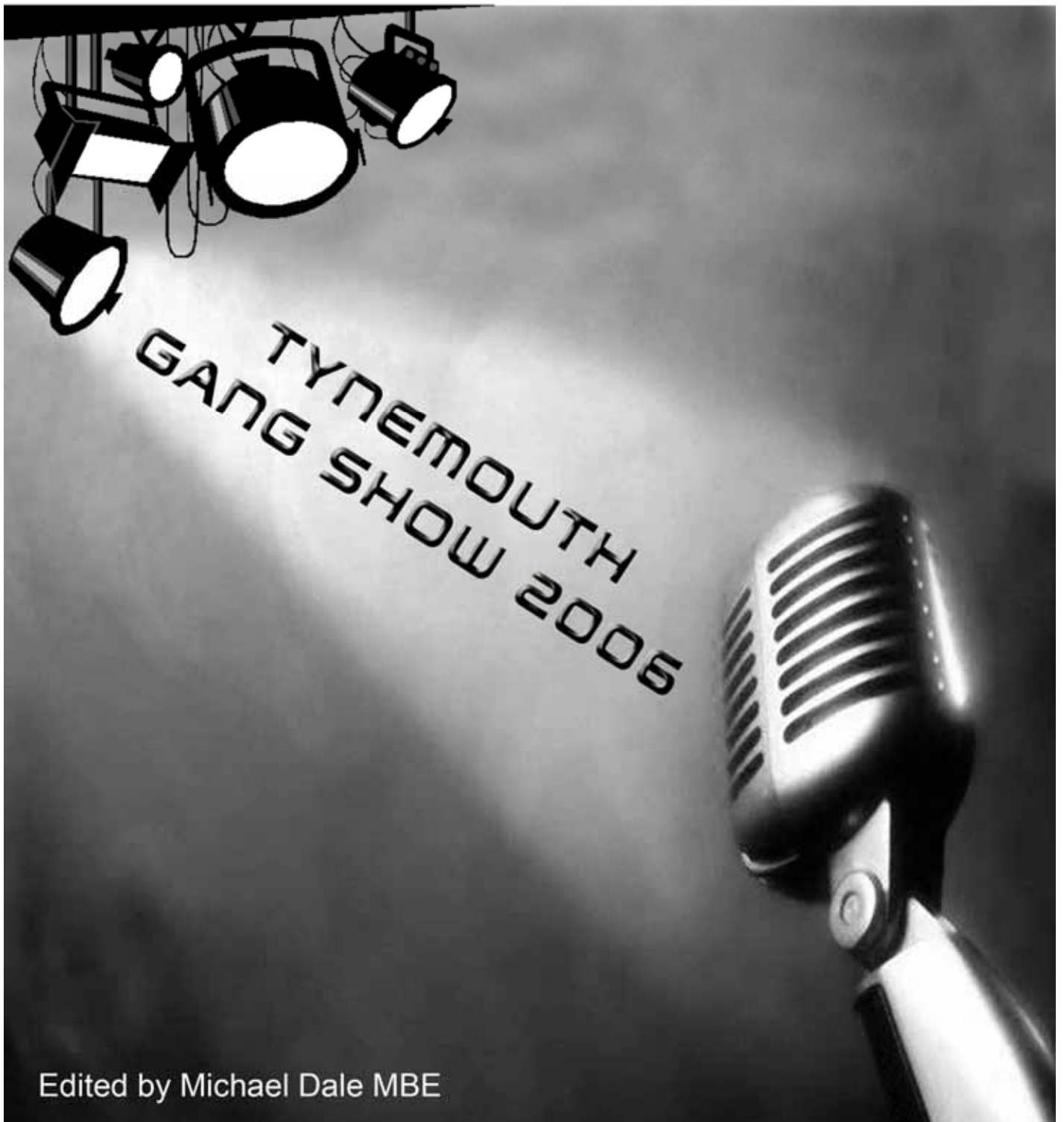




Gang News

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79 DAYS TILL CURTAIN UP

Hello and welcome to everyone who has just attended the first rehearsal of Tynemouth Gang Show 2006.

You have just started on a road that will hopefully culminate in a fabulous show in November. Yes, there will be lots of hard work and you may be asked to do things that you have never done before but when the curtain goes up on 20th November you will realise all the hard work was worth it.

You will have been given some paperwork as you left the rehearsal, it is very important that you complete and return it as soon as possible. The registration form tells us who are, which Group you are from and what your measurements are so we can get your costumes sorted out, while the photo consent form means we can take your picture during the rehearsals and the show and then send them in to the local papers, put them on the website and in the programme and use them for future shows. You will have also be given a song book, this is very important, you won't have it when you are on the stage so take the time to read it and learn the words.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are a very important part of Gang Show because you get a chance to practice what you are doing together with the rest of the cast. There's only so much you can do at home and while you should practice there, there is no substitute for practicing together. All of the rehearsals will take place at King Edward's Primary School.

Sunday: Cubs (8 - 10½) 2.15 – 3.15pm
Scouts and Adults 3 – 5pm
Uniform should be worn for Sunday rehearsals.

Thursday: Scouts 6.45 – 8pm
Adults and older Scouts 8 – 9pm
Movement and Dance – Uniform should NOT be worn.

Smart uniform has to be worn on a Sunday so we can see you have everything you need and it fits you before you wear it on stage.

By uniform we mean your uniform shirt or jumper with all of the badges on properly in the right places, neckerchief and woggle (a Gang Show one if you have one, your Group one if you don't), Scout or school trousers (ladies can wear uniform skirts for rehearsals however it must be trousers for the week of the show) and some smart shoes.

Ticket Sales

The Gang Show costs over £20,000 to put on, it is not done to make money, just to let people see who we are and for the cast and crew to get some enjoyment out of it.

Obviously it is important we manage to cover the cost of the show and some of that is done through sponsorship but the bulk of it is done through the ticket sales.

During the last show a survey was carried out and we found that most of the tickets were sold by the cast and crew, so please, when you get some booking forms, try and sell as many tickets as you can. Get all of your family to go (and that means brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandparents, not just mums and dads) and don't forget to ask your friends and neighbours.

Help Wanted

Can you spare a few hours to help out at the Sunday Rehearsal? We need parents and Leaders not involved with the show to act as Stewards and help supervise the junior cast while the Leaders have their rehearsal. If you are able to help, even if it's just for one or two weeks, please speak to a uniformed Leader.

The Programme

This is a brief outline of “who is doing what” and when.

Cub Gang means all Cubs who are attending Pack meetings as of the 3 Sep 06.
Juniors refers to all members of a Scout Troop and younger members of Explorer Units.
Seniors refers to all adults and older Explorer Scouts.

If you are in any doubt which section you belong to, ask a member of the production team.

Act 1

<u>The Opening</u>	This involves everyone, including the Cub Gang. The songs include “Happy days” and “Crest of a wave”.
<u>Let's Start the Show</u>	An audience participation item with the juniors.
<u>Dance Number</u>	A non-stop dance item based on “Strictly Come Dancing”, featuring a selection of dance routines (charleston, hip-hop etc). It will include juniors and seniors and be mainly rehearsed on Thursdays with our Choreographer Annette.
<u>Over the Sea to the Sky</u>	A short play or sketch based on the life of Bonnie Prince Charlie. A very corny item performed by the juniors.
<u>Cub Gang Item</u>	Oliver the Musical. A medley of all the famous tunes. The Cub Gang will go home after this item.
<u>Don't do it Nellie</u>	A short sketch with a catchy song performed by the juniors.
<u>First Act Finale</u>	Will be based on the circus. We will be teaching some of you to juggle, balance etc. Everyone will be in this item.

Act 2

<u>My Fair Lady</u>	A “potted” version of this wonderful musical. Seniors will be doing an Ascot Gavotte. Juniors “With a Little Bit of Luck”. All “I’m Getting Married in the Morning”. Solo “In the Street Where You Live”.
<u>Going from Bad To Worse</u>	A cheeky rhyme performed by an equally cheeky junior.
<u>Praise</u>	A serious item including some well known hymns, finishing with the Scout hymn.
<u>Worried Mothers</u>	A daft, fun item performed by a gang of juniors dressed up as the mothers of famous personalities such as Mrs Beckham, Mrs Blair, Mrs Cowell etc.
<u>West Side Story</u>	Wonderful melodies put together especially for older juniors, Explorer Scouts and some Seniors.
<u>Twelve Days of Christmas</u>	A fun item based on the well known festive ditty – we need mainly seniors for this.
<u>Finale</u>	The last item performed by everybody. We sing a selection of songs including “Candle in the window”, “These are the times”, Jerusalem” and The National Anthem.

A Special Request

Do you like Pringles? If you do then Lol Olsen, CSL with the 9th/11th needs your help.

Lol is trying to collect the tubes (complete with the plastic lids) for an activity at a camp he is planning. So the next time you have some please don't throw the tube away, save it and pass it on to Lol at the next rehearsal.



A little brain Teaser for you



A woman in a mirror or a skull?



Old woman or young girl?

District Web Site

The district web site has a whole section devoted to the Gang Show on it so don't forget to keep an eye on it. There will be photos from the rehearsals on it, Gang News, downloadable booking forms as well as a section showing you what the theatre looks like, what the different parts of it are and who works in them. The address is on the front cover so make sure you have a look.

Raffle

Each Sunday, raffle tickets will be sold in aid of the Gang Show. The proceeds will go towards providing all of the cast and crew with gang tea, served between the Saturday matinee and evening performance.

If anyone would like to donate prizes for the raffle please bring them to the Sunday rehearsal with you (and don't forget your money to buy a ticket or two).

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Have you got something you want including in Gang News? Michael Dale is doing the news letter for this show so any information can be passed to him or Nicola at the rehearsals, or it can be e-mailed to media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk or you can telephone (*removed by web master*). Anything sent by e-mail will get an automatic response so you know it has got through.