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Welcome to the 1982 Gang Show.

To those of the audience who are attending a Gang Show performance for the very first time, we extend to you a very warm welcome. We assure you that after the show you will join that growing band of loyal supporters who never miss a Gang Show and quite often attend more than one show during the duration.

In 1981 we celebrated 50 years of Gang Shows throughout the world. In 1982 we are proud to present the 30th Melbourne Gang Show which will also be part of the celebrations of the 75th year of Scouting.

Scouting has long been symbolised by the shorts, wearing of pointed hats and assisting little old ladies crossing the street — but scouting is much more than that. The Scout and Guide movements are assisting the young people of today to have a purpose in their life in so far as the manner in which they are able to be part of our changing society. Scouting and Guiding does not force its members to be an integral part of the world in which they live, however it does provide an atmosphere and a set of ideals which if followed can do much to mould young lives into free thinking energetic and enthusiastic members of tomorrows' nation.

The Show that we will present to you tonight is a result of that enthusiastic approach to life. The members of the Gang can still wear that air of the amateur performer because they receive no money for their services — but that is where the amateur ceases. The Show is as professional as many hours of untiring effort by all members can produce.



Why do we do it?

The Gang Show is not an isolated part of Scouting and Guiding but an extension of the ideals the members are proud to accept. The people who sing and dance, who play the music and who provide the off stage support, are the same ones who next weekend may be hiking or canoeing or camping or performing community services and yes, even still helping little old ladies across the street.

So once again we welcome you to the Show. We know you will enjoy it because we enjoy bringing it to you. We hope you will retain the enthusiasm created by the Show and will see it as part of the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting and Guiding. We acknowledge your support and know that having once been touched by the Gang Show spirit you will be looking forward to the next show and the next. And so on. We will be looking forward to meeting you.



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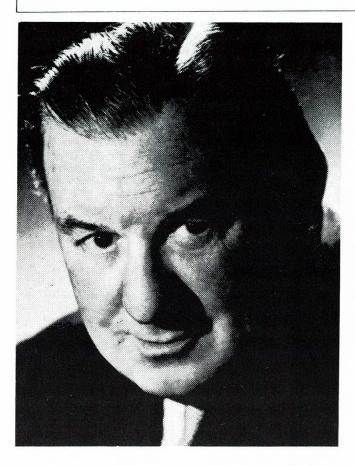
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Mr Gang Show



On the 13th May 1982, the man they called Mr. Gang Show, Ralph Reader, died at the age of 78 in Charing Cross Hospital in London.

Born in Crewkerne, Somerset on the 25th May 1903, Ralph Reader was raised by his relatives following the death of his mother when he was aged three and then the death of his father some six years later.

Ralph started work as a telegraph boy at the age of 14 and later worked as a clerk in the office of a quarry company.

He joined the Scouts in 1914 and never lost his enthusiasm for the movement.

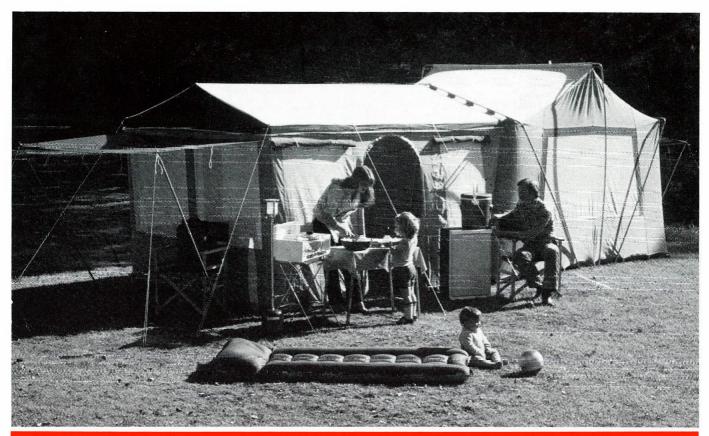
In 1921 Ralph travelled to America to study for the stage. While in America he appeared in a variety of productions. The American Press dubbed him "The Kid Dance Director." In 1928 he returned to England and quickly entered into the theatrical scene and then into the world of films. The first Gang Show opened on the 30th September 1932 and the early shows formed the basis for one of Ralphs films, aptly titled "Gang Show," produced in 1935. In 1937 the Gang Show appeared at the London Palladium in the Royal Command Performance — a singular honour for an amateur group.

In 1939 Ralph was commissioned into the Royal Air Force as a Squadron Leader and toured most of the theatres of war providing entertainment for the RAF personnel. He formed the RAF Gang Show and the WRAF Gang Show as well as running nine official RAF entertainment units around the world. In 1950 Ralph instituted the National Light Opera Company and took the first entertainment to the troops in Malaya.

Then followed on many pageants and shows produced by Ralph. He wrote and produced the first American Gang Show in Chicago in 1958. Further American Gang Shows and musicals and Royal Command performances followed. He continued producing shows of all variety up until 1972 and compered the radio series, "Startime." A star remembers was the subject of "This Is Your Life" in 1967 and Ralph was presented with an illuminated address from the State of Illinois, USA for services to boyhood in 1964.

Ralph is a life member of the Boy Scouts of America and was presented with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Medal in 1975. He holds the Silver Wolf which is awarded for service of the most exceptional nature. Ralph produced 150 performances at the Royal Albert Hall and Gang Shows in London from 1932 to 1938 and 1945 to 1974. He also published many musical items and sketches during his long career.

Mr. Gang Show is gone but his music and sketches will live on to be performed by Gang Show members around the world; the enjoyment and enthusiasm created by Ralph Reader is his gift to Scouting, a gift that we will cherish and nurture in the years to come.





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Costumes

Gang Show is well known for the material contained within the sketches and in the song routines; it would also be fair to say that the costumes produced for the Gang Show are also exceptional in so far that each year there are more costumes of even greater variety and colour, required.

From those simple black and white sketches, which represent the ideas of the Designer, the costumes are initially designed for colour and pattern and decisions made on materials prior to the cutting stage.

Because of the variety of sizes and shapes of our members it is rare to find two sizes the same — this means that almost every costume is a "Gang Show Original."

At the initial auditions held in April of each year, members are measured and sizes recorded for costumes production — because many of our members are at that growing stage, and growing and growing, our costume manufactures allow a growth factor in an attempt to compensate — fortunately with background experience this "guesstimation" is usually pretty close.

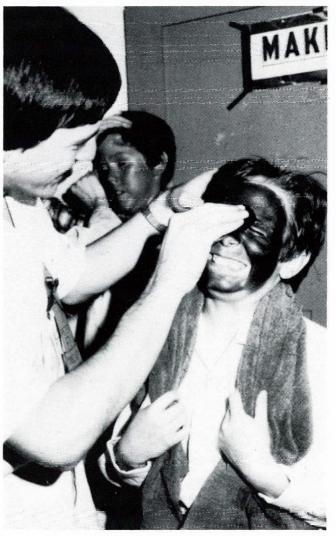


And how do we disguise all those smiling happy faces — from white to red to brown and black again? Deep in the bowels of the understage area the team of make up change the members everyday face to suit the many changing roles required by the Show. With a dab of colour here a touch of paint there, perhaps a wig and then the final dusting of powder to take away that shiny nose we have the new face to match the new role.

With over 60 years of combined experience to ensure the job runs smoothly it is still no easy task to change over 100 faces two or three times per night — and after all of this the Make Up Crew then have to return "our gang" to their normal happy selves for the Finale.

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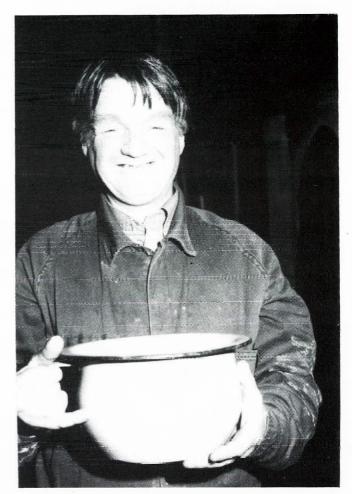
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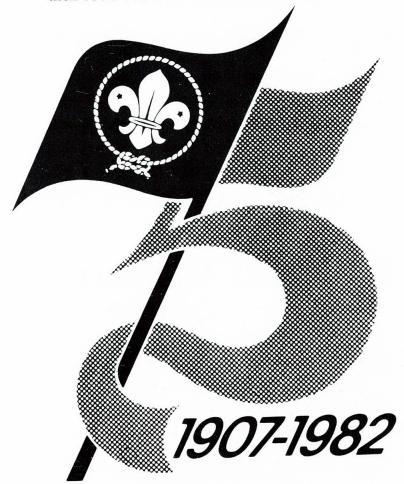
The year of the Scout began on the 22nd February 1982 and will conclude on the 14th July 1983. February 22nd is the birth date of Lord Baden Powell (the 125th Anniversary) and the 14th July 1983 heralds the close of the 15th World Jamboree near Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The World Theme for Year of the Scout is

Scouting Helps Make a Better World and it is through the education of its youth members and through community service that Scouting is striving to uphold this theme.

Scouting continues to grow. More than 16 million Scouts in 150 Scouting countries and territories are active in a programme that uses the same basic principles formulated by its founder, Robert Baden-Powell, 75 years ago.

Scouting is an international, educational, out-ofschool youth movement which develops good citizenship and character among boys and young men through a distinctive training method which helps them become more fully integrated into their socio-economic and culture environment.



'This is not an occasion on which to sit down and rest, though it is permissable to be thankful.'

Dear Fellow Scouters,

Thus wrote Baden-Powell in 1918 on the 10th anniversary of the Movement. His words are equally appropriate as we approach our 75th anniversary.

He went on to say, ... the Movement has proved itself — has shown its value and its vitality, and is all the time going quietly ahead. It is no small thing to have got over 10 years successfully. He could say the same today: 75 years is no small thing either.

The Scout Movement today is vital — the steady overall growth is a clear indication of this. Its value to society has increased as it has grown in numbers and spread all round the world.

If Scouting has value today, then Scouting has changed because society certainly has changed. Those of us in the Movement know what Scouting is today, but what about the people who first knew Scouting 30, 50 or more years ago? Today many of them are in prominent positions. They are leaders of opinion and makers of decisions. They are the people who need to know that Scouting is still growing and relevant to young people, and that its value to society continues to increase.

The 75th anniversary is not a time to look backwards, or to sit down and rest. It is a very special opportunity to show people what Scouting is today. This is a story that we should be telling all of the time, but by telling the story on this special anniversary we can attract much more attention. Use the anniversary to tell your story, use it to promote Scouting in your country with former members, non-members, government leaders and others in influential positions.

As Baden-Powell said, the anniversary is also a time to be thankful. You can be thankful for the role you have played in making this the great Movement that it is.

William Gladstone.

Sir William Gladstone, Bt, is the Chairman of the World Scout Committee. (reproduced from "Scout")



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How ya goin mate?

Doug Edmonds, Ken Bayly

Waiting Andrew Taylor

Money and friends

Ralph Reader

Good heavens

M.G.S. 1981 Writers Workshop

An evening wasted with Gilbert and Sullivan

Ray Howden (after Gilbert)

What's on in Koorawatha

Doug Edmonds, Andrew Taylor

Rome

Doug Edmonds, Rob Motton

William Shakespeare

Ken Bayly

A brutal Caesure

Ralph Reader

Noddy goes to Toyland

Doug Edmonds, Ken Bayly

Intermission



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Professor Pummel in India

Stephen Smith, Andrew Taylor

Big Chief Pow Wow

Ken Bayly

Getting over

Ralph Reader

Sunday morning

Ken Bayly (Malotte)

Don't believe the posters

Ralph Reader (McKee & Edwards)

At the Tiv

Ralph Reader (Doug Edmonds) Music Ken Bayly

Four little fellas

Ralph Reader

Leaping in and out

Doug Edmonds, Ken Bayly

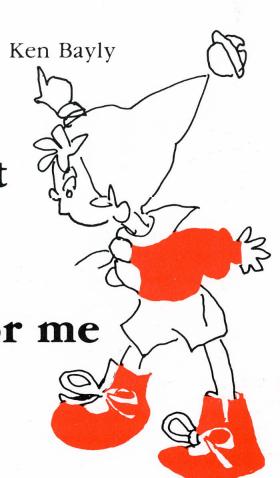
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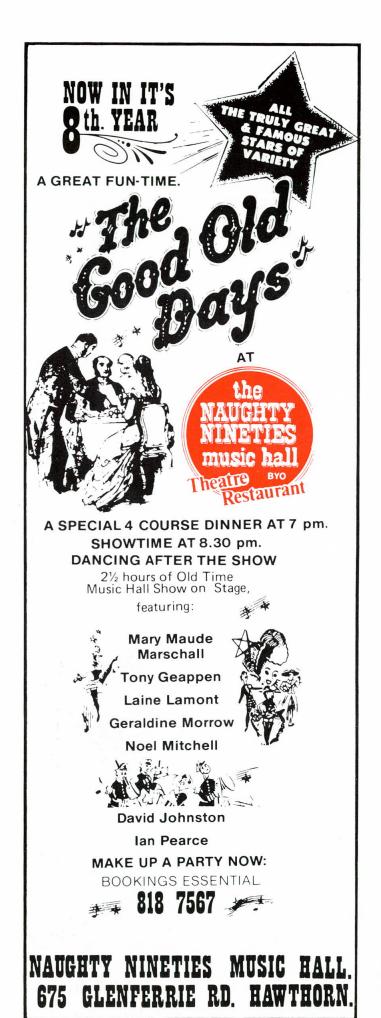
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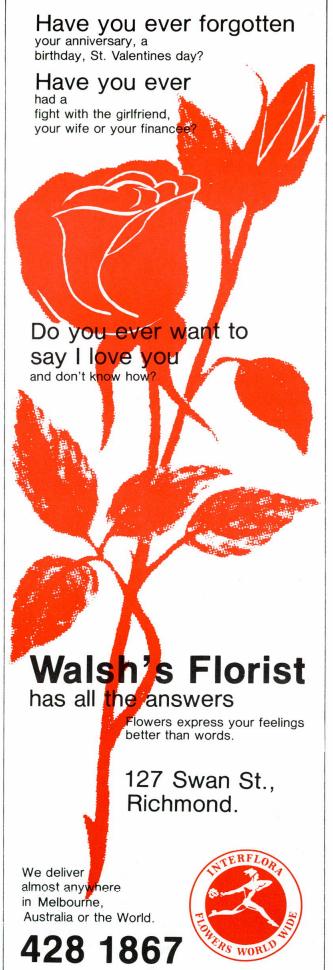
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Scenery

Because of the constantly changing venues portrayed in the Gang Show sketches and in the song routines it is very necessary to use readily adaptable scenery equipment.

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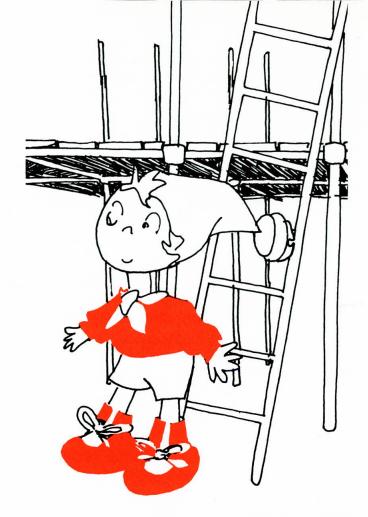
Having just got used to these accessories the stage crew have decided to move into a new mode of scenery with the introduction this year of scaffolding to support the backdrops, and on more than one occasion, to support the cast.

Through the use of the scaffolding the Scenery crew have been able to go to even greater "heights" to provide the background effects which allows the next sketch atmosphere to be created.

We're sure you will be impressed with the new look and dramatic effect now created.

Props

Over the past few years we have had the pleasure of seeing the electronic age move into the props department and have been astounding by flashing lights and glowing costumes not to mention those little bits and pieces like champagne glasses and especially prepared fish and chip packets.



This year's show will be no exception and in several of the routines the avenue for even greater use of electrical gizz-mos has been exploited to the full.

You will be amazed by the variety of little extras required to produce that finishing touch and will do as most of us are forced to do and walk away with that question "how did they do that?"



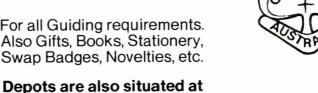
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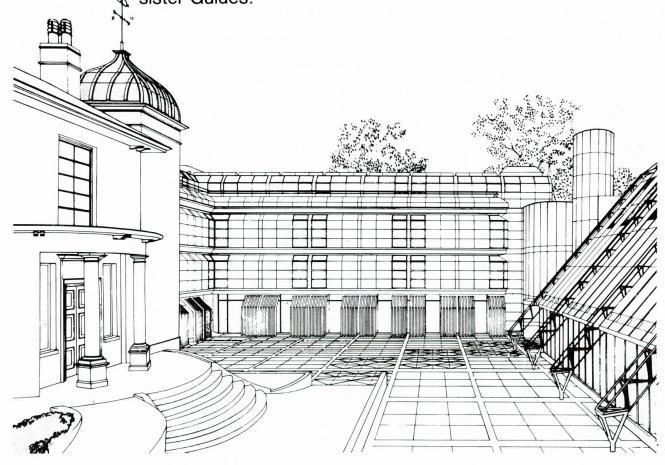
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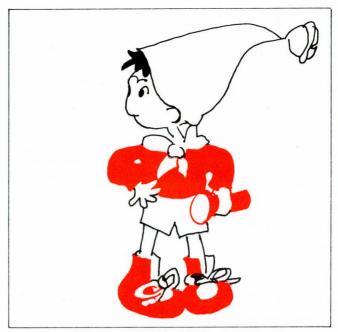
With over 100 Gang Members in the cast, giving about 99 different volume levels from their vocal chords, linked together with the delightful toncs delivered by the musical section, all somehow magically mixed together and then projected to the audience for their enjoyment — it really sounds like a major task.

However, as you will soon become aware, it all happens. On top of that the cast enjoy the music from the Show through backstage speakers (which helps cut down those late entries) and to top it all the Sound Department produce a cassette of the Show for those people who like to experience the songs from the Show again and again.

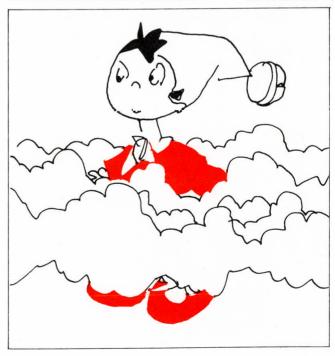
Special effects

Well it looks as if everything has happened — the cast is on stage, the scenery is all there, the costumes are all neatly prepared the lights are on and the music plays — but for that finishing touch that changes a show to a super show we have our special effects men.

The Special Effects men are a dedicated bunch who somehow by some means known only to their own crafty crew are able to transform that otherwise inanimate object into a "line" feature. Whether it be explosion or fog or even a train with smoke the boys weave their mystical magic to thrill us all.









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Because the FOH people have managed to assemble a combination of Cub Packs (all going in different directions) Brownies and Guides and Scouts and all those others who have come to enjoy the show, all in the last ten minutes before the Show commences, it is easy to understand why the FOH personnel are considered to be such an integral part of each performance.

Office services

Like so many organisations, the Gang Show runs its own "paper war" for each year's show. From the printing of the Member's manuals and song folders, to the typing and production of departmental information, and to the all encompassing Gang Show newsletter, "Scraggy," the Office Service team drive their typewriters and duplication with gay abandon and untiring enthusiasm. Over 60,000 sheets of paper pass through their department each year.

Marketing

Once upon a time there was Relationships and then they became Marketing.

This department has the task to produce all printed material including Programmes and Booking Forms and Song Folders as well as that even more essential task of "selling" the show to our ever increasing audience.

To endeavour to bring the Show to the attention of Scouting and new Scouting people we use the media as well as that even more important "word of mouth" means of communication.

So, if you enjoyed the Show, and we of the Marketing crowd think you did, then be sure to tell your friends and bring them along next year.



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