



FIRECRACKERS

A MUSICAL REVUE

IN AID OF THE GOODWILL CHILDRENS VILLAGE, INDIA

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

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The Proceeds from "FIRECRACKERS" are going to support children in the Goodwill Children's village in India.

The Goodwill Children's village is the creation of John Foster, a school teacher from Northamptonshire, who with his wife and two sons, went to Thandigudi, 1700 metres up the Palni hills of Tamil Nadu, South India, to see what he could do to help the poor. By sharing their hardships and respecting their customs John became a trusted friend of the genuinely poor.

From small beginnings John created the village which caters for children aged 7 and over, some orphans, many with one impoverished parent. The staff of the village never go out looking for children, the children find the village, many walking for days across the hot plains to find it.

The village depends on support from schools, churches, clubs and individuals, many of whom contribute on a regular basis, sometimes sponsoring a child who writes letters from India. £150 currently pays for all the material needs of a child in Goodwill for a whole year. The village supports a small Scout Troop, eighteen members, which meets once each week. Their programme is fairly restricted though due to lack of equipment and funds.

West Mercia Scout County decided last year to support these children and many groups have raised money which has been sent out to India. You too can help by making a donation in the tin as you leave this theatre. If you wish to help further you may consider sponsoring a particular child by paying £150 each year (which works out at about £3 per week). Further details of sponsorship can be obtained from John Tranter, 121 Lyndale Drive, Wolverhampton, WV11 3JR (Tel. 0902 601863).

In 1990, at the 'Go For a Million' camp, we produced a show in camp fire hollow entitled 'A Million Flames'. A lot of effort went into that show and, despite the elements, we gave almost 2000 young people a special experience. We repeated this, one year later at 'Jic Joc', again despite the elements. In view of the weather on both of these occasions, we decided that we would produce a show indoors along the same theme. On a warm September evening, "FIRECRACKERS" was born.

There have been too many people involved in "FIRECRACKERS" to give individual thanks. On behalf of the producers I would like to offer our congratulations to all the cast and especially the back stage staff for a marvellous job. All those rehearsals over Christmas and the New Year have finally paid off. Also thanks to all of our families for putting up with the singing in the bath. Finally to you, the audience, for coming to see us and giving us your support. We have not sold this small programme but there will be a collecting bucket on the way out for any donations. Thank you.



Act One

1. Opening
2. Physical Jerks
3. The Clementones
4. The Crazies
5. Gum Boot Dance
6. Blue Moon
7. Take the Gunge
8. Any Dream Will Do
9. Each Girl & Boy

Act Two

1. Old Kids on the Block
2. Fairies
3. One,Two,Three,Four and Afive
4. Bones
5. Minnie the Moocher
6. Big Greeny
7. Bert & Elsie
8. Singalongacrackers
9. FINALE



CAST IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Steve Bennett.
Kevin Byrne.
Nick Cripps.
Adam Dean.
Dave Green.
Russ Hall.
Claire Howard.
Bob Jones.
Matt Jones.
Gavin Kirby.
Annette Mitchel.
Dave Mitchel.
Daryl Parton.
Kevin Parton.
Martin Parton.
John Payton.
Andrew Pike.
Angela Pike.
Dave Pitt.
Dave Poulton.
Mick Pugh.
John Rhodes.
Surjit Sahota.
Andy Shepherd.
Barry Styles.
Salah Thirlway.
Margaret Thomason.
Matthew Thomason.
Nicola Thomason.
Howard Tolley.
Claire Tombs.
Frank Tombs.
John Tranter.
Terry Wheeldon.

MUSICIANS.

Simon Ash.
John Gill.

'The Last Ride'.

Jan Greenly
Simon Treagust
Joe O'Brien.
Sid Greenly.

STAFF IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Mike Biffen.
Ethel Biffen.
Ivor Burrows.
Joan Burrows.
Lisa Burrows.
John Caffrey.
Richard Clements.
Sandra Coleman.
Mick Cripps.
Sandra Cripps.
Vikki Cripps.
Lynn Gill.
Jo Hughes.
Malcolm Hughes.
Chris Jones.
Chris McKechnie.
Carol Payton.
Neal Quinton.
Muktar Sahota.
Chan Singh.
Jill Sylvester.
Peter Thomason.
Roger Tingle.
Kate Yardley.
West Mercia Venture Scouts.

