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# City of Chester

As a long-time admirer of the Scouting Movement and parent of two daughters and five grandchildren many of whom have participated in the Scout Movement. I am particularly pleased to be able to support the 2015 Chester Gang show. The annual event in Chester's rich calendar of cultural activities is a wonderful opportunity for Chester District Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to display their talents to Chester at large.

The Sheriff's Lady joins me in sending best wishes to all the participants and volunteers for a successful show. Our thanks and congratulations also go to all those dedicated people who have worked so hard to produce such a fantastic occasion for everyone to enjoy.

We hope you all have an enjoyable evening.

*Herbert Manley*

Sheriff of Chester



LETTER FROM

## THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Chester & District welcome you to our Gang Show.

This is just one of the many successful activities that are organised annually by the District and it involves both our youth members and adult volunteers. I am delighted to present to you the 59th Chester Gang Show. This production is a great forum for the youth members to perform, sing and dance with the full support of the adults within our District. Scouting activities such as Gang Show involve an immense amount of time and effort and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed. The activities we offer are paramount to the success of Scouting in Chester & District which continues to go from strength to strength.

I hope that you enjoy the show.

*Joanne Turner*

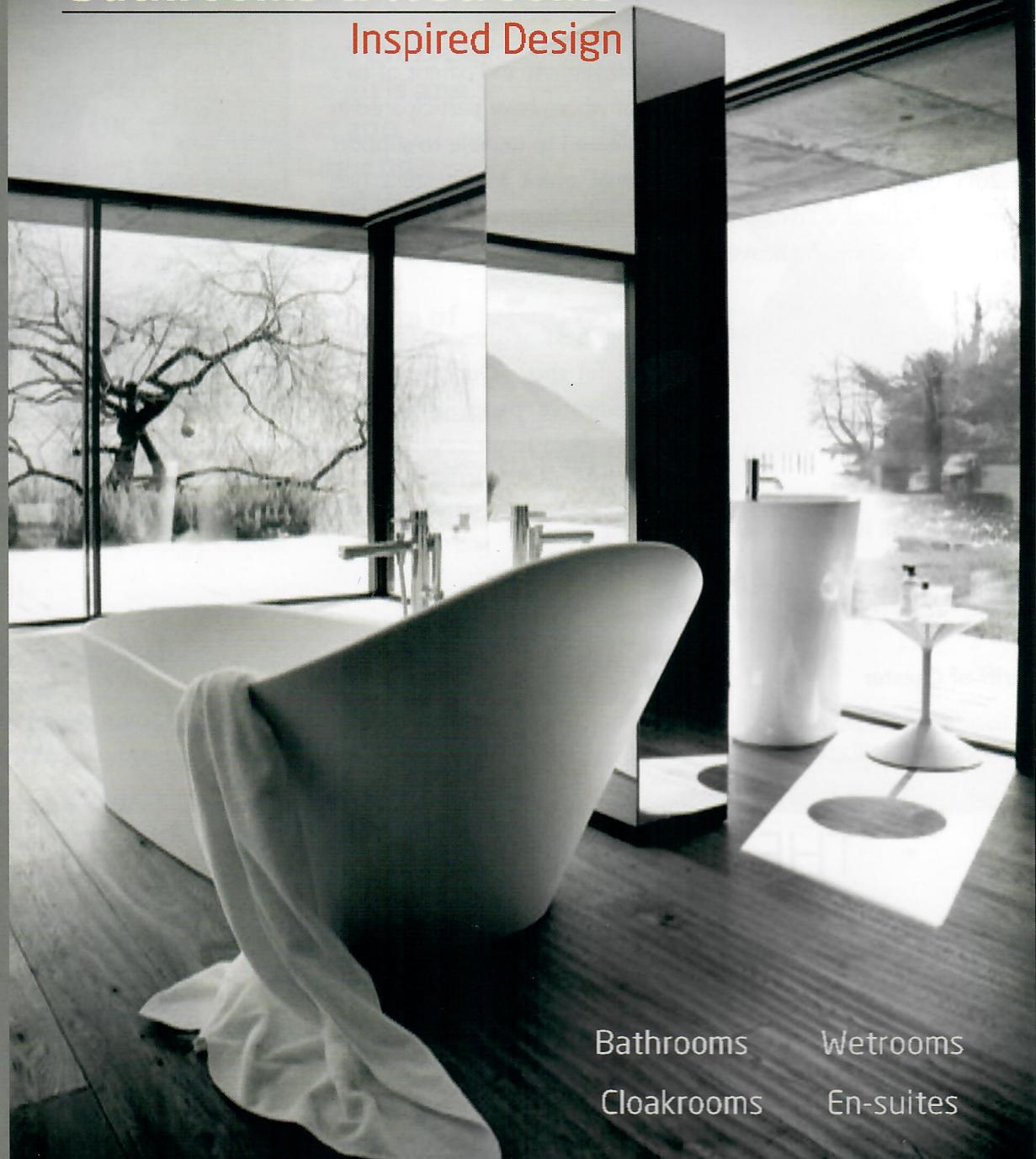
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# PRODUCER'S LETTER

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 59th Chester Gang Show, the "Best Show Ever"; Well someone has to do it.

I have been conscious that we are on the run up to our 60th Anniversary show in 2016 and have tried to think ahead as well as for this show, without peaking too soon! For the past 8 years I have been Producer & the show seems to have gone from strength to strength. We are always looking for a challenge and new ways of doing things. So, I hope that you will find a good balance of some "old favourites" right through to those specially written, plus items adapted, by a number of our "in house" production team. Without this level of help and dedication, Chester Gang Show would not be what it is today!

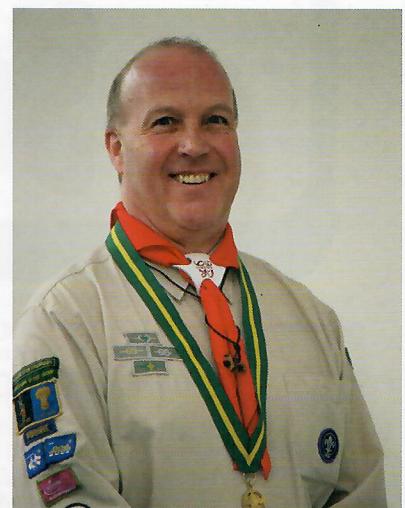
I would therefore like to express my sincere thanks to the whole team supporting Gang Show 2015 and to the many other people, both within & outside Scouting, for their support and loyalty to the show, and for giving the opportunity to the Gang to continue this annual Scouting activity. All concerned have been tireless in their enthusiasm and have been fantastic to work with. They are a credit to themselves and their Scout Groups. I would also like to express my gratitude to our Gang Show active support members for their continued commitment and help, in organising and running yet another successful fun-filled Gang Show camp.

Another achievement was the Chamboree 2014 Camp. We were asked to write and perform the story of "Chambo", the camp superhero during three performances at the camp, performed by our own Gang Show cast of Scouts and Explorers. These young people also took on the challenge, at short notice, to provide and perform as the entertainment team "ChamboreeX", every evening. This was a gruelling effort but such a great experience, performing to about 5000 fellow Scouts. It was all made possible by three very dedicated members of our production team and I am extremely proud of everyone involved. If you would like to be part of Gang Show in the future, please get in touch.

Finally, I must thank you, our audience, for your continued support. Without you we simply would not be able to do it, and so give young people the opportunity and experience they may otherwise never get. So, sit back and let the members of Chester and District Scout Gang Show brighten your day with singing, dancing and laughter.

Keith Harding

Producer



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**Toby Abbott**

Have a fabulous time!! Love from Mum, Dad and Daniel

**Cal Rawson**

Enjoy your 5th Gang Show and last as a Scout. Love Mum, Dad and Matt

**Reuben Sharp**

Have a great time at your 1st Gang Show. Good luck, Love Dad and Shell

**Jessica Clish**

Have a wonderful Gang Show, enjoy yourself. Love Mum & Dad

**Olivia Hickson**

Good luck in your 1st Gang Show. Enjoy every second. Love Mum, Dad & Paddy x.

**Blake Edgar**

Good luck in your 1st Gang Show. Sing loud, have fun and SMILE!! Love Grandma.

**Phoebe Edgar**

Have a great time all week. Enjoy, sing out and SMILE!! Love Grandma.

**Jessica Taker**

Good luck, break a leg, you're a star. Love Grandma!

**Toby Davies**

Don't slip with the knife Dr. D'Eath – break a leg instead.

**Anna Davies**

To Anna – enjoy your 1st appearance in Chester Gang Show. We love you lots Mum, Dad, Grandma & Grandad x.

**Esme**

Good luck Esme. Love Mum, Dad, Queenie and Bruno

**Ben Crerand**

Have fun this week. We're so proud of you in all you do. Love Mum & Dad

**Grace Crerand**

Enjoy your 1st Gang Show. We're very proud of you. Love Mum & Dad

**Rex Parker**

Have a great week, we're very proud! Love Mummy & Daddy.

**Madison**

Good luck Madison. You are our star. Love Mummy, Daddy & Michael xxx.

**Dillon & Lucy**

Good luck in your 1st Beaver show Lucy and your 1st Cub show Dillon. Love you, Mum

**Daniel and Leo Young**

Good luck. Have a fun week, we are very proud of you. Love Mum, Dad and Alice

**Jess, Victoria, Cat & Nick**

Another great show in the making. So proud of you all. Love Nanny & Poppa, Mum & Dad.

**Joseph Shone**

Have fun in your 3rd Gang Show "Our little star" Nana Jill and Grandad Wilf

**Oliver and Beth Hynds**

Good luck Oliver & Beth on your 6th and 1st show! Love Mum & Dad

**Dylan Cantly**

Have a fantastic time. Do NOT break a leg!! Love Mum, Dad & Rowan x.

**Jess Taker**

Good luck to my Shining Star. Love you lots like jelly tots. Mum x.

**Phoebe & Blake Edgar**

Good luck, sing loud and smile. Loves Ya. Aunty Vicky and Jess x.

**Angus & Rory Jones**

We're so proud of you brilliant boys, go for it. Love Mum & Dad

**Brendan Collins**

Have fun in the 'best show ever'. We are so proud! Love Mum & Dad

**Jack & Emma Whittingham**

Jack & Emma enjoy yourselves in the 2015 Gang Show. Lots of love Mum & Dad

**GANG OF 2015**

Hi Gang, Break a leg and have the "Best Show Ever!" Love from Rachel & Keith

**Grace Robson-Traynor**

Have a fab time living the dream honey, we love you to the moon and back from Mam & Dad

**Joshua Didsbury**

Enjoy yourself Josh, we love you lots Mum, Dad, Becca and all the family x.

**Isabel Roberts**

Good luck in your first Gang Show. Have fun! Love from Mum, Dad & Amelia x.

**Ben Griffiths**

Enjoy yourself! We are so proud of you. Love Mum, Dad, Toby and all the family xxx..

**Declan Bolam**

Good luck Declan love from Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandad and all your brothers!

**Sadie Robinson**

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**Good luck everyone!**

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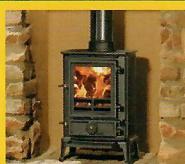
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Pictured are (Standing L to R); Brandon Hone, Briony Vickers, Cathan Rumney and Joseph Berry; (Seated L to R); Alistair Grant, Leia Appleyard and Tom Gibson.

Together they have had to raise over £23,000 to cover both the cost of their own trip and also supporting Scouts from poorer countries to attend.

More information is available on [www.23wsj.jp](http://www.23wsj.jp)

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In the Cub item, Tales of Old Sherwood, "Do the Rockin' Robin" and "Let's go to the Fayre", music and lyrics by Nick Perrin, are performed under license from Starshine Music Limited.

In addition, much other original material, musical items, routines etc. have been devised and choreographed by members of the production team who are indebted to their many sources of inspiration. More comprehensive details are available at [www.chestergangshow.net](http://www.chestergangshow.net)



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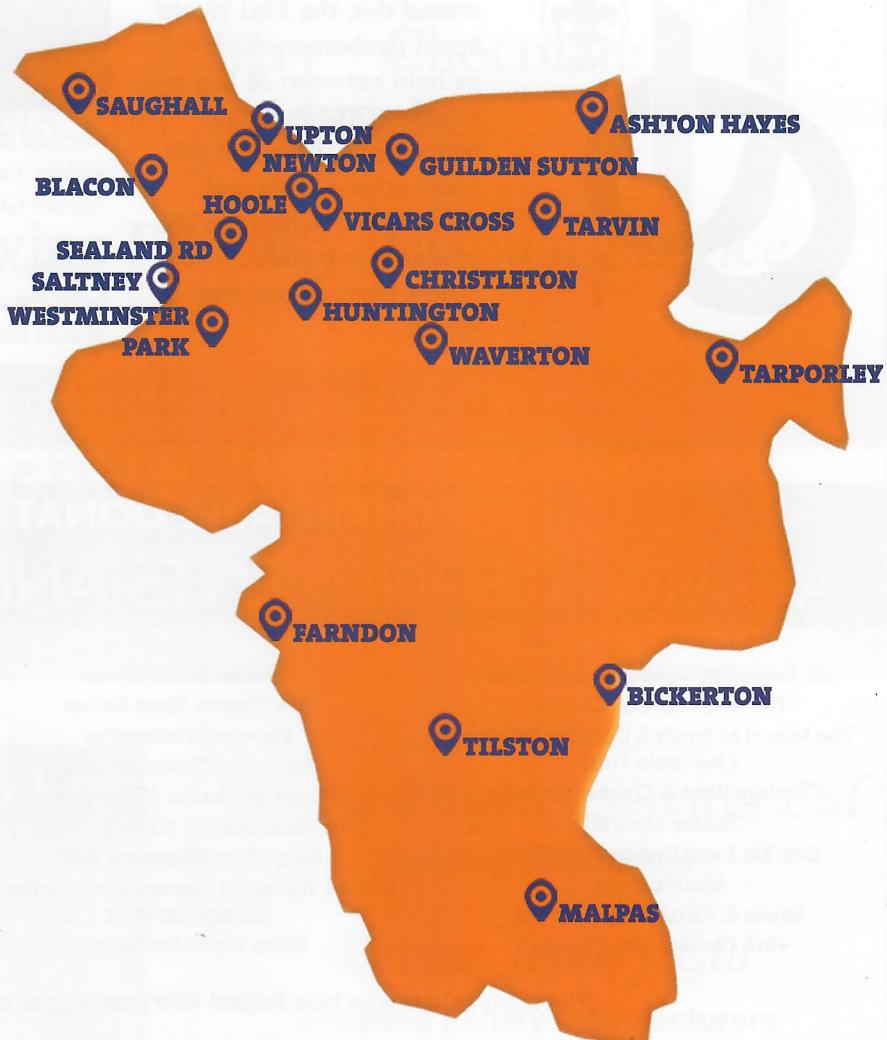
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- 5 TIMBER
- 6 TALES OF OLD SHERWOOD
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- 8 HOW IRISH DANCING BEGAN
- 9 FEEL THA' FUNK

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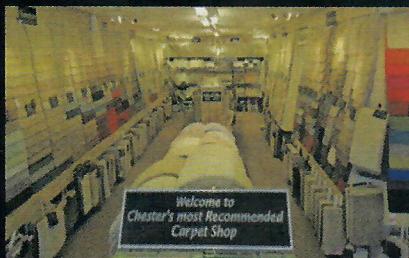
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Jennifer Challinor	8th Chester	Joshua Jones	40th Chester
Alex Coker	Dewa ESU	Kelly Jones	40th Chester
Brendan Collins	Cestrian	Pam Jones	40th Chester
Kristy Collins	Cestrian	Rory Jones	1st Saltney
Victoria Courtney	Cestrian	Trevor Jones	40th Chester
Benjamin Crerand	40th Chester	Emily Lambert	40th Chester
Anna Davies	Cestrian	Richard Johnson	42nd Chester
Toby Davies	Dewa ESU	Harry Lloyd-Brown	Cestrian
Isaac Deakin	1st Tarporley	Sylvine Maguire	5th Blacon
Joshua Didsbury	Cestrian	Collette McManus	Dewa ESU
Alex Dodd	Dewa ESU	Graeme Mochrie	Dewa ESU
Ailis Duggan	Dewa ESU	Ethan Murray	Wolf ESU
Phoebe Edgar	8th Chester	George O'Brien	Dewa ESU
Laura Farrington	Dewa ESU	Cal Rawson	40th Chester
Nathan Farrington	Cestrian	Isabel Roberts	1st Upton-by-Chester
Charlotte Feeley	40th Chester	Finn Spry	40th Chester
Ronnie Fisher	8th Chester	Amy Steaton	40th Chester
Hugh Gibson	Dewa ESU	Dawn Steaton	8th Chester
Tom Gibson	Dewa ESU & 23rd WSJ	Duncan Steaton	SAS
Ben Griffiths	40th Chester	Jessica Taker	SAS
Bev Hall	1st Christleton	Sandra Taker	Spartan ESU
Keith Harding	Cestrian	Victoria Taker	SAS
Katie Heaps	Quay ESU	Charlotte Taylor	8th Chester
Olivia Hickson	1st Upton-by-Chester	Joanna Taylor	42nd Chester
Charly Hillier	40th Chester	William Taylor	1st Christleton
Cat Hirst	DESC	Grace Traynor	40th Chester
Nick Hirst	1st Christleton	Mark Turnbull	1st Ashton & Manley
Denise Huxley	Cestrian	Briony Vickers	Spartan ESU
Oliver Hynds	1st Christleton	Jack Whittingham	Dewa ESU & 23rd WSJ
Pippa Inkster	Spartan ESU		8th Chester

# CUBS

Toby Abbott	42nd Chester	Charlie Jelfs	18th Chester
Rebecca Baker	5th Blacon	William Jessop	Cestrian
Andrew Barratt	Cestrian	Thomas Lloyd-Brown	Cestrian
Jason Bishop	Cestrian	Dillon Maguire	8th Chester
William Caley	8th Chester	Billy Jon McMullon	40th Chester
Dylan Carty	18th Chester	Andrew Parkinson	1st Waverton
Jessica Clish	18th Chester	Esme Rippon	42nd Chester
Grace Crerand	40th Chester	Sadie Robinson	42nd Chester
Alicia Dixon	18th Chester	Reuben Sharp	18th Chester
Frankie Hart	42nd Chester	Joseph Shone	42nd Chester
Jennifer Hooper	18th Chester	Emma Shortall	18th Chester
Beth Hynds	1st Christleton	Emma Whittingham	8th Chester
Samuel Jarmain	42nd Chester	Daniel Young	42nd Chester

# BEAVERS

Jessica Baker	5th Blacon	Lucy Maguire	5th Blacon
Lewis Barratt	Cestrian	Rex Parker	42nd Chester
Isaac Berry	18th Chester	Douglas Parkinson	1st Waverton
Harvey Burke	8th Chester	Henry Strowbridge	42nd Chester
Blake Edgar	8th Chester	Finlay Woodcock Daniels	42nd Chester
Madison Fisher	8th Chester	Leo Young	42nd Chester

## GANG SHOW 2015 – THE BAND

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## CONTACTS

If you are interested in helping with the Show, or in becoming a Gang member, or you would like further information regarding Scouting in Chester, please contact one of the following by phone:

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# NEW FACES

This is my first year in Gang Show and I've loved every minute of it, from Gang Camp to rehearsals. It's great because you get to meet so many new people and make loads of new friends who you wouldn't know if this opportunity had not been available for Scouts in my area. I also have learnt a wide variety of new skills ranging from teamwork and confidence to learning dance routines. I was really pleased that despite me being one of the new Gang members, I was handed a speaking part in the item Home by Christmas, as well as being involved in various other items. So here's a big thank you to all the producers, directors, tech team, costume and makeup artists and the Gang members for helping me to have so much fun and making me feel so welcome.

By Joshua Didsbury

My interest in The Gang Show started when I first watched it at The King's School. I really enjoyed it and thought I'd like to give it a go.

The auditions took place last year when I went along with two of my friends. It was the first time for us all. I was nervous and excited at the same time. All the people who run The Gang Show were all very friendly and put us at ease. The following weekend The Gang went away together to Tattenhall overnight. We got to know more people and had lots of fun doing the teamwork activities. My favourite part was the pyjama /obstacle course game which we took part in, outside on the Sunday, just before we went home.

Since that weekend there have been lots of rehearsals. They are held on a Sunday but as it's got nearer to the show, you also go on a Saturday. Some of the rehearsals are long, your feet can ache with all the dancing but it is worth it as it's fun. Turning up each week does take commitment and can get in the way of other things. With all the rehearsals though, I feel prepared for the shows. I'm looking forward to my first Gang Show, especially as my friend is in it too. I would recommend it to other Scouts because it's been a great experience, a chance to have fun and make new friends.

By Isabel Roberts

# THE TEAM BEHIND THE GANG

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer .....Keith Harding  
Assistant Producer .....John Lambert  
Musical Director and Arranger .....Colin Parfitt  
Directors and Choreographers .....Keith Harding, Rachel Harding, Victoria Courtney, John Lambert, Nick Hirst, Cat Hirst, Mark Turnbull, Richard Clarke, Jenny Challinor, Amy Steaton, Trevor Jones, Jessica Taker, Alex Davies, Ronnie Fisher, Ailis Duggan  
Gang Organiser .....Richard Clarke

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Stage Director .....John Lambert  
Technical Stage Manager .....Geoff Morris  
Stage Manager .....Nick Hirst  
Lighting Design & Rigging .....Craig Turnbull, Martin Formstone, Simon Ashton, Daniel Salmon  
Amplification, SFX & Microphones .....Wim Roose assisted by Tom Wilberforce & Chester & District Explorer Scouts  
Scenery Manager .....Steve Huxley  
Scenery Design and Construction .....Steve Huxley, Gary Warburton, Dale Warburton, Phil Turnbull, Nick Hirst, Grahame Polley, Mal Vickers, Mel Owen  
Stage Crew .....Steve Huxley, Phil Turnbull, Gary Warburton, Dale Warburton, Grahame Polley, Mal Vickers, Mel Owen

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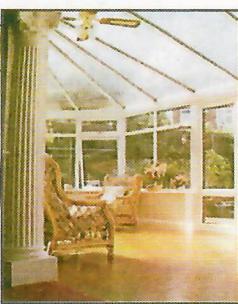
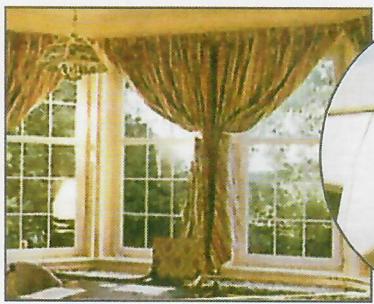


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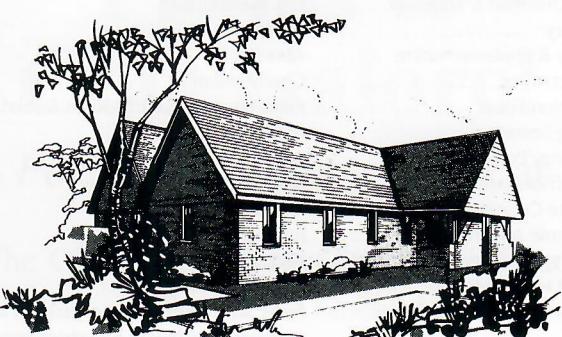
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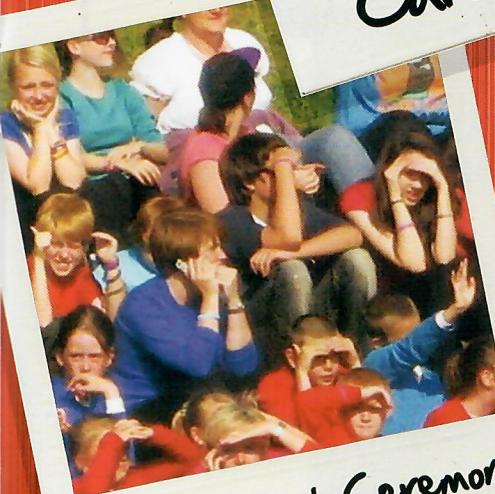
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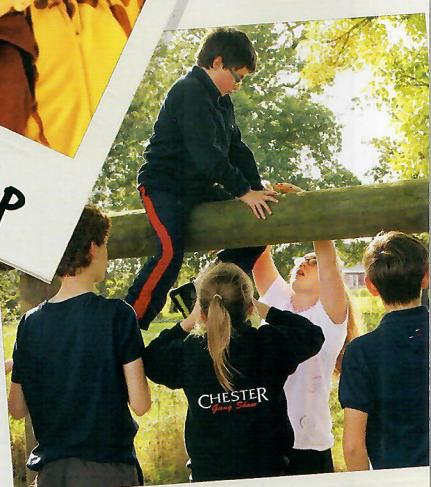
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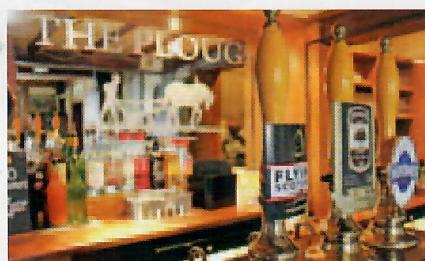
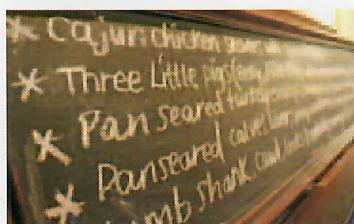
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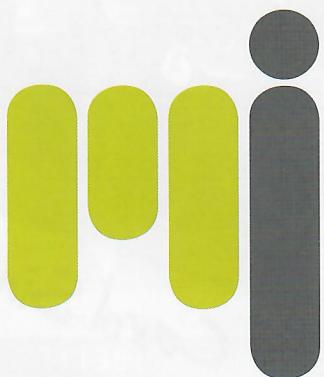
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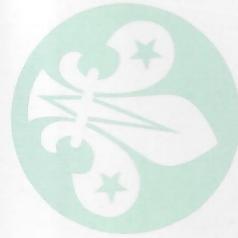
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