

Firecrackers 3



A Variety Show

presented by

West Mercia Scout County

in aid of The Goodwill Children's Village in South India



*A long time ago in a far away place
in a place of fire and light
needed to be entertained
from the four corners of West Mercia
people came together and planned.
After many hours of hard work
they produced the spectacle
you are about to witness.*

Well in actual fact "A long time ago" was March 1989 and the "far away place" was Walesby Forest Scout Camp. A number of us from West Mercia Scout County were together for a weekend Campfire Leaders training course.

The weekend lived up to all expectations, and the group of us from the West Midlands evolved into the A-Team. (Why that name we'll never know?) Soon after, we decided to invest in sweatshirts; - red in colour, with a logo depicting the letter 'A' formed from burning logs. Each log had a number on it, reminding us of the strange custom of numbering timber prepared for a campfire, which was introduced to us on the training course.

Most of us found ourselves meeting regularly to run campfires at local campsites and over the county.

It was not long before we presented our first big, high-tech event, "A Million Flames". This was a spectacular combination of campfire songs, special effects, sketches, costume, pre-recorded and live rock music which took place twice to entertain over one and a half thousand scouts at "Camp in a million", Beaudesert in 1990.

A similar large scale event was produced to entertain Cub Scouts at "Jik Jok", though this time a circus theme was used.

FIRECRACKERS was soon in the planning, a show to take place indoors, roughly along the lines of a modern Gang Show. The first FIRECRACKERS took place in February 1992 here in Colton Hills School Theatre, Wolverhampton. Its success encouraged over one hundred people to volunteer to be involved in FIRECRACKERS 2 two years later. Between them, the shows have raised over five thousand pounds for our charity "The Goodwill Children's Village Society"

Continuing this theme, we are proud to present FIRECRACKERS 3. So please sit back and enjoy the show.

John, Nick & John

The Goodwill Children's Village



The Village is the creation of the Founder, John Foster, who, with his wife and two little boys, went to Thandigudi, 1700 metres up the Palni hills of Tamil Nadu, South India, to see what they could do for the poor. By sharing their hardships and respecting their customs, John became a trusted friend.

The Village helps girls and boys aged 7 and over, some orphans, others with one impoverished parent. The Village has never gone out looking for children.

Children just come to The Village, some walking for days to find it! In the 19 years since it began, Goodwill have painstakingly built a complex of 30 houses and 4 reservoirs. All the younger children go to local village schools and are keen to learn. Devoted house parents supervise homework and half of the children progress to High School, quite an exceptional achievement for hill children whose parents are often illiterate.

In the holidays many children return to their home villages so that family and community links are maintained.

At Goodwill the children are being helped to develop many skills valued in this rugged part of India. They learn about water conservation, hygiene, building and horticulture. Rabbits, chickens and cows are kept, and coffee, bananas and guavas are grown.

Support for The Village comes from schools, churches, clubs and individuals, most of whom contribute regularly, many sponsoring one of the ILAMS (happy homes) and receiving letters from children. £180 currently pays for all the material needs of a child in Goodwill for a whole year. If you would like more details about sponsoring please contact John Tranter on 01902 601863 who will be happy to send you a sponsorship form.

All proceeds from FIRECRACKERS 3 will go to the Goodwill Children's Village.

Thank you.



Competition Time

Win a McDonald's voucher!

You should have noticed several cartoon pictures throughout this programme that represent some of the acts in the show. All you have to do is match the act names to the page numbers of the cartoons. Beware though, not all of the acts have a corresponding cartoon picture, and one act has two!

Fill in the Entry Form (enclosed) and make sure that all of the forms are handed in to the special collection boxes which will be brought round at the start of the "Campfire Singing". All correct forms will be entered into the draw which will take place at the end of the act.

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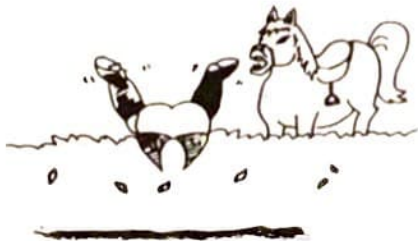


One, two,
One, two, three, GO!

Clap your hands, sleep,
Wave your hands, hitch a ride,
Sneeze, go for a walk
Let's see you swim, now ski,
Spray, macho man,
Sound your horn, ring the bell
Okay kiss, comb your hair,
Wave your hands, come on wave your hands
SUPERMAN! Ohhhhhhhhhh!

Sleep,
Wave your hands, hitch a ride,
Sneeze, go for a walk
Let's see you swim, and ski,
Spray, macho man,
Sound your horn, and ring the bell
Okay kiss, comb your hair,
Wave, wave your hands
SUPERMAN! Ohhhhhhhhhh!

Sleep, wave, hitch a ride, sneeze, walk, swim,
Ski, spray, macho, blow your horn, ring the bell,
Okay kiss, comb your hair, wave, give 'em a wave
SUPERMAN! Ohhhhhhhhhh!



OH A LAY LA

OH A-LAY-LA (Leader)
OH A LAY LA (Audience)
A VERY BIGGA TUMBA
A VERY BIGGA TUMBA
A MAZA MAZA MAZA
A MAZA MAZA MAZA
OH A-LAY FAR AWAY FAR AWAY
OH A LAY FAR AWAY FAR AWAY

Audience please repeat your lines in the same style and manner as the campfire leader.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

We're all going on a Summer Holiday,
No more working for a week or two,
Fun and laughter on a Summer Holiday,
No more worries for me or you, for a week of two

*We're going where the sun shines brightly,
We're going where the sea is blue,
We've seen it in the movies,
So let's see if it's true*

Everybody has a Summer Holiday,
Doing things they always wanted to,
So we're going on our Summer Holiday,
To make our dreams come true, for me and you

Repeat chorus and last verse



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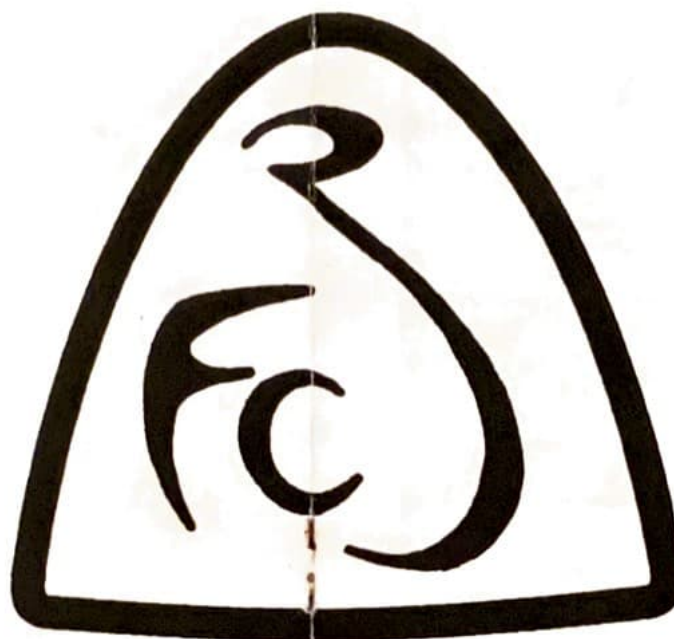
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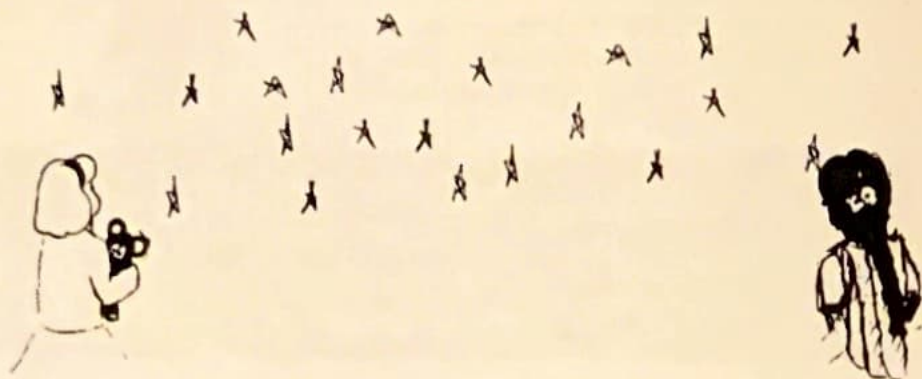
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