

Maidstone Gang Show 2015

Programme



Hazlitt Theatre, Earl Street, Maidstone
7th April - 11th April 2015
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2015

Welcome!

**The Gang of 2015 proudly welcome
you to tonight's show**

The Hazlitt Theatre - Maidstone

Performances:

Tuesday - Saturday Evenings: 7:30pm

Saturday Matinee: 2:30pm

The Gang of 2015 would like to thank the following:

Ami Culver, Mark Culver, Richard Flood, Showtime Greenwich Gang Show and the estate of Ralph Reader CBE for their permission to use material in this year's show, in addition to the many other composers and song writers too many to mention.

Special thanks to

The Raymond & Blanche Lawson Charitable Trust for their generous support and for use of costumes Warwickshire Gang Show and Southend Gang Show.

Director's Message

Welcome to Maidstone Gang Show 2015! On behalf of the Gang I would like to say a massive thank you for joining us at the Hazlitt this year. Yet again the team and I have had the pleasure of working with an amazing group of talented people both on stage and behind the scenes. Every year I'm astounded how much effort and commitment the cast and crew put into the show alongside their school work, careers and weekly scouting activities.

I would also like to recognise the hard work that has been put into the show by the huge team of people who have worked tirelessly since 2013. Planning, preparing, choreographing, editing, producing, writing, cutting, sewing, painting, writing letters, producing accounts.....the list goes on. Without them tonight's show would not have been possible. **THANK YOU!**

This year the cast have chosen to support a charity which supports young people going through challenging times. The loss of someone important to anyone is difficult. For a young person it can be overwhelming. At the end of the performance there will be a retiring collection to support the valuable work that this charity does, please show your support.

So tonight the 'Gang' invite you to sit back, cheer, clap, and sing along as they share with you the 2015 show!

Richard



Production Team:
Richard Flood, Alys Leach,
Ami Culver, Mark Culver.

Charity



Holding On Letting Go

This year the cast have chosen as their charity Holding On Letting Go who support young people who have experienced the death of an important person in their lives.

The loss of someone important to a young person can be overwhelming Holding On Letting Go provide opportunities for young people to meet others like them who have experienced bereavement and who can understand their feelings and experiences.

They have the chance to explore and express their feelings through special activities and to ask questions in a safe environment. With the aim of holding onto the good memories and learning how to let go of the unhappy ones.

At the end of our show there will be collection buckets, please give as much as you can any donation no matter how small will go towards the valuable work they do with young people and their families.

£2 pays for the materials needed for one memory jar

£5 pays for the food and drink for a child attending a bereavement weekend

£10 pays for a Holding On Letting Go teddy bear for each child at the end of a bereavement weekend

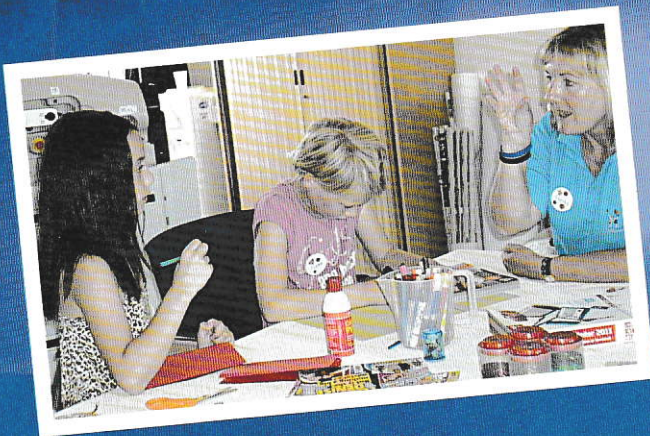
£50 pays for transport to and from the venue for a weekend for a family

£100 pays for the training of a volunteer member of staff

£300 pays for a bereaved child to attend a therapeutic weekend.

The cast thank you for support of this worthwhile charity.

Holding On Letting Go is part of the Wisdom Hospice Charity Number 1103835



DCs' Message

Scouting is all about fun, challenges and adventure, which helps young people, and adults alike, to reach their full potential, by offering fun and challenging activities, unique experiences and the chance to help others.

Scouting develops such skills as teamwork, time management, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation and commitment. It's a great way to have fun, make friends and express your creativity.

For the past six months (and more) the Gang Show has been a major part of the Scouting adventure for more than 90 Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network Scouts, leaders and other adults, fulfilling the above aspirations.

For a large number of the Gang, this week will be the first time they have ever performed in a theatre to an audience. So, by working together, the Gang have made this the best show possible and formed new friendships that will last for many years to come.

It takes a huge amount of work from a large number of adults, all of whom deserve our thanks – the parents and guardians who ferried children to rehearsals every week for six months; the team who made the costumes and props; the backstage crew; the Production Team who have been working on this show since before the curtain went down on the previous show two years ago; and everyone else who have supported the Show. On behalf of all of the Gang we would like to thank these people.

We hope by the end of the performance today you will agree with us - Maidstone Gang Show is a fantastic example of Scouting at its best.

Richard Murton (District Commissioner - Maidstone East)

Richard Field (District Commissioner - Maidstone West)

Tracey Swift (Acting District Commissioner - Maidstone South)



KENT SCOUTS

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Be part of scouting!

Kent Scouts provide a fun, adventurous programme of activities for young people aged 6 - 25 years. To find out more about how to join or how you can volunteer to help contact Kent Scouts on 01622 766844 www.kentscouts.org.uk



Well done Alex!
You've made us
proud. Love from
Mum, Dad, Nan
and Bea xxx

To our committed
Bug. You're our
little star.
Love oooooo
xxx

Break a leg Tommy C.
Love Mum, Dad,
Daniel, Grandma
& Pop Pop XX

Enjoy yourself Jacob.
You make us
proud. Love
Dad, Grandma &
Grandad xxx

Good luck Abbie.
Really proud of
you. Love you
lots. From all of
us x

Good luck for your first
Gang Show Jake.
Love from Mum,
Dad and Fearnie

Good Luck to all of
the Gang.
Ragstones ESU

Shine like the true
diva you are Maity!
Really proud of
you! Love, the
Family

Good luck Andrea,
Heather, Molly,
Archie, Alex &
Killian. From St
Paul's Scout Group
xxx

Good luck Maisy, Zoe
and Bug!
Love, your friends
at Boughton
Otter Pack

Zozo Good luck!
Love you Mollz
xxx

Good luck Jodie (and
Mum!) Have a fab
Show.
Love from the
Causer Crew

Wishing Sophie, Ceri
and Akela lots of
luck!
Keep smiling from
Boughton Otters

To Killian,
Good Luck and
lots of love from
Nana

Knock 'em dead
Zoe. Love you
Nanny, Barbie +
Mr Ed xxx

Break a leg
Daniel. Have a
great Show.
Love Mum, Dad,
Nathan & Tosh xxx

Good luck Zozboz!
You will be
amazing!
Love you Mum +
Dad xxx

Good luck Jess.
Enjoy yourself.
Love Mum, Dad,
Nan, Sam and
Dean.



Act 1

**Opening
Phobias Clinic
Route 66
Charlie
Cinema
Dizzy Disney**



Act 2

**Circus
Panto Chaos
Stars
M.I.B
Cricket
Interrupted
Finale**



Please be aware that strobe lighting and pyrotechnic effects will be used during the performance.

Please turn off your mobile telephones.

The use of flash photography and video cameras is prohibited.



Cubs

Cubs - Maisy Earle, Robert Price, Jodie Causer, Joseph Brown, Owen Rees, Zoe Gillan, James Rogan, Zoe Ruler, Lydia Tébrooke, Ryan Kelly, Archie Blurton, Amelia Doherty, Imogen Payne, Molly Blurton, Amber Taylor, Aaron Horlock, Phillip Hart, Isabelle Heather Brooks, Abigail Bascal-Kelly, Erin Jones, Zoe Bishop. Absent from photograph

Rowan Jell, Sophie Hodges, Alison Hill, Phoebe Eden, Elliot Hill, Jon

Network & Leaders - Greg Thompson, Mark Cope, George Fever, Chris Flood, Jan Heather Berry, David Brown, Simon Grant, Ben Wright, Amanda Causer, Karen Harvey Kennett, Amanda Harle, Ami Culver, Sue Beeney, Janice Grant, Steph Hill,



Explorers



Scouts

m, Thomas Culver, Killian Berry, Jake Hawkins, SophieAnne Horlock, Daniel Maunder,
Scouts - Abbie Leipnik, Katherine Price, Jo Geeson, George Harrison, Daisy Simmons,
 Johnson, Alex Haynes, Daniel Baughurst, Noel O'Brien, Millie Gillam, Jacob Burgess,
 Graph: Lori Mallinson, Alicia Taiwo. **Explorers** - Matthew Durrant, Daniel Rayner,
 Nathan Hampson. Absent from photograph: Bill Harrison, Ceri Taylor
 James Capon, Nathanael Smetham, Dan Everest, Ross Skinner, Jim Catterall, Serena Neal,
 n Taylor, Jessica Jones, Graham Ford, Debbie Wright, Jo Perman, Andrea Blurton,
 t, Kirsty Hawkins, Sophie Taylor, Rosie Bright. Absent from photograph: Karen Card



Network & Leaders

Making Memories





We've Come So Far...

In 1932, Ralph Reader, a 29 year old Rover Scout from London, agreed to organise a variety show to raise money to build a swimming pool for a local campsite, using a cast of Scouts and their leaders. It wasn't initially called a Gang Show, but, after a tea-break at one of the first rehearsals Ralph asked whether the cast were ready, to which a young member replied "Aye, aye, the Gang's all here" – and the name stuck...

The first Gang Show was staged in the West End and continued for many years. To show that they were members of the same cast Ralph Reader decided that the Gang should all wear the same scarf – a plain red scarf (chosen because it was one of the colours of Ralph's group scarf!), and to this day, every Gang Show around the world wears the same red scarf, to show we're all members of the same Gang.

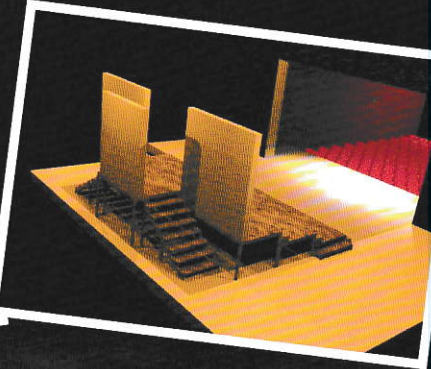
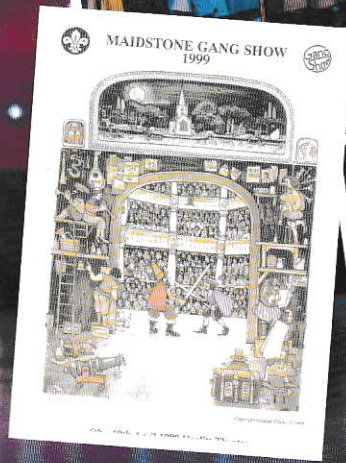
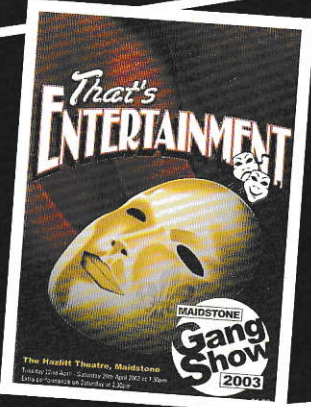
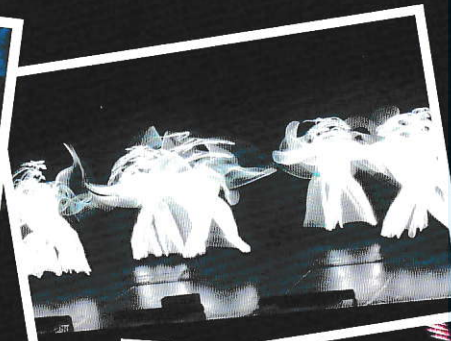
Given the success of this first Gang Show, more shows sprung up around the Country and beyond – with Maidstone holding its first show in 1939. During the war it was laid to rest to be re-born in 1969, when a trial show was performed during the District AGM at Oakwood Park School. This was followed by the first full Gang Show at the Hazlitt Theatre in 1970.

Maidstone Gang Show has run continuously since 1970. Over the years we have endeavoured to keep the Show fresh, with new material and a modern look. But we still keep true to the traditions of Gang Show, to enable young people to gain skills and confidence through working together as a team, supported by adults, to put on a show that would be fun for both them and the audience.

The Gang Show in Maidstone has been fortunate in that many cast members have returned to take part in further shows in order to provide experience and help to the cast members who are in their first show. Many producers of the show were once part of the cast and have then return to produce shows in subsequent years.



The Gang are always looking to keep in touch with past cast members. If you have memories to share please email them to archive@maidstonegangshow.co.uk and who knows next year's programme could feature your photos!!!



Where are the Gang from?

The Gang comes from the following Groups / Units

- Maidstone East -** Bearsted, Lenham & Harrietsham, Mighty Pythons ESU, Mote Park, St. Luke's, St. Paul's and District Active Support.
- Maidstone South -** Boughton Monchelsea, Coxheath, Loose Swiss, Marden, Paragons ESU, Suttons, District Active Support.
- Maidstone West -** Barming, Methodist, Iggy's NSU, Scylax ESU, St. Michaels, Tovil, Wateringbury ESU, Wanderers ESU, Xavier ESU, District Active Support.
- Maidstone Gang Show Active Support

Raffle Prizes!!

The Gang would like to thank everyone who has contributed raffle prizes, in particular the KM Treasure Chest. The raffle is supporting the production of this year's show. Please support it – tickets on sale during the interval. Check out to see if you have won after the show by looking at the notice board on your way out.

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Backstage

Will Hesse, Jim Hilder, Trevor Fever, Nigel Smetham, James Capon, Mark Price, Jim Martin, Sally Bright, Ami Culver, Jane Doherty, Jody Earlie, Katie Wright, Alison Harrison-Bland, Gemma Cope, Carol Fever, Pam Durrant, Claire Catterall, Pat White, Clare Foulsham, Chris Jones, Joy Bishop, Jenny Capon, Cynthia Reynolds, John Gurnett, Kate Tebrooke, Clare Hampson, Angela Lucas, Jane Gurnett, Becky Martin.

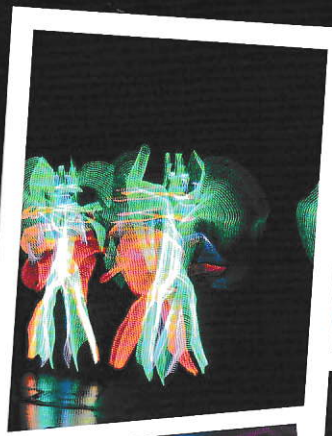
Not in photograph – Jacob Amos, Laura Brotherwood, Stuart Cole, Mai Gillam, Anna Hilder, Adam Hogg, Andy Hook, Steve James, Amy Midgeley, Sarah Murton, Lauren O'Kill, Mike O'Kill, Charlotte Parker, Marie Payne, Bunty Ridgway, Ken Ridgway, Kim Smetham, Dave Taylor



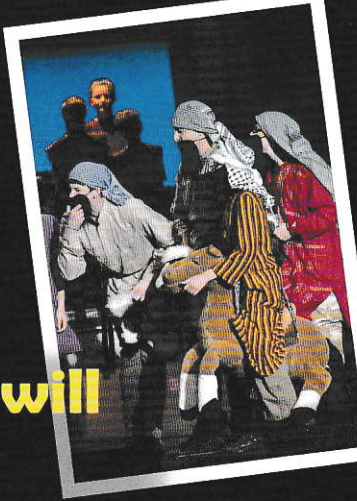
Maidstone Gang Show Management Committee

Brian Culver, Mark Culver, Richard Field, Richard Flood, Jim Martin, Richard Murton & Nigel Smetham

Maidstone East, Maidstone South and Maidstone West are all registered charities. (numbers: 1022013, 1022010 & 1022011 respectively)



MAIDSTONE GANG



**Maidstone Gang Show will
return in 2017!**

4th April 2017 - 8th April 2017



Gang Behind The Gang

Show Director - Richard Flood.

Production Team - Mark Culver, Alys Leach, Ami Culver.

Choreographer - Alys Leach Assisted by George Fever, Ami Culver and Richard Flood.

Stage Director - Mark Culver.

Costumes - Carol Fever, Cynthia Reynolds, Trevor Fever, Ami Culver, Claire Catterall, James Capon of Top Hat Fancy Dress & Disco Hire.

Wigs - James Capon of Top Hat Fancy Dress & Disco Hire.

Scenery - Mark Culver, Brian Culver.

Props - Ami Culver, Amanda Harle, Claire Catterall.

Set Design - Nathanael Smetham, Richard Flood, Andy Hook, Alys Leach.

Show Lighting and Sound - Andy Hook of White light.

Pyrotechnics - Dave Taylor of ShockFX

Follow Spot Operators - Dylan Simmons, Lauren O'Kill.

Microphones - Anna Hilder, Mark Price.

Make Up - Sarah Murton, Laura Brotherwood, Amy Midgeley, Charlotte Parker.

Front of House - Jim Martin, Beccy Martin, Kim Smetham.

Cast Administration - Nigel Smetham, Kim Smetham.

Show Promotion - Beccy Martin and members of the cast.

First Aid - Jane Gurnett, John Gurnett.

Stage Crew - Stuart Cole, Trevor Fever, Jim Hilder, Gemma Cope, Steve James, Nigel Smetham, Clare Foulsham, Adam Hogg, Jacob Amos, Mike O'Kill, Will Hesse.

Dressing Room Assistants - Ken Ridgway, Bunty Ridgway, Jody Earle, Kate Tebrooke, Mai Gillam, Joy Bishop, Alison Harrison-Bland, Jane Doherty, Marie Payne, Jenny Capon, Katie Wright, Christine Jones, Pam Durrant, Pat White, Sally Bright, Angela Lucas, Christine Price.

Rehearsal Photography - Nathanael Smetham.

Cast Photography - Jim Hilder.

Additional Photography - shooterz.co.uk, Will Hesse, Ian Davis.

DVD Production - Advision TV.

Poster and Programme Design - Nathanael Smetham.

Website Design - Greg Thompson.

Rehearsal Facilities - Maidstone Methodist Centre, Brewer St and Maidstone West District Scout Headquarters.

With thanks in addition to all the Mums, Dads, Husbands, Wives, Partners, Members of the Scout Movement and friends too many to mention individually. Thank you for your support!!

The Gang of 2015

