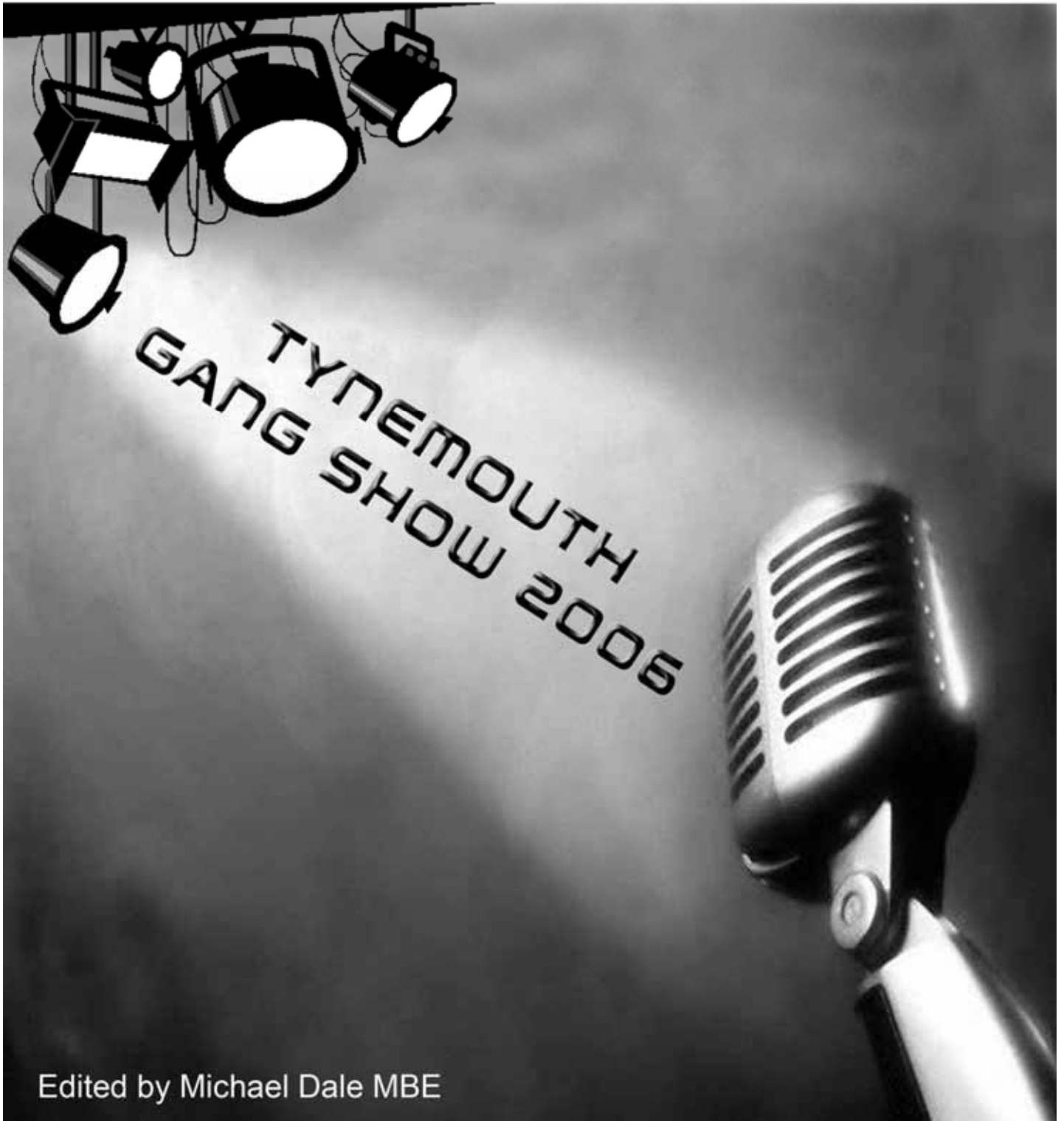




Gang News

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A Message from the Chief Scout

We have been sent a letter by the Chief Scout, Peter Duncan, wishing everyone good luck for the show. This is not something that happens very often and a copy of it is included in with Gang News, there is also a colour copy of it on the Gang Show part of the District web site.

A Message from the District President

"Thank you so much for your warm and kind welcome last Sunday. As I said it was a smashing rehearsal and a great credit to young and old alike.

Gang Show started in Tynemouth District in 1947 and I have a feeling the 2006 Show is going to be the best ever. Enjoy every minute of it."

Colin McKay
District President.

Rehearsal Times

Tuesday 17th October

7.00 - 8.30 West Side Story
8.30 - 9.00 Emma Crawford, Peter Whitelaw, Val Rogers and Paul Sharp

Thursday 19th October

6.45 Line Dance and Cockney
7.30 Tap and Hip Hop
8.00 Military Two Step
8.20 Charleston
8.40 Kickers

Circus skills will be on from 7.30 - 8.15 as a drop in session. We'll devote more time later on.

Sunday 22nd October

3.00 - 4.00 Senior Singing only No Cubs or Juniors (Non uniform)

Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th October

No Rehearsal

Sunday 29th October

2.00 Cub Gang, Over the Sea, Don't do it Nellie, Opening dancers (as chosen on the photo day)
3.00 Main Gang for OPENING
3.15 Cub Gang Dismissed
3.15 First Act Finale (so far)
3.40 Praise
4.10 Break
4.20 My Fair Lady
4.45 Raffle, Notices and Dismissal
5.00 FRONT ROW JUNIORS TO STAY
5.30 FRONT ROW JUNIORS DISMISSED

Saturday 4th and 11th November

There will be evening rehearsals for the main Gang only (not Cubs) from 7 - 9pm.

Sunday 5th November

This is the first rehearsal in the theatre. Everyone must attend. More details to follow soon.

Wardrobe - Scout Uniform Trousers

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 (with the money) by Thu 19th October, order forms are still downloadable on the website.

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

On the subject of uniform trousers, I have been contacted by a parent who has a pair of them for sale. They are a size 9/10 yr (which is about a 26" waist) and have only been worn 3 or 4 times and so are in excellent condition.

If anyone is interested in buying them at the price of £10, please let me know and I will make the arrangements for you. My contact details are at the end of Gang News.

Michael

Gang Show Sweatshirts / T- Shirts

Don't forget, order forms are available on the website as a download from the Gang News page for anyone who wants to buy a Gang Show Sweatshirt or T-shirt. They come in red or black, and have the Tynemouth Gang Show badge on them as shown to the right. Prices are:

Sweatshirts:	Adult	£12.50	Junior	£8.00
Polo shirts:	Adult	£11.00	Junior	£7.00



Ticket Sales

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the show so far, but there are still plenty more available. The cast and crew are by far the biggest sellers of the tickets, collectively you sell more than the theatre, so let's make this year a huge sell out by getting everyone you know to come and see the show. Don't forget when you order tickets through Pat, you also need to collect them from her the following week. Pat has a number of tickets waiting to be collected.

Bag Pack – Saturday 21st October

As part of the fund raising and publicity for the show, we have arranged to do a bag pack at the Morrisons store at Hillheads (Whitley Bay). It is arranged for Saturday the 21st of October between 10am and 4pm. Any Scouts, Explorer Scouts or Leaders who are able to help, even if it is just for an hour or so, please let George Salmon know.

If we can get enough people we can arrange "shifts" making it a lot easier for all involved.

Publicity

You should have received a few items to help publicise the show this week, please do not waste them. Posters need to be taken to a local shop or somewhere similar where they are going to be seen by lots of people. The survey carried out two years ago showed that the posters are the most visible and effective advertising we have so make them count.

You should also have a car sticker, again please put it somewhere prominent. Bedroom windows may look good to you but won't be seen by too many people. Now is the time for anyone who has a vehicle which is in a public area a lot to come forward. Taxi drivers, delivery vans, council vans (if allowed) and so on will all help.

If anyone needs extra posters or stickers please ask, but make sure they will be used effectively and not just as a decoration for your wall or a file.

I have had a letter from the cinema advertising this week saying the adverts will be on all screens at the Silverlink for 5 weeks starting from the 16th of October, so let us know what you think when you see them.

Raffle

The raffle tickets have raised just over £300 so far but if you want a pudding at gang tea we still need a bit more. There are only three draws left now so if you have anything we can use as a prize please bring it in as soon as you can.

Theatre Terms

There are a huge amount of jobs in the theatre, all of which are vital to the show running. Here are a few of them, in no particular order. More will be listed next week.

LIGHTING CREW	Team responsible for the overall look of the lighting during the show. Includes people working on the main control board and follow spots (the main spot lights which follow individuals moving around the stage).
SOUND CREW	Team responsible for operating the microphones, sound playback and mixing equipment for a show.
ORCHESTRA	The group of musicians who play all of the live music throughout the show.
PROPS	Person who is responsible for furnishings, set dressings, and all items large and small which cannot be classified as scenery, electrics or wardrobe. Props handled by actors are known as handprops, props which are kept in an actors costume are known as personal props.
STEWARDS	Members of the crew who look after the cast during rehearsals and the show. They carry out numerous jobs such as supervising behaviour, safety in the event of emergencies and keeping people quiet moving around the stage area.
CATERING	The team responsible for the catering and refreshments during rehearsals and the week of the show.

First Response Course

A bit of an advanced warning for all of the Leaders in the show. There is a full First Response course and a refresher course booked for Saturday the 2nd of December. Full details will be in next month's Contact.

Remembrance Day Parade

Another advanced warning, this years remembrance day parade will be on Sunday 12th November starting at Tynemouth college car park at 1030hrs as always. Letters will be going to the Groups soon but Leaders, please pass this on to your colleagues and sections not involved in the show.

Best Wishes

Euan Stenhouse has unfortunately had to go back to hospital for a second operation on his shoulder this week. I'm sure I speak for all the Gang when we wish him well and hope his recovery picks up soon.

District Website

The District web site has had quite a lot of updates done recently, don't forget to keep checking it.

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**.