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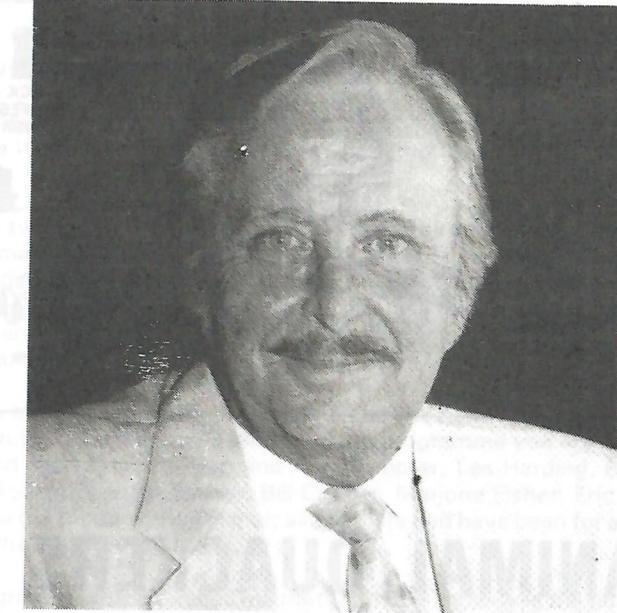
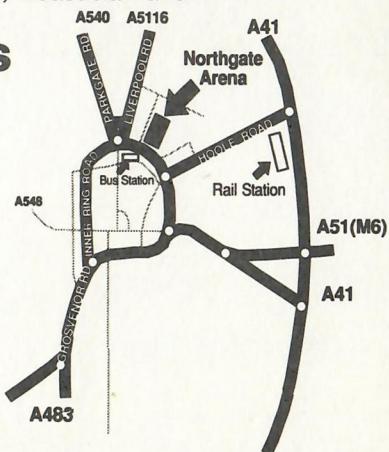
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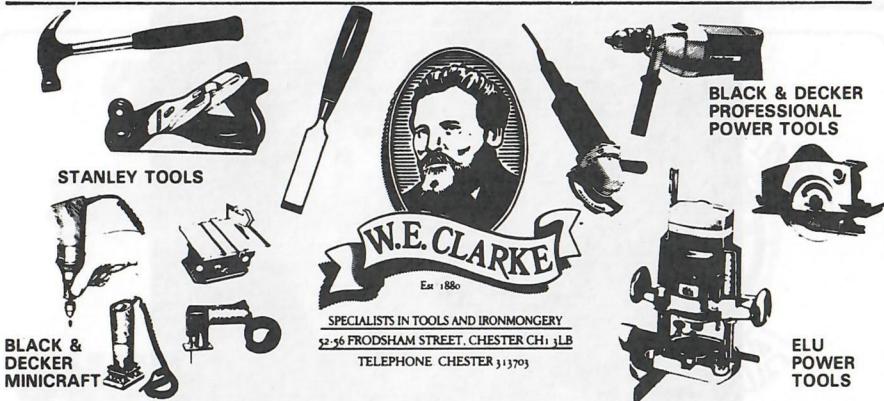
Serving in the RAF during the war, I was posted to the Middle East. There, I was invited to join a Gang Show. Squadron/Leader Ralph Reader rehearsed us, knocked us into shape and even toured with the show for several weeks! I remember it being very hard work as it surely is for you today. Have a super show folks.

I wish you all continued success. Great stuff!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Syd Lawrence'.

Syd Lawrence



## SCOUTABOUT 1990

Good evening and welcome to the nineteen ninety production of Scoutabout.

As I considered what I should write for this programme I suddenly realised that this is the twentieth show Chester District has staged at the Gateway Theatre.

In those twenty shows about 2,400 cubs, scouts and leaders have performed approximately 400 sketches, lineups and musical items supported by 1,000 backstage staff and watched by over 61,000 members of the general public. Of course many of the people included in those numbers have been counted more than once because Scoutabout is supported both on and off stage by the 'regulars'.

I have a copy of the 1969 programme and the names of many of those involved in that show are also printed in the programme you are reading now. Dave and Jean Proffitt, Alan and Ann Sumpter, Les Harding, Robin Ferris, Gerald Roose, Graham Bulmer, Bill Cooper, Marjorie Fisher, Eric Wilson and of course our producer Roy Fisher: all are there and have been for almost every one of the last twenty years.

The programme also reminded me that the 1969 show was the first in Chester District to include ladies on stage, a tradition that has continued over the years.

Tradition is what Gang Show is all about and that is why it continues to survive in this age of canned entertainment. That and the fun and team work that is generated between all ages during rehearsals and the week of the show.

The tremendous support off stage has also become a tradition and many of you will no doubt have seen that 1969 show and those that came before and after it. It is the continued enthusiasm of our audiences that enables 'the show to go on'.

May I thank you and the members of the Gang for the support you have given in the past and which I know you will continue to give. I hope, like me, you are looking forward to the next twenty years of Scoutabout.

KEITH MUSSELLE, District Commissioner

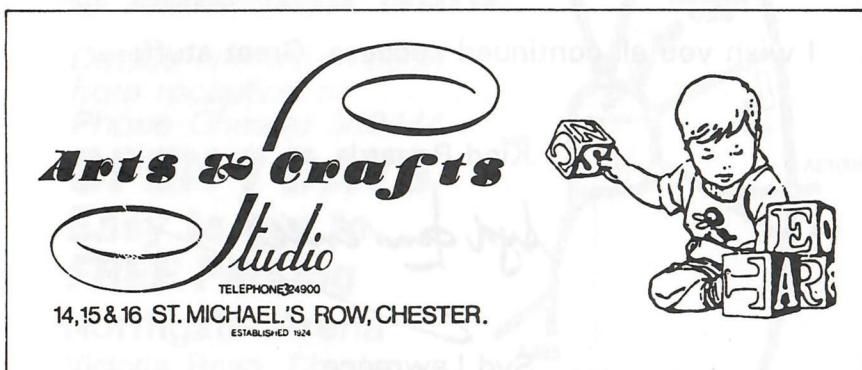
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## SONGS FROM THE SHOW

May I extend a very warm welcome to you all to 'Scoutabout 1990'. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy our show and if so, tell your friends, and come and see us again next year.

Gang shows are a tradition — and a challenge! They are a tradition started by the great Ralph Reader, and undoubtedly after 37 years, part of the tradition of Chester Scouting.

'Scoutabout' is a tradition, in that we are blessed with back stage helpers, many of whom have given literally years to the show. I could not hope to calculate the number of years of experience we have back stage.

It is also a challenge — why? Because each year there are new fresh young faces on stage. Yes — we are lucky to have a nucleus of 'regulars' — but we also have boys and girls new each year, and the challenge is to produce a show with the talent available.

Anyone connected with show business will appreciate the hard work involved in all departments, and what a credit it is to Chester Scouting, that young people give so many hours of rehearsal time to take part in 'Scoutabout'.

Tradition and challenge are the hallmark of our producer Roy Fisher. Having shouldered the main responsibility as producer of all but a handful of Chester's 37 'Scoutabouts', and being involved in the production in some part of each and every show, he certainly upholds the tradition, and each year rises to the challenge of a new show.

I pay tribute to everyone connected with 'Scoutabout 1990' and thank you the audience for your continued support.

**ERIC PLENDERLEATH** (Chairman of Scoutabout)

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## SONGS FROM THE SHOW

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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,  
It's a Great, Great, Game.

### The Clock

I know a city that beckons to me — No matter where I roam,  
She's no Mona Lisa, and the leaning tower of Pisa  
Is better known than the timepiece of my home.  
But though I wander all over the world, I'll make it plain to see  
I'm proud to be a Cestrian, Where the Eastgate is that's good enough for me  
(Say it again) Where the Eastgate is that's good enough for me.

### Welcome

Let's have a time about now, Doing the town about now,  
Why should we be forced to wait, for the date until it's far too late?  
Gotta go places — and how! And it's the time about now,  
IT may be treason to rhyme and reason, But it's the season and all we want is —  
Putting the blues to rout — Something to Shoutabout —  
Welcome to Scoutabout now.

### Happy Ending

There is a happy ending. To clouds of darkest blue.  
If you just keep your eye, on the rainbow in the sky.  
You will find the sun comes shining through.  
There is a happy ending to the worries on your way  
If you only will do what the good book tells you to  
You will find a bright horizon of skyway blue  
To bring a happy ending to you.

### The Lady Jives

Sole and heel your dancing shoes, Drop the drawbridge, spread the news.  
Roll up the carpet and you'd better come down, Lady MacBeth is going to town.  
Get the girls from Elsinore, March the men from Agincourt,  
Pick up the rhythm as you gather aroun', Lady MacBeth is going to town.  
High jinks, Low jinks, Flat out and no retard,  
No-one cares, if the Bard is the Bacon or the Bacon is the Bard.  
Here comes Stratford in your reach, All once more in-to the breach, Come on  
Come on ye women and ye men of renown, Lady MacBeth is going to town.  
Lady MacBeth is a-going to town.

**Credits:** All songs and sketches by Ralph Reader except "Can Can Girls" by Wilcox & Rutherford.  
"Lilliput" and "Henry VIII" by Jim Foote  
"Granma" and "Bells" in association with Wrexham Gang Show.

# THE GANG 1990

NAME	GROUP	NAME	GROUP
Graham Ashford	8th Chester	Alex Lewis	1st Saughall
Graham Bailey	1st Saughall	Christopher Lightfoot	35th Chester
Hannah Bartholomew	18th Chester	Paul Manning	25th Chester
Peter Benyon	18th Chester	Robin Marsden	1st Saltney
David Blomley	25th Chester	Alan Marshall	1st Mickle Trafford
Paul Brighton	25th Chester	Stephen Marshall	1st Mickle Trafford
Daniel Burrows	5th Blacon	Michael McHugh	5th Blacon
Tom Burton	14th Chester	Craig McIntyre	25th Chester
David Carter	18th Chester	Angela Morgan	18th Chester
Giles Challinor	8th Chester	Danny Morris	1st Upton
Wayne Challinor	8th Chester	Mark Morris	5th Blacon
Sam Cowley	1st Upton	Keith Musselle	District
Matthew Davies	40th Chester	Andrew Neal	25th Chester
Brian Dickenson	14th Chester	Laurence Nixon	1st Saltney
Anthony Dickenson	18th Chester	Lewis Nixon	1st Saltney
Paul Dique	1st Saughall	Andrew Owen	25th Chester
Morgan Donnelly	1st Upton	Charlie Phillips	25th Chester
Sam Donovan	40th Chester	Helen Plenderleath	1st Tarvin
John England	1st Christleton	Eric Plenderleath	District
Alan Espley	14th Chester	Matthew Pooley	25th Chester
Douglas Evans	1st Upton	Ian Powell	25th Chester
Matthew Evans	1st Saltney	Lesley Pritchard	35th Chester
Paul Evans	1st Christleton	Robert Preite	1st Christleton
Vicky Fellows	40th Chester	David Proffitt	District
Roy Fisher	8th Chester	Phillip Renshaw	1st Saltney
David Gallimore	8th Chester	Elliot Richards	14th Chester
Paul Gent	1st Christleton	Evan Roberts	1st Saughall
Jos Goodwin	14th Chester	Damien Robertson	1st Upton
David Gosling	18th Chester	Pauline Robson	Fellowship
Jeremy Gibson	8th Chester	Kai Sheen	1st Upton
Nathan Hadaway	35th Chester	Sebastian Shipley	1st Upton
Richard Hanfress	14th Chester	Ian Simcock	40th Chester
James Hanley	40th Chester	Kieren Skinner	40th Chester
Andrew Halsell	14th Chester	Mark Sutcliffe	14th Chester
James Hanley	40th Chester	Lee Swinnoch	25th Chester
Craig Harris	14th Chester	Adam Taylor	1st Saltney
Andrew Harrop	1st Upton	Gavin Taylor	1st Saltney
Peter Hassell	35th Chester	Peter Taylor	25th Chester
Alison Hough	18th Chester	Rachel Taylor	18th Chester
James Houlbrook	1st Upton	Suzanne Taylor	18th Chester
Mark Howcroft	5th Blacon	Ian Tindell	35th Chester
Joseph Hughes	8th Chester	Christine Todd	18th Chester
June Hughes	1st Upton	James Walls	5th Blacon
Stuart Jackson	1st Upton	Christopher Webb	1st Saltney
Christopher Jardine	14th Chester	Gavin Whitley	1st Saltney
Daniel Johns	25th Chester	Derek Whittingham	1st Upton
Lawrence Johnson	17th Chester	Alan Wigglesworth	1st Saughall
Chris Jones	40th Chester	Mark Wigglesworth	1st Saughall
Nigel Jones	14th Chester	Diane Williams	18th Chester
Pam Jones	40th Chester	Hugh Williams	Fellowship
Trevor Jones	40th Chester	Joy Williams	14th Chester
Michael Kelly	1st Saltney	Thomas Williams	40th Chester
Michael Kirby	1st Saltney	Jeremy Willes	17th Chester
Andrew Knowles	5th Blacon	Eric Wilson	35th Chester
Barry Langford	14th Chester	Chris Wood	1st Saltney
Andrew Lavender	1st Saltney	Neil Woodward	1st Upton
Andrew Leach	1st Saughall	Emma Wright	1st Upton
James Leach	1st Saughall	James Wright	48th Chester
Michael Lee	1st Guilden Sutton		



# SCOUTABOUT 1990



## FIRST HALF

- One ..... The Gang's All Here
- Two ..... Can Can Girls  
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- Three ..... Lilliput
- Four ..... Belles and Bells
- Five ..... Up Girls and At 'Em
- Six ..... Mums  
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- Seven ..... Granma
- Eight ..... Oranges  
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- Nine ..... Round the Table  
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- Ten ..... Hometown

## INTERVAL

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## SECOND HALF

- One ..... The Lady Jives
- Two ..... Angus McDonald
- Three ..... Henry VIIIth
- Four ..... British Pantomime
- Five ..... Don't Do It Nellie
- Six ..... Love
- Seven ..... Historical Moments
- Eight ..... Presents  
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- Nine ..... Happy Ending  
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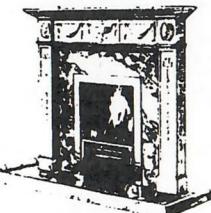
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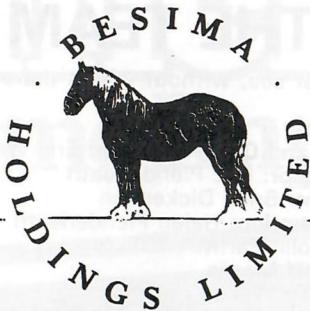
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Production Assistant: Brian Dickenson  
Production Administration: Helen Plenderleath  
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Stage Director: Geoff Morris  
Stage Manager: Brian Wilkes  
Cub Scout Gang Organiser: Lesley Pritchard assisted by D. Wood  
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Gang Wardrobe Team: S. Dickenson, I. Evans, J. Evans  
L. McIntyre, G. Power, J. Scott, A. Sumpter  
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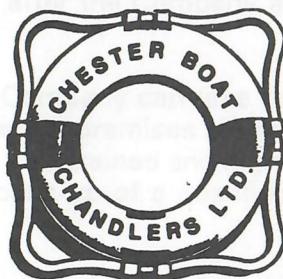
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8. 1920, Olympia, London
9. Ralph Reader
10. Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh
11. October 1967
12. October 1982

## SCOUT HISTORY QUIZ

1. Who was the founder of the Scout Movement?
2. When and where did this begin?
3. When was the first proper Scout Camp held?
4. 'Scouting for Boys' was first published in . . .?
5. 'Junior Scouts' were renamed in 1916 to '.....'?
6. When did 'Wolf Cubs' become 'Cub Scouts'?
7. How were Senior Scouts renamed in 1918?
8. When and where was the first World Jamboree held?
9. Who was the creator of the 'Gang Show'?
10. Who is the present Chief Scout?
11. When was the Venture Scout section launched?
12. When were 'Beavers' introduced?

*Answers on Page 20*

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17th Chester Cub Scouts  
25th Chester Scout Group  
48th Chester Scout Group  
1st Christleton Cub Scouts  
(Tuesday)  
1st Tarporley Scout Group  
1st Tarvin Scout Group & others  
1st Tattenhall Scout Group  
1st Upton Cub Scouts

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4th Chester (St. Mary's) Guide Company  
1st Saughall Guide Company  
1st Winnington (Northwich) Scout Group  
18th Chester Scout Group  
25th Chester Centurion Cub Scouts  
35th Chester Cub Scouts  
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1st Saughall Cub Scouts

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## FRIDAY

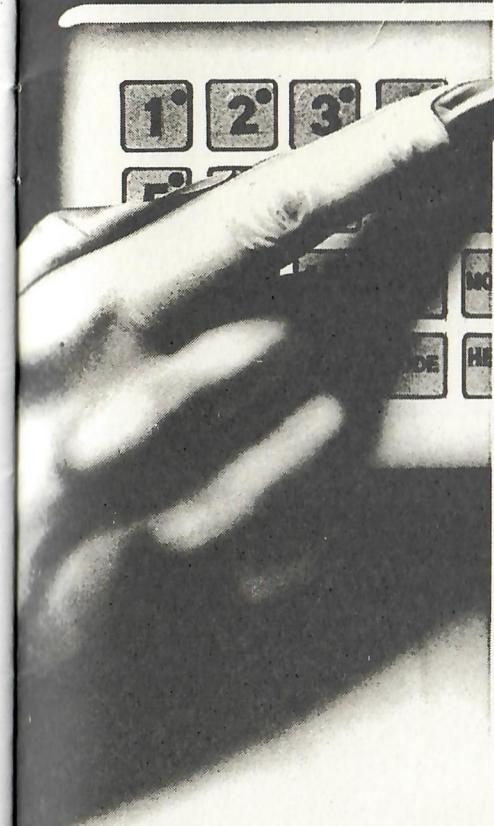
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1st Christleton Scout Group

## SATURDAY MATINEE

5th Chester Brownies  
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25th Chester Beavers

## SATURDAY EVENING

Knutsford Gang Show  
1st Malpas Scout Group



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