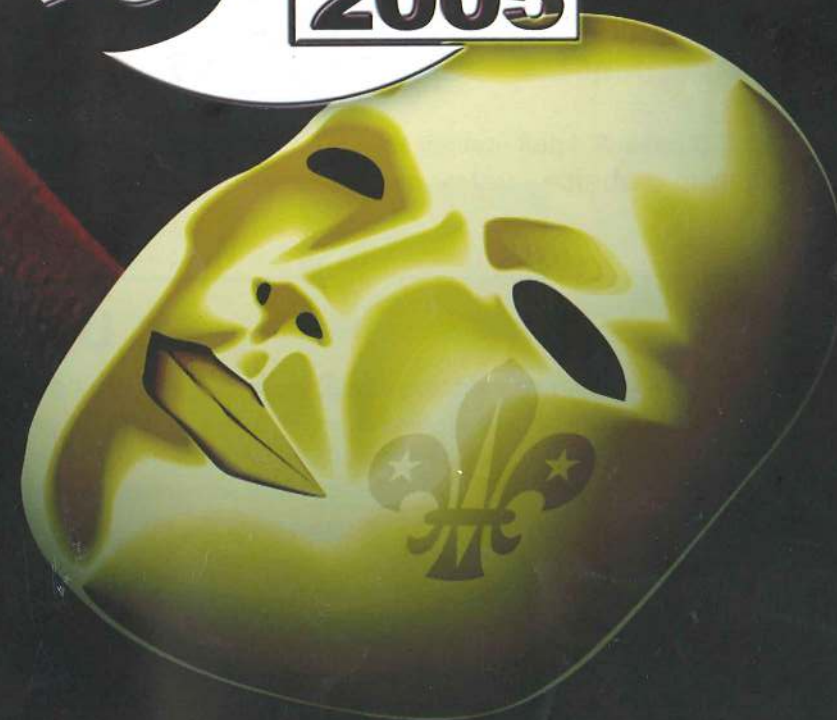


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2005



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The Gang of 2005 thank the following:

Robert Wright, Ipswich Gang Show, Southend Gang Show, Hornsby (Australia) Gang Show, Gill Simes and the estate of Ralph Reader for their permission to use material in this show, in addition to the composers and song writers too many to mention!

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Many people are under the impression that hospices are part of our National Health Service. Sadly this is not the case and they are reliant on grants, donations, income from fund raising activities and from legacies and bequests. We would ask that you take the opportunity to support our local hospice so that they may continue their immense service in caring for people with life threatening disease, supporting families and ensuring that the best possible quality of life is achieved for those affected.

Those of you who may have watched 'The Vicar of Dibley' in the New Year will have been moved by the ending of that programme in which reference was made to the 'Make Poverty History' campaign. Dawn French has also been active in the media since in promoting the cause. We would like to support the Save the Children Fund in their work in supporting children throughout the world and to reduce poverty on a global scale.

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A Message from the Production Team!

Welcome to Maidstone Gang Show 2005 and on behalf of the Maidstone Gang and ourselves we welcome you once again to the Hazlitt Theatre!

This will be our first show as a production team, following on from the very high standards set by our previous producers. All of us have been involved with Maidstone Gang Show for a number of years as members of the Gang and hope that we have been able to devise a show for you to enjoy tonight.

The cast have been working extremely hard to ensure that you will enjoy their performance and additionally all our technical and back stage crews have excelled as usual with their contribution and support to make this show a success.

It is worth remembering that all of the Gang are members of the Scouting movement locally and they manage to maintain their normal Scouting activities week by week, as well as all the additional work required for Maidstone Gang Show!

We would like to thank all of the Gang for their dedication and hard work over the last few months - and a special thank you to Mark Culver, former Show Director and Maidstone Gang Show Board, for their advice, support and guidance over the last 18 months.

Finally, a big thank you to you, the audience, without whom all of our work would have been for nothing!

Thank you for your support!



PRODUCTION TEAM

David Taylor, Chris Cook, Jo Cox, Neil Porter, Richard Flood
Tom Ring, Karen Card, Alys Leach

A Message from Maidstone's District Commissioners

This year 2005 is a special year for Scouting in Maidstone because in June the three Maidstone Districts will be celebrating 40 years since our Hamlet Wood Camp Site at East Farleigh was opened. The event will be marked with a Beaver Scout Sleepover, together with Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts camping over the weekend. All Groups within the Districts will be attending and participating in a number of activities including camp fire, orienteering and backwoods cooking. Each Scout will receive a memorial badge to commemorate Hamlet Wood's Ruby Anniversary.

The current Maidstone Gang Show can also trace its origins back to the 1960's when Hamlet Wood was opened. This year Maidstone Gang Show has a new Production team and Director and they have worked very hard since the last show, script writing, costume design, assessing budgets and encouraging the Scouts in the three Districts to take part. Since September 2004 they have rehearsed every weekend, with great enthusiasm and camaraderie. All the cast will have not only given up their time for rehearsals but have continued with their normal scout unit meetings and district events. The back stage hands have also been busy sorting out lighting, stage sets and all those things that happen back stage to enable the Gang Show to be on stage.

Scouting offers a diverse range of opportunities and activities for young people from camping, climbing and other adventurous activities through to creative activities, such as taking part in this Gang Show. The District Commissioners wish the Gang every success and thank you the audience for coming and enjoying a traditional Gang Show.

Nigel Smetham (Maidstone West) Pam Mead (Maidstone South)

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Finale

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Scout Gang Shows have developed from an original idea of Ralph Reader who produced many shows in London, to the large number of shows held throughout this country and the world today!

His original concept was to provide opportunities for members of the Scout Movement to work together as a team, develop confidence and new skills in young people, make new friends and most importantly to have enormous fun in the process!

Maidstone had a Gang Show as early as 1939 but the advent of war prevented further shows being staged. In 1968, the idea of staging another show was suggested by six Scout Groups in Maidstone and the District Commissioner at that time, Clifford Vanstone, agreed that a trial show could be produced. Further shows were staged in 1970 and 1972, when Tony Palmer, a former member of the London Gang Show, became the producer.

Up until this time the shows were performed by an all male cast and it was the 1974 show, produced by Chris Hall and Ian Craddock, when female Scouters were first permitted to join the Gang!

Ron Cattell (formerly of Edinburgh Gang Show), produced the shows from 1978 - 83. Sue Pepper then took the helm in 1985, and the show returned to the Hazlitt Theatre where all subsequent shows have been performed.

In 1988 a more modern approach was taken to Gang Show production when Andy Brodie became the producer and subsequently for shows held in 1990, 1992, 1994 and a 25th anniversary show held in 1995.

Since that date the modern theme for the show has prevailed, on the basis that if Ralph Reader were alive today he would be producing large scale production numbers and sketches that had some relevance to the younger members of the Gang. This theme was developed by production teams that included Matt Caney, Steph Davies, Mark Culver, Gill Simes, Simon Wade, Amanda Harle and Toby Simons.

We thank all of the former producers of Maidstone Gang Show for the way it has evolved over the years - and we look forward to Maidstone Gang Show 2007, the year in which Scouting celebrates its' centenary!



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Front Row - Luke Simmons, James Dickson, Louise Cummins, Jake Gibbons, Jonathan Card



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Front Row - Matt Wright, Greg Thompson, Zoe Martin, Tom Ring, Catherine Rickett, Ben Burton, Michael Card, Charlotte Law (not in picture)



SCOUT NETWORK - Back Row - Chris Flood, Anna Wilson, Charlotte Beeney, Rachel Davies, David Taylor
Front Row - Tor Neville, Daniel Davies, Katy Wallace



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 Not in picture - Graham Ford, Mark Cope, Emma Gordon



BAND - Hannah Pay, Ron Barson, Dave Hitch, Peter Ive
 Not in picture - Rachel Norman



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Not in picture - Grant Knox, Amy Martin, Alan Endersby, Stuart Cole, Kevin Hawkins, Jeannette Reid-Marr

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**It is with deep regret and sadness that we announce
 the death of Jack Harris, Hon Vice President of
 Maidstone Gang Show, on 14th March 2005.**

He will be missed by many!

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