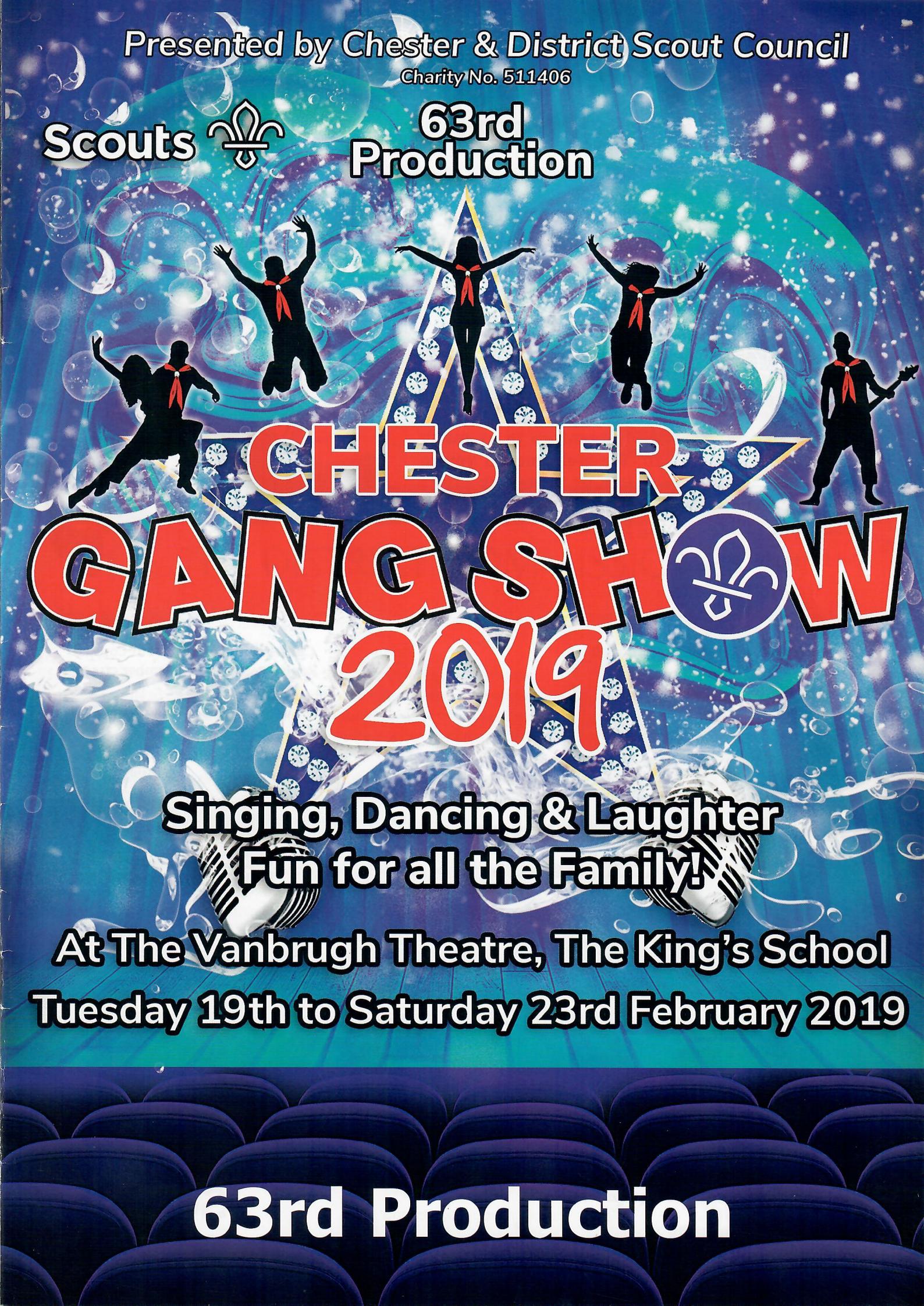


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We are really looking forward to this wonderfully entertaining production featuring Scouts, Cub-Scouts and Beavers from the Chester District Scouting Movement. We are well aware of the great commitment in time and hard work which putting on the Gang Show entails. We have fond memories of our own son appearing in the Gang Show at The Gateway Theatre about 40 years ago.

Councillor Alex Black Lord Mayor of Chester and The Lady Mayoress Janet.



LETTER FROM

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

As District Commissioner I am delighted to welcome you on behalf of Chester & District Scouts to our Gang Show.

Scouting is changing rapidly; and as a District we are embracing these changes wholeheartedly to empower the youth members to influence their programme so that it will enable them to achieve their full potential. Over recent years we have introduced youth members into new roles throughout the organisation. Three years ago we appointed the first District Youth Commissioner in Chester, Megan Porter; she is now coming to the end of her term. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Brandon Hone as Deputy District Youth Commissioner who will take over the role in July this year.

Throughout the past few years Chester has embraced Scouting's Vision for 2018 which was that Scouting will be "Shaped by Young People in partnership with Adults". Youth shaped Scouting is now delivered consistently throughout the District. The new strategy within Scouting is 'Skills for life'. Gang Show most certainly fulfils these criteria. The youth learn many skills whilst participating as a member of the gang both on and off stage that are skills for life. As a District we are incredibly proud of everyone who has worked extremely hard to produce this excellent show. It's fantastic to see so many young people participating in this District activity.

So now relax, sit back, watch, listen, join in (if you wish) and have a great evening.



Joanne Turner

Joanne Turner
District Commissioner

Megan Porter

Megan Porter
District Youth Commissioner

THE GANG BEYOND THE STAGE

Chamboree is a week long International camp, held on the Royal Cheshire Showground every four years. The 'Pirate' themed Chamboree 2018 saw Cheshire Scouts welcome participants from around the world with over 5500 young people taking part, the challenge was set to make the event even bigger and better than previous years.

We are very proud to share with you how members of Chester Gang Show, both youth and adult members were involved in making the event such a huge success.

Activity Zones

After the success of managing their activity zones back in 2014, Nick Hirst (Gang Show Stage Manager) and Alex Davies (Gang Show Chairperson) were asked to return to their roles of planning and managing activity zones for 2018.

Nick created the action packed 'Port of Tortuga' where participants took part in 15 inflatable challenge activities.

Alex took back the challenge of 'The Creation Station' and built a base which would allow participants to accomplish many different types of art and crafts all with a Pirate theme.

Entertainments Programme

For Chamboree 2018 Mark Turnbull (Gang Show Creative Director) was asked to head the main arena program. His task was to bring together the technical, back stage and performance teams to run entertainments throughout the week.

Chamboree X

Chamboree X were the onstage entertainments team made up of older Explorers, Network and Leaders who put on a different themed performance every night during the week of Chamboree. With crowds of up to 5500 participants this was no easy task and took months of planning and rehearsals. Cat Hirst (Gang Show Director and Choreographer) lead the onstage team and brought together performers from around Cheshire Scouting but primarily members of Chester Gang Show. Members of the Chamboree X team also acted as hosts for many of the arena events including a visit from Bear Grylls!

Story Of Chambo

Chester Gang Show was once again asked to perform three shows throughout the week of Chamboree to tell the story of 'Captain Jack Chambo.' With the help of our writing, direction team and choreographers our young people performed during the opening, midway and closing ceremonies. Speaking about this opportunity, Youth Producer Alex Dodd said "It's not every day a young person has an opportunity like this to perform for so many people in an open arena. To everyone who made it happen, thank you so much for giving your time and support to make it such an amazing experience for our young people #skillsforlife."

Thank you from the Gang

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone from our Chester Gang Show Team who supported Chamboree this year. From production, technical, set design, costume and dressers, site services, participants, performers, activity staff, marshals, media and the leaders who took care of the young (and older) people - we are very grateful and proud of each and every one of you!

When asked to comment Deputy County Commissioner for Cheshire Scouts, Dave Hopley said "It is fair to say that without the help and inspiration from Chester Gang Show much of the above would have been impossible to deliver, so thank you one and all!"





LETTERS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 63rd Production of Chester Gang Show.

We have had an interesting year trying to embrace and achieve a show worthy of our reputation but built around the new format that we have now adopted, I

hope you like it? We have had many new faces join the gang this year which is encouraging and they have all excelled and shown that this part of their scouting means a great deal to them. 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 and improve 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, whilst also, particularly this year, updating some "old favourites" 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! Check out the QR tile for more details.

I would therefore like to express my sincere thanks to the whole team supporting Gang Show 2019 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 and generally supporting the young people through their gang show journey. Gang Show is the result of many people pulling together and putting in a tremendous amount of time and hard work. As a team event involving Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and Leaders Gang Show has no equal; it brings out the best in people and encourages personal development and self-esteem in the true spirit of Scouting and is what we need to encourage so that Scouting in Chester remains vibrant for many years ahead. We really do provide "#Skills for life"!

I do not want to spoil the article about Chamboree X 2018 but I do HAVE to say a massive thanks to all those involved especially from our gang show team and cast who managed to pull off a spectacular week of entertainment and activities for the 5000 plus campers, Well done I am very proud of you all.

I would also like to thank Alex Dodd our Youth Producer for his total support and as a much valued member of the production team. Also a 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. I must also thank my wife Rachel and daughter Ellie for their unquestionable support and encouragement as always, I could not do it without 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 as "We Own The Night" with singing, dancing and laughter, "We Are One" great scouting family.

Keith Harding
Producer

Welcome to Chester Gang Show 2019 our 63rd Show!

This year will be my ninth year in the show and my 2nd year working alongside Keith and the Production Team as the Youth Producer. This role has enabled the Production Team and myself to develop the youth views and ideas that ensure Chester Gang Show develops year on year becoming more "youth shaped" in every way.

This year as always, we have had lots of new members joining the gang and they have taken to it like ducks to water! They have totally embraced the rehearsals/production process and are loving the opportunity it gives them, similarly I must thank previous gang members that have returned and thrown everything they have into the show once again.

Some of the Chester Gang Show team also took on a huge role in summer 2018 at Chamboree (Cheshire Scouts international scout camp) to provide not only the on-stage entertainments but entertainments around the campsite during the week. Our team worked on everything from writing/directing items & choreography, right through to scenery and set design. Some of our fantastic Explorer and Scout age cast also formed the junior Chamboree entertainments team which meant not only did they take part in the camp but they also performed on stage.

Chester Gang Show is a large commitment and once again I must thank the whole team from the Beavers through to the Active Support section for the time and effort they have given. The strength and determination they have all shown to drive toward the fantastic end goal that we have produced is nothing short of amazing. I am sure you will agree that this year's show is fantastic once again.

Alex Dodd
Youth Producer

This year will be my 8th appearance in the Chester Gang Show and my 2nd as Assistant Youth Producer. It has been a great and valuable opportunity for me to work with Keith and Alex and one that I will not forget. My role is mainly to give the younger Gang members a voice, so that their ideas can be taken into account to help improve the show.

The gang this year have rehearsed tirelessly for the last 6 months, alongside the backstage team for your entertainment. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you next year.

Thank you,

Toby Abbott
Assistant Youth Producer



World Scout Jamboree

In October 2017 when our children were selected to represent Chester & District Scouts at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia we, as parents gathered to form a fundraising committee to raise £45,000 !! Once we had picked ourselves up of the floor we put a plan in place and set about organising our first fundraiser - a music quiz. That night came and it was a huge success! We raised over £1000 and from then on we knew the task was achievable with the ultimate aim of giving our children an experience of a lifetime in West Virginia! We then set about doing anything and everything we could to raise the money. Here's some of the events we have achieved - Coffee mornings, discos, quizzes, bingo, wine tasting, marshalled events, tea parties, music events, bag packs, a barn dance and auctions. We have also pushed ourselves personally by completing events such as the Chester Half Marathon, 2 teams also completed the British 3 Peaks Challenge and the whole contingent walked around the Chester Walls continuously for 24hrs, all raising funds from sponsorship.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us throughout our fundraising journey.

We have almost reached our target but we are hoping that with your generosity and donations during the week of the Gang Show we should complete our task.

Many thanks

The Jamboree Fundraising Team



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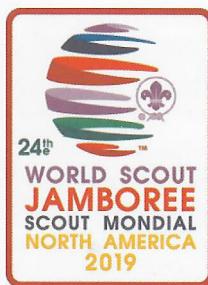
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FIRST HALF

- 1 WE OWN THE NIGHT
- 2 BEAVER SHARK
- 3 THE DOCTOR WITH THE LITTLE BLACK BAG
- 4 CUBMARINE ADVENTURES – THE “SEA-QUELL”
- 5 IF IT’S MAGIC
- 6 WHO RUN THE WORLD
- 7 COME DAY, GO DAY
- 8 SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
- 9 WHERE THERE’S A WILL...

There will be an Interval of 20 minutes

No photography in the Auditorium please.

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

SECOND HALF

- 1 THE QUEEN WHO STOLE ROCK AND ROLL
- 2 #SKILLS FOR LIFE
- 3 NOIR
- 4 HOMEWORK
- 5 HOSPITAL HEARTBEAT
- 6 WE ARE ONE

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CHESTER GANG SHOW 2019



The Gang of 2019

SCOUTS, EXPLORERS & NETWORK

Toby Abbott	42nd Chester	Cameron Morrison	Spartan ESU
Ruben Abbott-Beck	42nd Chester	Fiona Morrison	Spartan ESU
Charlotte Ames	1st Sandstone	Andrew Parkinson	1st Christleton
Finn Ashworth	8th Ellesmere Port	Bruno Rippon	42nd Chester
Alex Coker	Dewa ESL	Esme Rippon	42nd Chester
Anna Clough	Spartan ESU	Susannah Rhodes	1st Christleton
Anna Davies	Spartan ESU	Adam Roberts	48th Chester
Emma Davies	8th Chester ASL	Ben Roberts	Wolf ESU
Alex Dodd	Spartan ESL	Isabel Roberts	Spartan ESU
Isobel Dorrington	Guilden Sutton	Grace Robson-Traynor	Spartan ESU
Charlotte Dunn	1st Farndon	Chloe Shone	Wolf ESU
Phoebe Edgar	Spartan ESU	Millie Smith	18th Chester
Kiera Fennell	8th Chester	Nya Spry	Spartan ESU
Madison Fisher	8th Chester	Aleka Stone	1st Ashton & Manley
Fred Foster	1st Tarvin	Holly Suckley	8th Chester
Beth Hynds	1st Christleton	Toby Suckley	8th Chester
Olivia Johnson	Spartan ESU	Charlotte Taylor	Dewa ESU
Emily Megan Jones	Wolf ESU	Christopher Taylor	42nd Chester
Emily Jones	Dewa ESU	William Taylor	40th Chester ASL
Joshua Jones	Wolf ESU	Lauren Williams	1st Upton
Emily King	Cestrian	Daniel Young	42nd Chester
Charlotte Mercer	1st Christleton	Leo Young	42nd Chester
Sophie Mochrie	1st Christleton		

CUBS

Romy Bonsall-Redston	1st Saltney	Hugh McMurtrie	1st Malpas
Leo Garrs	42nd Chester	Emma Morrison	1st Christleton
Zofia Kacprzak	Cestrian	Toby Mulholland	Cestrian
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Theo Kilcoyne	18th Chester	Ishbel Rippon	48th Chester
Joseph Kilcoyne	18th Chester	Leah Humphries	1st Farndon
Fifi McLachlan	1st Sandstone	Dewi Smalldon	1st Christleton

BEAVERS

Lottie Abbott-Beck	Cestrian	Noah Sweeney	48th Chester
Sebastian Coady	1st Christleton	Étienne Delap	8th Chester
Aash-Jai Evam	1st Malpas	Élodie Delap	8th Chester
Corey Edgar	8th Chester	Killian Blythin	1st Saltney
Caius-Lee Kingsley	1st Saltney	Michael Fisher	8th Chester
Karl McMurtrie	1st Malpas		

GANG SHOW 2019 – THE BAND

Colin ParfittKeyboards / Conductor	Dominic RiverolLead / Rhythm Guitar
Erin ElstonAlto Sax	Alan LloydBass
John CollinsTenor Sax / Baritone Sax	Jonathan RowlandPercussion

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GOOD LUCK MESSAGES

Anna Davies You're a star – Jeffree would be so proud of you. Ali D xx.

Anna Davies Ride on the crest of a wave and have an amazing show. Dance your heart and socks off. Love Stephanie xx.

Chloe Shone We love you lots, you're amazing! Have a great time in West Virginia from Anna, Nya, Fiona, Olivia & Phoebe.

Emma, Fiona and Cameron Morrison Have an amazing show, Morrison Clan, Love Mum and Dad.

Sebastian Coady Good Luck & Happy Birthday for your first Gang Show love from Mummy, Daddy and Jake.

Daniel and Leo Young Good Luck Boys have a fantastic week, we are very proud of you both Love Mum, Dad and Alice.

Keira Fennell Good Luck Kiera. We are all so proud of you xxx.

Fifi McLachlan Fearless Fifi, Formidable and Focussed – we are very proud of you. Love from Mummy, Daddy, Thomas, Nanny and Ga.

Killian Blythin Best of Luck to you Killian. We are all so so very proud of what you're doing. Lots of love Mum, Dad and Holly.

THE GANG OF 2019 "We will STAND by your side filled with hope and filled with PRIDE, We are more than we are, we are ONE".

Have a great week everyone, Break a leg ! from Keith, Rachel and Ellie – Kate xxx.

Grace Robson- Traynor You continue to amaze us – you make us proud every day. Have another wonderful Gang Show – to the moon and back baby. From Mum and Dad.

Phoebe and Corey Edgar Good Luck and have a great week! Love Grandma.

Ruben and Lottie Abbott-Beck Ruben & Lottie, jolly good show. Well done Beaver, Scout and Cub! Huge loves Nana & Grandad.

Ruben and Lottie Abbott-Beck Best of luck Ruben & Lottie. Go Gang Show! love Mummy and Daddy.

Isabel Roberts Good Luck Isabel. Have a fantastic week. So proud of you. Love from all the Family xxx.

Toby Abbott Have a fab week. Bring the house down every show. Love Mum, Dad and Dan.

Etienne & Elodie Delap So proud of you, following the 60 year tradition! Love Mummy and Daddy.

Isobel Dorricott Good luck for your first Gang Show with love from Mum and Dad.

To The Stage Crew Hope your fingers will have thawed out from the barn in time to be able to move all the scenery! An excellent crew of hardworking chaps – thank you lads.

To Light & Sound 'Light travels faster than sound'. You are a very bright team, thanks guys.

Denise & Sandra Thank you so much for keeping us all fed and watered during rehearsals x

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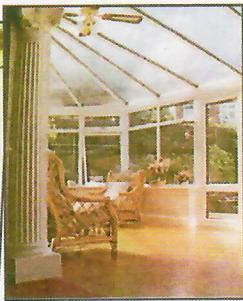
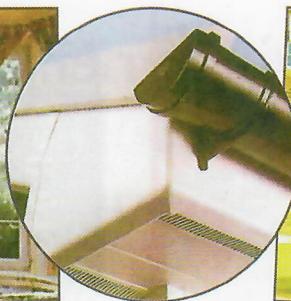


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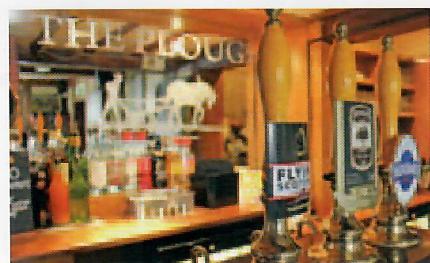
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