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# WELCOME

## *From our Committee Chair*

Welcome to our 2018 Gang Show and my last in the Chair. It's been ten years since I took over the Chair of the Gang Show Committee from Bob Finch and I've enjoyed every Show since then. Being Chair is a great role - watching the Show come together from early in February when the Creative Team come up with the skeleton of the Show, through the unveiling of the numbers to the crew at the Fish and Chip supper in July, to the first rehearsal in September and then a mad flurry of learning lines and moves until the dress rehearsal in the Public Halls. At this point the role transforms into being duty manager at the halls and then suddenly it's Show week with all the nerves, smiles, adrenalin and emotions that come to the fore. It's a magical week of the most amazing talent on the stage – friendships made, songs sung, toes tapped, funny lines delivered, scenery raised and lowered, curtains opened and closed – and a crescendo of celebrating all that is great in Scouting. In the time I have been Chair, both my children, Chris and Jo, have enjoyed the fun and friendship that comes from being involved in the Show - from Mini Gang to Dance Team.

*Sally  
Clark*



*Colette  
Eagles*

The work of the Committee is to support the Creative Team as they pull the Show together. We help to look after various elements of the Show, from budgets to tickets, from Public Hall liaison to PR, as well as the programme, the website and the photography. I'm delighted to hand over the baton of chairing the Committee to Colette Eagles who has been in charge of the Show's PR and wish her all the enjoyment that has been mine for the past ten years.

*The Gang Show is based on an idea by the late Ralph Reader CBE*



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# INTRODUCTION

## *From our District Commissioner*

If you are reading this while waiting for the Show to begin, please take a look at the photographs in the District Review, and then see if you can recognise any of them during the upcoming performance. Every year, our young people manage to put on a breathtaking performance, but amazingly they are not an amateur dramatic group: they are Scouts. For the rest of the year, you can see them paddling canoes, in the mud at Green Beret, hiking in the mountains during Peak Assault, or helping at one of our big community events.

We aim to help our young people develop life skills and become well-rounded members of the community. Confidence and teamwork can be built by taking on challenges and learning new skills. After another year of growth in our numbers, we have included many more pictures in this programme to try and present the breadth of activities enjoyed by the 1,298 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers across the District.

None of this could be done without our fabulous leaders, and I want to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they do. Every leader is a volunteer, and most have a busy work life and family commitments, but they still give their time to provide challenging and interesting experiences for our young people.

Some have Scouting in their blood, but many bring nothing but their enthusiasm to begin with. If you are inspired by what you see tonight and think you could provide support in any way, please email me at [dc-harpenden@virginmedia.com](mailto:dc-harpenden@virginmedia.com) and we'll find a way that you can help. In the meantime, enjoy the Show. The Gang's all here and ready to shine!

*Russell  
Brooks*



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# INSPIRATION

## *From the Producer*

As the curtain fell on our 44th Show in January 1993 and Marilyn, after 24 years in charge, passed the producer's baton to me, I never imagined that 25 years later I would still be producing this 'annual miracle'.

I've seen Cubs who wouldn't say boo to a goose blossom into consummate performers - I've seen several of those performers go on to have burgeoning careers both on stage and backstage - I've seen those performers get married - often to each other! - Their children are now on this stage - I've welcomed those performers into our Creative Team.

As the current caretaker of this great institution, one thing has been constant: the fabulous team behind the scenes who you don't see are all dedicated to creating opportunities for these amazing young people to shine. One such person is Sally Clark and I would like to thank her for her 10 years' service as Committee Chair.

At our Show preview days for cast and crew when everyone gets together for the first time, the excitement and enthusiasm is palpable. Can we make this year's Show as good as ever? After 17 weeks of rehearsal, the answer can be found in the final song of this year's show. If we "push to the limits ... anything's possible."

*Ewan  
Murray*



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## *Brief Guide to the Gangs*

Our Gang of 149 is made up of several parts: Mini Gang, Junior Gang and Senior Gang, out of which are selected several soloists and a Dance Team made up of 16 Explorers.

The 36 Mini Gang members are 10 and 11 year old Cubs and Scouts. You will see them in the Mini Gang feature every Show, and also in the finale of the Friday and Saturday Shows (they get too tired if we let them do every Show!).

The Junior Gang is 61 Scouts aged between 11 and 14 years old.

The Senior Gang is made up of 52 Explorers from across the District, with a top age of 18.

While there are no auditions to take part in the Show, once started we audition for soloists and our Dance Team.

And finally, the man waving his arms around in front of the orchestra is Ewan Murray, our Producer and Musical Director.



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# PREPARATION

## *A Year in the Life of Gang Show*

Each January the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers of the District provide Harpenden with a fantastic Show of song, dance and laughter. The energy and talent that you see on stage each year is a culmination of 12 months' hard work and dedication.

**February** - Basking in the happy memories of the previous Show and sowing the seeds of ideas for next year.

**March** - Time for the Creative Team to start putting pen to paper with themes, music, dance and sketches. Cubs, Scouts and Explorers apply to be in the Show, keeping everything crossed that they will be lucky.

**April - June** - Ideas grow and develop and the Show starts to take shape.

**May** - The happiest and hardest email to receive – happy for those who have been lucky and are in Gang Show, and hard for those who are on the waiting list. Some may be lucky and get a late call up.

**July** - The first glimpse of the Show for the Gang – the revealing of the songs and dances, with the Dance Team being chosen. Sharing the Show with the backstage crew – always a few surprised faces at having to produce unusual costumes, props and scenery!





**September** - Rehearsals start, every Tuesday evening for Mini and Junior Gang and Sunday afternoons for Senior Gang.



**November - December** - Nobody panic!! We will be ready in time!

**January** - Moving to the Public Halls for dress rehearsals and final tweaks and then ... the Show that we have all been waiting for!





# What does the Gang think about being in Gang Show?

Why do you do Gang Show?

"It's good to put yourself out of your comfort zone" Maisie (Senior)

"It's a great experience, a once in a life time experience" James, Adam (Mini)

"It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, with friends" Katy (Senior)

"It's fun, exciting, I love it, enjoyable" Matt, Sam (Junior)

What is your favourite part of Gang Show?

"There are really funny moments, and we all laugh a lot" Charlotte (Mini)

"The buzz of the curtain going up" Lisa (Senior)

"I love it when I get a song or dance absolutely spot on!" Toby (Senior)

"My favourite part of Gang Show is being able to perform. I love how fun it is." Tilly (Junior)

"I like the way you make new friends and I am doing it with my brothers which is great. I've only ever watched it and I am really excited to be in it!" Jude (Mini)

Has anything ever gone wrong for you in Gang Show?

"The smoke machine made my voice go funny and it made me sound like a Dalek" Macy (Senior)



"During one show I fell off the rostrum. I've blocked it out of my mind!" Millie (Senior)



"When I was a Cub the crew blew a hole in the stage because of too much gunpowder for a sound effect" Ewan (Producer)



"Once we weren't called for our song so we had to run on stage, but half of us weren't there!" Alice (Senior)



"I have a habit of falling over in rehearsals" Matteo (Senior)



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# THE BIG INTERVIEW

## *Interview with the Creative Director*

You'll be wondering how 149 Scouts of varying ages look so coordinated and energetic on stage. It's all down to our Creative Director, Cathy Washbrooke, and her team.



Where did you study dance and choreography? I studied Dance Theatre at Trinity Laban Dance Conservatoire, before qualifying as a teacher. Later I studied a Masters in Dance, Performance and Choreography at Coventry University. At the moment I'm doing a PhD in "Outdoor Site-Specific Dance" so you'll have to wait and see whether some of the numbers take place on Harpenden Common in the years to come!

Where do you find your inspiration? First I listen to the Gang Show songs about 100 times each! I find the ideas then emerge for how the dances might be staged. I am always looking for the more innovative ideas so that the Show is continually evolving.

I also get my inspiration from real life; I go and see performances and art exhibitions, and absorb the atmosphere of places and objects. Ideas come when I'm travelling, especially when I'm on trains. There's something about the world flying by that fills my head with ideas.

I work closely with David Errock in our Audio Visual team to get the dance tracks just right, all the way to the end. (Thank you, David, for being so patient.)

What do you love about Gang Show? I love working with young people and enjoy incorporating their ideas in the choreographic process. This year, it's the first time for most of the 16-strong Dance Team. Almost all of them have been in the Gang before, but Dance Team means a lot more rehearsals, new dance styles and dance technique. It's great fun working with such an enthusiastic Dance Team, but it can be challenging, as we all have to get used to different learning and teaching styles. I need the Gang to go with the creative flow – and that's something that not everyone's used to!

I love the stage when the Gang suddenly learns to convey their energy – you can feel it in the audience and the Show starts fizzing.

Who's in the team?

My fellow choreographers this year are Wendy Bideau, who has taught the boys' tap number for many years, former Dance Team member, Becca Leigh, who is studying for a Masters in Dance Performance and Nuria Martinez, who is a professional ballet dancer and brings expertise in the technical aspects of performance. We are also lucky to have ex-Gang members helping to teach the Junior Gang this year.



We would welcome anyone who can bring innovative ideas to dance and performance and who loves collaborating with young people. If you are interested, please email the Creative Team at [producer@harpenden.gs](mailto:producer@harpenden.gs). You don't need to be a Scout leader, or even to have been a Scout!





# PARTICIPATION

## *On the crest of a wave*

M We're riding along on the crest of a wave  
And the sun is in the sky

All our eyes on the distant horizon;

M Look out for passers-by.

We'll do the hailing,

While other ships are round us sailing

M We're riding along on the crest of a wave  
And the world is ours.

*Thank you to The Scout Association for permission to reproduce the words to Ralph Reader's famous songs*

## *Together*

M Together, when we're all together

We know how lucky we are.

The world around us is everything

The sound of music, the songs we sing -

M And even from the coldest winter

The warmest summer arrives.

We share together, when we're together

M The best years of our lives.

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## *Behind the Scenes*

<b>Producer / Musical Director</b>	Ewan Murray
<b>Creative Director / Principal Choreographer</b>	Cathy Washbrooke
<b>Junior Gang Directors</b>	Jemma Finch, Fiona McCarthy
<b>Technical Director</b>	Jeremy Finch
<b>Assistant Choreographers</b>	Wendy Bideau, Becca Leigh, Nuria Martinez
<b>Vocal Coach</b>	Robin Hilton
<b>Sketch Director</b>	Mark Denton
<b>Junior Gang Assistants</b>	Nicky Lewis, Jo Wharton, Sarah McCullough, Laura Duncombe and Andrew Dadswell
<b>"Dish of the Day" Mini Gang item</b>	
<b>Written and produced by</b>	Kat Foster-Jenkins
<b>Assisted by</b>	Rikki Harrington, Carol Thompson, Sarah Cripps, Yvonne Lowry, Tina Miller
<b>Wardrobe</b>	Jane Todd, Jocelyn Angrave, Heather Wilton
<b>Stage Manager</b>	Andy Barford
<b>Deputy Stage Manager</b>	Steph Bell
<b>Stage Hands &amp; Scenery Crew</b>	Pete Desborough, Colin Jeffs, David Keen, Rebecca Keen, Darren Lowry, Sam Keen Gooch, Sue Mann, Trevor Miller, Richard Mulholland, Marianne Wheeler, Kit Yardley
<b>Properties</b>	Richard Aldridge, Stuart Jack, Liz Jack
<b>Lighting Designer</b>	Ross Wilcox
<b>Assistant Lighting Designer</b>	Jon Greenwood
<b>Followspot Operators</b>	Jamie Shirra, Kayleigh Urquhart
<b>Audio Visual</b>	David Errock, Jeremy Finch, Aidan Freeman
<b>Wardrobe</b>	Claire Williams, Margaret Melville, Jane Hartley, Liz Barringer, Katie Coxon, Elaine Brind, Helen Brind, Jill Coggins, Liz Davie, Cath Evans, Carolyn Hilder, Beryl Jeffs, Debi Lee, Ann Loader, Nicola Martin, Karen Meade, Jane Murray, Jane Walter, Judy Whyman, Eva Yalden, Julia Lloyd
<b>Music Arranger</b>	Carl Gurney
<b>The Band</b>	Reeds – Sue Pettitt, Chris Pettitt Trumpet – Simon Router Trombone – Adrian Jarvis Keyboard – Graham Thomson Guitar – Ned May Bass – Gareth Covey-Crump Drums – Les Arnold
<b>Make Up</b>	Emmanuelle Bentley-Sanders and parents
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## *The Creative Team*



Top row: Ewan, Cathy, Jemma, Jeremy. Middle row: Claire, Kat, Fiona, Rikki. Bottom row: Wendy, Mark, Robin, Nuria.



# PRESENTATION

## *Act 1*

Gang Show's Back!

GSTV News

Dish of the Day

Fête Accompli

Homework

A Matter of Time

## *Act 2*

Staying Alive

The Twitch

On The Shelf

Football Academy

La La

Maestro

Together



# DEDICATION

## *The Gang of 2018*

### Senior Gang

James Agg  
Katy Andrews  
Macy Banks  
Cam Barford  
Esther Batt  
Hannah Bedding  
Dylan Bentley  
Will Bowran  
Nicole Cockburn  
Jay Colston-Patel  
Tom Cooney  
Will Cowan  
Emmy David  
Ellie Day  
Alex De Marchis  
Toby Denton  
Katie Dobson  
Joe Eagles  
Ben Elledge  
Olivia Elledge  
Sam Frost  
Katie Frost  
Matteo Garlich  
Matt Grant  
Katie Gummer  
Ewan Harkness  
Hamish Hartley  
Penny Hilder Jarvis  
Alice Hilton  
Theo Hilton  
Dan Hubbard  
Matt Hubbard  
Zac Jenkins  
Rachel Key  
Robyn Luffman  
Jack Martin  
Millie Martin  
James Mason  
Tom McNeill

Lucy Porter  
Amelie Pym  
Alice Rainsford  
Katie Schlich  
Becky Taylor  
Maisie Taylor  
Freddie Todd  
Lisa Trodden  
James Tuck  
Katie Turner-Small  
John Wilson  
Molly Wright  
Amy Yalden

### Junior Gang

Emma Agg  
Josie Aujla  
Izzy Andrews  
Cam Angrave-Smith  
Charlotte Barber  
Sam Barratt  
Corran Barwell  
Herbie Barwell  
Neel Bhopal  
Cameron Caldwell  
Matthew Chopping  
Elodie Cowan  
Tom Dadswell  
Lauren Darby  
Tilly Denton  
Harry Dytham  
Sam Eagles  
Charlie Edney  
Olivia Edwards  
Rosie Elledge  
Matt Finch  
Katie Gray  
Molly Grout  
Connor Haward

Verity Hawkins  
Giles Holloway  
Al Holmes  
Rob James  
Sam James  
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Lucy McCarthy  
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Joban Mulcock  
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Izzy Parr  
Ben Petevinos  
Kit Porter  
Levi Pym  
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Caitlin Ramsay  
Jess Ryall  
Ollie Schlich  
Henry Simonsen  
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Zac Smith  
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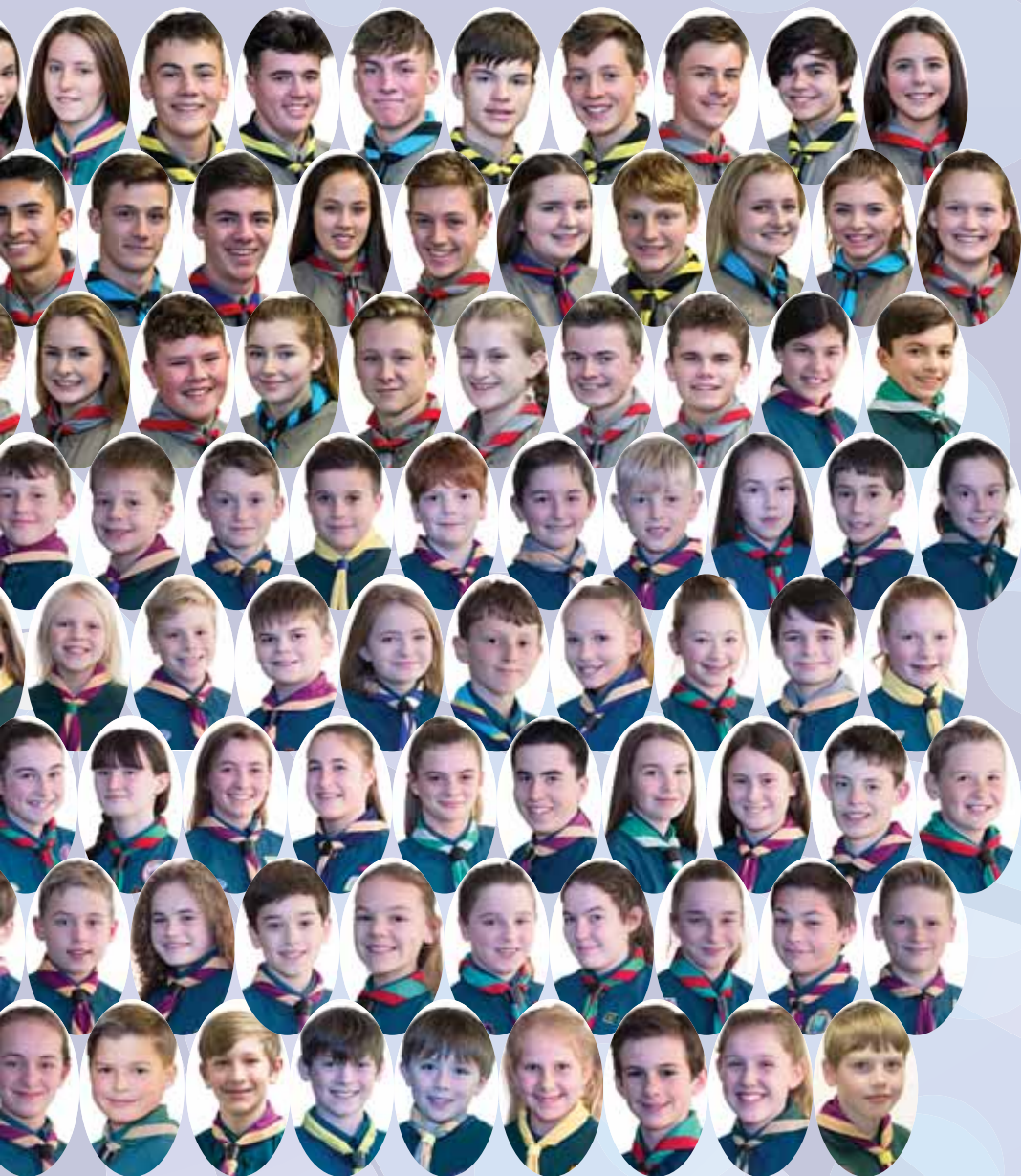
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Emma Andrews  
Rosie Antcliff  
Freya Barker  
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Ralph Brooks  
Lauren Dent  
George Downes  
Charlotte Dytham  
James Evans  
Alex Falconer  
Oliver Goodman  
Sam Hawkins  
Chloe Hill  
Abi Holmes  
Edward Husbands  
Jude Jenkins  
Sammy Lewis  
Nina Mahendra  
Madeleine Metcalfe  
Dillon Muir  
Kale Muir  
Sophie Parr  
Chloe Petevinos  
Jack Quinn  
Oscar Quinn  
Ben Rodger  
George Scott  
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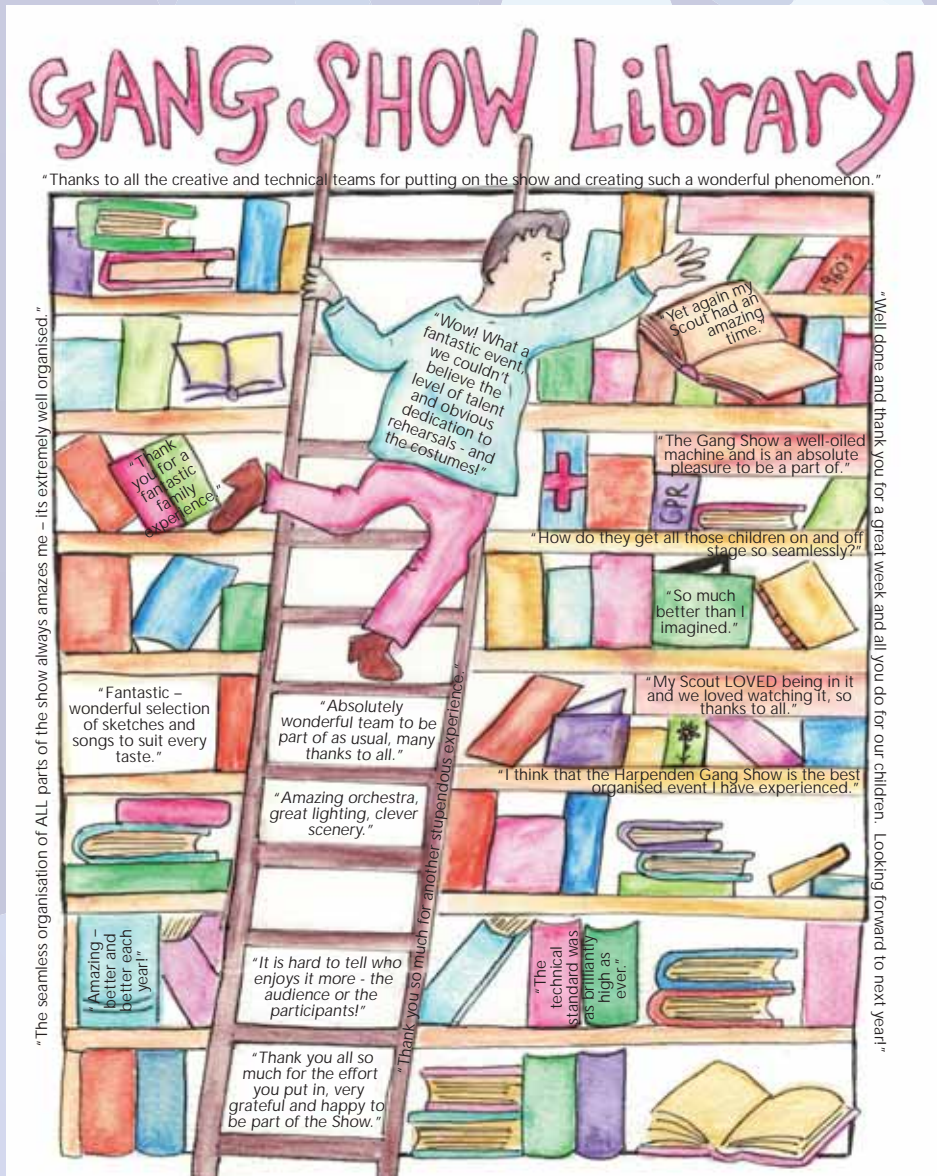


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As well as all the camps and trips organised by our Groups and Units, there are international Scouting activities organised at the District, County, National and International level. Over the next eighteen months, you are probably going to see Scouts and Explorers fundraising for two exciting opportunities in 2019.



**World Scout Jamboree 2019** - Every four years, Scouts from around the world come together in one place to experience new adventures, cultures and make new friendships. The Jamboree brings together the world's Scouts to promote peace and mutual understanding and develop leadership and life skills. Our fourteen representatives will be joining units from across Hertfordshire and will be heading to West Virginia, USA in 2019.

**Ghana 2019** - In Hohoe, there is a school dedicated to children who are deaf, or deaf and blind. Just about everything they need to survive is provided through donation. They have no recreational facilities whatever, but they do have a modest field. Explorers from our District will be travelling to Ghana in 2019 to build a safe area for the children on their field so they can find some joy between their lessons on signing and weaving - the two life skills the school focusses on.

If you see any of our Scouts or Explorers fundraising for these events, please ask them about what they are going to be doing, and provide your support.

**Save the Date: Ghanaian Dinner and Quiz Night on 23rd March 2018**

If interested in attending the Quiz Night, or supporting in some other way, email for more details.





## Cross District needs

- District Training Manager to help leaders across the District know what training is available
- Adventure Activity Permit holders: climbing, hiking, water activities, shooting
- Minibus licensed drivers

## Want to help a specific group?

- 1st Harpenden - Beaver leaders, Scout leaders and a Training Advisor
- 2nd Harpenden - Beaver leader and Scout leaders
- 3rd Harpenden - Beaver leader and Cub leaders
- 5th Harpenden - Beaver leader, Training Advisor and Young Leaders
- 12th Harpenden - Beaver leaders
- 1st Wheathampstead - Beaver, Cub and Scout leaders
- 1st Kimpton - Beaver, Cub and Scout leaders
- KESU - Explorer leader





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## Fact sheet

- Adults who want to support Scouting
- Made up of warranted leaders, administrators and those who can't commit to a regular slot as a leader
- Currently 230 warranted leaders in the District



## Highlights from our year across the District

- Catering for Leaders' Development Day, a group camp, Cubs' cycle ride and County Peak Assault
- Running a Beaver Fun Day, helping at Armed Forces' Day, Green Beret
- Assisting Cubs Christmas card delivery and stewarding the annual St George's Day Parade
- Our social programme included a weekend away, BBQs, walks, informative talks, annual post-Christmas dinner

We are always pleased to welcome new faces, if you would like to get involved, no matter how little time you have to offer, please e-mail David Lowndes at [davidlowndes45@gmail.com](mailto:davidlowndes45@gmail.com)

# Youth Commissioner

Hi everyone,

Russ, our District Commissioner, asked me earlier this year to take on the role of Youth District Commissioner. My first question was what is that? I see my role as a champion for young people in Scouting. It is my job to communicate with the young people in all our sections and make sure that their voices are heard in planning what they want to do. This means that they can help shape the future of Scouting.

I've been Scouting in Harpenden for the last 9 years. Starting as a Scout at 4th, moving to Explorers at KES, becoming first a young leader and now an adult leader at 2nd.

I'm in the process of creating resources to make it easier for young people to have their say and assist leaders of all sections to run fun evenings and increase the enjoyment of Scouting for everyone.

Please get in touch if you want to know more.

Mike Grimwade-Mann  
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If you're like Mike and are between 18 - 25 you can keep involved in Scouting in the District by joining **network**✦

You will be approached through your Explorer Unit the term before your 18th birthday. Remember that it's also open to those not yet involved in Scouting, so bring along your friends.

## ShackletonESU surfing



## Highlights from our year across the District

- Explorers from across HESU, KESU, ShackletonESU, WAKESU have participated in the Chiltern Challenge and Peak Assault with many groups placing highly
- Along with weekends away, hikes and varied programme of evening events groups went go-karting, rock climbing, trampolining, abseiling and sailing



WAKESU at Peak Assault

## Can you help?

- KESU are looking for a new leader to join the team
- Leaders can be as young as 18 or much older
- Ideas for interesting evenings are always welcome too

# EXPLORERS



## Fact sheet

- Explorers are aged between 14 - 18
- The Explorer Scout Unit is the fourth part of the Scouting family
- Explorers continue to enjoy being outdoors, and developing their life skills through new activities, but are involved much more in planning their own evening activities
- Explorers wear a core uniform of a shirt and a Unit scarf
- Around 200 Explorers in the District



ShackletonESU having fun at height

KESU hiking at Lochearnhead





1st Wheathampstead's water activities

5th Harpenden after a night on HMS Belfast



3rd Harpenden at camp

## Can you make a difference?

- 1st Harpenden, 2nd Harpenden, 1st Wheathampstead and 1st Kimpton are looking for Scout leaders (3 hours approx. per week term time)
- The Scout activity and challenge badges offer a huge range of topics to cover and particularly around local community or issues connected with the Scouting world. If you think you can offer some time to help with an evening, get in touch



5th Harpenden at Green Beret Challenge



10th Harpenden Green Beret Challenge winners

## Highlights of our year across the District

- 10th Harpenden visited the Houses of Parliament and spoke to our MP
- 1st Harpenden built bridges from raw materials
- 9th Harpenden went whitewater rafting
- 1st Kimpton went on an overnight hike
- 4th Harpenden practiced sewing skills by making snowmen
- Many groups placed highly in Green Beret Challenge which involves orienteering, an assault course, challenge incidents (daytime) and a night exercise
- Many groups visited Sea Scouts and lakes for water activities

9th Harpenden at the end of a hike of Lochearnhead-Benaan



# SCOUTS

## Fact sheet

- Scouts are aged 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 14
- The Scout Troop is the third section of the Scout Group following on from Cubs
- A Scout Troop is usually organised into small groups called Patrols, each headed up by an older Scout called a Patrol Leader, and often with an Assistant Patrol Leader
- Scouts wear a teal green shirt, navy blue activity trousers, a Group scarf with a woggle, and a Scout belt
- Around 400 Scouts in the District



5th Harpenden preparing a raft



2nd Harpenden playing volleyball



12th Harpenden team building at height

# Highlights of our year across the District

- 5th Harpenden made aeroplanes from household junk
- 9th Harpenden went mini-pioneering
- 1st Wheathampstead had a chariot racing camp
- 9th Harpenden made their own pizza dough
- Many groups went climbing
- Many groups had evenings involving water sports including kayaking, rafting, visiting Sea Scout groups

5th Harpenden at the Police Station



1st Kimpton on an abseiling activity camp



1st Harpenden building fires



4th Harpenden at Science Camp

## Can you go the extra mile?

- 3rd Harpenden and 1st Wheathampstead are looking for some Cub leaders (3 hours approx. per week term time)
- Cub activity badges include a 'Environmental Conservation Badge', and a 'Local Knowledge Badge'
- Can you think of an interesting evening to put towards these activity badges?



5th Harpenden climbing at camp

# cubs

## Fact sheet

- Cubs are aged 8 - 10 <sup>1/2</sup>
- The Cub Pack is the second section of the Scout Group following on from Beavers
- A Cub Pack is usually organised into small groups called Sixes with each Six named after a colour
- Cubs wear a green sweatshirt with their Group's scarf
- Around 400 Cubs in the District



1st Harpenden canoeing



4th Harpenden learning about short wave radio



Beavers from across the District at an overnight camp



10th Harpenden learning about insects



1st Wheathampstead at camp



9th Harpenden keeping flexible with pilates

## Can you inspire?

- Many groups are looking for Beaver leaders (3 hours approx. per week term time)
- Groups across the District are looking for interesting ways for Beavers to gain badges such as 'Collector's Activity Badge', 'Experiment Activity Badge', and 'Photographer Activity Badge'.
- Could you help a Group one evening by sharing your passion for a hobby or activity?

1st Kimpton at Well End camp



1st Harpenden fire building at camp



## Fact sheet

- Beavers are aged 6 - 8
- Beavers wear a turquoise sweater and their group scarf
- Beavers are the youngest members
- Beaver groups are called Colonies
- Around 300 Beavers in the District

9th Harpenden at the Fire Station



# BEAVERS

5th Harpenden on a nature trail



4th Harpenden learning archery

## Highlights of our year across the District

- 5th Harpenden spent a summer's evening at Rothamsted hunting treasure
- 10th Harpenden spent an evening learning about spiders, crickets and other creepy crawlies
- 12th Harpenden visited Harpenden Fire Station
- 4th Harpenden spent an evening making bird shelters
- 1st Kimpton had a sleepover camp
- Many colonies had family camps over the summer and built makeshift shelters for fun

# Join us

Scouts take part in activities as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, expeditions overseas, photography, climbing and zorbing (check it out on Google!) Scouts learn survival skills, first aid, computer programming, or even how to fly a plane. There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world.

All of this is only possible because volunteer adults give their time and energy to make it happen. Some become leaders, some administrators; some offer a specialist skill to train youngsters for an activity badge – there is something everyone can do to help and even a little bit of time can make a difference. In our District we have about 130 children on waiting lists, so anything you can do to help will have a real impact.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Keith Brooker  
Chairman

Russ Brooks  
District Commissioner





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