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"Congratulations to Chester and District Scouts on the production of another great Gang Show! I'm looking forward to a lively and entertaining evening, when Scouts, Cubs and Beavers share their creative talents in this joint celebration.

Shows like this involve an enormous amount of hard work from performers, Leaders and other volunteers, so "Thank you" to everyone involved in making the Gang Show 2018 a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

*Cllr Jane Mercer*

Sheriff of Chester



## LETTER FROM

## THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

We are delighted to welcome you on behalf of Chester & District Scouts to our Gang Show.

Over the past twelve months we have been working tirelessly together to ensure that the Youth Members in our District are offered Scouting activities which are in line with National Guidelines and most importantly, influenced and shaped by Youth Members. This is an important task for all of us and it is crucial we have the support of the Adult Volunteers to allow this to happen quickly and effectively.

We are nearing the end of 'Vision 2018' and as a District we are positive that we are in a strong position to continue our own District Vision towards Youth Shaped Scouting. We will soon be embarking on our next National Incentive, 'Preparing Better Futures: Delivering Skills for Life'. By 2023, nationally we aim to bring communities closer together with Youth Members taking the lead making positive contribution, focus on our Youth Members wellbeing and providing the skills to help them progress in life.

Over the coming months there will be changes within the District, we hope to appoint a Deputy District Youth Commissioner and to continue celebrating all the amazing things our Youth Members do locally.

A Scout Volunteer is a very special type of person, they work determinedly to ensure that their Youth Members are prepared for any challenges they may face. All this demanding work is done without an expectation of the need for recognition, they do it for the Youth Members. Our adults continue to amaze us with their dedication and commitment towards helping our Youth Members to succeed.

As always, we are incredibly proud and grateful for all the preparation for Gang Show by our Youth Members and Volunteers.

Take your seat, relax and enjoy your evening watching, and maybe even participating, in Chester Gang Show.

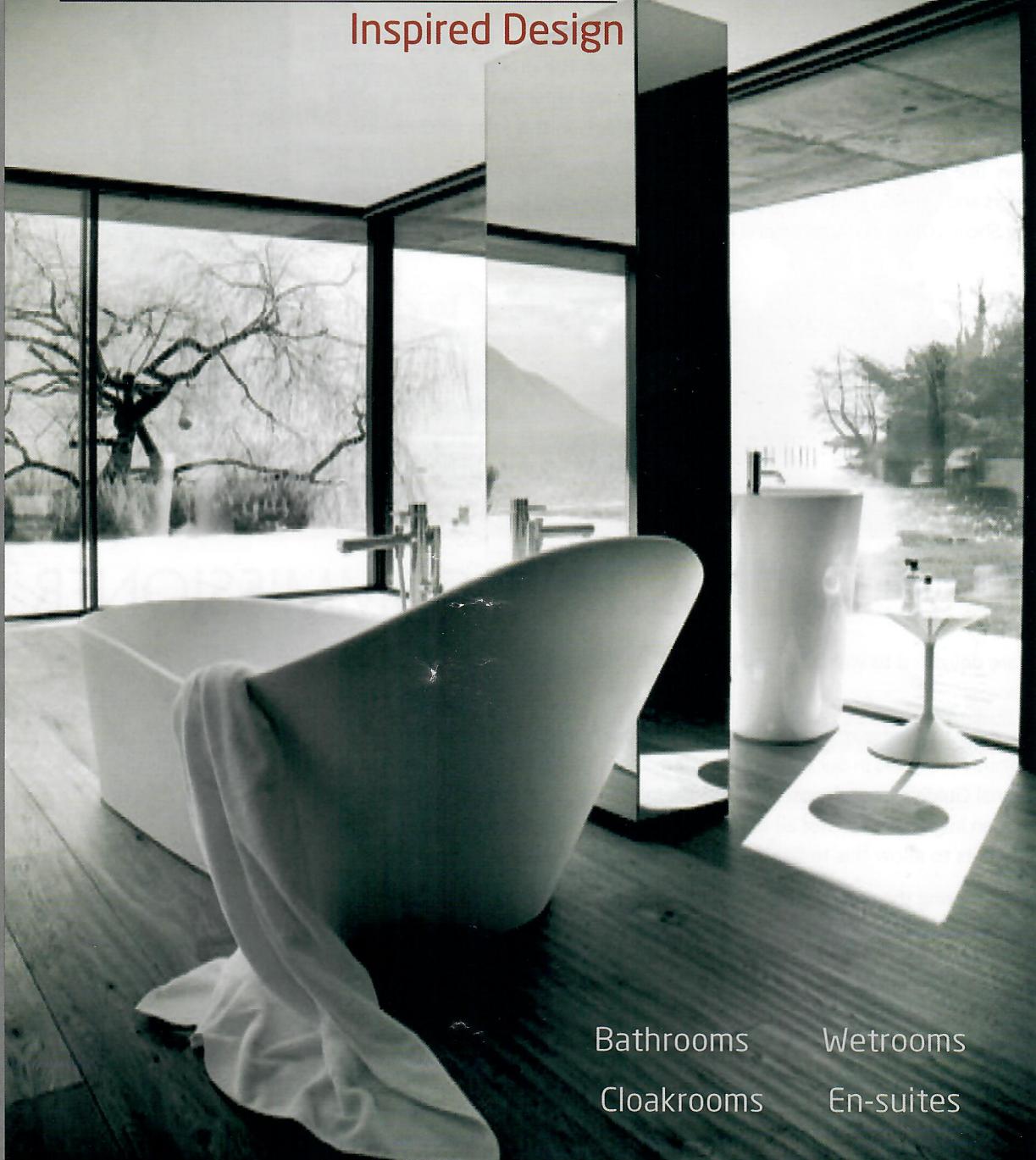
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## LETTERS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 62nd Production of Chester Gang Show.

There have been many challenges this year in producing a credible show worthy of our reputation, after again losing quite a lot of our

talented Explorer and Network members to University and the wider world! It therefore became apparent that we needed to do something different regarding recruitment, and so the idea, from the production team, was to put on a "Show in a Day" as a taster session open to anyone from the District. This proved to be very worthwhile and well attended, which resulted in some new faces joining the gang this year for the first time, because they "Wannabe" part of this great experience. We therefore got off to a "Flying Start" with many of the previous cub gang also moving up to the main gang. When you watch these young people later, I'm sure you will agree that they have embraced with enthusiasm everything that they have been asked to do, and have more than maintained the standards we try so hard to meet year on year.

Of course none of this is possible without the help and encouragement of our brilliant production team who are tireless in their commitment and enthusiasm, producing high quality specially written and choreographed items, which is rubbing off on newer youth members of the 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 2018 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. 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.

I also would like to thank Will Taylor for his contribution as retiring Youth Producer and his continued support as a member of the production team. And to welcome Alex Dodd into his new role as Youth Producer as well as taking on more roles within the production team. Another warm welcome and big thank you to Toby Abbott our Assistant Youth Producer, who recorded the pre-show announcements!!, and whose primary role is to liaise with the younger gang and production team. Well done all of you.

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

This will be the 8th year that I have been involved in the Gang Show but it is my first year as youth producer (a role that was first introduced in 2016 to ensure that young people could have a say in the future of the show and its development.) Working alongside Keith on the production team this year has been both a privilege and a pleasure. I have been warmly welcomed and given a valuable opportunity to develop my ideas and suggestions. I have also enjoyed taking on some additional responsibilities as a co-director, overseeing the cub item and the "Product Placement" sketch.

This year's Gang have worked tirelessly over the last 6 months to bring the show together, gaining confidence and skills along the way. It is this hard work, commitment and determination from everyone involved, from the technical teams to the Beavers, that ensures that Chester Gang Show goes from strength to strength each and every year. I'm sure you will agree that this year's show is no different.

Finally, on behalf of all the young people who have taken the fantastic opportunity to be part of the Gang, I would like to thank you all for supporting Chester Gang Show and wish you all a fantastic evening!

*Alex Dodd*

Youth Producer

*Geoff Ryder*

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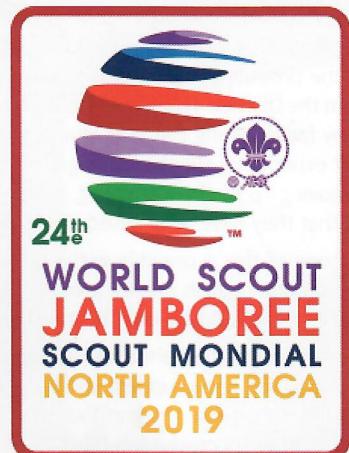


*Wishing the Gang every success*



**“Congratulations to the young people below selected to represent Chester District Scouts at the forthcoming World Scout Jamboree in Virginia, USA in 2019.**

Of the 11 selected Chester Gang Show are thrilled to have Cal, Chloe, Emily, Phoebe, Esme and Daniel performing in the show this year”



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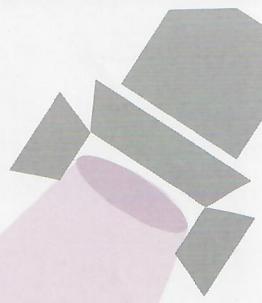
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- 5 GRANDMA
- 6 PIRATES OF THE CUBIBBEAN
- 7 ALL THE KING'S PEOPLE
- 8 THE KISS

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

## SECOND HALF

- 1 BHANGRA EMPIRE
- 2 THE QUORN
- 3 A DAY AT THE RACES
- 4 NO-ANA
- 5 HATS
- 6 DATING FOR DUMMIES
- 7 WE LIVED!

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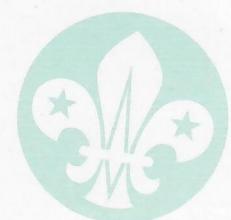
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*The Gang of 2018*



# THE GANG

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Toby ABBOTT	42nd Chester	Sophie MOCHRIE	1st Christleton
Charlotte AMES	1st Sandstone	Cameron MORRISON	40th Chester
Andrew BARRATT	Cestrian	Fiona MORRISON	Spartan ESU
Monty BOURNE	1st Malpas	Aaron MURRAY	1st Upton
Emily BOWES	Cestrian	Andrew PARKSINSON	1st Christleton
William CALEY	8th Chester	Douglas PARKSINSON	1st Christleton
Alex COKER	Network	Cal RAWSON	Spartan ESU
Louis COOK	1st Christleton	Esme RIPPON	42nd Chester
Anna CLOUGH	1st Upton	Ben ROBERTS	48th Chester
Matty CLOUGH	Wolf ESU	Grace ROBSON-TRAYNOR	Spartan ESU
Vicky COURTNEY	1st Upton	Isabel ROBERTS	Dewa ESU
Anna DAVIES	Spartan ESU	Jake RUDD	Spartan ESU
Toby DAVIES	Network	Chloe SHONE	Wolf ESU
Emma DAVIES	8th Chester	Daniel SKINNER	Spartan ESU
Alex DODD	Network	Amy STEATON	8th Chester
Phoebe EDGAR	Spartan ESU	Dawn STEATON	Young Leader Training
Fred FOSTER	1st Tarvin	Nya SPRY	Spartan ESU
Ben GRIFFITHS	Spartan ESU	Holly SUCKLEY	8th Chester
Bev HALL	1st Christleton	Julia TAIT	1st Guilden Sutton
Keith HARDING	Cestrian	Vicky TACKER	8th Chester
Beth HYNDS	1st Christleton	Charlotte TAYLOR	Dewa ESU
Catherine HIRST	Young Leader Training	Sandra TAKER	SASU
Emily JONES	Spartan ESU	Donna TRAYNOR	8th Chester
Harry JUPP	Dewa ESU	Christopher TAYLOR	42nd Chester
Joshua JONES	Spartan ESU	Will TAYLOR	Network
Emily KING	Cestrian	Lauren WILLIAMS	1st Upton
Emily LAMBERT	Spartan ESU	Daniel YOUNG	42nd Chester
Dillon MAGUIRE	5th Blacon		

# CUBS

Luca ALDESCU	18th Chester	Seb MURPHY	42nd Chester
Tegan BROWN	1st Guilden Sutton	Amy RANDLES	1st Guilden Sutton
Lewis BARRATT	Cestrian	Bruno RIPPON	42nd Chester
Noah CURTIS	42nd Chester	Adam ROBERTS	48th Chester
Charlotte DUNN	1st Farndon	Millie SMITH	18th Chester
Blake EDGAR	8th Chester	Charlie SCARGILL	42nd Chester
Maddison FISHER	8th Chester	Henry STROWBRIDGE	42nd Chester
Leo GARRS	42nd Chester	Leo YOUNG	42nd Chester
Theo KILCOYNE	18th Chester		

# BEAVERS

Lottie ABBOTT-BECK	Cestrian	Joseph KILCOYNE	18th Chester
Étienne DELAP	8th Chester	Alvaro KIDLEY	18th Chester
Corey EDGAR	8th Chester	Ishbel Queenie RIPPON	42nd Chester
Michael FISHER	8th Chester		

## GANG SHOW 2018 – THE BAND

Colin Parfitt	.....Keyboards / Arranger	Dominic Riverol	.....Lead / Rhythm Guitar
Erin Elston	.....Alto Sax	Alan Lloyd	.....Bass
John Collins	.....Baritone Sax	Jonathan Rowland	.....Drummer

### CONTACTS

If you're interested in helping with the Show or in becoming a Gang member, or if you would like further information regarding

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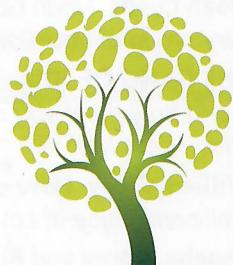
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# GOOD LUCK MESSAGES

**Anna Davies** Have a fabulous time! Dance your socks off and sing your heart out. Lots of love Stephanie

**Anna Davies** Dearest Anna "No Anna" Have a fab week, we love you lots, From Mum, Dad and Toby.

**Chloe Shone** Chloe have a brilliant Gang Show. Love Mum, Dad, Joseph, Nanas and Grandads

**Fiona and Cameron Morrison** Have fun in the Gang Show. Love Mum, Dad and Emma

**Amy Randles** Good Luck in your 1st Gang Show with love from Mummy, Daddy and Matthew XX

**Daniel and Leo Young** Good Luck, have a great week, so proud of you both Love Mum, Dad, Alice, Grandma, Grandad and Nanny

**Fred Foster** Knock 'em dead Fred!! Daddy & Granny

**Jake Rudd** Good Luck on your 4th Gang Show, have fun and smile. Love Mum, Dad, Dan and all the Family XX

**Noah Curtis** Noah Good Luck in your 1st Gang Show. We are very proud of you. Love from all your family and friends. XX

**THE GANG OF 2018** Twinkle twinkle little stars, show the world how great you are. Break a leg from Keith, Rachel and Ellie – Kate XXX

**William Caley** Have an amazing time in your 6th Gang Show. Smile and enjoy it! Love from Grandma and Grandad. X

**Phoebe, Corey and Blake Edgar** Good Luck Corey in your 1st Beaver item, Blake in your 1st Cub item and Phoebe in Explorers. Love Grandma

**Ruben and Lottie** Lottie and Ruben, can't wait to see you in the show. Love and kisses Nana and Grandad

**Ruben and Lottie** Have a great week, enjoy yourselves and have fun! Lots of love Mummy and Daddy XXX

**Harry Jupp** Enjoy Gang Show, have a great week, we are all proud of you. Mum, Andrew, Gill and Mel

**Toby Abbott** Good Luck in your 7th Gang Show. Have a great week. Love from Mum and Dad

**Etienne Delap** Break a leg in your 1st Gang Show! Following in some special footsteps. Love Mummy, Daddy and Elodie.

**Louis Cook** Give us your best smile and have a great time. We are all very proud of you. Love Mum, Dad, Nanny and Granpa.

**Henry** Good Luck Henry. We are very proud of you. Love from all your family.

**Tegan Brown** Good Luck! Have fun! Love Mum and Dad, Freya and Gwenna XX

**Phoebe Blake and Corey Edgar** Good Luck Corey in your 1st Gang Show. Mum and Dad are proud of you all. Lots of Love Mum and Dad XXX

**Isabel Roberts** Good Luck to Isabel, have a wonderful show! So proud of you. Love from all the Roberts Family xxx

**Toby Davies** Don't 'break your leg' with those heels !

Good luck everyone!

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 Assistant Youth Producer ..... Toby Abbott  
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 Make-up ..... Juliet Mochrie, assisted by Chester & District Explorer Scouts  
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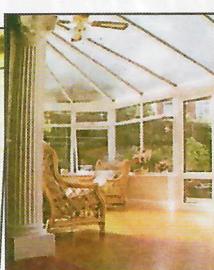
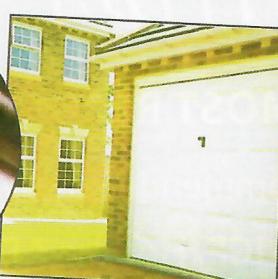
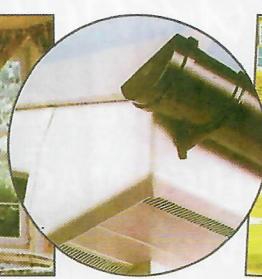
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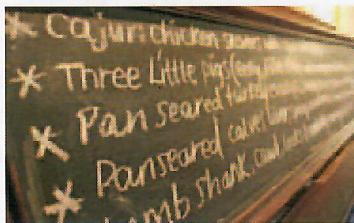
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