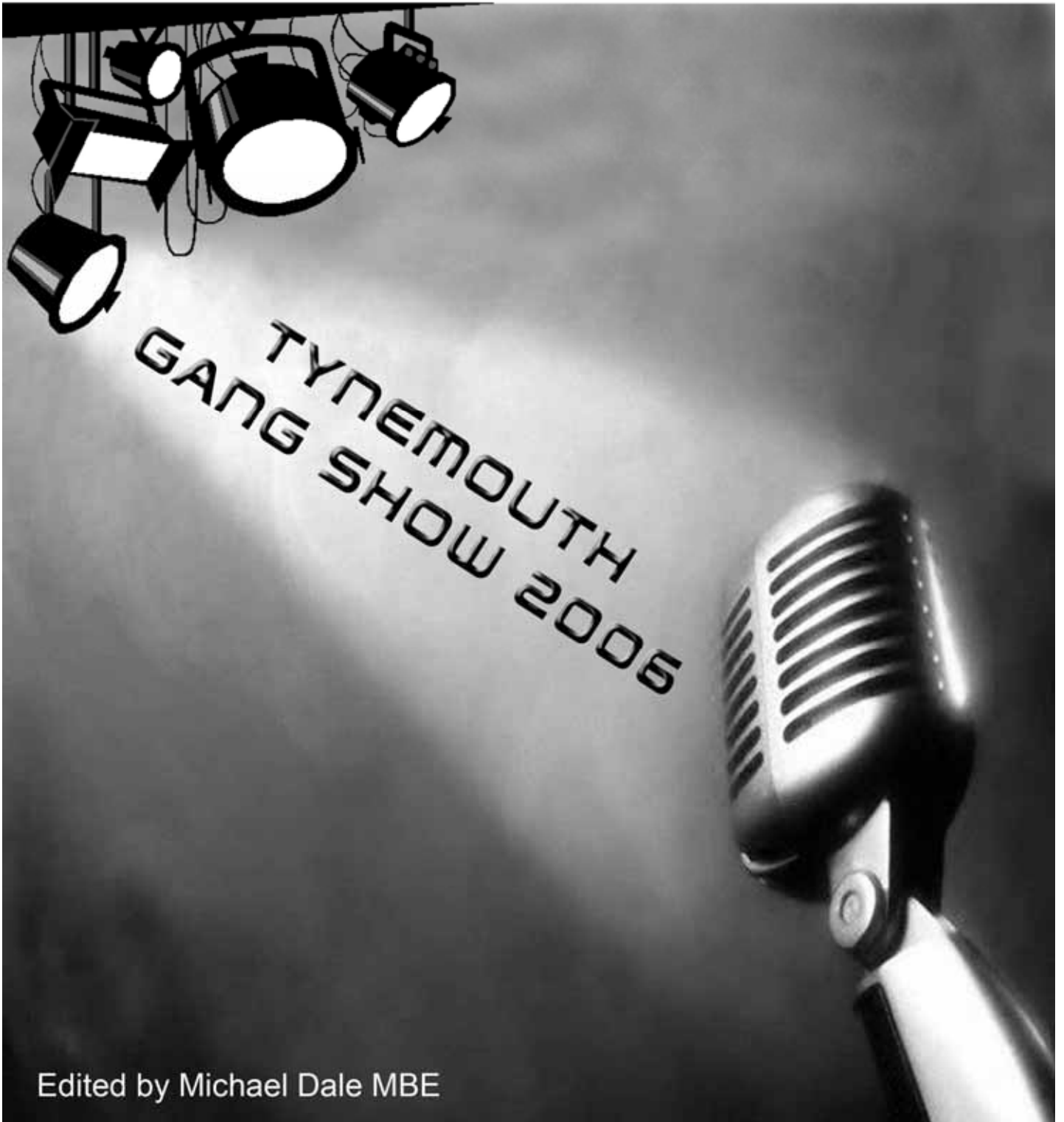




Gang News

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Welcome back everyone, week three already – doesn't time fly when you are having fun.

I don't have the exact numbers this week but there were definitely more of you in the gang last week, hopefully there were a few more again this week. All you have to do now is keep practicing and learning those words, after all it's only 63 days until the curtain goes up on the first Monday night.

Registration

Don't forget to return your registration forms and photo consent forms. These **must** be filled in as soon as you can and returned to the Gang Registrar – Margaret Jones. Don't forget they can both be downloaded from the Gang News page on the District website if you have lost your first one.

Rehearsals

There is a change to Thursday's rehearsal times this week but they all still take place in the main hall at King Edward's Primary School. If your not sure which group you are in, ask someone.

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

Thursday: Juniors 6.45 – 7.45pm
Intermediate (14 – 25 yr olds) 7.45 – 9pm
Seniors 8 – 9pm
Movement and Dance – Uniform should NOT be worn.

Remember, 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.

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.**

The Cubs will be formally dismissed from the entrance at the top of the school yard (furthest away from the road) again so we will do the same again.

Ticket Sales

As of last Sunday we had sold 16 seats. Not a huge amount but hopefully that will have rocketed up since you were given booking forms last week.



Tickets will be on sale at the rehearsal each week, so make sure you bring your forms to Pat Yorston. You can also get extra forms from Pat or you can download them from the website. Hopefully by the time you read this there will be a link on the District website to the theatres booking system so you will also be able to buy them on line.

Smiley Awards

Well done to the winners of last week's smiley awards.

The Cub Gang winners were Eden and Michael. Scout winners were Daniel and James.

Your pictures are on the website as well as in Gang News, who will it be this week?



Gang Skipper

Sorry that today is my first rehearsal but I have been away on holiday. Anyway I'm very pleased to have been asked to work with you, **the best gang in the country** and you are! (At least you have been the best in previous shows). It will be one of my jobs to make sure that the production team get the best out of you so we have a successful show and a happy gang.

How do I do that? Well I'm the guy that you come and see if you need to know anything. That's all of you who are reading this Gang News (**parents as well**) and I promise that you will get an answer to your question.



What do I need from you? **That's everyone!!** (On the stage or sitting watching) The first and probably the last and most important thing is QUIET. When we are at rehearsal we are rehearsing and if you wish to talk then do so outside the rehearsal room. We have a great production team who really know what they are doing and if you are listening to them then we will get the best out of them also. I am really looking forward to working with you and being part of a SUPER Gang Show. If you don't know who I am then just ask there's plenty of people who do know me!

George Salmon (Gang Skipper)

Theatre Terms

Here are a few more theatre terms to help you understand what people are talking about during the show.

OFFSTAGE	A movement towards the nearest side of the stage from the centre.
ONSTAGE	A movement towards the centre of the stage from the sides.
FRONT OF HOUSE	Every part of the theatre in front of the stage. Includes foyer areas open to the general public. The backstage areas of the theatre are known as Rear of House.
DRESS REHEARSAL	A full rehearsal, with all technical elements brought together. The performance as it will be "on the night".
GET-IN	The process of moving set, props and other hardware into a theatre prior to the show.
TECHNICAL REHEARSAL	Usually the first time the show is rehearsed in the venue, with lighting, scenery and sound. Costumes are sometimes used where they may cause technical problems (eg quick changes). Often a very lengthy process. Often abbreviated to the Tech.

Gang Photo



The main photograph of the entire Gang will be taken on Sunday 1st October (GNR) at 3pm which will mean a slightly late finish for the Cub gang that week.

This is the photo that is put in the centre pages of the programme sold at the show. Photo consent forms **must** be in by then. Anyone who has not returned a consent form will not be on the photo so make sure you get your back to us as quickly as possible.

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 !

We are still looking for taxi driver's / owner's who would be willing to put our car stickers in their windows. Please let Michael Dale know if you know anyone who can help.



Wardrobe

As well as the clothes we mentioned last week, all members of this years cast need to have a pair of BLACK sand shoes.

If you don't already own a pair, you can get them from Dave's Shoes, which is the shoe shop inside Wilkinson's in North Shields, up to an adult size 13 (bigger sizes will need to be ordered).

If anyone has any problem with costumes, please speak to Lesley during a rehearsal or you can telephone her on (removed by web master).

Raffle

Raffle tickets are still on sale, at the small cost of £1 per strip or 20p per ticket. So far we have raised £39.10 for gang tea, so we have enough money for a sandwich or two each, keep it going.

Some of the winning tickets weren't claimed last week, there numbers were 173, 260, 263, 284, 285. If you have any of those numbers please speak to Margaret Jones when you come in.

We still need prizes so if anyone would like to donate something please bring them to the Sunday rehearsal with you.

Sponsorship



Our ADC Scouts, Simon Kirsopp is doing the Great North Run on the 1st of October this year to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. If anyone would like to sponsor him and help raise some money for this worthy cause, please see either him or Sue Kirsopp at rehearsals.

Things that make you go hhhmmm?

- If the USS Enterprise was travelling at the speed of light and switched it's head lights on, what would happen?
- If quitters never win and winners never quit, who came up with "quit while your ahead"?
- How much deeper would the ocean be if we took out all the sponges?

Fascinating Facts

- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- Four flavours of jelly that failed to sell are celery, coffee, cola and chocolate.
- Every time you lick a stamp you consume 1/10th of a calorie.

Celebrations

We have three birthdays that I know of this month. Happy Birthday to Nicola Dale on the 18th and Lesley Harrison and Pat Brown on the 20th.

If anyone knows of any other celebrations let me know and I'll give them a mention.



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.