



Auditions for the St Albans Gang Show were held last week.

Gang audition

A RECORD number of Scouts and Guides battled it out last week in auditions to gain a place in the 2006 St Albans Gang Show.

The show, which is one of the largest and most popular in the UK, will play to more than 4,000 people during its run in February, and competition for places was as stiff as ever.

One hundred and twenty Scouts, Guides and Young Leaders between the ages of 11 to 25 years battled for 55 new places in a cast totalling 130. They came from all areas of the Scout and Guide Districts, including Park Street and Bricket Wood.

Shows producer David Barker: "Auditions are designed to be fun, exciting and give the young people a flavour of what to expect.

"The standard was very high this year making the decisions as tough as ever. Ideally we would

love to be able to take everyone but the limitations at the Alban Arena mean that this is physically impossible."

The two-and-a-half hour audition included a dance routine and a short speech. A number of fun team games were also played. Once offered a place, cast members can take part in three consecutive shows, giving them tremendous opportunity to really develop and grow in confidence over time.

Next year's show will be performing at the Alban Arena from Wednesday, February 8 to Saturday, February 11. Tickets go on sale at the end of November and ticket forms can be requested from the show box office on 01727 830397.

To find out more about the show you can visit the website, www.stalbansgangshow.com, going live at the end of September.