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**20th — 25th FEBRUARY 1989
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Programme 30p

SONGS FROM THE SHOW

Funnytown Zoo

There was an Aberdeen Angus Coo
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and both its humps were hanging underneath
A centipede which had no legs
A big fat efilant which laid hens eggs
A chimpanzee that could only say Moo
You can see them all at the Funnytown Zoo

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
It's a Great, Great, Game.

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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TO: The 'Gang' of 1989,

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

PARTIES

(as reserved at time of going to press)

MONDAY

2nd Christleton Guide Company
Whittington Cub Scouts
1st Kelsall Scout Group
1st Upton Cub Scouts (Monday)

TUESDAY

Seeonee Cub Pack, Oswestry
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 ½ p)
Dress Circle	5/6	(27 ½ p)
Orchestra Stalls	5/0	(25 p)
Back Circle)	4/0	(20 p)
Back Stalls)		
The Pit	2/6	(12 ½ 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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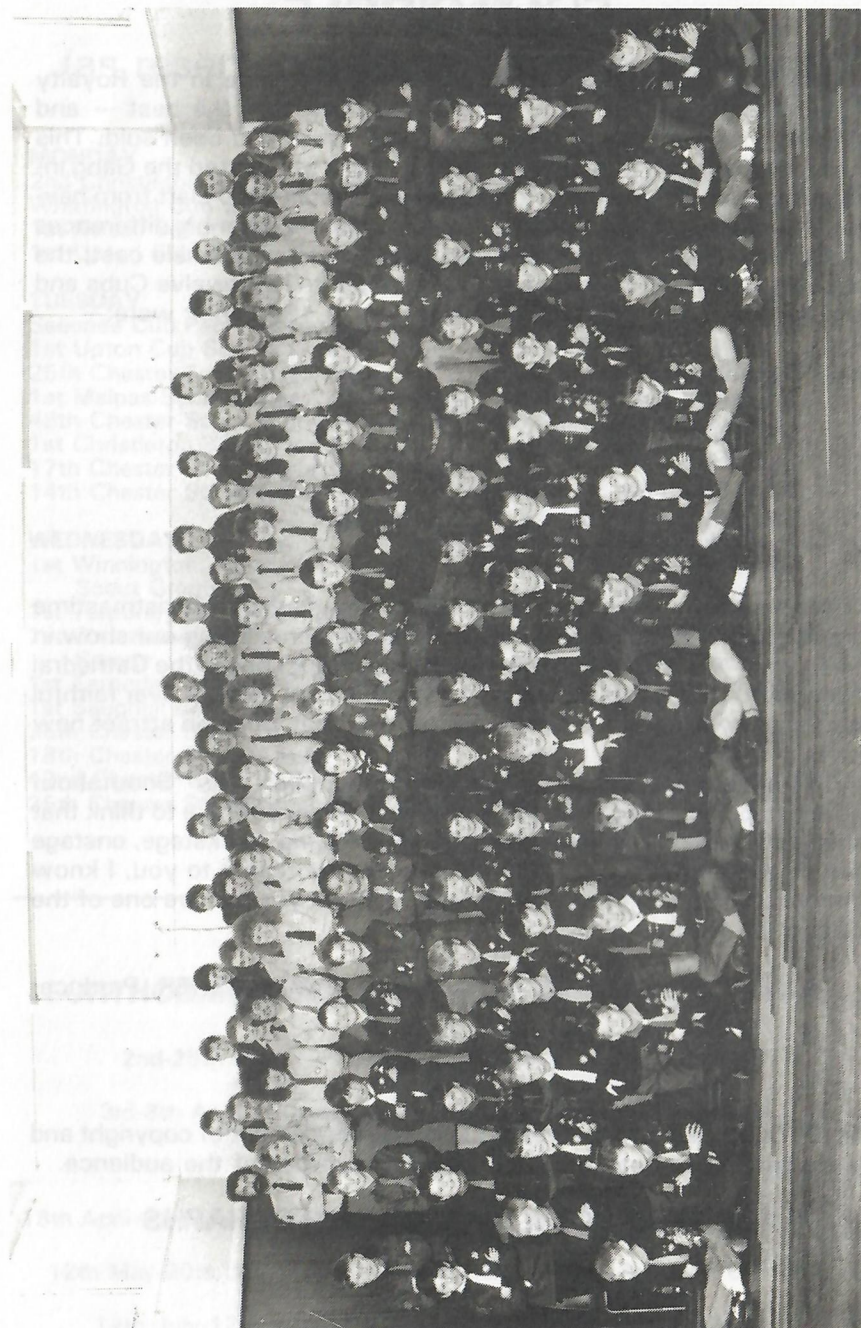
13th April-6th May — ELSIE & NORM's MACBETH comedy by John Wood

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

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 Mickie Trafford
Ian Ashworth	1st Mickie Trafford	Stephen Marshall	1st Mickie 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 Poday	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.

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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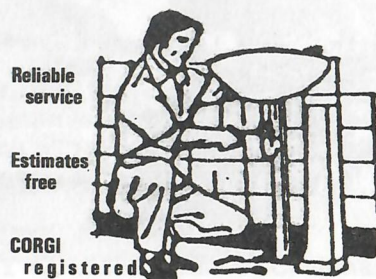
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THE TEAM

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Producer: Roy Fisher

Production Coordinator: Eric Plenderleath

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

Amplification & Sound Effects: Gerald Roose
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Lighting: Gateway Theatre

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some way with Scouting or future SCOUTABOUTS , please contact
one of the District Officers of local scout leaders.

For young members of our audience; If you are not in the Movement as

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A CUB,
or A BEAVER

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8th Chester Scout Group

35th Chester Scout Group

1st Tarvin Scout Leaders

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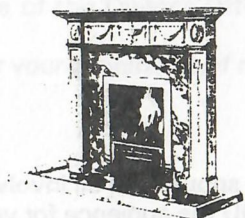
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BITS AND PIECES

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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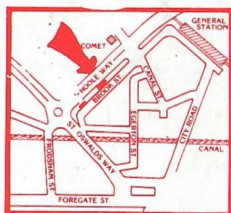
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