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# City of Chester

Denise and I are looking forward to the Chester District Scouts production of the great Gang Show! We are sure it is going to be a lively and entertaining evening allowing Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to show and share their wonderful creative talents in this great celebration.

Shows like this are not easy to put on and involve an enormous amount of commitment, hard work and planning - not only for the performers and leaders, but also for all the other volunteers, who all add value and help make a brilliant show.

Thank you to all involved and I am sure will make the Gang Show 2020 a great and memorable occasion.

Councillor Mark Williams  
Lord Mayor of Chester



## LETTER FROM

## THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

We are delighted to welcome you to Chester and District Scouts 64th Production of our Gang Show.

Many things have changed since that first pilot production for a future District Gang Show at the College School in 1938 such as the venues, the uniform and the integration of girls into the movement. Some things have been revived like the Youth Members having a say in what they want their Scouting to be, which is why we are so proud of all our Youth Members in the cast. Many Youth Members are working behind the scenes to help support the show as well.

Gang Show may be one of most public displays of Scouting in Chester and District but there are many other activities taking place as well. Within the last year we have held a District Camp where we had over 700 Members camping together with a lot of fun activities. The Beaver Scouts also had their very own camp with 82 Beavers sleeping overnight in tents. This was the very first-time Beavers had camped outside as part of a District event. Eleven of our Youth Members had a once in a lifetime experience to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia USA and over 40 Youth Members will have the opportunity to attend the European Jamboree in Gdańsk Poland this summer. As a District we are proud of each and every one of our Youth Members as they embark on the wonderful journey that is Scouting learning skills for life along the way.

Some things have not changed though, as Gang Show remains a great show for all of the family. So sit back, relax and enjoy the show.



*Alan Wilding*

Alan Wilding  
District Commissioner  
Chester & District Scout Council

*Brandon Hone*

Brandon Hone  
Youth District Commissioner  
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Like many of the show's items, Teenage Dirtbag features exciting dance routines set to modern pop tunes. "The title song was originally by Wheatus, but we've used a choral version by Scala & Kolacny Brothers, as it worked better for rehearsals," explained Mark, who took the lead on music for the item. "And the classic Hall & Oates number 'you make my dreams' is really exciting. It's a played track which we've done a bit of a montage to. Watch out for the stage moving around during that one!"



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**Anna Davies** Shine sis ! love always Toby & Sophie xx.

**Dawid Greiling** You are always our STAR. We love you Mum & Dad.

**Fiona, Cameron & Emma Morrison** Have an amazing week, so proud of you three. Love Mum & Dad.

**Michael Butler** Enjoy your week. We're very proud of you. Love Mum, Dad and Matthew.

**Daniel Young** Your 7th Gang Show in a row – fantastic! We are very proud of you. Love from Mum, Dad, Alice, Leo, Grandma, Grandad and Nanny.

**Isabelle Dorrington** Good Luck on your 2nd Gang Show Isabelle. Be fabulous. Love Mum, Dad, Nana and Grandad.

**Romy Bonsall-Redston** Be a star ! from Grandma and Grandad.

**Toby Abbott** Have a great 9th Gang Show Toby. Good luck everyone from Dad, Mum and Dan.

**Anna Davies** Anna in Wonderland? Or Wonder in Annaland? We love you lots Mum, Dad, Grandad and Joanie.

**Keira Fennell** Best of luck for show week – we are all so proud of you.

**Mrs Dilys Foster** Happy 100th Birthday Granny! Love from Fred.

**Fifi McLachlan** Fearless Fifi sashays onto the stage – the crowd goes wild ! Love from Mummy, Daddy and Thomas.

**Grace Robson-Traynor** Shine like the star you are – we love you more than words. Enjoy your 6th Gang Show, we know we will ! Mam & Dad xxx.

**Etienne & Elodie Delap** Break a leg ! We're all so proud of you both ! Mummy, Daddy, Grandad and Jill.

**Hugh & Karl McMurtrie** Have fun and smile. We love you from Mummy, Daddy, Jamie, Douglas, Granny & Grandpa.

**Romy Bonsall-Redston** You are amazing ! from Mummy, Daddy and Seren.

**Holly Gunning** Have a fabulous week in your first Gang Show love Mum, Dad, James & Grandad.



## LETTERS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 64th Production of Chester Gang Show, nice to see our regulars back again and a great big "hello"! to everyone watching for the first time.

After the success of last year's show in our new format, without Adult Leaders on stage, we continue to focus on maintaining the history, heritage and continuity of this great Scouting activity for future generations of young people as it is so important in providing unique opportunities to develop new skills and grow self-confidence. When asked "what's Gang Show?" it's quite difficult to explain really. I know what it is in my head having personally been involved since 1967 as a Cub! but how do you get this truly unique opportunity across to someone new to Gang Show? I suppose the easiest way to describe this great activity is by likening it to a variety show with singing, dancing, sketches, laughter, and sometimes tears, but it delivers so much more than just the "on-stage" experience.

We have said "farewell" to a number of key members of the Gang again this year as they move onto University and start their careers, but equally we have welcomed many new faces, which is encouraging, and they have all excelled and shown that this part of their Scouting means a great deal to them. As you watch all our young people perform on stage 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. We are proud of each and every one of them. Well done!

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 updating some "old favourites", which is rubbing off on newer youth members of the team, and those who want to join the team. Without this level of help and dedication, Chester Gang Show would not be what it is today! Check out the QR tile with the acknowledgements for more details.

I would therefore also like to express my sincere thanks to the whole team supporting Gang Show 2020 and to the many other people, both within & outside Scouting, for their support and loyalty, 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. Thanks also to members of the team, the District Team and our youth Gang members who are attending Eurojam 2020 in Poland, who collectively gave our junior Beaver and Cub Gang their own Gang Show themed sleepover, this being introduced three years ago for the first time.

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 what it has to offer and showcases this on stage. It is a shining example of what we need to encourage so that Scouting in Chester and District remains vibrant for many years ahead, continuing to provide young people with "#Skills for life"!

I would also like to thank John Lambert our Assistant Producer for his unquestionable support and dedication in helping me maintain our standards and improve with each new show. Big thanks also to Alex Dodd our Youth Producer for his total support and as a much valued member of the Production Team, and to Holly Suckley 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 with singing, dancing and laughter. So now let's "Just Be" and have fun "Being Someone". I have "High Hopes" and know that we have got another fantastic show this year.

*Keith Harding*  
Producer

Welcome to Chester Gang Show 2020 our 64th show!

This is my 3rd year working alongside Keith and with the Production Team as the Youth Producer. Over the past year we have made Chester Gang Show more "youth shaped" in every aspect allowing the young people to develop the items that we produce by taking on more suggestions and inspiring more young people to come up with ideas and put them forward.

This year we have lots of new members in the Gang, some of whom have joined from other Districts further afield. This shows that Chester Gang Show offers a place for all young people regardless of the District! We also have lots of Gang members who have returned to the show, the commitment they all make to the show is incredible.

This year's show is an absolute credit to the District with a wide variety of singing, dancing and laughter performed by our fantastic team of young people and supported by a vast team behind the scenes without whom Gang Show simply wouldn't exist, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single one of them.

I would like to thank you the audience for supporting our show and hope that you have a fun filled performance.

*Alex Dodd*  
Youth Producer

This will be my third year in the show and my first as Assistant Youth Producer. I am extremely grateful to have been given this amazing opportunity to give a voice to the younger Gang and to ensure their ideas are taken into account.

As usual, the Gang have worked so hard this year to give you this outstanding show and I would personally like to thank the incredible Production Team for giving us the opportunity to do so. Also, thank you for your endless support and we hope to see you again next year!

*Holly Suckley*  
Assistant Youth Producer





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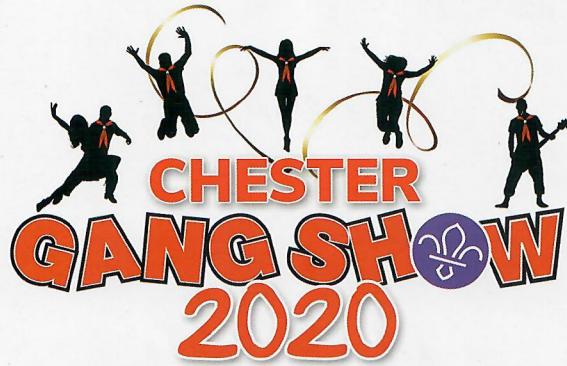
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## FIRST HALF

- 1 BEING SOMEONE
- 2 A BEAVER'S TALE
- 3 I WISH I COULD GO BACK TO BEAVERS
- 4 JUST ANOTHER KNIGHT AT CUB CAMP
- 5 VARIATIONS ON GRIEG'S PIANO CONCERTO
- 6 THIS IS IT!
- 7 TALK OF THE TOWN
- 8 HISTORY OF THE JOKE
- 9 TEENAGE DIRTBAG

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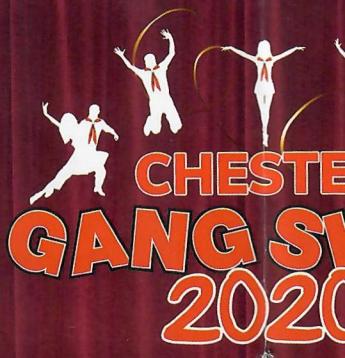
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Gang Show is based on an idea, using material by the late Ralph Reader CBE.

## SECOND HALF

- 1 ALICE IN NEVERLAND
- 2 TWELVE DAYS OF SCOUT CAMP
- 3 HOUSE FOR SALE
- 4 HIGH HOPES
- 5 WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A STAR
- 6 JUST BE

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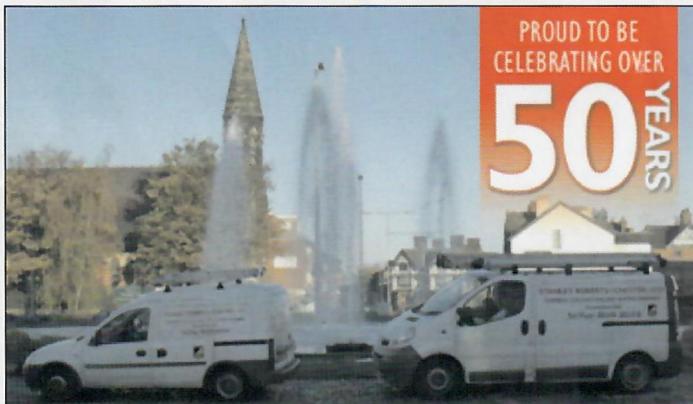
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Emma Davies	Eastgate	Adam Roberts	48th Chester
Anna Davies	Spartan	Ben Roberts	Wolf
Daniel Dean	Fusion	Grace Robson-Traynor	Spartan
Alex Dodd	Eastgate	Lucie Skinner	42nd Chester
Isabelle Dorricott	1st Guilden Sutton	Dewi Smalldon	1st Christleton
Phoebe Edgar	Spartan	Tomos Smalldon	1st Christleton
Keira Fennell	8th Chester	Millie Smith	18th Chester
Fred Foster	1st Tarvin	Finn Spry	Spartan
Abigail Goulding	8th Chester	Nya Spry	Spartan
Dawid Greylings	1st Farndon	Holly Suckley	8th Chester
Olivia Johnson	Spartan	Charlotte Taylor	Dewa
Daniel Jones	40th Chester	Christopher Taylor	42nd Chester
Zofia Kacprzak	Cestrian	William Taylor	Eastgate
Emily King	Dewa	Daniel Young	42nd Chester
Dillon Maguire	Wolf		

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Neel Agarwal	18th Chester	Alvaro Kidley	18th Chester
Lottie Abbott Beck	Cestrian	Joe Kilcoyne	18th Chester
Romy Bonsall-Redston	1st Saltney	Theo Kilcoyne	18th Chester
Killian Blythin	1st Saltney	Fifi McLachlan	1st Sandstone
Michael Butler	1st Saltney	Hugh McMurtrie	1st Malpas
Emma Clark	1st Saltney	Karl McMurtrie	1st Malpas
Etienne Delap	8th Chester	Emma Morrison	8th Chester
Holly Gunning	1st Sandstone	Tilly Russell	1st Sandstone
Micah Hollingsworth	Cestrian	Noah Sweeney	48th Chester
Rachel Joseph	1st Upton		

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Harper Bland	1st Saltney	Marcin Kacprzak	Cestrian
Seb Coady	1st Christleton	Holly McClafferty	1st Northop Hall
Elodie Delap	8th Chester	Evan Rothwell	18th Chester
Michael Fisher	8th Chester	James Skinner	42nd Chester
Maya Golightly	Cestrian	Lena Trzcinska	Cestrian
Annabel Hopikins	8th Chester		

## GANG SHOW 2020 – THE BAND

Colin Parfitt	.....Keyboards & Arranger	Dominic Riverol	.....Lead / Rhythm Guitar
Erin Elston	.....Alto Sax	Alan Lloyd	.....Bass
John Collins	.....Tenor Sax / 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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# THE TEAM BEHIND THE GANG

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 Assistant Producer ..... John Lambert  
 Musical Director and Arranger ..... Colin Parfitt  
 Youth Producer ..... Alex Dodd  
 Assistant Youth Producer ..... Holly Suckley  
 Directors and Choreographers ..... Keith Harding, Nick Hirst, John Lambert, Rachel Harding, Cat Hirst, Mark Turnbull, Alex Dodd, Amy Steaton, Will Taylor, Vanessa Coates, Jonathan Ducker, Ronnie Fisher, Amy Dilworth, Jenny Challinor, Victoria Courtney, Jessica Taker, Emma Davies, Alex Coker  
 Gang Registrars ..... Donna Traynor and Rachel Morrison

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Stage Manager ..... Nick Hirst  
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 Creative Director ..... Mark Turnbull  
 Stage Consultant ..... Geoff Morris  
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## Cheshire Freemasons support Cheshire Scouting

Both Scouting and Freemasonry share similar values. The principles within the Scout Promise also feature at the heart of Masonic teaching. Both organisations are concerned with helping members to become better people and have remarkably similar moral codes. They are both open to people of all faiths and both encourage good citizenship and self-development. As membership organisations, The Masonic Charitable Foundation has provided Scouting with a generous grant to be delivered in three ways:

### National Scouting

Start-up grants are designed to help groups open new sections across England and Wales. These help you overcome the challenge of initial funding and offer access to adventurous activities for more young people.

Programme materials, such as Programme Plus, Nights Away, Games Books and Join-in-Jamboree resources have all been produced thanks to Grand Charity investment.

Activity Grants have been delivered in ten locations across England and Wales to help counties, districts and groups encourage and expand Scouting.

### Scouting in Cheshire

Cheshire Scouting has benefitted greatly from donations from local Freemason lodges.

Cheshire Freemasons have helped us to supply every VOLUNTEER Scout Leader in Cheshire with a new administration tool called OSM. It has reduced the time spent on administration by over 12,000 hours every year, leaving volunteers more time to deliver exciting Scouting.

Cheshire Freemasons help to send some of the 81 young people from Cheshire to the World Scout Jamboree in America in 2019.

Cheshire Freemasons have helped us to invest in facilities at our two campsites that deliver many thousands of hours of outdoor activities for young people in Cheshire.

Cheshire Freemasons have made a number of donations to support local Groups enabling them to buy equipment that helps them deliver great Scouting.



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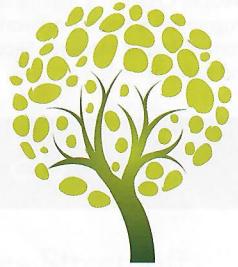
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Thank you to all Gang Show's that come to watch and support our show - including Crewe, West Wirral, Swansea, Bradford, Live Wyre, Sale, Blackpool, Hereford and Castle Capers from Stoke.

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 on [www.chestergangshow.net](http://www.chestergangshow.net)



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EUROPEAN  
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EuroJam 2020 will be the first European wide Jamboree in over fifteen years, and looks set to be an amazing adventure with twenty five thousand attendees expected.

The Explorer Scouts will get to meet fellow youngsters from all over Europe and beyond, learn about each other's different languages and cultures, make friends, and most importantly have fun, by taking part in various activities and challenges.

The camp also has a strong empowerment theme, with the aim of encouraging the attendees to be active citizens, and to make a positive difference within their local communities and the wider world on their return.

Since April last year, the Chester District contingency have been on a mission to raise money to fund their trip, learning valuable skills along the way (check out the photos on our display near the bar). Part of the camp fees will help to subsidise the cost of Scouts from less wealthy nations who would otherwise not be able to attend, and the group are also looking into 'carbon-offsetting' their travel to Poland.

If you'd like to help support them on journey, the Gang members going to EuroJam 2020 will be in the foyer after the show with their donation buckets and any loose change you would like to donate would be gratefully received. If you have any Jamboree stories of your own they would love to hear them !

Thank you.

This summer, thirty six lucky Explorer Scouts and four adult leaders from Chester & District will be heading off to EuroJam 2020, in the Polish city of Gdansk.



# Team Behind The Gang 2020

