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As we approach the second show in our privileged position as Show Managers, the excitement and fulfilment is as strong as ever. Those of you who saw our 2016 show will be expecting something even bigger and better; a tall order following the success of our '50 years of It's a Date' show. Those of you who have never experienced a Gang Show may well be wondering what exactly you are about to see.

The first show was in 1932 and produced by Ralph Reader, to raise money for a swimming pool. The show, a real variety of song, dance, comedy and music, was a success and he was asked to repeat the experience. There are now over 115 shows in the UK and many more around the globe. Our show, 'It's a Date', was first performed here at the Palace Theatre in 1966. We performed in the show in the 1980's and now our children are part of the Gang.

This year's Gang have been rehearsing since October and you will certainly not be disappointed when you witness the enthusiasm and professionalism of over 50

Scouts, Guides, Explorers, Rangers and Young Leaders as they sing, dance and act for you. On top of this we have 20 members of our junior gang, making us proud to present a fantastic variety show in a beautiful theatre.

The fact that so many cast members return year after year indicates just how much they gain from being in the show; from confidence building to making lifelong friendships, from gaining an understanding of performing to being part of the Gang.

We are so fortunate to have a live band to accompany the cast. Our band is made up of Scouters and Guiders and we hope you will agree that they are 'the icing on the cake'. Not forgetting the 50-strong staff members, all of whom are volunteers. The stage is set for 'It's a Date 2018', so please sit back, relax, cheer, clap, shout, whoop and, of course, enjoy the show.

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There are many members of GirlGuiding, both in the cast and backstage, in It's a Date 2018. They have all been rehearsing since last October, working extremely hard, making lifelong friends and having fun. I have been lucky enough to see some of the items and I am really looking forward to seeing the entire show. Good luck to all those performing this week - I am sure they will all be brilliant!

Alison Tompkinson
County Commissioner for Girlguiding Essex South East

Hopefully you are reading this as you are preparing to watch this year's Southend Gang Show, It's a Date 2018. Gang Show is a wonderful Scouting tradition which has been running in Southend for over 50 years.

It is wonderful to see so many young people and adults working together to create a spectacular performance. With both Scouting and Guiding represented on and offstage, the energy and commitment shown by the young people and those adults that have supported them is something they should all be very proud of. We hope you really enjoy the show and wish all of those whose hard work and dedication is coming to fruition, the best of luck for the performances.

So, good luck to all involved and we hope that you enjoy the show.

Stuart Gibson
Essex Scout County Commissioner



Want to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun? Then you should get involved in Girlguiding in Southend! Districts are looking for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members to join the fun!

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To join our organisation, whether as an adult volunteer or to register your daughter, visit our website:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved

It is excellent to see the three Scouting districts working together as part of Southend Gang Show. This demonstrates the success of Scouting across Essex.

There have been many amazing opportunities for these relationships to flourish across all of the sections in Essex Scouts. Keep informed of all of these events and opportunities at www.essexscouts.org.uk

If you have enjoyed the show and would like to join the members or volunteers across the County or find out more information visit

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Essex International Jamboree

The next Essex International Jamboree takes place in Chelmsford from 1st to 8th August 2020

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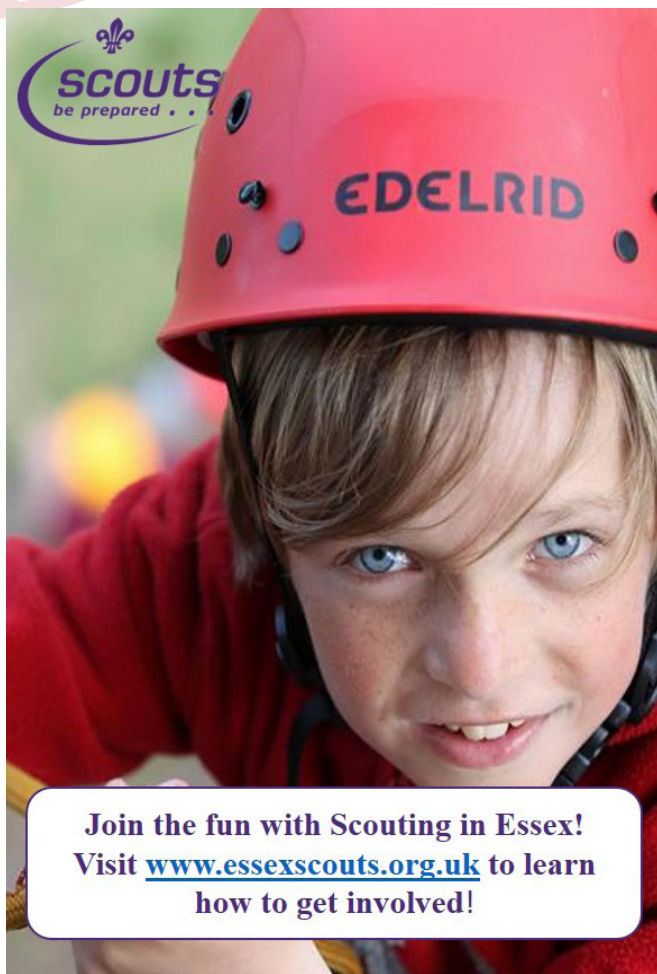
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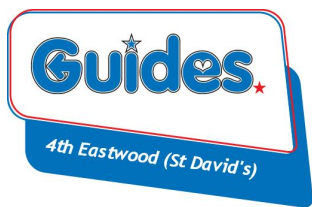
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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF OUR GANG SHOW

2017

MAY

PROGRAMME PLANNING

We have to start somewhere and the production team, together with members of the cast, start to brainstorm for the next show.

The ideas are turned into a working show, allowing a balance and a flow. Then, over the next few months, sketches are written, dances designed and music transposed, ready for rehearsals.

MARCH

SHINDIGS - Standing for SHow IN a Day In Guiding and Scouting, SHINDIGS is a fast paced, action packed day where Scouts and Guides from the area come together to put on a Gang Show in a day. We run SHINDIGS and the Gang Show alternately and it keeps the Gang together, maintains friendships and introduces new members to the stage.

In 2017 over 100 started their rehearsals at 10 a.m. and over the day learnt songs, dances and sketches which were performed to the sell-out audience that evening.

To be part of the next show sign up to our mailing list on the website or email info@southendgangshow.org.



OCTOBER

REHEARSALS BEGIN

New and old cast meet and the show is underway! We get to see what the cast can and want to do and their items are allocated. Then we learn lines, steps and tunes.



WARDROBE TEAM

With all the Gang now cast into items, costumes can be found in storage, be made or borrowed!

JANUARY

NEARLY THERE

With the show only six weeks into the new year, all the teams are stepping up their efforts, including the marketing team trying to sell as many seats as possible.

FEBRUARY

A BIT OF PUBLICITY

At rehearsals we are doing final tweaks and outside we are performing to practise and promote the show.

JULY

APPLICATIONS

The support team start to accept the applications from the website and organise the paperwork required for the cast to be part of the Gang.

DECEMBER

JUNIOR GANG

By now the Main Gang are fully embracing all that is expected and we then introduce our youngest cast (school years 6&7) to the Gang.

BUILD TEAM

Whilst the production team are busy with the cast, the back stage team are starting to build the sets and the props team are scavenging for odd items.



2018



1st Act

Allegro music



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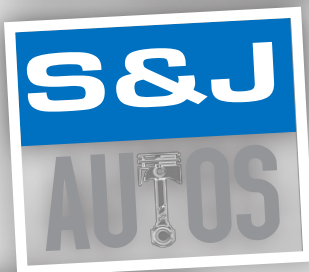




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2nd Act



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2:8 FINALE

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Guiding

17th Leigh Rainbows

1st Chalkwell Bay Brownies
2nd Chalkwell Bay Brownies
3rd Great Wakering Brownies
6th Castle Mount Brownies
10th Leigh Brownies

2nd Chalkwell Bay Guides
2nd Hadleigh Guides
4th Eastwood Guides
4th Thorpe Bay Guides

Isis Rangers
Falcon Rangers
Oasis Rangers
Onyx Rangers
Phoenix Rangers
4th Thorpe Bay Senior Section

Thanks go to all Units and parents for their continual support of the show.

Also to Stuart Austin for building and providing the materials for the Broadway item and to Richard Lunn for his donation and use of his transportation.

Best of luck to all the girls from Eastwood District: Libbie, Francesca and Kaleigh.

From Falcon Rangers.

For Kelly, Lily and Jessica in the Junior Gang, from 4th Eastwood Guides: go girls!!!!

Kelly Wright, we are so proud of you. Speak clearly and sing your heart out. Lots of love from all the family on your first gang show!

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The Gang



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Junior Gang (left): Edith Jefferson, Grace Desmond, Isabelle Holder, Jacob Browne, Jaya Ford, Jessica Clark, Jessica Khan, Katrina Mayfield, Kayleigh Butler, Kelly Wright, Lily Trayler, Maddy Veitch, Martha Steel, Oliver Bearman, Rebecca Holley, Scarlett Foster, Toniann Broomfield, William Bates

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