



The 60th
HARPENDEN & WHEATHAMPSTEAD
DISTRICT GANG SHOW
2009



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Dear Scout / Explorer Scout / Scout Networker and Parents / Guardians,

Here are details about next year's Gang Show (Tuesday 6th to Saturday 10th January 2009).

By the time you receive this letter, the first Production Team meeting will have happened, and the design of the Show will already be underway. What we can promise is the usual mix of great music, dance and sketches and a new look to the production team to ensure that our Show continues to go from strength to strength as we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary!.

The one downside – albeit a great problem to have – is that we don't have enough room in the Show for all those who want to take part. We therefore need you to fill in the attached form and return it to me at the above address by Saturday, 10th May 2008. Consideration for participation in the Show will continue to be made after this date if the cast list is not full, but cannot be guaranteed for forms received after this date. We will then go through all the forms and see what size of Gang we are looking at and decide whether or not we need to invoke the over-subscription procedure set out below. This means that all those who come to the first rehearsal in September will be there in the knowledge that they are already part of the 2009 Gang.

Selection criteria:

Senior Gang - members of a Network, ESU or older members of a Scout Troop

Junior Gang - younger members of a Scout Troop

Rikki's Gang - the youngest. A separate letter will be sent by Rikki to the Cubs in early June.

1. If Senior Gang is over-subscribed, then priority is given as follows:
 - a. Those who were promised a place because of over-subscription last year
 - b. The oldest of those who have already been in the Show
 - c. The oldest of those for whom this is the first Show
2. If Junior Gang is over-subscribed, then the oldest members will move up to Senior Gang, unless that too is over subscribed.
3. If Junior Gang is still over-subscribed, then priority is given in the following order:
 - a. Those who were promised a place because of over-subscription last year
 - b. The oldest of those who have already been in the Show.
 - c. The oldest of those for whom this is the first Show
4. If Junior Gang is still over-subscribed, the youngest Scouts in school years 5 and 6 as at 1/9/08 will join Rikki's Gang.
5. Anybody who is not included in the Gang will be (i) on a waiting list arranged in order of age, should anyone drop out and (ii) guaranteed a place in the next Show.

Terms & conditions

- You must be a fully paid up member of a Harpenden, Wheathampstead or Kimpton group or unit.
- You must have been born on or after 11th January 1989.
- Your behaviour at rehearsals must be acceptable to the Production Team
- You must be able to attend every rehearsal and performance as scheduled by the Production Team (the list of provisional dates is set out below). Prior permission must be sought if you need to miss a rehearsal.
- NB: the Production team will decide if the reason given to miss a rehearsal is valid. If it is deemed not valid, then your place in the Show will be forfeited.

Front Row audition:

The Senior Gang auditions for the 16 places in the “Front Row” – 8 boys and 8 girls. This year’s Front Row audition will be happening in June (venue and date to be advised), and any one in the Senior Gang who is an Explorer by 9th September 2008 can take part.

Provisional rehearsal schedule (venue to be finalised, due to building works at 10th Harpenden)

Senior Gang: Tuesday 17 Jun (Front Row Audition);
Tuesdays 9 Sep – 7 Oct (8pm to 9.45pm);
Sundays 12 Oct – 28 Dec (2.30pm to 5.30pm)
Monday 22 Dec, Thursday 27 Dec, Tuesday 30 Dec Fri 2 Jan (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 5 Jan or Sun 6 Jan (2.30pm to 9.30pm)
Sun 6 Jan (1.30pm – 6pm) or Mon 7 Jan (6pm – 10pm)
Performances Tue 6 to Sat 10 Jan (6pm – 10pm), plus Sat 10 Jan (1pm to 5pm).

Junior Gang: Tuesdays 16 Sep – 30 Dec (7.30pm to 8.30pm) – excluding 28 Oct.
Sun 14 Dec (2.30pm – 4pm)
Thu 27 Dec (7.30pm to 8.30pm)
Sat 5 Jan or Sun 6 Jan (2.30pm to 9.30pm)
Sun 6 Jan (1.30pm – 6pm) or Mon 7 Jan (6pm – 10pm)
Performances Tue 6 to Sat 10 Jan (6pm – 10pm), plus Sat 10 Jan (1pm to 5pm).

Front Row: Tuesdays 9 Sep – 7 Oct (8pm to 9.45pm);
Sundays 12 Oct – 28 Dec (2.30pm to 5.30pm)
Tuesdays 14 Oct – 30 Dec (8.30pm to 10.15pm) – excluding 28 Oct
Monday 22 Dec, Thursday 27 Dec, Fri 2 Jan (8pm to 10.30pm)
Sat 5 Jan or Sun 6 Jan (2.30pm to 9.30pm)
Sun 6 Jan (1.30pm – 6pm) or Mon 7 Jan (6pm – 10pm)
Performances Tue 6 to Sat 10 Jan (6pm – 10pm), plus Sat 10 Jan (1pm to 5pm).

Thanks for your interest in the Gang Show. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible, and in any case before 10th May.

Best wishes,



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Please fill in this form carefully and legibly.

I would like to be on stage Gang Show 2009.

Name: _____

Male / Female

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Group/Unit: _____

School: _____

Is this your first Harpenden Gang Show? Yes / No

Parent / carer:

I give permission for my child to take part in Gang Show 2009 and for his/her image to be used in the programme, publicity shots and for post-Show photo and DVD sales (in the knowledge that at no time will the child's name be identified to the image).

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this sheet to Ewan at the above address
before 12 noon on Saturday, 10th May 2008