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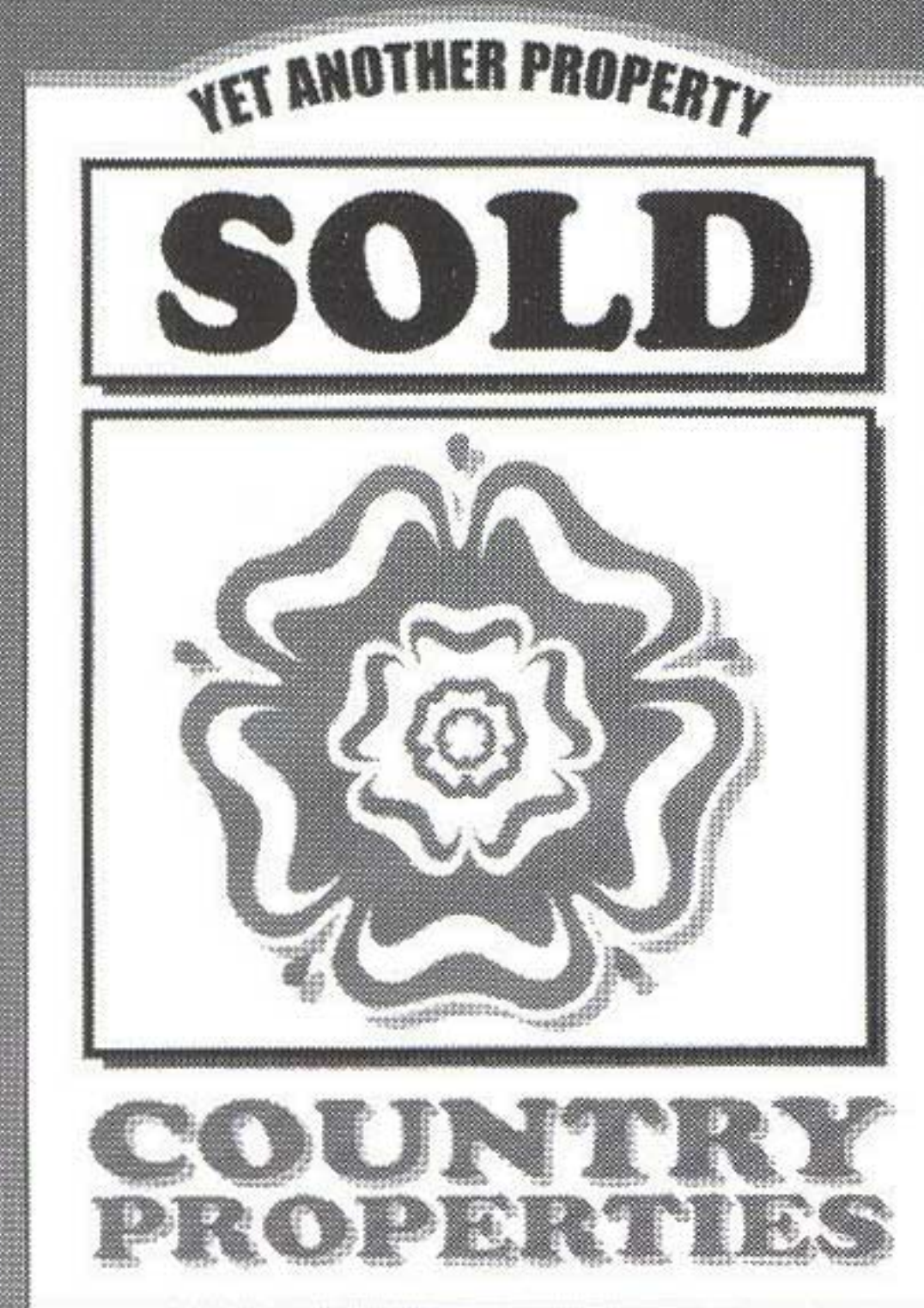
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Scouting too goes on and on – ever evolving, to ensure its relevance in today's society. The aims of Scouting have always been to assist young people, through physical, mental and spiritual development, to take a constructive place in society. You can judge for yourself, but having seen these young people on the stage, on mountains, on the streets and interacting with each other, my feeling is that the future is assured. Don't let any news article tell you any different – the young people of today, despite the stresses and strains we put upon them to assure our todays and tomorrows, are alive and kicking. And this is not confined to Harpenden. I have seen Gang Shows in the West Country, in the South, in the Midlands and in Scotland – the spirit of Scouting exists in abundance across the United Kingdom, and we have every hope for the future.

Sweat and tears (if not blood!) have been shed aplenty over the past nine months of preparation and four months of rehearsal to bring you the best that the young people of Harpenden, Wheathampstead and Kimpton have to offer. Enjoy our 54th Show.

*Ewan*



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Scouting is a 'movement'. You will see a lot of movement tonight! However, the choreography will not involve Venture Scouts this year, but Explorer Scouts and, of course, Scouts and Cubs. 'Movement' implies progress and Scouting has taken a giant leap in the right direction over the past 12 months, with a radical restructuring of its age groupings and a brand new, very exciting, well-presented and well-supported training programme. The Harpenden and Wheathampstead District has embraced this change wholeheartedly. I am sure that the new programme will enthuse the vast majority of members, young and older, and that this will be reflected in our numbers over the coming years.

Whilst you are sitting here, five of our District are at the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand, having a life-changing experience. They are joining with Scouts from almost every country, under the Jamboree motto of 'Save our world, share our culture'. They will have stories to tell in abundance. Please make sure you get to hear them! On the international front, did you know that Beavers in our District are responsible for launching Beavers in Ghana? It all began 10 years ago and there are now almost 1,000 Beavers in Ghana. To celebrate the anniversary, we are hoping to bring some of their leaders over for St George's Day, to meet the district and pick up some ideas first hand. Our international plans for this year also include a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first successful ascent of Everest. We plan to involve all sections in an attempt to reach the highest point of every county in the land! It should be fun, involve Scouting skills, get us good publicity and raise money for the Nepal Trust. Please get involved.

The Gang Show moves on, too, and regulars will notice some subtle changes this year. Even with the amazing result that you are now witnessing, I doubt whether you can imagine, if you are not involved, the incredible effort put in by so many people. Above all, Ewan is the chief magician. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating him on the so very richly deserved award of the 'Medal of Merit' for outstanding services to the movement (in both senses!).

I wrote a song for this year's show about the changes I have described. In the end, we didn't use it but, so as not to waste it completely, here's the last verse:

*This circle ~~will~~ not die  
If you're not in there, why?  
I will lay a bet that you'll not regret  
A single day so get ready, set  
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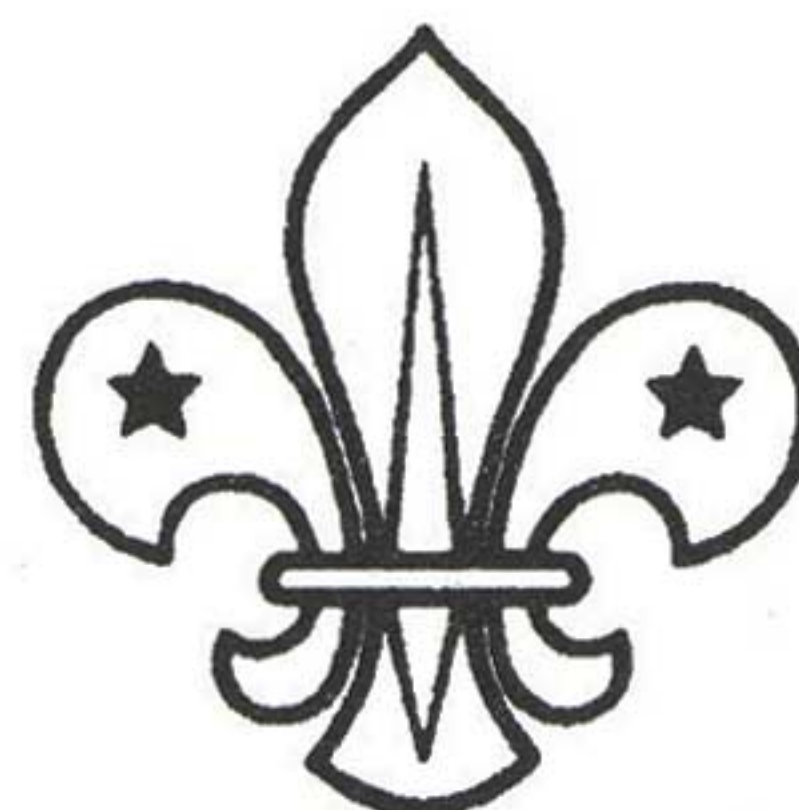
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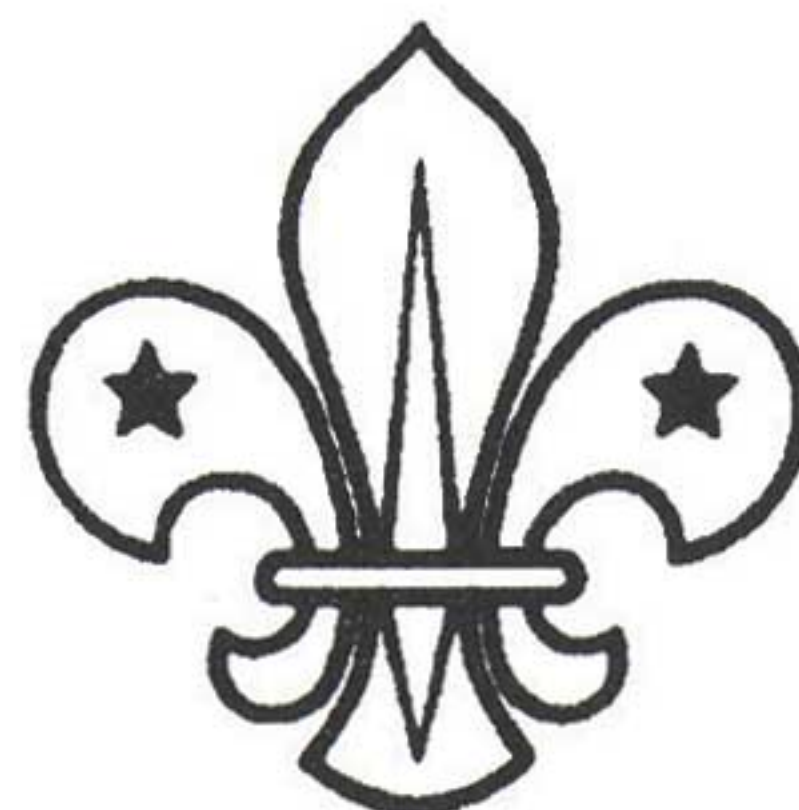
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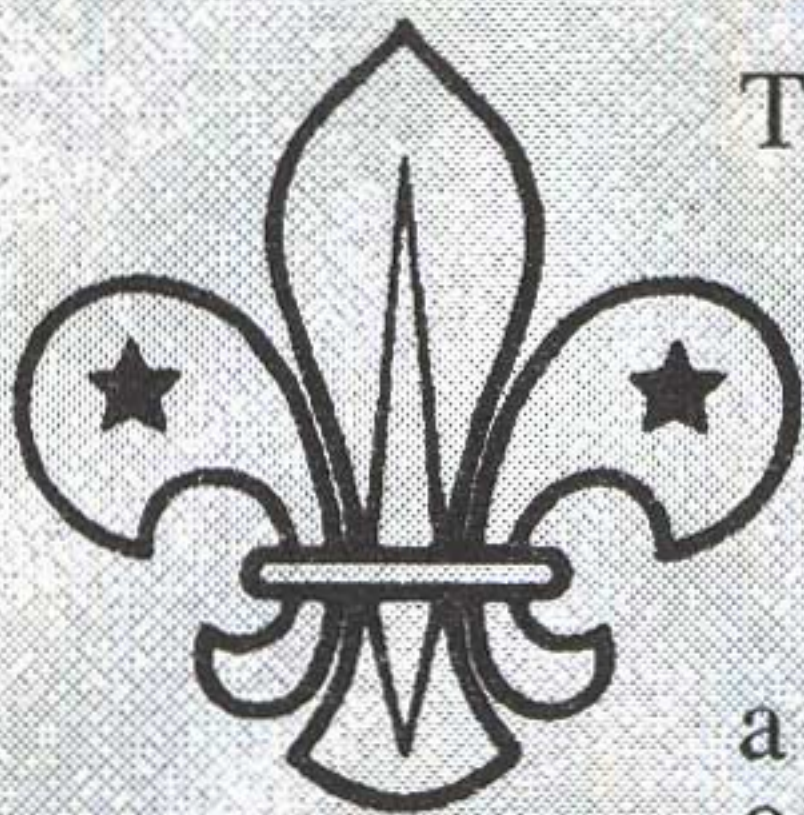
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## **Spotlight on Liz Barringer**

The Gang, as you might guess, does not just appear on stage all dressed up for the Show with no effort. Well, a lot of the credit must go to Liz Barringer, who leads a Merry Wardrobe Crew of over 20 who make it happen. Liz originally got involved six years ago as her three sons were in the Show, and while they have grown up and moved on, she has stayed because she loves the Show, and Scouting in general. In fact, she is part of a real Scouting family, as all her relatives, even out to those cousins in Australia, have been involved with Scouts. As Head of Wardrobe, Liz comes well qualified, having been trained at the London School of Fashion, then worked in the West End at an embroidery firm whose clients included the Queen's family. So how does she keep track of all the costume work? "Lots of bits of paper, but mostly in my head." She also works to match skills and interests in her team with the needs of the Gang, with some preferring to sew at home, and some liking to work with the Scouts themselves. Most memorable costume? "In the first year, when I had to repair an old Chinese silk robe. It took me 40 hours, and then the robe was used onstage for only three minutes!" Most difficult costume? This year, I had to make two huge Gang Show scarves to hang on the walls of the Hall, each one 9ft wide." And what's it like being backstage with the Scouts during a Show? "Exciting, frightening, stimulating – the kids are in party mood all week. Then there is the odd catastrophe, when the elastic gives out, a costume rips, etc." Liz is so committed to 'taking care of the Show' that this partly influenced her decision to retire, so she would have more time for it. And we are not talking about a month of work before the curtain opens. Preparations start almost nine months ahead, in April, as the new show takes shape, and when the last curtain drops, it takes another two months to clean, repair and sort all the costumes – just in time for the next Show to rev up! The Gang Show is really lucky to have Liz on board!

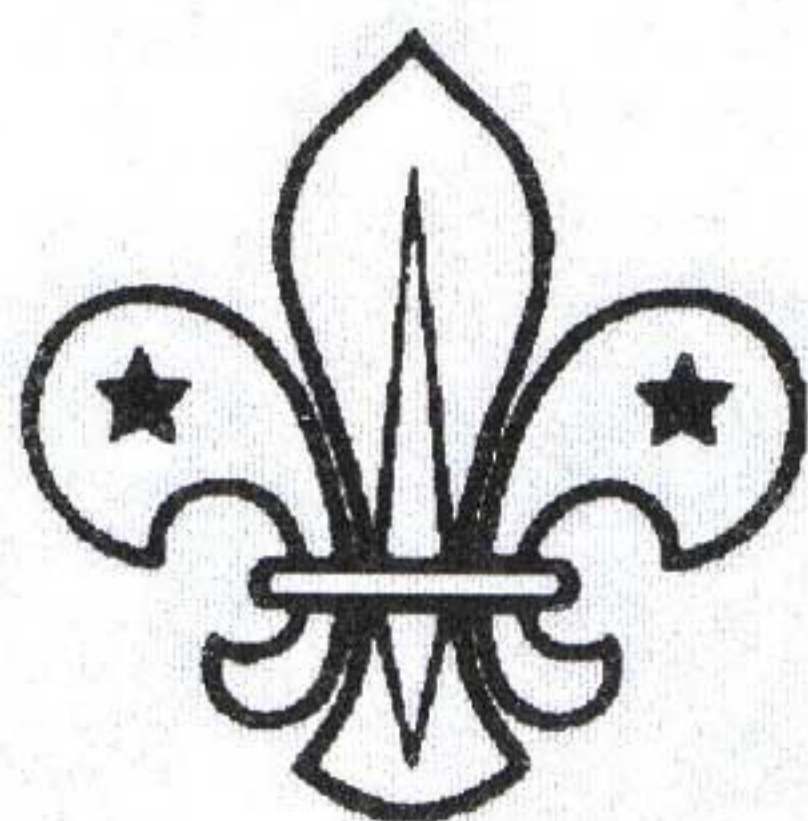
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Tom Brown



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Alex Geraghty



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Ben Hamer



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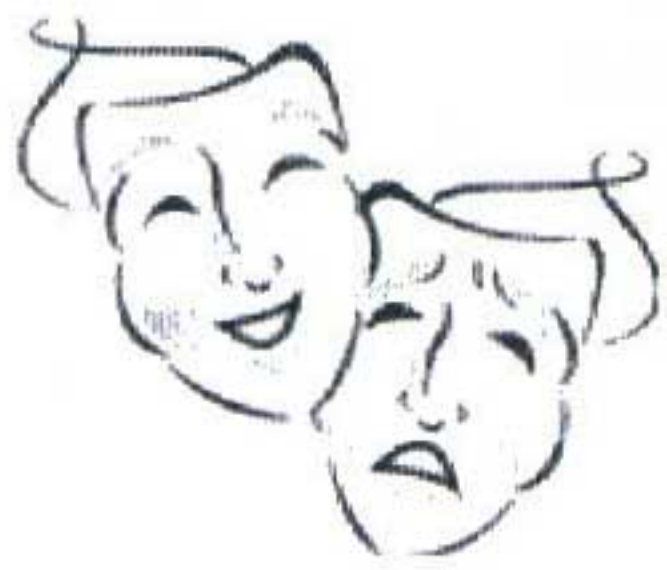


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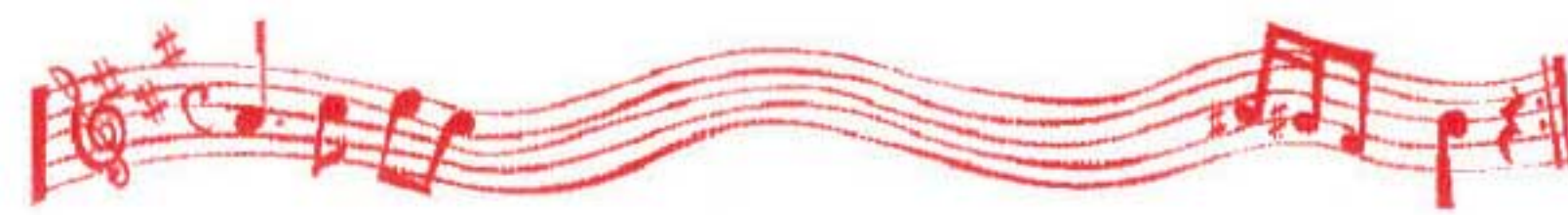


Jessica Ko





# 1st Half



## ***The Queen***

- 1. Get Happy***
- 2. Father's Footsteps***
- 3. Can You Tell What It Is Yet?***
- 4. Signed, Sealed, Delivered***
- 5. Everyone's A Winner***
- 6. Don't Give Up***

## ***Interval***

**Producer & Musical Director – Ewan Murray**

**Choreographer – Jan Cox**





## 2nd Half



***7. Bright Side Of The Road***

***8. Bat Out Of Hell***

***9. Bon Voyage***

***10. Antique Antics***

***11. Abbasolutely***

***12. French For Beginners***

***13. What Have You Done Today?***

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



# THE GANG



James Lawrence



Sam Lee



Daniel Ling



Oliver Ling



Martin Loader



Simon Loader



Steve Logan



Daniel Marlow



Ian McClure



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Richard Meade



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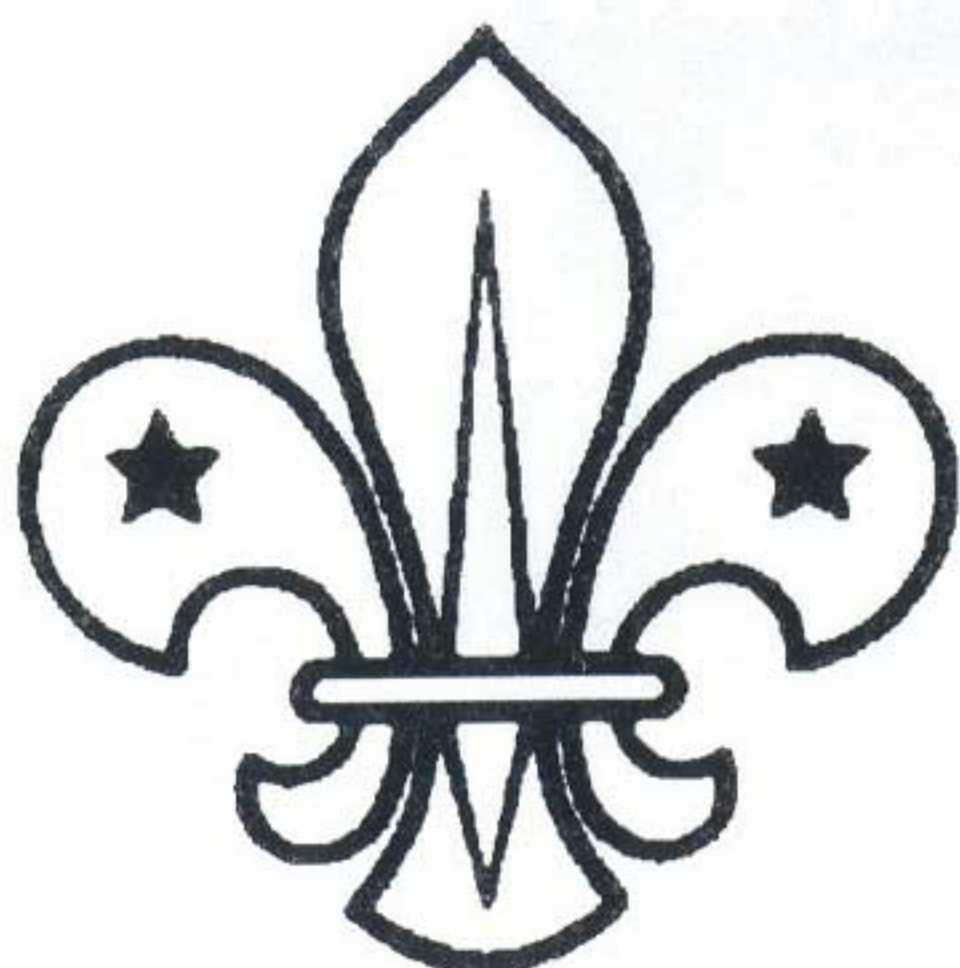
Emma Williams



Joe Williams



Peter Williams



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# STAGE STAFF

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<b>Music Arranger</b>	Chris Pettitt
<b>Rehearsal Pianist</b>	Graham Thomson
<b>Scenery Designer &amp; Stage Manager</b>	David Keen
<b>Stage Hands and Scenery Crew</b>	Lewis Keen, Rod Keen, Colin Jeffs, Fran Coulter, Michael Desborough, Pete Desborough, Paul Frisher, Darren Lowry, Sue Mann, Connor Mulholland, Clare Pollington, Adam Robinson, Phil Robinson, and Kit Yardley
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<b>Lighting Designer</b>	Neil Hewitt
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<b>Make Up</b>	Martin Allen assisted by The Harpenden Explorer Scouts' Unit
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<b>Call Boy</b>	Andrew Barford
<b>Cub Number written and produced by</b>	Richard Harrington
<b>Assisted by</b>	Carol Arnsby, Albert Elliott, Liz Jack, Yvonne Lowry and Tina Miller
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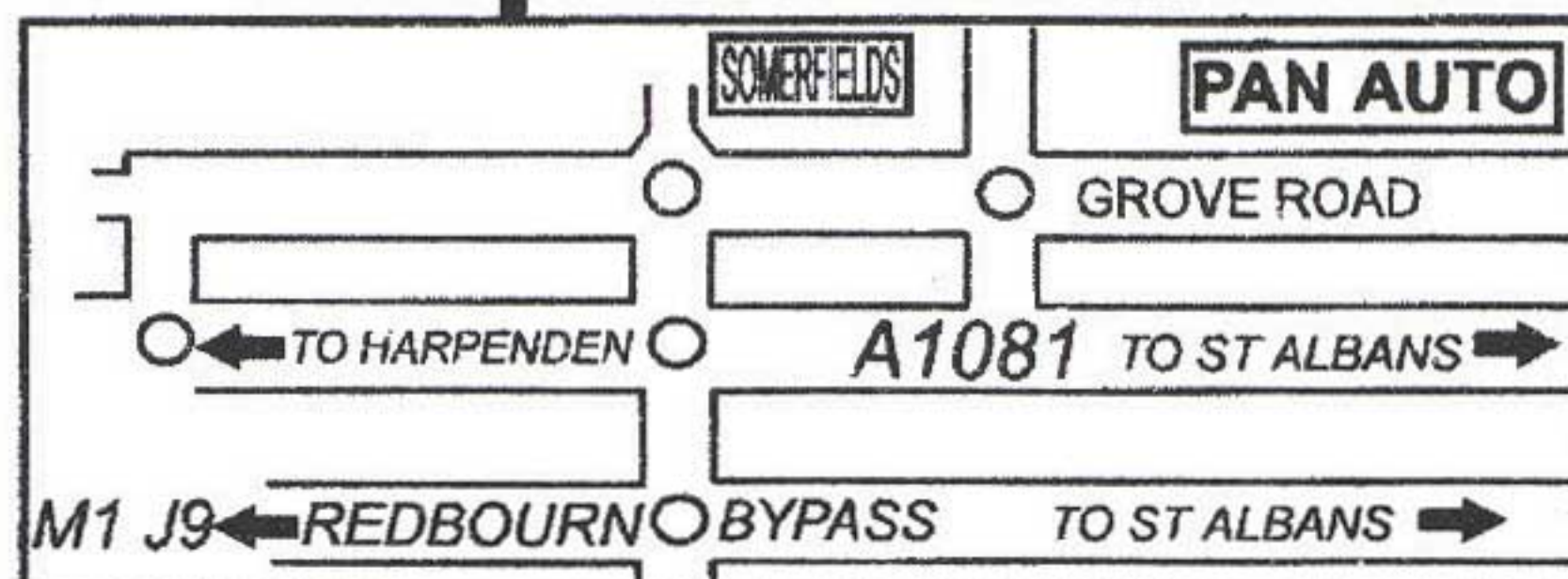
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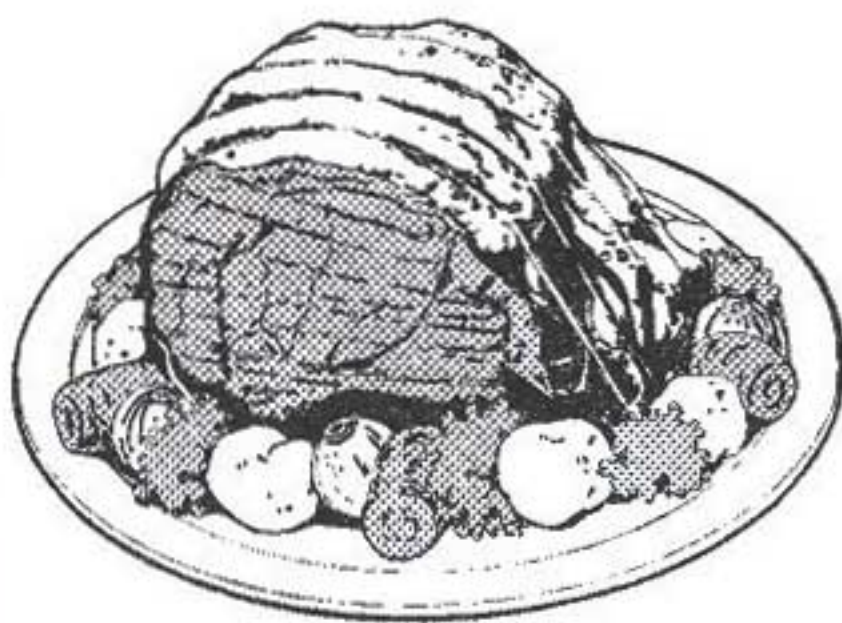
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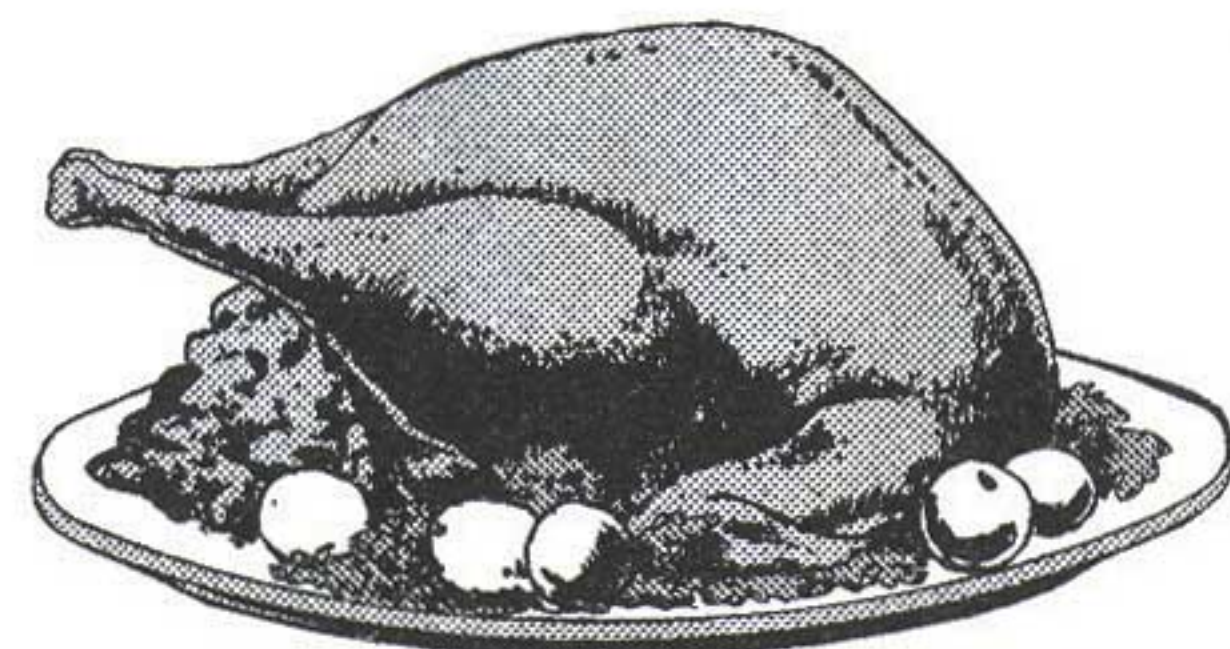
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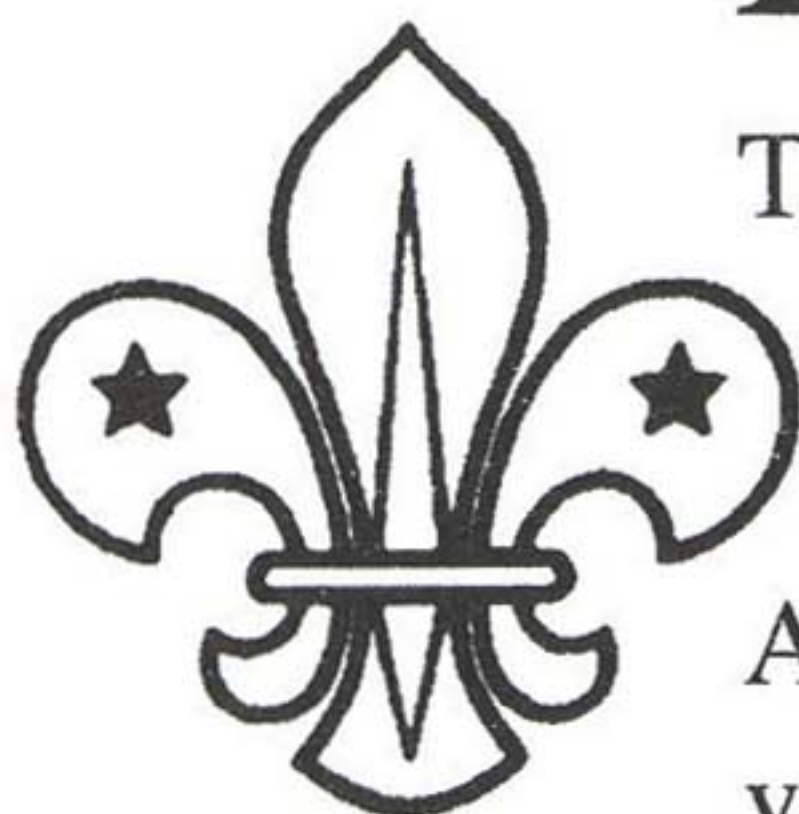
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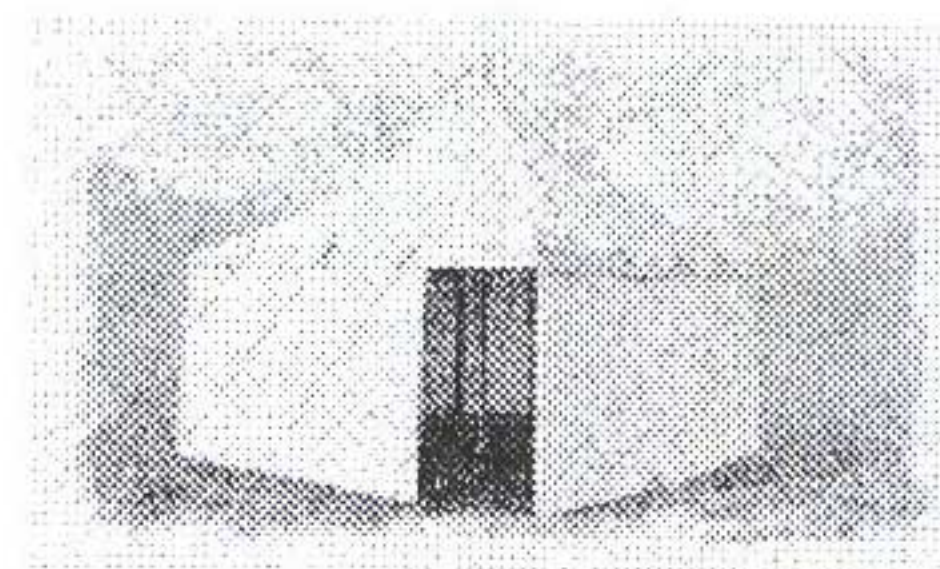
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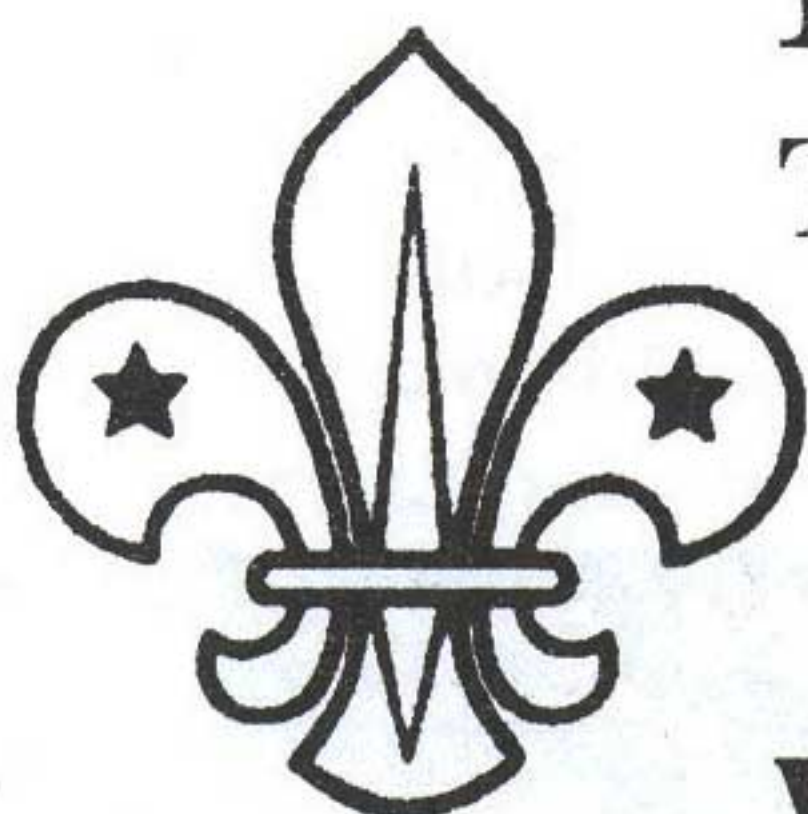
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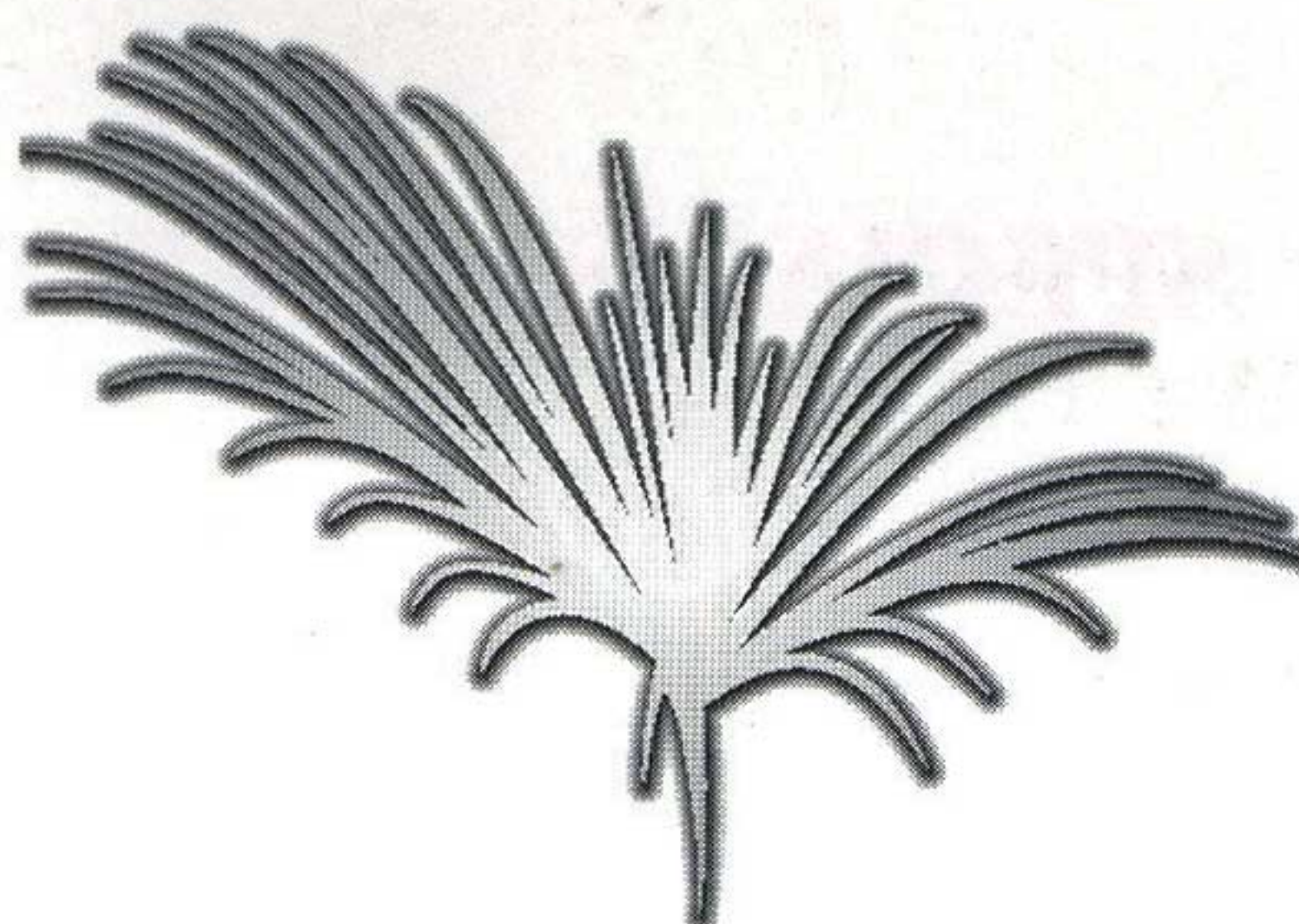
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