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Production of

# SCOUTABOUT

by Chester District Scout Association

AT THE GATEWAY THEATRE  
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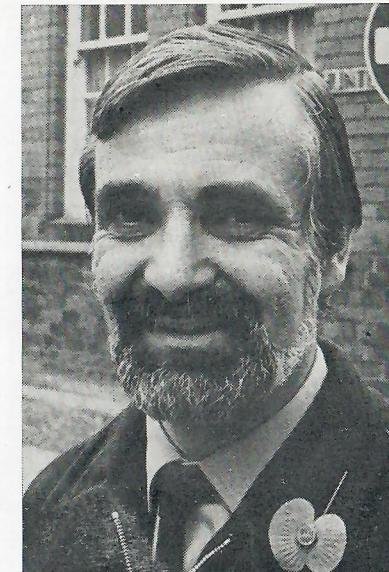
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It is indeed a pleasure, as District Commissioner, to welcome you to this year's production of 'Scoutabout'. I hope that you will enjoy your evening with us and I thank you all—both our regular patrons, and those who are perhaps with us for the first time, for your support and encouragement.

Perhaps 'Scoutabout' is your only contact with Scouting in Chester—I hope not! As an ardent enthusiast for 'Gang Shows' myself, I would be the last to minimise the value of shows like this, as they are the 'shop window' of Scouting. Away from the glare of the spotlights, the 'Gang' and all those connected with the show are but a few of the 1,800 boys and Leaders who make up Chester District. We have 31 Groups made up of 70 Sections throughout 110 square miles in and around Chester. Scoutabout is just one of the many activities along with camping, cooking, canoeing, hiking, service to others . . . the list is endless. I doubt if a weekend goes by when some lads, somewhere in Chester, are not enjoying the challenge of Scouting!

There is also a challenge in another way. One to provide leaders and lay support at Group level so that we can continue to fulfil the basic aims of our Founder—to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society'. I appeal to you to continue your support, not only here tonight at the 'Gateway' but within your own local Group.

Finally, as we enter our second quarter century of 'Scoutabout' I thank all those who have worked so hard to continue the tradition and high standard of 'Scoutabout' in Chester. It is a tradition of which I feel we can be justly proud, brought about by a magnificent display of team work.

And now, sit back, enjoy yourselves and with me SALUTE THE GANG.

ERIC PLENDERLEATH,  
District Commissioner, Chester District



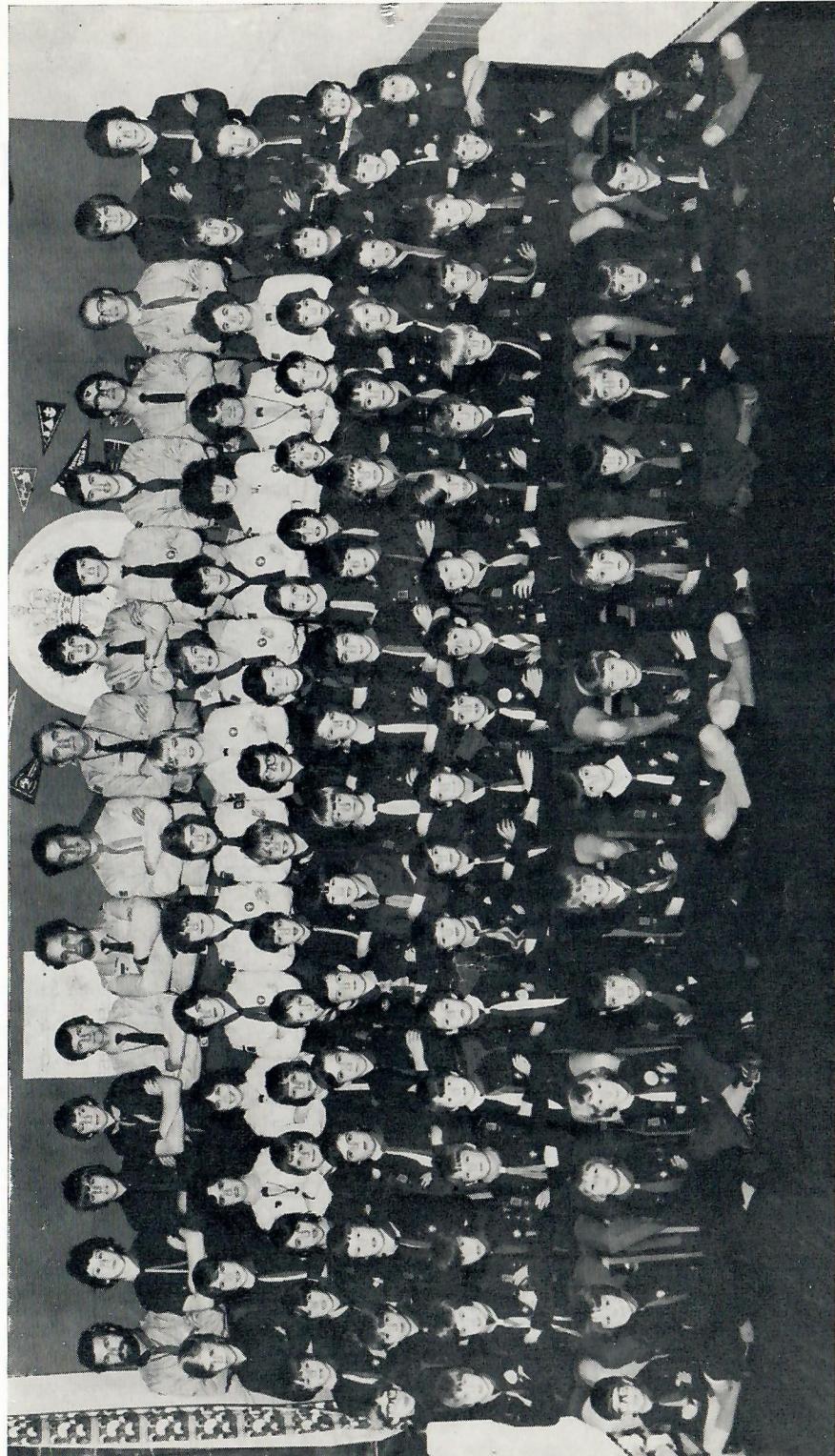
In a moment of nostalgia, brought about by our own Jubilee Show last Year, I thumbed my way through the programmes of previous Gang Shows. The most noticeable feature of each one was the number of names which have been recorded—performers, helpers, patrons, supporters—individuals and groups—the famous and the not so well known. It is because of their enthusiasm and support over the years that Scoutabout, along with so many other District Gang Shows has been able to continue.

Over 2,500 members of the movement, from 26 different Groups have appeared in Scoutabout—some in a number of shows, others perhaps only in one. It is the one big event in the year when the boys (and their parents) from different Scout Groups in the District come together and work as a team and are not in competition with each other. They all come 'First' (when together) they succeed in bringing their fun to you.

To the boys and girls of the Gang, the most important names have never been listed in any programme. These are, of you, our audience. May I, on behalf of all the Gang, thank you for coming and giving us your support. We hope that you have a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ROY FISHER, Producer

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The Gang (or most of them) at a rehearsal



# SCOUTABOUT 1978



## ACT ONE

- One ..... MEET THE GANG
- Two ..... THE 'STEP-TOES'
- Three ..... LILLIPUT
- Four ..... CALL OF THE OPEN ROAD
- Five ..... YOU DON'T NEED MUSIC TO DANCE
- Six ..... RURAL ENGLAND
- Seven ..... TEN LITTLE ASTRONAUTS
- Eight ..... FAREWELL MUSIC HALL
- Nine ..... SIX LITTLE CHICKS
- Ten ..... THE GATE
- Eleven ..... WINGS OVER SEAWAYS

INTERMISSION (15 minutes)

## ACT TWO

- One ..... TOP OF THE MORNING FEELING
- Two ..... PAGEANT OF ENGLAND
- Three ..... MONEY AND FRIENDS
- Four ..... SCHOOLBOYS ON STRIKE
- Five ..... WONDERFUL TIME
- Six ..... FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS
- Seven ..... SANTA CLAUS
- Eight ..... ARABLE LAND
- Nine ..... FINALE

### GREAT GREAT GAME

Get out and come in boys, we're waiting for you,  
And you'll be delighted you came,  
To enjoy the joys of the scouting boys  
It's a great great game,  
The thrill of a lifetime is waiting for you  
It's time you were staking a claim.  
Let the rafters ring and your hearts will sing  
It's a great great game  
You'll play on a wonderful journey  
Beyond the realms of mars  
Ev'ry night on your ways alight  
With a million lucky stars.  
You've gotta get in boys, and take it from me  
In putting your worry to shame  
You will learn the break of the left hand shake  
It's a great great game.

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## SCOUTABOUT 1978—THE GANG

Erik Andressen	18th	Gillian Jones	1st Upton
John Andrews	40th	Richard Jones	5th Blacon
Colin Banks	44th	Robin Lannin	48th
Alistair Barnhill	48th	Stephen Lee	1st Tarvin
John Beatie	8th	Beryl Lloyd-Jones	8th
Stevie Benyon	8th	Nicholas Lloyd-Jones	8th
William Benyon	8th	Adam Longman	33rd
Alan Bostock	35th	Robert Maclean	42nd
Andrew Bratley	35th	Simon McLinden	35th
David Bratley	35th	Neil Mason	46th
Paul Bratley	35th	Christopher Massey	48th
Marc Brennen	48th	Peter Massey	48th
Giles Butcher	1st Tarp.	Owen Morgan	8th
Matthew Butt	8th	David Moore	1st Tarvin
Nicholas Butt	8th	Ken Mattershead	35th
Simon Butt	8th	Fergus Murray	1st Upton
Steven Clubbe	35th	Keith Musselle	District
Angela Coffin	44th	Charles Newis	1st Waverton
David Coffin	44th	Adrian Owen	48th
Neil Coglan	5th Blacon	David Parsonage	35th
Chris Collier	35th	Graham Peers	5th Blacon
John Collin	5th Blacon	Tony Pleavin	35th
Sean Connally	5th Blacon	Russell Price	17th
Robert Coram	8th	Dave Proffitt	District
Stuart Coram	8th	Malcolm Proffitt	District
Angela Crabtree	25th	David Ranby	1st Upton
Neil Craig	44th	Kevin Richard	5th Blacon
Philip Cregan	48th	Cameron Robson	46th
Arthur Crellin	35th	Johnathon Robinson	1st Tarvin
Caroline D'Arcy	17th	Lee Rowland	1st Saughall
Robin D'Arcy	17th	Edward Rowlands	35th
Fred Darlington	District	Stephen Secrette	42nd
Francis Davey	8th	Richard Sharp	44th
Chris Decani	1st Tarvin	Mark Shepherd	48th
Stewart Dominguez	8th	Nigel Smith	4th Blacon
Chris Edmunds	8th	Timothy Spauls	1st Christleton
David Ellis	35th	Adrian Sproston	17th
Anthony Evans	1st Saughall	Mark Sproston	17th
Richard Evans	35th	Neil Stanley	1st Tarporley
Nicholas Farrugia	48th	Darren Talbot	1st Tarvin
Marion Fieldstead	35th	Paul Taylor	35th
David Fisher	8th	Mark Thomas	5th
Roy Fisher	8th	Martin Thornton	48th
Damian Fletcher	4th Blacon	Andrew Todd	44th
Andrew Foster	48th	Gary Todd	1st Tarvin
Adrian Furnival	8th	Roger Tushingham	46th
David Gibson	44th	Gary Underwood	46th
Mark Greatbanks	1st Christleton	Mark Watson	1st M. Trafford
Nicholas Greenwood	1st Tarvin	Graham Webb	Hatch V.S.U.
Shane Guy	1st Upton	Malcolm Webb	1st Christleton
Peter Hague	42nd	Peter Wiggins	5th Blacon
Timothy Hemington	48th	David Williams	46th
John Hopkins	5th Blacon	Eric Williams	1st Tarporley
Robert Hough	35th	Hugh Williams	44th
Anne Hughes	1st Upton	Paul Williams	35th
Ian Hughes	1st Upton	Suzanne Williams	44th
June Hughes	1st Upton	Eric Wilson	35th
Paul Hughes	25th	Jean Wilson	1st Tarporley
Philip Hughes	25th	Simon Woodcock	5th Blacon
Darren Ireland	1st Tarvin	Ann Woods	4th Blacon
Christopher Ireson	48th	Margaret Wright	1st Christleton
Paul Jackson	48th	Michael York	25th
Anthony Johnson	17th		

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## THE TEAM

**Director of Production:** Roy Fisher

**Assistant Producers:** Eric Wilson and Chris Edmunds

**Musical Director:** Billy Brickland

**Choreography:** Eric Wilson and Chris Edmunds

**Stage Director:** Malcolm Proffitt

**Stage Manager:** Geoff Taylor

**Gang Organiser:** Keith Musselle

**Wardrobe Mistress:** Lilian Edmunds

**Wardrobe Team:** J. Baton, G. Buck, S. Crabtree, R. Elstry, I. Evans, J. Evans, J. Mason, R. Mason, B. Parker, G. Power, K. Pritchard, M. Pritchard, J. Southwell, A. Sumpter, M. Webb

**Wigs:** Jean Proffitt assisted by Joanne Roberts

**Make-Up:** Alan Sumpter assisted by S. Berry, C. Dixon, N. Grovier, N. Saltmark, L. Sumpter, J. Taylor, G. Thomas, A. Williams and A. Yakon

**Stage and Scenery Team:** R. Allen, G. Allison, K. Barton, S. Bradshaw, B. Conlon, B. Crabtree, E. Edmunds, E. Mason, G. Morris, P. Musselle, J. Southwell, B. Woodall, R. Underwood

**Lighting:** Bill Innes

**Amplification:** Gerald Roose assisted by G. Bulmer and D. Griffiths

**Properties:** Alison Edmunds assisted by M. & J. Curtis and G. Evans

**Front of House Stewards:** Peter Slater and Brian Tucker

**Back Stage Stewards:** Les Harding, Hilary Roberts and Jennifer Walker

**Prompter:** Marjorie Fisher

**Stage Door Security:** Dennis Williams

**Band** under the Direction of Billy Brickland

**'Scoutabout' Officers**

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# SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

You may wonder who or what are the people wearing the distinctive blue neckerchiefs, or you may have noticed their shoulder flashes bearing the name Chester Scout Fellowship.

The Fellowship are part of the District Team and are members of the Scout Movement who for various reasons are unable to take an active part with a particular Group, but, have time to assist the District as a whole at such functions as Sponsored Walks, Camping and Cooking Competitions, Training Courses, etc.; not to mention Scoutabout. Recently they have taken over the running of District Headquarters, but, as the building has to be vacated by 31st December, it is hoped new premises can be found quickly.

There is also a social side to the Fellowship, who apart from their special duties, hold meetings the first Tuesday of each month. Business is combined with pleasure, so should you be interested please come to one of these and find out what goes on. The more members there are, the more the Fellowship can assist the District.

Don't hesitate, get in touch and you will find you are most welcome.

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Mr. Peter Morrison, M.P.

Mr. Hugh Gorton, County Commissioner for Cheshire, and Mrs. Gorton, together with Vice-Presidents, Officers, friends and Commissioners of the Chester Association and their ladies.

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The entire show based on the original idea of Ralph Reader.

The 'Gang' wishes to acknowledge its appreciation of the continuing support of the Audience and those who have given donations.

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