

# THE GUIDER

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## OUR PRESIDENT IN BIRMINGHAM

H.R.H. Princess Margaret receives the key from the architect, Mr. M. A. H. Hobbiss, before opening Trefoil House, the County of Birmingham's new Headquarters, on 2nd July



Photos: 'Birmingham Evening Mail and Dispatch'

A great welcome at  
Birmingham Airport

### COVER PICTURE

A proud moment for Brownies in the 45th Northampton Pack when the Chief Guide spoke to them at the Huntingdon and Peterborough and Northamptonshire rally at Castle Ashby on 11th June. During a 'flame of friendship dance' a cheque for £100 was presented to Olave, Lady Baden-Powell for the Guide Friendship Fund, and 500 Patrols camped in the grounds of Castle Ashby during the weekend

Photo: 'Northamptonshire Evening Telegraph'

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THE GUIDER



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## THE CHANNEL SWIM

As you have read in previous issues of THE GUIDER, members of the Movement aged between 13-21 years were invited to train for selection to form a relay team of six to swim the Channel. Out of the 570 who asked for details of the swim about 100 undertook the training and sent in their forms with details of swimming ability, parents' and doctors' permission and so on. From these 32 were asked to meet at the Serpentine, London, on Saturday, 2nd July, when a selection of 12 was made.

When speaking to the swimmers, Miss Fripp, who has always done so much to encourage swimming in the Movement, said: 'I want to congratulate you all on completing the training schedule and on the high standard achieved by all of you. I have a certificate to present to each of you on behalf of Miss Gibbs, our Chief Commissioner. Similar certificates have been sent to some 70 others who completed the training but were not chosen to come to London. All these 70 others also reached a very high standard and we had a very difficult job in deciding who was to come. I specially congratulate those who haven't swum for very long.

This high standard of swimming achieved by so many members of the Movement is something that would have pleased the Founder very much, and although our primary object is to swim the Channel, the equally-important reason for embarking upon this adventure is to raise the standard of swimming throughout the Movement so that more of us will be equipped and able to lend a hand in boating and bathing accidents.

One of the most rewarding things about the whole Channel swim is the enthusiasm of you all and that a number of people took part in the training even though they knew that they couldn't manage the dates of the swim, between the 7th and 14th August. The help and enthusiasm of your parents and Guiders have been very encouraging and we are grateful to them for this. I want to remind you that we are selecting a team and that we must take physical fitness and strength of stroke as well as speed into account.

As you know, twelve of you will go to Folkestone from 1st August, when the training will be hard and will include two swims a day and at least two night swims. I rely on you all to make Miss Strutt's job an easy one and to accept the fact that we must impose strict discipline during that final week of training. The six actual swimmers will not be chosen till the very last minute and the six reserves will go as spectators in the boat. There will be a Visitors' Day at Folkestone and details of this and everything else will be sent to you.

I must express my thanks to everyone who has helped us this afternoon and beforehand. The selectors were all famous swimmers in their time and we are specially grateful to them for giving up this afternoon and an evening for the paper selection.

Good luck to the twelve who are going to Folkestone and, of course, to the final team.'

The twelve girls selected to go to Folkestone on 1st August for the final training session for the Cross Channel Swim attempt are as follows:—

JEAN BLADES, 1st Girton Guide Coy., Cambridgeshire.

CHRISTINE WHITE, 19th Stockport Guide Coy.,

Cheshire.

SUSAN OLEY, 6th Harlow Guide Coy., Essex West.

ANN JORDAN, 1st Chandlers Ford Guide Coy.,

Hampshire.

MARGARET GREENWAY, 1st Nampantan Guide Coy.,

Leicestershire.

CHRISTINE WARMAN, 6th S. Islington Guide Coy.,

London N.E.

JILL EDWARDS, 1st Southgate Guide Coy., Middlesex

East.

WENDY DRAPER, 1st Hounslow Guide Coy., Middlesex

West.

SALLY ROSE, Burton Division Senior Branch Unit,

Staffordshire.

KAREN BUTTERS, 2nd Hebden Bridge Guide Coy.,

Yorkshire W.R.N.W.

LINDA TOWNSEND, 1st Huddersfield Guide Coy.,

Yorkshire W.R.S.

KAREN WOOD, 1st Neath Guide Coy., Glamorgan

West.



Photo: Mary Bartholomew

(1 to r) Dr. Martin, one of the swimmers and Miss Fripp at the Serpentine on 2nd July



## The Part Women Play in Kenya

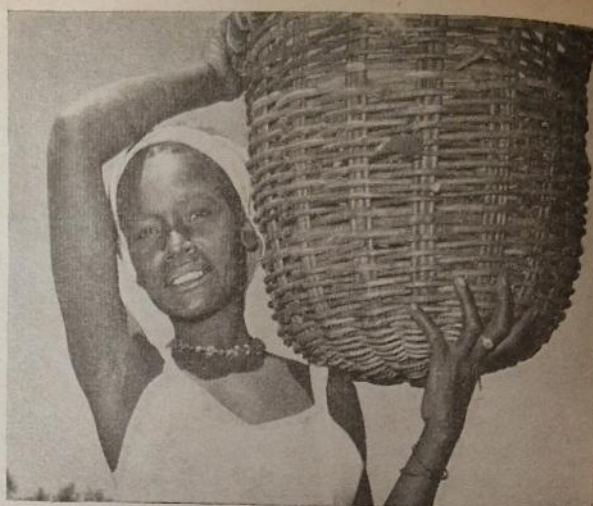
**I**N any newly independent African country there is a great need for everyone to pull together for improvement and development in all spheres and Kenya is no exception. Indeed, 'Harambee' ('Let's pull together') is our motto. What share do women take in this effort and what evidence is there of their keeping step with the men in building the new nation?

Kenya, which occupies a central position between Uganda and Tanzania, is a land of diversity and contrast, and nowhere is this seen more clearly than in our past tribal life and customs. However, certain things were common to all tribes—one being the organization of the tribe in clans and families with government in the hands of elders. Another common factor was the place allocated to women—their place was in the homestead! The Kenya woman, of whatever tribe, has always been the home manager, seeing to her family's welfare. Even in the time of famine the man would play little part in obtaining food but the woman had to go long journeys for her family. From this background the young girl would be taught management by her mother or sisters; she would go with them in search of firewood, to fetch water and to dig in the vegetable garden.

The women of Kenya did not, however, wait for independence to break out of this traditional pattern,



The canning industry: pineapples are sliced and packed into tins



Photos: Kenya High Commission  
A Luo tea-picker in the Kericho district

although since Independence in 1963 the process has speeded up. The educated woman no longer feels content to stay at home and merely watch the country develop nor can the country afford to let her. Interest in social welfare is growing. The organization, 'Maendeleo Ya Wanawake', which, during the emergency years of the fifties, was largely concerned with the distribution of milk to undernourished children and teaching handcrafts to older women, has developed and spread. It is now the chief agency of social welfare and separate local organizations have been welded into a national organization serving the whole country.

Today the 'Maendeleo' branches carry on many activities in the towns and villages of Kenya. Some members care for the blind and work with the Red Cross; some organize homecraft lessons for young wives; others conduct literacy classes for older women; still others organize nursery classes for children of four to six, and control the subscriptions for the upkeep of such schools. The health of children is another concern, although in less-developed areas, such as the Northern Province, this is just beginning. Many of the workers are teenage girls who have had eight years primary education.

A fair amount of social work is organized by women's church associations and the Y.W.C.A. takes a prominent part in work done by and among women. This is especially evident in the towns, where there is a need both for hostel accommodation for working girls and nursery schools where children of working parents can be looked after. Ofafa Hostel in Nairobi is a good example with a nursery school attached. The Y.W.C.A. also trains girls to work in nursery schools, and gives a homecraft training for matrons. One very popular recent course was the 'Good Hostess' course where Y.W.C.A. members with the necessary experience and training helped others to learn how to run a modern home and how to entertain. Through these methods, home standards generally are raised.

Under the County Councils much health work is done by women. T.B. patients at home are supervised by certain women workers, who see to it that they get



the necessary foods. If the parents of T.B. children fail to collect the milk, etc., provided, they may be taken to court.

As far as education is concerned, the modern woman has not yet quite recognized the importance of teaching children at home, but all are eager that children should learn in schools. A career outside the home is the aim of the educated woman, even though this means leaving children often in the care of inadequate ayahs. Many occupations, such as clerical work, previously done by men, are gradually being taken over by women. Though it may be argued that some jobs may damage a woman's feminine qualities, this process goes on. In the National Youth Service there are some women organizers and women have entered the Police Force and Prisons. In the teaching world women are gradually stepping into headships of high schools and training colleges. In hospitals an increasing number of trained sisters and matrons have come to the fore. Kenya waits for its first African woman doctor and one is already training at Makerere. In local government, women are already challenging the traditional monopoly of men. Miss Kenyatta, daughter of the President, is a leading councillor in Nairobi, and Kisumu has its own woman mayor, who successfully saw her town through its recent famine period.



Working out a science experiment at the Alliance Girls' High School, Kikuyu

Though the work of women in development and progress has been gradual, it shows a real attempt to fight the enemies of progress—disease, famine and ignorance. The lead comes from the top, in the interest in social welfare shown by the first lady in the land, Mrs. Ngina Kenyatta. Among outstanding figures are Miss Koinange, Matron-in-Chief in the Ministry of Health, Mrs. Asiyo, Director of Women's Prisons, Mrs. Mboya, Executive Officer of the Child Welfare Society, Miss Dorcas Bolt, Deputy Director of Kenya National Council for Social Service, and Mrs. Mugo, National General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. Every year the number of young women leaving High School increases and this means more potential leaders. It remains true, however, that the bulk of voluntary work will still be done by the ordinary Kenya wife and mother.

## Guiding in Kenya

by June Hill

(Formerly Training Adviser, Kenya Girl Guides Association)

SINCE the first Guide Company was officially registered in 1922, Guiding has spread to all communities and all parts of Kenya, except the extreme Northern Province, and now has a membership of just over 6,000. In 1963, when Kenya gained political Independence, the Kenya Girl Guides Association became a Tenderfoot Member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

The National Headquarters and a residential training centre in Nairobi was officially opened by Olave, Lady Baden-Powell in January, 1963, and the remainder of the five acres is used as a camp-site.

Although still called Brownies, the imagery for this branch is a bird one—the Unit is called the Flock, the Guiders the Wise Bird and Little Wise Bird, while the Sixes have the names of some of the smaller African birds.

In all sections the testwork, although still based on the syllabus of the United Kingdom, has been adapted to suit local conditions. The Brownies learn to clean a 'sufuria' (cooking pot) instead of washing up the tea things; for their Camper badge, the Guides are encouraged to make screening from natural materials; the Senior Branch service clauses include such things as helping with Adult Literacy, teaching simple dressmaking and elementary child care.

Service plays a larger than usual part in training. For their Second Class, Guides must give twelve hours' service to their community, and each year there is a Good Turn Week (next year it will be a fortnight). There is much for the girls to do—repairing roads and houses, caring for old and infirm people, acting as ward-maids in under-staffed hospitals, and even helping as 'police runners' during minor tribal disturbances!

Camping is very popular and much of the country ideal for it but the most successful and popular camps are those with the accent on service. Organized in conjunction with the Community Development Authorities (who know where help is most needed), the Service Camps provide ample opportunities for the Guides to show the local people the real meaning of their Promise and Motto. One very enterprising District organized a three-part camp—service in helping to build a Nursery School, a start on their 'Freedom from Hunger Campaign' by clearing and planting part of their 10-acre plot and the fun of camp!

It is interesting to note that practically every Kenyan woman now holding a post of responsibility has at some time been a Guide and a Guider. For example, to mention a few, there have been members of the Guide Movement in the Ministries of Education and Social Services, as Presidents of the National

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(left) Rangers and Senior Guides take Christmas toys they had made for children at a Nairobi orphanage

(below) Grand salute from Brownies at Kitui!

Photos: J. Hill

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Council of Women and the Maendeleo Ya Wanawake, as Matron in Chief, as Chief Probation Officer, as Director of Women's Prisons and as the National General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. They all continue to support Guiding as members of the Executive Committee or the National Council or in some other leading position. The President of the Kenya Girl Guides Association, Mrs. Hannah Rubia, a Guide, Guider and Commissioner of many years standing, is also the Mayoress of Nairobi, while the wife of the President of Kenya, Mrs. Ngina Kenyatta, is the Patron and keenly follows the activities of the Association.

Rural Guiding presents many administrative problems—isolated Units quite inaccessible in the rainy season and needing a Land Rover at the best of times, postal communications 'uncertain', to say the least of it, and Guiders transferred from school to school at break-neck speeds. Poverty is very real in many areas and the weekly subscription of 10 cts. (about one penny) is hard to come by. Some Guiders accept the challenge by organizing Guide gardens, the produce of which supplies Company funds and helps with the 'Freedom from Hunger Campaign'. Unfortunately, the greatest poverty is in the drought-stricken areas where even the best garden can become a desert.

Guiding enjoys Government support, both from Central and Local Government authorities, and there can be no doubt that the Guide Service is much appreciated. Almost all public functions—parades, agricultural shows, sports days, State House garden parties—see Guides in action, marching, running a crèche, organizing the competitors and handing teas to State guests.

Thanks to the central position of Nairobi, plus the training centre and all its facilities, Kenya is able to be hostess to various other African countries, and international camps and trainings, although small at the moment, are a real highlight.



**Prayers for Use on Expeditions** (Brathay Exploration Group, Brathay Hall, Ambleside, Westmorland, 2s. 6d.). This book has been compiled by leaders of Brathay Expeditions to help leaders, and others, taking prayers in camp or on expeditions. There are morning and evening prayers and a suggested reading to cover a fortnight, changing in mood day by day according to the needs of a typical expedition. For those wishing to build up a service on a different theme a full index of prayer subjects is included, and the content of many of the Bible readings can be quickly assessed.

In his foreword, the Bishop of Norwich says 'expedition life is essentially communal and it is hoped that these prayers will express and deepen the sense of belonging together. All prayer is offered in the setting of the prayers of the whole human race.'

This book should prove of immense value not only to the leaders of expeditions or camps, but also to the Patrol Leader in the Company.

B.C.



## THE BROWNIE RING

by Jean Jauncey



**W**E'RE THE  
Brownies,  
here's our aim,  
Lend a hand  
and play the

game! ' and the Brownies go skipping cheerfully round in their Brownie Ring.

Let us stop and think how the Brownie Ring has emerged as a starting point for discipline, informal education, ceremony, adventure and the Brownie Promise and Law.

In babyhood the instinct for self-preservation makes for a strongly individualistic existence—almost egotistical. Mother, as the provider of all, is vitally important, of course. Soon the baby starts to widen her circle—in fact, it really is a circle now, including mother, father, grannie, grandpa, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. At about three or four Susan starts playing with other children. A fellow-feeling is beginning to emerge, and for the first time little girls hold hands in a ring to play games like 'Ring a ring o' roses'. Suddenly the child finds herself, for the first time, taking part in a communal effort and the word 'friend' becomes part of her vocabulary. The years slide past and now Susan is seven and joining a Brownie Pack and here we have arrived at the Brownie Ring.

The Brownie Ring is an entirely new and much bigger circle made up of one or two grown-ups and quite a lot of children Susan doesn't know, but there is something familiar about it—they are still holding hands. This gives you a comfortable feeling, for it is much easier to take part in something new and strange when you are joined on to two other people who know exactly what is going to happen next.

Quite a lot of the Pack Meeting seems to happen in the Brownie Ring: there's the opening ceremony, the register, the pennies, and sometimes, something called inspection, which is a game Brown Owl plays to see if everyone is looking clean and tidy. Then there are games to be played which help you to learn your testwork, songs to be sung, treasures to be shown; lots of other ceremonies, like welcoming visitors, presenting badges, the enrolment, and the closing ceremony when you sing 'Brownie Bells'.

Now let's take the five points that started out from the Brownie Ring: discipline, informal education, ceremony, adventure and the Law and Promise. Can you see how they all fit in? Perhaps you can imagine the Brownie Ring as a maypole with ribbons of many colours streaming from it, the ribbons of character training.

### Discipline

Anyone who has anything to do with a group of children knows that without discipline nothing can

be achieved. Certain rules must be accepted, otherwise chaos and misery ensue. In the case of Brownies, the discipline is simple—a sign to bring them into the Brownie Ring and, once there, a sign for quietness. The Brownie Ring gives them a feeling of oneness, and this makes it easier to follow Brown Owl's instructions as a unit.

### Informal Education

This means all those marvellous games that can be played in a Brownie Ring which do more to teach testwork than any amount of individual coaching in a corner by Brown Owl or Tawny. A child of eight finds it hard to absorb concentrated knowledge, dispensed undiluted by a grown-up but she will soon learn her knots or flags if a game is woven round them and played with the whole Pack. Almost any part of the Brownie programme can be taught by playing that useful basic game where the Brownies are numbered off in threes and must run round the Brownie Ring when their number comes up and deliver the correct answer to a problem to Brown Owl.

### Ceremony

This is probably the most obvious of all our 'coloured ribbons'—for the Brownie Ring itself is the first 'ceremony' into which a new Brownie is initiated. From there she goes through a wonderland of imagination to be enrolled, to receive her Golden Bar, to be fêted on her birthday, to become a new Sixer, to welcome a visitor to the Pack.

### Adventure

Our fourth ribbon of character training is adventure. How does this fit into anything so compact as the Brownie Ring? Well, perhaps it would be fair to say that this aspect of the Brownie programme is more likely to spring from the Pow-wow Ring—that intriguing version of the Brownie Ring where Brownies sit elbow to elbow, only speaking one at a time, to hatch plots, make exciting plans for the future, and discuss Pack events.

### Promise and Law

Finally, the most important ribbon of character training, the many-coloured ribbon of Promise and Law. Can this, too, start from the Brownie Ring? Certainly it can. 'Self' is forgotten once you are part of the Brownie Ring, you cannot be entirely self-centred when you are sitting or standing between two other Brownies; you must take your turn and learn humility. You plan Good Turns to help those at home, and Brown Owl helps you to think how you can do your duty to God and the Queen. You must give in to the older folk in the Brownie Ring because you must listen to Brown Owl and obey her, and you must not give in to yourself when you want to do all the talking!

The Brownie Ring is a central part of the Pack Meeting. Once again, the Founder knew the answer.

*Illustrated by Jennetta Vise*



## Should We Have Pop Music in Church?

by Edward Patey, Dean of Liverpool

RECENTLY a well-known American folk singer and the Salvation Army beat group 'The Joy-strings' both took part in a Youth Service in Westminster Abbey. In Churches and Chapels all over the country similar experiments in worship are being made. Older people sometimes frown, but many young people are encouraged to find the Church authorities paying serious attention to 'their kind of music'.

The question about the use of pop music in worship is one which is frequently raised when young people discuss religion. They find many of the tunes in ordinary Church services 'square', and much of the language used in prayers, hymns and preaching irrelevant and unintelligible.

This desire of many young people to find more meaningful ways of worship is greatly to be encouraged, but there are certain problems to be faced which provide useful talking points. In the first place, the problem of relevant worship is not solved simply by substituting guitars and drums for the traditional church organ and choir. Indeed, a pop group on the chancel step may be little more than a gimmick unless its presence not only attracts the young into Church but also helps them to worship God better once they have got there.

Worship must be corporate, intelligent and reverent. All these qualities are essential.

**It must be corporate:** One of the values of using a popular idiom is that it enables everyone to join in. It was for this reason that General Booth a century ago looked on the music hall to provide rousing tunes for his bands to play. He didn't see why the Devil should have all the best tunes. Many of the traditional hymn tunes are marvellous for community singing. Some are not. There is no reason why the world of

'Ready, Steady, Go' and 'Juke Box Jury' should not provide inspiration for hymn tunes today just as the music hall did for General Booth a century ago.

**Worship must also be intelligent:** Many of the old hymns mean very little to young people today. They use a picture language totally foreign to the modern mind. It does not help to set such hymns to bright tunes. It may even do harm by drawing attention to words which are better forgotten. It is far more difficult to find words suitable for modern worship than it is to find 'with it' tunes. The question of finding the right language for teenage worship is therefore even more pressing than the problem of music.

**Worship must be reverent:** As we come to God in worship we must always be aware that we are the humble subjects of a great King. Our approach to him must always have an element of awe and dignity to it. We cannot presume on God's love by being chatty and hail fellow well met just as if He were the man next door.

The dignified language of traditional liturgy and ancient hymns has always helped to stress this element of reverence in worship. The big problem in working out services which make sense to boys and girls today is to encourage the element of togetherness and relevance without a loss of dignity.

There is much material here for endless discussion. There is also plenty of room in church, hall and camp for plenty of experiment in helping young people to understand the meaning of worship.

*(The Dean of Liverpool will be glad to answer questions on the subject of this article, and to send a list of books for further reading.*

*Letters should be addressed to him c/o the Editor.)*

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## THE GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

**T**HROUGH the Guide Friendship Fund we want to give a new handbook of tests to meet the needs of every Guide in the Pacific Islands. It has been drawn up by Miss Mary Hopkirk, a New Zealand Guide Trainer, and Miss Sheila Thompson, a Scottish Trainer, who have both been working in the South Pacific.

There are 5,189 Guides in the British Solomon Islands, Fiji, New Hebrides, Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Tonga, and the total cost for the handbook will be £518. 18s. There will also be distribution and postal charges. These books will be very useful to the Guides of these Islands, who are tremendously keen, but most of them would find it very difficult to pay 2s. for a book. Donations for this and other projects of the Guide Friendship Fund should be sent to GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND, Girl Guides Association, c/o Overseas Department, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

### Other G.F.F. Projects

We still need money for Pack Holiday equipment for St. Helena Brownies and equipment for Guides.

In June, we sent £150 to Hong Kong Guides for flood relief as soon as we heard news of the disastrous floods there, and £100 for British Guiana's Independence Day. We are also sending money for uniform material for Guides and Sunbeams in Bechuanaland so



	No. of Guides
British Solomon Islands	262
Fiji	4,308
New Hebrides	87
Gilbert & Ellice Islands	319
Tonga	213
<b>Books required</b>	<b>5,189</b>
<b>Cost at 2s. each £518 18s.</b>	

that each one taking part in the Independence Day celebrations on the 30th September will have a uniform to wear. We have also sent £100 to Bechuanaland to be used for equipment, flags and so on.

Guide Friendship Fund leaflets, posters and stickers are provided free to any Unit, Six, Pack, Patrol or Company that sends its name, address and 4d. stamp for postage.

Thank you for all your help so far. To date, the Fund has reached the splendid total of £6,400. V. A.

## Macy's Magic

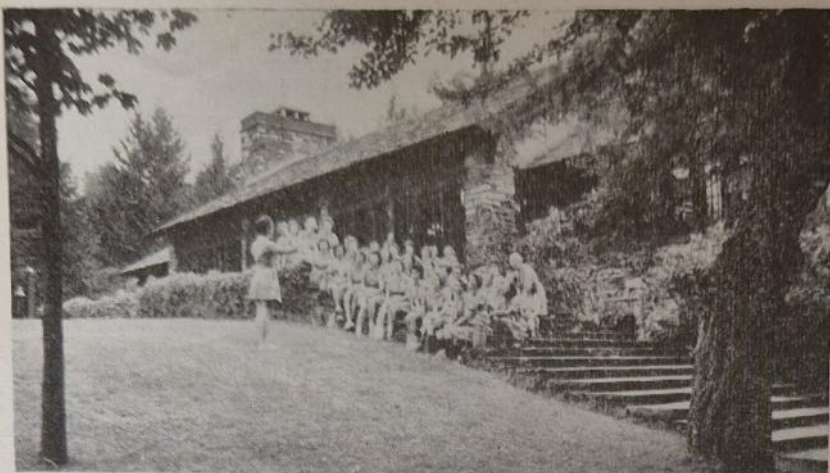
**E**DITH Macy Training Centre, the National Training Centre of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., is situated about thirty miles from New York City. Its site is a wooded hill, the favourite walking place of Mrs. Edith Macy, an early President of the Girl Scouts. She had always dreamt of building a camp there and after her death Mr. V. Everitt Macy presented this Training Centre to the Girl Scouts of the United States as a memorial to his wife.

In early years it was a camp for girls but later it was used as a Training Centre. The original five units still being used by trainees have tent accommodation. In the sixth and newest unit, 'Hearthstone', the trainees are in cabins. 'Down Hill' to Great Hall, the Terrace and Colours is a trip most trainees do at least once a day—a journey taking anything from five to twenty minutes.

Through the generosity of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, I was able to spend nine days in the wonderful setting of Hearthstone unit. I was there to take the course 'Job of the Day Camp Director'. A subject so completely new to me was a challenge and, as always in Guiding/Girl Scouting, an adventure.

Day Camping, although not a substitute for residential camps, is a wonderful way of giving girls a taste of an ordinary established camp. The word 'day' does not necessarily mean that the camps only take place during daylight hours, but just for a maximum period of eight hours. In most instances, these camps are within easy access of a town. As a result, sometimes the school-age children will come out during the day-time and then those that are working





The Great Hall Singing Steps at the Edith Macy Training Centre

### *Macy's Magic — continued from page 261*

will come out after office hours and sleep in camp and be back in the office the next day.

If a girl attends one of these camps, she will probably go out every day for a period of one to two weeks. As well as day camping our unit was able to visit the group training for outpost camping. This is a primitive type of camping, which is nearer to camping in the U.K., but due to climatic conditions, distances and isolation, animals and insects and customs, etc., only the experienced, older girls participate in this type of camping. We also had one session on 'Training Trends'. For me it was particularly interesting to hear plans for future training and their endeavours to combat distances, different climatic conditions, etc. within this programme.

The three daily central activities took place in the evening. Most of the units gathered 'Down Hill' for the retreat of Colours, and they took turns to arrange the ceremonies. Dinner in Great Hall was followed by a half-hour's singing on the steps outside.

'Macy World-Wide' was the theme of the talk by the International Commissioner of the U.S.A. Girl Scouts, Mrs. Edgar, on 'Macy Open Day'. Local Girl Scouts, dressed in the uniforms of the new Tenderfoot countries of the World Association, then presented their national flags to join the Macy collection. The flags of the countries represented at each session are displayed in the Great Hall.

The Jewish and Protestant services and the final ceremony for the last evening were the Central Council's responsibility. From the gate almost to the Great Hall stretched an avenue of trees dedicated to countries who had sent representatives to Macy. This was the setting of the final ceremony to rededicate four new ones.

We had together experienced the 'Magic of Macy'. How or when this happened we shall never know, but from the moment the Director, Mrs. Hammet, welcomed us at the door and all through the course we realized this was no ordinary place.

ISOBEL EMANUEL

### **SOUTH SIXTY-SIX**

10,000 members of the Guide and Scout Movements took part in a combined rally at the Crystal Palace on 25th June. It was attended by the Chief Commissioner, Miss Anstice Gibbs, and the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean. Our picture shows Brownies dancing round the maypole in the arena, and other items in the programme included international dances, tent pitching competitions, won by Guides, exhibitions, competitions and swimming demonstrations





# Letters to the Editor

## Our New Uniform

I quite agree with Vera Cannell ('Letters to the Editor', July GUIDER). The tricorne hat, white shirt, etc., is much more suitable for Sea Ranger Guiders. The Rangers have very strong views about this too, and do not like the idea of their Skippers changing over to the new hats, although they like them on other Guiders.

If we must have the cross-over ribbon, then let it be black and let us keep our white shirt and tricorne.

FLORA K. R. ARDLEY  
(County Cox'n, Hertfordshire.)

## Keep Our Standards

IT WAS with a feeling of sadness that I read the Chief Scout's comments in one of the editions of the *Daily Mail* of the 10th June (all editions did not contain the same version). He is reported as saying:-

'I want to see Scouting show that it belongs to the sixties as much as the Beatles....'

'I shall not allow our vision of the future to become befogged in a cloud of woodsmoke....'

'I shall not allow the movement's call tomorrow to be drowned by any excess of gin gan gooli's and shali walli's.'

The report also states that out go the Laws which say a Scout must obey orders from his parents and Scoutmasters and must be friendly to animals. In future, he does not have to 'smile and whistle under all difficulties', and he does not have to swear to be thrifty or to be clean in thought, word and deed.

I respectfully ask if the Chief Scout has fallen prey to modern gimmicks?

Do we want the image of our Movement to be on a par with that of the Beatles?

Do we really think this great Movement is in danger of being befogged in a cloud of woodsmoke?

I urgently call upon those to whom Guiding means something to rally and express their views in THE GUIDER before those standards we value so highly are diluted or lost. The working Party\* is finalising its determinations, which I solemnly pray will be governed by wisdom and sincerity, so do not delay in expressing your opinions!

It is tragic to my P.L.s. (aged between 13 and 16) and my Lieutenant and me (both under 30) to see the omission of the tenth Scout Law which is paramount to all the others, the Law which binds us more firmly to the first part of our Promise, our duty to God. I trust that nothing of this nature will befall the Guide Movement.

In this age when youth has more freedom and leisure, it is more essential for our Movement to set and demand high standards. I quote a poster recently seen on a wayside pulpit 'IF YOU DON'T STAND FOR SOMETHING YOU WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING.' We must heed this message for those ideals which Guiding represents are our foundation values. In our Movement

we stand for the embodiment of spiritual, mental and physical development, and our aim is to train citizens of the future to a balanced maturity—what could be more purposeful?

Granted, we can modernise our approach and outlook and revise our procedures but the true ideals and values which B.-P. exemplified must stand firm against all opposition. The Beatnik type of teenager is in the minority though publicity tends to exaggerate their numbers. However, teenagers of today expect adults to set and demand high standards despite the natural, occasional rebellion so typical of the youth of all time, and great is their disappointment if we forsake our trust and fail to demand of them the utmost which they can give.

CAROL THORLEY  
(Captain, 17th Chester Guide Company)

(\*The Working Party has now completed its work and the Executive Committee is considering its recommendations. See note on 'The Working Party Report' on page 278.—EDITOR)

## What Do Brownie and Guide Guiders Think?

I have always felt that it is hard on a Brownie who has her 1st Class or Proficiency Badges stitched on her uniform just before going into Guides. The majority of them have outgrown their uniforms whilst others do not like to be mistaken for a Brownie by wearing their uniform at Guides.

Brownies are already members of the Movement, so why can they not wear Guide uniform, without Guide badges, straight away, instead of waiting until they are enrolled? They could wear their Brownie Wings, with the option of their Brownie Proficiency Badges, until they are enrolled.

I feel this will meet the need of the Brownie by looking the same as the other Guides and giving her the opportunity to display her badges if she wishes.

JOY HALL  
(Captain, 1st Marlow Guide Company.)

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## The Forgotten Allies Trust

**F**OLLOWING RECENT references to G.I.S. Relief Work you may like to know of two forthcoming broadcasts when Mrs. Leonard Cheshire, better known as Sue Ryder, will appeal for the Forgotten Allies Trust. The broadcasts will be on Scottish Television on *Sunday, 18th September* at 6.50 p.m. and on B.B.C.1 on *Sunday, 20th November* at 6.50 p.m.

Miss Mary Bailey who was Sue Ryder's team leader in the G.I.S. writes to tell us more about the Trust which should be better known than it is.

In 1963 Guides were given the chance to distribute leaflets before a similar broadcast and the Executive Committee has again given permission for them to do so. All applications for leaflets should be sent to:—Miss Sue Ryder, O.B.E., Forgotten Allies Trust, Cavendish, Suffolk.

ROSA C. WARD  
(Chairman, G.I.S.)

Many readers were too young in the years 1939-45 to know anything about this Trust, or to know who were our allies and what the war was about. Others remember the bombing raids on our towns and cities and heard our bombers leaving the country on their many raids over enemy country. Often the crews

were made up of Czechs and Poles; men who had braved many an obstacle to join the British Forces and fight the evil in the world.

Some of these men were taken prisoners and some, who were dropped into enemy-occupied countries, were sent to concentration camps. Thousands of other Poles, sent there by the Germans, were already in those camps. Once those men were our allies. Have we now forgotten them? Have we forgotten, too, that there exist today many thousands of those people who went through hell that others might live? Many are very ill and have suffered so much; now they must live out their days on a mere pittance. It is these people that Sue Ryder will be talking about.

Will you and your friends listen and look in on *18th September* (Scottish Television) or *20th November* (B.B.C.1, all regions in England) and contribute to this cause. The money raised by these appeals will be used to build and equip twenty-five new homes, each to accommodate forty survivors or their sons and daughters. One of the two new homes for children will be equipped with a workshop for physically handicapped children and the other will be for mentally retarded children.

The needs of our forgotten allies are extremely urgent and we must not forget that once they fought for us so that we might be free.

MARY BAILEY



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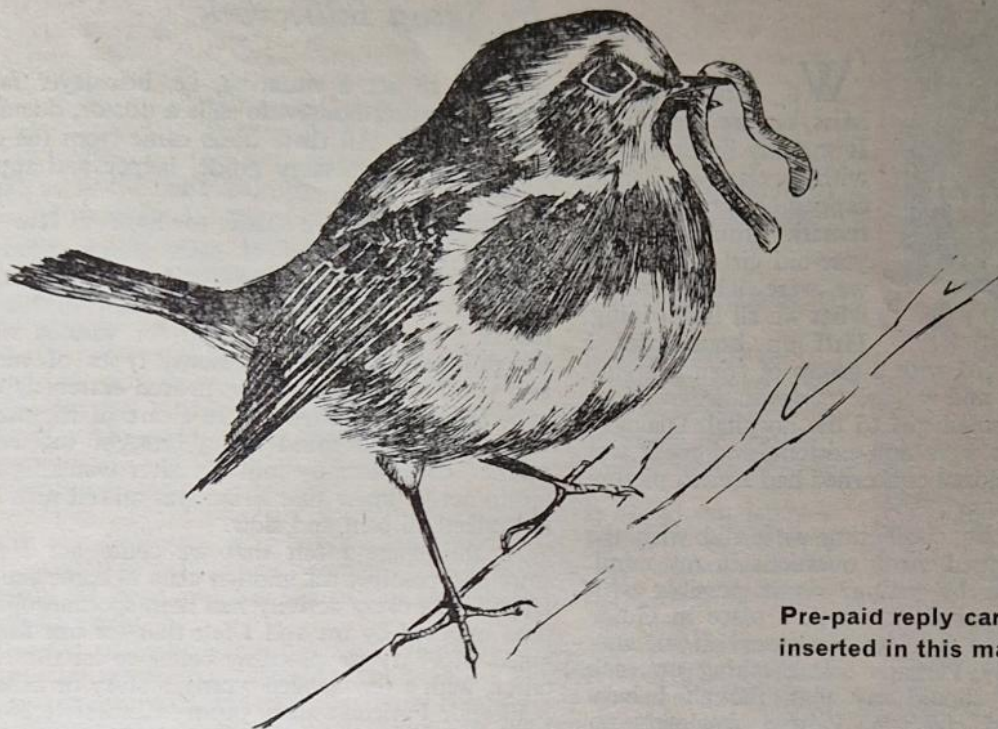
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# Princesses and Pirates

by Susan Bilderbeck



'WE LIKE games, Miss, but we don't act!' It was my first morning with a class of handicapped children and this remark from a nine-year-old girl came when we were talking about what we all liked doing. Half an hour later I

watched this same girl with a group of friends giving a most entertaining and realistic performance of Mum taking a reluctant small girl to the hospital. Dialogue flowed freely, props were non-existent, and yet it was obvious that the children concerned had a vivid picture of their surroundings.

This brief incident, conflicting as it did with the previous remark, raised many questions in my mind. What do we mean by acting? Is it possible with handicapped children? Is it worth a place in Guide meetings, where time is all too precious? If so, how can it be achieved? Perhaps before taking up each of these points, I should say that, though I have taught handicapped children, I have absolutely no training in dramatic art and am certainly no actress myself!

What do we mean when we think of acting? As I see it, it is the projection of the whole being into a different rôle, usually that of another person. How, then, can we help handicapped children to express themselves through acting?

One of my first ventures was to play the T.V. game 'What's My Line?' We divided into groups of six which allowed a panel of four children, a budding Eamonn Andrews and the child whose job it was to be guessed! Everyone had a turn in each part and the room rang with shouts of 'I've beaten the panel, Miss', 'We'll have to put Mary on telly. She's ever so good at being a zoo lady!'

This was only a very humble starting point, but valuable from my point of view as it gave me the chance to gauge the ability of the children for future occasions. That it had been enjoyed was forthcoming the very next morning when Richard, aged nine, a spastic with poor speech and jerky movements, rushed up to me and said: 'I've got a smashing idea for when we next do these jobs again' and then very confidentially, 'I'm going to be a plumber's mate!'

In the next session we developed the previous short mimes into acting different jobs in pairs, i.e. shop assistant serving housewife, hairdresser doing someone's hair, dentist and patient and scores of others. It was interesting to note that the children chose parts suitable to their handicaps; Ann who couldn't hear and was almost dumb 'cut' Gill's hair and Gill, unable to move much without help, sat and beamed into an imaginary mirror!

This progressed into pairs joining up and forming

a group to act a situation, i.e. bricklayer falls off a ladder, passing housewife calls a doctor, doctor comes, treats patient. All these ideas came from the children. I was just a necessary guide, helper and supplier of props.

At this stage we used to have a few minutes discussion at the end of each session about which characters had been specially true to life and how others could be made more so. To help in this I introduced a few 'exercises' when for various situations we practised facial expressions, types of movement and vocal expression. These proved extremely valuable as it made the children more aware of the use of the whole body and mind being brought together. One 'critic' confidentially told me after watching another group act 'I knew that Brian was an old man because he walked all bent and slow.'

At this stage I felt that we could act a play or story and possibly ask another class to come and watch. Up till now every activity had been spontaneous rather than imposed by me and I felt that for our first combined effort it was probably better to let the children mime, with a few spoken words, a story or ballad.

Eleanor Farjeon's story poem 'Absolutely Nothing' was a great favourite and lends itself extremely well, having a variety of characters and 'absorbing' a limitless number of children. This and the ballads were a great success and gradually the children spoke more and more and the narrator's part dwindled. I found that children learnt lines that rhymed much more easily than plain dialogue.

Having introduced speech, in the plays that followed it flowed freely! I remember in a scene from Cinderella one ugly sister held the stage interminably while reeling off jobs for Cinders to do while she went to the ball. After a triumphant exit, on crutches, she said, happily, 'I thought up a good lot of things, didn't I, Miss?'

I was constantly thrilled by the 'inward' progress the children made; shy, nervous children blossomed; pale, peaky faces became radiant with delight when their owners were transformed into Princesses, and one girl whose speech defect was so bad as to make her almost unintelligible, frequently spoke her one or two words quite clearly.

Obviously the planning of programmes will vary according to the size of the group, the severeness of handicaps

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Illustrated by Bernice Carhill



# \* A BREATH OF \* FRESH AIR \*

## THIS MONTH'S THEME

**I**T BLOWS away the cobwebs, helps us to see our problems in a different light, makes us feel more vital, vigorous and adventurous, and also feel—and look—at least ten years younger! Hoorah! Just the thing we need.

What is it? Where can we get it? What does it cost?

We can all get it, it costs nothing and it is guaranteed to do every one of us the world of good.

What's that? You still don't know what it is? Why—a breath of fresh air!

It's amazing, isn't it, just what a breath of fresh air can do. We know how the house looks and feels when we have cleared out all the accumulated rubbish and given it a jolly good spring clean. The house is still the same, but perhaps we have re-arranged things a bit and the new curtains in the sitting room are certainly a change from the old ones!

We have had a bit of a breath of fresh air in the Guide Movement lately—what with new uniforms, new badges, some wonderful opportunities to learn new skills and take part in more and more new projects and courses at home and abroad. We have also had the chance to air our views on many points to the Working Party.

This is the point at which we find ourselves as the whole Movement is poised on the brink of exciting and challenging developments in the whole Youth Service. We look forward eagerly to the findings of our own Working Party—evidence in itself that as a Movement we are aware of the necessity of looking at ourselves in the light of present day needs and looking at the part we can play in the Youth Service as a whole.

Here we are, too, almost at the beginning of a new Guiding year. The summer camps will soon be over, and we will be making plans for our autumn and winter activities. Here is our chance to let the breath of fresh air flow through our District so that we will be ready to try out new ideas, experiment and find new ways of stimulating the minds and using the skills of the Guiders we have in our teams.

What, then, can we Commissioners do to help introduce this fresh air into our Districts and Divisions? First of all, we must look at ourselves. How long have we been Commissioners? How long have we been in our particular Districts? Some of us are very new. That in itself can be a breath of fresh air to both ourselves and our Districts. We have had the challenge of the appointment, people to meet and get to know and the responsibility of knowing that we form an important link in the chain of adults formed to serve young people in the Movement.

Our Districts have had the challenge of meeting their new Commissioners for the first time (did they realize that we were shaking in our shoes too!), and then getting to know each other better; those with quite a bit of experience behind them will appreciate the feeling of being accepted, the feeling of belonging, which comes over a period of time. We may feel that we have got into a very comfortable rut. Things are running very smoothly, and time passes until suddenly we realize with horror that nothing has 'happened' in our Districts for a very long time. We find it more and more difficult to 'think up' the next inter-Patrol challenge or to find a worthy service project for a prospective Queen's Guide.

Secondly, we must look at our Districts and the Guiders in them. Are they ready to accept each new challenge as it comes along? (Are we ready to do the same?) Let's get together and find out what is being planned by our Guiders for the autumn and winter!

Thirdly, let's get ourselves up to date. Let's do all in our power to get to the next Commissioners' Conference or Training and see just what is going on in

*Illustrated by Jennetta Vise*





the Movement. Let's get ourselves up to date on what is going on in the Youth Service as a whole, and what is going on in our area in particular.

Fourthly, let's make a resolution to read *THE GUIDER* thoroughly—not just the bits specially for us—and let us see that we encourage all our Guiders to read it too. (Do they all even get it? Do we all get it?)

Fifthly, do any of our Guiders need training? If so, what kind? Perhaps one for outdoor activities in autumn and winter might be good for us. Do some of our Packs and Companies tend to hibernate in the hall over these months and only venture out with the first

daffodils? Remember, if Guiders can't go to the Trainings, the Trainings can go to the Guiders.

After all this—just what is our function in this business of giving our Districts a 'breath of fresh air'? Our job is to encourage our Guiders to try out new ideas, and to experiment with them, and keep on encouraging them and supporting them in their efforts. We are the spring-boards for the Guiders in our Districts—giving them the impetus they need to accept whatever challenges may come, and so bring a breath of fresh air to their Packs and Companies.

MARGARET SMITH

## 'To Teach How to Live . . .'

by Janis Tyrer

**T**O TEACH how to live, not merely how to make a living.' These words of the Founder are the aim of every Ranger and Cadet Guider and head the Senior Branch section in P.O.R.

Senior Branch Guiders, often have to work in isolation, sometimes with one adult running a Unit single-handed, but this isolation has been overcome in many cases where Ranger and Cadet Units work together on service projects, specialist activities, camps and expeditions. This co-operation allows for a much wider scope in the programme than would otherwise be possible, and helps Ranger and Cadet Guiders to benefit from each other's experience and specialist knowledge. If we can make the Senior Branch really adventurous and go-ahead, many more Guides will join us as a natural sequence of events and others from outside the Movement will come into it.

Many Rangers as well as Cadets train to be Guiders, while all Senior Branch members are concerned with service projects outside Guiding. Cadets as well as Rangers can now work for the Ranger Service Star if they wish to do so, as well as for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and certificates offered by outside bodies such as the Red Cross, St. John, and the Royal Life-Saving Society.

### A Cadet Guider's Responsibilities

As this is the Golden Jubilee Year of the Cadet section, it may be helpful to Commissioners and Senior Branch Guiders to look at the specific responsibilities of

the Cadet Guider. Her purpose is to train some of our future leaders by helping the Cadets develop in- to reasoning people, able to



Illustrated by  
Elizabeth Wall  
'Try throwing  
like this'

think for themselves, to make decisions and, as far as Guiding is concerned, to put into practical terms their desire to serve to the best of their ability.

This desire to serve is common to all Cadets who may vary enormously in intelligence, ability and Guiding experience. It is the Cadet Guider's responsibility to ensure that this desire is directed into the best channel for the particular girl. Some Cadets are quite sure when they join the Company if they want to help with Guides or Brownies, some don't know, and others change their minds half-way through their training. All of them should have the opportunity of seeing both Brownie Packs and Guide Companies in action, of understanding the aims and needs of both, and, if possible, of having some practical experience in them.

Most Brown Owls and Captains are quite willing to have a small group of Cadets in to watch a meeting, and are usually only too pleased if the Cadets offer to take a game or other short activity. These visits can be of double value. By comparing the different methods, the Cadet can learn one of the most valuable lessons she must learn, which is, that in Guiding there is usually more than one way of doing anything, and that one way is not necessarily better than another. Secondly, she may get the opportunity of trying out, to a small degree, her ability to handle children. A game taken with the support of a fellow Cadet can be less hair-raising to a diffident girl than feeling that the whole responsibility is hers.

### Linking a Cadet With Her Unit

Having helped her to decide which age group she wants to work with, the Cadet Guider's next job is to link the Cadet with a unit. Where there is real co-operation and understanding between the Commissioner and the Guiders of the District or Division team, this may be simple and straight-forward, but where this understanding doesn't exist, what a job it can be! How often does the Commissioner seem to look upon the Cadet Company as a sort of reserve supply of Guiders to replenish any vacancies which she has! How often does the Unit Guider look upon



the Cadet as a ready-made Lieutenant or Tawny! Every one of us who has anything to do with Cadets must be constantly aware that the primary purpose of a Cadet's attachment to a unit is to be trained as a future leader. Articles in *THE GUIDER* of May and June made this emphatically clear, and Cadet Guiders, with the Unit Guiders' and Commissioners' support, must try to prevent Cadets from becoming stop-gap Guiders.

Where possible, the Cadet should be attached to a unit other than that to which she belonged as a Guide or Brownie. This ensures that she has a wider and more varied approach to Guiding. It also makes it much easier for her to adjust to her new status as an adult if she has not the feeling that she is still considered as a Guide by both Guiders and girls. For the Cadet in a rural area this is not always practicable. It is, however, usually possible for her to visit other Companies occasionally, and perhaps she would consider helping with the Brownie Pack for a while so that there is a gap between the time she leaves the Company as a Guide and the time she returns as a Cadet.

The Cadet programme can be as varied as the girls themselves. There are probably no two Cadet Companies anywhere which run on exactly the same lines. Nor should there be. Cadets are as interested in everything around them as any other teenagers—in dress, world-affairs and boys. We pride ourselves that Guiding has high aims and ideals, and it is in these things that we need the girls to have standards, just as much as in knotting and tent-pitching.

Guiding can be a fascinating adventure, but none of us taking part should ever let it take up all our time and energies. We must help the Cadets to find their true priorities. There is a danger that the keen girl will take on far too much, become bogged down and unable to cope. While our main purpose in the Cadet Company is to train potential Guiders, and we must include in our programme much work to this end, we must remember that the wider her interests, the surer her faith and the more integrated her personality, the better Guider the Cadet will become. Our aim, therefore, is 'to teach how to live', not merely how to be a Guider.

### *For Guide Guiders*

## 'Wish You Were Here . . .'

*by Jennifer Lines*

AT this time holiday postcards sent by friends reach from end to end of the mantelpiece bringing us a taste of the delights of St. Ives, Southwold and Wester Ross, and probably a glimpse of the hotter sunshine of Athens, Tunisia and Majorca too. Back come the holiday makers and how we enjoy sharing our experiences—whether it be by button-holing an acquaintance outside the Post Office and entertaining them with the highlights of the trip or by inviting friends round for the evening and giving them the whole story of the holiday through coloured slides.

This desire to tell someone else all about it is so strong that we can surely make use of it in our Company programmes, as so many of the Guides go away for holidays as well as to camp. We must catch this enthusiasm while it lasts so we might plan to include in our September programme some activities building on holiday reminiscences.

With some Companies a competition between the Patrols might work best with two or three in each group telling their 'Travellers' Tales' and the others in the Patrol used as announcers or to hold up the 'props'. Some might like to take up the idea of presenting theirs as a T.V. interview, others, given some encouragement and the right atmosphere on the night to put it across, could manage a straightforward informative talk, others could give a short account backed up by their souvenirs and holiday leaflets and postcards. Activities of this kind could be very useful practice for Guides undecided whether to present

their 'Knowledge of the Movement' clause in First Class as a talk or the P.L.s. might prefer to run the competition within their Patrols and then put their best one forward for an inter-Patrol challenge.

In some Companies there may be very few Guides with the confidence to enjoy preparing for a competition on those lines or their experiences might be too limited so it would be more valuable to encourage everyone to contribute a very short item. An evening like a sports meeting could be prepared and you might draw up together a list of 'events' to be entered for, with perhaps a time limit of two minutes for each competitor. Your list might include:—

1. The longest walk.
2. The most interesting souvenir.
3. The funniest incident.
4. The worst traffic jam.
5. The strangest meal.
6. The most interesting building.

The list compiled may be much longer than this so that it gives the opportunity for each person to contribute her special tit-bit.

These activities could provide plenty of fun and interest for all the Company and will give us openings to follow up later for testwork or an entertainment, and useful material to build on for Thinking Day. Most important of all, we are listening to, and sharing, experiences from outside our usual environment, and as Guiders we must be alert in picking up on the Guides' attitude to unusual situations and customs and be ready to discuss how Guides should be expected to react and behave in such circumstances. Can we show that keeping the Guide Law makes for happy holidays?





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## Raise the Roof in a Week

*There are approximately 1,060 million shillings in circulation. We need about three-quarters of a million of them. Could you provide one or even perhaps more than one?*

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Our membership is growing larger—23,000 more in 1964-65; 622,000 now in the United Kingdom.

Over the years improvements have been made to keep working conditions good for the staff and to run the business of our Association on up-to-date and economical lines. Methods have been revised and newly available machinery installed.

The staff, although small in number for the size of our Association and its trading business, has to be rather larger than it used to be.

Our visitors continue to come, as everyone is glad to know, in increasing numbers. There were 4,000 last year.

The only fault of the splendid building provided by the Guides of 1930 is that it is not planned economically for today's ways of working.

We must give adequate working conditions to the staff and we must be able to receive our visitors properly.

Some major work of reconstruction and addition has become necessary. With this, the 36-year-old building will be adequate for many more years. It is not necessary to embark on the huge expense of moving. One part of the major reconstruction was put in hand in January to be carried out in two phases and, as a result, the first floor now provides extra space and room for the new Reception Department.

The cost of this is being met from the carefully husbanded resources of the Association. The sound financial position which makes this possible is mainly due to the self-reliant pattern of Guide Finance by which members of the Movement provide the major

part of the Association's income by paying a membership subscription and by buying the uniform and equipment they need from their own shops.

The second part of the reconstruction is to be additional building on the present roof space. This is to include extra offices and committee rooms and we also hope to provide some accommodation for small parties visiting London.

The whole cost of this addition, amounting to about £40,000, cannot be met from the Association's reserve funds, and so this article is to let all members of the Association know that those who would like to help are invited to do so. As always, the cost, if shared by enough people, will not be much for anyone! After all, 622,000 shillings (see our U.K. census) amounts to £31,100.

There may be some Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cadets, Guiders, Commissioners, L.A. and Trefoil Guild members who, for various reasons, may decide not to take part or to give less than a shilling. They may be busy raising money for something else or have some other good reason, and I don't think they should worry. Many, amongst those who will like to help, will no doubt send a bit more than one shilling each. So I believe that this job will be done, in the same way that the much bigger job was done by the Guides of 1930 when they built our Headquarters.

The effort, if it is shared out, need not be too huge for anyone but we don't want it to be a lot of trouble either, so we suggest to everyone that it should be done during the last three weeks of October. Why not choose one of these weeks and finish the job? Details of what to do with the money will be sent to Commissioners during August.

*Anstee Cuths*

[CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH]

(NOTE: Information about this Appeal is being published in THE SENIOR BRANCH NEWS, THE GUIDE, THE BROWNIE and the October issue of THE TREFOIL.

Copies of this article are being sent to all Commissioners for passing on to Local Associations.)



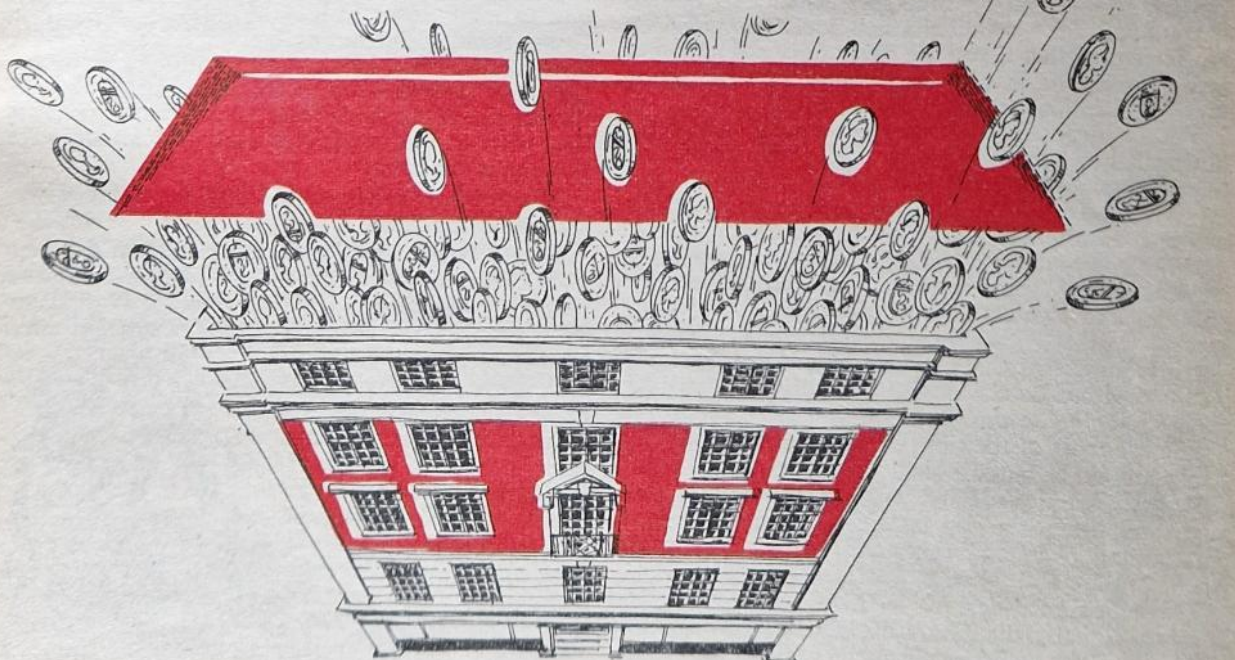
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I say - isn't this exciting!  
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a really big job, and show how well  
and quickly you can complete it.

So I am sending out this call to  
you to get busy and "raise the roof";  
and, with all your shillings, make  
your Guide Headquarters fit for its  
task as you are equal to yours.

Olave Baden-Powell







# A Day Out With the Company

by Maureen Gray

LET THE Court of Honour do most of the initial preparation and build on the enthusiasm of your P.L.s. by giving each one a share of the responsibility for the planning. Decide first of all on the purpose of your outing, and just in case your P.L.s. haven't any constructive suggestions have a few ideas up your sleeve—simple orienteering, perhaps, or experimental hike cooking, hill climbing, cycling, heritage trails, swimming revels, commando challenges, treasure hunts—the possibilities are endless. You will know from experience how ambitious you can afford to be, but do be prepared to rustle up an expert with the necessary qualifications if you don't feel able to cope yourself.

Closely allied to the consideration of the purpose of your outing is your choice of place, taking into account the expense involved, the facilities offered, and the time you have at your disposal: someone should have the responsibility of obtaining any necessary permission in good time. It is not necessary to travel a vast distance, particularly now that transport costs are such a dominant factor, and very often we tend to overlook the facilities on our own doorstep. The syllabus for the Local History Badge, for example, offers considerable scope for an inter-Patrol project, and a spy thriller wide game can be fun in a city park or street where the task of remaining inconspicuous is a skill itself. For the benefit of city Guiders who may sometimes have difficulty in finding a suitable place where firelighting is allowed, many Counties have recognized hike and/or camp sites, which may be used if you apply for a permit through your Commissioner. Do remember that if you are going to be swimming or boating someone in your party must have the necessary qualifications (P.O.R.—Rules 103/4).

Your route, method of transport and the cost of the outing fall to be decided next, tasks which could perhaps be assigned to your First Class candidates; then you require to think about any equipment necessary, and the appropriate dress for the occasion. Discuss whether you are going to cook a meal or to take sandwiches, and if you are going near shops, whether spending money should be restricted. It is not necessary to wear full uniform on every Company outing, but it is important that everyone should be smart and well turned out, so choose the most suitable 'gear' for the occasion e.g. camp dresses if you are to be in the public eye most of the time, or slacks and anoraks for a hike and do be sensible about footwear!

Be prepared, if necessary, with a wet weather alternative, and, nearer the day, make sure everybody knows the meeting place and time, and that parents know where you are and when to expect you home.

Although a good deal of the initial preparation may be dealt with by the Court of Honour, the detailed planning of the activities themselves will probably be

left to you and your wits, and you may find below a few ideas on which you can build. The amount of work involved on your part will, of course, depend on what type of activity you have decided upon, and it might be prudent at this stage to remind ourselves of the words of the Scouter who said—'Scouting is a Patrol activity . . . what you do is of secondary importance: the fact that you do it as a Patrol is everything.'

**Cooking:** Ever made cheese pancakes on an up-turned tin can, cooked a chicken in a hole (see *The Way to Camp*, 8s. 6d.), baked eggs in a waxed carton, made 'Whitfield Whimseys' (see *Help Yourself to Hike Cooking*, 1s.), or baked scones in a reflector oven? Don't be too ambitious to begin with and make sure someone in each Patrol is good at firelighting.

**Nature:** How many points can the Patrol score with an 'I Spy' book? (*I Spy in the Country, At the Seaside, On the Farm*, etc., 9d. each. *I Spy Wild Flowers, Butterflies and Moths, Birds, Trees, Wild Fruits and Fungi*, 1s. each. *I Spy British Wild Animals, Garden Flowers*, etc. 2s. 6d. each).

Use the *Observer Books* (*Trees, Wild Flowers, Astronomy, Birds, Pond Life, The Sea and Seashore*, 5s. each) or let the P.L.s. make up 'Nature Challenges'. (They could pinpoint different characteristics by asking simple questions.) The same idea works well on a visit to a town or place of interest. Write to the civic authority for an official guide book and suggest the P.L.s. make up an 'I Spy' challenge on buildings, etc.

**Heritage Trails:** For a visit to a historical town, give Patrols a street map and a set of pictures (from Guide Book) of interesting buildings within a radius of say half-a-mile, with a compass direction and approximate distance from central point marked on each. Patrols to find buildings and mark position on map, then plan an interesting tour (with commentary) for a visitor to the town.

**Map reading:** Study an old map for rights of way and hike along them.

**Simple Orienteering or Treasure Hunts:** Everyone must start with a 'passport' (could be personal or of, say, trees, with pressed leaf, bark rubbing as signature, etc.). With help of Senior Branch perhaps, lay a trail with a different country at each point. On arrival at each point, passports are stamped with country's emblem or flag, cut-out of half potato and 'inked' on moist sponge, soaked in paint solution; Patrol is handed ticket with instructions about next part of

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Illustrated by Juliet Clarke





# Have a Go!

by Edna Odell



You can't conjure up a bus out of thin air!

PEOPLE DO the strangest things for pleasure—they go down pot-holes, scramble up mountains, stand thigh deep in rivers in the hope of catching a fish. How about taking a tribe of giggling girls out on your free Saturday afternoon?

Basic training is required. No one in her right mind would take a Pack out into a wider world until she had them well under control within the four walls of a room; beyond it, there is so much more scope for the young who are adept at seizing opportunities! Children in public view must be controlled, not only for safety's sake but also for the good of the Movement.

Transport can be a problem, but you don't have to go far. Walking may be possible. Of course, remember 'Safety First', but a dull route can be livened up by counting rhymes (sung softly!), by a Six Quiz (a P.C. with several basic shapes to be spotted on the way, or a 'palette' of colours, cut from paint samples, to be matched) or by a trail of beans or wool snippets to be followed. If the Brownies are in pairs, sandwiched between a Guider front and back, then as the first two find a token they can tag on at the end of the line, so ensuring that everyone has a chance. If the few quick ones rush ahead and grab everything, it's deadly dull for the rest. It may be possible to use local bus services—but be reasonable. You know your locality. Bus and crew can't be conjured up out of thin air when you arrive unheralded at the bus stop. Unless the service is very frequent, contact transport officials beforehand. Often they are helpful—but supposing they do tell you flatly that you haven't a hope how much better to *know* than be left stranded. They may be able to lay on a relief bus; it is sometimes feasible to hire a small coach or a minibus. You may have the sort of Pack which can rustle up enough cars. Certainly long journeys are to be avoided. Excited Brownies do not travel well.

Parents need to know all about our outings. Little girls need practice in message-carrying, but when it comes to giving details about an outing please back it up with a written note tucked in the pocket. Mother can use it as a check to the verbal instructions. Don't forget food—the Pack won't let you! Mothers are always helpful; it is sometimes nicer if one gives

biscuits, another cake, another sandwiches (organized, lest you end up all biscuits)—rather than everyone bringing her own assortment and sticking to it. Brownies aren't necessarily bighearted enough to accept a bread and scrape doorstep when mama contributed dainty decrusted ham sandwiches. Drink (within reason) is a necessity. Discourage children from carting large glass bottles. Take concentrated squash (preferably in a light, squishy bottle) yourself. As you must, for other reasons, go somewhere within reach of civilization you can always get water. Plastic macs are a must for wearing if wet, and for sitting on but have your eye on shelter, be it barn, church hall or garage.

Go 'somewhere'—besides giving point to the whole proceedings it ensures water, shelter and sanitation. Go to a friend in the country who will lend field or paddock: go to a L.A.'s big garden in town (don't say you can't if you haven't asked!); visit a village Brownie Pack in its meeting hall; visit the Guides camping nearby: visit an old house (it doesn't have to be a stately home); visit the fire station: visit a museum (you don't have to 'do the lot').

Many museums have staff which are good with children. Our museum has a fascinating collection of children's clothes and toys and wonderful samplers worked by ten-year-olds a century ago. Often there is a display of local wild flowers.

Go to a little church: the vicar will know who can tell its story if you can't find it out yourself. Any of these outings have tremendous possibilities of broadening Brownies—of awakening new interest, of linking on to testwork, or leading on to Proficiency Badges. You might lay on someone to do a brass rubbing in the church . . . children can 'rub' coins, the backs of leaves, the bark of trees.

For the less obviously organized expedition (as to a field or garden) the Guider must, in fact, be very organized. Plan carefully, with games and ploys for wet or fine. Town children have little opportunity for enjoying themselves in the open (witness the success of holiday camps) and may well be 'lost' in a garden or wood, however lovely. Hiding and finding, matching and pairing games are often necessary to get them going, to make them see instead of just looking, but we must be ready to drop all our arrangements and be thankful if the Brownies do want to 'stand and stare' or get involved in their own amusements. Let's make full use of every opportunity that 'happens'—the tracks in the mud, the old lady who offers to show her lace-making pillow, the chance to hear the music box or see the baby chicks. (Continued on page 276)



Illustrated by Jennetta Vise

Exchange isn't always popular!





## Holiday Handcrafts

by Catherine Towner

**A**FTER the holidays every member of the Pack is bursting with the most vital information and producing treasures found by the sea, in the country, or on 'days out'. Here are a few ideas for doing things with the precious objects provided.

First, pebbles—not the little ones meant for aquariums, but the large smooth ones. Some of these have very beautiful patterns on them and look lovely if the pattern is picked out in brightly coloured paint. Thick water colour, poster or powder paint is simple to use. Alternatively, they might be painted with imaginary designs. When these are then varnished and have felt stuck on the base, they make excellent door stops.

### Chalk Carving

Chalk from the Downs, or cuttlefish found on the beach, are there to be carved. Cuttlefish carving is simple and most effective. A nail file makes an excellent tool to work with. As cuttlefish are only small, it is advisable not to cut away too much—good subjects to choose would be a head, maybe an African mask, or a fish. When complete the model can be enhanced with a little painted decoration.

The more ambitious might attempt chalk carving, but it is advisable to work out of doors or with the floor very adequately newspapered against blowing chalk dust! Chalk carving has the joys of real sculpture without the dangers of hammer, chisel and flying stone! An old kitchen knife, sandpaper, or the invaluable nail file are the only tools required. Fairly small pieces of chalk are generally the most satisfactory, as carving large blocks does take a long time. Any number of subjects can be attempted, although animals generally are the most appealing, and solid lumpy ones the most satisfactory—it is tragic if a head or foot breaks off because the neck or leg has become too spindly! We made a chalk Nativity group and found the long clothes really lent themselves to carving—we had one enthusiast who made a whole family of blissful camels, all sitting down!



Animals and figures carved in chalk

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### Flower Book-marks and Quill Pens

Pressed flowers can be preserved by covering with transparent 'Fablon'. The flowers can be arranged on strips of card and carefully covered with 'Fablon' to make very attractive book-marks. Greetings cards and book covers could be made in the same way.

Long quill feathers can be sharpened and actually used as pens. Great fun can be had from writing or drawing with one's own quill!

### Shell Mobiles

Then there are shells! Shells need to be looked at from all angles with the light playing on them and they can be made into lovely mobiles. Specially beautiful shells would be decorative as simple mobiles.

There are drawings of two other ideas for shell mobiles. The shell can be used as a boat. See Fig. 2. It has a matchstick mast with paper sail and pennant, which is fixed securely by using 'Sellotape' or a strong glue such as 'Copydex' or 'Cow Gum'. The birds for the other mobile have paper heads and the small fluffy feathers are attached to the shells for wings and tails. There are various methods of hanging mobiles. The single shells are hung by a very simple method—the method used for the ships is more fun but needs a little patience in balancing! In each case the objects are suspended on cotton from short lengths of thin wire, preferably 20 gauge.

I have put these suggestions as ideas which could be carried out in Pack meetings, and have therefore concentrated on ideas which can be simply evolved in a short period of time, but obviously a Pack Holiday is the ideal for such activities.



A shell mobile



Shell boat mobiles (Fig. 2.)



Shell bird mobiles



# When the Recruit Arrives in the Pack

by Claire Milne

**B**BROWN OWL, can Carol come next week? She is 7½ now.'

'Brown Owl, this is Jean. She is in my class and can she come to Brownies, too?'

'I am Mrs. Brown and I would like Linda to join Brownies. Can you take her?'

What do the Carols, Jeans and Lindas think of their first meeting? Carol has been anxiously awaiting the time when she would be old enough to come along with her sister and probably knows quite a bit about Brownies already. Jean, on the other hand, is just doing as her friends do, while in Linda's case it is Mum who is interested in Brownies. I wonder what Linda thinks?

On the first evening first impressions are all-important. A welcoming smile, a friendly greeting and an introduction to someone her own age will help to dispel any strange feeling, especially if that person will see that the recruit knows what to do and where to go. Having a recruit is a marvellous opportunity for the Pack to show what it means to be a Brownie, and also for the Guiders to see the spontaneous reaction of some individuals. Who will look after the recruit in a game? Who will go over to chat?

Fortunately, the Six system will ensure that after a recruit has been introduced she will get to know a few people quite quickly, and if one of the Brownies happens to live near the recruit and arrangements can be made for them to go home together the feeling that we care will make an immediate impression.

## A Sense of Belonging

Nothing makes people feel more lost than being in a group where everyone else but themselves knows what to do. However simple our ceremonies may be our recruit cannot know what to do instinctively. She will feel much more confident about joining in later if she can see what happens. Let her sit in the middle with someone to keep her company or find a way of involving her, but without too much ceremony.

The recruit is an excellent judge of shiny badges, etc. when it comes to inspection and this will also give her an idea of what is expected in the Pack as well as a feeling of importance. Most children are very anxious to wear uniform, so to help them over the waiting period before enrolment some Packs have special aprons for recruits to wear at meetings.

## What Will She Learn?

We must not disappoint the recruit who has come full of enthusiasm for what she has to learn. Even on her first evening, she can do something towards her badge, but we must keep in mind that at 7½ her ability for reading and writing is limited, so any print should be very clear. It is good for her to feel that she has achieved something and so much the better if it can be taken home.

## Some Things To Do

**The Six Rhyme:** Recruit traces round and cuts out from stiff paper her Six emblem, then copies the words. When the recruit has finished with it, it can be used in the Six Corner and ensures that the correct form of the words is used.

**Good Turns:** A game played with the whole Pack will help the recruit understand what is meant. This is a simple one with many adaptations:—

Brownies walk round in a circle saying . . . .

*'We're going to do a good turn, a good turn,  
a good turn,*

*We're going to do a good turn, who shall we help  
today?'*

Brown Owl indicates father, sister, teacher, neighbour, etc., and Brownies go off to their corners to decide what they will do. This can be done in many ways—with buttons and spills to make a picture, by acting out the good turn either individually or as a group, by the Six forming themselves into the shape of the object used, or, if pictures are provided from magazines, etc., each Brownie can select a suitable one for the good turn. On different evenings try different ways to find out what suits your Pack best.



A mouse or a kite can have knots in the tail for good turn reminders

To help the recruit get into the way of a good turn every day she can have something which will remind her, something made by herself. A cardboard mouse or elephant with string tail can have a knot tied for each good turn. A kite with small holes round the edge can have pieces of wool tied on or knots in the tail, or foil covered 'potato hedgehog' can have matches added.

Anything taken home will help the parents see what is being done but a talk with parents is still necessary to make our aim and purpose clear. Our 'Brownie terms' can be very confusing to parents so it is only courteous for us to make our introductions meaningful.

It should be made clear that Brown Owl is really Miss Brown or Mrs. Smith.

When our recruit arrives our aim should be, simply, to make her want to come back, having seen that being a Brownie is fun as well as learning to be friendly and helpful.





Illustrated by Barbara Prescott

## Ideas for September Programmes

IN SEPTEMBER we look forward to the usual influx of recruits, and perhaps 'ponder anew' why they appear at our door and, even more, what they hope and need to find when they step inside. Over-simplification is dangerously easy, but usually close to the surface in the whirl of anticipation is a desire for friendship, for new and interesting things to do, for fun and excitement and, coupled with these, a need—probably not evident to the girl herself—to be extended and to achieve.

Of course autumn is, too, a time for helping the Patrol settle down with new members, and enabling the new P.L. to grow in confidence and adapt to her responsibilities.

What does all this mean in terms of the weekly programme? It means activities (based on initiative, imagination and observation rather than skills) in which the P.L. learns to lead, the recruit plays a full part, and the Patrol becomes an integrated unit; interesting activities on basic testwork; activities which give the ethos of Guiding. It also means that at this time we Guiders must plan with even greater care than usual.

Here are a few ideas which might help to spark off your planning:—

1. Send Patrols on short walk over specified route. Later, explain that all is enveloped in fog and Guides have to explain the route to someone in terms of senses other than sight, e.g. the feel of the road surface, smells, etc.
2. Ask everyone to know their personal measurements (as in *Scouting for Boys*) by next week. Give each Patrol a series of 'problems' such as—a pane of glass is needed for the window, etc.
3. (a) Furnish each Patrol with a list of 'signs of Autumn' ('What to look for in Autumn' in the *Ladybird* books is full of ideas). Send Patrols out, with a time limit, to spot as many autumn signs as they can.  
(b) Let each Patrol collect 'natural' autumn colours and plan an autumn fashion collection using these colours.
4. Provide Patrols with an assortment of pictures, posters (e.g. Oxfam), prayer books, etc., and ask them to prepare and take a short epilogue with a definite theme during the Company meeting.
5. Place large numbers of questions on Tenderfoot Test around the room and have available a pool of equipment and handy reference books. Guides tackle questions, which should be as practical as possible, individually. When checked, they go on to another question (in any order).  
Object: to do as many questions as time allows. P.L.s. could help with checking and incidental instruction.
6. The ghosts of . . . . (wherever you meet) are angry. To appease them the Patrol must make a 'mobile' which can be hung in the room, and compose a poem praising the virtues of the ghosts and persuading them to become peaceful again.

CHRISTINE WALBY

### A Day Out With the Company

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journey, e.g. fly to Continent (over Transporter Bridge); in Holland, make a 'barge' and sail it up a 'canal'; in Switzerland, climb a 'mountain' with whole Patrol roped together (very revealing and amusing!); in S. America, Patrol is denounced as spies, and has to escape unseen. Game could end with international meal, and currency, languages and stamps can be introduced. Postcards provide useful equipment as markers.

### Have a Go!

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Take heart—familiar things can be a great success in a new setting. We once had a wonderful afternoon, planned to take place in the garden around a village church. It rained. It was cold. Our friend the vicar opened up the large crypt and down we crept. We

played our well-known games: we 'Harry McGarry'ed' and really 'danced like somebody mad'. It was a howling success in the eerie light, as was a very ordinary tea. Not quite realizing what it would mean, the vicar offered to take any who wished up the bell tower. Of course, everyone did, and it was grand. Whilst waiting, we found an owl and some daisies in the stained glass windows. At home the children had rehearsed acting 'Lend a Hand' in their little groups. Dressing up in odd corners of the aisles took ages but was fun, and then, in mediaeval style, we acted on the chancel steps, with the audience in the pews below. For prayers at going home time, we made a spread-out ring down the side aisles. The vicar clambered up aloft yet once more to sound the bell, and we all stood quietly until he returned: we said our Brownie Prayer, were blessed, and sang 'Brownie Bells'. It was voted by all 'a lovely afternoon' but it was, in fact, the old basic mixture.

Have a go! Just a little way . . .



# 66 O.K. Go ahead

tell us about Jim  
dropping both packets of  
tea half way up Cader  
Idris on early closing day.  
About Sheila producing  
a pot full of black goo  
because she couldn't find  
a spoon. About not  
being able to brew up on  
that scorching day in  
the dales because you'd no  
pot. But don't expect our  
sympathy. We got wise chum.  
we always

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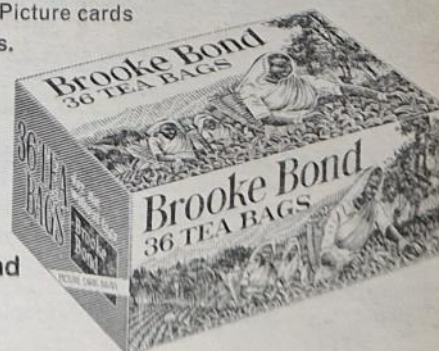
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# Headquarters' Notices

## THE WORKING PARTY REPORT

The long-awaited Report of the Working Party will be on sale in September. The actual publication date and cost will be given in the September GUIDER.

The Executive Committee has agreed to publish the Report now, although the detailed work on the recommendations and the dates of implementation have not yet been completed. These will be published later.

## AWARDS

MRS. M. A. BUNTINE, O.B.E., Chief Commissioner of Australia, has been awarded the Silver Fish in recognition of her 'exceptionally good service to the Guide Movement as a whole.'

(N.B. *This highest award for good service is the only one shared by Guide Associations throughout the Commonwealth. In accordance with the wishes of the countries concerned applications for this award are considered by the Awards and Executive Committees at C.H.Q.*)

### Training

**Brownie Training Diploma:** Miss I. E. Smith, Dunbartonshire.

**Camp Training Diploma:** Miss E. S. Alker

## NEW RECRUITING LEAFLET

A new gay pictorial publicity leaflet, *It's Going Places—to be a Guide*, printed in blue and white, is now on sale at C. H. Q. and all branch shops at 3d. each (postage 4d.), 22s. 6d. per 100 (postage, open ends, 1s). This leaflet is aimed at recruiting 13 to 16-year-old girls to be Guides or members of the Senior Branch.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT

The new *Annual Report* is selling well, so don't delay too long before you buy your copies. It costs 1s., plus 6d. postage. Where possible, please buy in quantity in order to save on staff work at C.H.Q.

## THE GUIDE OVERBLOUSE

Many of you will be pleased to know that the Executive Committee has agreed that the present overblouse may now be tucked inside the skirt as an alternative to wearing it outside. Of course the old-type blouse must be worn inside the skirt only.

## NOTICE BOARD

A **Training for Scouters and Guiders on Mixed Activities for Scouts and Guides** will be held at **Trefoil House, Birmingham** on 15th-16th October under the auspices of the Midland Area Scout and Guide Graduate Association. Mr. Oswald Bell, Scout Headquarters Commissioner for Universities and Colleges, will speak on co-operation in the Movements

and there will be excellent opportunities to discuss this aspect of youth training. For further details please write to Brian Mee, 1 Willows Road, Walsall, Staffordshire.

**Sense or Nonsense:** In an age which 'has never had it so good' there is more chaos in the world than ever before and the purpose of the **Scouters' and Guiders' Training Weekend at Lee Abbey, Lynton, North Devon**, from 25th-27th November is to consider the relevance of the Christian faith for Scouts and Guides in the world in which they live and to discuss some of the causes of chaos and dis-ease.

Lee Abbey is a Church of England Centre for evangelism and Scouters and Guiders of all denominations are welcome. The Rev. Michael Vickers, M.A., one of the Chaplains of Lee Abbey, will head the team of speakers and further details are obtainable from Miss P. Pilditch at Lee Abbey. (Those who feel Devon is too far for a weekend could combine the training with a few days holiday at Lee Abbey.)

The **County Extension Advisers' Conference** will be held at Elfinward, Haywards Heath from 28th-30th October. Application forms and further information are available from the Secretary, Branches Office, C.H.Q.

A **Rock Climbing Weekend** for Senior Branch Guiders and Rangers of 16 and over will be held at **Bowles Mountaineering Gymnasium, Eridge, Sussex**, from 30th September to 2nd October. Please apply to Miss Heys-Jones, 23 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond, Surrey, enclosing a S.A.E.

**The National Trust:** A new form of membership for youth organizations, schools and students has just been started. For a corporate subscription of £7 10s. a year a youth organization or school is entitled to a member's card for 30 young people and a leader or teacher which gives entry to any of the 160 historic houses, gardens and other buildings now cared for by the National Trust in Great Britain. Individuals at subscribing youth organizations, schools and colleges can now become full members of the Trust for 15s. a year. Applications for membership should be made to the National Trust, Membership Department, 23 Caxton Street, London, S.W.1.

## IT DEPENDS ON INTEGRITY

*'The one thing we can all provide which young people all need is what is called a "significant adult" in their lives to whom they can turn at all times. This relationship cannot be formed in a few hours. It will depend on personal integrity.'*

(Lady Mar, at the Scottish Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organizations.)



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## In Memoriam

### EMMELINE HANNAH CADBURY

WITH the passing of Mrs. W. A. Cadbury on 25th June, we have lost one who has given a life of service to the Movement as a whole and to Birmingham in particular. She had been actively interested in Guiding ever since 1922, when she became President of King's Norton and later their Division Commissioner. In 1930 Mrs. Cadbury became County Commissioner for Birmingham and for eighteen years she guided County affairs with the greatest care and concern. To her we owed the opportunity to acquire our first Guide Headquarters in Blucher Street and also our County Camp-site at King's Norton. Her far-sighted and practical advice, and her generosity in the widest sense, encouraged the high standard of training and camping in the County. Added to all this, Mrs. Cadbury made available to us Allendale Cottage, at the entrance gate of her own grounds: this has been invaluable for small group trainings or for a quiet weekend meeting for Guiders or, on occasions, a place to offer hospitality to Guiders visiting Birmingham.

Mrs. Cadbury was a member of the Council of the Girl Guides Association from 1933-1961, a member of the Executive from 1933-1936, and Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, 1936. With her wide and international interests she became the Representative for Trinidad on the Imperial Council, and for her outstanding work for the Movement she was awarded the Silver Fish in 1945.

As our County President since 1951, Mrs. Cadbury has endeared herself to everyone and she was always ready to help in any way she could. Her greatest joy was in her garden among the flowers and the ferns which all had a special significance. Regularly a box of gentians was sent to C.H.Q. for some special occasion, and she gave untold pleasure to everyone with the flowers sent to decorate our own Headquarters. We were sad that she did not live to be with us at the official opening of Trefoil House, but we remember with joy and gratitude the day she laid so well and truly its foundation stone. We could not have a more wonderful example to follow and her inspiration will remain alive with all of us who were privileged to know her.

BEATRICE MARTINEAU  
(County Commissioner for Birmingham)

### IRENE ATKINS and RITA SPARKS

The County of Cardiff and East Glamorgan suffered a double loss last January and February in the deaths of MISS IRENE ATKINS and MRS. RITA SPARKS.

Miss Atkins, who was Camp Adviser for Wales, had been an active member of the Movement since she joined the 3rd, Cardiff Company aged eleven, and during her Guiding career had been a Guide Lieutenant, Captain, District Commissioner, Skipper of S.R.S. *Appollo* and Camp Adviser. It was largely at her instigation that the Welsh Adventure Camps were started and until a few days before her death, she was discussing details for the Welsh Adventure Camp to be held at Builth Wells in August. A talented singer and gifted camp-fire leader, Miss Atkins will be greatly missed in these circles as she will throughout the county and Wales where her enthusiasm brought many people into the Movement.

Mrs. Rita Sparks had completed nearly thirty years as a warranted Guider, starting as a Lieutenant in the 2nd

Caerphilly Company in 1939 and then becoming Captain. She was a District Commissioner and from 1963 to 1965, when she resigned through ill health, Division Commissioner of Rhymney Valley. She was also Captain of the Caerphilly Land Rangers and was responsible for the building of the Guide Hut in Caerphilly.

Mrs. Sparks never spared herself in the cause of Guiding and her willingness to help everyone in the movement contributed much to the success of Guiding in the Division.

The work that both these Guiders have done in Cardiff and East Glamorgan will long be remembered and appreciated.  
M.F.

### Princesses and Pirates (continued from page 266)

to be reckoned with and the length of time which can be spared for this work. I found that 'little and often' was better than devoting say one meeting a month just for drama.

From thinking 'this is not for me', I became absorbed in every session and the joy and fun I had with the children was unlimited and the value to the children is inestimable. As Michael, a polio case, once said: 'It don't half make me feel good when I am that pirate chief.'

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### PEN FRIENDS

THE POSTBOX exists to find penfriends for Guides, and many Guides and even Guiders do not seem to know about it. It would be helpful if Guiders would tell their Guides about the main details required: 1. Name and address (block letters). 2. Age, date and year of birth. 3. Choice of countries (if a Guide is under 13 it is wiser for her to apply for a penfriend from an English speaking country). 4. Interests apart from Guiding. Please encourage Guides to try to write for at least two years and ask them to enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Guiders might sometimes like to suggest interesting ideas for letters—not only what a Postbox Secretary calls the two Bs (Beatles and boy-friends!) Of course many letters are interesting and the penfriendships last, for instance I know of someone who was given a penfriend in the States over fifty years ago and still writes.

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# Our Adventure Camp in the French Alps

by Joyce Sewell

**G**UIDERS WHO read about the Adventure Camp in the Austrian Alps, led by Countess Gravina in July 1965, and who thought to themselves that such a venture was not for ordinary mortals, might be interested to hear about the fortnight that a small group of Senior Branch members from Kent West enjoyed last summer.

I was fortunate enough to have been able to go with Mrs. Dunsheath's training group in August, 1964, to the French Savoie region, and, having had such a wonderful time myself, was convinced that a Senior Branch group would make an ideal party for a similar expedition.

After months of planning, a small group of five Senior Branch members and two Guiders set off from Victoria. We travelled in mufti, in trousers, anoraks and boots, as this seemed to be the most sensible clothing for the sea trip, an overnight train journey and a ride in a mountain bus which would end at a camp-site in the lower mountains. Each person carried a rucksack with an intended weight of 20 lbs. and either a tent or a piece of camp equipment. Being a small party we only took four tents, one lat cubicle, a folding spade and three spare kitbags (the purpose of these will be seen later).

All went well until we reached La Clusaz in the French Savoie, which was the end of our journey by public transport, for here the taxi which had been booked failed to arrive. We proved straight away the need for someone in the party to speak French as we had to find an alternative way of travelling the last few miles. Eventually we found a cousin of the original taxi driver who had a large car with a roof

rack, so we all piled into this and arrived at our camp-site at Le Plan in style.

We stayed at Le Plan for two days during which we went on expeditions to get our muscles used to walking up—and up—and up. We were able to cook on an open fire and had arranged our menu so that we had a picnic lunch and then cooked when we came back in the evening. The one tiny shop was able to supply us with practically all we needed, and we bought milk and eggs from a nearby farmer.

After two days we divided into three groups and then packed all our surplus equipment, including tents, screening and spare billy-cans into the kit-bags which we had brought with us. These were taken by public transport to Chamonix to await collection when we had walked across the hills and valleys between. We were carrying as little as possible, but even so it added up to about 20lbs. each as we had to take our bedding and also food for 24 hours. We intended to bivouac in suitable places so we took no tents with us. During this 'walk-over' we cooked on the little solid fuel 'Profol Cooker' (3s. 6d. complete with 20 tablets of fuel). We had two stoves and two billy-cans to each group and had arranged our menus accordingly. Each person was given 5s. per day for food and within that limit the menus were quite varied. The route took us through a hamlet or village each day so that we were able to buy provisions for the next 24 hours as we went through. French bread fits conveniently across the top of a rucksack and pâté comes in a variety of flavours, so a party

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Welcome refreshment during the 'walk over' from Le Plan to Chamonix

of oddly shaped walkers could often be seen toiling up a hill in the South of France.

We bivouacked the first night at the top of a col with a glorious view across Mont Blanc in front of us, but on this night and also on the next two nights the weather was unsettled and we had to find dry shelter. The farmers were very helpful and gave us permission to camp in their fields or to shelter in their hay lofts or sheds without any hesitation at all.

After we had collected our kit from Chamonix, we made our second base camp near the foot of Le Tour Glacier. Here the scenery was unbelievably beautiful with the tongues of glaciers coming right down into the valley and the view looking down towards Mont Blanc indescribable.

For the first few days we made daily expeditions, including one up to the Lac Blanc by cable car and chair lift, and another over the Col de Balme into Switzerland. Again we found how necessary it is to speak the language as one of the Rangers had to visit the dentist in Chamonix where she had a tooth extracted. (This cost £10 so we were very thankful for the H.Q. Insurance cover).

The climax of the fortnight came on Sunday when, after the service at a tiny Chapel, we walked and scrambled up to a mountain hut beside the Aiguille du Tour. We arrived at the hut in a blinding snow-storm, clutching our ice-axes and thinking to ourselves what a silly way this was to spend a summer holiday. After a short night spent in bunks we woke at 4.30 a.m. to hear the Alpine guide saying that it was still snowing and we couldn't do the climb. We dozed off again and were abruptly woken at 6.30 a.m. by the guide saying that it had stopped snowing and that we would be setting off at 7.30.

After a frantic rush, with 40 centimetres of new snow everywhere, we were roped up in groups of three and four behind our guides and plodded across and up the glacier, skirting crevasses and panting in the thinner air until we reached the foot of the peak that we were to climb. I'm sure that our guide had the

longest legs of all the guides in the area but after three hours, with almost bursting lungs and frozen toes, we all arrived. The last lap was an easy rock climb of about 100 feet and then we were all on top of our mountain looking across into Switzerland and Italy over the tops of the clouds nestling in the valleys. A wonderful feeling, but we were only allowed to stop for a quarter of an hour and then we were rushed back down again across the snow before the sun got too high and brought with it the danger of avalanches and softening snow. The sun was very hot and we had to wear our dark glasses to minimise the glare from the snow.

Then back to the hut, back to the camp-site, and into the local inn for our last supper before returning to England.

This account cannot hope to give you more than a brief idea of all that we did or of the value of such a camp for Senior Branch members. It is not as difficult to organize as it sounds, but I would emphasize that

those who go on such a holiday must be experienced campers and be accustomed to walking. Walking boots are also a necessity as much of the ground is stony and difficult.

Everybody whom I contacted was most helpful and interested in the project and we hope next year to organize a similar fortnight in Austria. For those who are interested, we charged £26 per person. This included food, fares and the one excursion by cable car. Being a small group we did not travel at party rates and this added 50s. to the fare. Each person paid an extra £4 for the guide and the hire of an ice-axe. Incidental expenses were few as we were not often near any shops but the cost of drinks was high. It was easy to buy powdered milk and potato for the walk-over but dried vegetables were not known so it is worth taking a supply of these.

I do not claim to be an expert, but if I can help anyone who is thinking of taking a party to the French Alps, please contact me and I will pass on any information which might be of use.



Beside the Glacier du Tour after climbing the Aiguille, 11,500 ft.





# Cicely Coleridge

1905 - 1966

I FIRST met Cicely many years ago when, for us, the world was new and life stretched endlessly before us. Now she is laid to rest, all too soon, leaving us, her

friends and colleagues, to mourn the passing of a most beloved person.

She was, in those far-off days, a Lieutenant in the 2nd Harrow Road Ranger Company, of which my mother, Mrs. Mark Kerr, was Captain. Mrs. Kerr had a talent for collecting gifted young women around her, many of whom later became distinguished leaders in the Movement, and Cicely Stewart-Smith was no exception. She followed her Captain's footsteps to become County Commissioner for London North-West, Chairman of the Ranger Committee and a member of the Executive, among other appointments.

'How amused your mother would be,' she said to me once 'if she could see us occupying our uneasy thrones!' (I was at the time Chairman of the Publications Committee and involved in bringing out her *Notes for Ranger Guiders*.) It amused her, too, that we did much of our business in the paddock at Epsom or Sandown, for, like her husband, she was a racing enthusiast.

In common with almost everyone who has made her mark in Guiding, Cicely was blessed with a splendid sense of humour. Her description of herself as a 'Cadet', aged nine, in a mixed Pack of boys and girls during the First World War is pure joy; so, too, is the glimpse we got of her as a Guide in an enormous hat lined with newspaper following a 'smelling trail' of onion or aniseed through Kensington Gardens, hotly pursued by small boys or eager dogs, and being asked by a puzzled old lady whether they were preparing for a poison gas attack.\*

These exploits led on to her becoming in succession a Tawny Owl, Guide Captain, Ranger Lieutenant and Blue Cord Diploma'd Trainer, in which latter capacity she was sent to India, little dreaming that this assignment would lead to her making her home in Bombay for some of the happiest years of her life.

'Expect the unexpected' is a maxim well known to everyone involved in the organization of a nation-wide camp. For Cicely the 'unexpected' came in the

middle of an All-India camp when Guy Coleridge, at that time in business in Bombay, proposed to her. In the circumstances he must have realized that he was marrying into the Movement, at any rate throughout her life he supported her in all her Guide activities, both in India, where she became District Commissioner and ran a very successful Guide Company embracing a happy mixture of races and religions, and later in Surrey and London.

During her time as Chairman of the Ranger Committee (1954-59) there was one gathering that gave Cicely particular pleasure—a reunion, thirty years on, of 'old Harrow Roads.' 'Some people have been asking,' she said as she looked around the lively party of 'grannies,' 'if there is any use in Rangering. Well, this is it!' She would have been touched if she had heard one of her old Rangers say to me only a few days ago 'It was in Guiding that I learnt that there are more important things than money and "getting ahead"—things like honesty and a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.'

Cicely retired from so-called active Guiding in 1963, but needless to say she continued to serve the Movement to which she gave so much over so many years, work which was recognized by the award of the Silver Fish in 1959. She was appointed to the Grants Committee in 1965 but her main interest latterly was engaged in collecting material and setting up the little exhibition concerned with the history of Guiding in the library of Commonwealth Headquarters.

The last sixteen months of her life brought bitter grief to her family and countless friends, though Cicely herself bore her suffering with unbelievable courage and cheerfulness. Only occasionally one would catch her off-guard for a moment and realize she was in constant pain.

Her memorial service on 5th July at Christ Church, Down Street, where she was a regular worshipper, bore witness to the love she inspired in so many people of different generations, for however distinguished the appointments she held she never joined the ranks of 'they' but always remained one of 'us', being constantly in touch with her Guides and Guiders, sympathising with their difficulties, understanding their aspirations and knowing what they wanted from Guiding. So we came to pay her a last tribute, not because she was a member of the Council of the Girl Guides Association, but because she was our friend—a friend whose gay companionship will remain for all of us for always a dear and happy memory.

To her husband, her children and grandchildren we say 'We mourn with you, for your loss is also ours.'

ALIX LIDDELL

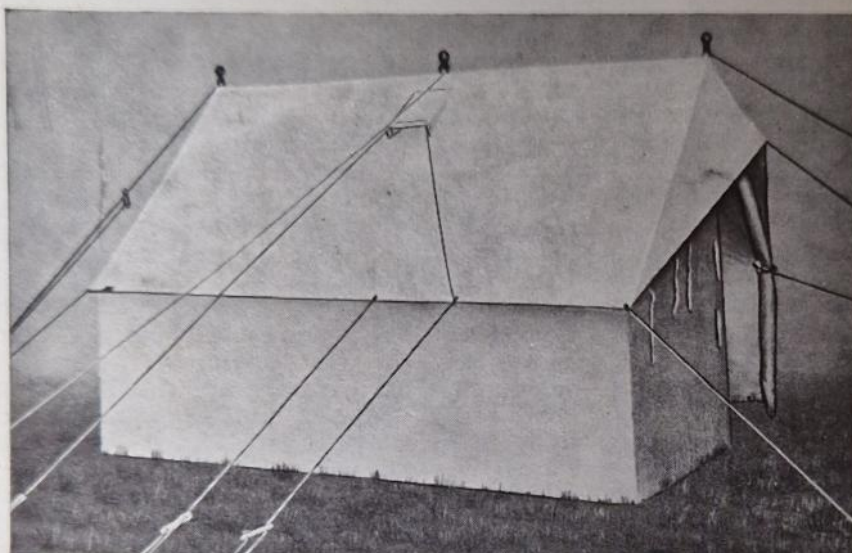
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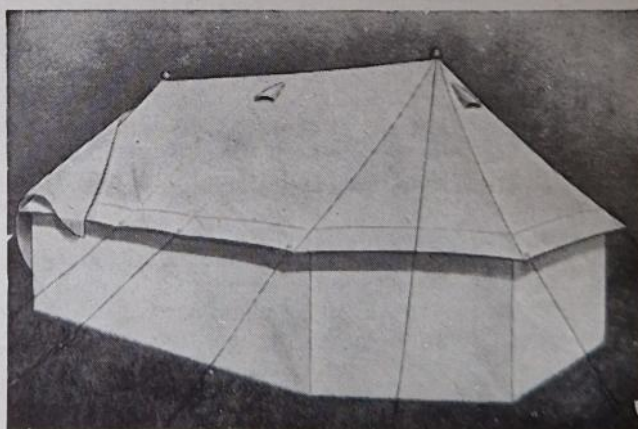
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