

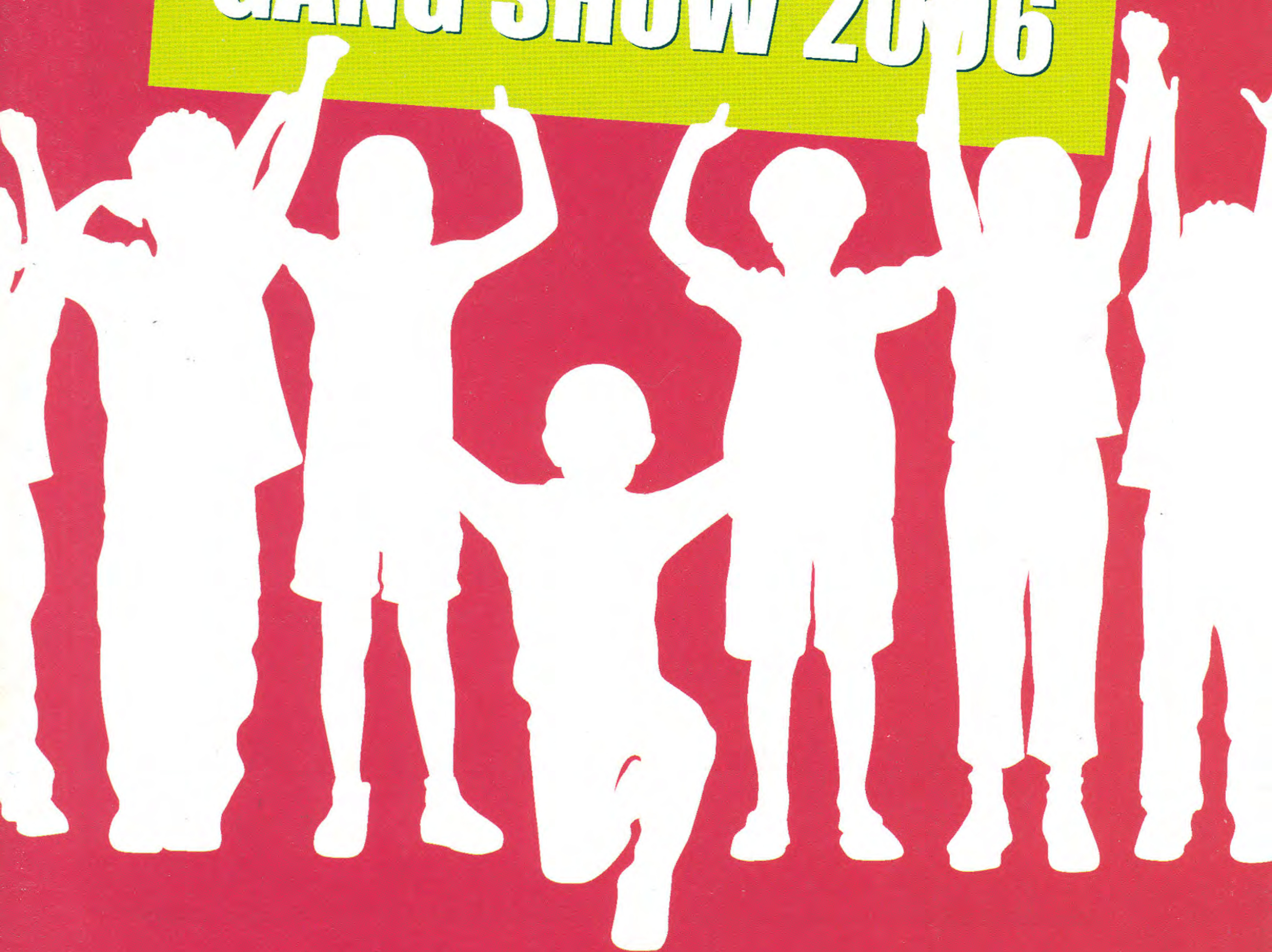


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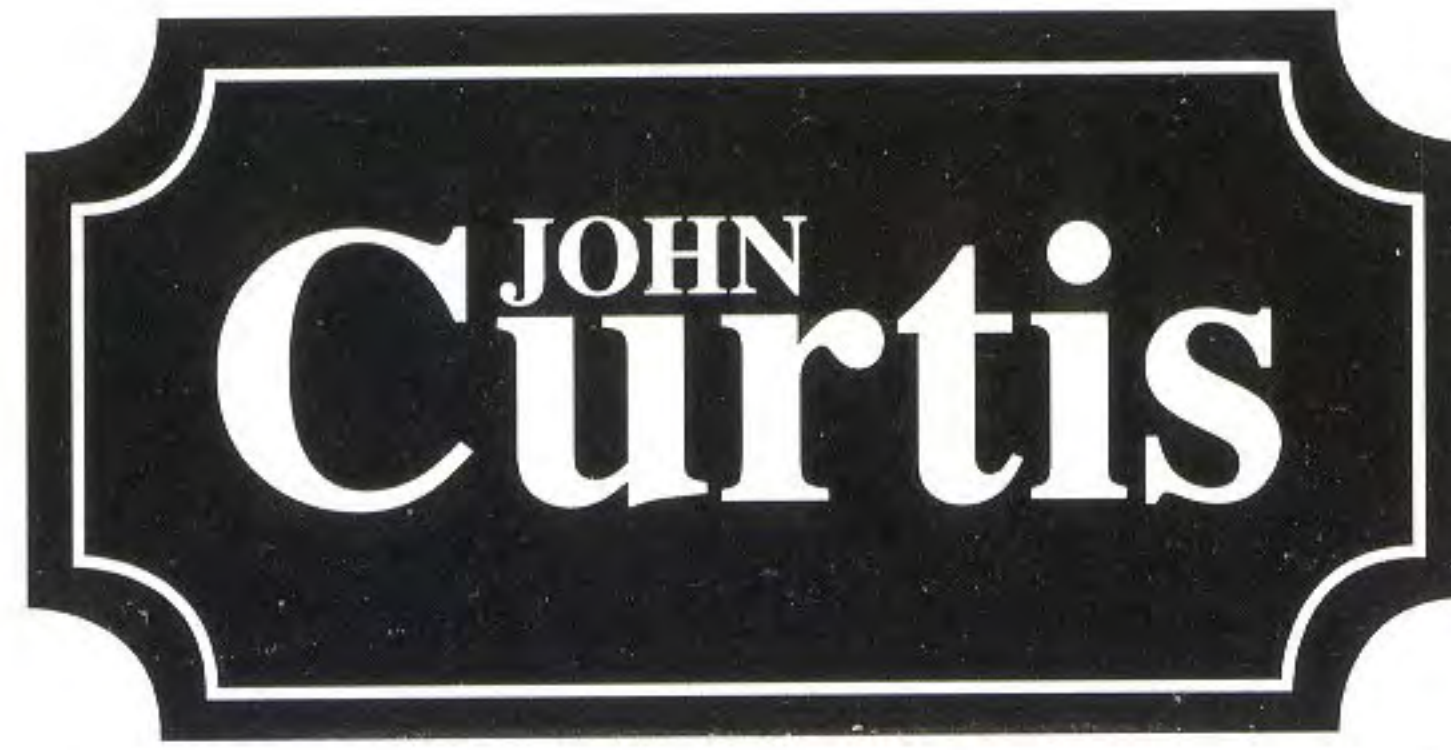
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From the District Commissioner

Welcome to the 57th Harpenden and Wheathampstead Gang Show.

This time next year Scouting will begin its centenary year – an amazing achievement. Our Show is part of what makes Scouting unique and ensures its vigour: traditional, but with many a modern twist. Retaining some fine traditions whilst providing a bang up-to-date programme of constructive fun is important. Tradition makes us feel we belong to something special. It's why scouts come back and pass on the fun, the insights and the many life-skills they picked up in their earlier years – and pick up some new ones themselves! Many cohorts of scouts, often ex-Gang Show cast, meet regularly. One in this District even produces a fascinating full colour newsletter with reminiscences back to the forties, and often meets down the road at the Skew Bridge (where, I suspect, they were as mortified at the name change from the Queen's Head as I was when The Harrington in Gloucester Road became the Rat and Parrot. Tradition, I ask you!) Scouting feeds on that mix of old and new blood, so thanks to all those who have been at it for ages and those who are brand new. The former, if they aren't already aware, may fancy a visit to the 'Scouts Reunited' website. There's a nice combination of history and modernity.

Enjoy!

Richard Harrington "(RIKKI)"
District Commissioner

Gang Show Essentials

When Ralph Reader formulated what was to become a "Gang Show" in 1932, he didn't want it to be labelled a "concert" i.e. a series of acts introduced by a compère who covered while the scenes were changed.

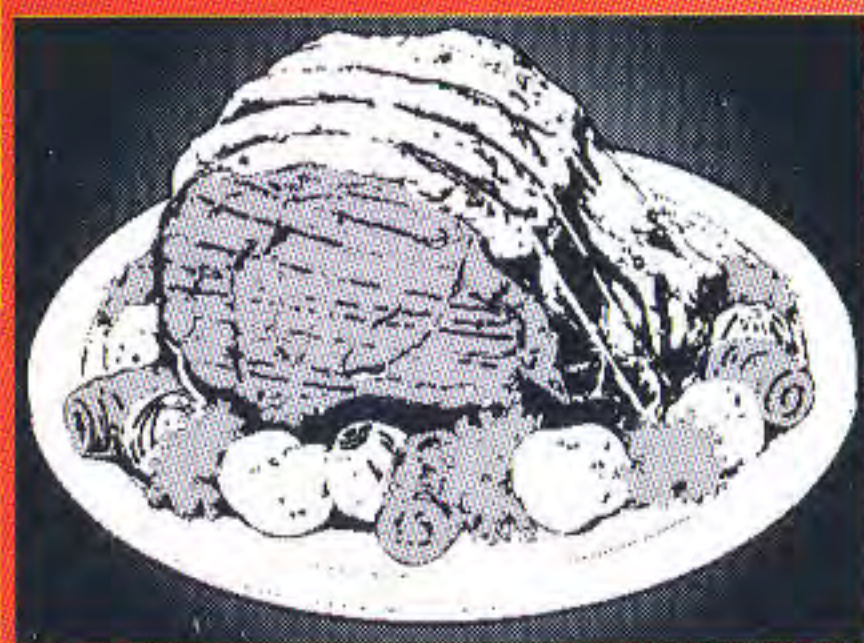
Ralph had been to America, where he helped produce fast moving revues and musicals. – the Gang Show model – using mid-stage tabs brought across to allow items to take place "front of tabs," allowing the show to progress seamlessly.

A second essential for a Gang Show is that it is performed by Scouts, showing off the talents of its members. Many shows also involve Guides but essentially, the Gang Show is a Scout entertainment – in our case including both Boy and Girl Scouts.

At first all material was written by Ralph himself. The first show, called "The Gang's All Here" was not a success. But Ralph's friends persuaded him to try again and the rest, as they say, is history. In time, shows have gradually evolved and it's now left up to each Show to decide how much of Ralph's material is included.

Ralph, as a pioneer in musical theatre, would not have wanted Gang Shows to stand still. However, to ensure that his name is kept alive, each Gang Show is requested to include in their programme...

"Based on an idea by the late Ralph Reader C.B.E."



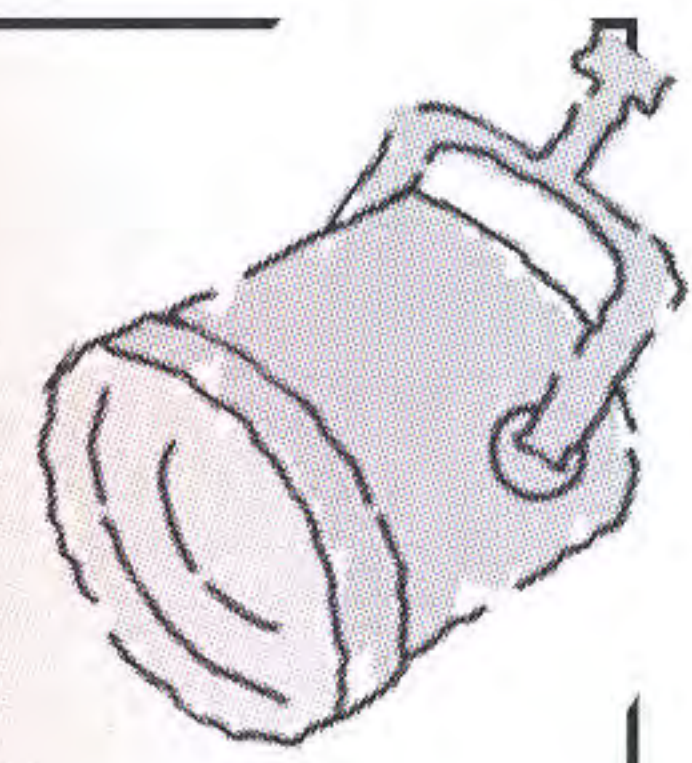
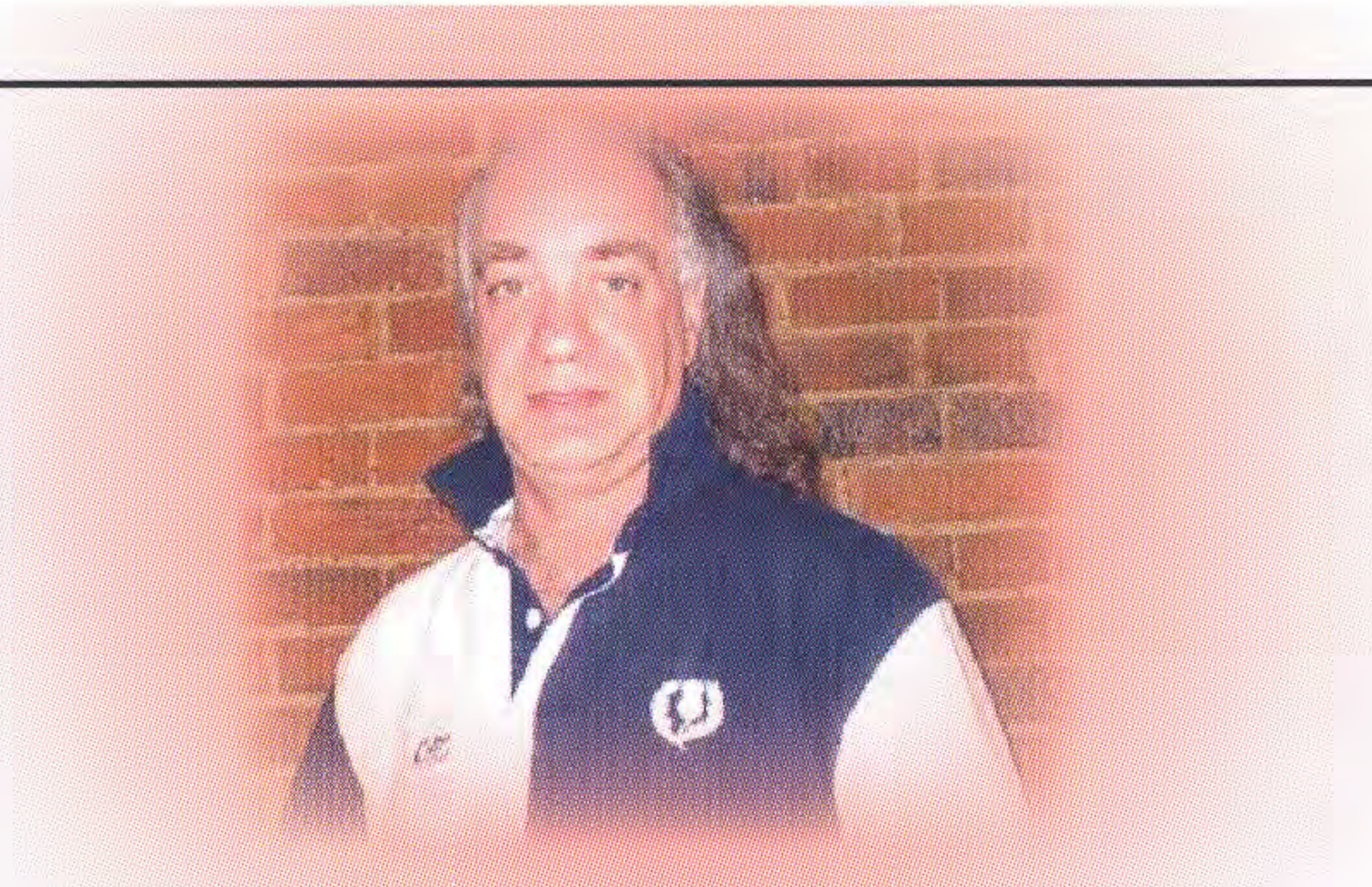
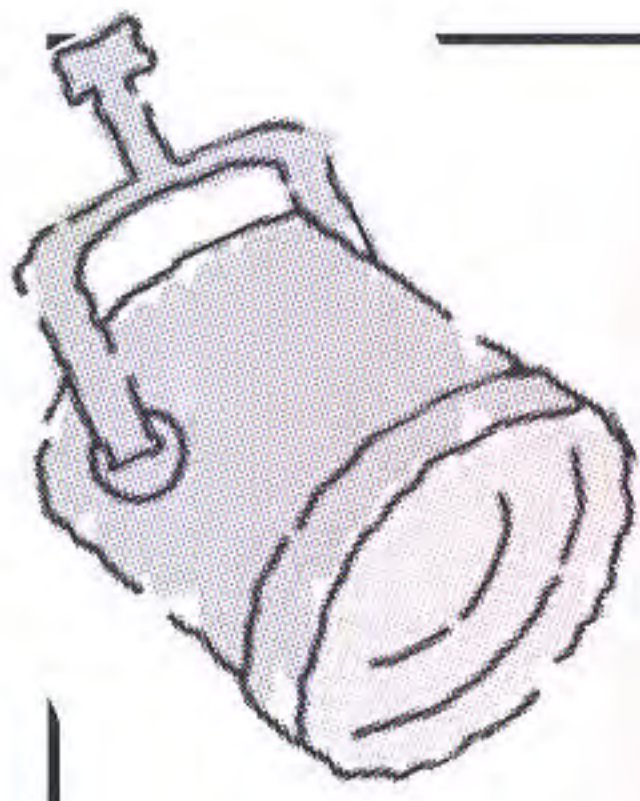
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The 57th Gang Show will mark 10 years of involvement for Graham Thomson, rehearsal pianist and keyboard specialist during the performances. You might say he jumped in at the deep end: In January 1997, six days before the Show, Ewan Murray asked him if he could play keyboard, and handed over the scores for 46 songs that all had to be learned in less than a week. But being a talented, intrepid Scotsman (born in St. Andrews, Fife), Graham dived right in, had a very successful first run, and has never looked back.

It wasn't hard to say Yes to helping with the Gang Show. After all, Graham's family was heavily involved with Scouting, with his father being a District Commissioner, his mother a Guide Commissioner, and his two elder brothers – and himself – involved in Cubs and Scouting. And given Graham's musical background – he is currently a music teacher for 500 pupils (!!) at a nearby school – he is well suited to deal with the boisterous energy of a stage full of Scouts.

Graham's own musical tastes are varied, but he says that the most influential performers for him include Queen, Dire Straits and Chris Rea. But his own repertoire is wide, including for example a production of Oklahoma! in Luton recently, a local production of South Pacific last year, and being musical director for next autumn's performance of "Hot Mikado," also in Harpenden.

Graham has a few special likes, including haggis, neeps and taties (of course!), a good curry, and a wee dram of Highland Park single malt. Oh, and he's a big supporter of Celtic (not Hibs - sorry Ewan!). He also keeps up a big vegetable patch, being big on healthy eating.

And there are a few pet peeves, including "idiots and time wasters" and people who don't use the turn indicators on their cars. Oh, and seafood.

Luckily, he loves Scouting, and especially the Gang Show, with his favourite parts being the Cub's numbers and the Finale. And of course he will always strike the right note himself.



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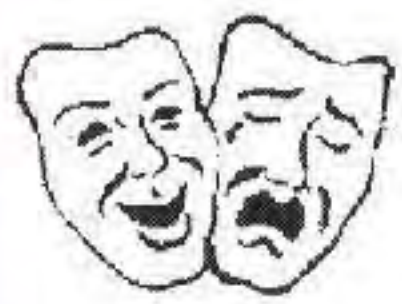
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It's time once again to stimulate that grey matter!

See how many of these questions you can answer (see page 26 AFTER you try):
(Hint: the answers to the first four questions can be found in the program!)

1. What Scouting Section can you join after leaving Explorers at age 18?
2. When was the first Gang Show performed (under a different name)?
3. Where was Gang Show keyboard artist Graham Thomson born?
4. In the Gang Show Song, what comes from "the coldest winter"
5. What did Lord Baden Powell receive in 1929 that he called the "Jamroll"?
6. Where did Lord Baden Powell die in 1941?
7. Who is the patron saint of Scouting?
8. Who coined the name "woggle" for the Scout Scarf slide?



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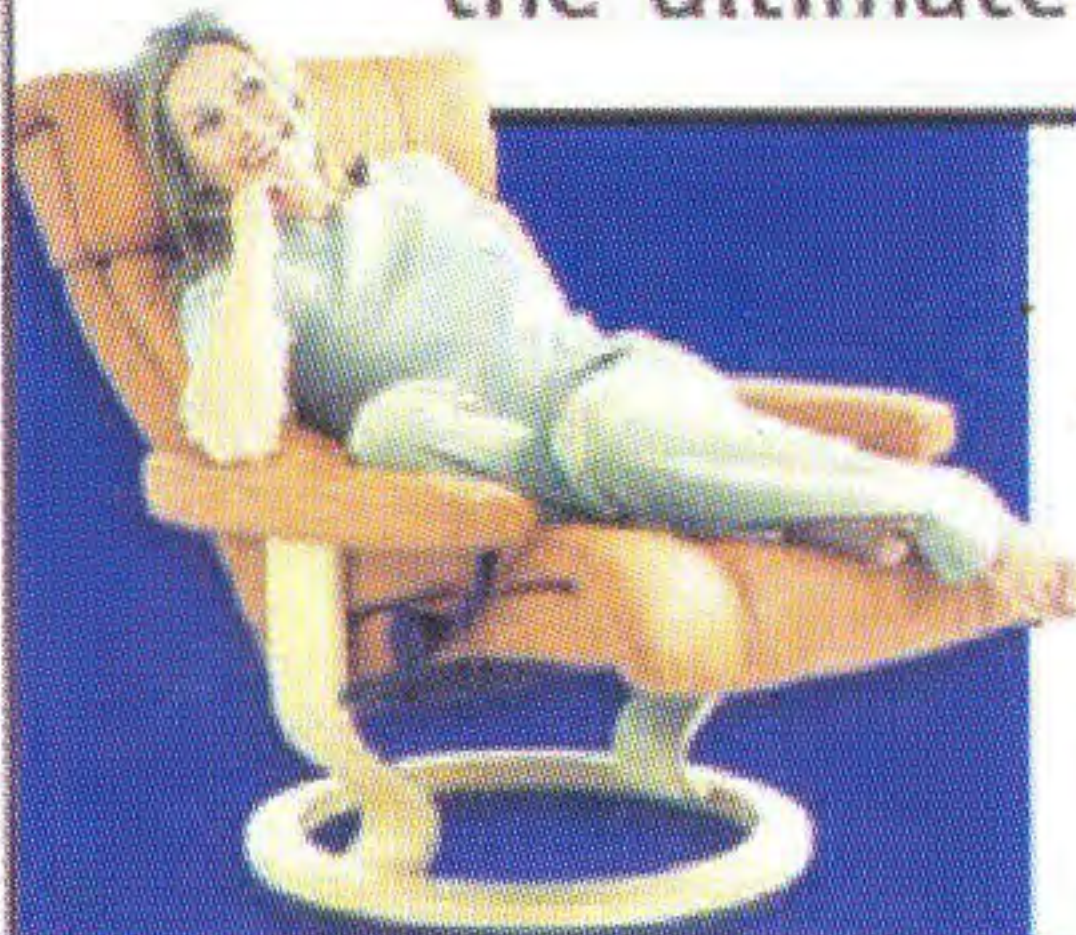
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Average age of cast 12 years 8 months (youngest cub is 9; the oldest Explorer is 18).

Average rehearsal time is 36 hours per member (20 for Cubs; 70 for Front Row).

Average rate of increase of production team's age as rehearsals progress – x 4!

Average proportional increase of producer's grey hairs – double!

Average number of people involved behind the scenes each year – I've lost count.

Average time spent behind the scenes by those same people – innumerable.

Average tickets sold vs. capacity – 100%.

Average level of enthusiasm from cast – 110%.

According to the law of averages, this ain't yer average Show.

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Ewan Murray, Producer

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Celia Carr, Explorers

“Gang Show to me is the meaning of fun. With all our rehearsals and effort we learn to work together as a team, ‘the world wide family of Scouts!’ Thanks, Ewan!”
Carlotta Constant, Explorers

“I have been doing Scouting for 7 years now and I love it to pieces, Gang Show tops that off! I would advise anyone in Scouts to do Gang Show as it is immense!”
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- 5. Look Here**
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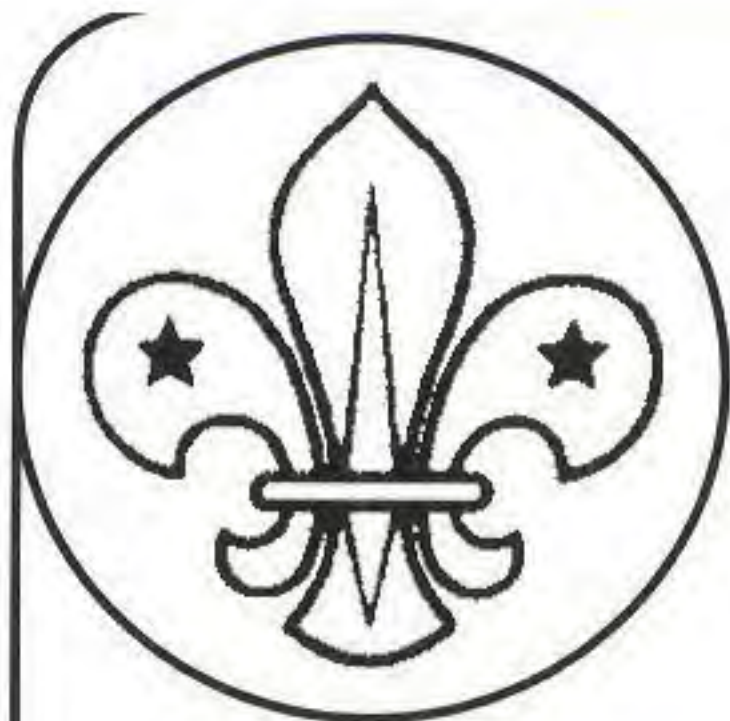
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- 7. Build**
- 8. You are what you Eat**
- 9. What's Cooking?**
- 10. Swedish made Simple**
- 11. Do Your Thing!**
- 12. The Bells of Notre Dame**
- 13. Together**

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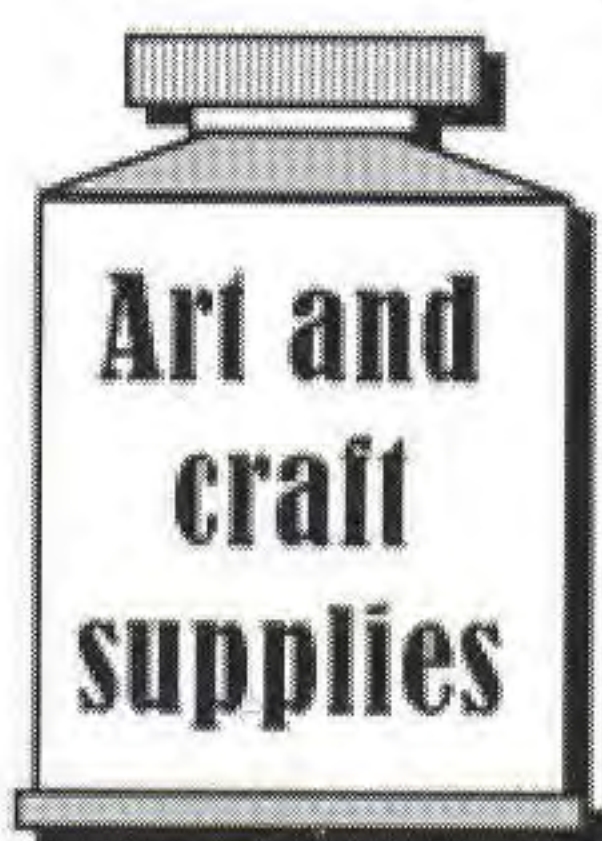
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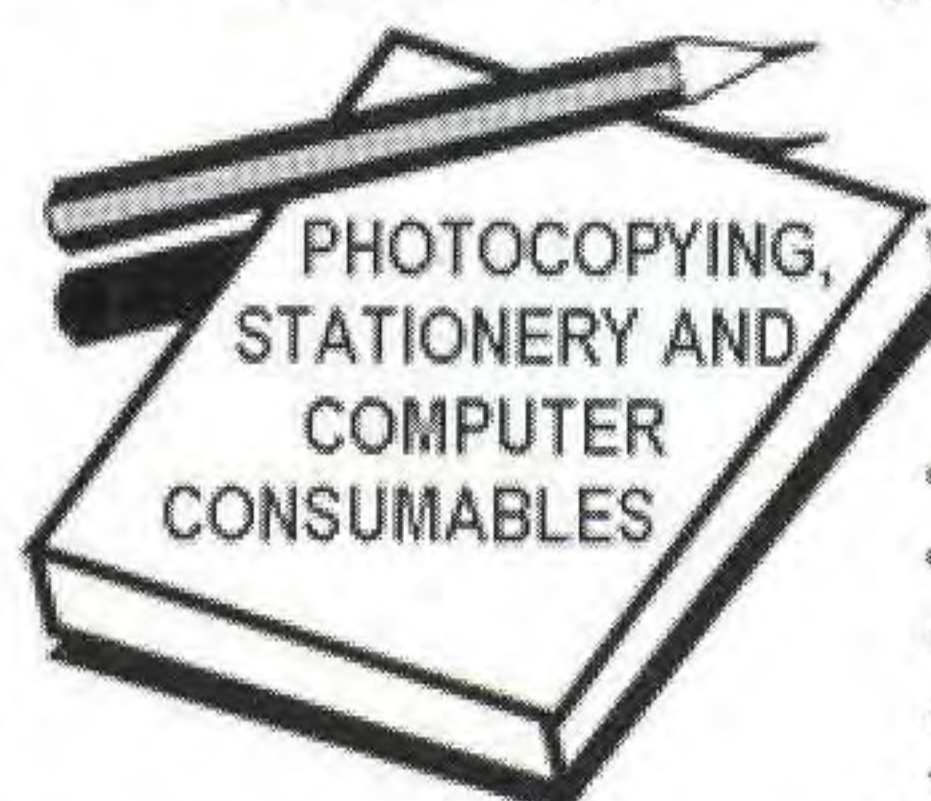
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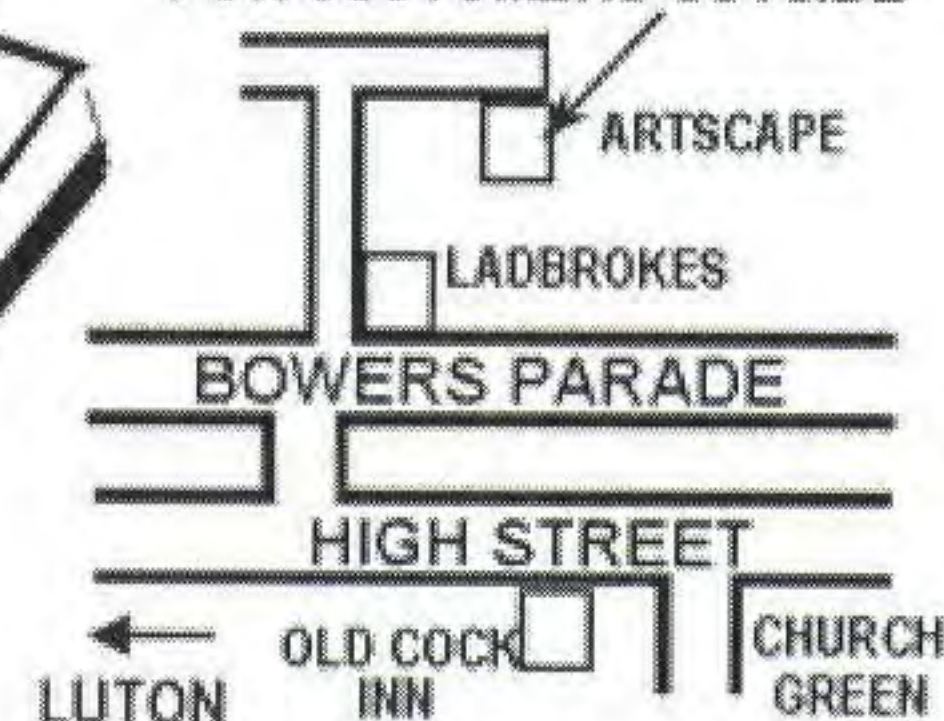
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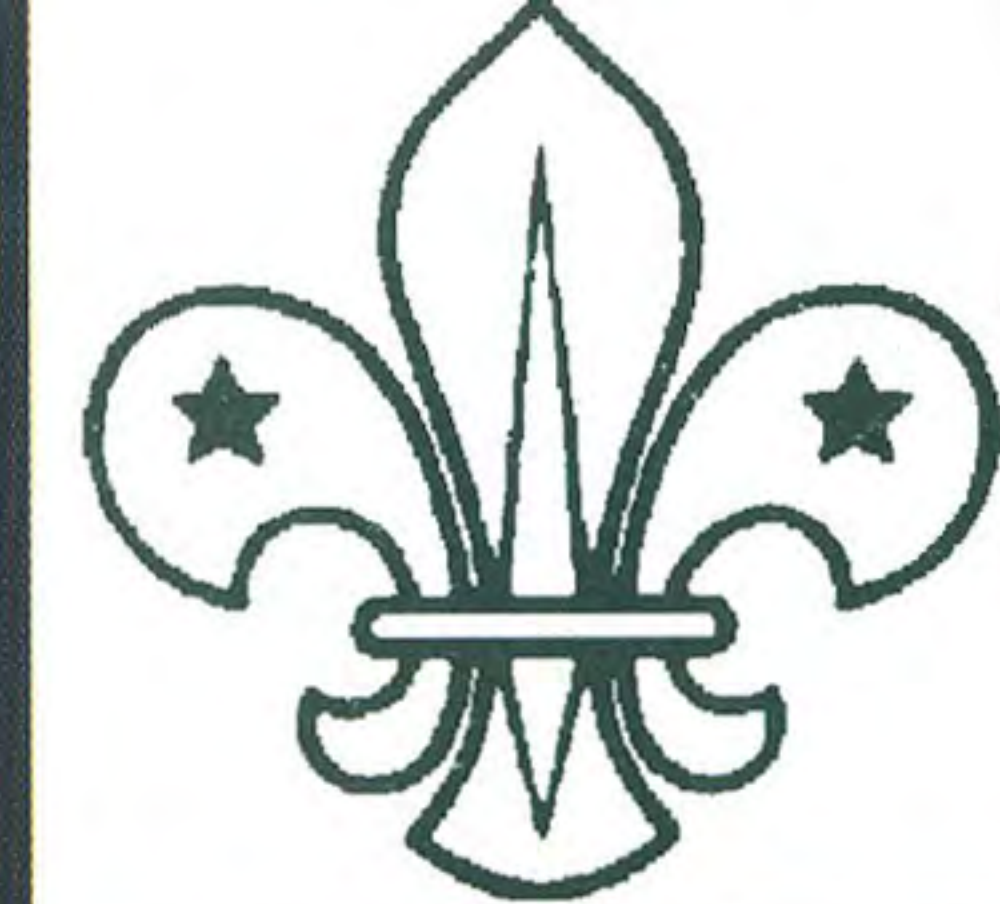
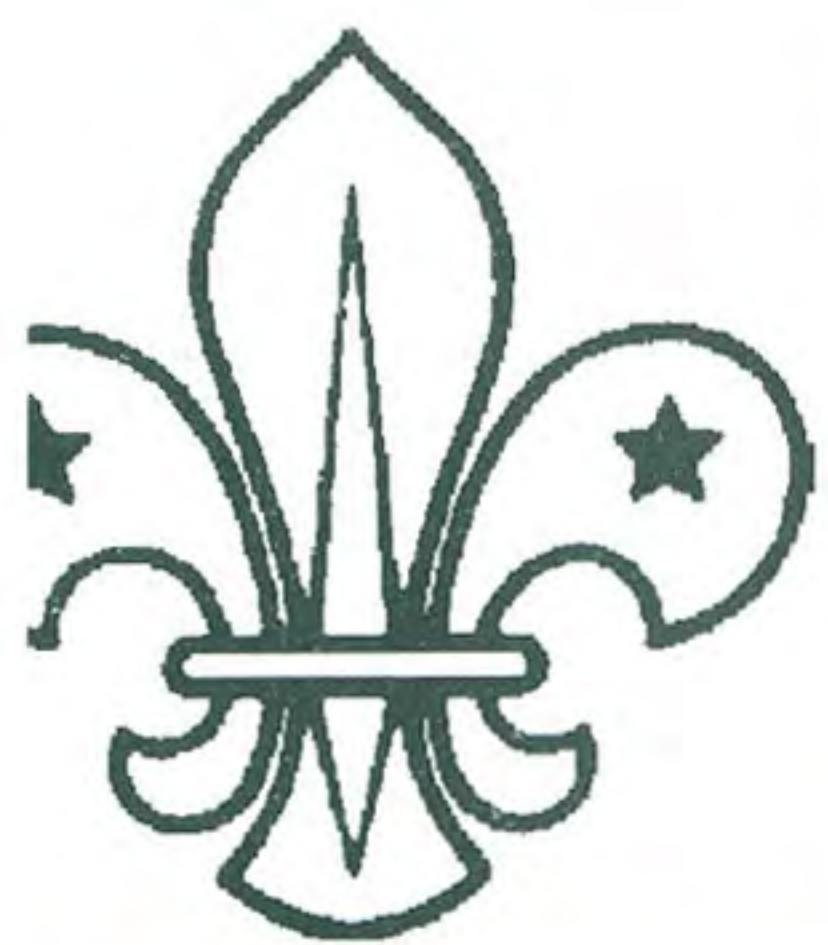
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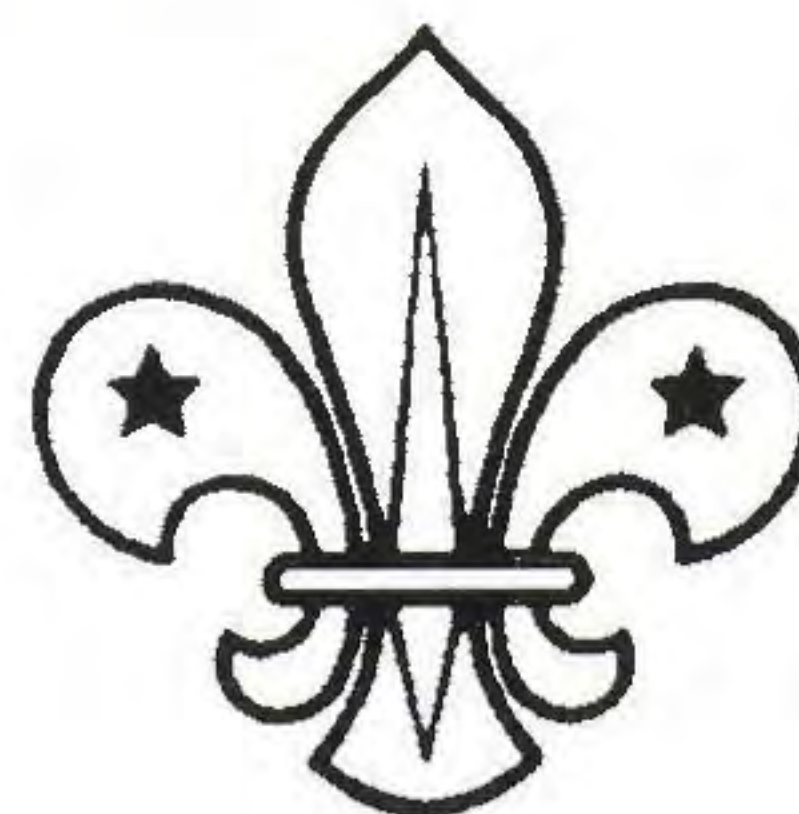
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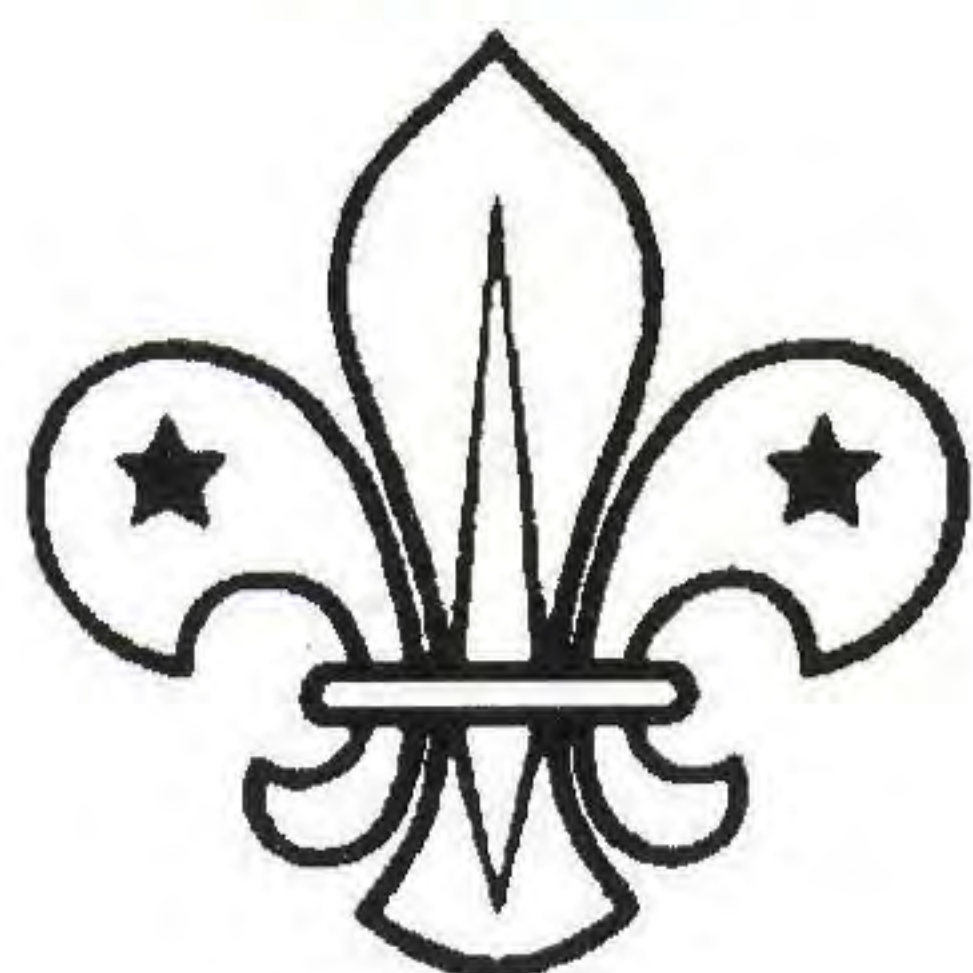
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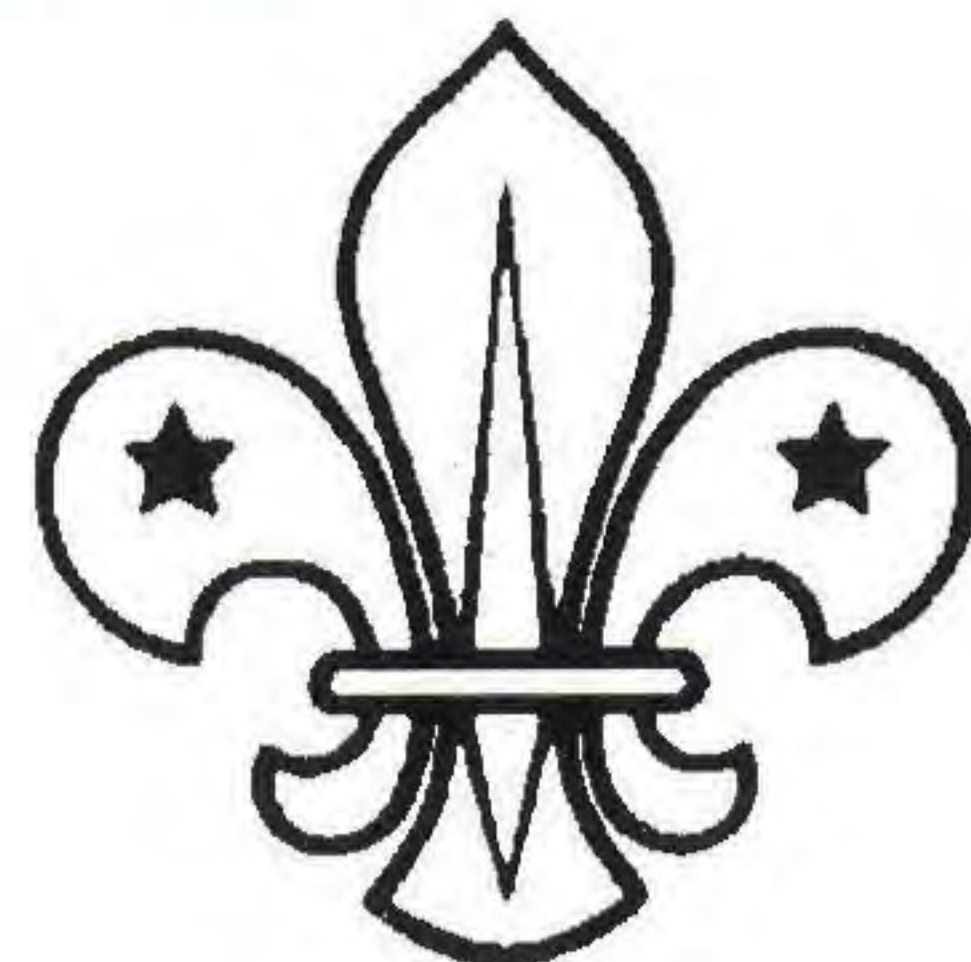


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Catherine Atton	HE	Aiden Doyle	4	Rupert Lloyd	12	Isaac Robertson	1
Hannah Atton	12	Craig Drewett	HE	Bethan Luffman	12	Abigail Rose	12
Howie Atton	3	Eleanor Dynes	HE	Bryn Luffman	12	Alex Rose	12
James Austin	10	Josh Evelyn	9	Katharine McBeath	12	Joshua Sambrook	4
Guy Balaam	12	Scott Fleming	HE	Charlie Meade	HE	Tanisha Shah	HE
Oliver Balaam	12	Eleanor Foord	1	Emily Meade	HE	Emily Simpson	12
Luke Barber	12	Aidan Freeman	3	Jake Meads	HE	Matt Sinnott	10
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Beth Blacker	12	Joe Graham	3	Chris Melton	HE	Connor Smith	10
Harriet Blacker	12	Dominic Green	12	Louise Melton	HE	Reuben Sodhi	10
Daniel Briggishaw	9	Emma Hall	12	Nick Miller	HE	Louise Spicer	12
Matthew Briggishaw	9	Robert Hanson	4	Stephen Miller	HE	Jason Stainer	10
Daniel Bruce	10	Daisy Harrison	1	Alex Monson	HE	Emma Stratton	1
Dominic Bruce	10	Justin Heyes	HE	Chris Moore	4	Charlie Tate	3
Sam Cain	9	Matthew Heyes	3	Ian Murray	HE	Lawrence Tate	HE
Matthew Captieux	10	Sam Hodgson	3	Dylan Myers	4	Aran Tattar	1
Celia Carr	HE	Harry Holland	12	Theo Naden	10	Jamie Tink	1W
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Nicholas Constant	3	Kenzo Ishida	3	Christopher Pearce	12	Chris Waters	HE
Ollie Constant	3	Jamie Jarvis	4	Ellie Pearson	1	Barry Weston	3
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Sammy Cooper	12	Elliot Jones	9	Matt Peplow	HE	Tom Wheeler	HE
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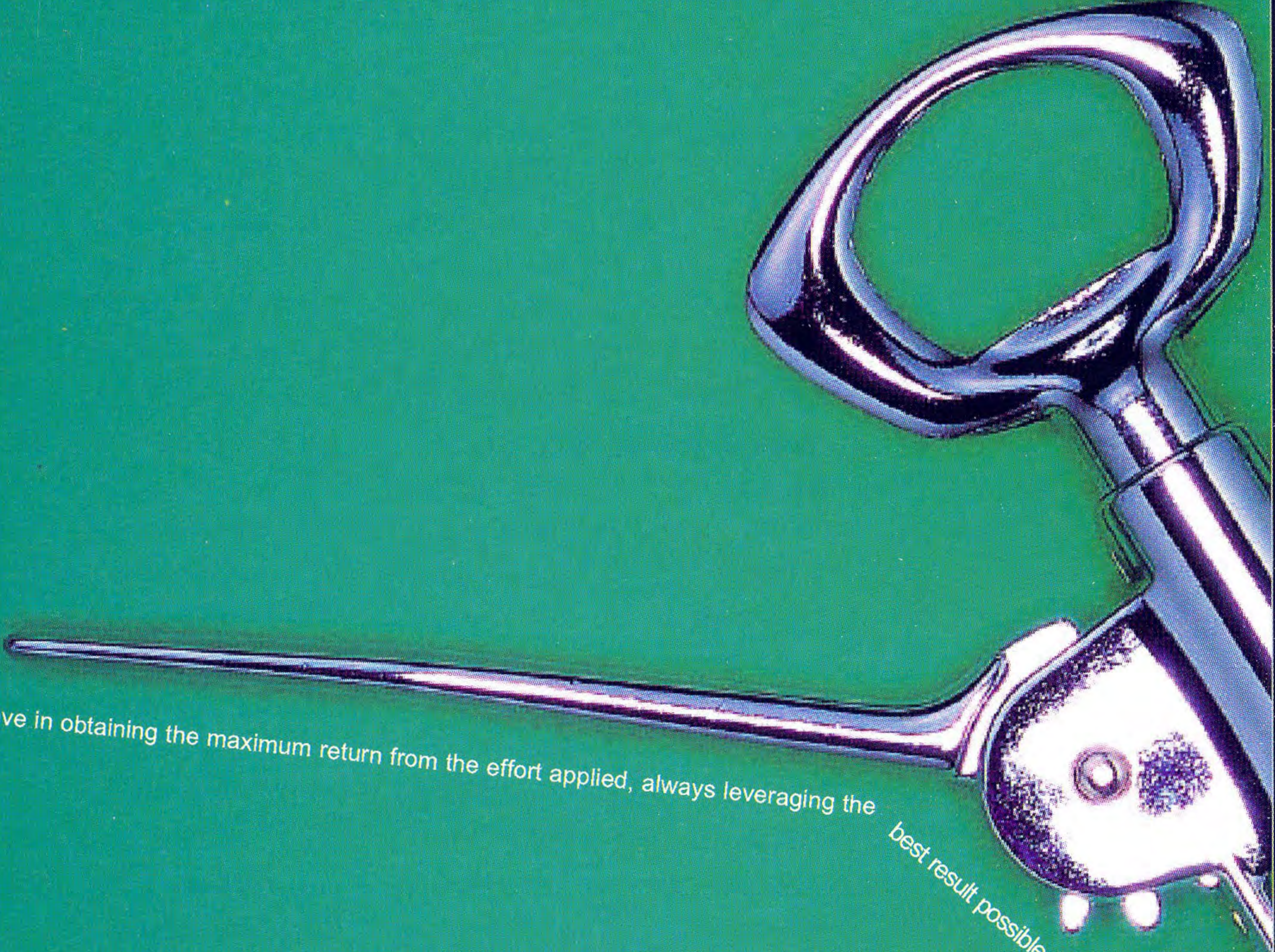
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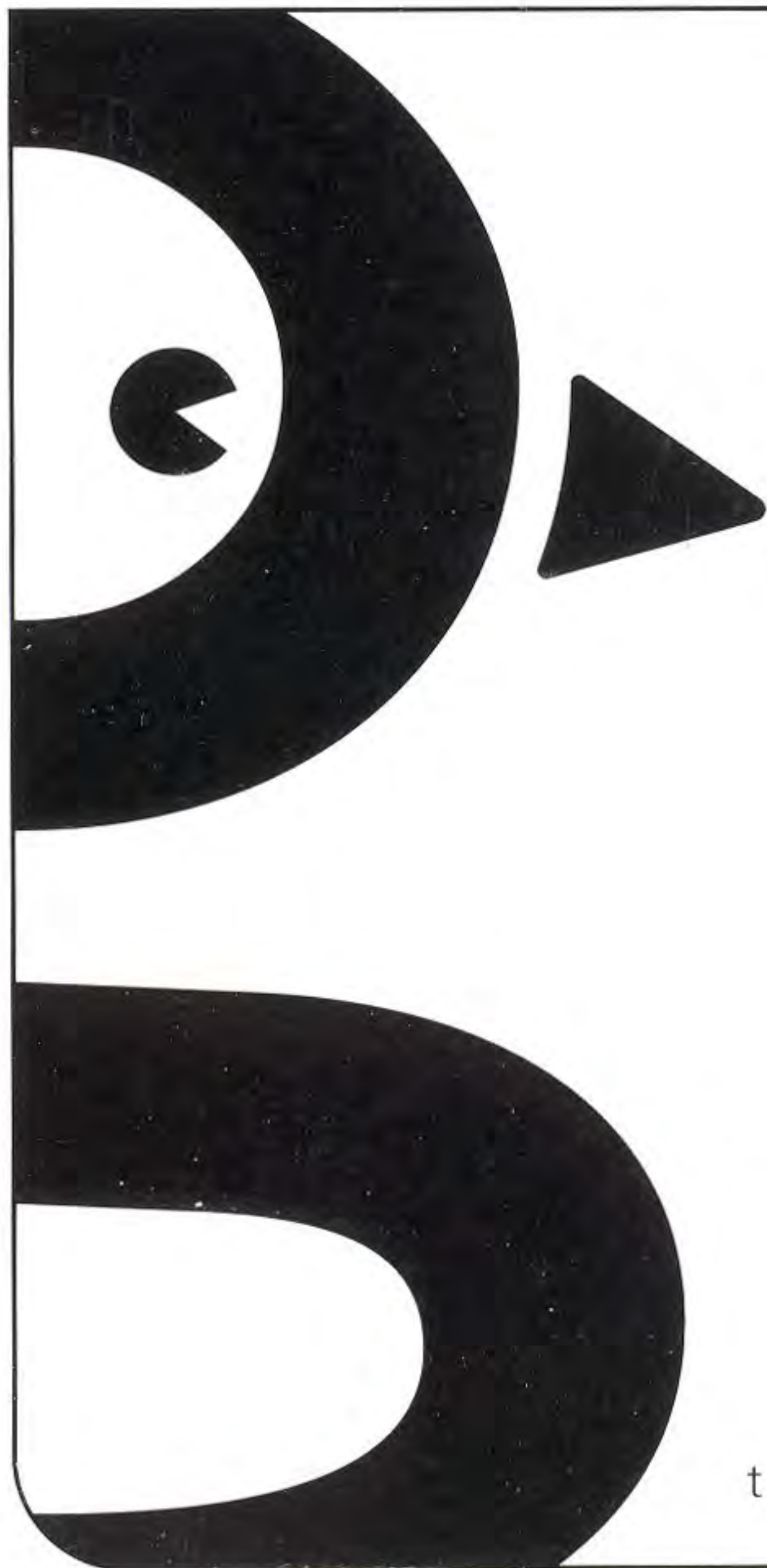
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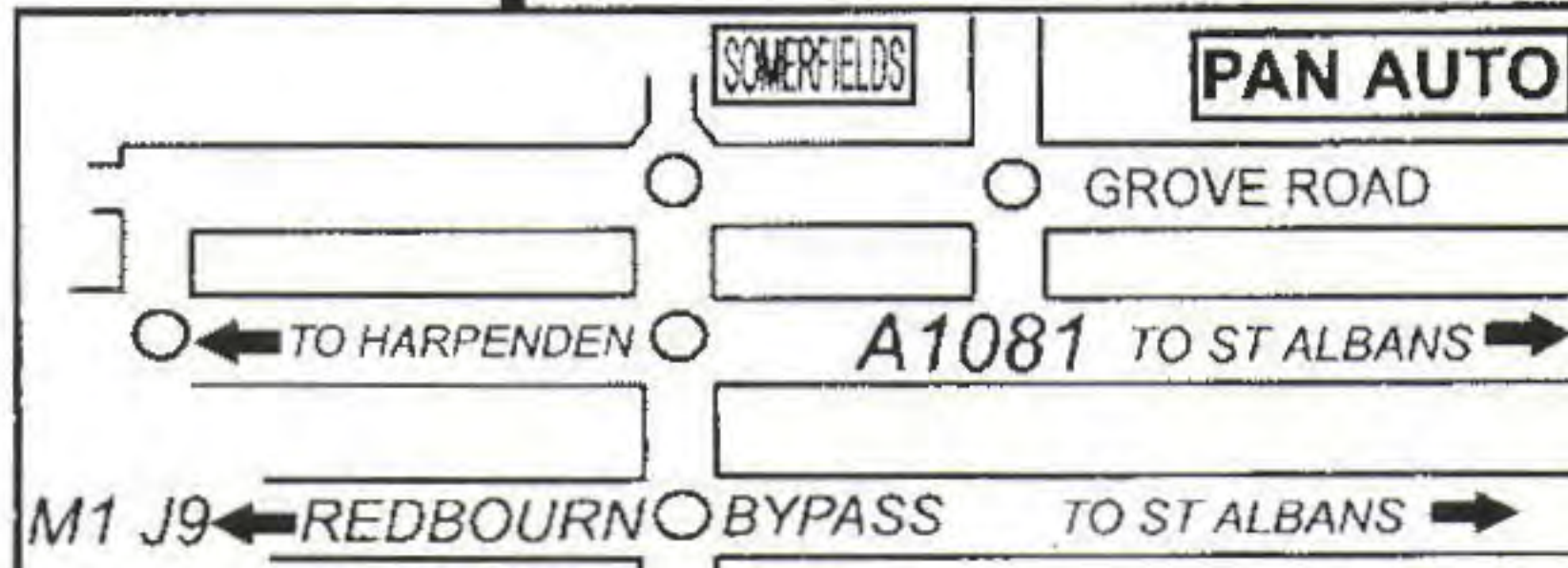
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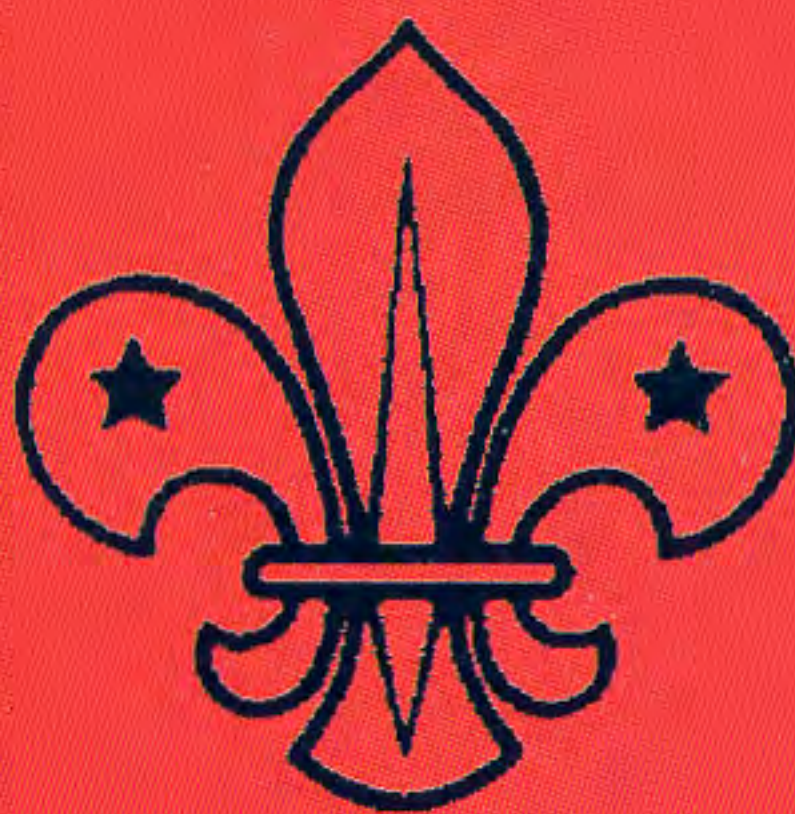
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2. 1932 (called "The Gang's All Here")
3. St. Andrews, Co. Fife, Scotland
4. The warmest summer
5. A Rolls Royce car purchased with donations by Scouts at a World Jamboree
6. In Kenya
7. St. George (I had to include an easy one!)
8. Francis Gidney, the first Chief of Gilwell (Scout leader training camp)



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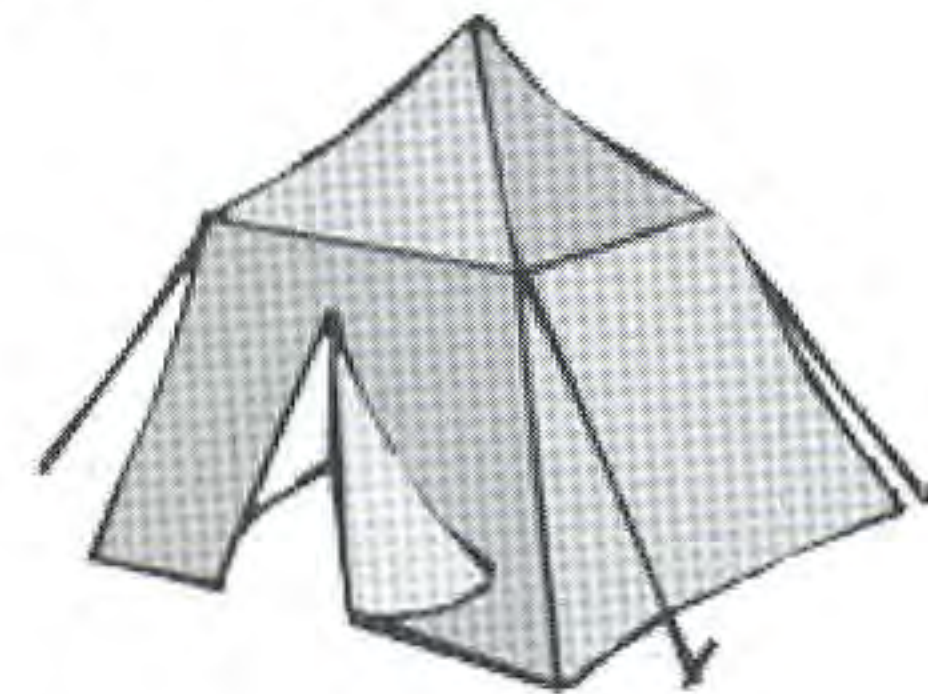
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