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WELCOME

From our Committee Chair



Welcome to the 74th Gang Show!

I can never quite believe how quickly it comes round each year – and it's always such a joy to have something as special as this to look forward to in what could otherwise be a gloomy start to the year! We are all so lucky to be involved in this rather large Gang Show family and we must never underestimate how rewarding it is for us all to be part of it.

From the hundreds of adults who give up countless hours, to our amazing group of young people, the bonds and friendships they make during their Gang Show years are like no other, along with incredible memories that definitely last a lifetime.



So, as always, sit back, laugh, cry and just chase away those January blues with our brilliant Gang.

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INTRODUCTION

From our District Commissioner



Watching the Gang Show come together always reminds me how much Scouting is reliant upon the teamwork of so many adult volunteers. It is a great success every year because of the enthusiasm and vitality of young people on the stage, but also the creativity and dedication of those behind the stage. There is one main objective that the whole team is motivated to make happen, but each person contributes as much or as little time as they have available and using the skills that they have.

It symbolises the approach that The Scout Association are promoting for all teams across Scouting, whether at District, Group or Section level. We volunteer flexibly as part of a team with a shared purpose, with each team agreeing from time to time how to share tasks among its members. If you want to get involved, in any way, to help our young people have amazing experiences through Scouting, please get in touch. In the meantime, enjoy the Show.



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INSPIRATION

From the Show Director

One of our finale songs contains the line:
“Maybe we started pretty small, but take a look at us now!”

Every March the Show starts as one or two pretty small ideas, but take a look at it now! Many of the Creative Team started pretty small in the Gang themselves, but take a look at them now! Gang members start pretty small as timid Cubs, but push through Scouts and become proud Explorers. Take a look at them now!

So many young people come through the Gang and then stay on beyond 18 (and sometimes beyond 80) to support the annual miracle that is Gang Show. There are over 100 supporters behind the scenes, and we are always succession planning. To this end, if you know of anyone who could be a lighting designer (thank you Ross, you will be missed) or a musical director (no, not yet, but soon) then please get in touch.



Thank you to every cast member, every supporter and everyone in this week's audiences. Without you we couldn't be where we are. Take a look at us now!

Ewan Murray



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Our scenery is painted by volunteers in a Scout hut in Harpenden, from November through to January. The hut is really warm to help to dry the paint so working conditions are very comfortable! Email David Keen (davidkeen100@talktalk.net) if you are interested in volunteering next year.



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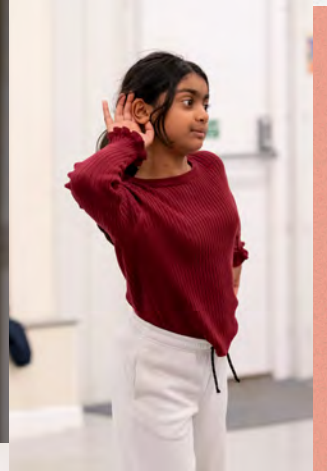
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A photograph of a stage with red curtains. A spotlight is shining from the top left onto the stage. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several audience members' heads are visible.

**Wishing cast and crew the best of luck
with the 74th Harpenden Gang Show**

THE BIG INTERVIEW

Becca Urwin - Creative Director

Tell us about yourself

I love to dance and have been dancing since I was three! I have a dance degree, a Masters in dance performance and along the way I have learned tap, modern, jazz, contemporary and ballet. I was a Harpenden Explorer Scout Unit leader for 8 years, stepping down in 2023 to focus on Gang Show.

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What do you do in Gang Show now?

I am in charge of bringing the stories to life! I look at each part of the Show, work through what each dance should look like, allocate choreographers, choreograph some myself, work with costume, set and lighting and shape the item to show a theme running through it.

What made you get involved with Gang Show as an adult?

I was in Gang Show myself for 6 years and I really, really enjoyed it. It gave me a fantastic opportunity as a teenager, so I wanted to give other children the same chance. We do not audition people to be in the Show. There is no A team, B team or C team. You don't need to be top of the class. There are no grade exams. It's not school and sometimes the Scouts who are on stage don't get the chance to do drama or singing at school - this is almost their secret chance to have a go in a friendly environment.

What are the hardest parts of Gang Show for you as a choreographer?

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Wanting to give the most people the opportunity to be on stage, and having to work with the space constraints that our stage brings. It's a squeeze to get everyone on!

Working with mostly untrained dancers means I have to be clever with choreography and to make sure that it is not so complicated that the Gang are tearing their hair out! Finding the time is a challenge – I have a busy job as well as volunteering and it is a race to get everything done in time.

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So how do you work out the choreography?

It's a highly technical process ... I sing the songs in the shower and car and think of moves as I sing. Someone suggested I could have a whiteboard and a pen in the shower to make notes but that might be going too far. I usually film myself dancing (once I'm out of the shower obviously – health and safety and decency require it) and use the videos as my "notes".



What makes Gang Show fun for you?

Working with the Creative Team (page 19) is wonderful – we have a lot of laughs at our meetings. I love working with the whole Gang, but working with the 16 members of the Dance Team to create their own dance is really special because all of a sudden we have plenty of space on stage so I can let my imagination go mad!

And finally, what is your preferred biscuit for rehearsals?

Always bourbons for rehearsals. And M&S Extremely Chocolatey Milk Chocolate Rounds for performances.

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FINALE SONGS

On the Crest of a Wave

We're riding along on the crest of a wave
And the sun is in the sky
All our eyes on the distant horizon;
Look out for passers-by.
We'll do the hailing,
When all the ships are round us sailing
We're riding along on the crest of a wave
And the world is ours.



Together

Together, when we're all together
We know how lucky we are.
The world around us is everything
The sound of music, the songs we sing
And even from the coldest winter
The warmest summer arrives.
We share together, when we're together
The best years of our lives.



Thank you to the Scout Association for permission to reproduce
the words to Ralph Reader's famous songs.

THE CREATIVE TEAM



Ewan



Becca



Jemma



Fiona



Jeremy



Charlie



Emma



Kat



Robin



Wendy



Russell

THE WARDROBE TEAM



Kathy



Jane

BEHIND THE SCENES

Show and Musical Director	Ewan Murray
Creative Director	Becca Urwin
Deputy Director	Fiona McCarthy
Technical Director	Jeremy Finch
Production Manager	Jemma Finch
Choreography	Charlie Morgan, Wendy Bideau, Emma Ball
Head of Wardrobe	Kathy Hilton
Production Assistant	Kat Foster-Jenkins
'Stripes United' (Mini Gang) Written and directed by Assisted by	Kat Foster-Jenkins Carol Arnsby, Felicity Cripps, Sarah Cripps, Charlie Morgan, Gabby Upton Jane Todd
Wardrobe by	
Vocal Coach and Sketch Directors	Robin Hilton, Russell Husbands
Stage Manager	Georgina Eagles
Assistant Stage Manager	James McCarthy
Set Design	David Keen
Stage Hands and Scenery Crew	Nicola Denny, Siân Denton, Pete Desborough, David Keen, Rebecca Keen, Sam Keen Gooch, Sue Mann, Trevor Miller, Marianne Wheeler, Kit Yardley
Set Dressing and Properties	Richard Aldridge, Stuart Jack, Liz Jack, Steve McCarthy
Show Assistants	Mark Denton, Andrew Dadswell, Yvette Husbands, Rachel Keen, Nicky Lewis, Steve McCarthy, Richard Horne, Alan Grace, Chris Tickler, Siân Denton, Jonathan Finch, Jan Yardley.
Call Boy	Andy Barford
Lighting Designer	Ross Wilcox
Assistant Lighting Designer	Jon Greenwood
Follow Spot Operators	Mike Desborough, Jon Greenwood
Audio Visual	Jeremy Finch, Mark Hubbard

Radio Mics	Henry Husbands, Ellie Finch, Coemy Fourie
Wardrobe	Sophie Crompton, Mylene Fourie, Jane Todd Liz Barringer, Elaine Brind, Helen Brind, Katie Coxon, Liz Davie, Cath Evans, Helen Frost, Alice Hilton, Beryl Jeffs, Debbie Lyon, Nicola Martin, Margaret Melville, Jos Sharp, Marta Serra Catasus, Jane Walter, Pamela Whitehead, Tania York
Music Arranger	Chris Pettitt
Rehearsal Accompanist	Graham Thomson
The Band	Reeds – Sue Pettitt, Chris Pettitt Trumpet – Simon Router Trombone – Adrian Jarvis Keyboard – Graham Thomson Guitar – Ned May Bass – Gareth Covey-Crump Drums – Les Arnold
Make Up	Emmanuelle Bentley-Sanders and parents
Duty Manager	Colette Eagles
Front of House	Peter Wheeler assisted by Scouts and leaders from Harpenden and Wheathampstead District
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Programme Editors	Siân Denton, Julie Brooks
District Review Editor	Steph Johnson
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Filming of the Show	Galaxy Video (see page 46 for ordering details)
Special Thanks	Entertainment Effects, PK Roberts, St Albans Gang Show, Warwickshire Gang Show

PRESENTATION



Act 1

1. **Music This Way**
2. **On the Town**
3. **Stripes United**
4. **Weather or Not**
5. **Rock of Aged**
6. **Open Doors**

Act 2

7. **The Ring**
8. **Antique Antics**
9. **Welcome to the Jungle**
10. **Liars Anonymous**
11. **D.I.S.C.O.**
12. **You Cannot Be Serious!**
13. **Together**



THE GANG'S ALL HERE!

SENIOR GANG

Sam Barber
Freya Barker
Tom Baudot
Maxton Brewer
Isobel Bright
Adam Brooks
Ella BurrIDGE
Anya Davis
Mikaela de Klerk
Lauren Dent
John Dent
George Downes
Charlotte Dytham
Fin Edwards
James Evans
Matt Finch
Jonah Giles
Ollie Grace
Bea Grant
Charlotte Hesselink
Jude Jenkins
James Jewell
Matilda Johnson
Ralph Jones
Elizabeth Kennedy
Sammy Lewis
Nina Mahendra
Toby Martin
Lucy McCarthy
Max McCarthy
Isabel Mellor
Ella Montgomery
Billy Montgomery
Chloe Petevinos
Zoe Robertson
Edward Rodgers
Immy Rule
Chloe Sayle
Alex Shaw
Margot Speirs
Edward Strohm
Chloe Symons
Alice Tate
Ben Taylor-Rose
Bella Thomas
Noa Vicente-Serra
Sam Walker
Eddie Watson
Callum Whelan
Elise Wilson
Anneka Wrentmore
Oscar York

JUNIOR GANG

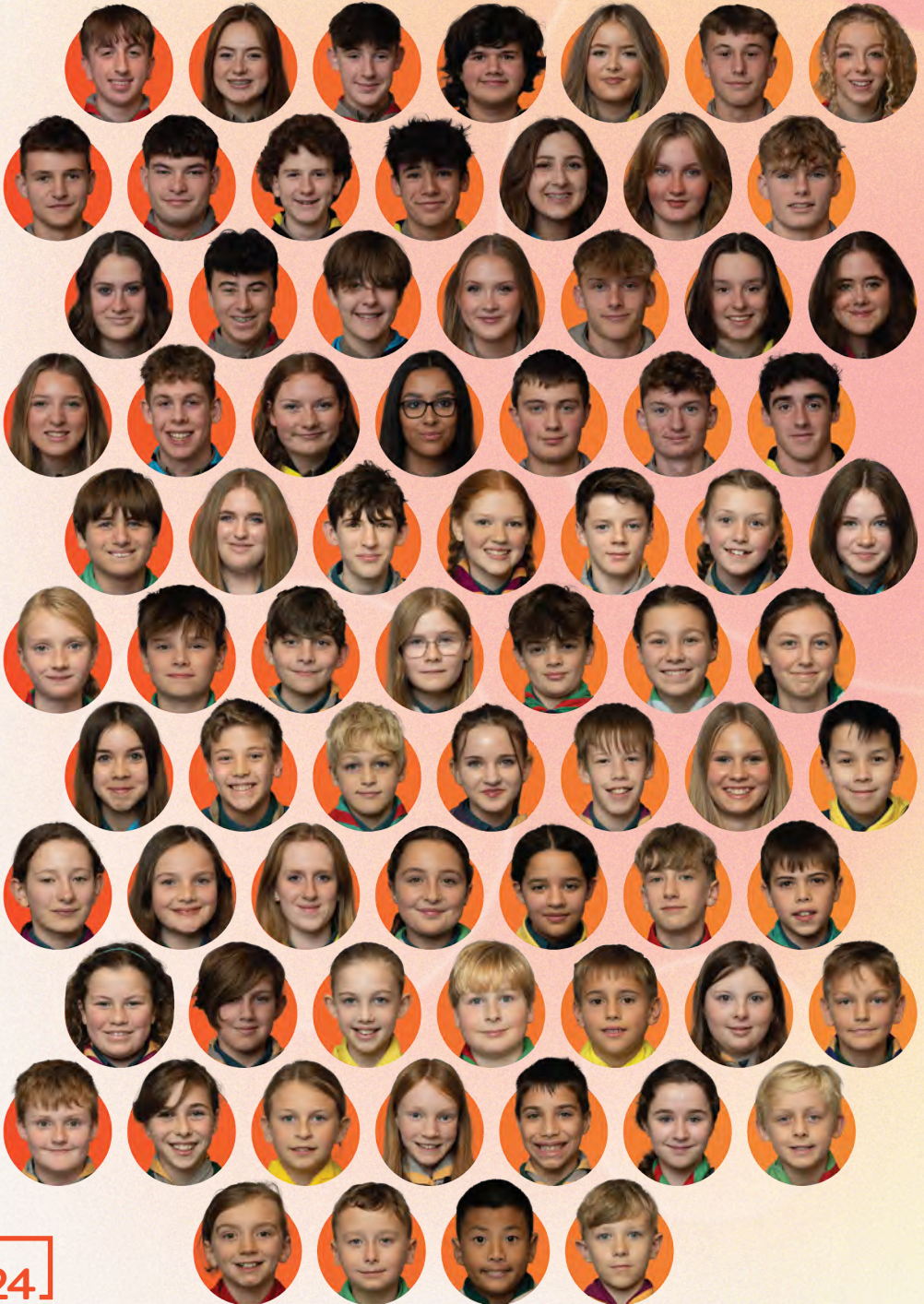
Abigail Ahmed
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Robbie Andrews
Lauren Antcliff
Raffy Baralt
Maria Belderbos
Olly Berg
Emily Birkett
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Alice Bright
Sophie Bunbury
Josh Clarkson
Maya Clift
Max Corley
Summer Costin
Scarlet Davis
Rachel de Klerk
Rose Dickens
Charlie Elderton
Joe Finch
Florence Giles
Sam Gillies
Willow Grayson
Astrid Greenbank
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George Greening
Heidi Griffith
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Oliver Hibbert
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Amelia Jaggard
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Zach Jones
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Benji Lewis
Jemima Martin
Lucas Maxwell
Isla Meakes
Eddie Mellings
Owen Mellor
Finlay Murphy
Oliver Pacifico
Eleanor Pagan
Isobel Pickford-Cook
Ella Potton
Kirsty Poynter-Smith
Charlotte Ramsay
Lily Robson
Rebecca Rock
Bobby Shaughnessy

Alex Shaw
Adam Smith
Cecile Smith
Emily Tang
Annie Taylor
Luke Vos
Caitlin Walsh
Will Westlake
Eda York

MINI GANG

Charlie Allen
Emily Atkinson
Zachary Baralt
Thomas Blakeway
Lilia Brooker
Gus Burnett
Arianna Costa
Harvey Costin
James Crisford
Harry Dona-Paz
Jake Duckworth
Lukas Dures
Tyler Ellis
Sammy Ellison
Annie Finch
Tay Findlay
Stephanie Helps
Ethan Hibbert
Natalie Hope Robertson
Hugo Jones
Ethan Lee
Linus Mak
Kit McGrandle
Logan McWilliams
Isla Monks
Steven Ng
Aria Pritchard
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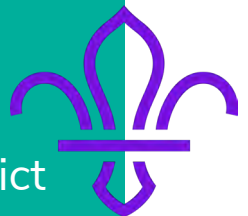
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District Review 2023



Harpenden and Wheathampstead District



BEAVERS



Fact Sheet

- Beavers are aged 6 - 8
- Beavers wear a turquoise sweater and their Group scarf
- Beaver Groups are called Colonies
- Around 280 Beavers in the District

Highlights of our year across the District

Beavers have had a busy year participating in a number of activities from the traditional shelter building to Ninja Warriors! They have also played bingo, visited a fire station and enjoyed craft evenings. Beavers have also floated recycled boats down the River Lea, learning a number of skills in the process. Beavers have been on hikes including some night hikes and been on camps with others from across the District.





cubs



Fact sheet

- Cubs are aged 8 - 10 ^{1/2}
- Cubs wear a green sweatshirt with their Group's scarf and a woggle
- A Cub Pack is usually organised into small groups called Sixes with each Six named after a colour
- Around 330 Cubs in the District

Highlights of our year across the District

Cubs spent lots of time outside this year including activities such as wide games, hiking, den building and bike rides. Groups visited an observatory and enjoyed a science themed evening. Cubs have also been on camps, some with themes such as the Wild West. On camps Cubs participated in archery, climbing, map reading, abseiling, open fire cooking, human hippos and enjoyed camp fires.

SCOUTS



Fact sheet

- Scouts are aged 10^{1/2} - 14
- Scouts wear a teal green shirt, navy blue activity trousers, a Group scarf with a woggle, and a Scout belt
- A Scout Troop is usually organised into small groups called Patrols, each headed up by an older Scout called a Patrol Leader
- Around 370 Scouts in the District

Highlights of our year across the District

Scouts had a very active year, going on camps away, where they went on hikes and participated in new activities. Some groups went coastering and sea kayaking, others went fishing, made pizzas and alter fire cooking. Closer to home Scouts built shelters, tied knots and went orienteering. This year some Scouts even learned how to lamb sheep and sail.





EXPLORERS



Fact sheet

- Explorers are aged 14 - 18
- Explorers wear a core uniform of a shirt, navy activity trousers and a Unit scarf with a woggle
- Explorers continue to enjoy being outdoors, and developing their life skills through new activities, but are involved much more in planning their own evening activities
- Around 160 Explorers in the District

Highlights from our year across the District

Explorers and Network from across Shackleton, KES, Wheathampstead and HESU all represented at this year's Peak Assault. Explorers went on exciting camps away where they went climbing, enjoyed long hikes and had themed evenings. KES ran a District dragnet wide game for all Harpenden and St Albans Explorer Units.

Leaders, Helpers and Supporters



You don't need to be Bear Grylls to join us. You don't need to have been a Scout when you were younger. You don't even need to know how to put up a tent. Our door is open to people of all ages, genders, races and backgrounds, and we're only able to change lives because people like you lend a hand. We're talking about tea makers, tidy-uppers and skill sharers. We're talking about mini bus drivers and first aiders. We're talking about students who want to boost their CV, and parents who volunteer so they can spend more time together as a family.

Whatever your skillset, lend a hand for as little or as much time as you can spare, and we promise you'll get more out than you put in. Because whether you're helping a leader to run an activity in the local town hall, organising a night away, or buttering 120 slices of bread for a group of hungry eleven year olds, no two



Scout meetings are the same. The difference you make, though, is always great. We provide the training. You show up, get stuck in, and make memories for life.

As long as you're over 18, you can help out as an adult volunteer in Scouting. There is no upper age limit for adult volunteers. If you are aged between 14 and 18, there is the option of becoming a Young Leader; and if you are aged between 18 and 25 you can be part of Network.

Sounds fun? Worthwhile? It is.

Please contact our District Chairman to find out more.
Jonathan Finch: district.chair@harpendscouts.org.uk

World Scout Jamboree

The adventure of a lifetime!



This Summer 12 Explorers from our District were fortunate to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Monthly Unit camps before the event ensured we were prepared for this fantastic experience with over 45,000 international Scouts.



A heatwave and typhoon changed the original plan, but we had an amazing time experiencing a different culture, making new friends and tasting Korean food. Highlights included: opening and closing ceremonies; water park; night markets; border with North Korea and having fun with Scouts from around the world.

It's Poland in 2027 – grab the opportunity if you can!

Ben, HESU Explorer Scout Jamboree participant

Achievements in the District



Training for Peak Assault on St Albans 10k



Chief Scout - Silver Award



Green Beret Challenge

Adult Awards

A huge thank you to all our leaders and other adult support that have enabled our young people to have wonderful experiences and develop skills for life through Scouting.

An extra special thank you to those who have been presented with awards during the last 12 months:

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Kit Yardley

Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award

Dee Harrington

Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award

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