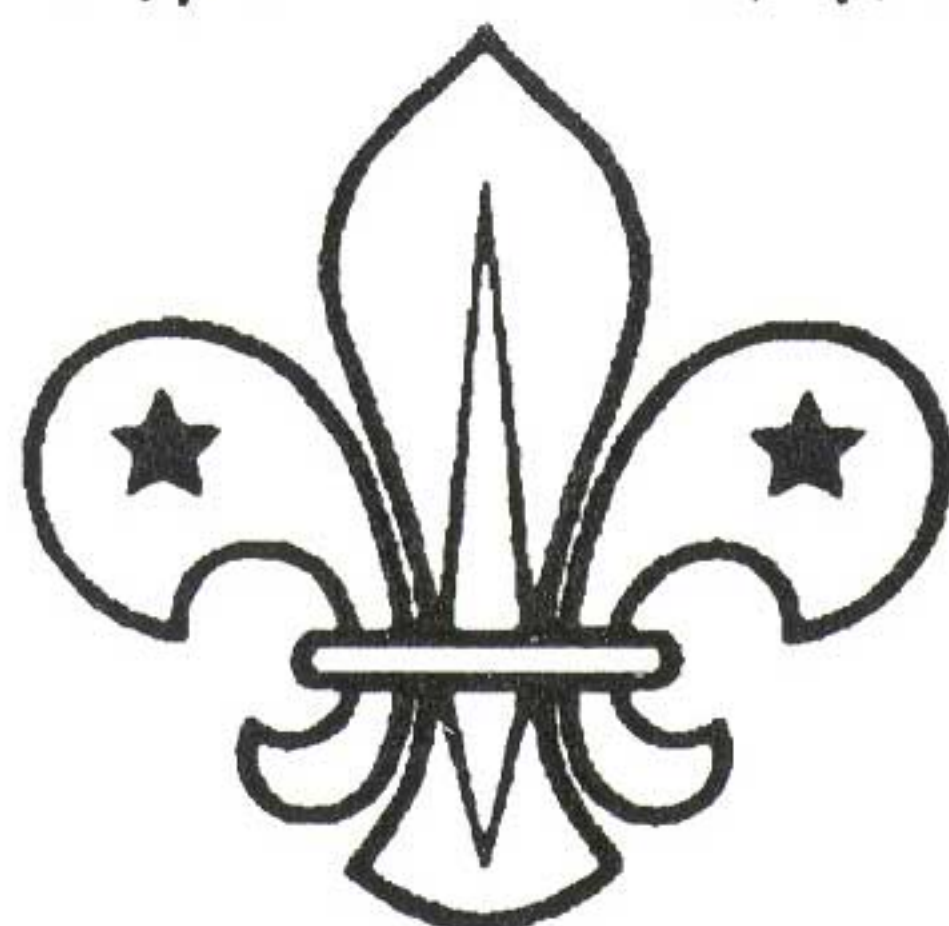
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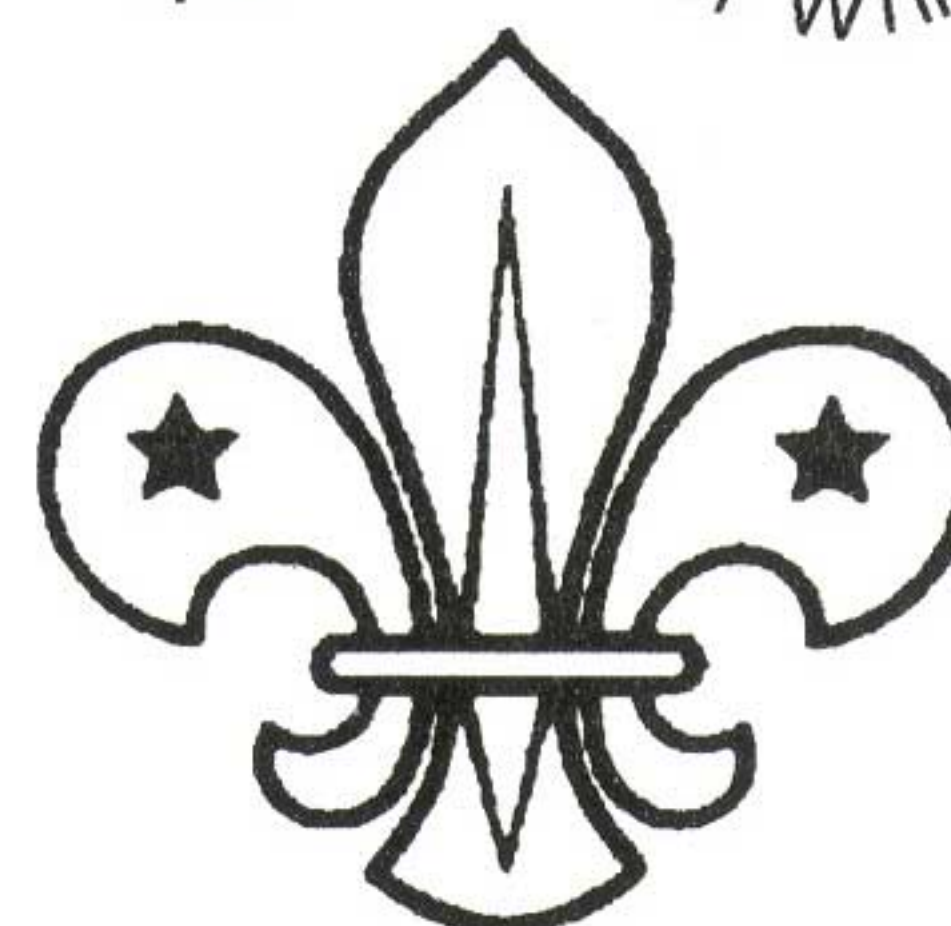
Mark Williams



Peter Williams



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Music Arranger	Chris Pettitt
Rehearsal Pianist	Graham Thomson
Scenery Designer & Stage Manager	David Keen
Stage Hands and Scenery Crew	Colin Jeffs, Darren Lowry, Sue Mann, Conor Mulholland, Clare Pollington, Adam Robinson, Phil Robinson, Sarah Vassie, Jan and Kit Yardley
Wardrobe	Liz Barringer, Dorothy Bland, Jeanette Bowers, Elaine Brind, Su Brooker, Dorothy Cawrey, Penny Chapman, Diane Chichester-Miles, Fran Coulter, Liz Davie, Marion Goodson, Cathy Howells, Georgina Jeffrey, Beryl Jeffs, June Jones, Helen Mellor, Margaret Melville, Chrissy Monson, Roz Mulholland, Jane Murray, Gill Pickin, Liz Scott, Sara Thrale, Penny Turnbull, Jane Walter, Dot Whitehouse, Mavis Whiteway, Pam Woodford-Smith
The Band	Reeds – Lucy Benwell, Chris Pettitt, Sue Pettitt; Trumpet – Tim Benwell, Jamie Stoneman; Trombone – Richard Turberville; Piano – Graham Thomson; Bass – Gareth Covey-Crump; Drums – Neil Duncan; Guitar – Colin Mold Dennis Paddison
Lighting Designer	The Harpenden Lighting Pool
Lighting by	Paul Arnold, David Errock, Robert Hemmin
Sound	Jeremy Finch assisted by Harpenden Venture Scouts
Make Up	Brian and Susanne Woods
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Call Boy	Richard Harrington
Cub Number written and produced by	Carol Arnsby, Jo Busby, Albert Elliott, Liz Jack, Yvonne Lowry, Tina Miller
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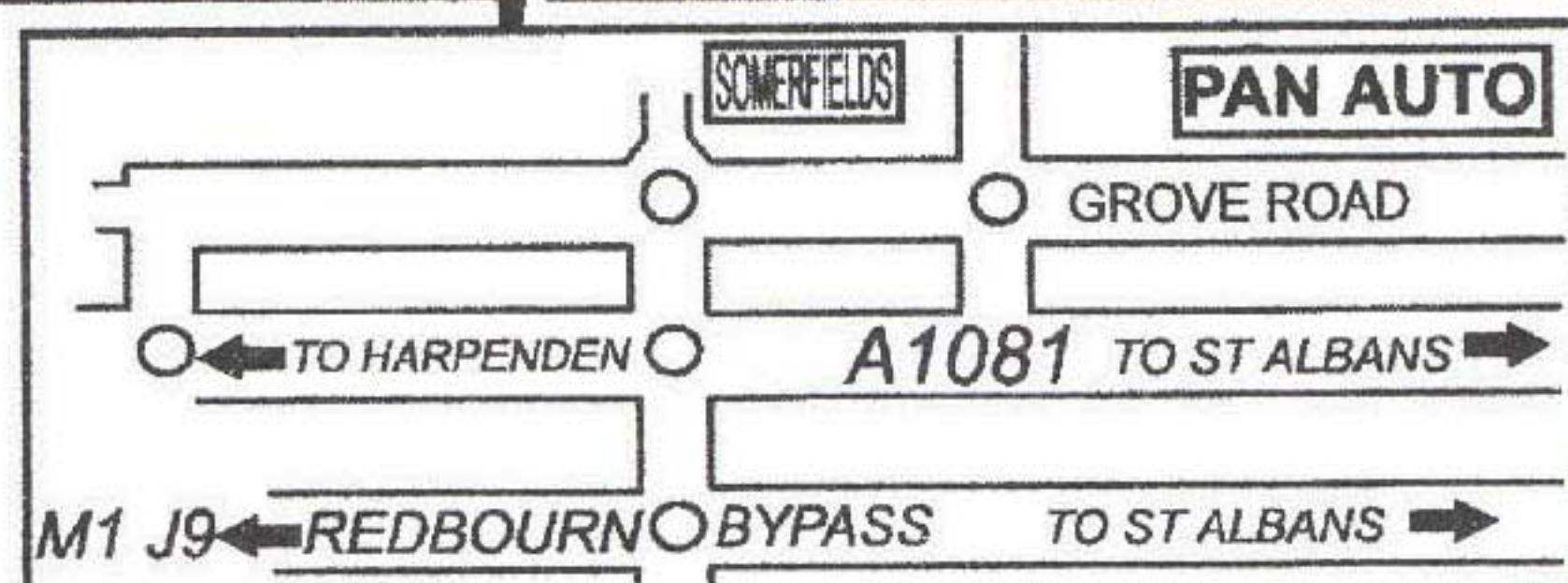
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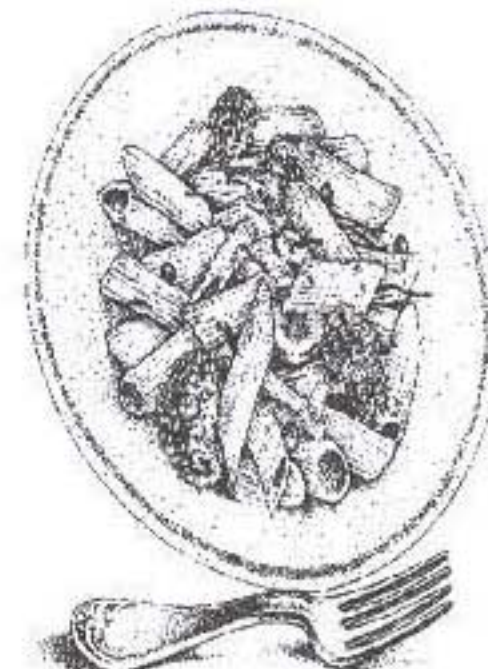
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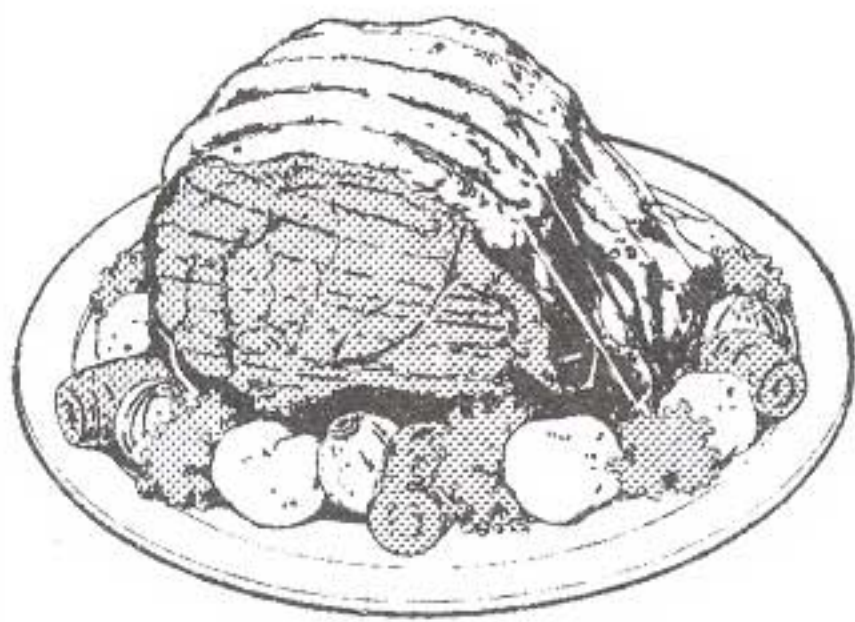
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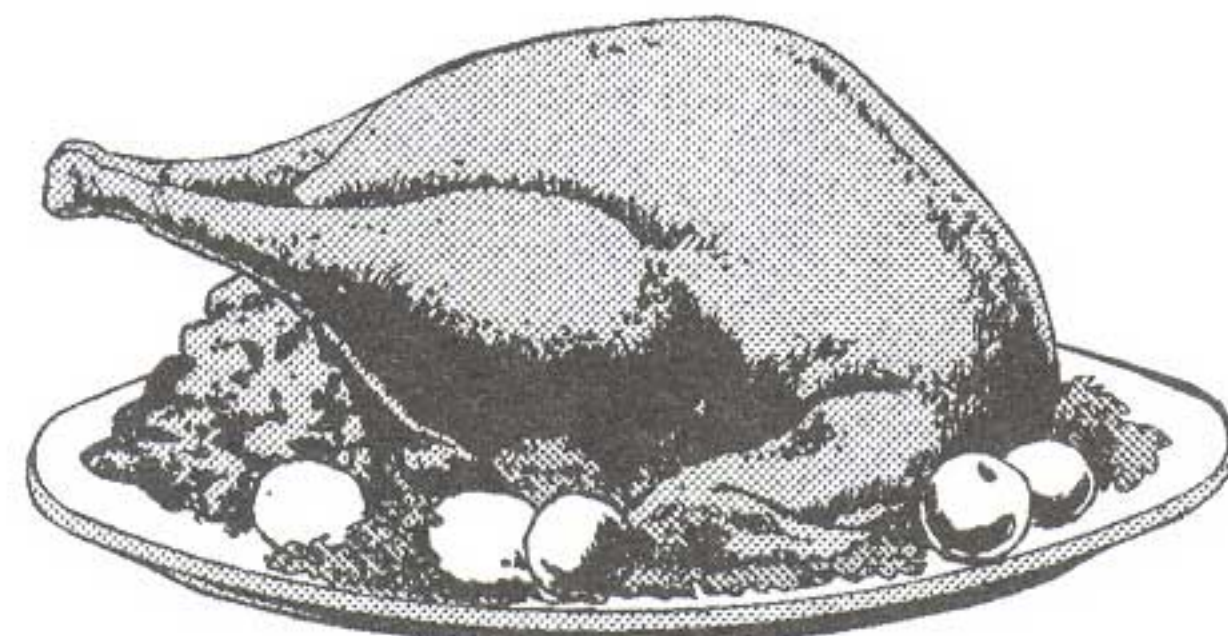
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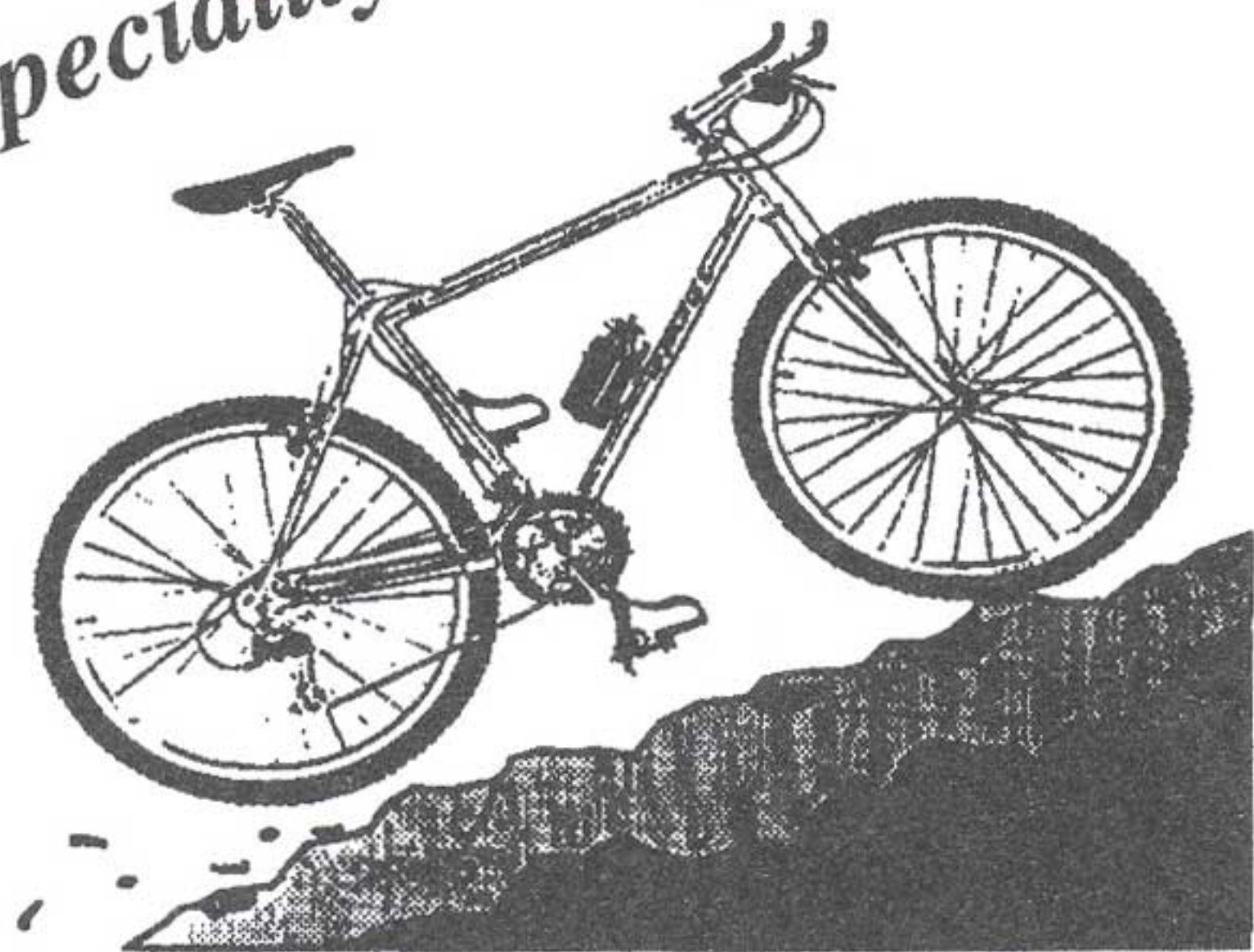
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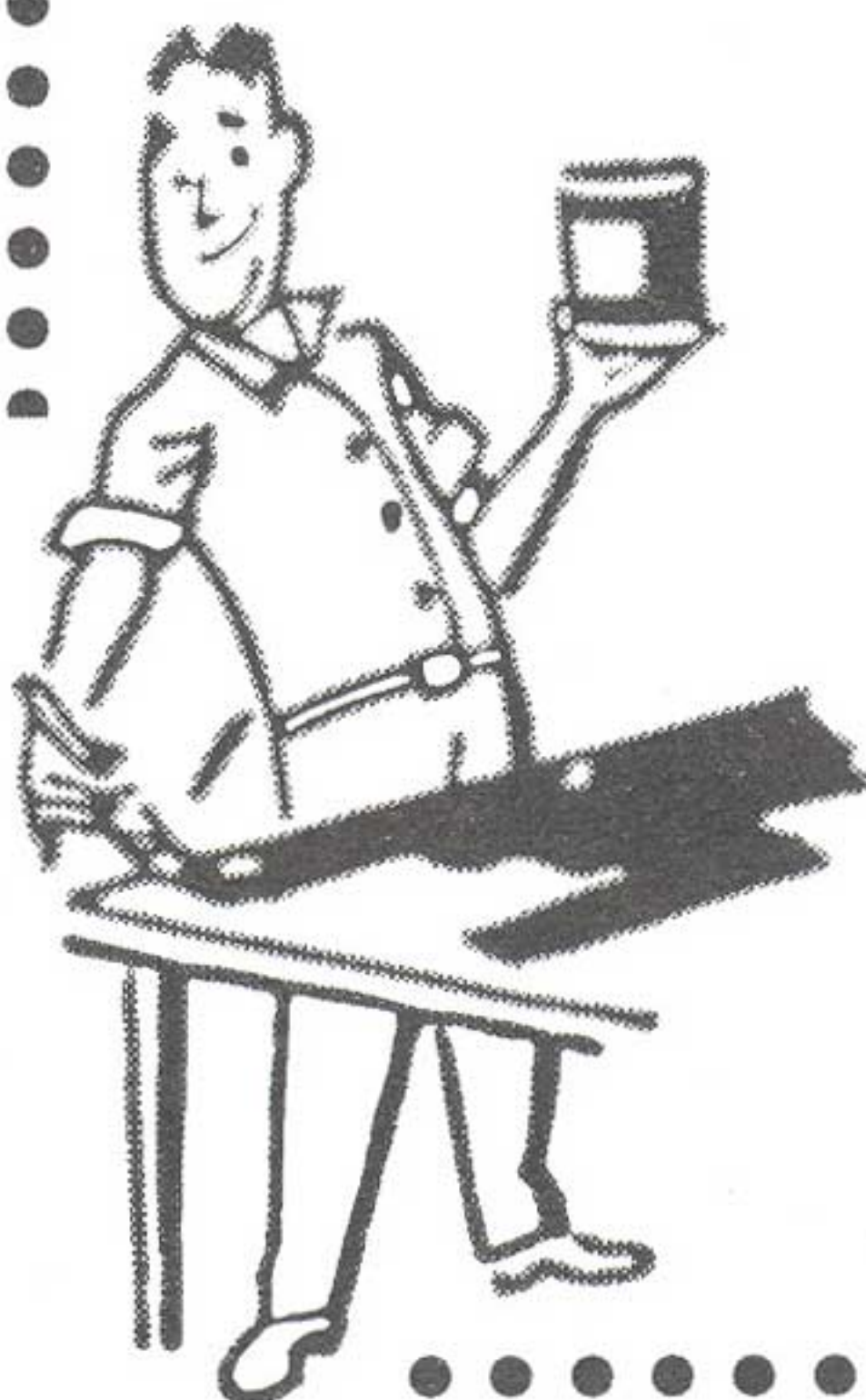
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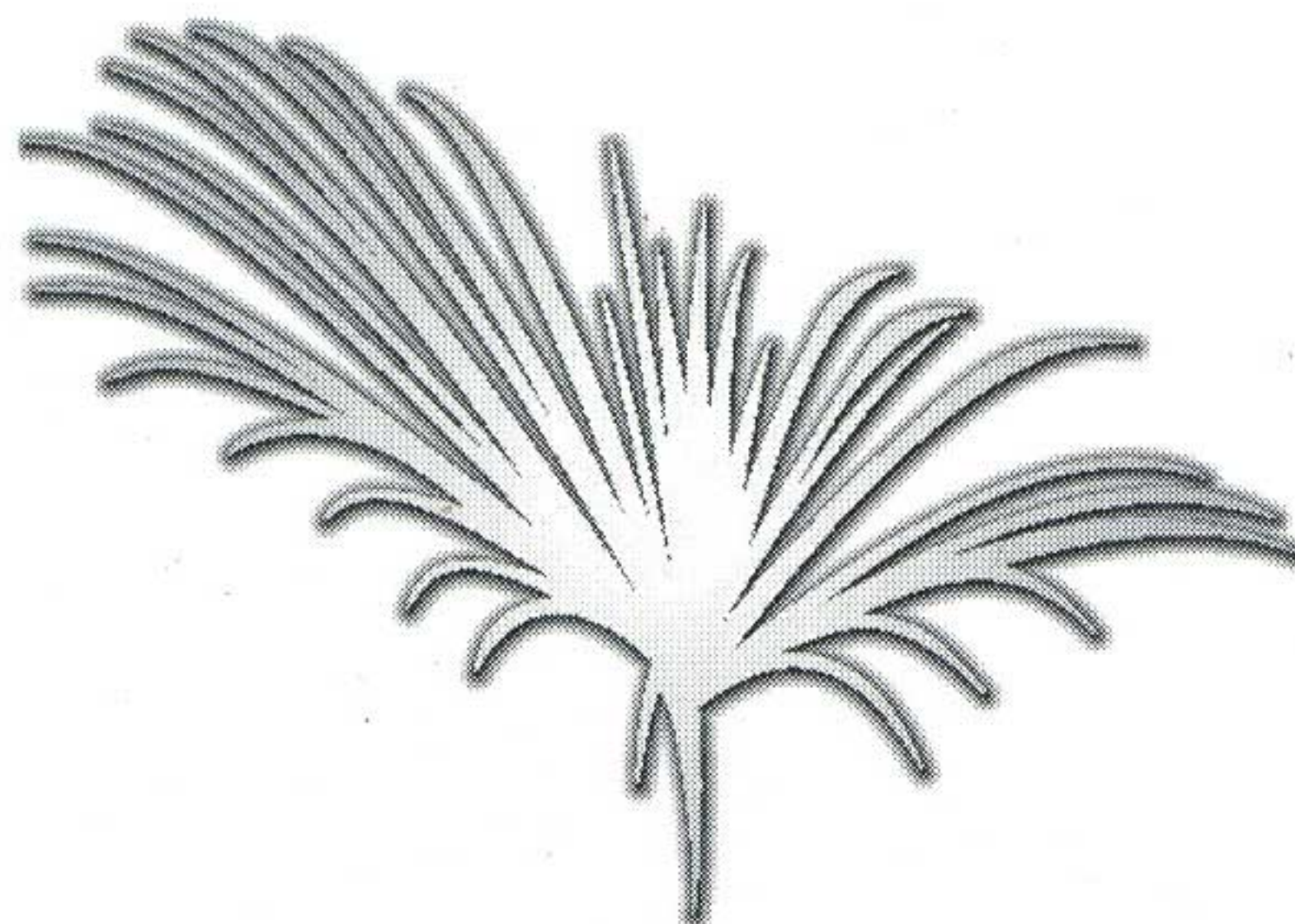


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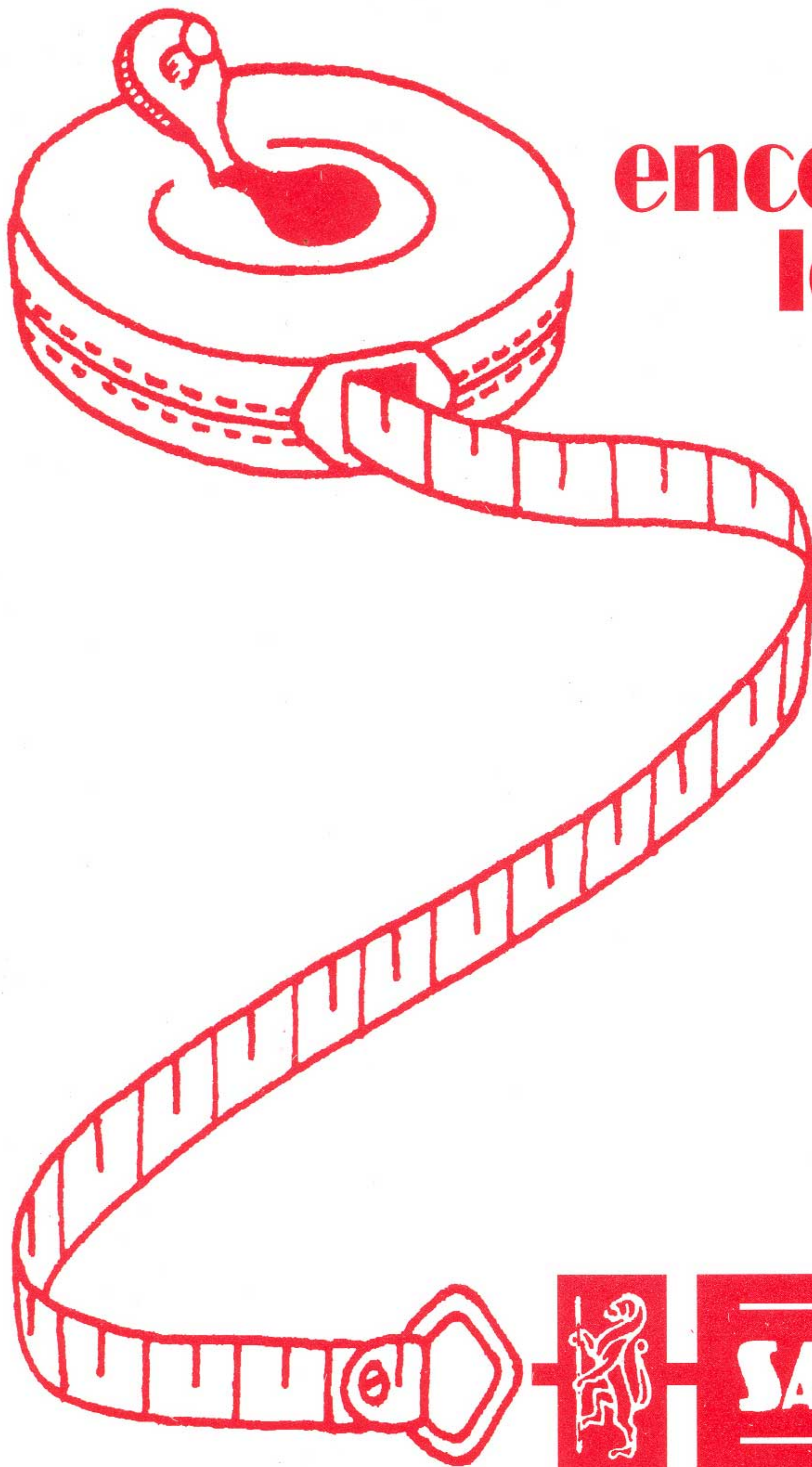
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