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District Commissioner's Message

Welcome to the Harpenden and Wheathampstead Scout District's 56th Gang Show. There's a patch of woodland off Walkers Road, half a mile or so from here, called the Ups and Downs. It's a magnificent complex of knolls and depressions where Scouts have played many a wide game and fallen off many a bike. It's also a rather good metaphor for Scouting and, I guess, most aspects of life. Here you are tonight on top of one of the knolls. Tomorrow, who knows? Every Scout District and every Scout Group has its ups and downs. Ups for the District in the past year have included great results in the Peak Assault and Green Beret Challenge competitions, demonstrating that the core scouting outdoor skills are alive and well around here. However, it is the extraordinary range of both outdoor and indoor activities that makes what scouting has to offer unique. Such breadth of activity requires, of course, an equivalent breadth of experience among adult leaders and helpers.

Whilst the leaders are well trained and multi-talented, the icing on many a programme cake comes from the less regular help of people with a particular interest, skill or privilege that can be shared with the scouts. One of the biggest ups for a leader is an unsolicited offer of help, and one of the biggest ups for the kind person offering is seeing the scouts take an interest. So, after the ups of tonight, why not go home and decide to make a leader happy and help your Group maintain its current up phase or ease it into one? The biggest up of all comes when looking back and seeing the real contribution made to the development of an individual and the community. Many thanks to all involved in tonight's scouting highlight and in the whole range of activities that make scouting so very relevant and exciting today.

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District Commissioner

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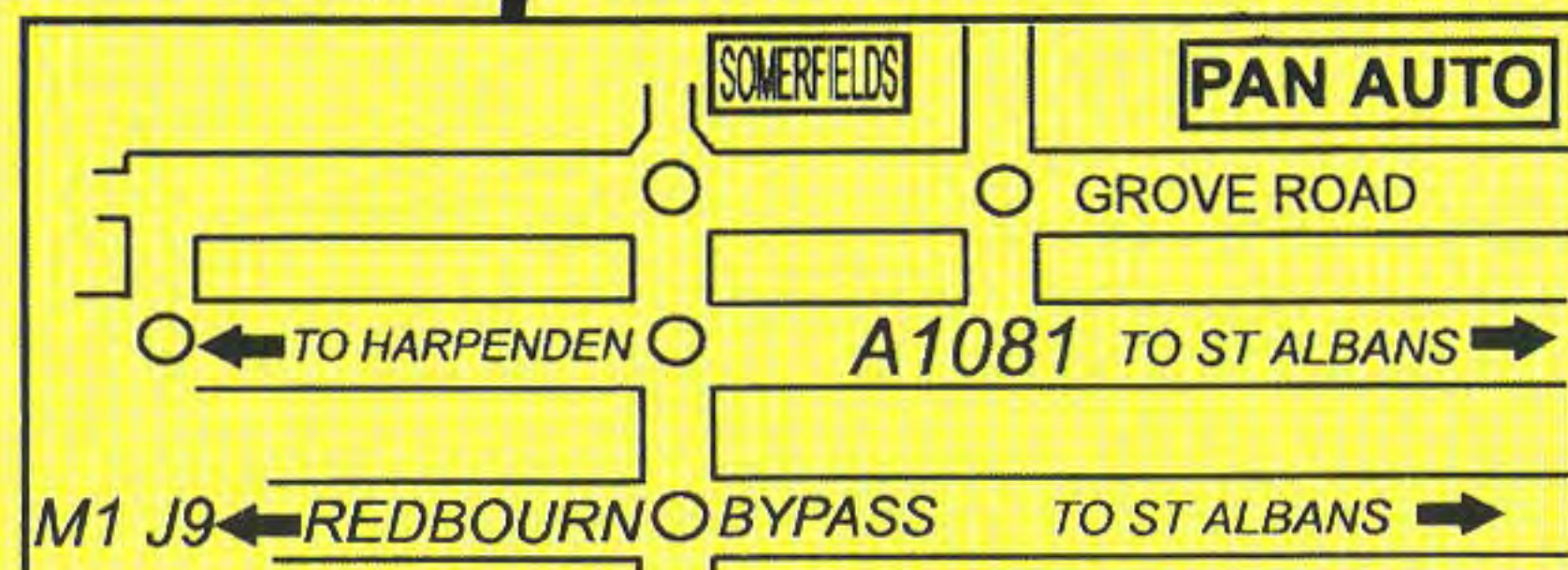
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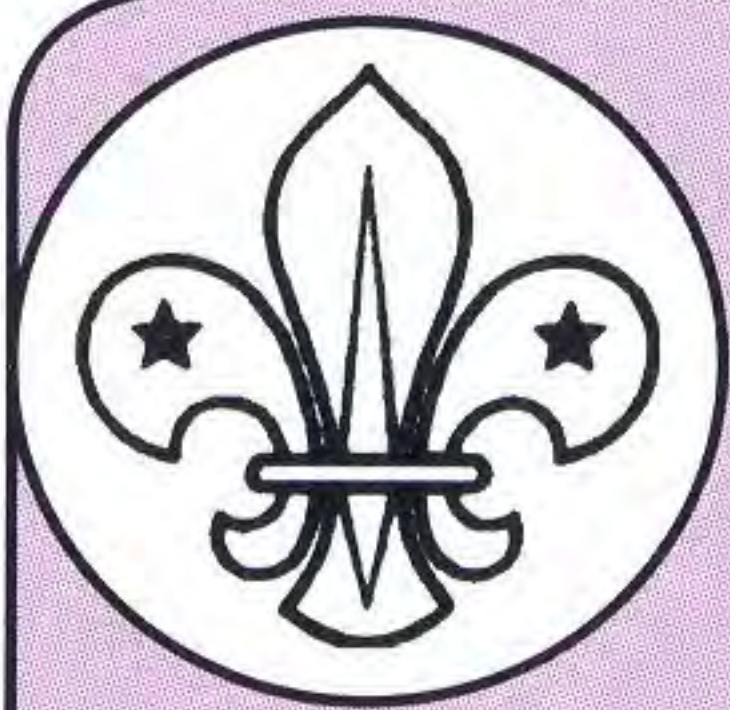
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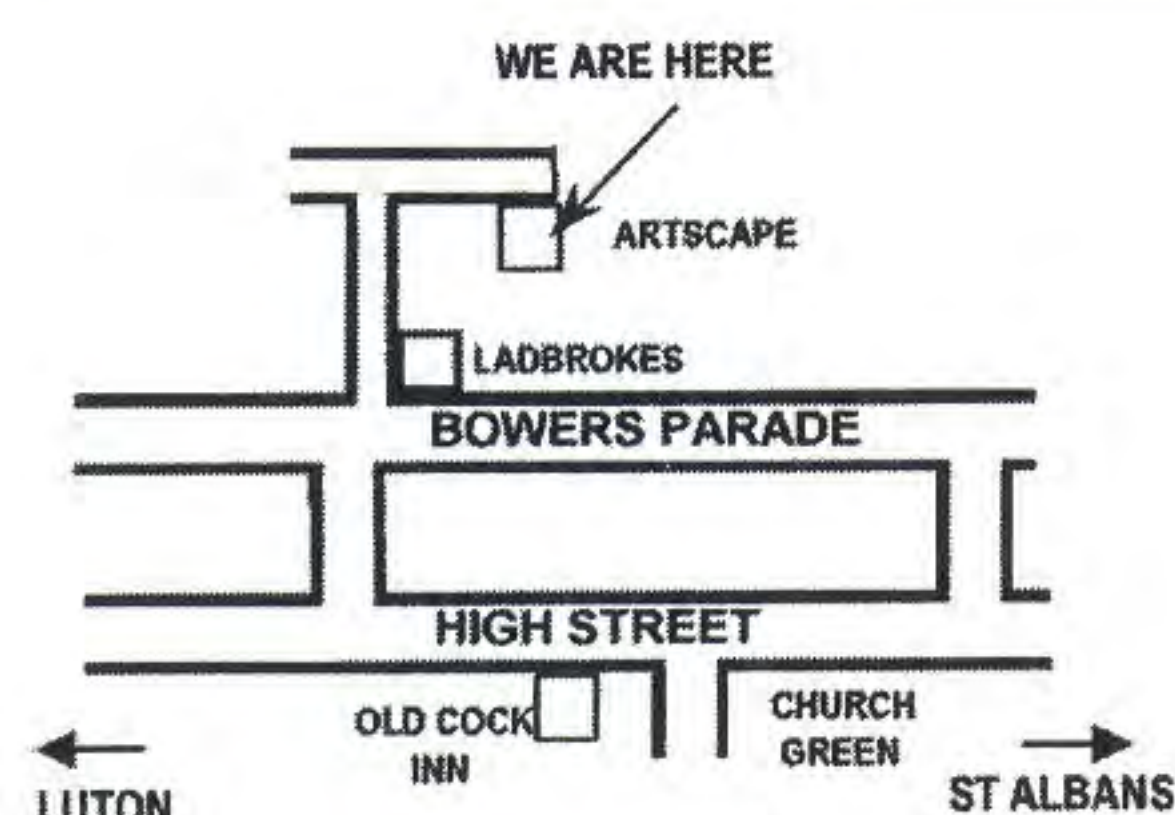
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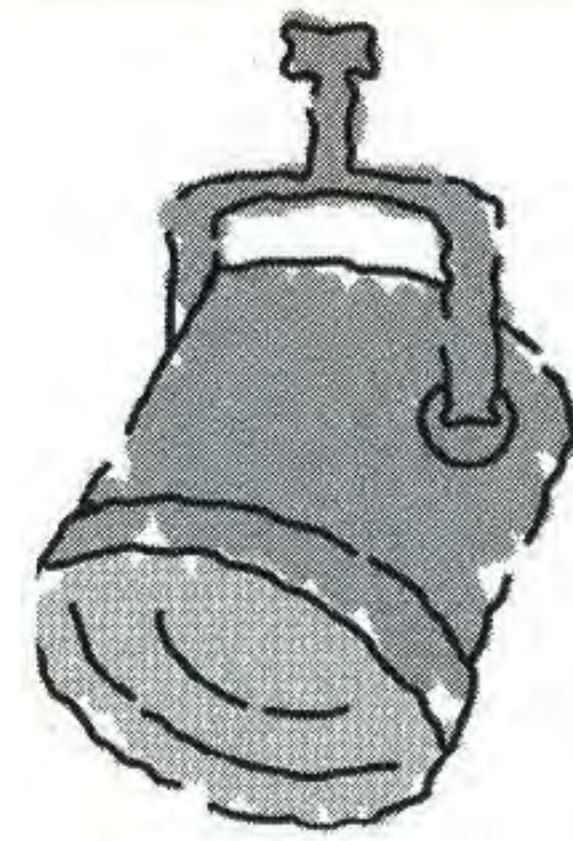
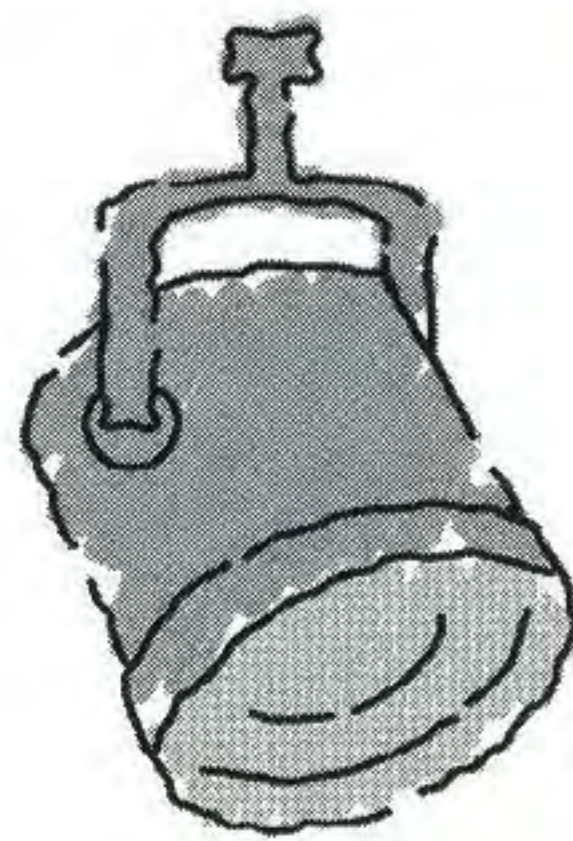
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Rikki's Scouting roots go back to his 8th birthday, when he joined the Cubs, and he has never left them behind. As a Scout aged 14, he got his first experience as a Cub leader, and has continued to be involved, first in Weymouth, Dorset, then in London, where he moved for university, and then in Harpenden, where he has lived since 1979. He left the Cubs behind only in 2002, when he became District Commissioner.

But he didn't really leave them behind, since he has been



Spotlight on..... **Rikki Harrington** **The Cub Who Never Left!**

involved with the Gang Show since soon after he moved here, and he has been writing the script for the Cubs' part since 1998 – making the 2005 edition his eighth – and probably the best ever. We don't know where he gets all his ideas – and he says he doesn't know, either. Some of the jokes may be absolutely horrid (hey, let's be honest), but few things are more fun to watch, or be a part of. And some of the jokes are actually hilarious. But the real payoff, as Rikki says, is "when the curtain goes up, the Cubs do their bit and come out feeling so chuffed, it's utter magic."

So if you see Rikki tonight, be sure to thank him for his creative genius, and his dedication, for he truly deserves the praise. And you might even want to ask him to share one of his jokes with you...Maybe.



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9 costumes fitting; 8 tappers tapping; 7 Ibuprofen; 6 props
a-missing; 5 sell-out Shows; 4 last-minute shocks; 3 tummy bugs;
2 broken arms; and a Show that is second to none!

All that and more has happened since 14th September – we have
been through thick and thin, the production team has grown
greyer and more wrinkled, but the Gang has shone through more
and more radiantly, especially in the final four weeks, and we
hope that you will enjoy the fruits of our labours. The “annual
miracle” continues, with more young people than ever before
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Test your knowledge:

It's time to tickle that grey matter!

See how many of these questions you can answer (see page 26 AFTER you try)!

1. What does the traditional Scouting Emblem symbolise?
2. What did Ralph Reader call the first "Gang Show"?
3. When and where was the first ever official Boy Scout Camp?
4. When did scouting begin in the USA?
5. Where will the World Scout Jamboree be held in 2007?
6. How many UK adults and children are involved in Scouting?
7. Who is the mascot for this year's Gang Show?
8. In the original Scout Law, Rule #6 says a Scout is a friend to whom?

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Act 2



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4. *A Kind of Magic*
5. *For Sale*
6. *Maybe This Time*

Interval

7. *Secret Agent Man*

8. *The Code of the West*

9. *This Joint Is Jumping*

10. *Size Matters*

11. *Stomping*

12. *Rupert The Cub*

13. *Up Where We Belong*

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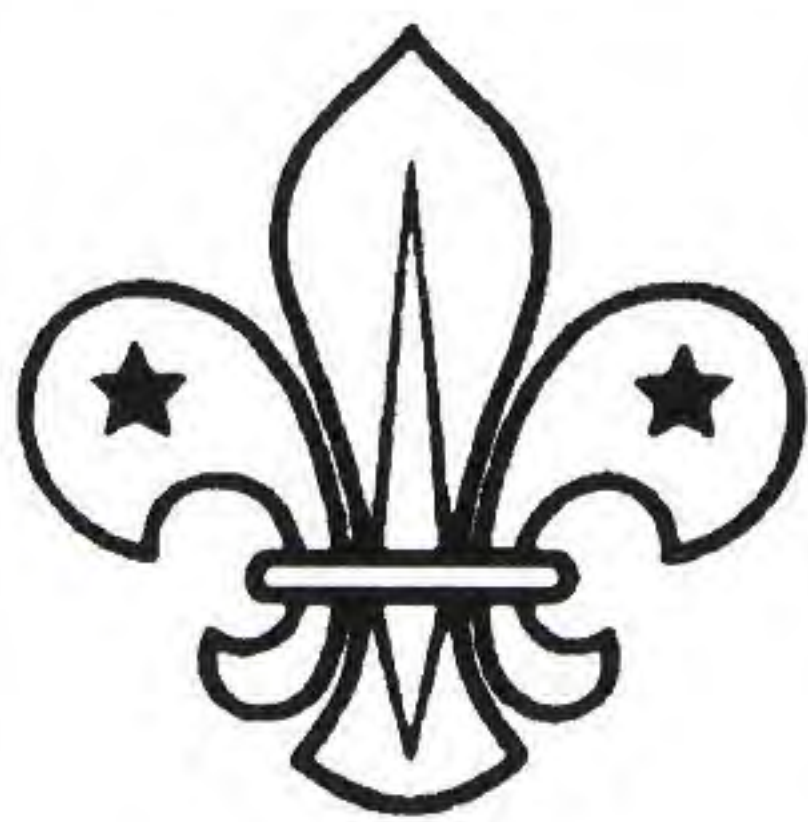
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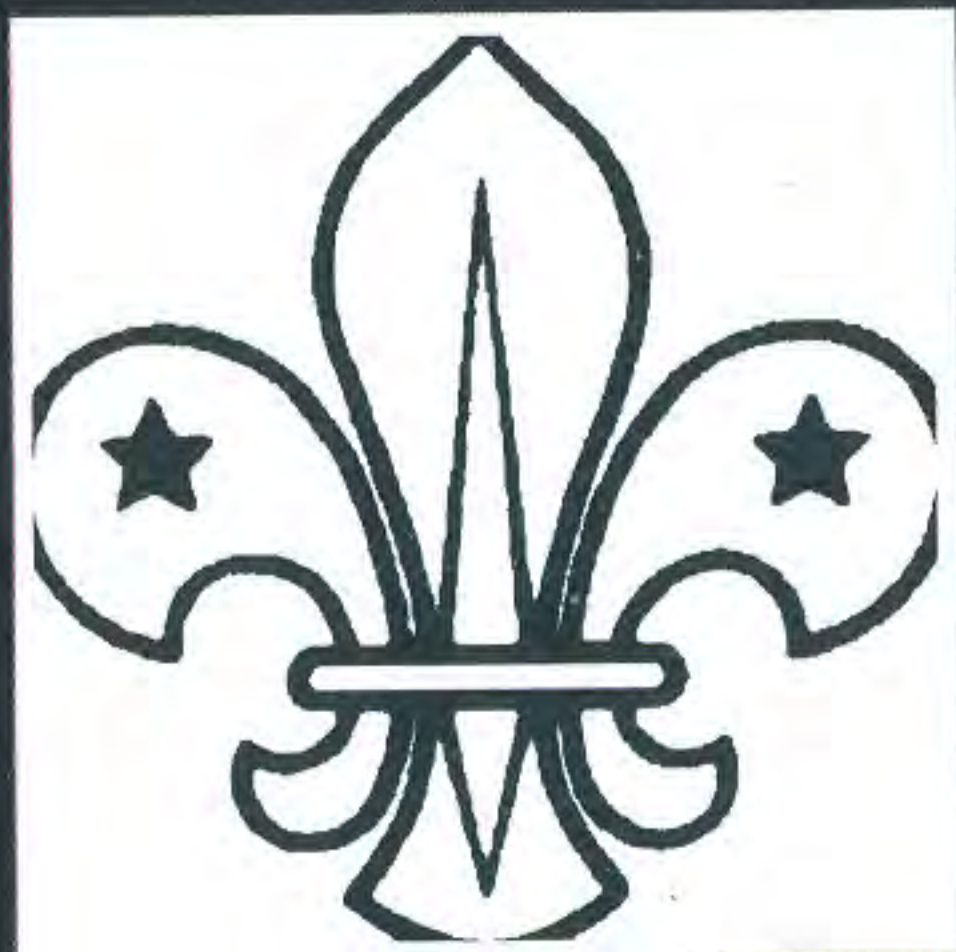
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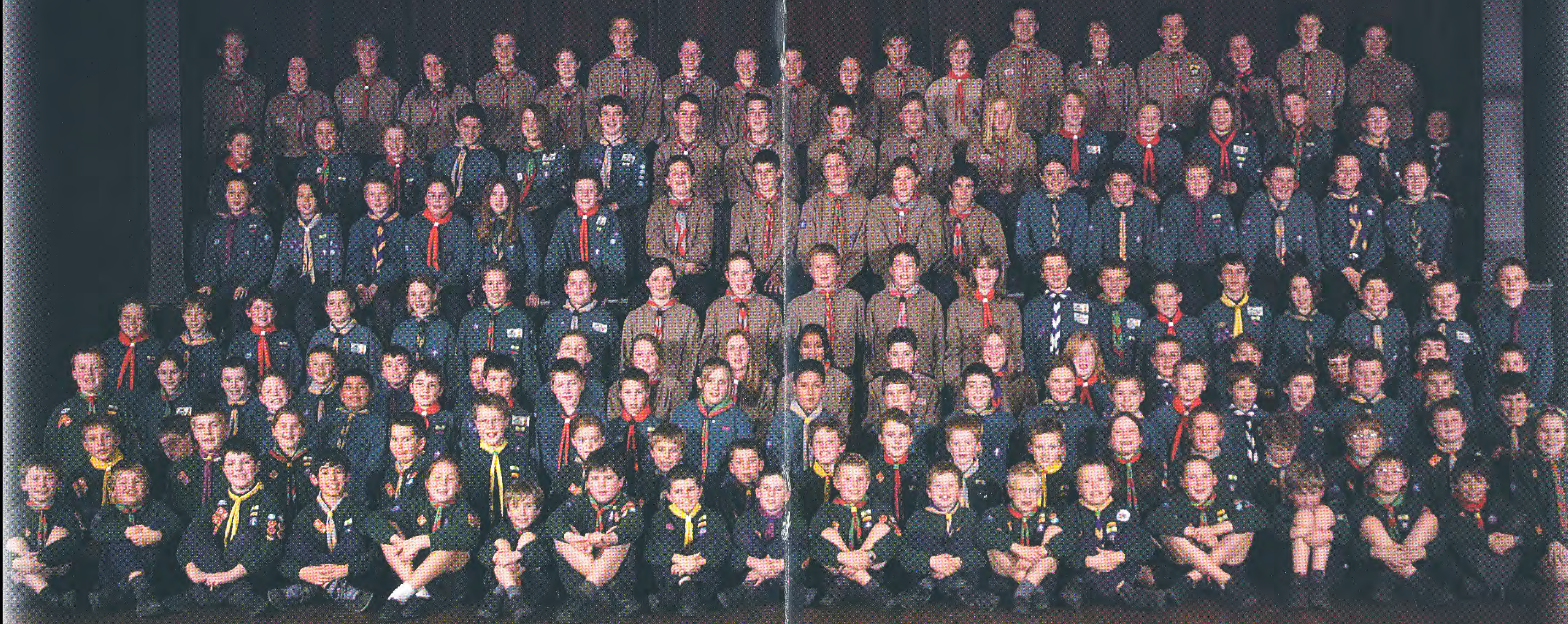
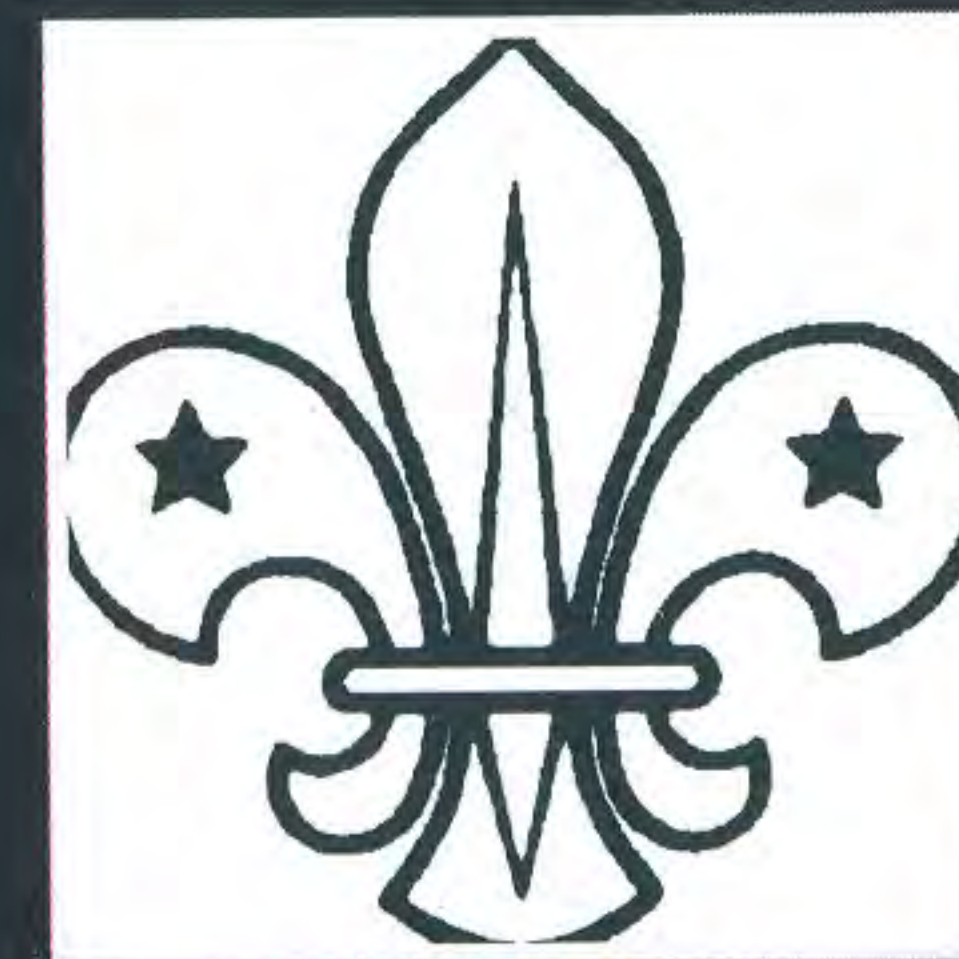
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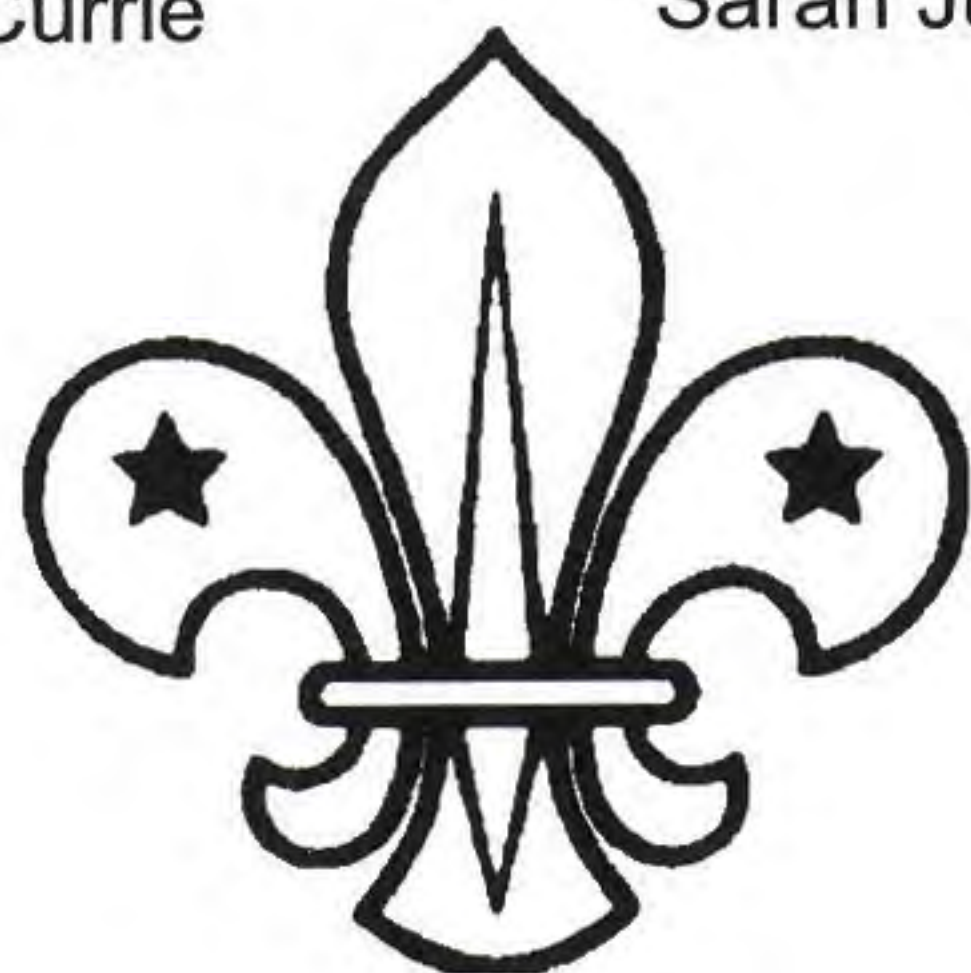
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Oliver Balaam
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Harriet Blacker
Grace Borgeat
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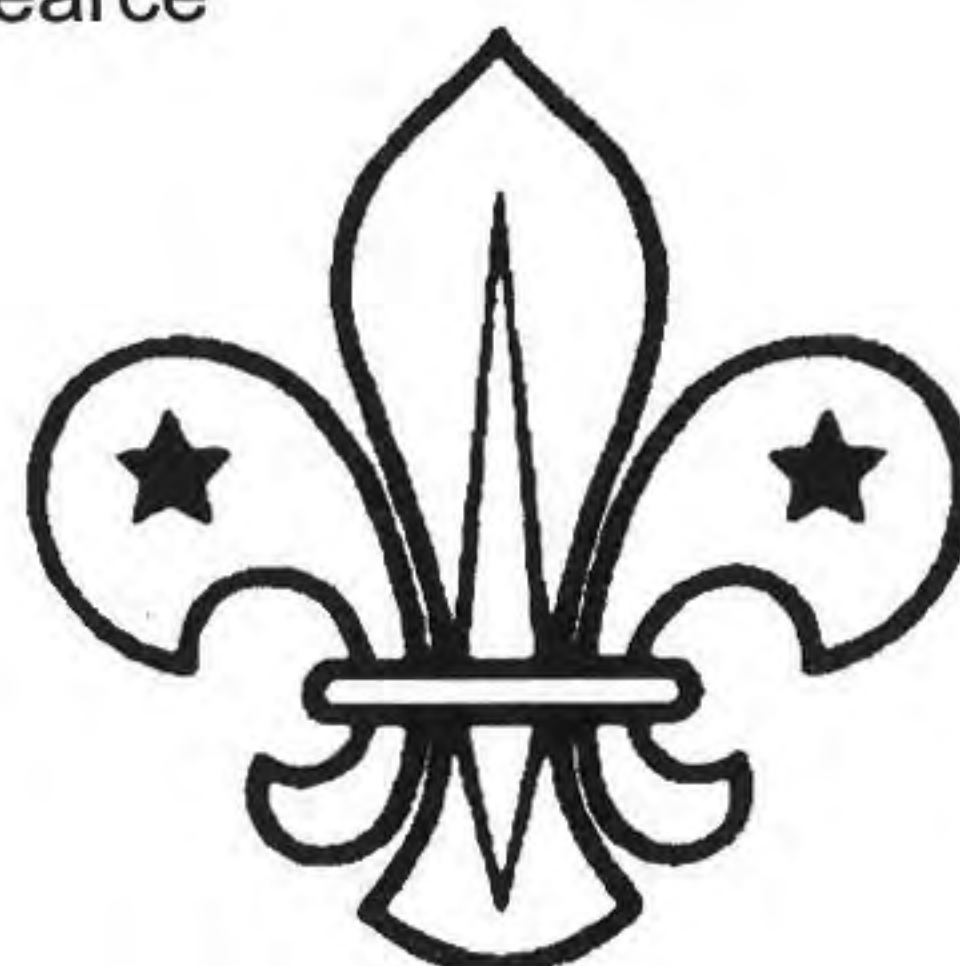
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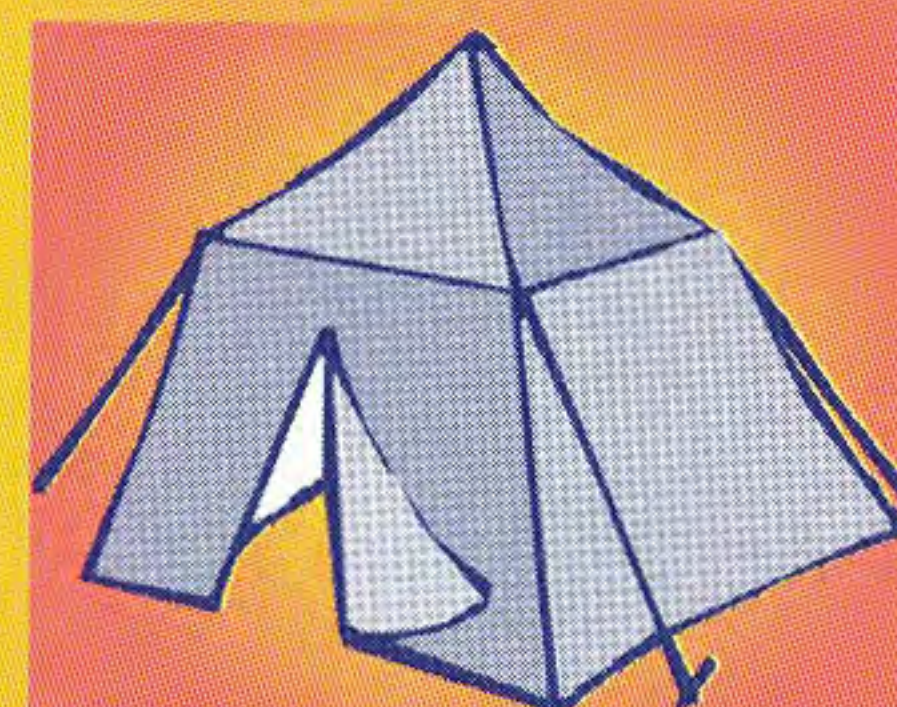
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Scenery Designer & Stage Manager	David Keen
Stage Hands and Scenery Crew	Jax Cain, Michael Desborough, Pete Desborough, Colin Jeffs, Rebecca Keen, Darren Lowry, Sue Mann, Phil Robinson, Connor Mulholland, Richard Mulholland, and Kit Yardley
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Lighting by	Jonathan Murray, Dennis Paddison, Tom Smith, Ian Woodford-Smith, Ross Wilcox and Jamie Shirra
Sound	David Errock and Jeremy Finch
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Cub Number	Richard Harrington (Writer and Producer)
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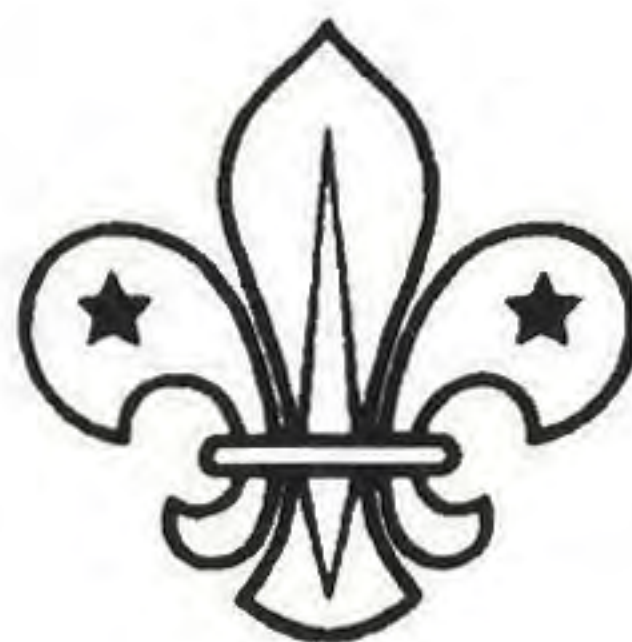
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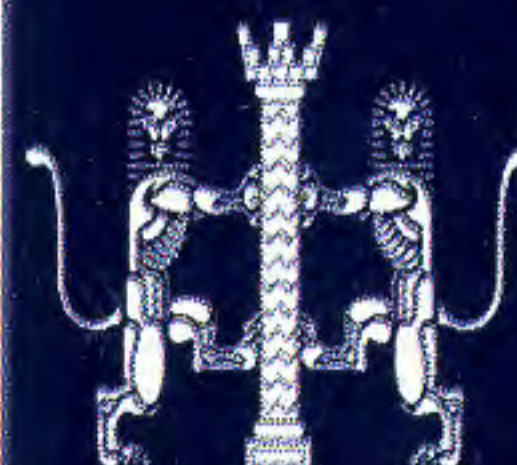
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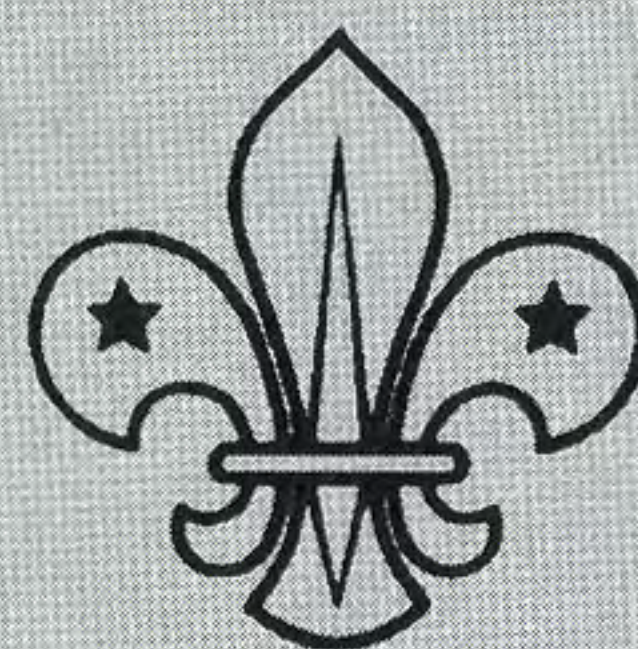
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Ralph had been to America where he was involved in producing fast moving revues and musicals. What a “Gang Show” has become first of all is a fast moving revue, i.e. a series of big musical numbers interspersed by small musical numbers and sketches, the whole thing moving swiftly from scene to scene without a break. This is achieved by having mid-stage tabs brought across or cloths dropped in and out to allow items to take place “front of tabs” and therefore to allow the show to happen seamlessly.

The second essential for a Gang Show is that it is performed by Scouts, showing off the talent of members of The Movement, both young and old. Many shows also involve members of the Guide Movement but historically and essentially, the Gang Show is a Scout entertainment – in our case including both Boy and Girl Scouts.

In the early days, another important factor was that all material was written by Ralph himself. That had its drawbacks: the first show, called “The Gang’s All Here” was not a success. But Ralph’s friends knew the idea had potential, and they persuaded him to try again the next year and the rest, as they say, is history. In time, shows have gradually dropped or updated Ralph’s material and it’s now left up to each show to decide how much of Ralph’s material they should include.

Ralph, as a pioneer in musical theatre, would not have wanted Gang Shows to stand still and would have probably withdrawn a lot of his own material as being out of date. However, to ensure that his name is kept alive, each Gang Show is requested to include in their programme...

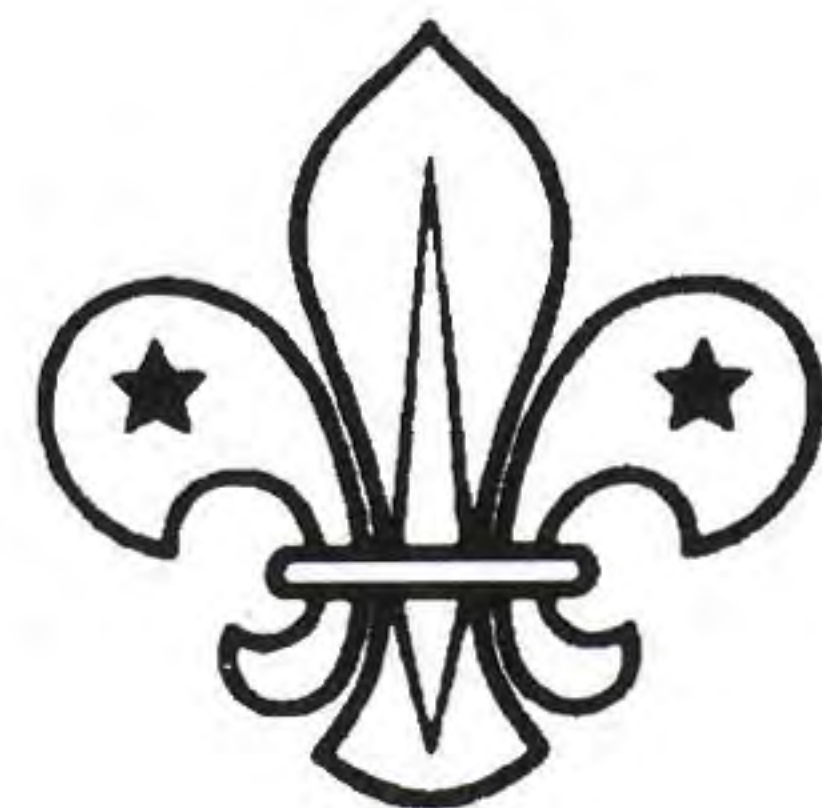
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Quiz answers (questions on page 9):

1. The North Point of the compass (Baden-Powell: "It shows the true way to go.")
2. "The Gang's All Here"
3. July 31st, 1907, on Brownsea Island
4. Not a fair question, I know, but the answer is 1910
5. Essex County, England
6. About 460,000
7. Batty the Caterpillar
8. To animals



The Scouting Movement

The Scouts are now organised into five age groups (Sections) in a seamless programme to cover everything young people do in Scouting from age 6 to 25.

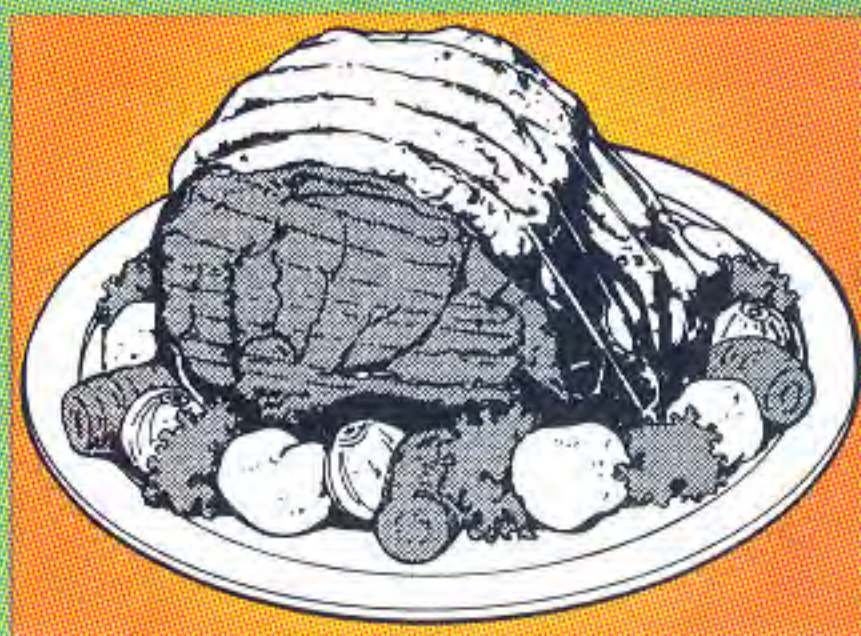
Beavers (ages 6 - 8) enjoy activities focused on fun and crafts in a friendly environment, preparing them for the next step in Scouting: Cubs.

Cubs (ages 8 - 10) enjoy learning and outdoor activities as part of the preparation to join the Scouts. They learn about the Scout Law and Promise as preparation for joining the Scouts.

Scouts (age 10 - 14) have to be prepared to take the Scout Promise and accept the Scout law, committing themselves to integrity and service. Many outdoor activities and an emphasis on leadership development and individual responsibility, with proficiency badges for achievement, are at the heart of Scout Groups.

Explorers (age 14-18) enjoy an emphasis on exciting, adventurous and challenging activities again based around a progressive training scheme for leadership.

The Scout Network (ages 18 – 25) gives older Scouters the chance to stay involved, also helping in leadership roles with the younger sections.



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