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## *From our Committee Chair*

Welcome to our 71st Show.

Our young people get so much from the Gang Show experience, and Scouting in general, and so we're pleased to be able to give a little back. For each of the last four years the Gang has chosen a charity to support in our community. These charities have all touched the lives of those who nominate them. Donations have included:

MacIntyre: providing learning, support and care for those with a learning disability; Over The Wall: supporting children and young people facing serious health challenges through transformational residential camps; Clear Vision Project: a postal lending library of children's books designed to be shared by visually impaired; and Young Minds: making sure that young people get the best possible mental health support.

This year the Gang has nominated two charities very close to their hearts and so we are splitting the donation between:

Harpenden Mencap: offering a range of services and support to adults of all ages with learning disabilities since 1959, and

MS Society: supporting those with multiple sclerosis and their families through research, fundraising, campaigning and volunteering.

It's great for us to be able to use a little of the funds we raise through tickets sales for such brilliant causes, so thank you for supporting us, allowing us to support them.

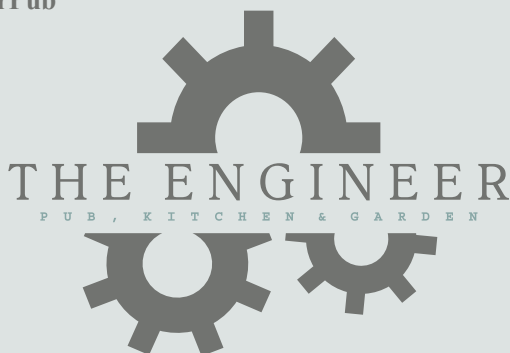
Finally, I would like to thank Ewan and the production team and all those who volunteer for all the other jobs for their dedication to Gang Show. You are an inspiration.

Now sit back and get ready to be entertained! Enjoy watching our young people singing, dancing, loving every second and making wonderful Gang Show memories that last a lifetime.

*Colette  
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# INTRODUCTION

## *From our District Commissioner*

During the summer, I had the good fortune to be part of an expedition with 18 Explorer Scouts to Ghana to build a playground in a school for deaf children. We flew out with a clear vision of what we wanted to achieve, but didn't know what obstacles would fall in our way while we were there. There were tools missing, the promised timber was late and then not as previously agreed, there were days without electricity and without water, a shortage of ballast to make concrete and so on. Our Explorers needed discipline, flexibility, skill and application in order to adapt to our challenging conditions and still meet our vision. The District, behind the scenes, also made a huge combined effort to support the school, and we were able to leave behind a mass of teaching and learning resources.



Ghana

There are parallels with our Gang Show today. There will have been a vision set at the first rehearsal, but obstacles will have fallen in the way, leading to changes of plan and direction, but the vision will have stayed true. Our Gang will have needed discipline, flexibility, skill and application to achieve what you will see this evening. And the Gang could only achieve what they do through the amazing support across the District from adult and youth helpers.

Both the expedition to Ghana and Gang Show tonight help our young people discover their potential and develop Skills for Life through a sense of mission, a stretch, a high expectation and ultimately a successful conclusion. I can't wait to see what our Gang have built.



*Russell  
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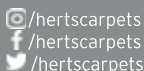
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# INSPIRATION

## *From the Producer*

The Gang Show was famously founded by the late Ralph Reader CBE. The original London Gang Show ran from 1932 until 1938, and again from 1949 to 1974, with RAF Gang Shows happening during the war years. He wrote over 600 items for these shows. You will know two particularly well – “On The Crest Of A Wave”, the signature tune of all Gang Shows and “Together”, our very own Ralph-written theme song.

Another of his songs is “Gee, It’s Great To Be Young!”. It certainly is great to be young, with your whole life panning out before you. These days, however, it can also be a time of worries. Health, money, family issues and the like can get in the way of what should be the most exciting time of our lives.

Gang Show, like all of Scouting, offers a way out from these worries – every week young people are transported into a world where teamwork really matters, where we can have fun and, to use the current Scouting hashtag, where we can learn #skillsforlife. (Having been a Scout for the past 50 years I can safely say that we never stop learning!)

A former cast member (2009-14) this year takes over as Creative Director, after having helped with the choreography for the last two years. We welcome Becca Leigh into the role, and at the same time express our immense gratitude to Cathy Washbrooke who, over the last six years, carried our Show forward with such energy.

Every member of the Creative, Backstage and Business Teams makes an invaluable contribution to the Show as they grow into their given role, and I would like to say a huge thank you to all the adults and young people involved behind the scenes.

If you would like to join in, either as a cast member or behind the scenes, just ask. And while you ponder on what you could bring to the party, sit back and enjoy our 71st Show. It’ll make you want to be a teenager all over again. Gee, It’s Great To Be Young!



*Ewan  
Murray*



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# EDUCATION

## *A Guide to the Gangs*

Harpenden and Wheathampstead District Gang Show started in 1949, and has been performed every year since 1951, making it the longest continuously running Gang Show in the world.

You will see Scouts of all ages on stage tonight: Mini Gang (9-11 year old Cubs and Scouts), Junior Gang (11-13 year old Scouts) and Senior Gang (14-18 year old Explorer Scouts). No one has to audition to be in the Show, but if a Scout is keen, they can be selected for sketches, solos and the Dance Team (who feature in a special Dance Team item in Act 2, as well as part of Senior Gang throughout the Show).

The Show is an important fundraiser for the District and most of the profits are used to subsidise the Scouts' annual subs.

Have fun watching our 71st Gang Show tonight!





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# PREPARATION

*10 months of creation*

It took a while to create this year's January Shows – ten months in all, starting in March. Preview Day in July was when the Gang got to see what the 71st Show would look like, courtesy of the Creative Team.





Trying out the Gang's moves at July's Preview Day!







Official rehearsals started in early September, and ran for four months, all the way through Christmas holidays and into the new school term. Eagle eyed school teachers will have spotted who's been combining schoolwork and Gang Show rehearsals!





The Senior Gang gave an enthusiastic public performance of some of the songs at Harpenden's "Lights Up" Christmas Carnival in November – did you see us?





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# THE BIG INTERVIEW

## *Interview with the Junior Gang Directors*

Jemma Finch and Fiona McCarthy are our Junior Gang Directors. Jemma's been involved with production of the Show since 1995 and Fiona joined in 2015.

### **What was your involvement with Gang Show, back in "the old days"?**

Jemma: I remember playing Mary Poppins. I had to fly in on a wire, which was a little scary but great fun!

Fiona: I loved being in "Front Row" (now called "Dance Team") in the '90s. I made life long friends and had enormous fun.

### **Why do you get involved with Gang Show?**

Fiona: I do it because I had a brilliant time doing Gang Show when I was a teenager and I wanted other people to have just as much fun.



Jemma: I help because I love singing. It's so amazing when the quiet little mice in the cast turn into confident stage-loving Scouts and Explorers. It can give parents in the audience a surprise too, finding out that their child can sing and perform!

Fiona: Gang Show can be an important release. Sometimes, during the mock exam period, Gang members can be really stressed. We listen to them, let them offload, then they go and have a fantastic rehearsal, singing and dancing until they are ready to face the next day. Gang Show does not care who's academic or who's usually



shy – it often allows children to achieve beyond what would be expected or possible at school.

### **What are the challenges you face?**

Fiona: Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can be really noisy!

Jemma: Just like teachers and other volunteers, we have to learn to help cast members with a whole range of challenges. Gang Show aims to be inclusive and there's no audition to get in. If there are issues such as

physical disabilities, mental health challenges or ADHD or autism-related conditions, we welcome it when parents are open and work with us to find ways of supporting their children. It's amazing what the Gang can produce with the right support!

Fiona: I love that kids who wouldn't normally get an opportunity to have a go and experience what it's like to be on stage, get a chance. And I think they sometimes surprise themselves!

### **Who's in your team?**

Fiona: A small group of uniformed leaders (nicknamed "Shushers") give us essential assistance in managing the 64 Scouts at rehearsals and at the Public Halls during Show week. Scouts can get noisy unless they are regularly reminded to focus! While we choreograph a couple of Junior Gang songs in the Show, we also work closely with the main choreographers for the other numbers - it's a real team effort!

### **What makes you keep coming back?**

Jemma: Show week is like a big family reunion – it's great to see everyone – from the band to the refreshments team - together again after (sometimes) a whole year apart!





# PARTICIPATION

## *On the crest of a wave*

♪ We're riding along on the crest of a wave ♪  
And the sun is in the sky  
All our eyes on the distant horizon;  
♪ Look out for passers-by. ♪  
We'll do the hailing,  
While other ships are round us sailing  
♪ 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*

♪ 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 -  
♪ And even from the coldest winter ♪  
The warmest summer arrives.  
We share together, when we're together  
♪ The best years of our lives. ♪

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# DEDICATION

## *Behind the Scenes*

<b>Producer/Musical Director</b>	Ewan Murray
<b>Creative Director</b>	Becca Leigh
<b>Junior Gang Directors</b>	Jemma Finch, Fiona McCarthy
<b>Choreographers</b>	Wendy Bideau, Charlie Meade
<b>Technical Director</b>	Jeremy Finch
<b>Assistant Technical Director/ Deputy Stage Manager</b>	Steph Bell
<b>Vocal Coach</b>	Robin Hilton
<b>Sketch Director</b>	Mark Denton
<b>Junior Gang Assistants</b>	Emma Ball, Nicky Lewis, Mark Denton, Richard Horne, Andrew Dadswell, Steve McCarthy
<b>"Invention Rocks" (Mini Gang)</b>	
<b>Written and directed by</b>	Kat Foster-Jenkins
<b>Assisted by</b>	Carol Arnsby, Sarah Cripps, Tina Miller, Yvonne Lowry
<b>Wardrobe</b>	Jane Todd, Jocelyn Angrave
<b>Stage Manager</b>	Andy Barford
<b>Stage Hands and Scenery Crew</b>	David Keen, Pete Desborough, Colin Jeffs, Rebecca Keen, Sam Keen Gooch, Sue Mann, Trevor Miller, Richard Mulholland, Adam Robinson, 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 Urquhart-Shirra, Kayleigh Urquhart-Shirra
<b>Audio Visual</b>	David Errock, Jeremy Finch
<b>Radio Mics</b>	Zac Jenkins, Lisa Trodden
<b>Head of Wardrobe</b>	Jane Hartley
<b>Deputy Heads of Wardrobe</b>	Kathy Hilton, Jane Todd
<b>Wardrobe Helpers</b>	Cath Evans, Nicola Martin, Mylene Fourie, Helen Frost, Liz Barringer, Elaine Brind, Katie Coxon, Jos Sharp, Liz Davie, Beryl Jeffs, Margaret Melville, Jane Walter, Judy Whyman, Lynne David, Chloe Hawkins, Debbie Lyon, Vera Canolli, Felicity Falconer, Naomi Thomas, Tania York, Fran Wilson, Mavi Tzaig
<b>Music Arranger</b>	Carl Gurney
<b>Rehearsal Accompanist</b>	Graham Thomson
<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/Andy Borrowes Drums – Les Arnold

<b>Make Up</b>	Emmanuelle Bentley-Sanders and parents
<b>Duty Managers</b>	Neil Liles, Colette Eagles
<b>Front of House</b>	Peter Wheeler, Katy Turberville, Chris Turberville, Candy Jessop, Paul Jessop, Jackie Agg, Jo Duncombe, Mark Sanders, Emma Gadsby, Sue Gurteen, Jackie Moore, Pip Tuck, Dave Wharton, Selina Porter
<b>Website, Shop, Displays and Media</b>	Rod Keen
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## *The Creative Team*



**Top row:** Ewan, Becca, Jemma, Jeremy. **Middle row:** Charlie, Wendy, Fiona, Mark. **Bottom row:** Jane, Emma, Kat, Robin.





# PRESENTATION

## *Act 1*

Shout It Out Loud

The Choir

Invention Rocks

All Of Your Toys

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The Ayes Have It

## *Act 2*

The Eyes Have It

Ode To Joy

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# DEDICATION

## *The Gang of 2020*

### Senior Gang

Emma Agg  
Rosie Aldridge  
Katy Andrews  
Dylan Bentley  
Nicole Cockburn  
Jay Colston Patel  
Tom Cooney  
Elodie Cowan  
Thomas Dadswell  
Lauren Darby  
Emmy David  
Alex De Marchis  
Tilly Denton  
Joe Eagles  
Sam Eagles  
Liv Edwards  
Katie Frost  
Matteo Garlich  
Matt Grant  
Katie Gray  
Hamish Hartley  
Lucy Hawkins  
Verity Hawkins  
Theo Hilton  
Al Holmes  
Matt Hubbard  
Louis Jenkins  
Ollie Johnston  
Sam Keen Gooch  
Thomas Lewis  
Ruben Mahendra  
Millie Martin  
James McCarthy  
Hannah Mulholland  
Izzy Parr  
Freya Peter  
Amelie Pym  
Will Pym

Alice Rainsford  
Katie Schlich  
Adam Sharp  
Ella Smith  
Jonathan Speller  
Becky Taylor  
Cameron Taylor  
Fred Todd  
Josh Todd  
Amy Webster  
John Wilson  
Emma Wilson  
Maya Wolsey

### Junior Gang

Emma Andrews  
Rosie Antcliff  
James Austin  
Samuel Barber  
Freya Barker  
Charlotte Barratt  
Gabriel Bouabci  
Adam Brooks  
Aidan Cody  
Stefano De Marchis  
Lauren Dent  
Charlotte Dytham  
Fin Edwards  
James Evans  
Matt Finch  
Coemy Fourie  
Toby Goodhind  
Olly Goodman  
Hannah Grigg  
Zach Grose  
Sam Hawkins  
Chloe Hill  
Abi Holmes  
Sam Horne

Sam James  
Jude Jenkins  
James Jewell  
Sammy Lewis  
Nina Mahendra  
Toby Martin  
Lucy McCarthy  
Isabel Mellor  
Maddie Metcalfe  
Maddie Mitchell  
Toby Mitchell  
Ella Montgomery  
Chloe Petevinos  
Isabel Priggen  
Jack Priggen  
Jack Quinn  
Oscar Quinn  
Ben Rodger  
Chloe Sayle  
George Scott  
William Searing  
Alex Shaw  
Rhys Shaw  
Rafferty Smith  
Hollie Snaith  
Margot Speirs  
Chloe Symons  
Sophie Tallantire  
Ben Taylor-Rose  
Bella Thomas  
Dan Thomas  
Ben Tickler  
Ben Washbrooke  
Eddie Watson  
Will West  
Callum Whelan  
Elise Wilson  
Dylan Winfield  
Woody Woodford  
Anneka Wrentmore

### Mini Gang

Lauren Antcliff  
Tom Baudot  
Max Berger  
Emily Birkett  
Maxton Brewer  
Sam Clift  
Sophie Crisford  
John Dent  
Isla Dixon  
Olivia Downes  
Will Ellis  
Al Evans  
Izzy Falconer  
Ellie Finch  
Tom Gray  
Annabel Lee  
Jemima Martin  
Max McCarthy  
Owen Mellor  
Tristan Mitchell  
Kuzey Otuk  
Josh Pepperrell  
Tom Rae  
Ben Rule  
Bobby Shaughnessy  
Benjamin Shore  
Luke Silver  
Alex Sweeney  
Ioanni Tarousa  
Alex Taylor-Rose  
Josh Thomas  
Peggy Watson  
Charlotte West  
Clover Whidburn  
Erin Whitmore  
Oscar York





# LE GANG



# APPRECIATION

## *NODA awards*

The NODA logo features the word 'noda' in a blue, cursive script font. Above the letters 'o' and 'd' are several green circles of varying sizes, some with radiating lines, suggesting a burst of energy or a floral motif.

Be inspired by amateur theatre

In 2019 our Gang Show joined NODA, the National Operatic and Dramatic Association, an organisation that has been working to help and support amateur theatre companies since 1899. We were lucky enough to be nominated for three awards in District 3 of the Eastern Region of NODA (which covers Luton, Dunstable, Hemel Hempstead, Harpenden, St Albans and surrounding villages) and in September 2019 we found out that the results were ... drum roll ...

### **Winner**

Most Creative Gang Show Item

for the finale with seven generations to celebrate the 70th anniversary

### **Runner up**

Most Creative Gang Show Item

for Act 2 opening with Lucy Porter and Tilly Denton (Peter Pan and Tinkerbell)

### **Runner up**

Most Imaginative Choreography

for Cathy Washbrooke, Becca Leigh and Wendy Bideau

What's more, our pianist, Graham Thomson, and our drummer, Les Arnold, were both nominated for best musical director for other shows they have been involved with!



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## *memories from last year*

Our photographer, Richard Washbrooke, takes wonderful photos every year, so we asked him to choose his favourites from our award-winning 70th Show. We especially love his choice of the dramatic shot of John Seabrook who was in the 1949 cast as a Scout.



Let's Get Loud - the opening



Scouts on stage - the finale





Dance Team



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John Seabrook



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# District Review 2020

Harpenden and  
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# BEAVERS



- Beavers are aged 6 - 8
- Beavers wear a turquoise sweater and their Group scarf
- Beavers are the youngest members of the Scouting family
- Beaver Groups are called Colonies
- There are around 300 Beavers in the District





- Beavers from across the District visited snow centres during the winter
- All groups worked on activity badges such as disability awareness and experiments

- 10th Harpenden learned about codebreaking, discussed global issues, performed experiments and enjoyed making pottery
- 1st Harpenden visited a hedgehog sanctuary and took turns holding hedgehogs
- 3rd Harpenden hiked from Roundwood Park School to Rothamsted Park. They put up tents, tied knots and cooked on an open fire
- 2nd Harpenden visited a fire station, built dens and went orienteering





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.

14 Explorer Scouts from the District travelled during the summer to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in the USA and were joined by more than 40,000 Scouts and leaders from 152 countries of the world to celebrate Scouting.

Our Scouts had the opportunity at the event but also during the two years beforehand, to experience new adventures, cultures and make new and lifelong friendships.





# cubs

- 3rd Harpenden visited Cross Farm and rode on a tractor
- 2nd Harpenden celebrated Chinese New Year and visited the observatory at Bayfordbury
- 4th Harpenden learned about gardening by visiting allotments

- Cubs are aged 8 - 10<sup>1/2</sup>
- The Cub Pack is the second section of the Scouting family
- 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
- There are around 400 Cubs in the District







- 10th Harpenden enjoyed bell ringing, went on numerous camps and visited a hedgehog sanctuary
- 1st Harpenden learned how to kayak and build rafts

- Cubs from across the District, as well as some Beavers, attended a sleepover at Tring Natural History Museum
- Cubs worked towards badges such as athletics and crafting



# Ghana 2019





In Hohoe, there is a school dedicated to children who are deaf, or deaf and blind. Just about everything they need is provided through donation. They have no recreational facilities, but they do have a modest field.

During the summer of 2019, a group of Explorer Scouts and leaders from Harpenden and the Highlands and Islands of Scotland travelled to Ghana to build a playground at the Volta School for the Deaf.

Despite a number of challenges, the expedition was a great success. Friendships were forged, experiences were shared with the local Scouts and community, and all our Explorers developed new knowledge and greater self belief. And importantly, a stunning, colourful and sturdy new playground was built for the school and local community to enjoy over the coming years.



# SCOUTS



- Scouts are aged 10<sup>1/2</sup> - 14
- The Scout Troop is the third section of the Scouting family
- A Scout Troop is 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 and their Group scarf
- There are around 400 Scouts in the District

- 10th Harpenden and 1st Wheathampstead went on summer camps where they enjoyed gorge walking
- 3rd Harpenden had fun with Hertfordshire Scouts' motorised glider at Gransden



- 2nd Harpenden visited the observatory at Bayfordbury and 9th Harpenden took part in canon building races
- 5th Harpenden enjoyed a space-themed camp



- 1st Harpenden built a bridge across the River Lea and went stand-up paddleboarding
- 10th Harpenden enjoyed wide games and held debates about current issues



# EXPLORERS



- Explorer Units across the District went on summer camps, participated in Gilwell24, raised money in an 'Old Time Music Hall' and were successful in Peak Assault.



- At Shackleton's summer camp in Norfolk they went tree top walking, hiking and enjoyed team building games
- Kinsbourne ESU's camp was held in Lochearnhead, Scotland

- Explorers are aged 14 - 18
- The Explorer Scout Unit is the fourth section of the Scouting family
- Explorers continue to enjoy being outdoors, and develop their life skills through new activities, but are involved much more in planning their own evening activities
- Explorers wear a uniform of a shirt and a Unit scarf
- There are around 200 Explorers in the District
- They also support events all around the District





# Haarlem Jamboreette

- The Haarlem Jamboreette, held in Holland, was attended by over 3500 Scouts from 37 countries
- A full activity schedule saw over 50 Scouts and leaders from Harpenden, Wheathampstead and Kimpton learning about cultures from across the world around camp fires, on hikes and playing team sports



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- Active Support are adults who want to support Scouting
- It is made up of warranted leaders, administrators and those who can't make a regular commitment as a leader
- There are currently 230 warranted leaders in the District

- Our social programme included a weekend away, BBQs, walks, informative talks and the annual post-Christmas dinner
- If you are interested in volunteering get in touch with [davidlowndes@gmail.com](mailto:davidlowndes@gmail.com)



Group scarves and woggles are available from your Group/Unit. All other uniform items can be bought from any official Scout uniform supplier. Suppliers include:

- Stevensons (Leyton Road)
- Beat School Uniforms (Station Road)
- On-line Scout shop ([shop.scouts.org.uk](http://shop.scouts.org.uk))

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