

Maidstone

# Gang Show

2019



## ANNIVERSARY SHOW



Scouts

Souvenir Programme

Hazlitt Theatre

[www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk](http://www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk)



The Gang of 2019  
proudly welcomes you  
to tonight's show

**The Hazlitt Theatre - Maidstone  
9th - 13th April 2019**

**Performances:  
Tuesday - Saturday Evenings: 7:30pm  
Saturday Matinee: 2:00pm**

**The Gang of 2019 would like to thank the following:**

**Ami Culver, Mark Culver, George Fever, Richard Flood, St. Albans 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  
all the producers, cast members and supporters for your commitment over the last 50 years.**

## **Welcome from the Director...**

Welcome to Maidstone Gang Show 2019! On behalf of the Gang I would like to say a massive thank you for joining us at the Hazlitt to celebrate our 50th year.

This year the team and I have had the pleasure of working with an amazing group of talented people both on stage and behind the scenes.

We have yet again seen a big increase in the number of our junior cast! Proof if any was needed that Scouting and Gang Shows are still relevant, providing a unique opportunity for young people to develop confidence and a strong sense of belonging.

The fact that Maidstone Gang Show has been going continuously for 50 years is testament to the enthusiasm and passion of Scouting in Maidstone; along with the commitment to provide the fantastic opportunity of being on stage, enabling thousands of young people to make some amazing memories.

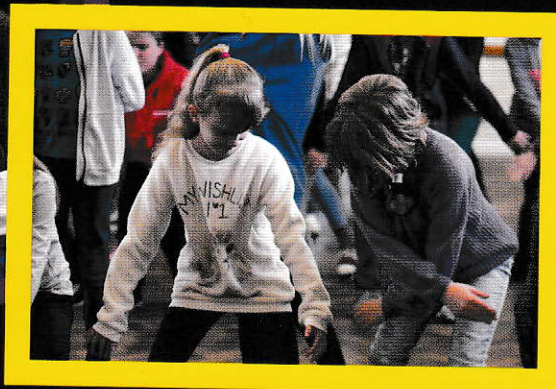
I'm sure when, in the mid 60's five scout leaders sat down to plan that first show they would have never dreamed that 50 years later we would be here this evening ready for another opening!

Tonight isn't just a celebration of 50 years of the show it's the celebration of 50 years of dedication, hard work and friendship from some amazing people who have all proudly worn the red scarf. Without them tonight's show would not have been possible, and tonight we share the stage with all of you, Thank You!

So before the curtain rises, I invite you to sing, clap, laugh and dance along in your seats, as we present our 50th Anniversary Show!

**RICHARD**

Show Director



## Welcome from the District Commissioners...

Scouting throughout Maidstone has always been strong, and what better way for our groups to come together and demonstrate our unity than by putting on a Gang Show. The history of Gang Shows is well documented online and in this programme. This year is particularly special as we celebrate the 50th show to be held here in Maidstone's Hazlitt Theatre.

For some people this will be the first time that they have been part of "The Gang", and performed on stage. Others have been bitten by the Gang Show bug and continue to perform show after show.

The cast have worked hard over the previous six months rehearsing for this year's show showing both dedication and commitment. This would not be possible without the passion and enthusiasm of all the people behind the show.

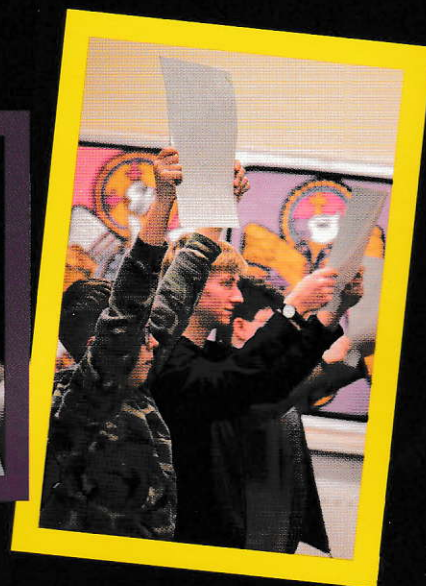
So a big big thank you goes out to the production team and backstage crew who have been planning the show for the previous two years. I'd also like to thank all the parents, guardians and scouting friends who have ferried the young people about for rehearsals, helped with learning lines or dance moves, or helped behind the scenes.

It's great to see so many young people enjoying making new friends and working together which is what scouting is all about.

The end result is a Gang Show to be proud of, and an amazing example of Scouting in action.

Enjoy the show.

Mike O'Kill and Corina Pay  
District Commissioners  
Maidstone West and Maidstone East



## Raffle Prizes!

The Gang would like to thank everyone who has contributed raffle prizes. The raffle is supporting the production of this year's show.

Please buy your 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.

**Opening**

**By the left... Quick March!**

**Shhh**

**Jungle Beats**

**If I were not**

**Wild West**

**Stein**

**Land Ahoy**



**Nightmare on Earl St. part 5**

**VIII**

**Mash-Up**

**Through the years**

**Cluedo**

**Ah... A Finale**



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

**Please turn off your mobile telephones.**

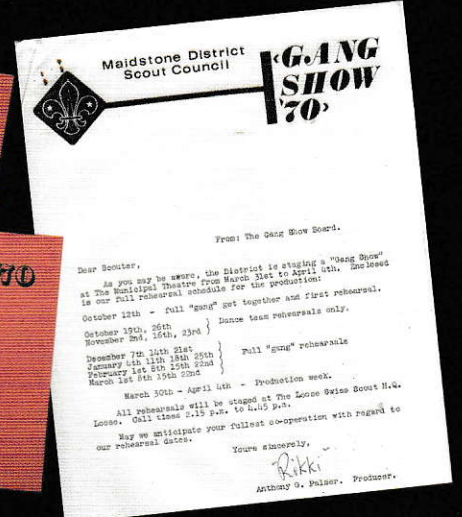
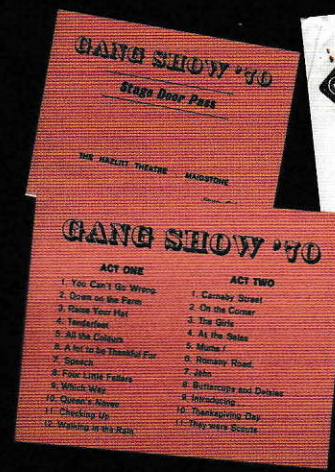
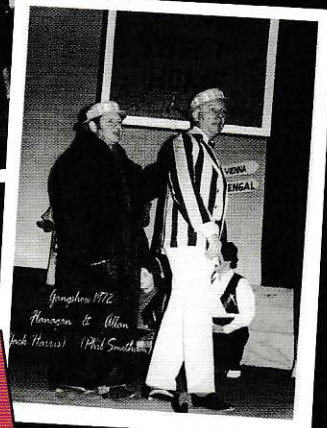
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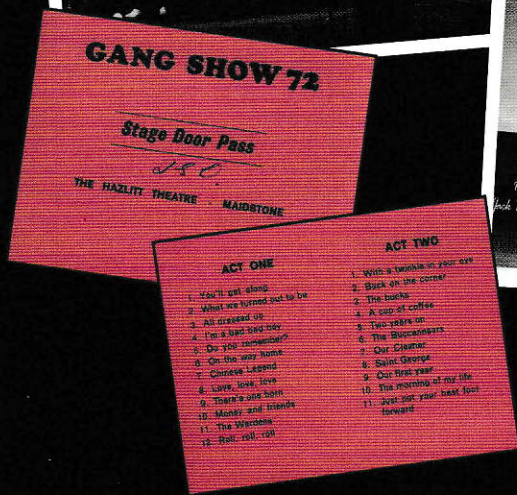


# The History of Maidstone Gang Shows

Gang Shows were started in 1931 by Ralph Reader, a theatrical professional and a Scout leader. The aim of the Gang Show was to provide a unique and challenging experience to young people by performing on a professional stage. It is a principle that has been embedded in Maidstone Gang Show since the very first experimental show in 1969.



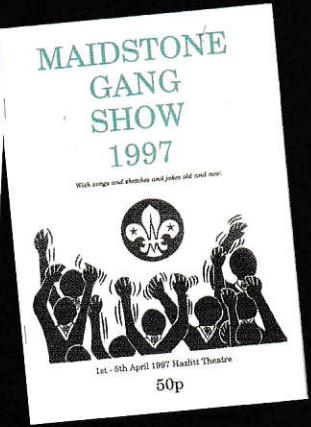
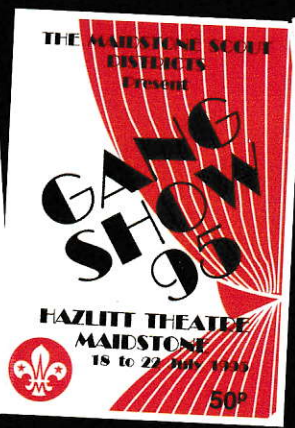
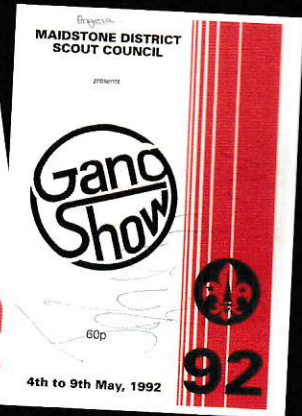
Before the Second World War, Gang Shows, and their unique brand of entertainment were popping up all over the country and throughout the British Empire. There was even a film in 1936 "The Gang Show". In 1939, Maidstone, wanting to make their own contribution, staged a show in the Corn Exchange, entitled "The Kent Cobs".



Had it not been for the Second World War, we might have been celebrating our 80th anniversary but the show did not continue during the war years and it was not until the 60's that a group of scout leaders resurrected the Gang Show in Maidstone.



In the autumn of 1969, following the District AGM at what is now Oakwood Park Grammar School, 500 chairs were put out to stage a trial Gang Show performance. By the time the doors closed it was standing room only and over 1000 people got a chance to see a cast of 60 perform in the first show. The following Easter, in 1970, the Gang Show was staged at the Hazlitt Theatre, under the leadership of a former London Gang Member Tony Palmer, with a cast of almost 100.

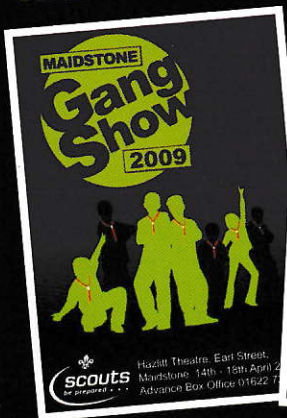


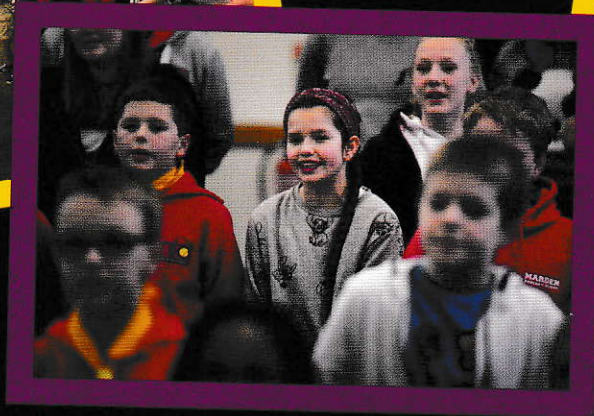


Everyone who has been part of the show over the years will have memories of past shows. The photos below might trigger some memories for people in the audience who have been part of the Maidstone Gang Show over the last 50 years.



Thank you to all past and present Gang members that have contributed to the history of Maidstone Gang Show



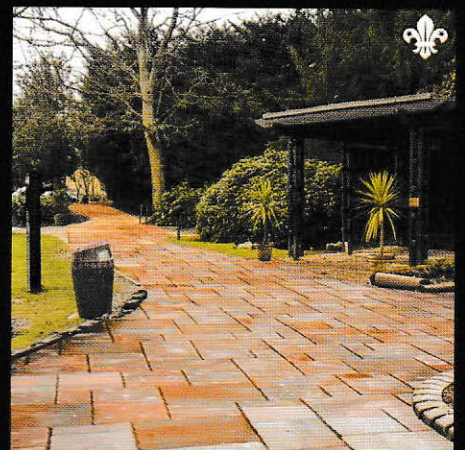


## The Gangs chosen Charity.

The Promise Path trails through Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting and the Maidstone Gang Show would like to be part of it creating a lasting memory for everyone who has been part of the show. Specially engraved bricks form the pathway and as Baden-Powell said "Pathfinding is the essence of Scouting. It means learning the way for yourself, so that you may be helpful in showing the way to others".

Being part of the Promise Path also helps build a brighter future for Scouting. Your donation tonight will also help fund important training for volunteers, provide disadvantaged communities with vital grants or help the 35,000 young people waiting to join Scouting in the UK experience fun and adventure.

For more details check out [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)



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50th Annive

**Cubs:** Thomas Acott, Coby Brooker, Annika Brown, Oliver Cant, Alex Catterall, Mahala Cluett, Oscar Courtney, Evje Cumming, Zara Foulsham, Fearn Hawkins, Rohan James, Callum Jonas, Alfie Kasap, Leonie Oney, Toby Sheriff, Rohan Taylor, Lilja Thompson.

**Scouts:** Kayla Atiti, Euan Baker, Ciaran Bascal Kelly, Alice Blurton, Violet Brooks, Gabby Brown, William Cluett, James Collins, Zara Collins, Daniel Culver, Thomas Culver, Ben Hart, Alex Hawkes, Noel Hill, Nathaniel Hurley, Louis Jonas, Kaitlyn Mallion, Jorja Mallon, Josh Moores-Ost, William Parker, Adam Scott, Toby Scott, Gemma Stanbury, Joshua Taylor.

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George Fever, Ric

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# STONE Anniversary Show



**Explorers:** Abigail Bascal, Kelly, Zoe Bishop, Archie Blurton, Molly Blurton, Heather Brooks, Joseph Brown, Jodie Causer, Scarlet Carpenter, Maisy Earle, George Harrison, Jake Hawkins, Lewis Jell, Erin Jones, Morgan Mooney, Noel O'Brien, Kat Price, Robert Price, Nathan Scott.

**Network/Leaders:** Sue Beeney, Andrea Blurton, Rosie Bright, David Brown, Jim Catterall, James Capon, Karen Card, Dan Cawse, Alex Collins, Mark Cope, Graham Ford, Janice Grant, Simon Grant, Jonathan Hampson, Amanda Harle, John Hawkes, Kirsty Hawkins, Alison Hill, Elliot Hill, Steph Hill, Sophie Hodges, Jess Jones, Harvey Kennett, Serena Neal, Sharon Ost, Jo Perman, Christine Price, Josh Reynolds, Ross Skinner, Cas Taylor, Karen Taylor, Sophie Taylor, Ben Wright, Debbie Wright.



**Production Team:**  
Mark Culver,  
Richard Flood.



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**Above:** Sarah Anderson, Andrew Baker, Rachel Cant, Jenny Capon, Clare Foulsham, Anna Hilder, Jim Hilder, Adam Hogg, Christine Jones, Sam Jones, Beccy Martin, Jim Martin, Joseph Peal, Michelle Prince, Kim Smetham, Nigel Smetham, David Taylor, Robert Wood.

**Below:** Anna Brooks, Stuart Cole, Jodie Earle, Carol Fever, Trevor Fever, Jane Gurnett, John Gurnett, Jim Hilder, Steve James, Cynthia Reynolds, Dylan Simmons, Nathanael Smetham.



# Where the Gang come from...

The Gang comes from the following Groups / Units

## Maidstone East -

Boughton Monchelsea, Coxheath,  
Mighty Pythons ESU, Mote Park, Parkwood,  
Phoenix ESU, Ragstone ESU, St Luke's,  
St. Paul's, Suttons.

## Maidstone West -

Barming, Loose Swiss, Marden, Oakwood,  
Paragon ESU, St Michael's and All Angels,  
Tovil, Wanderers ESU, Xavier ESU,  
Maidstone Gang Show Active Support.

## The Backstage Gang

Director

**Richard Flood**

Technical Director

**Mark Culver**

Producer

**Ami Culver**

Choreographer

**George Fever Assisted By  
Rosie Bright with Thanks to  
our Previous Choreographers**

Assistant Technical Director

**David Taylor**

Stage Manager

**Steve James**

Stage Crew

**Andrew Baker, Sam Jones,  
Adam Hogg, Robert Wood,  
Joe Tinkler, Anna Hilder,  
Clare Foulsham, Mark Price**

Fly Crew

**Stuart Cole, Trevor Fever,  
Jim Hilder, Chris Flood**

Lighting Design

**Andy Hook**

Followspots

**Dylan Simmons, Joseph Peal,**

Sound

**Nathanael Smetham**

Microphones

**Natasha Simpson**

Pyrotechnics & special effects

**David Taylor**

Costumes

**Carol Fever, Ami Culver,  
Cynthia Reynolds,  
Christine Jones**

Props

**Sally Reeves,  
Sarah Anderson,  
Michelle Prince, Ami Culver**

Scenery Design & Construction

**Mark Culver, Brian Culver,  
Ami Culver, Trevor Fever,  
Richard Flood, James Capon,  
Jonathan Hampson,  
Josh Reynolds, Ben Wright**

Make-up & Hair

**Christine Jones, Jo Geeson,  
Laura Brotherwood,  
Tara Mallion, Jodie Earle,  
Ruth Smith-Burr**

Cast & Crew Co-ordinator

**Nigel Smetham**

Front of House

**Beccy Martin, Jim Martin,  
Kim Smetham,  
Linda Waring, Mike O'Kill,  
Corina Pay**

Filming

**Will Hesse, Greg Thompson,  
Matt Stevens**

Photography

**Will Hesse,  
Nathanael Smetham**

First Aid

**Jane Gurnett, John Gurnett**

Chaperones

**Jenny Capon, Rachel Cant,  
Tammy Scott, Claire James,  
Joy Bishop, Erika Brown,  
Anna Brooks, Tara Mallion,  
Clare Hampson,  
Bunty Ridgway,  
Ken Ridgway, Pat White,  
Debbie Jonas, Mia Stockwell,  
Bryan Taylor, Sam Hurley,  
Neil Hurley,  
Caroline Thistleton**

Poster & Programme Design

**Nathanael Smetham**

Website Design

[www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk](http://www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk)  
**Greg Thompson**

Rehearsal Facilities

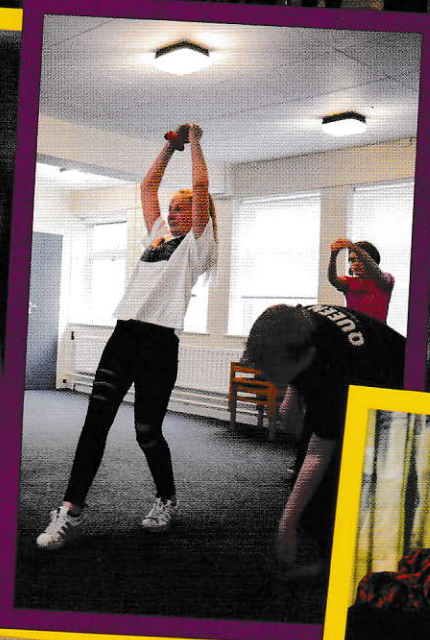
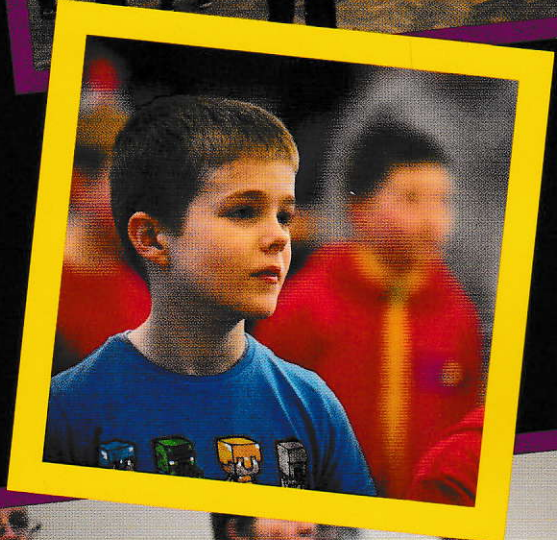
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Sutton Valance Prep School,  
Maidstone West Scout HQ**

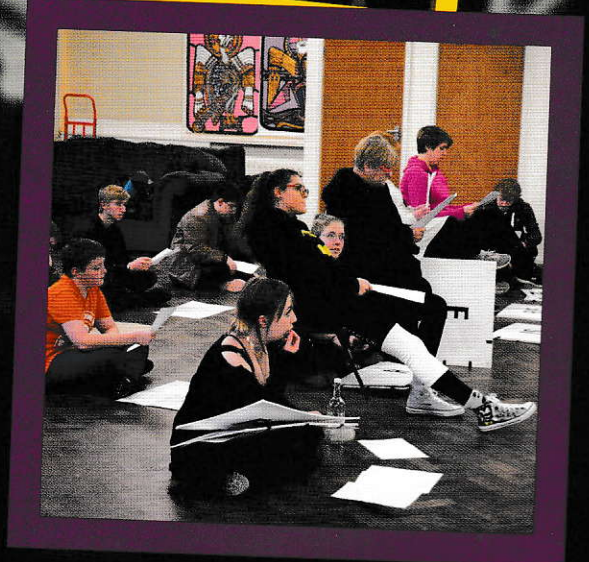
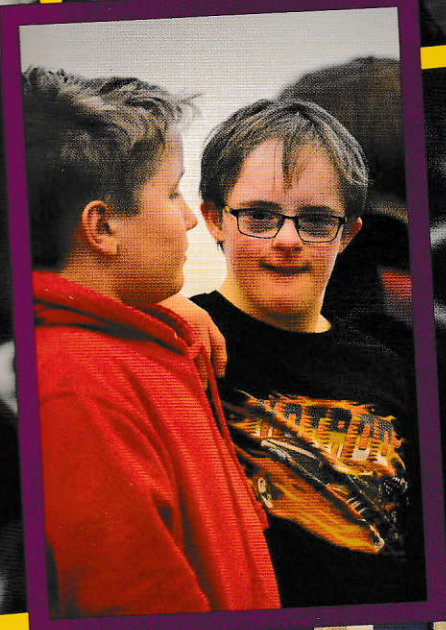
**With thanks in addition to all  
the Mums, Dads, Husbands,  
Wives, Partners, Members  
of the Scout Movement and  
friends too many to mention  
individually. Thank you for  
your support!!**

Maidstone Gang Show Management Committee

Brian Culver, Mark Culver, Richard Flood, Jim Martin, Mike O'Kill, Corina Pay & Nigel Smetham

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





# GOOD LUCK MESSAGES

Good Luck Thomas,  
break a leg! Love  
Mum, Dad and  
Emily  
XX

Enjoy your first Gang  
Show Fearnie.  
Lots of Love from  
Mum, Dad and  
Jake  
XXX

Good Luck Alexandra,  
Proud of you!  
Love Mum and  
Dad Starbuck  
XX

Good Luck Jorja,  
Enjoy yourself!  
Love Mummy,  
Daddy and Emilia  
XXX

Kaitlyn you're a star!  
Have a fab week,  
love Mum ,John,  
Emma and Sam  
XXX

Best of Luck to Nathan,  
Adam and Toby  
Scott.  
Love Mum, Dad  
and Sophie  
XXX

To all the cast,  
enjoy yourselves  
on stage.

Good Luck Gemma,  
Enjoy it!  
Love Mum, Dad,  
Tim and Hannah  
XXXX

Good Luck James,  
Proud of you!  
Love Nana and  
Grandad  
XX

Good Luck Alexander  
we are so very  
proud.  
Love Mum and  
Dad  
XXX

Lilja, I'm so looking  
forward to see  
you dancing and  
singing.  
All my love, Nonma

You've all worked so  
hard.  
Now its time to  
shine on stage.  
Your Production Team

Good Luck Zara,  
Proud of you!  
Love Nana and  
Grandad  
XX

Good Luck, All the  
'Marden Mob',  
Have a great  
show!  
Love Mum/Amanda  
X

Well done Lilja on all  
your hard work.  
Lots of love  
Mummy and  
Daddy  
XXX

Good Luck Oliver,  
Love Mummy,  
Daddy, Lucy and  
Bethany  
XXX

Good Luck to all the  
Gang on the 50th  
Anniversary  
Show.  
Nigel & Kim

Zara F, carrying on the  
Family tradition -  
so proud of you.  
Love Grandma  
and Grandad  
XXX

Good Luck, Louis and  
Callum. Have a  
great show,  
lots of Love,  
Mum and Dad  
XX

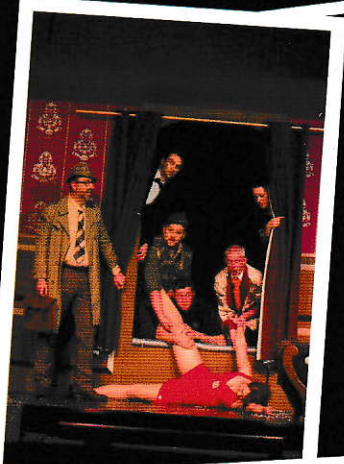
# MAIDSTONE GANG SHOW

## Maidstone Gang Show returns Spring 2021!

Rehearsals Start - September 2020

If you enjoyed the show, then why not join us for the next? Gang Show is an unforgettable experience, giving the opportunity to make new friends with the excitement of being on stage and performing. We welcome everyone aged 8 and over who is part of Scouting in Maidstone. If you would like updates on the next show and information of how to join please contact us at [info@maidstonegangshow.co.uk](mailto:info@maidstonegangshow.co.uk)

Visit us at [www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk](http://www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk) to see photos from past shows and to check on latest updates. You will also find links to follow us on Facebook and Youtube.



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# The Gang of 2019