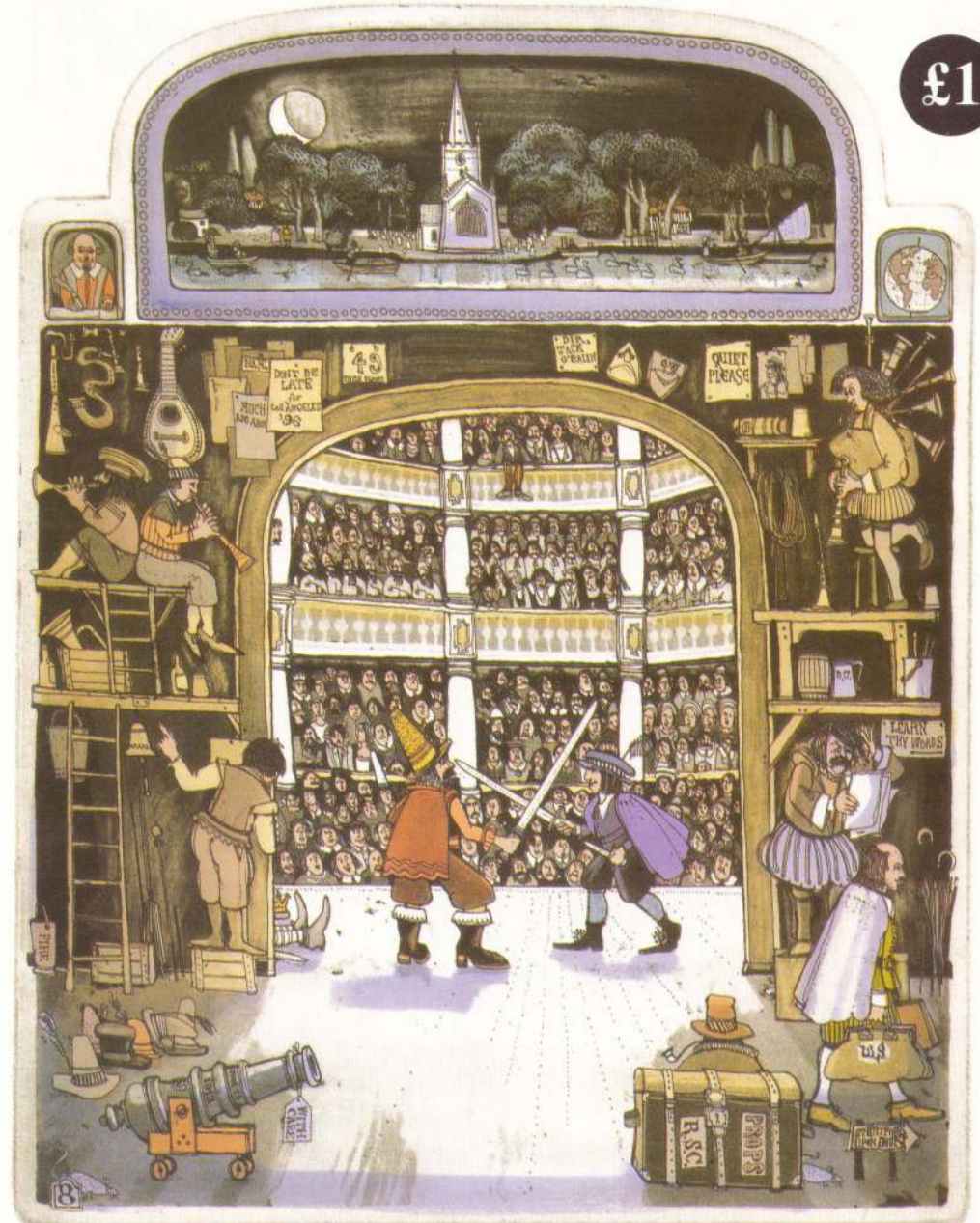




MAIDSTONE GANG SHOW 1999



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MAIDSTONE GANG SHOW 1999

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at

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Commencing

Evenings: 7.30 pm, doors open 7.00 pm

Matinee: 2.30 pm, doors open 2.00 pm

Based on the original idea of the late Ralph Reader, C.B.E.



The Gang of 1999 thank the following:

Ralph Reader, Gill Simes, Simon Davies, Doug Green,
Steve McGill, John Hitch, James Osbourn

for their permission to use material in this year's show,
in addition to the composers and song writers too many to mention

GANG SHOW HISTORY

Scout Gang Shows have existed for many years from the original idea of Ralph Reader whose shows were performed in London to the provincial shows performed in towns and cities all over the country today.

One of these provincial towns is Maidstone, which has had a Scout Gang Show since 1970. The aims of Maidstone Gang Show are to develop a sense of belonging, to encourage team spirit, increase self-confidence, to provide an atmosphere of enjoyment and fun, an introduction to stage skills and develop them further and present a positive image of scouting to the community.

Back in 1968 six scout groups from the Maidstone District approached the then District Commissioner, Clifford Vansten, who agreed that a trial show could be performed during the 1969 District AGM for one night at Oakwood park School. The show was a sell-out and well received.

In 1970 the first full Gang Show was produced by Tony Palmer, a former member of the London Gang. This was the first of many shows to be performed at Maidstone's Hazlitt Theatre. Once again the show was a great success. At this time all the material used was written by Ralph Reader but in modern times new material is being written and old ideas adapted.

In 1972 the Maidstone show continued to grow again. The producer was Tony Palmer. The early shows were performed by males only.

In 1974 and 1976 Chris Hall and Ian Craddock took the producer's mantle and for the first time female scouters became members of the gang.

1978 saw Ron Cattell, formerly of the Edinburgh Gang Show produce the show.

It would be 1981 before Maidstone were to see another Gang Show. The show returned to the place of it's birth – Oakwood Park. Then began another gap until 1985 when once again the show took residence at the Hazlitt Theatre and was produced by Sue Pepper.

The 1988 show took on a more modern approach – produced by long-serving Maidstone Gang Show member, Andy Brodie. Andy Brodie went on to produce 1990, 1992, 1994 and in 1995 the 25th Anniversary Show.

In 1997 a production committee of six gang members produced the show, which brings us to the next show in 1999.

Maidstone Gang Show now has a large stock of costumes and scenery as well as a star cloth which are all available for hire. – MJC

The Gang Show Management Board

Honorary President: Jack Harris

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THE CO-PRODUCERS

Left to right: Gill Simes, Simon Davies, Steph Davies, Matt Caney, Mark Culver, Steve McGill.

PRODUCTION TEAM COMMENT

Welcome to Gang Show '99 here at the Hazlitt Theatre. This year's show, like recent shows, continues to use a theme from beginning to end. This evening we will take you to 'Withering Heights', a rest home for people from all walks of life. We open with the oldest resident's 100th birthday on 31st December 1999 and end with the first celebration of the new millennium (we thought we'd do it first). The residents will look back to some part of their lives in this century and relive that memory with the Gang.

Once again the production of the show has been shared. For our second show we have, again, had the pleasure of working with an enthusiastic gang from the youngest to the oldest. This year for the first time we have invited cubs from ten to join the gang. The gang have worked hard and shown great commitment over the last six months to entertain you tonight.

The production team have been lucky to work with a great team of people that make up this year's gang behind the scenes. The Gang behind the Gang appear later in the programme. To all those involved we say a big *Thank you*.

Lastly we want to thank you, the audience, whether this is the first show you have seen or one of many for supporting this year's show. The gang certainly enjoy performing to a lively audience. We therefore give you the challenge to enjoy yourselves, let go and have a ball, stamp, cheer, clap, for . . .

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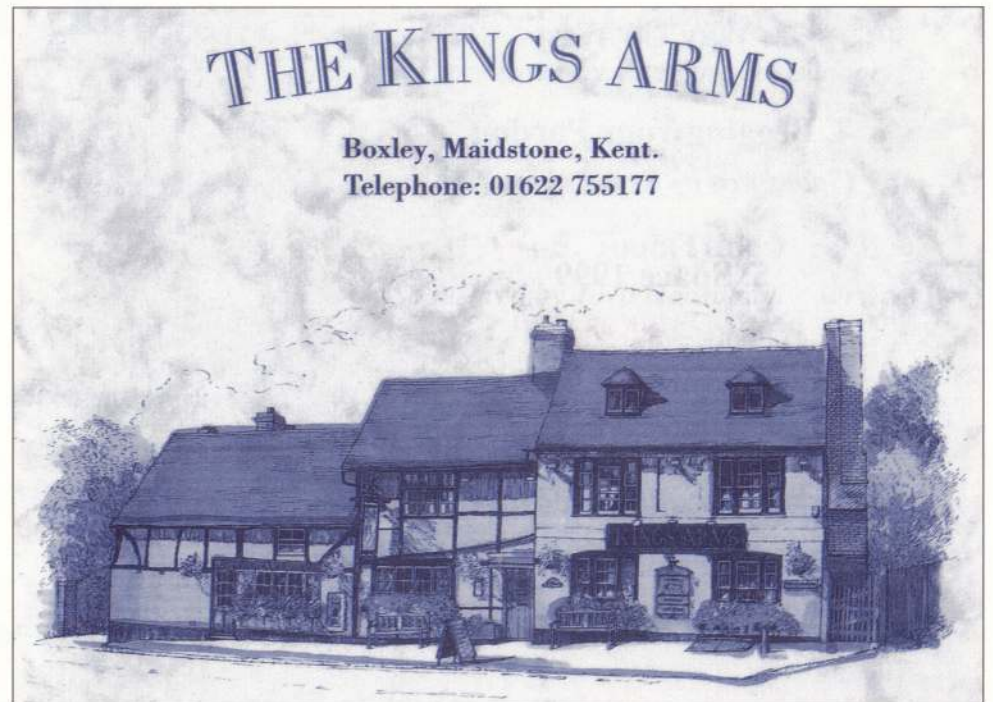


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Middle row: Matthew Norton, Michall Sinclair, Emily Beeney, Lizzie Cooper, Victoria Neville, Andrew Vickers,
Matt Stephens. Front row: Clare Martin, Jason Wilson, Ian Styles, Daniel Grant, Alys Leach, Matthew White,
Laura Brotherwood, Gareth Hook. Kneeling: Marcus Ashworth, Francies Cresswell, William Barfoot, Simon Grant,
Thomas Gilbert, Ben Williams. Sitting: Haydn Sinclair, Sadie Davis, Kaya Salida, Richard Philpott, David Sinclair.

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GANG SHOW

Scouting in Maidstone is divided into three Districts and the Gang Show is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together as one.

Young people from the Cub sections through to the Venture Scout sections are involved in the show and judging by the rehearsals they have had a lot of fun and have made friends. They have also shown that they can work together as a team and this teamwork will shine through this week.

We sometimes forget that adults join Scouting to have fun and to make friends too. Leaders from all over Maidstone have joined in the gang – either front or backstage. They have supported the young people throughout the past six months to achieve a production that Ralph Reader himself would have been proud of.

As always Scouting encourages young people to achieve their full potential in all they do, and whilst rehearsing over the last six months they have all continued with their normal Scouting activities – weekly meetings, camps, expeditions – some even as far afield as the World Jamboree in Chile!

We would like to thank you for supporting the show, and would like to congratulate the Gang who are continuing the long tradition of excellent Gang Shows in Maidstone.

Jim Martin
District Commissioner
Maidstone East

Joan Wilkinson
District Commissioner
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Hospice care is **free** but this year our running costs will be in the region of £1.3 million of which we must raise £900,000 from the local community. We are indebted to the Maidstone Gang Show for their support and care.

With out best wishes and thanks to all involved with Maidstone Gang Show and to everyone in the audience.

Thank you for your care and support

For further information regarding the hospice and a list of forthcoming fund-raising events, please ☎ (01622) 701195.



Back row: Toby Simons, Ken Nichols, Stuart Brown, Doug Green. Middle row: Sarah Wright, Duncan Ford, Margaret Brown, Trevor Fever, Roger Barker. Front row: Simon O'Connor, Madelaine Smith, Carol Fever, Zoe Thomas.

Thank you's . . .

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The Gang Behind the Gang

<i>Production Team</i>	Matthew Caney, Mark Culver, Stephanie Davies, Simon Davies, Steve McGill and Gill Simes
<i>Band</i>	Zoe (Piano), Nigel Wooding (Bass), Nick Brod (Guitar), J. C. Conway (Drums), Doug Green (Assistant)
<i>Rehearsal Pianists</i>	Zoe, Malcolm Dickerson, Doug Green
<i>Costumes</i>	Carol Fever, Trevor Fever, Lorna Culver, Celia Ashworth, Cynthia Reynolds, Stephanie Davies
<i>Props</i>	Roger Baker, Geoff Brinklow, Pauline Brinklow
<i>Lighting</i>	Duncan Ford, Mark Pantony, Malcolm Sinclair, Andrew Goad
<i>Sound</i>	Gavin Davis, Ian Hope, Emma Day
<i>Front of House</i>	Ken Nicholls
<i>Catering</i>	Margaret Brown, Stuart Brown and David Brown
<i>Cast Secretary</i>	Madeline Smith
<i>Make-up</i>	Toby Simons, Alana Clifton and Lorraine Clifton
<i>Original Material</i>	Simon Davies, Steve McGill, Gill Simes, Doug Green, John Hitch and James Osbourn
<i>Choreography</i>	Stephanie Davies, Sarah Wright, Matthew Caney, Mark Culver, Carol Fever, Trevor Fever, Claire Pepper and Emma Wicks
<i>Design</i>	The Production Team
<i>Promotion and Programme</i>	Simon O'Connor
<i>Stage Director</i>	Malcolm Dickerson
<i>Stage Manager</i>	Paul Culver
<i>Stage Crew</i>	Louise Birkinshaw, Chris Chilcott, Brian Culver, Alison Dickerson, Trevor Fever, David Fitzpatrick, Sarah Harris, Steve James, David Orris, Darren Watson, Tanya Watson



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