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Having taken part in Copthorne Scout & Guide productions in the 1960's we have first hand experience of being on the receiving end of tiresome rehearsals, learning words and being fitted for uncomfortable costumes - but what we remember most of all is the buzz and excitement of being on the stage and hearing the applause from a friendly, appreciative audience.

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We have lasting memories of our Gang Show appearances from way back then and now we take pleasure in perhaps providing others with the opportunity to reveal their hidden talents and to make a few memories of their own along the way.

We hope the next couple of hours will be an enjoyable and memorable experience for you and we thank you all for supporting our Millennium Gang Show.

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Children In Need 2000

As an outsider, or more correctly perhaps a friend who may lend a little help to the Scouts and Guides, I can look from the outside on what's going on within. It is very heartening to know that after all the hours of hard work that all the Cophorne Scouts and Guides - children and helpers have put into this years Gang Show, that they so cheerfully raise money for another charity, when they spend many hours raising funds for the running costs of their own organisation.

For this years Gang Show, they have again chosen Children In Need as their charity.

18.8 MILLION pounds was distributed last year but there's still much more help needed. Many, many children are helped every year both through organisations and to individuals' each on the merits of their case but with more money, the more we can help. The help covers a large spread, supporting helplines and counseling for the abused children, play schemes for children living in deprived areas and the care of the chronically sick and children with special needs.

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As you leave the theatre after this show there will be a bucket collection in the foyer as you go out, please give generously.

Also in the foyer are Pudsey Goodies on sale, Cuddly Pudsey's, enamel badges, Tee Shirts etc. Why not use them for Christmas presents. A Royalty of at least 20% will benefit Children In Need on all goods sold.

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1st Guides



Scott Troop

The COPTHORNE SILVER BAND



Copthorne Silver Band are proud and pleased to have been asked again, to perform at the Copthorne Gang Show. The band as always has had a very busy year, performing at flower shows, fetes and local bandstands. Over the last twenty four months the band were forced to lose three of their players as they moved on to Universities. Although the band always regrets losing members, we wish them every success in the future and hope to see them when they return to Copthorne. With the loss of these and other players, the band have reformed their learners band and at present we have eighteen children learning to play a brass instrument.

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Some of these children are from Copthorne and some of them are Scouts and Guides, consequently some of them are performing on stage tonight. With the success of the learners band, the future of the Copthorne Silver Band looks bright.

Engagements for the year 2001 are already coming in and to date the band have already accepted ten bookings. In 2002 the band will celebrate it's centenary and the band committee are working on ways to celebrate this milestone in the village history.

The Band

Solo Cornets - Mike Golby, Jim Terry, Jennie Hails, Jenny Barwell, Lorraine Cheesmur

Rep Cornets - Chris Golby, Lizzie Gove

2nd Cornets - Jim Dracup, David Hails

Flugel Horn - Alan Terry

Tenor Horns - Gwyn Cheesmur, Dot Harding, Ed Stopp

Baritone - Norman Brown

Euphonium - Bill Woodcock

Trombones - Clive Wells, John Barwell, Don Bletchley

Bass's - Ernie Dimsdale, Alan Grove

Bandmaster - Mervyn Tarrant

The members of the band come from all walks of life, we have a postman, computer programmer, civil servant, surveyor, administrators, retired employers and also people still at school. The band are always looking for experienced players and also learners, so if you would like to become part of The Copthorne Silver Band please contact Mervyn Tarrant on 01293 435987.

GANG SHOW A

ACT ONE

1. Prop Men..... *Cub, Scout & Venture*
2. The Opening..... *The Gang*
3. Cool Running..... *Brownie & Guides*
4. Reservations..... *Beavers & Rainbows*
5. Wagons Roll..... *Ranger*
6. What's up Doc?..... *Guides & Scouts*
7. Chance Meeting..... *Scout & Guide*
8. Horsey, Horsey..... *Oak Pack*
9. Gambling!..... *Scott Troop*
10. Showdown..... *Scout & Guide*
11. Ho-Down..... *Scouts & Guides*
12. Poncho Honcho..... *2nd Brownies*
13. Bedtime..... *Guide*
14. All Aboard..... *Brownie & Guides*
15. Splash..... *2nd Guides*
16. Party Time..... *1st Brownies*

A bucket collection for Children in Need will be

AT THE HAWTH

ACT TWO

1. **Strike Up the Band.....** *Cophorne Silver Band*
2. **Knotty Problem.....** *Cubs, Guide & Scout*
3. **All Beads 'n Bones.....** *1st Guides*
4. **Monkey Business.....** *Rangers*
5. **The Rescuers.....** *Ash Pack*
6. **Lost Hikers.....** *Mallory Troop*
7. **Bongo Rhythm.....** *Guides, Scouts, Cubs, Rangers*
8. **We will survive.....** *Group Exec*
9. **Penny Lane?.....** *Friends of Guiding*
10. **Your Turn.....** *Audience*
11. **Tourists!.....** *Ventures*
12. **I, eye.....** *Ventures*
13. **Poultry pigeon.....** *Scout*
14. **Capital Characters.....** *Leaders*
15. **Finale.....** *The Gang*

in the foyer as you depart, please give generously.

The Gang

The Beavers – Reece Bishop, Jack Branscombe, James Brown, Samuel Bruce, Daniel Bye, Jonathan Cording, Richard Cramp, James Creek, Thomas Fairweather, Ryan Fenton, Kendall Halliwell, Andrew Herrett, Ricky Hollamby, Lewis Morgan, Samuel Rintoul, Tom Rowlingson, Steven White.

The Rainbows – Jessica Barker, Georgina Brightwell, Courtney Brooker, Chloe Bussell, Kathryn Bye, Sophie Caley, Philippa Fairburn, Alexandra Kemp, Natalie Kennett, Sarah Killick-Bird, Nicola Luxford, Kimberley Otten, Elisa Webb.

The Cubs

Ash Pack – Joshua Alcock, Thomas Bailey, Connor Bishop, Christopher Burnage, Nick Chadd, Ben Cook, Daniel Cording, Eddie Entecott, Adam Fairburn, Sam Fairburn, Christopher Freeman, Thomas Gardner, Thomas Herbert, Charlie Izard, Kieran McGeachie, Matthew Needle, Daniel Powley, James Rowlingson, Gareth Ryder, Jordan Ryder, Edward Slater, Jack Smyth, Philip Stoner, Adam Wilson.

Oak Pack – Sam Barker, Christopher Brightwell, Andrew Field, Sam Francis, Jake Francis, Matthew Harris, Matthew Hollamby, Elliot Kafetz, Peter Luxford, Max Nemecek, Nicholas Samrai, Sean Webb.

The Brownies

1st Cophorne – Imogen Baker, Rebecca Barnes, Elodie Bass, Krishna Bhojano, Billie Bryant, Charlotte Burke, Felicite Burke, Katie Carroll, Chelsea Caulfield, Billie Caulfield, Sophie Coker, Holly Freeman, Victoria Gadsden, Victoria Halliwell, Katherine Hammond, Lauren Ives, Sarah Jones, Charlotte Kemp, Lucy Knott, Sian Morgan, Lucy Nemecek, Laura Rintoul, Gemma Rose, Jessica Severn, Rebecca Sewell, Jessica Smith, Shannon Wickes.

2nd Cophorne – Victoria Bew, Lucie Budgen, Alexandra Burton, Rachel Cameron, Harriet Chalk, Alice Clarke, Elizabeth Cramp, Laura Cutting, Chloe Edgar, Amy Fairweather, Sarah Gilbanks, Katy Goldstone, Margaret Hunt, Stacey Kemp, Elena Merritt, Katie Roberts, Danielle Rouse, Hannah Warsap, Samantha Webb, Hannah Wilkinson.

The Gang

The Scouts

Mallory Troop – Simon Dawson, Aaron Ikin, Thomas Mann, Craig Marchant, Francis Melmoe, Matthew Smith, James Witham, Robert Young.

Scott Troop – Oliver Bass, Jonathan Bromell, Richard Fenton, Ross Goldstone, Michael Hadfield, Sam Lambert, Alan Lelliott, Trevor Lelliott, Jonathan Logan, Russell Martin, Jonathan Martin, David Sorsdale, William Taylor.

The Guides

1st Copthorne – Eleanor Attwater, Sonia Baker, Claire Bew, Heather Blackman, Lucy Carroll, Sophie Carroll, Georgina Chadd, Hannah Cruise, Rebecca Forsey, Grace Gardner, Raelene Goody, Elizabeth Hammond, Rebecca Landrock, Alison Loving, Emma Manuel, Catherine Melmoe, Frances Needle, Kayleigh Ormanroyd, Rebbecca Passmore, Hayley Scott, Rebecca Stoner, Jenny Szymanek, Kathryn Vleck, Victoria Webber, Hannah Witham, Jennifer Young.

2nd Copthorne – Lauren Aitchison, Lucy Aldcroft, Vicky Backler, Samantha Bristow, Ashleigh Brooker, Lauren Bye, Hannah Cutting, Briony Goldstone, Emily Judge, Hannah Muteham, Laura Parrish, Rebecca Pridmore, Amy Ringrose, Vicki Tomlinson, Claire White.

The Ventures – Adam Beal, Vernon Cooper, Nick Cripps, Rob Hawkins, Paul Plant, Nick Swann.

The Rangers – Camilla Attwater, Heather Brown, Jessica Bruce, Sally Cheesmur, Helen Matthews, Victoria Melmoe, Jodie Passmore, Emma Rixon, Joanna Stewart.

The Leaders, Exec & Friends - David Acraman, Helen Acraman, Robin Ainsworth, Marian Beal, Jo Bew, Laura Blundell, Tara Blundell, Thelma Blundell, Chris Chalk, Jenny Cheesmur, Alison Cheesmur, Harold Cheesmur, Janet Cripps, Colin Cripps, Vicki Filson, Ellen Holburn, Kay Ikin, Charles Ikin, Jane Jones, Karen Lelliott, Karen Lloyd, Sandra Luttman, Janette McGivern, Julia Peaty, Isobel Taylor, Helen Bailey, David Bromell, Lesley Dawson, Derek Hanks, Janet Hollamby, Doug Logan, Jim Blundell, Mike Furness, Rob Russ.



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Scouting and Guiding is continuously on the move.

The needs of young people today are very different from those in the 40's and 50's when Scouts and Guides first emerged in Copthorne. You only have to look at a photograph or two to know that things have changed dramatically - gone are the big hats, blue dresses, and baggy shorts....all ancient history.

Gone are the days of pushing gear to camp on a trek cart or getting a lift from the local farmer in a cattle truck, gone are the days of Tenderfoot tests, DYB DYB DYB and DOB DOB DOB.

Sad isn't it when you think of what we had and what we've got now.....

Our own heated meeting halls, own transport, comfortable sweatshirts, rock climbing, canoeing, parascending.....need we continue!

But what about the Gang Show? Copthorne Scouts are the proud owners of a telegram from Ralph Reader, the master himself, wishing them luck with their first Gang Show performed at the Village Hall on 22nd November 1958. A photograph of that show reveals that a young member of that Gang is a member of today's Gang.

There are some changes though...there's not a girl in sight in 1958!

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Copthorne Guides didn't get in on this act until some nine years later. The local papers reported this first joint event as a 'milestone' and the London Evening News carried a picture of the 14 year old leading lady.

Through all of this there is one thing that we can say has definitely not changed. The Spirit of Scouting and Guiding in Copthorne is as strong now as it was in those early days, and it is the spirit and enthusiasm of our young members that will bring their Gang Show to life and carry Copthorne Scouting and Guiding into the new millennium.



Telegram from Ralph Reader



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Rangers



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Can you imagine

how long it takes to put make-up on 250 children?

how difficult it is for a Brownie to identify her uniform from 50 others all the same?

how the 700 or so costumes manage to be in the right dressing rooms?

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Some of the prop's team

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how daunting it is for a Cub soloist to find the side of the stage in time for his entrance?

how hard it is for the crew to completely change the stage set in a couple of minutes?

The list is endless, but miraculously all these jobs get done on time, in the right order and with great professionalism thanks to weeks of careful preparation by dedicated teams of leaders, parents and supporters making sure the seemingly impossible becomes possible.

The props and scenery team, Co-ordinated by parent John Dawson, began their daunting task of turning the scriptwriters 'visions' into reality many weeks before the cast started rehearsing. The sheer size of the stage means that everything has to be made on a very large scale.

Guider Thelma Blundell starts her task with the costumes by first scouring all the charity shops in the area, measuring up the cast and making samples before allocating the tasks to nimble fingered helpers with sewing machines.

The scenery is not seen fully until it is finally revealed on the stage. Supporters Ann Slatter and Bev Kettle never really know what their handiwork is going to look like as the building used for painting is not large enough to allow a full view of the backcloths.

The make-up team, headed by Scouter Jenny Cheesmur, have little time to rehearse their part. The dress rehearsal is their only chance to try out their creations. On the night they have to make-up the entire cast, re make-up about half the cast for character parts then put them back to normal again. Then it all has to be done again an hour later. That's a lot of 'grease paint' and cotton wool!

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