

Northallerton Gang Show 2009



Girlguiding UK



Northallerton Gang Show *Big Mouth*: May 2009

Gang Show News

So you can see that we have adopted the Scouting Purple colour for 2009. You will see purple throughout the show, on the posters, tickets and of course *Big Mouth*, the Gang Show newsletter. You may also notice in the audition poster and if you have been on the Gang Show website and hopefully in your meeting places, the Gang Show "Are You Ready?" poster, a slight Bond style! More later in this news letter!



The Theatre is booked.

Thanks to our Chairman Reg Mitchell, we have booked the Hambleton Forum for a third year. We will be performing 5 Shows. Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th November at 7pm and Saturday 21st November at 2pm and 7pm. Yes, we will be doing another matinee!



Rehearsal Venue.

We have a new rehearsal venue, the Nurse's Recreation (Rec) Hall, at the Friarage Hospital. The Hospital has kindly agreed to host our rehearsals for the 2009 show. These will follow a similar format to the 2007 show; Sunday 3(ish) to 9(ish); Core time for all Cast Members will be 5 to 7, and Friday evenings 6(ish) to 9(ish). Being at the Rec Hall will give us a large

reception area, rehearsal hall, Kitchen and stage, and a small hall for relaxing. And if it's nice outside a small patio area. Car parking is best in the Hambleton Forum and crossing over to the Hospital.

Some positions to be filled.

We need:

Newsletter "Big Mouth" writer. This must be an adult in Scouting or Guiding and produce the weekly newsletter with all the important information: They will primarily work directly with the Production Team and Executive Committee.

Publicity and Public Relations. This role is important to advertising the Show in the press. The role holder is to be led by Cath from Front of House and Reg Mitchell Gang Show Chairman.

A Guiding Presence. Tina Surtees is our soul adult Guiding representative. All Guiding leaders or helpers who wish to support or take part in Gang Show please contact Reg, Cath or Steven, or come to Sign-up Day on 6th June.

AUDITIONING / SIGN UP DAY: Saturday 6th June: 1 till 6pm

Saturday 6th June is your chance to come and tell us that you want to be involved with our show. Whether cast or crew come along to the Sign up day and come and see us.

For Cast sign up we will ask you sing a simple song, dance a few steps and read a short paragraph. You don't need to prepare anything just come along and bring your friends from Scouting and Guiding who would like to be in Gang Show.

To be a Cast Member you must fit these important criteria.

1. You must be an active member of the Scout Association or Girl Guiding UK on the Date of the Auditions – 6th June 2009. Gang Show is additional to your usual Scouting or Guiding Activities.
2. Aged 8 or over on the date of the Dress rehearsal, 16th November 2009.
3. All Members under 18 must have parental consent to take part in the show.
4. Members of Girl Guiding UK must fill out a separate activity form to be part of the show. (These will be available at auditions)
5. You must understand that being in the Gang Show is a 16 week commitment to rehearsals and the week of the show.

You will not be allowed in the show cast if you cannot fill these requirements.

To be a Crew Member... this is anyone who is helping in anyway with the show Backstage – We need your help now! We need people how can help make costumes, set creation, cast assistants, pianists and anything else etc...

1. You must be over 14 years of age at the dress rehearsal – 16th November 2009 to work back stage.
2. You must be formally CRB checked by the Gang Show team, if over 18. – bring identification to fill out CRB forms on sign up day 6th June.

Front of House

1. All members of Scouting and Guiding aged 11 and over are invited to come and help front of house.
2. Only those who are in FULL SCOUTING OR GUIDING UNIFORM will be permitted to help front of house. You will be the first people from the organisations the paying public will see. Make the right first impression.

We hope you understand these few rules. If you have any questions please contact Steven (Production), Cath (Front of House), or Reg (Chairman).

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The Commitment Agreement

What we need from you:

1. A promise to attend all the main rehearsals - we've a limited amount of time before opening night!
2. A phone call to our cast manager if you can't attend - so that we can arrange someone to read / dance your part if needed!
3. A guarantee that you'll TRY YOUR BEST! - Basically just follow your Scout and Guide promises.....we can't ask any more!



What we'll give you in return:

1. Fun, fun, fun! - Added all together, the production team have been in lots shows....and we can PROMISE it's a great laugh!
2. New friends - we've met SOOOO many people through the show.....and you will too!
3. An experience like no other - words can't describe that feeling on opening night when the curtain first goes up and you're actually doing it!



All Female cast members will need **Black Jazz Shoes**. Darlington, Northallerton and Middlesbrough have Dancing Shops where you can purchase Jazz Shoes, here is a sample of places online.

We have found that TESCO Extra sells them:

<http://direct.tesco.com/promo/?id=S00009641> £9 to £12

<http://www.dancewear4u.co.uk/jazzshoes/> £13.99 (£2.95 P&P) (Child Sizes 9 to Adult 2)

<http://www.movedancewear.co.uk/> £12.95 + £3.50 P&P (Adult Size 2 to 8)

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/> Range of new and used Jazz Shoes at a range of prices.

Northallerton Gang Show has enjoyed producing a traditional Gang Show opening. We will continue this tradition in our 2009 Show and therefore we ask for Cast members to have the following. **Men:** You will need to get a white shorts, White Short Sleeved Shirt and White knee-length football socks and plain white plimsolls – Available from most Sports or School Clothing shops. **Ladies:** You Lucky things you are getting a white skirt made for you... but you will still need a white blouse and as mentioned your black jazz shoes. The Wardrobe team will keep you up to date throughout the show via the Big Mouth newsletter if you need anything else.

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Some of Our Production Numbers

Premium Bond
Boogie in the Barnyard
Flower Power
Oh What a lovely war

Some Front line numbers

The Latecomers
Our Bizarre Bazaar
Mr Brown and Miss Suzanne
Northallerton's Morris Dancers

Some Sketches

T'was Better
Hiking on a Satellite

What has been said about our show in the past?

"A good audience participation show, which ended on a high. Most of the cast enjoyed themselves and beamed their smiles. Well done to all who took part both on and off stage a team effort"

County Gang Show Assessor

"Go see the show! It is wonderful!"

Northallerton Minster FM

"A show that the whole of Northallerton should be proud of!"

Northallerton Mayor

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Gang Show financially helped Scouting and Guiding last year! Help us to do that again! SEE YOU ON THE 6th JUNE – PLEASE DISPLAY THE SIGN UP DAY POSTERS AND GIVE OUT THE FLYERS!