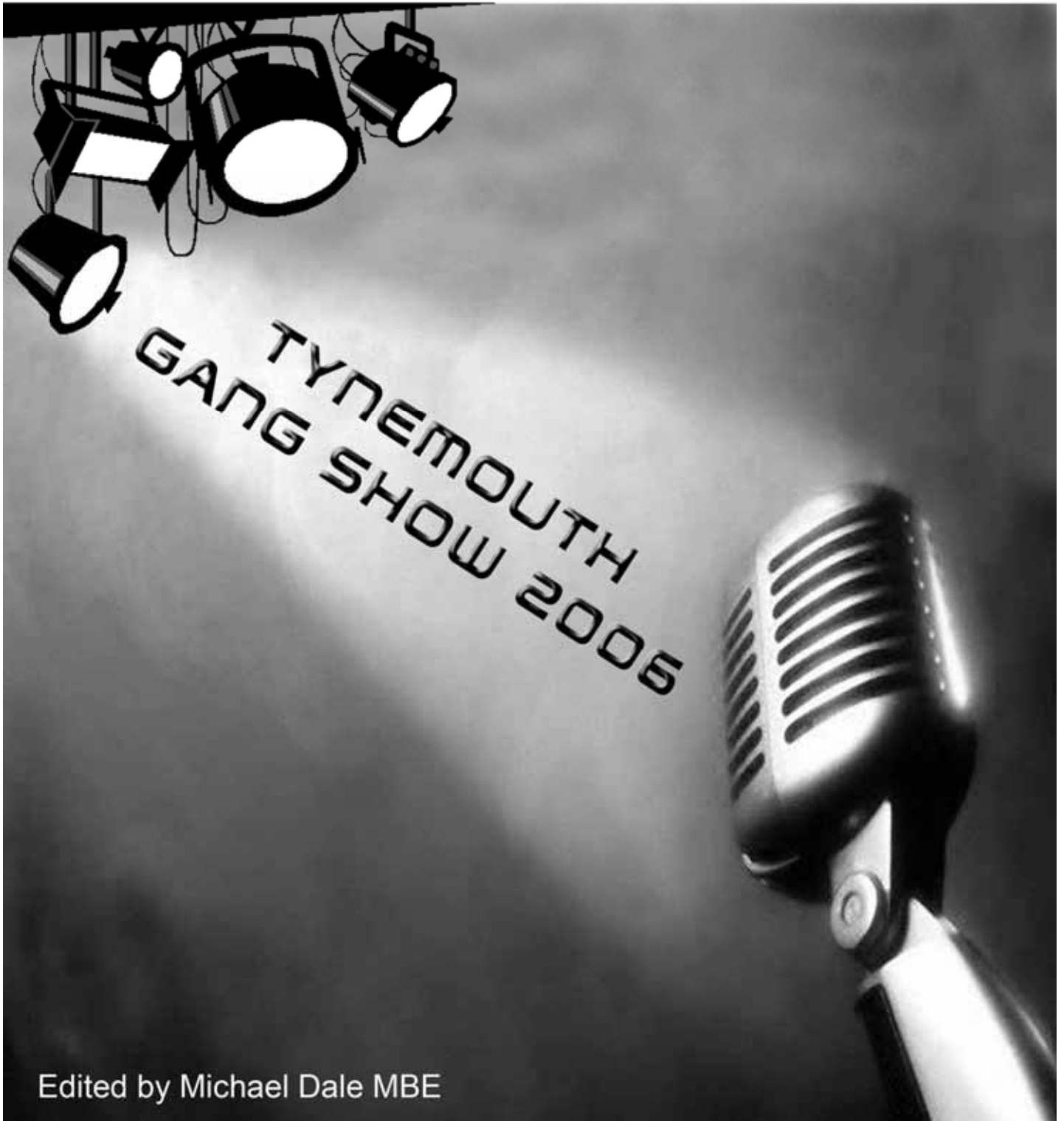




Gang News

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Welcome back to everyone returning for their second Sunday rehearsal and hello to all of you who are joining us this week.

Last week there were 34 Cubs, 36 Scouts and Explorer Scouts and 40 Leaders at the rehearsal, I was listening from the side lines and it sounded like an excellent start, but it would sound even better with more Cubs, Scouts and Explorers so tell all you friends to come along.

Hopefully you have been reading your songbooks all week so by the time the show takes to the stage on the 20th of November you will all be word perfect. A lot of hard work but it will be worth it.

Registration

Hopefully you have all brought back your registration form and photo consent form. These **must** be filled in as soon as you can and returned to the Gang Registrar – Margaret Jones. Don't forget, if by some chance you have forgotten yours or have managed to temporarily misplace it, they can both be downloaded from the Gang News page on the District website.

Rehearsal Times

All rehearsals take place in the main hall at King Edward's Primary School.

Sunday: Cubs (8 - 10½) 2.00 – 3.15pm
Scouts and Adults 3 – 5pm
Uniform should be worn for Sunday rehearsals.

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

David would like to see any JUNIORS who wish to speak (i.e. take part in sketches etc) at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday the 14th. This will finish at 8.30 p.m.

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.

Rehearsals – General Information

If you bring a mobile phone with you please either switch it off altogether or at least put it on silent, it is very distracting to hear all the text alerts sounding in the middle of a song.



The Cub rehearsal runs from 2pm – 3.15pm, with a joint rehearsal for the last 15 minutes. Please give the Cubs their hour in peace. Scouts, Explorers and Leaders not directly involved with the Cub rehearsal, should not go into the hall until they are needed at 3pm.

To try and keep the cleaning in the school to a minimum, can we please ask all adults to use the disabled toilet (next to the community room) during the rehearsals. Cubs and Junior Gang, can you please speak to a steward who will show you which toilet to use.

Once the Cub rehearsal is finished, the Cubs will be formally dismissed from the entrance at the top of the school yard (furthest away from the road). Things got a bit crowded in the corridors last week so could we ask parents to please wait outside until your son or daughter is sent out.

Ticket Sales

Ticket have started selling and we will keep you up to date with the sales figures so you can see how well you are doing. So far we have sold 12 seats and that happened before the first rehearsal even took place!

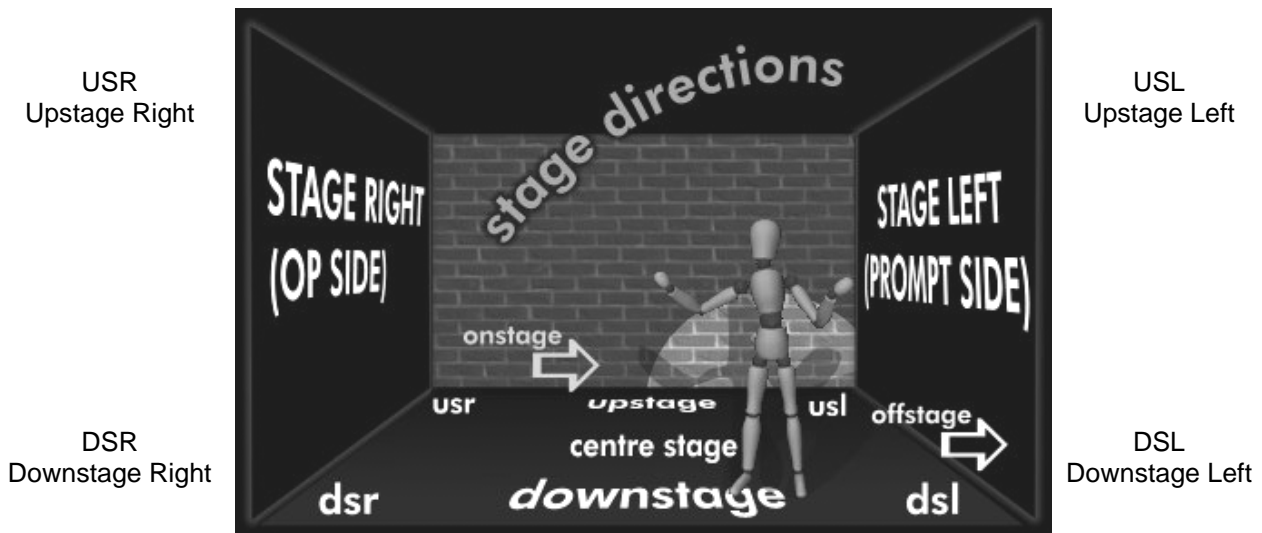


Please try and sell as many tickets as you can. Get all of your family to go and don't forget to ask your friends and neighbours. Booking forms will be handed out at the rehearsals and you can also download one from the website so sell, sell, sell.

Theatre Terms

The theatre is a place where a lot of unusual terminology is often used and the next few editions of the Gang News will list some of the main ones.

These first ones will get you started and they all relate to the theatre and moving around in it.



STAGE	The part of the theatre on which performances happen, adjacent to the auditorium.
AUDITORIUM	The part of the theatre accommodating the audience during the performance. Sometimes known as the "house".
BACKSTAGE	The part of the stage and theatre which is out of the sight of the audience.
STAGE LEFT / RIGHT	Left / Right as seen from the Actor's point of view on stage. (ie Stage Left is the right side of the stage when looking from the auditorium.)
UPSTAGE	The part of the stage furthest from the audience.
DOWNSTAGE	The part of the stage nearest to the audience.

Song Books

You should all have your own song book now, please make sure you put your name on the front of it and bring it and a pen or pencil so you can alter it or make notes on it during the rehearsal.

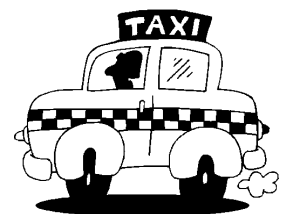
Help Wanted

Can you spare a few hours to help out at the Sunday Rehearsal? We need parents and Leaders who are 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.

Taxi !

Is anyone out there a taxi driver? Does anyone know a taxi driver? As part of the advertising for this year's show we are getting car stickers made again, but as well as asking all of you to put one in your own or your families car window we are trying to find a taxi firm who would be willing to help us.

If anyone is, or knows a taxi driver / owner who would be willing to put our stickers in their windows please let Michael Dale know.



Advertising

This year's posters are printed and ready to send out, but to try and get the maximum impact from them they won't be handed out until about a month before the show, so don't panic when you don't see any for a while.

This year we are advertising in the Odeon Silverlink instead of the metro stations, so if you are on this year's poster, go to the cinema to see yourself on the silver screen from the end of October.

Wardrobe

All members of this years cast require Scout activity trousers. Lesley Harrison has made arrangements with CW Tents to place a bulk order, saving everyone having to go individually. Orders MUST be in by the start of the autumn half term, order forms will be sent out with Gang News and put on the website.

Adults will also need smart uniform trousers, including the ladies. Next weeks newsletter will tell you the colour of the sand shoes you need. If anyone has any problem with costumes, please speak to Lesley during a rehearsal or you can telephone her on *(removed by web master)*.

Gang Show Re-union

The Coast Explorer Unit will be organising the post Gang Show get-together, open to all adults and Explorers involved in the Show.

Look out for more information soon, but in the meantime, keep the date free - Saturday 13th January 2007.

District Web Site

The web site has a couple of photos from last Sunday's rehearsal on it along with the last edition of Gang News, the registration form and the photo consent form, keep checking it – you might be on it.

Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale as always, they cost £1 per strip or 20p per ticket. The proceeds will go towards providing all of the cast and crew with gang tea.

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).

Things that make you go hhhmmmm?

- If human's knees bent the other way, what would a chair look like?
- Now supermarkets are open 24 - 7 why do they all have locks on the doors?
- Why does lemon juice contain mostly artificial ingredients but dishwashing liquid contains real lemons?

Fascinating Facts

- There are an average of 178 sesame seeds on a McDonald's Big Mac bun.
- The save icon on Microsoft Word shows a floppy disk, with the shutter on backwards.
- In Cleveland, America, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

Gang News

Have you got something you want including in Gang News? Information can be passed to Michael or Nicola at the rehearsals, you can e-mail it 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, but please try and get it to him by Wednesday of each week.