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Chester District Scout Gang Show, with its long standing tradition over a period of 44 productions, speaks for itself. It is very much part of the Chester scene, and I am proud to be associated with it.

Each year gives boys and girls the chance to take part in what is a wonderful experience for both them and the audience.

I congratulate all those who have made this year's production possible and wish Gang Show '99 every success.

David Nield

Lord Mayor



Producer's LETTER

Talk about "Old man trouble, you won't find him" - whatever Ira Gershwin was thinking about when he wrote the lyrics to "I Got Rhythm", it sure wasn't Gang Show. What a molehill we've climbed this year to get to the point where I'm able to welcome you, the live audience, to this performance.

Performance - that's what it's all geared to; the hours of rehearsal, scenery building, costume sewing, administration, fundraising and negotiation, and it's all done by a huge team of volunteers from across the District and beyond. As a team event involving Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders, Gang Show has no equal; it transcends Section boundaries and moulds 7 to 70 year-olds into a single all-dancing all-singing whole.

I would like to thank any and everyone who has had anything to do with the show so far. Although we couldn't do it without the enormous help and support of the team and the families behind the Gang, at the end of the day the show is a celebration of the talent in Chester Scouting. I am delighted to have your presence 'out front' and hope you enjoy the Show.

Matthew Davies

Matthew Davies
Producer

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Eric Wilson. He joined the Gang in 1964 and in 1965 became Assistant Producer responsible for all the choreography - a position he held for thirty years. Not only did he work out the stage routines but taught the Gangs what was needed for every production. He participated in sketches excelling in slapstick and comedy. He was a devoted Scoutabouter and will be sadly missed.

R.F.

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From the DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Yes, it's that time of year again; Gang Show's here. I'm sure that you along with me wish every success to Matthew and "The Gang" with this year's show.

There are not many District Commissioners in such an unrivalled position as myself, I am lucky enough to be part of Chester & District Scouting of which in my view the "Gang Show" plays one of the most important roles in the district calendar.

To many people it represents the public face of Scouting, but for me there is so much more – it is the culmination of months of effort by "The Gang", those members who put in long hours as part of the production team, business committee, those who help build scenery, making costumes, make-up, and backstage, along with the help and advice provided by the Gateway Theatre staff, all of which go to make up a successful show.

Sitting there watching the show you can't help but see the enjoyment that the young people and their leaders get out of it. Gang Show portrays the true image of Scouting, bringing people together from all walks of life with different backgrounds and abilities who have something to offer and who above all want new experiences in a **fun** way.

I would finally like to thank all those parents and friends who have helped "The Gang", and you, our audience for your support in an activity that continues to be a great Scouting tradition.

I hope that you all have a really great time here at **Gang Show '99**.

Glyn Jones

District Commissioner

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Kieron Bellis	8th Chester	Charly Jones	40th Chester
Francis Bonsall	1st Saltney	David Jones	25th Chester
Sam Brawn	1st Upton	Pam Jones	40th Chester
Christopher Brittain	1st Upton	Rachel Jones	25th Chester
Jonathan Brittain	1st Upton	Trevor Jones	40th Chester
Neil Brown	25th Chester	Michael Kerrich	1st Upton
Nicholas Bugler	18th Chester	Laura Kirby	1st Saltney
Jayne Challinor	Crusader VSU	David Kitchen	25th Chester
Jennifer Challinor	8th Chester	Richard Knight	25th Chester
Richard Clarke	25th Chester	Katie Lockett	1st Saltney
Daniel Coates	40th Chester	Douglas McLaren	1st Guilden Sutton
Veronica Collins	1st Upton	Brian McMahon	18th Chester
Vicki Courtney	Fellowship	Andrew Meakin	25th Chester
Matthew Crompton	25th Chester	John Mullock	25th Chester
Robert Damiao	44th Chester	Niall Murphy	1st Saltney
Matthew Davies	Fellowship	Christopher Newton	1st Upton
Naomi Deakin	1st Guilden Sutton	Paul Oldfield	1st Upton
Joseph Dickinson	35th Chester	Ben Parry	1st Saltney
Daniel Erskine	35th Chester	Kayleigh Parry	1st Saltney
Edward Evans	1st Tilston	Rebecca Payne	8th Chester
Vicky Fellows	District	Daniel Peck	1st Upton
David Frith	42nd Chester	Luke Peck	1st Upton
Laura Goff	8th Chester	Nikki Pinches	1st Saughall
Callum Gray	1st Upton	Paul Ramsay	1st Upton
Melanie Hall	1st Christleton	Ross Renshaw	40th Chester
Luke Hanmer	1st Tilston	Michael Shakesby	1st Upton
Keith Harding	1st Christleton	Steve Shone	18th Chester
Oliver Harding	1st Christleton	Catherine Taker	1st Christleton
Allison Horne	1st Upton	Dale Warburton	40th Chester
Helen Horne	1st Upton	Richard Waterhouse	25th Chester
June Hughes	District	Matthew White	1st Upton
Philip Ingram	5th Blacon	Gail Williams	1st Saltney
Wayne Ingram	5th Blacon	Nathaniel Wren	1st Tilston
Lucy Jackson	1st Upton		

MUSICIANS

Musical Director & Arranger: **Colin Parfitt**

Music Associate & Rehearsal Accompanist: **Tim Dowson**

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First HALF

- 1 Go To Town**
- 2 Doctor and His Little Black Bag**
- 3 Circus**
- 4 Jack and the Beanstalk**
- 5 Service With a Smile**
- 6 Carrots**
- 7 The Tramp**
- 8 That's T.H.A.T.**

There will be an Interval of 15 minutes

No photography in the Auditorium please.

Gang Show is based on an idea, and using material,
by the late Ralph Reader CBE

Second HALF

- 1 Tribute to the Blues Brothers**
- 2 Love, Love, Love**
- 3 Under the Sea**
- 4 An Inspector Calls**
- 5 Road-Builders**
- 6 All At Sea**
- 7 I Know My Place**
- 8 Goodnight**

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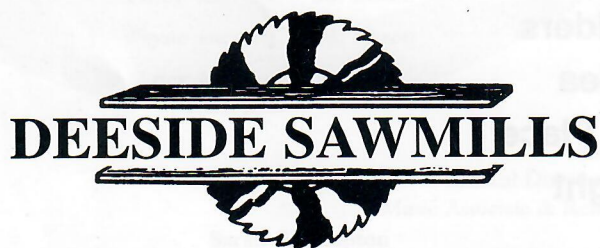
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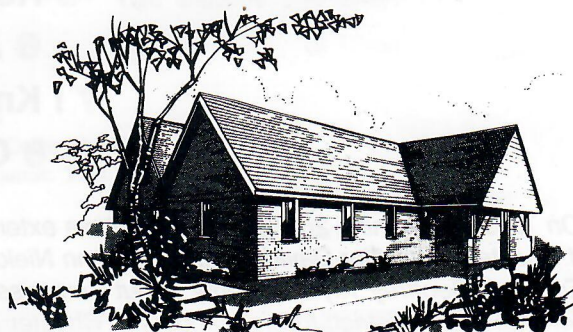
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Choreographer: **Allison Horne**
Assistant Producers: **Allison Horne & Richard Clarke**
Production Assistants: **Vicky Fellows & Alison Johnson**
Assistant Choreographer: **Vicki Courtney**

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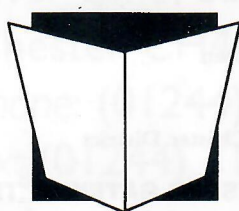
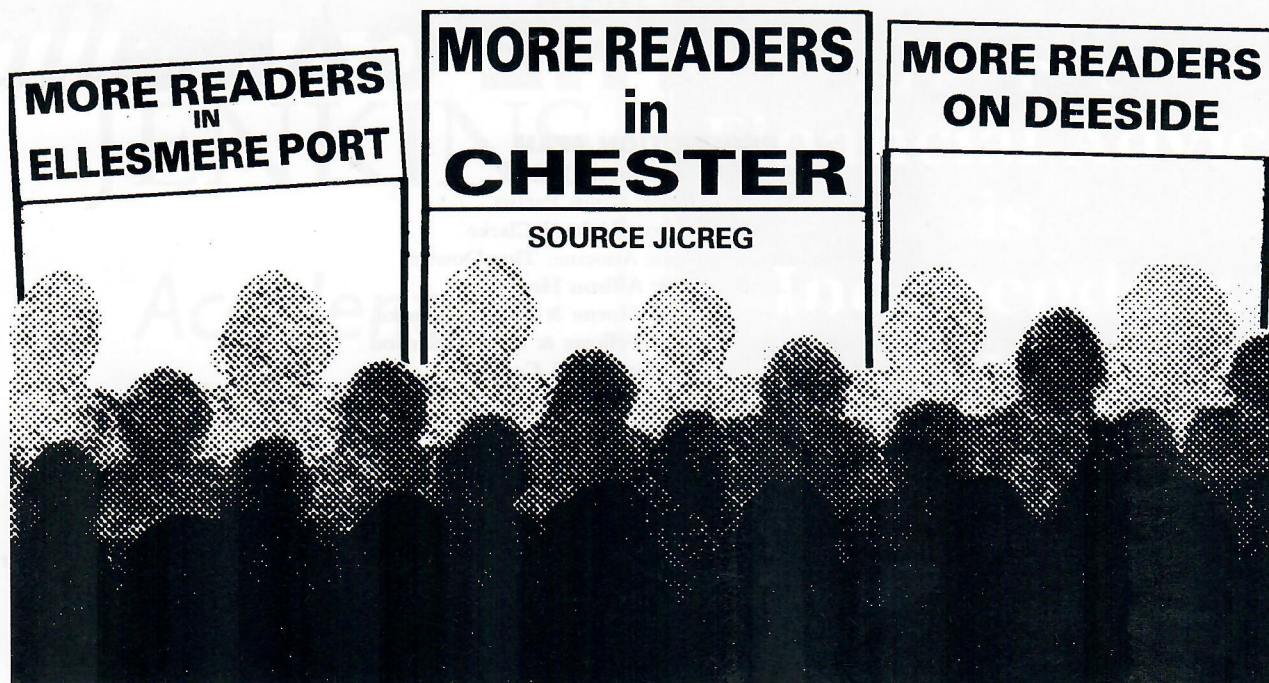
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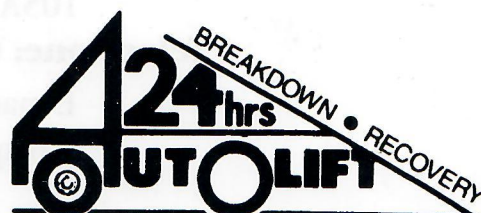
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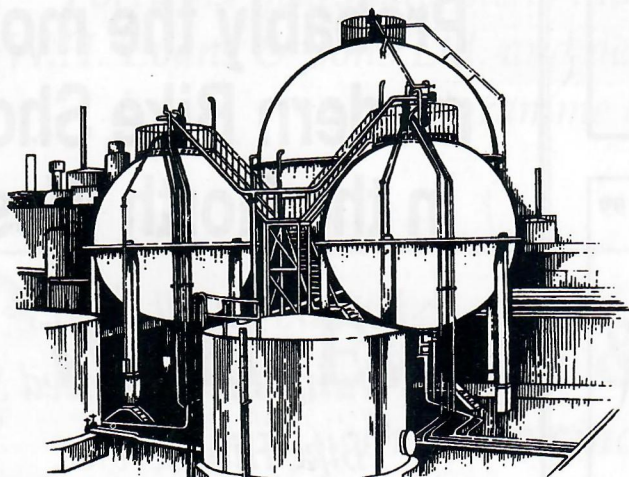
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