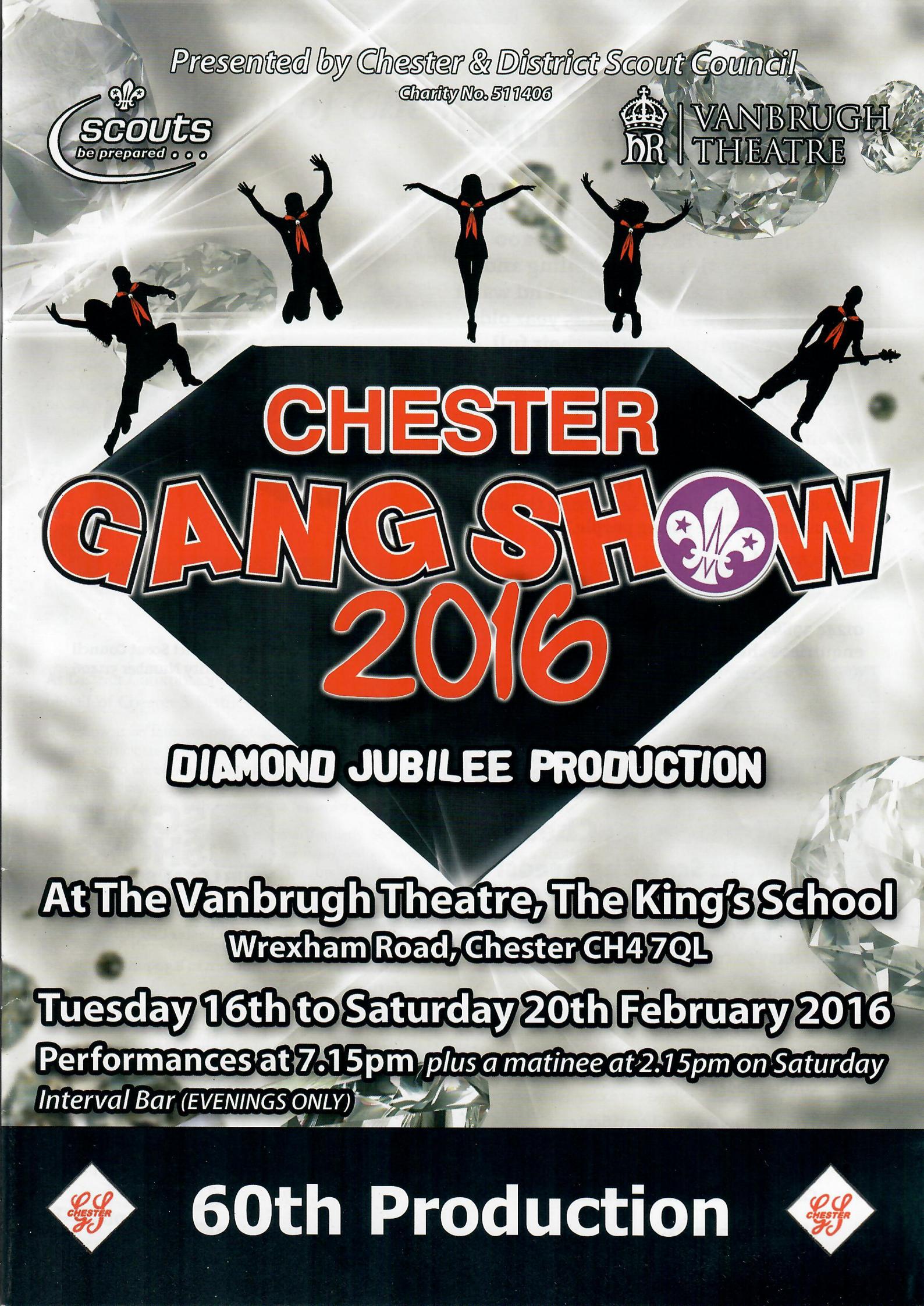


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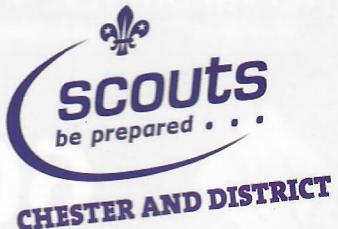
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As a Cub, a Scout and these days Chair of a Scout Troop Committee, I am always pleased to support the Scouting Movement whenever possible. The Chester Gang Show holds many fond memories for me personally, and I am sure this year's event will be equally memorable for all those who take part.

This 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 Lady Mayoress 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!

Hugo Deynem

Lord Mayor



LETTER FROM

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

As District Commissioner I have the honoured task to welcome you on behalf of Chester & District Scouts to our 60th Gangshow.

Gangshow is an intricate part of Scouting in Chester and has seen so many young people participate in many different ways. This year we see the introduction of new thoughts and ideas including our Producer mentoring the first Youth Producer. This is an excellent introduction working towards Scouting Vision for 2018 'Shaped by Young People in partnership with Adults'. This is something we will build upon in the future.

To have reached the 60th Gang Show (formerly Scoutabout) in the District is a tremendous achievement. Memories for many will go back to their time as a youth member performing at the Royalty Theatre, ABC Cinema and also the Gateway Theatre. Many people have been involved in the show at some stage of their Scouting career and families will have had several generations who have enjoyed the delights of being a part of the 'gang' either on stage or behind the scenes. It is always amazing to discover that there are as many helping off stage and behind the scenes as there are performing.

My personal memories go back to days helping at the Gateway Theatre selling programmes as a Brownie and Guide; performing on stage as a Venture Scout and a Leader, then working backstage and front of house for many years that followed. Every role I had was great fun and the camaraderie fantastic. As the years passed my children became part of the gang as Scouts and Explorers, a time they thoroughly enjoyed. It has certainly been a long association with Gang Show for me and I'm sure it has been a family affair for many others too.

As a District we are incredibly proud of everyone who has worked extremely hard to produce this excellent show. I hope that you enjoy watching the show as much as the Gang have enjoyed putting it together for you.

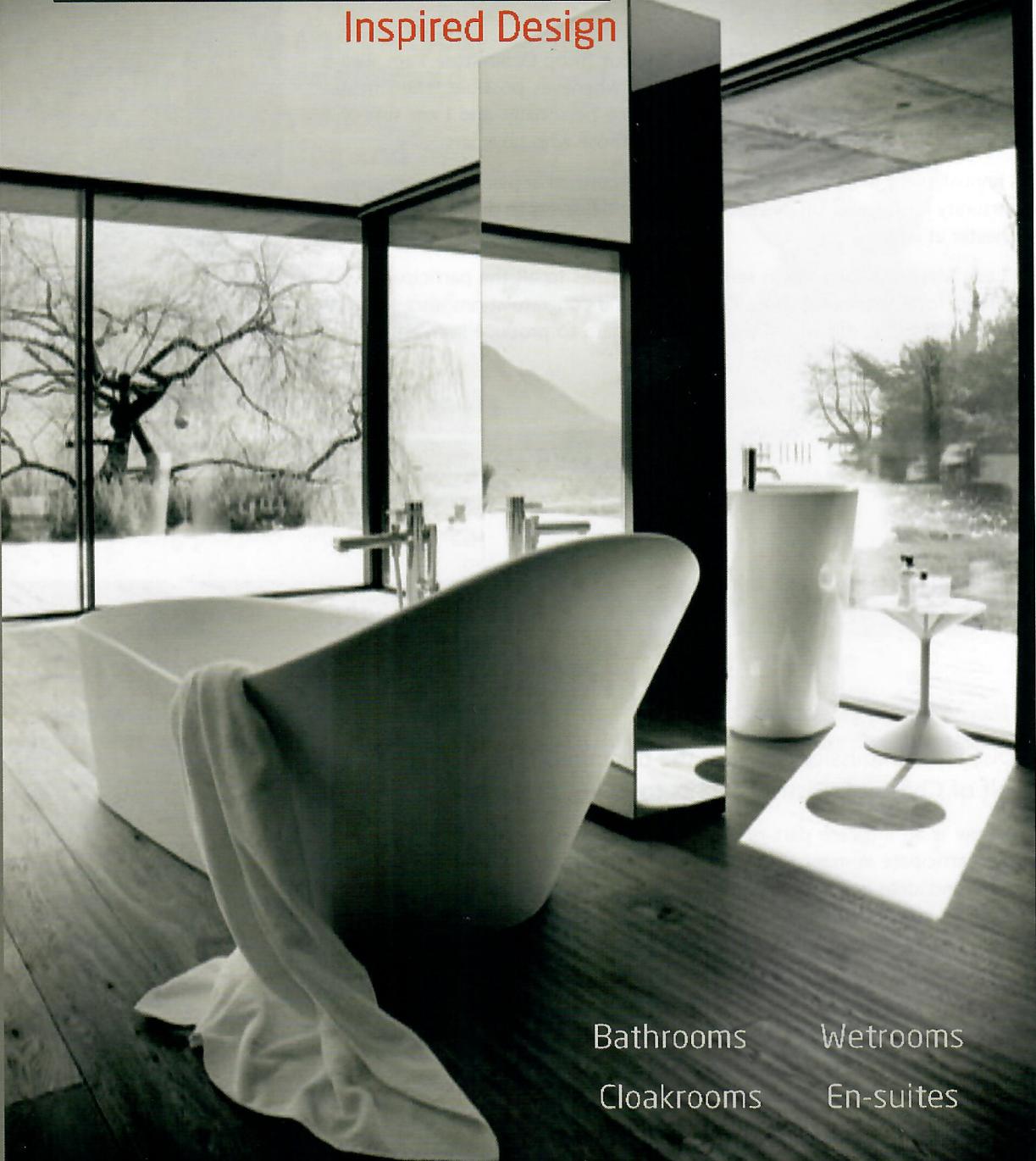
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Joanne Turner

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PRODUCER'S LETTER

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 60th Diamond Jubilee Production of Chester Gang Show.

I have been conscious over the past few years of our run up to the 60th Diamond Jubilee Production this year and have tried to think ahead so that we didn't peak too soon, but only you can decide that! The challenge this year was to try and create our best show ever whilst incorporating some items adapted from our not too distant past. The gang were asked to choose and vote for a previous item to include which unanimously resulted in "Loser Like Me" being chosen because it had such a powerful message for us all to learn from. We have stretched ourselves, quite literally, this year with the level and content of choreography which I'm sure you will agree is excellent. I think our directors and choreographers have excelled this year and the young people have again risen to the challenge. 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 2016 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.

We continue to empower our young people and have this year appointed a "Youth Producer" following a ballot of the youth gang members, this role will continue to develop over time. We also welcomed new youth members to the production team.

This year we say goodbye to Ged Roose our Chairman who has been involved with every show from the first in 1953 and is a wealth of knowledge and experience, on behalf of the gang I would like to wish him well in his "retirement".

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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Ben & Adam Roberts

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Toby Davies

Have a fab time. Love Stephanie

Anna Davies

Dance, Sing, Enjoy. Love Stephanie

Daniel & Leo Young

Good Luck, have a great week. Very proud of you both. Love Mum, Dad, Alice and all the family

Dillon & Lucy Maguire

Good Luck for the show. Love Mum & Dad

Esme & Bruno

Good Luck guys. We are very proud of you both. Love Mum, Dad & Ishbel

Nadine Garland

Good Luck in your first Gang Show. Break a leg. Love Mum & Dad

Ruben Abbott Beck

Good Luck Ruben, can't wait to see the show. Love Mummy, Daddy & Lottie xxx

Ruben Abbott Beck

We are so proud of you Ruben. Well Done! Lots of Love Nana & Grandad

Jennifer Hooper

Good Luck to our ★ in your 1st Gang Show as a scout. So proud of you. Love Mum, Dad, Chris x & Auntie Fiona x.

Jack & Emma Whittingham

Good Luck in your 6th Gang Show. Love from Mum & Dad xx

Phoebe & Blake Edgar & Jess Taker

Have a great show, smile and enjoy it. You are stars in our eyes. Love Grandma, Mummy & Daddy

Taker & Hirst Clan

Here's to another great show. So proud of all you have achieved. Love Mum, Dad, Poppa & Nanny.

Any Steaton

Have a fantastic week, remember "Smile" as nan will be watching. Love Mum & Dad xx

Ben & Grace Crerand

Have a fantastic week. Were very proud of you both. Love Mum & Dad

Jessica Jones

Good Luck in your 1st Gang Show. Have fun and enjoy. Love Mummy, Daddy, Rachel, Imogen & Matthew

Jessica Jones

Sorry to miss the show. Have a great time. Enjoy yourself. Love Grandma & Grandpa

THE GANG OF 2016

Happy 60th birthday Gang. Shine bright like the diamonds that you are! Love Keith, Rachel & Ellie X

Hugh Samuel

Good Luck in your 1st Gang Show. Love Mum, Dad, Charlie, Thomas & Granny xx

Grace Robson-Traynor

We are so proud of you – have a great Gang Show and remember – SMILE! Mam & Dad X

Isaac Deakin

Have fun. Enjoy the week. You're all amazing. Best Wishes Naomi & Duncan (Edinburgh)

Jessica Clish

Good Luck as second visitor, we are very proud. Love Mum, Dad & Katya

Kai Carline

Break a leg, have a great week. Love Nannie, Chris, Mummy, Nate & Louise..

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Adam Cunning

Good Luck in your 7th Gang Show. Love from Mum, Dad & Nanna

Toby Mulholland

Enjoy your 1st ever Gang Show! You're our favourite clown. Love Mummy, Daddy & Aoife

Chloe & Joseph Shone

Both of you have a fantastic Gang Show. All our love Mum, Dad, Nanas & Grandads

Toby Abbott

Good Luck Toby. Have a great show. Love from Mum, Dad & Daniel.

Finley Woodcock-Daniels

Have a wonderful week. You are an inspiration. Love you so much. Daddy, Rafferty & Freya..

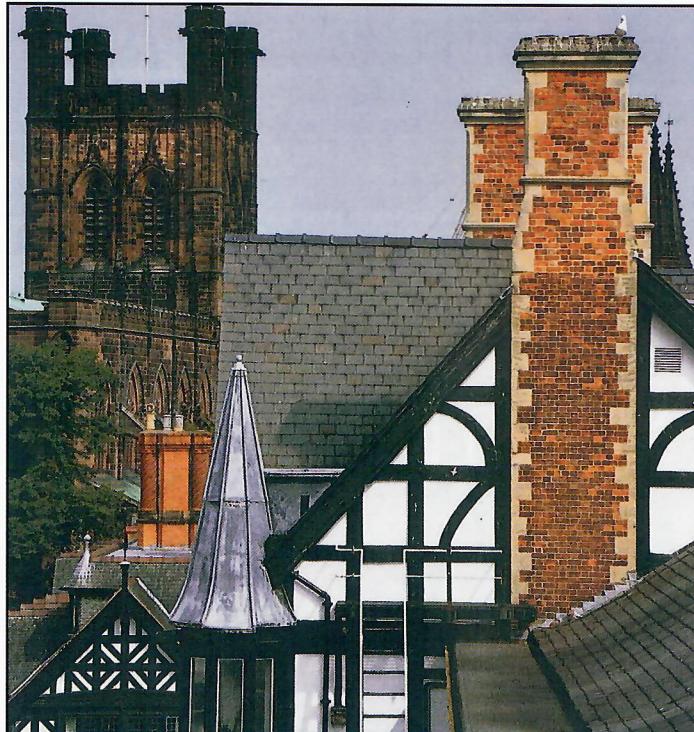
Oliva Hickson

Enjoy the show, we can't wait to see you on stage!! Love Mum, Dad & Paddy xx

Isabel Roberts

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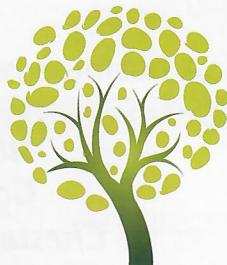
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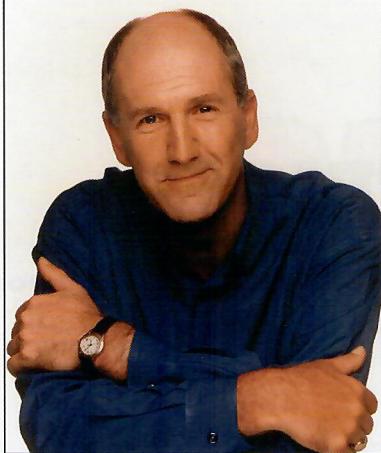
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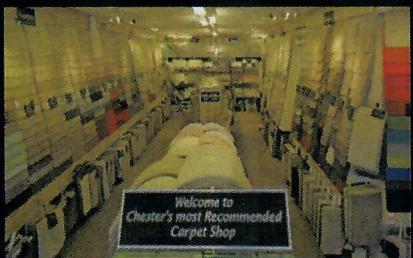
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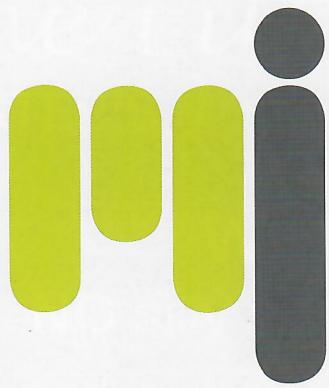
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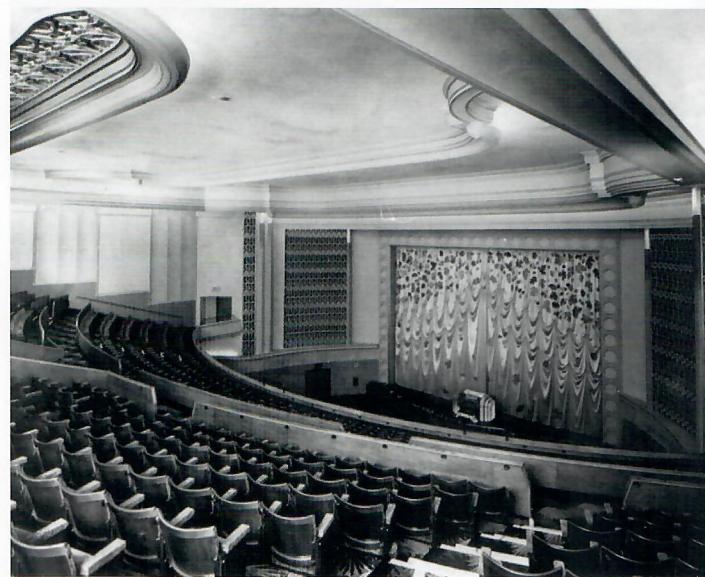
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A steadily shrinking band of those involved in this year's show were also at the sharp-end in 1953. Now in their sixties or the wrong side of 75; what, you may wonder, inspires them do it? Believe it or not, in spite of the panics and sleepless nights, there is a sort of peculiar satisfaction in being involved in this outfit. Our main claim to fame is that of being part of an institution started by Ralph Reader with the support (and in the presence) of Robert Baden-Powell, back in 1932. No one it seems; does it quite like we do. Some might offer a silent prayer of thanksgiving for small mercies!

But, as our Golden Jubilee slowly climbs over the horizon, there must be many thousands, (young and old), who still remember the fun and achievement of simply getting a show onto the stage. (Those looking for a course in the premier league of character-building and ingenuity, please apply within!) From the draughty corridors around the Cathedral Refectory in 1953, via the nostalgic Victoriana of the Royalty Theatre, (sadly now demolished), then the ABC Cinema 1967/8, we arrived at the Gateway Theatre in 1969, the first time that girls took part in the show.

At the Gateway, we received a great deal of support from the Artistic Director Julian Oldfield, (as we did from Dennis Critchley at the Royalty), & at the 21st show in 1973 during the 3 day week, the then Chief Scout, Sir William Gladstone & his wife came back stage to talk to the Gang. At this time, most of the material originated from Ralph Reader, but after his death in 1982 that supply of new material was cut off.

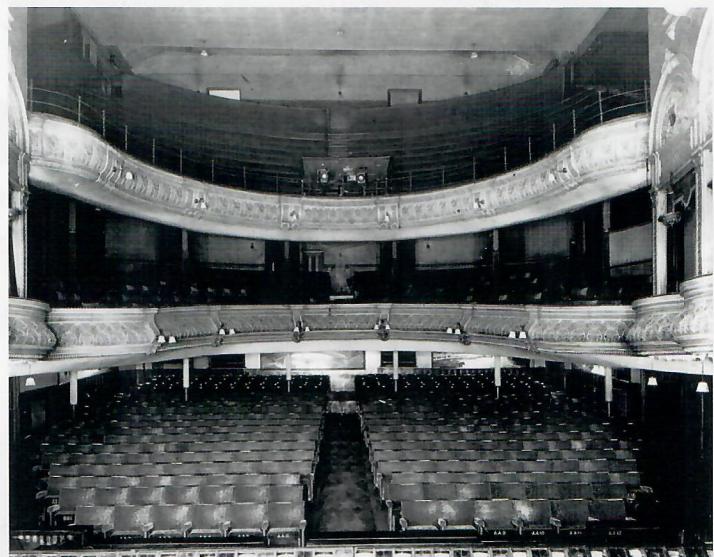


The ABC (Regal) Cinema, Foregate Street, Chester

However, we had always used additional sketches from Wilcock & Rutherford, Jim Foote (well known in Scouting & other Gang Shows) & so we were (& still are), able to cope.

After 1979, when Roy Fisher our Producer since 1958

'semi-retired' we had a succession of producers including Keith Musselle & Derek Jackson (both



The Royalty Theatre, City Road, Chester c 1950

eventually DCs), with assistance from Roy himself & Eric Wilson. It was at this time that another long standing pillar of the team, Billy Brickland (Musical Director) fell ill & was unable to continue after 26 shows. In the event, Colin Parfitt volunteered to be a temporary stand-in, but by the end of this production will have been MD for 33 shows.

In 1987 Roy took over again & with support from Eric Plenderleath (another DC), Eric Wilson, Richard Clarke & Matthew Davies, plus Jim Woodley (imported from the Gateway), carried on until 1995. The backstage team remained fairly static over this time, with just a few of them surviving until this latest show! Following the 1995 production, the show was running short of funds & an application was made to M&S Financial Services for assistance to keep the ship afloat & this they did. They provided finance, practical assistance & advice which enabled us to sort out our business plan, advertising & show programme layout on a very professional basis. We were then able to move to the 1996 show, produced by Matthew Davies, Louise Roffey & Richard Clarke, & on into the 21st century on a secure footing

Finally, after a succession of very successful shows, we were awarded the Gang Show 'Red Scarf' by the HQ National Assessors in 2001 (producer Matthew Davies), but sadly, Roy Fisher our producer of 36 shows died shortly after. On a happier note, in 2004 we celebrated our Golden Jubilee, to be followed by a later production in 2007 (both produced by Richard Clarke), which coincided with the centenary of Scouting & the 75th Anniversary of the first London Gang Show in 1932. This was our last show at the Gateway theatre which closed soon after.



The Gateway Theatre, Hamilton Place, Chester

Finally, in 2008, we moved to the King's School & staged the first of seven shows here, plus one at the Catholic High School in 2011, with Keith Harding as the new Producer. The supporting teams, Production, Technical & Business still contain a reservoir of long

standing expertise, especially Geoff Morris, "Our most professional amateur stage manager", as Roy Fisher used to call him. But, with an eye to the future, there is a considerable group of new talent, which is now maturing gracefully, making a very significant contribution & are also listed in this year's show programme.

Things are now much more sophisticated, but just being involved in the twilight years of the 1950s Music Hall has been an experience never to be forgotten. Our early days were the pioneering days: Smoke was generated with hot water and huge lumps of dry ice. Thick fog rolled down stage, filling the orchestra pit to the top of the music stands. The band played on, blind and struggling to avoid suffocation. Peter Pan could fly using a £25 per week hired harness. The warning on take-off was simply to, "Watch out for enemy night fighters when approaching the ceiling."

Having lived through it all, I can only say to anyone out there who might be interested, "Come and join us". Last but not least, "All the Best of Luck to the Gang and supporting Team, you deserve it!"

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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, Jenny Challinor, Amy Steaton, Trevor Jones, Jessica Taker, Ronnie Fisher, Katie Heaps, Colette McManus, Will Taylor, Kelly Stevens
Youth Producer	Will Taylor
Gang Administrator	Donna Traynor

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 Oliver Hynds & Chester & District Explorer Scouts
Scenery Manager	Steve Huxley
Scenery Design and Construction	Steve Huxley, Gary Warburton, Dale Warburton, Phil Turnbull, Nick Hirst, Grahame Polley, Mel Owen, Hugh Cunning

Stage Crew	Steve Huxley, Phil Turnbull, Gary Warburton, Dale Warburton, Grahame Polley, Mel Owen, Hugh Cunning
Back Stage & General Security	Steve Shone, Dan Salmon and members of Chester and District Explorer Scouts
Photographer	Dave Mullock
Wardrobe Mistress	Pam Jones
Costume Design and Construction	Pam Jones, Joanna Taylor, Janet Ware, Karan Warburton, Joan Smith, Juliet Mochrie, Lesley Turnbull, Sue Jones, Stephen Boden, Maria Giannasi, Bev Hall
Dressers	Sandra Taker, Karan Warburton, Stephen Boden, Helen Shone, Janet Leach, Tracey Patterson, Alex Davies, Joan Smith, Jayne Edgar, Sylvine Maguire, Gill Owen, Oksana Lambert, Maria Giannasi
Make-up	Juliet Mochrie, assisted by Chester & District Explorer Scouts
Properties	John Heaps assisted by Chester and District Explorer Scouts
Follow Spot	Alec Stokes
Rehearsal Refreshments	Denise Huxley and Sandra Taker
Audience Refreshments	Mal Vickers

FOR GANG SHOW

Chairman:	Gerald Roose
Chairman Designate:	Alex Davies
Vice - Chairman & Treasurer:	Eric Plenderleath
Secretary:	Pam Jones
ADC Activities:	Charly Hillier
Production Team:	Keith Harding, Geoff Morris & John Lambert
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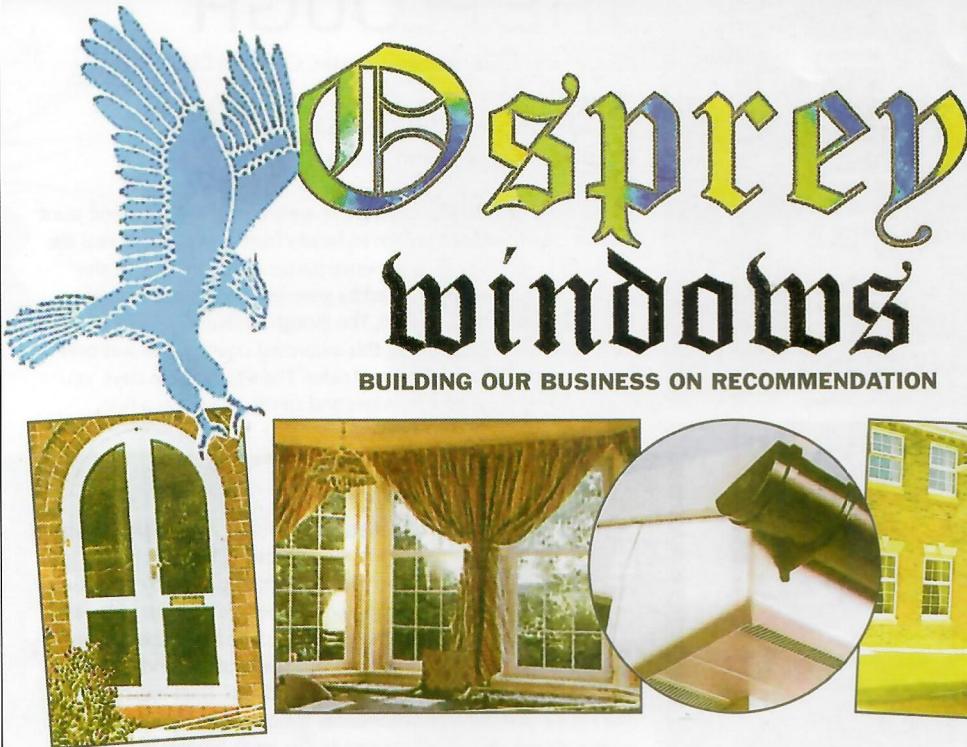
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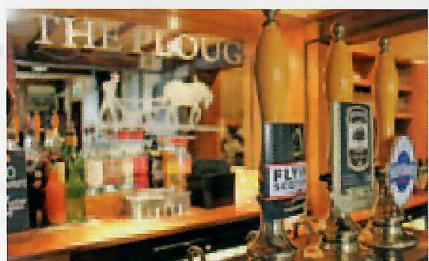
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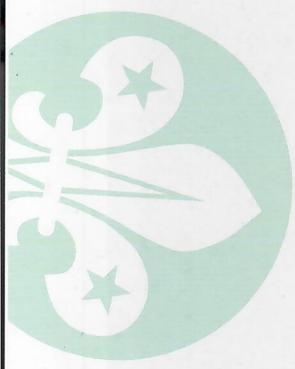
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