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**36th Production**

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**20th — 25th FEBRUARY 1989  
AT THE GATEWAY THEATRE**

**Programme 30p**

# SONGS FROM THE SHOW

## Funnytown Zoo

There was an Aberdeen Angus Coo  
That gave tartan milk at the Funneytown Zoo  
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and both its humps were hanging underneath  
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## 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 heart will sing  
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You'll play on a wonderful journey, beyond the realms of Mars  
Ev'ry night, On your way's alight with a million lucky stars,  
You gotta get in boys, and take it from me, In putting your worries to shame,  
You can learn the break of the left hand shake,  
It's a Great, Great, Game.

## Soldiers of the Queen

When the Soldiers of the Queen march by, Hear the beat of the feet and the drum,  
All the flags are gaily flying, On with a left, right here they come,  
All the ladies take a look and sigh, As they try to make them wink their eye,  
It's a call — through the land — And they all follow the band,  
When the soldiers of the Queen march by.

**Credits:** All songs and sketches by Ralph Reader except "Cannibal Island" and "Ancient Rome" by Jim Foote.  
"Girls Choir", "The Astronauts", "The Bet" and "Never had it so good" by Wilcox & Rutherford.  
"I know my place" by Hobden & Bently.  
Additional material by Helen Plenderleath and Roy Fisher.

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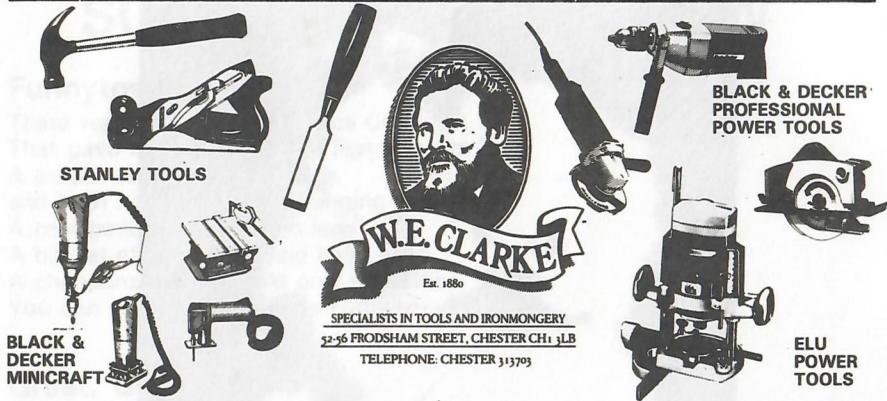
As I was once a Cub Scout when I lived in Chester, and 'Orville' is an honorary member of many Cub Packs, all over the country, we know what a good job you will do, and how enjoyable it will be for you all.

We wish you much success with the show, and for the future.

Good luck always,

Kindest Regards

Keith Harris and Orville



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After an association of 17 years with Scoutabout it is with great pleasure that, as District Commissioner, I am able to extend to you a warm welcome to this, the 36th production.

I would particularly like to thank His Worship the Mayor and our other guests for honouring us with their presence at Civic Night on Thursday. The continued support of the community and its leaders means a great deal and I am grateful to you all. Thank you.

This year has been designated THE YEAR OF THE SCOUT GROUP within the Cheshire Scout County and we in Chester District are privileged to have, for about three months of every year, a "Supergroup" called Scoutabout which brings together Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders from every corner of our District to work together in the true Scouting spirit to try to achieve the Aim of our Movement; which is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society.

On your behalf may I thank THE GANG both on stage and behind the scenes and invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

KEITH MUSSELLE, District Commissioner, Chester District

### CIVIC NIGHT — THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

A very cordial welcome is extended to the Mayor (Councillor G. Fair) and Mrs. Fair, the County Commissioner (Mr. Derek Oliver) and Mrs. Oliver, together with other guests of the Chester District Scout Council.

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## TUESDAY

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1st Upton Cub Scouts (Tuesday)  
25th Chester Tribuni Cub Pack  
1st Malpas Scout Group  
48th Chester Scout Group  
1st Christleton Scout Group  
17th Chester Scout Group  
14th Chester Scout Group

## WEDNESDAY

1st Winnington, Northwich,  
Scout Group  
1st Tarporley Portal Cub Scouts  
1st Christleton Wednesday Cub  
Scouts  
1st Tarporley Arderne Cub Pack  
1st Saughall Cub Pack  
35th Chester Scout Group  
18th Chester Scout Group  
42nd Chester Scout Group  
25th Chester Scout Group

## THURSDAY

Brown Heath Rangers  
2nd Upton Guide Company  
1st Tarvin Scout Group  
1st Christleton Beaver Colony

## FRIDAY

7th Chester Guide Company  
Whitegates Scout Group  
1st Gobowen Scout Group  
17th Widnes Cub Scouts  
14th Chester Scout Group  
1st Upton Venture Scouts

## SATURDAY MATINEE

1st Saughall Beaver Colony  
1st Upton Beaver Colony  
25th Chester Beaver Colony  
Beaumaris Cub Scouts

## SATURDAY EVENING

1/5th Runcorn Cub Packs  
40th Chester Scout Group

# FULL CIRCLE

When Scoutabout was presented for the first time in the Royalty Theatre, in 1956 the term 'full circle' meant that the best — and therefore probably all of the seats in the house had been sold. This not only made the treasurer happy but it also stimulated the Gang into putting on a super show to a responsive audience. Apart from having a Circle to fill in the Royalty, there were three other big differences to this year's show. The first was that we had an all male cast; the second that the Cub Scout item was limited to just twelve Cubs and the third was the price of the tickets. . . In 1956 they were:—

|                      |     |            |
|----------------------|-----|------------|
| Boxes                | 7/6 | (37 1/2 p) |
| Dress Circle         | 5/6 | (27 1/2 p) |
| Orchestra Stalls     | 5/0 | (25 p)     |
| Back Circle )        | 4/0 | (20 p)     |
| Back Stalls )        |     |            |
| The Pit              | 2/6 | (12 1/2 p) |
| Gallery (The 'Gods') | 1/0 | ( 5 p)     |

We have now 'full circle'. After being something of a Christmastime tradition for so many years, we are this year presenting our show in February — as we did with our first three productions in the Cathedral Refectory. Despite this change of date, we hope that our ever faithful audiences will continue to support us, and that we even attract new ones.

The advertising slogan for the 1956 production was "Scoutabout — the happiest, snappiest show in town". We would like to think that this is still true, and if the enthusiasm of the Gang, backstage, onstage and in the orchestra pits spreads over the footlights to you, I know that you will enjoy your evening and feel that you too are one of the 'Gang' of 1989.

ROY FISHER, Producer

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS AT THE GATEWAY

2nd-25th March — SKIN DEEP comedy by David Pinner

3rd-8th April — Chester Amateur Operatic Society presents  
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13th April-6th May — ELSIE & NORM's MACBETH comedy by John Wood

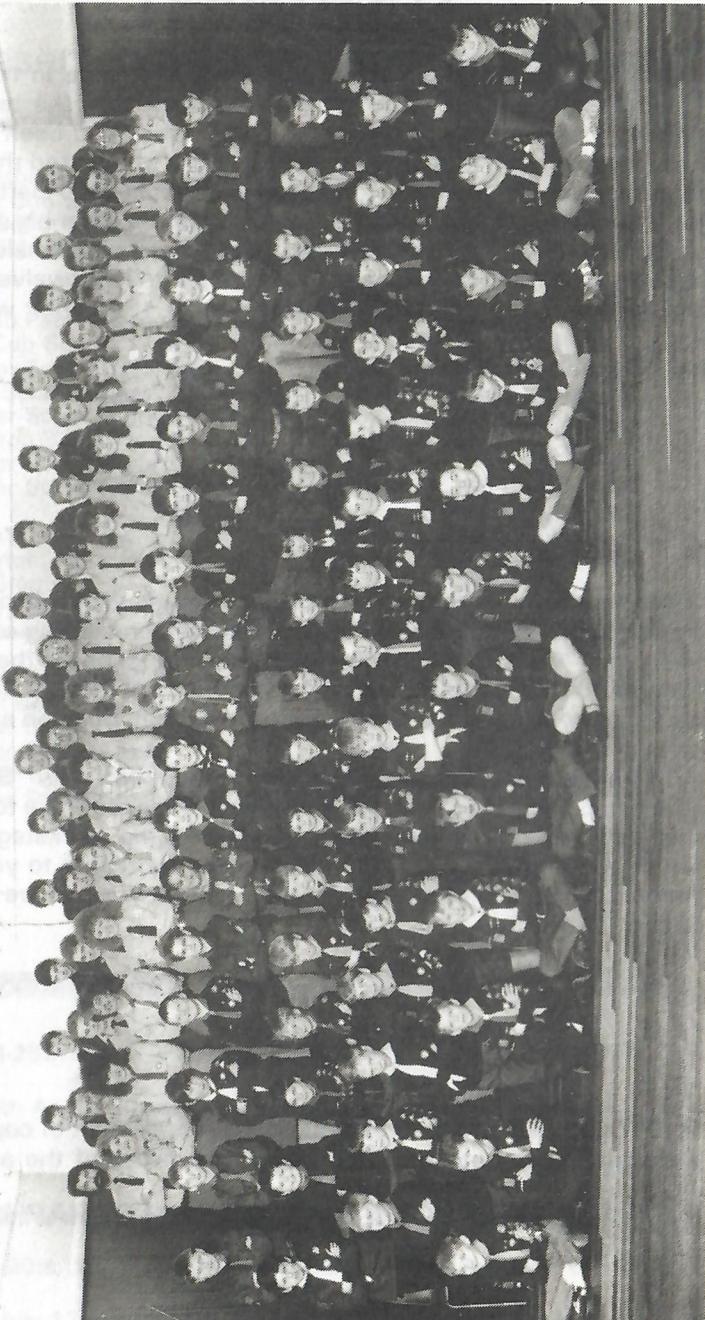
12th May-30th June — SERIOUS MONEY comedy by Caryl Churchill

14th July-12th August — THE RIVALS — Sheridan's Classic

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# THE GANG 1989



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| NAME                | GROUP                  | NAME                | GROUP                   |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Reza Ahmadi         | 5th Blacon             | Michelle Lloyd      | 1st Upton VSU           |
| Robin Ansonia       | 42nd Chester           | Debbie Louth        | 18th Chester/Fellowship |
| Darren Ashbrook     | 8th Chester            | James Lye           | 40th Chester            |
| Ian Ashford         | 1st Saltney            | Alan Marshall       | 1st Mickle Trafford     |
| Ian Ashworth        | 1st Mickle Trafford    | Stephen Marshall    | 1st Mickle Trafford     |
| Graham Bailey       | 1st Saughall           | Matthew McHale      | 14th Chester            |
| Hannah Bartholomew  | 18th Chester VSU       | Craig McIntyre      | 25th Chester            |
| Sam Bibby           | 1st Christleton        | Tim McMahan         | 1st Malpas              |
| Peter Blackburn     | 1st Malpas             | Keith Mellor        | 1st Upton VSU           |
| Philip Brownbill    | 1st Christleton        | Gareth Monk         | 35th Chester            |
| Paul Brighton       | 25th Chester           | Angela Morgan       | 18th Chester            |
| Samantha Brownlie   | 18th Chester VSU       | Danny Morris        | 1st Upton               |
| Iain Buchanan       | 1st Saltney            | Lee Mort            | 5th Blacon              |
| Phillip Bunnell     | 1st Upton VSU          | Keith Musselle      | District                |
| Daniel Burrows      | 5th Blacon             | Andrew Neal         | 25th Chester            |
| Giles Challinor     | 8th Chester            | Andrew Owen         | 25th Chester            |
| Wayne Challinor     | 8th Chester            | Ian Palumbo         | 5th Blacon              |
| Ian Chapman         | 5th Blacon             | Ronnie Patel        | 40th Chester            |
| Tim Chapman         | 48th Chester           | Matthew Pennington  | 40th Chester            |
| Richard Clarke      | 48th Chester           | Daniel Persival     | 1st Cheshire            |
| David Davies        | 8th Chester            | Luke Perritt        | 1st Malpas              |
| Matthew Davies      | 40th Chester           | Sion Pickford       | 1st Cheshire            |
| Tristan Davies      | 1st Upton              | Eric Plenderleath   | District                |
| Samuel Dean         | 1st Malpas             | Helen Plenderleath  | 1st Tarvin              |
| Brian Dickenson     | 14th Chester           | Matthew Podey       | 25th Chester            |
| Paul Dique          | 1st Saughall           | Robert Prieti       | 1st Christleton         |
| Ian Dodds           | 1st Christleton        | Lesley Pritchard    | 35th Chester            |
| Mark Dodds          | 1st Christleton        | Stuart Reid         | 25th Chester            |
| Robert Elliott      | 17th Chester           | Martin Renshaw      | 1st Saltney             |
| Alan Espley         | 14th Chester           | Neil Renshaw        | 1st Saughall            |
| Andrew Evans        | 35th Chester           | Phillip Renshaw     | 1st Saltney             |
| John Evans          | 18th Chester           | Simon Richards      | 5th Blacon              |
| Matthews Evans      | 1st Saltney            | Richard Riley       | 1st Saughall            |
| Vicky Fellows       | 40th Chester           | Pauline Robson      | Fellowship              |
| Roy Fisher          | 8th Chester            | James Russell       | 17th Chester            |
| Mike Fowler         | 1st Upton VSU/District | Matthew Russell     | 17th Chester            |
| David Gallimore     | 8th Chester            | Stephen Ryan        | 1st Cheshire            |
| Jeremy Gibson       | 1st Christleton        | Sebastian Shipley   | 1st Upton               |
| Peter Gibson        | 1st Christleton        | James Shone         | 8th Chester             |
| Paul Guy            | 8th Chester            | Andrew Simcock      | 40th Chester            |
| Nathan Hadaway      | 1st Saltney            | Ian Simcock         | 40th Chester            |
| Andrew Halsell      | 14th Chester           | Kieren Skinner      | 40th Chester            |
| Craig Harris        | 14th Chester           | Kristian Stevenson  | 35th Chester            |
| Andrew Harrop       | 1st Upton VSU          | Martin Suckby       | 1st Malpas              |
| Timothy Haswell     | 1st Saughall           | Peter Taylor        | 25th Chester            |
| Andrew Hodgkinson   | 48th Chester           | Christine Todd      | 18th Chester VSU        |
| Ian Hodgkinson      | 1st Saughall           | Lee Turner          | 5th Blacon              |
| Paul Hodgson        | 1st Christleton        | David Tyrrell       | 1st Saughall            |
| Matthew Holiday     | 48th Chester           | David Vine          | 25th Chester            |
| David Horwell       | 1st Tattenhall         | Ryan Waddon         | 5th Blacon              |
| Alison Hough        | 18th Chester VSU       | Adrian Walker       | 1st Christleton         |
| David Houston       | 5th Blacon             | John Warrington     | 1st Saughall            |
| Joseph Hughes       | 8th Chester            | Alan Wigglesworth   | 1st Saughall            |
| June Hughes         | 1st Upton              | David Wigglesworth  | 1st Saughall            |
| Christopher Jardine | 14th Chester           | Mark Wigglesworth   | 1st Saughall            |
| Ben Jones           | 1st Malpas             | Pamela Wigglesworth | 1st Saughall            |
| Christopher Jones   | 40th Chester           | Paul Wilsher        | 1st Cheshire            |
| Nigel Jones         | 14th Chester           | Carl Whitney        | 5th Blacon              |
| Pamela Jones        | 40th Chester           | Brian Wilkes        | 17th Chester            |
| Trevor Jones        | 40th Chester           | Jeremy Wilkes       | 17th Chester            |
| Richard Keslin      | 8th Chester            | Hugh Williams       | Fellowship              |
| Michael Kirby       | 1st Saltney            | David Wilson        | 35th Chester VSU        |
| Christopher Land    | 25th Chester           | Eric Wilson         | 35th Chester            |
| Kevin Lawton        | 1st Saughall           | Jean Wilson         | District                |
| Andrew Leach        | 1st Saughall           | Neil Woodward       | 1st Upton VSU           |
| James Leach         | 1st Saughall           | James Wright        | 48th Chester            |

Plus members of the 18th Chester Band



# SCOUTABOUT 1989



## FIRST HALF

- One ..... Sign In
- Two ..... Cannibal Island
- Three ..... Let's Have a Parade
- Four ..... Rural England
- Five ..... The Girls of the Open Spaces
- Six ..... Parting of the Ways
- Seven ..... Sing
- Eight ..... The Astronauts
- Nine ..... Ancient Rome
- Ten ..... Our Regiment

## INTERVAL

(15 minutes)

**No Photography  
in the  
auditorium  
please.**

## SECOND HALF

- One ..... Hong Kong Blues
- Two ..... Chester Girls' Choir
- Three ..... The Lantern Lecture
- Four ..... Friendship
- Five ..... The Bet
- Six ..... The Disc Buyers
- Seven ..... Farewell Royalty
- Eight ..... I Know My Place
- Nine ..... You've Never Had It So good
- Ten ..... Thank You



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## THE 18th CHESTER SCOUT MARCHING AND DISPLAY BAND

The band comprises of boys and girls from the 18th Chester Scouts and Venture Unit and also boys and leaders from many other scout groups in the district. Their ages range from 9 to 20 years plus a number of leaders. The band is looking forward to a very busy season during 1989 when it will be taking part in 7 competitions as well as various fetes and carnivals. It will be leading the District at St. Georges Day Parade and also performing at the Chester Half Marathon and performing display at the Cheshire Regiments Reunion in its 300th year.

The band is always looking for new members and any scout or cub is eligible to join them. Anyone wanting further information on the band should contact its Band Master, Mr. F. HOUGH on Chester 315035.

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Welcome to Scoutabout 89. We did not have a show in 1988 because in order to enable the Gateway to start their panto season a little earlier than usual, we agreed to postpone our show until around this time.

However, here we are again with another offering of Chester District's traditional show, which is an established favourite with regular audiences from all around our own and surrounding Districts.

If you are a newcomer to Scoutabout, a particularly warm welcome to you. We hope you will enjoy all that we have in store for you and that as a result you will return next year with all your Scouting friends, supporters and parents.

If you are not connected with Scouting, you are doubly welcome! We hope you will leave with a favourable impression of Scouts and Scouters enjoying themselves entertaining you — just one aspect of Scouting, which along with all the other many and varied activities they undertake, combine to mould the citizen of tomorrow.

**TERRY COLLIER**, District Chairman



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Assistant Producer and Choreographer: Eric Wilson

Production Administration: Helen Plenderleath

Production Assistant: Brian Dickenson

Musical Director: Colin Parfitt

Stage Director: Geoff Morris

Stage Manager: David Coffin

Cub Scout Gang Organiser: Lesley Pritchard

assisted by Bob Lannin

Gang Wardrobe Mistress: Lil Edmunds

Gang Wardrobe Team: Lorna McIntyre, Jennifer Owen, Gwynneth Power, Iris Evans, Ann Sumpter

Cub Scout Wardrobe Mistress: Janet Leach

Cub Scout Wardrobe Team: Eve Bailey & Sheila Jardine

Wigs: Jean Proffitt assisted by Lorna McIntyre, Carolyn Owens & Sharon Scott

Make-up: Alan Sumpter

Make-up Team: Emma Benion, Sarah Bull, Anita Gurney, Carol Ingram-Luck, Ann Marie Jones, Rachel Kestin, Marie O'Connell, Debbie Pauley, Jenny Philips, Helen Ward, Alan Williams, Ruth Worrall, Sarah Worrall

Stage & Scenery Team: Keith Jones, Ted Edmunds, Les Harding, Alan Bostock, Brian Wilkes, Hilary Gibson, Ken Barton, David Teasdale, Jamie Frost, Ben Lawes and District Venture Scouts

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# CHESTER DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION

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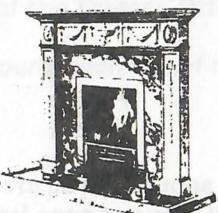
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## BITS AND PIECES

The first Gang Show was produced in London by Ralph Reader in 1932, and the final performance was in 1974.

The London Gang Show was the first all amateur company to be invited to take part in The Royal Command Performance, and it did so on three occasions.

Gang Shows are now produced in over 25 countries throughout the world, from Australia to the United States of America.

Ralph Reader wrote some 250 sketches and over 450 songs. One of his most popular songs was "Strolling", which was one of the most successful numbers ever staged by the 'Crazy Gang'.

Apart from Scoutabout, Gang Shows are also produced in Cheshire at:— Crewe, Birkenhead, Wallasey, Ellesmere Port, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Warrington and Stockport — as well as those staged by individual Scout Groups.

In the finale there are 4 tons of scouts on stage!

We welcome patrons from all over the country, but we think that a couple from Edinburgh currently hold the record, for the farthest distance travelled.

Girls first joined the Gang of Scoutabout in 1969 — in our first production at the Gateway Theatre — and have been with us ever since.

The ages of the Gang range from 8 to 'pretty Old'.

Rehearsals have taken up to 8000 'scout' hours with about a further 2000 man/woman hours in the preparation, of costumes, scenery, properties and wigs.

After the final performance on Saturday the backstage team, and many of the Gang will be working well into Sunday morning to clear the Theatre of all the costumes scenery and props so that the place is ready for the next Gateway production which is . . .

This is the first Scoutabout programme in 36 years which does not carry an advert for Cyril Bounds — Not because he has fallen out with us, but because he has retired. To both Cyril and Mary:— *Have a Happy and relaxing retirement.*

Ralph Reader wrote 'Soldiers of the Queen' for the 1960 London Gang Show. We are now using it 29 years later in our tribute to the CHESHIRE Regiment which this year celebrates its tercentenary. To all its members both past and present we offer our best wishes and we also extend congratulations to the City of Chester celebrating the 750th Anniversary of its Mayoralty. The Mayor of Chester has attended the civic night every year except for two occasions when the Sheriffs attended in their absence.

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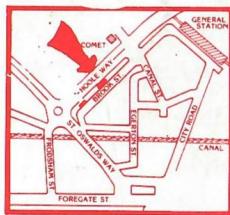
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