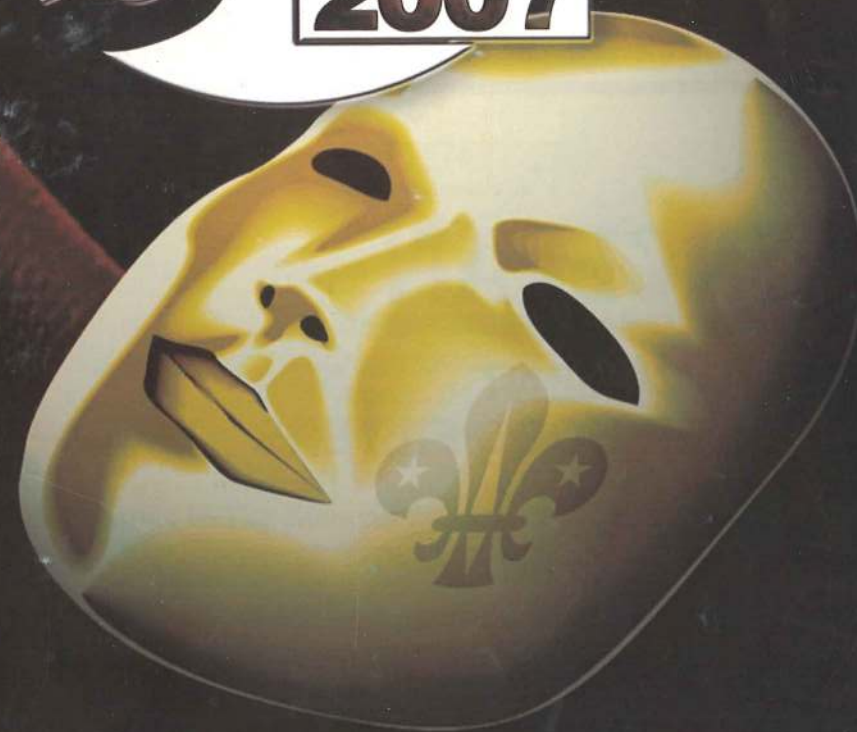


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The Gang of 2007 would like to thank the following –

Dave Spencer of the Australian Jamboree Gang Show, Hastings Gang Show, Jo Cox, Richard Flood, Alys Leach, Neil Porter and the estate of Ralph Reader for their permission to use material in this years show. In addition to the many composers and song writers - too many to mention.

Special thanks to The Blanche Lawson Charitable Trust for their generous support.

Maidstone East, Maidstone South and Maidstone West Scouts are registered charities.

The Maidstone Gang Show Management Committee

**Committee Members: Jim Martin, Pam Mead, Nigel Smetham,
Mark Culver, Harvey Kennett, Jo Cox, Brian Culver**

Maidstone Gang Show Charity Collections 2007

It is a custom of Maidstone Gang Show that during show week at the Hazlitt Theatre a retiring collection is taken after each show on behalf of two charities nominated by The Gang. This year we are collecting on behalf of both Slide Away and the World Friendship Appeal. Please give generously as you leave.



Slide Away

Registered charity no. 1108644

Slide Away is a small registered charity working with bereaved children, young people and their families in Maidstone schools. It runs group workshops offering creative activities, which allow young people to explore their experiences of being bereaved, hold onto memories and develop coping strategies, as well as meet others who have been bereaved. Monies raised fund the workshops and provide books and resources to support families with their grieving process. The charity also works actively with schools in Maidstone to raise awareness of the needs of, and provide ongoing support for, bereaved pupils.

Contact Slide Away:

Tel: 01622 726952,

Email: slideawayone@aol.com

*Write to Slide Away c/o West Borough Primary School, Greenway,
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The year 2007 marks the Centenary of Scouting. The Centenary World Scout Jamboree will take place at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex, during the summer. The Jamboree will be a unique opportunity for over 40,000 Scouts from all over the world to come together in the spirit of peace and unity. They will experience 12 days of adventure, celebrations and activities. Friendships will be formed and lasting bonds made between Scouts of all races, religions and cultures.

The Founder of Scouting, Robert Baden-Powell, had a dream that anyone could become a Scout and enjoy the opportunities that come with it. It is our dream that the 2007 Centenary World Scout Jamboree will be the greatest international Scouting Jamboree in history, but we cannot do this without help from people like you.

Your gift, however large or small, will help us continue to spread the spirit of Scouting – something of which you can be proud. Your donation will ensure that Scouts from all over the world can join us in 2007. It will be worth so much more to them than simple pounds and pence.

The following are examples of how your money will be spent:

£20 will pay for a sleeping bag for one participant.

£30 will pay for 30 young attendees to go to the opening ceremony – the high point of the Centenary Jamboree and a chance to meet new friends and celebrate together.

£50 will pay for a tent for one participant.

£75 will pay for all the food for one participant for the event.

To contact the World Friendship Appeal please call 0845 300 4240



“REHEARSALS 2007”

A Message from the Directors

Welcome to Maidstone Gang Show 2007! On behalf of the Gang we would like to say a massive thank you for joining us at the Hazlitt again this year.

Although this is our first year as show directors, it is our second as part of the production team. Gang Show must be in our blood as between us we have taken part in over 16 shows here in Maidstone and in Ipswich!

The cast have worked extremely hard this year to produce the show you will see tonight. We could not have done this without the invaluable help of the backstage Gang and technical teams. We do hope you enjoy the show!

This show this year is special in many ways. Not only does Scouting celebrate its 100th Birthday but Gang Shows themselves celebrate 75 years since the first Gang Show was held at the Scala Theatre in London on October 31st 1932. This show was directed by the legendary Ralph Reader CBE.

For a lot of the cast this is also a mile stone show, some of them having done over 15 shows! If you look closely at our scarves you'll see some of them have stripes on - these are our long service awards! One stripe for every five shows in which we have taken part in! Hopefully the cast you see tonight will become the Gang of the future and will earn their long service awards too!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, partners, friends and fellow Scout Leaders in supporting the cast over the last six months of rehearsals. We really could not have done it without them!

As it is our Scouting centenary this year, tonight's show takes you on a journey over the last 100 years. Therefore we invite you to stamp, cheer, clap, and sing as we wave goodbye to the old and celebrate the dawning of a new century.





Production Team

Back Row Left to Right

Jim Martin – Chairman of the Management Committee
 Trevor Fever – Props and Costumes
 Dave Taylor – Stage Management, Lighting, Sound and Staging
 Mark Culver – Stage Director and Ticket Sales
 Derek Standen – Props and Costumes
 Karen Card – Cast Secretary

Front Row Left to Right

Ami Culver – Costumes and Masks
 Pauline Ovenden – Costumes
 Maureen Standen – Costumes
 Stuart Brown – Cast Catering
 Alys Leach – Assistant Choreographer
 Anna Hilder - Assistant Choreographer
 Carol Fever – Costumes
 Charlotte Beeney - Choreographer
 Margaret Brown – Cast Catering
 Zoe Martin - Assistant Choreographer

MAIDSTONE GANG SHOW 2007

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' WELCOME

On 1st August 1907, Robert Baden-Powell opened the first experimental camp at Brownsea Island. Baden-Powell was convinced of the potential for young people to make a positive and full contribution to their community. He set up a training programme to facilitate this. It was the start of the Scout Movement that, one hundred years later, has 28 million members worldwide in 216 countries. We are celebrating in 2007 the Centenary of Scouting with a number of events nationally and locally.

Maidstone Gang Show is an example of the achievement of young people, members of Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Explorer Scout Units and Scout Network Units, working together with Adult Leaders. All have been busy rehearsing for seven months to provide the high quality entertainment you see tonight. This is in addition to their normal weekly programme of activities, including camping, climbing, hiking, craft, games and community service.

To get a show to this stage takes a great deal of hard work by The Gang you see before you, and also the Gang backstage who have sorted out scenery, props, costumes and lighting. It is also the culmination of 18 months planning by the Production Team who started developing the Show and writing the script soon after the last show ended in 2005.

The District Commissioners wish The Gang every success and thank them for their commitment and hard work to bring Gang Show 2007 to fruition - in celebration of the Centenary of Scouting. We thank you, the audience, for coming to support The Gang and hope you enjoy the show.

Nigel Smetham (Maidstone West), Pam Mead (Maidstone South),
 Harvey Kennett (Maidstone East)

Act One

One Vision

If I Were Not

Four Old Scouters

Jungle Drums

Positions Please

Blitz

Act Two

A Very Good Place to Start

American Names

Music Box

Pack of Troubles

Bob A Job

Finale



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Maidstone Gang Show - a Potted History

Scout Gang Shows have existed for many years, based on the original ideas of Ralph Reader CBE whose shows were performed in London and in provincial cities and towns across the country. It is now said that 'Every night of every year, somewhere in the world a Gang Show is playing'. Tonight is our night!

Maidstone was one of these provincial towns and had a Gang Show as early as 1939! The aim of Gang Show has always been to develop a sense of belonging, to encourage team spirit, increase self confidence and to provide an atmosphere of enjoyment and fun. It also introduces and develops stage skills to present a positive image of Scouting in the community.

During the war the Maidstone Gang Show was laid to rest only to be re-born in 1969 when a trial show was performed during the District AGM at Oakwood Park School.

In 1970, Tony Palmer produced the first full Gang Show. This was the first of many shows to be performed at our present home, Maidstone's Hazlitt Theatre. These shows were traditional Ralph Reader Gang Shows using only his original songs, sketches and an all male cast!

It all changed with the 1974 show when Chris Hall and Ian Craddock took the producers mantle, and female Scouters become part of the main Gang for the first time.

1978 saw Ron Cattell produce the show, which would be the last until 1981 when the show returned to its place of birth - Oakwood Park. The 1985 show, produced by Sue Pepper, once again took up residence at the Hazlitt Theatre.

In 1988 the show took on a more modern approach and was the first of many to be produced by Andy Brodie. Andy went on to produce the 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1995 shows, assisted by former & future Maidstone Gang Shows producers.

The 1997 & 1999 shows were produced by a new team - Matt Caney, Steph Davies, Mark Culver, Gill Simes and Simon Wade. These shows continued the modern approach and brought the Maidstone Gang Show into the 21st Century. Matt left the team, and Simon Davies joined for the 2001 show. Both Gill & Simon Davies left the production team following that show allowing Toby Simons & Amanda Harle to join the remaining members for the 2003 show.

A brand new production team took over for 2005 - Chris Cook, Karen Card, Jo Cox, Richard Flood, Alys Leech, Neil Porter, Tom Ring and Dave Taylor. Both Jo and Richard have the pleasure of producing the 2007 show you see tonight.

Maidstone Gang Show Producers

1969: A number of Maidstone Scout Groups as a cooperative

1970: Tony Palmer

1972: Tony Palmer

1974: Chris Hall & Ian Craddock

1976: Chris Hall & Ian Craddock

1978: Ron Cattell

1981: Ron Cattell

1983: Ron Cattell

1985: Sue Pepper

1988: Andy Brodie assisted by Sue Pepper

1990: Andy Brodie assisted by Steph Davies

1992: Andy Brodie assisted by Steph Davies & Alan Livesey

1994: Andy Brodie assisted by Steph Davies & Alan Livesey

1995: Andy Brodie assisted by Steph Davies & Matt Caney

1997: Matt Caney, Mark Culver, Steph Davies, Gill Simes & Simon Wade

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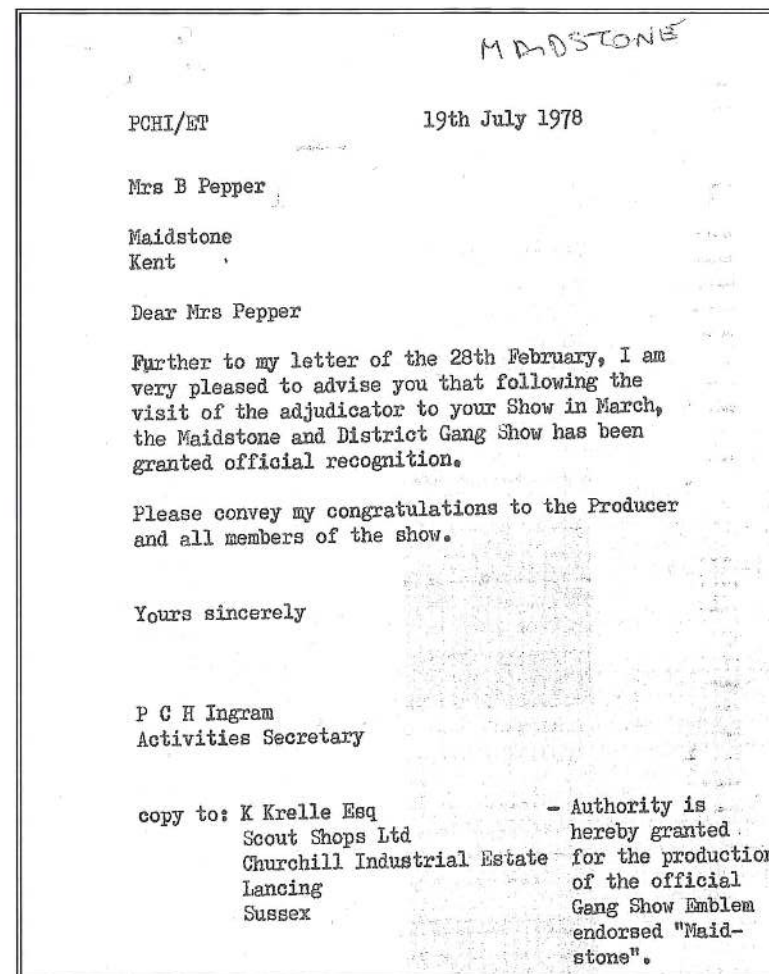
2003: Mark Culver, Steph Davies, Simon Wade, Amanda Harle & Toby Simons

2005: Chris Cook, Karen Card, Jo Cox, Richard Flood, Alys Leech, Neil Porter, Tom Ring and Dave Taylor.

2007: Jo Cox & Richard Flood.

All Scout Gang Shows must have Official National Recognition granted by the County Scout Show Assessor. This is granted to shows which reach a very high standard of performance. This recognition allows the show to be proud owners of the red Gang Show scarf. The letter below was found in records at Scout Headquarters at Gilwell Park and shows that the Maidstone Gang Show was granted official recognition in July 1978.

To this day, we wear our red scarves with pride.





Cub Scouts

L to R – Pippa Clausen, Andre Tuffin Innes, George Fever, Alex Harwood, Ben Wright, Graham Holroyd, Alex Smith.



Scouts

L to R – Sophie Taylor, Oliver Burton, Liam Glazier, Joe McConnell, Connor Litchfield, Stewart Holroyd.



Explorer Scouts

Back Row L to R – Ema Ring, Megan Hook, Thomas Murton, Dom Smetham, Catherine Rickett, Greg Thompson.
Front Row L to R Zoe Martin, Liz Parker, Claire Francis, Rachel King, Michael Card, Andrew Leach, Katie Wright, Holly Tuffin.



Network Scouts and Adult Leaders

Back Row L to R – Gill Simes, Ray Neville, Noz Smetham, Chris Flood, Richard Flood.
Middle Row L to R – Karen Card, Richard 'Nev' Neville, Dot Mannering, Richard Freeman, James Capon, Mark Cope, David Brown, Gemma Hawkes
Front Row L to R – Catherine Cooper, Sue Beeney, Debbie Wright, Jo Cox, Graham Ford, Simon Grant, Alys Leach, Anna Hilder, Rebecca Earl, Charlotte Beeney, Emma Gordon.
Not in picture – Kirsty Hawkins



Back Stage

Back Row L to R – Trevor Fever, Mark Culver, Dave Taylor
Front Row L to R – Jim Hilder, Jim Martin, Clare Martin, Gemma Ford, Ian Foulsham



The Band

Row L to R – Peter Ive, Dave Hitch, Hannah Pay
Front Row L to R – Rachel Norman, Ron Barson



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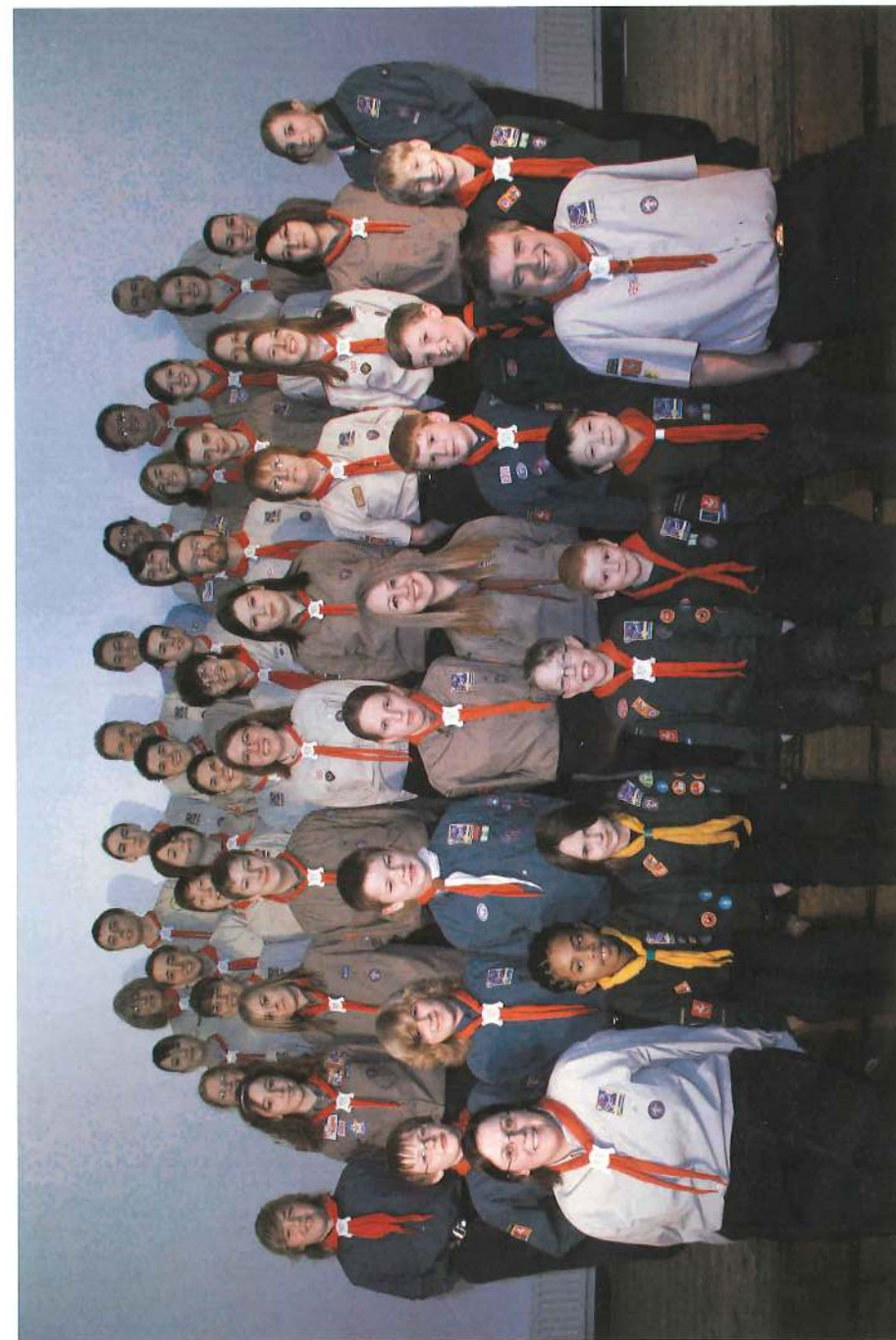

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The Gang Behind the Gang

Show Director	Jo Cox
Assistant Show Director	Richard Flood
Musical Director	Dave Hitch
Production Team	Charlotte Beeney, Ami Culver, Mark Culver, Karen Card, Carol Fever, Trevor Fever, Anna Hilder, Alys Leach, Zoe Martin, Jim Martin, Pauline Ovenden, Maureen Standen, Derek Standen, Dave Taylor
Show Researcher	Neil Porter
The Band	Ron Barson, Dave Hitch, Hannah Pay, Rachel Norman, Peter Ive.
Choreography	Charlotte Beeney, assisted by Sue Beeney, Jo Cox, Richard Flood, Anna Hilder, Alys Leach and Zoe Martin
Costumes	Carol Fever, Maureen Standen, Pauline Ovenden. Assisted by Ami Culver, Trevor Fever, Cynthia Reynolds and Derek Standen
Scenery	Alan Croucher and Mark Culver. With thanks to Mid Kent College and East Sutton Community Youth Theatre
Props and Masks	Derek Standen, Ami Culver, Trevor Fever.
Lighting	Andy Hook and Dave Taylor
Sound	Nigel Wond
Pyrotechnics	Richard Taylor
Make Up	Gemma Ford, assisted by Emily Beeney
Front of House	Jim and Beccy Martin
Cast Secretary	Karen Card
Ticket Sales	Mark Culver
Cast Catering	Margaret and Stuart Brown, assisted by David Brown
Stage Director	Mark Culver
Stage Manager	Dave Taylor
Stage Crew	Stuart Cole, Alan Croucher, Theresa Durling, Trevor Fever, Ian Foulsham, Tom Gesson, Jim Hilder, Steve James, Clare Martin, Tom Ring.
Scene Painting	Jo Cox, Alan Croucher, Ami Culver, Mark Culver, Rebecca Earl, Chris Flood and Steve Perman
Photography	Rehearsal - Michelle Moses Programme - Jim Hilder
Programme Art Work	Rik Harle Design
Rehearsal Facilities	Maidstone Methodist Centre, Brewer Street.

With much thanks to all those people we have missed! And to all the mums, dads, husbands, wives, partners, scout leaders and friends thank you for your support!

The Gang of 2007



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