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Seated left to right: Mr. P. C. Barnett, Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Charles U. Culmer, Lady Juliett Smith, Mrs. Derek Parker Bowles, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell

photo: Sport and General

The President's Address

I am so pleased to be with you again this year, and to welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting. I am particularly glad to have the Chief Guide with us today.

The last year has been a busy and interesting one for the members of the Movement and of course, everyone has been looking forward to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Last June I spent a very happy afternoon at Foxlease during the Commonwealth Commissioners' Conference. It is on these occasions that it is brought home most forcibly that ours is a truly International family, and it was fascinating to hear about the problems and achievements of members of the Movement in many different parts of the world.

Now, of course, the Jubilee celebrations are getting under way, and many exciting events are planned for the next few months. I am looking forward to attending among other things the Westminster Abbey Service, Camps in England and Scotland, an Eisteddfod, and of course the Wembley Spectacle.

These will all be special occasions. Just as important are the efforts being made to mark the anniversary by each Company and Pack and by individual Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

The Three Cheers Challenge will help to spread our celebrations into every corner of the country. The best way of marking Jubilee Year will be to find that at the end of it there are thousands of people whose lives have been made happier and surroundings more beautiful as a result of the Challenge. This will happen if every member of the Movement makes an extra effort to put the Three Cheers Challenge into practice, and I shall be interested to hear about their most original and effective ideas.

I would like to wish you all every happiness and success in the coming year.

The Annual Report by The Chief Commissioner

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ONCE AGAIN I will try to give a much shortened version of my Report which I submit for adoption today and, at the same time, I want to add one or two items which are not included in the Report.

I would like to start by thanking you, Ma'am, for taking your usual great interest in our affairs during the past year. Your help and your advice have been extremely valuable as we have advanced into Jubilee Year, and I would like to thank you on behalf of us all.

As always, we are delighted to have our Chief Guide with us today. During the past 12 months she has visited many countries and, as usual, has brought inspiration to all those with whom she came into contact.

As to our numbers. Our overall Membership has increased again—this time by 26,684 to a total of 721,191. One pleasing aspect of this is the increase in the Ranger Units of over 500 and individual membership of this Section by more than 5,000, and I am glad to say that there has been a significant rise in the 16/17 age groups.

So it looks as though there are still plenty of people who believe in us.

During the year, Guides from every county in Wales attended that historical event—the Investiture of the Prince of Wales.

In June, the Commonwealth Conference took place at Foxlease and we welcomed delegates from 36 countries. Many of these went on to the 20th World Conference in Finland and I was privileged to lead a delegation of seven, representing the United Kingdom.

We had a considerable number of invitations to official gatherings abroad.

Our Trainers have been working in Botswana, Ghana, Guyana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius and Swaziland.

Two handicapped girls attended an International Camp in Holland and joined in all the activities and made many friends. I am glad to say that the handicapped are becoming more and more integrated into the Association, rather than being a group apart.

An interesting point in the Report shows that the number of campers during the year has risen by 9,000.

We have just produced a new documentary film on Guiding, as well as a colour film-strip.

After 50 years of publication, we decided that THE GUIDE, a weekly magazine for that age group, should be succeeded by a new type paper to be called TODAY'S GUIDE, which seems to have caught on well.

As you will see in the Report, the practical application of 'SERVICE TO OTHERS' has been expressed in a wide variety of ways.

In the field of educational development, we have continued to take our share. The Association has studied the recommendations contained in the Government Report: 'Youth and Community Work in the '70s' and worked closely with other youth organisations through the Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations, in order to submit constructive comments to the Department of Education and Science. We feel it is essential to keep abreast with the modern techniques of the youth service. BUT, at the same time, the importance of keeping the simplicity of the Movement which has appealed to millions for 60 years, is fully realised.

The Treasurer will shortly be talking to you about the accounts, so I am not going to mention this subject, except to tell you that the Executive Committee has very regretfully agreed that, in 1971, the membership subscription will be increased, but the actual amount is still under consideration. This increase is due to ever-rising costs, and it is thanks to our financial advisers that we have been able to keep the present figure of 3s. 0d. for Brownies and 4s. 6d. for Guides, stationary since 1963.

We thought it right to consider how best to make ourselves as efficient as possible, and a well known firm of Management Consultants has been going into every detail of our Organisation. One of the most far reaching of their recommendations, which has now been accepted, is the Regionalisation of England.

In the view of the Consultants, the size of England makes it unsuitable for direct administration so, from the 1st of January, 1971 there will be no Chief Commissioner for England and no English Office but, instead, there will be six Regional Chief Commissioners who will be members of the Executive Committee, and will each have their own Headquarters and staff. These Regional Chief Commissioners will have the same status as the Chief Commissioners for Scotland, Wales and Ulster. Although Miss Cozens-Hardy will be with us until the end of the year, this will be her last Annual Meeting as Chief Commissioner for England, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking her most tremendously for all she has done for England in the last ten years.

When it comes to saying 'Thank You' I find myself facing a near-impossible task. There are my Deputies; the Vice-Chairman of the Executive; The Chief Commissioners of the Countries; our Treasurer; all the Advisers; the General Secretary and her Deputy; and all the Staff at C.H.Q. In addition, there is a vast number of friends who support us most steadfastly.

So, please allow me to say one big 'Thank You' to everyone. I think you *must* realise just how much you are all appreciated. My own task would be impossible without the loyal help which has been given so generously. I realise how lucky I am with my friends.

I have great pleasure in presenting for adoption the Annual Report.

The movement for adoption was seconded by Miss BETTY STRUTT.

(Council Elections—overleaf)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1969

Annual Report for 1969 available from C.H.Q. and branch shops or through the Mail Order Department, price 1s.

During Diamond Jubilee Year, Commissioners and Guiders are meeting many new friends and contacts outside the Movement—experts who have been drawn in to help advise over a pageant, a window display or carnival float, contacts made at special Diamond Jubilee Celebration receptions and parties. Don't miss this opportunity to follow up your contacts by sending them a copy of the new Annual Report so that they can see for themselves the vast extent of Guiding and its activities. Order your copies straight away while stocks last.

Guides' Pageant

There is no less inhibiting a way of really singing out than when standing in front of a Salvation Army band as I found out on Saturday, 18th April. The band behind me were the Birmingham Citadel Senior Band and we were at the Salvation Army Guides Diamond Jubilee Pageant in Birmingham. Guides, and some Scouts, had come from Ireland, Wales and many other parts of England to present their part of the pageant. Major Elsie Pull, the National Salvation Army Guide Organiser explained that they had planned this pageant early in the year for, of course, many of the Guides taking part would be involved with County Jubilee events during the summer. The Guides welcomed to her first Guide event the World President for Salvation Army Guides, Mrs. Commissioner Arnold Brown who has been appointed only recently. The Pageant started with a colour Parade with the colour parties marching to the strong music of the band. We saw those steadfast Crystal Palace Girl Scouts confronting 'B.-P.', then on to the service in our Movement and our skills and eight point programme were portrayed. Next we were reminded that the Salvation Army was not always affiliated to the Guide Movement but as Life-Saving Guards and Sunbeams appeared in grey. A Birmingham Extension Company and Pack after displaying some of their achievements and fun in Guiding, invited us to join them in singing 'If you're Happy'. We were encouraged to cheer on two Ranger/Venture teams from Margate and Thornton Heath racing to erect a tall flagpole and breaking the flag. Finally thanks were expressed by the National Scout Organiser Major Leslie Baker. When it was done and finished some Guides received local hospitality and 200 spent the night in the Central Hall. If the citizens of Birmingham thought that the Salvation Army were especially active the following Sunday, they were right!

PATIENCE BADEN-POWELL

(See photograph on page 239)

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A.G.M. 1970 ELECTIONS

Vice-Presidents

The following were elected as Vice-Presidents of the Association:

Enid, The Lady Burnham. C.B.E.
Miss I. H. Kay. O.B.E.

Elections to the Executive Committee

As agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 25th February, 1970, the vacancies caused by the retirement of four members under Bye-Law 33 were not filled owing to pending changes in the Bye-Laws.

Elections to the Council

Mrs. W. J. Bryden
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Mrs. G. Wills
Miss P. Wood Hill

Telegram to Her Majesty The Queen

The following is the telegram sent to Her Majesty The Queen on her birthday, and the reply from the Private Secretary:

'On the occasion of Your Majesty's birthday, it is my privilege to send the best wishes of all the Members of the Girl Guides Association, and to express to Your Majesty our loyalty and deep affection.'

'The Queen sincerely thanks you and all the Members of the Girl Guides Association for your kind message of congratulations on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday.'



Let's Go Buy a Kite

by Pamela M. Hudson

HAVE YOU ever stood in the D.I.Y. shop and tried to match a colour—stone, broken white, off white, magnolia, light cream, all so much alike but which one exactly do you want? If only THEY would simplify the system of colour naming. **But they have.**

Have you ever got ready for a special dinner date with the man in your life? A luxurious bath, new tights, fresh undies, into your best dress—whizz . . . ough the zip breaks as you pull it. If only THEY would experiment and produce a zip that could be relied upon. **But they have.**

Have you ever moved into a new house? All the furniture has been moved in without a single broken item. The gas men arrive to fix the cooker. Hurrah, now for a well earned cuppa—but no, 'Sorry lady, the connections of the pipe in the house doesn't fit your cooker, looks like you'll have to get a new one.' If only THEY would try to standardise kitchen fittings so that this doesn't happen. **But they have.**

So who are these wonderful THEY? A mixture of Solomon, the Greek Gods and M.I.5? Well, no, nothing quite as exalted but a body which you've no doubt heard of, although possibly rather vaguely. It's called British Standards Institution. This is Britain's national standard-making body working in conjunction with every major industry in the country, very many commercial firms and Government Departments. It aims to provide a standard in many ways which will benefit the consumer.

British Standards are of five main types:

1. **Dimensional Standards.** This is aimed to make things (including your gas cooker) fit. Nuts must fit bolts, mower blades fit mowers and plugs fit sockets. It ensures that spare parts made in Bristol will fit a machine made in Glasgow.
2. **Performance Standards.** This means that an article made to standard will be fit for the job. A crash helmet will withstand a certain breaking point, a life jacket will have a dependable buoyancy performance. This type of standard applies to many household appliances, to oil heaters, industrial protective clothing and many other things.
3. **Standard Test Methods.** This is a means of standardising all tests performed in industries so that every firm has the same test for analysing foodstuff colouring, fibre thickness, metal fatigue etc. This means that the degree of shrink resistance, crease resistance, colour fastness etc. of a fabric can be measured and one sample compared with another.
4. **Terms and Symbols.** Lewis Carroll's dictum 'When I use a word it means just what I want it to mean' has no place within the walls of B.S.I., where technical terms must have the same consistent meaning for all the interests represented. This standard aims to compile a glossary of technical words and symbols

for subjects ranging from aeronautical machinery to work study. By international agreement many of these symbols are also acceptable in Europe and America which are major sources of export from this country.

5. **Codes of Practice.** Even the best and most up-to-date equipment must be properly installed and maintained if it is to function efficiently and a number of British Standards take the form of codes of practice ensuring that equipment is correctly fitted, that day-light provisions are observed, that the installation of apparatus such as lifts is satisfactory and that abatement of radio interference is taken into account.

So—why should I be interested in all this? For two main reasons. One is that we are privileged to have a member of the Movement serving on one of the committees of the B.S.I. In 1951 it was felt that one of the people most affected by British Standards was the person in the family who is most responsible for buying goods for the family and the home—the woman. So the Women's Advisory Committee was formed, today representing 30 women's organisations and thereby being the mouthpiece of more than three million women. Last year it was decided that the younger woman was not adequately represented and so the Girl Guides Association was asked to appoint someone, to sit on the W.A.C., who has close contacts with the younger woman, particularly the Ranger age group. At present we are represented by a young District Commissioner from South East London who, through her District, work in school, and her own family, is fairly able to put forward the views of this age group.

Secondly, we are all affected because with prices of goods so high we do not want to waste our money by buying inferior stuff, so look out for articles marked with the B.S. number. This means that they have been made in compliance with the relevant standard for that article. Goods marked with the Kitemark (the B.S.I. registered certification mark) offer an independent assurance that the goods really are up to standard in material and manufacture, and purchase of these will save you time, money and temper. For electrical equipment there is a special 'electrical Kite'—the safety mark of the British Electrical Approvals Board.

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Look For The Kitemark



illustrated by Jennetta Vise

After we had explained about the Diamond Jubilee uniform badge, one of our Brownies told her mother that for 6d. she could purchase 'a Jumbly Badge'! Perhaps such an emblem could be awarded after a successful jumble sale?

VIVIAN G. KEMP, Assistant Brownie Guider,
1st Butts Ash Pack, Hythe, Southampton.

Come and Sing

Would you like to sing in the choir for the Jubilee Act of Worship at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on Sunday, 6th September at 11.30 a.m.? We need 150-200 uniformed members of the Movement, aged between 15 and 25.

Rehearsals will be held on:

Wednesday, 8th July and Monday, 20th July, from 7-9 p.m. at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, and on:

Saturday, 5th September at 10.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m. at the Empire Pool.

Uniform need not be worn to the July rehearsals.

If you are interested please send your name to Miss Newman, c/o Diamond Jubilee Office, C.H.Q. Please regard all names as accepted unless you receive notification to the contrary.

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The proceeds from the day will go towards the furnishings and fittings of the buildings known as Bridges which are to be converted and used as:

1. additional accommodation for the main house
2. a self-contained annexe
3. an outdoor pursuits centre
4. an annexe for use by the handicapped
5. a Brownie Pack Holiday House.

The cost of actual building required is covered by generous grants.

Please help by coming or by giving items to stock the various stalls organised by Counties, Divisions etc. An appeal will also appear in TODAY'S GUIDE as it is felt that some Patrols or Units may like to raise a sum of money for a specific item e.g. a bowl, a bucket, a dish or a ladle—their goal a blanket, a 'Swish' or a table.

Won't You Join the Dance?

Dance/Drama—Waddow 26th-28th June

Why not come and enjoy a summer weekend at Waddow learning a new activity to put into practice in your Unit, Company or Pack when the autumn comes and you are looking for new ideas for next season's programmes? All those who know absolutely nothing of this fascinating subject, as well as those who have already had some experience, are welcome at this training. This is also a special opportunity for Ranger Helpers of 17 years and over.

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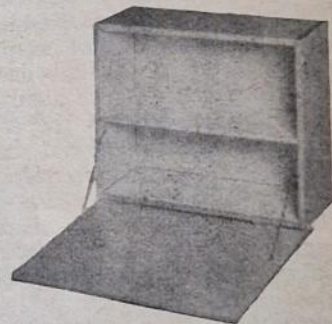
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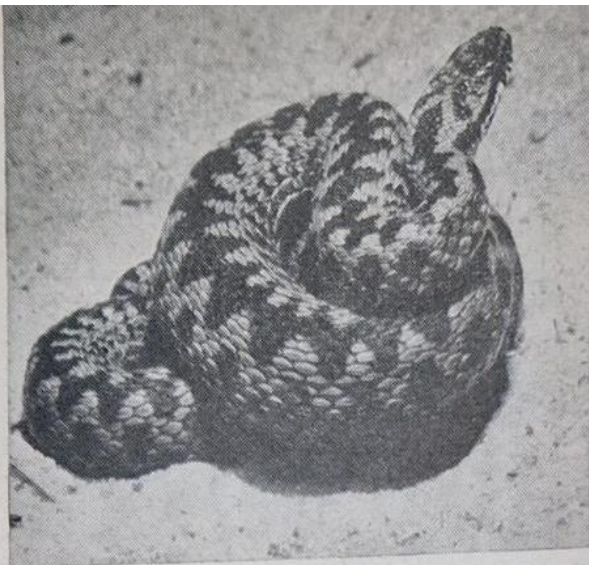
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Male adder in a typical threatening attitude, with the forepart of the body drawn up into a close S-shaped loop in readiness to strike

Adders and Adder-bite

Written and photographed by
Leonard G. Appleby

ALTHOUGH found throughout Britain the adder is local in its distribution, and is often absent from areas which appear ideally suited to its requirements, while sometimes being abundant in seemingly less favourable situations. Favourite haunts of the adder include sandy heaths, commons, open woodland, disused quarries and railway cuttings. While showing a preference for predominantly dry localities, it is not unusual to find the adder on heathlands which are distinctly marshy. I, myself, know of one such place in Surrey where adders are quite numerous. The reptiles confine themselves mainly to the small islands of dry ground, where heather and grass grow intermingled, which exist among the expanse of marshy ground. But these dry patches are so small that the adders must frequently traverse the wet, mainly heather covered, areas to get from one dry spot to another, particularly in the mating season when the males are searching for females. On one occasion I found an adder basking on a tussock of grass that was completely surrounded by water some four inches deep. That the adder is not averse to entering water I have discovered from the behaviour of captive adders, which will sometimes enter water and swim about beneath the surface.

Whereas the distinctive markings of the adder vary only slightly in different specimens, there is considerable variation in the colours of adders, even among those found in one locality. Male adders are usually pale grey, or greyish-white, with jet black markings. Females exhibit more variety and may be brown, olive-brown, golden brown, reddish-brown, and even brick red in colour.

Black adders are sometimes found, but these are fairly rare. Regardless of colour all adders found in this country are of the same species, and known as *Vipera berus*.

The adder is more easily observed in the early spring when there is less vegetation to conceal it. It is also more likely to be taken unawares at that time due to the low air temperatures which make it less alert than it would be later in the year when the sun has more power, and temperatures are generally higher. Being cold-blooded, like all snakes, the adder

relies on the sun's heat to give it the necessary energy to perform its normal functions, and the higher the temperature the more active it becomes. The amount of warmth it obtains from the spring sunshine is often, however, insufficient to arouse it to any degree of activity, and being somewhat sluggish it is more likely to be trodden upon by the unwary Rambler. Even if it should escape this indignity there is the possibility that the Rambler on seeing it lying in the sun, may attempt its capture, not knowing perhaps that the snake is poisonous.

But it is not only in the spring that adder-bites occur. Late July and August, when the females are heavy with young, can also be a danger time. Weighted down by her burden of young ones the female adder is at that time often slow in getting under cover when intruders approach. Usually the pregnant females seek the more secluded places in which to do their sun basking, but where adders are numerous this is not always the case.

Most adder-bites are received either on the hand or the ankle, but more frequently the former. Bites to the ankle invariably result from stepping on or

This adder is seen yawning after having used its poison fangs to defend itself. The fangs sometimes fail to fold correctly within the mouth after use so the adder makes a second attempt at folding after first opening the jaws very wide



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near an adder as it lies basking, or concealed beneath grass or heather. A bite on the hand is more usually the consequence of attempting to capture the reptile, although there have been many cases recorded where people have been bitten on the hand by the adder while gathering wild flowers. Others have been bitten on the hand while scrambling on all fours up sloping banks.

Children seem to fall victim to the adder more frequently than do adults, and this is probably due to the fact that children are less cautious of snakes than adults, and will often attempt the capture of any small creature without stopping to consider whether or not it might be dangerous to do so.

Although adder venom is highly toxic the amount injected by the adder with a single bite is so minute that it rarely causes death in humans. Despite the fact that many people are bitten by the adder each year, only nine cases of death resulting from adder-bite have been recorded over the past 75 years.

The adder injects its poison by means of two fangs at the front of the upper jaw. The fangs are partially hollow, elongated teeth, which are connected at their base to the venom-producing glands. When not in use the fangs are folded back along the roof of the mouth. The adder delivers its poisonous bite by lunging forward with its jaws opened very wide, and the twin poison fangs directed towards its intended victim. With a speed that is difficult for the eye to follow the fangs are stabbed into the victim and as quickly withdrawn, the adder immediately recoiling the forepart of its body into an S-shaped loop in readiness for a second strike, or bite.

Although, as has already been stated, adder-bite is not normally fatal to humans, the resulting symptoms can be unpleasant, and it is advisable that the adder-bite victim seeks medical aid without delay. First-aid treatment should not be attempted except by those medically qualified, or by someone with experience in treating snake-bite. On no account should alcohol be given to the snake-bite victim as this will only assist in spreading circulation of the venom throughout the body. Strong tea or coffee may, however, prove beneficial in counteracting shock.

Adder Identification

The inverted V-shaped marking on the back of the head and the bold zig-zag pattern along the back make the adder readily distinguishable from our two harmless snakes, the grass snake and the smooth snake.

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MANY Guiders, especially Ranger Guiders will have found that often the members of their Unit have to leave to go to college in another area. Some of these girls will have been put in touch with Ranger Units in their new area but others may find that with the new pressures of their studies they find it almost impossible to take as active a part in Unit activities as they would wish. Most universities have Student Scout and Guide Clubs and the following article, written by the present editor of *Kudu Notes*, the newsletter of Student Scout and Guide Clubs, is intended to inform Guiders and Rangers alike of the aims and structure of these clubs.

A list of Clubs and Secretaries will appear in the July RANGER.

UNIVERSITY SCOUT AND GUIDE CLUBS

by Tony Hale

SCOUT and Guide Clubs exist in 70 Universities and Colleges in Britain. They are open to all members of the student body. They are formed and run by Guides and Scouts who want to continue the link with the Movement and to meet other students, whether or not they have been in the Movement before. Each club is run by its members (i.e. by a committee formed every year) and is properly constituted with the college or university and recognised by both Associations' Headquarters. Members of the club are automatically associate members of the Movement. This means that they are not expected to make the Promise, unless they wish to. Uniform is not usually worn, though many clubs have their own scarves, worn by both males and females.

Scout and Guide Clubs were founded after the Second World War by members of the University Rover Crews who wanted to widen the membership and interests in Scouting in Universities and also to meet members of the fairer sex. For many years there was both a Scout and Guide Club and Rover Crew at the same University.

Unlike the Rover Crew which based their programme on practical training, the Scout and Guide Club aimed to provide a social framework for friends to meet and maintain interest in Guiding and Scouting. It was hoped that through their programme they could give something back to the Movement in the way of Service and create a wider understanding of, and sympathy with, the Movement, especially among fellow students, by their example.

The organisation and activities of the club will depend on its environment and circumstances and its programme will depend on the size and 'character' of the club and in the interests of the members. An article in the February *Scouter* described the activities of the Imperial College Scout and Guide Club, London. In general, club activities might be classed as: social, interest and service, each able to take

place at lunchtime, in the form of an evening meeting, an afternoon or day activity, or a weekend.

The purely social activities are provided for members to meet and socialise in friendly surroundings. They can be as simple as a lunchtime natter or a coffee evening; or demand more thought, such as musical/literary evenings; or more organisation, such as bowling, country dancing, hikes, camps and 'Inter Club Rallies'. In order to widen interest in as many fields as possible (both in Guiding and Scouting and in other fields altogether) meetings are arranged such as talks by local and H.Q. Personnel, demonstrations and instruction evenings ranging from mountain rescue to the art of judo, plus visits to places of interest such as factories, theatres, etc.

More thought has to be given to how clubs can offer their services to the Movement and to society in general. Clubs are ideally made to organise singular events since they do not have time to attend regular meetings, but have time and members to arrange one- or two-day activities. Club service can be organised for the Movement as 'one-off' meetings for local Guides and Scouts or by providing a service team with specialist instructors. Service weekends on local camp sites and activity centres have been popular. Looking wider, clubs have tackled projects for the Forestry Commission, Cheshire Homes, Handicapped Scouts, Children's outing and general social service.

Mention has been made of Inter Club Rallies. These are held three times a year; two are held over a midterm weekend usually in a school and the other is a week's camp in the summer. They are organised and run by different clubs each time and are attended by clubs from all over the country. Every club is a member of S.S.A.G.O. (Student Scout and Guide Organisation), whose purpose is to ensure the continuation of rallies and deals with inter-club business and communication with H.Q. and the Scout and Guide Graduate Association. 'Witans' are international student Scout and Guide Camps attended by student Scout and Guide Clubs from all over Western Europe.

It leaves me only to say in the words of another Club member who was not a Scout before: 'The friendliness and enthusiasm of the members and the club's unique atmosphere made me feel immediately part of the club and the enthusiasm was such that I have now taken out a Leader Permit with a local troop.' This experience is the same for many club members and provides a continuation of Scouting and Guiding through college or university, till the day they leave when they can take up a more active and leading part in the Movement.

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Coming of Age

The Guider raising the query in the March *GUIDER* is not of age to realise what running a Pack Holiday can entail. I certainly don't consider an 18-year-old woman can be mature enough for this.

Being responsible for the welfare of up to 18 children on a Pack Holiday period—from a variety of homes—is a very different matter from being responsible for one's own family.

The Pack Holiday Permit Holder also needs to be sufficiently mature to lead the pack holiday staff ranging in age from the Pack Leader to senior Guiders who may well be middle aged.

An 18-year-old with organising ability could no doubt cope with the organisation of the holiday very well, but the head of the Pack Holiday household and temporary 'mother' of the Children does need to be that bit older.

MILDRED LEESON, Brownie Guider, 10th Peterborough Pack.

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I am the mother of five children, 2 boys being in the Cubs, 3 daughters are a Guide, Ranger and Guider.

I do not consider an eighteen-year-old Guider experienced enough to take Brownies on Pack Holiday and in some cases would not even allow a 21-year old to do so. There is a big difference between running a meeting and taking children away for a week. I have now been on four Pack holidays, two of which I attended to gain experience and on the third I took my permit. During three weeks I worked with eight different 18-year-old Guiders, three of whom were Queen's Guides but if I was asked to recommend any of them to take that permit, there are only two I would consider mature and responsible enough.

The parents of my Brownies want to know who the staff is and what qualifications they hold before even considering allowing the children to go away.

ISOBEL DURANT, Assistant Brownie Guider, 1st East Dereham (St. Nicholas) Pack, Norfolk.

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As a mother and a Brownie Guider, and I work with children, I honestly don't think an 18-year-old can have had sufficient experience to cope with all the situations that can arise from running a Pack, let alone a Pack holiday. As Miss Sharp says 'she may marry, vote or sign a hire purchase agreement', but these are all to do with her personally. When she takes on a Pack, she accepts full responsibility for other people's children. This is quite a different matter.

Please don't think I'm 'an old stick in the mud'. I am delighted to have a young Unit Helper myself, but I still think experience can only come with practice and time. I sincerely hope the Movement won't rush to lower the age at which a Guider may be warranted. Obviously there will be the exceptions, but there always have been.

I would like to add that I wouldn't want my daughter (10) to go on a Pack holiday with an 18-year-old solely in charge, any more than I would want her to go with a really elderly Guider. I know we all hate to think we are 'past it', but sometimes I do think we should give in gracefully.

GERALDINE SIMMANS, Brownie Guider, 1st Huddleton-on-Sea Pack, Sussex.

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If a Guider is a good Guider, she will probably be better at 18 than at 50. She will have so much more in common with the Guides and Brownies, her reflexes will be very much quicker. I think mothers would be just as willing to let their daughters go away with a young competent Guider, as with an older competent Guider.

Last year my young Assistant Guider took her camper's licence, together with two other Guiders from the District. I personally thought she ran a wonderful camp, and I felt she could cope with an emergency very much better than one of the other Guiders, yet until she is 21 she can only take 18 Guides to camp, and the other two can take as many as they like. It just doesn't make sense. A girl at 18 today is very level-headed, certainly has a very much better idea than my generation had of the cost of equipment, food etc.

(MRS.) J. T. HOLMAN, Guide Guider, 2nd Ringwood Company, Hampshire.

We regret that correspondence on this subject is now closed. Thank you for your response to our request for opinions. All correspondence will be taken into consideration before the final decision about warranted Guiders is reached.—EDITOR

Churchgoing

In reply to Miss M. Brenchley's letter in the March issue of *THE GUIDER*, I would say that we should not make hard and fast rules in the Movement with regard to regular church-going, but judge each case individually according to the circumstances of the person concerned, be she Guide or Guider.

I vividly remember the many discussions which took place on this very subject between District Commissioner and my parents, over the award of my Queen's Guide badge eleven years ago. Although I attended a Church of England School, I had not been baptised as my father was an atheist, and my mother had not attended church regularly for over twenty years. Apart from School and Guide services I was therefore in a very difficult position as regards church-going. However, I was awarded my Queen's badge.

I left school, went to college, and became a Cadet during which period I was baptised. I then gained my Lieutenant's warrant, and later my Captain's warrant in a Church Company. I married and moved away to another area where I started a new Guide Company on a large housing estate. At about this time I was confirmed. The Company met in a church hall and rapidly expanded until there were 36-plus Guides. The Priest in charge then asked me to make the Company a closed one, and this I refused to do explaining that I strongly believe that all Companies should accept any girls regardless of whether they are regular church-goers or not, because I believe that Guiding played a large part in helping me to make the decision eventually to become a committed Church member.

I have since moved to another County, and last September returned to Guiding again after the birth of my son, and am now awaiting the renewal of my warrant.

However I am back to my old position of irregular church-going, since a seven-month-old is never predictable! So please, I say again, consider each individual's circumstances before condemning them for non-attendance at church, there may be a reason for it. We can surely all still live by the principles of the Movement.

(MRS.) TONNE F. HAMMOND, Guide Guider,
1st Woodbridge Company, Suffolk.

I would suggest that, although difficult situations arise, there is no real problem, because, when we think in a clear instead of 'woolly' or wishful manner about this, the way is clear. Instructions in 'Duty to God' (1961) 'Religious Policy' and other publications are quite explicit and are stressed in Guiding in 1968 (Appendix 3 of TOMORROW'S GUIDE).

A Guider is, first and foremost, a Guide and cannot possibly encourage children to do their duty to God if she is not fulfilling that most important part of the Promise herself and it is no good talking about worshipping God just as well in a field admiring the beauty of His Creation. We are received into a family and our worship is a family affair. We would all agree that our Promise must mean something positive—not just a vague aspiration. Jesus Himself went into the synagogue as was His habit, on the Sabbath day. Can we do less?

Our Promise and Law are the very great challenge which B.-P. meant them to be. He intended that we should be whole people, leading full lives of good citizenship here, in preparation for fuller lives to come.

As the wife of a parish clergyman I have probably erred through fear of showing a bias, but experience has shown me that nothing is gained and much lost by lowering the standard.

The prospective Guider who is not attached to a religious denomination, but can honestly say that she is searching, could be appointed, if there is a church-going Guider already with the Unit, but she should not be warranted until she has made up her mind to commit herself to the practice of religion,

(MRS.) RUTH METHUEN, District Commissioner for
Windsor, Berks.

What's My Line?

I am writing regarding a problem I have found very embarrassing while at camp. This is the lack of a badge to denote the position one holds in the Movement. It would be less embarrassing and much more polite to know to whom one is speaking, whether a Commissioner, Guide Guider, Brownie Guider, Ranger Guider, Air Ranger etc. It would also help us if we required information or to know that the person to whom we were speaking held a mutual position. Often we talk away about camp and tents etc., only to find we are addressing a Brownie Guider! She of course would be happier talking about Pack Holidays.

Several young Guiders who hold their licence or are taking their test have been taken as Patrol Leaders when in camp uniform of perhaps shorts and shirt. It would also help visitors and parents outside the Movement on first encountering the Guider in Charge if she had a distinctive badge. You may argue that once a licence is gained a green lanyard is worn but I still think a badge like the old Brown Owl, Tawny Owl, Captain and Lieutenant would help relations inside and outside the Movement and save a lot of explaining.

(MISS) ANNE HINDS, Ilford, Essex.

Programme Adviser comments:

I understand Miss Hinds' difficulty but believe that she may still be confusing rank with job—I hope we all meet each other with courtesy and that even when we are not wearing hats it is quickly possible to find

out the particular service that a Guider is doing for the community through Guiding.
Just a point—it is unlikely that we would be wearing insignia in camp isn't it?

Fund Raising for Others

The 2nd Esher (Claremont) Guide Company has just completed a project to help the World Wildlife Fund. This was sparked off by the conservation clause of the Naturalist badge, an appeal from Peter Scott, and the growing publicity being given to the subject culminating in European Conservation Year.

Our aim was to raise £10, which isn't easy when one is at boarding school. The project was started last autumn and the first income came from energetic and enterprising Guides who gathered sweet chestnuts in the school grounds and sold them to their lazier friends. The domestic science kitchens were invaded whenever possible for the making of cakes which were sold at weekends at a good profit.

A stall was run at our open meeting held in November and all sweets, cakes, etc., sold to parents and friends.

Over the Christmas holidays much effort was put into working for pocket money and carol singing.

We have now had the satisfaction of sending a cheque for £12 to Peter Scott which represents a pretty widespread Company effort.

(MRS.) S. M. PHILLIPS, Guide Guider, 2nd Esher
(Claremont) Company, Surrey.

The Last Word!

In most magazines the 'Letters to the Editor' page is a forum for opinions and discussion which can be shared by anyone who wants to write a letter and who is fortunate enough to get it printed. It seems to me that this function is especially important in the Guide movement, where the only provision for expressing opinions, without the usual danger of them being strangled in the ascent through the District, Division and County officials, is in the columns of THE GUIDER. I would therefore question the usefulness of the increasing number of replies and comments to letters which have appeared in recent issues. Over the last couple of months, various opinions about uniform, and the programme in general, have been put forward. In many cases these ideas have been demolished, in what I consider to be a rather subjective, pompous and patronising way, by the anonymous 'untouchables' in the headquarters' ivory tower.

I would be the first person to agree that 90% of the ideas we all have are illogical or impractical or unacceptable, but unless we can express our opinions without fear of being treated like ignorant children, the good ideas that we all have from time to time will be lost for ever. The top strata of the Guide hierarchy are probably in a better position to make policy and encourage change than most of us, but there is not a priority reason why this should always be the case.

Do Guiders think that their ideas deserve unbiased consideration, or are they really content to contribute to a question and answer page?

ANNE M. BURDEN, Northwood, Middlesex.
I think you will find that our correspondence pages are increasingly devoted to an exchange of ideas between our readers, although of course certain points call for comment from the 'ivory tower'. Those who have the opportunity to visit CHQ can vouch for the fact that it is not staffed by anonymous untouchables, and we are most distressed to hear that our footnotes (which are meant only to be helpful) strike you as patronising. Ideas put forward through THE GUIDER, and through the section magazines, are vital to the Movement and have a considerable influence on policy. We shall try to avoid any hint of pomposity in future!—EDITOR

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The Last Word on Courtesy

I sympathise with 'Brownie Guider, N. Staffordshire' (April GUIDER) as I understand how she feels. After many years of Guiding in a County near London I moved to one of the 'far-flung' counties and still feel an outsider after three years. Everyone is friendly and polite, but offers of help are not received with noticeable enthusiasm and even a small suggestion seems to chill the atmosphere!

It is a pity that after 60 years we are still so parochial! We usually try hard to make visitors from other countries feel at home, but the art of using Guiders from other parts of our own country seems to have been a little neglected. One reason could be that some Guiders and Commissioners subconsciously fear that experienced newcomers may be critical. What is forgotten is that the newcomers have the disadvantage of not knowing the local customs and that they are longing to make friends in their new surroundings.

I wish I could suggest a cure for this situation, but human nature being what it is I think the newcomers will just have to exercise patience and wait for the day when they are no longer 'new', even though this may in some cases take 10 years! This is, I realise, not much help to those who have to move around every two years or so. Perhaps they would like a 'Wandering Guiders Club' in which they could air their troubles to each other by letter?

In Guiding we need all the help we can get and it is surely a little foolish to discourage those who move around from continuing to be as active as they are willing and able to be.

I would prefer that the County is not mentioned, as I would not wish to upset anyone here.

T.G. member and ex-Commissioner

One can well understand her comments when reading of the various unfortunate incidents throughout her Guiding experience of the last few years.

I feel however, that such un-Guide-like attitudes can only be put right by being revealed and therefore the Guider should have allowed her name and district to be published. I know that many in North Staffordshire would welcome the opportunity to tell this Guider, as I do now, that she is very much needed and appreciated.

Unfortunately, while not excusing the fact, the pressures and tensions of our busy lives very often make us forget to put our appreciation into words.

I. M. DERRICOTT, District Commissioner, Longton,
North Staffordshire.

When I came to Gloucestershire eighteen months ago, the vicar of Prestbury asked me to help with the Brownie Pack, with a view to opening a Guide Company. The Brownie Guider, whom I assisted, was even less experienced than I, having been a Brownie some twelve years before (I had done some Brownie work during my Cadet training). Together we went to a County training weekend, both feeling shy and lost. But by the end of the weekend I felt very proud of our Movement, for my friend commented on how friendly everyone had been and how quickly we had been made to feel part of the County.

This has been my experience wherever I have been, although I do find that in some areas communication is not as quick and easy as others, and that it needs a little bit of 'feeling around' and being friendly and adaptable oneself.

(Miss) ANN MUNDAY, Guide Guider, 36th Cheltenham
(St. Nicholas') Company, Glos.

EXTRACTS
FROM THE
PRIVATE
DIARY

OF A DIVISION COMMISSIONER

AROVING CAMP, I said, that sounds splendid. Up with the dawn and off with the trek cart, water from the brook, and a sausage on a stick, said James with an enthusiasm he would not have shown had he been invited to take part in such a programme. That's what you think, said Fanny gloomily, but actually 'Roving Campers' is a coach firm, they take you to your camp-site and stay for the whole week so that you needn't walk a step if you don't want to. And they don't want to? I asked. Expedition to Southampton one day, Winchester the next, the Isle of Wight for good measure and a couple of trips to London thrown in, said Fanny. James and I were temporarily stunned. I only found out about it because they asked for accommodation for the driver when booking the site, said Fanny. And they are camping in the forest! I said. It's an insult! They are probably afraid of the ponies, said James, or of getting lost. I read somewhere that picnickers never stray more than 50 yards from the car. But they are Guides, said Fanny, what's their programme like if this is their idea of a camping holiday? We have written to the Commissioner in the hope that we can do something to give those poor children more Guide fun when they come South.

A week later, Fanny called. She looked a little subdued. Where's James, she said, you must both listen to this. She drew a letter from her bag and read:

'It was kind of you to be concerned about the Guides' enjoyment of their visit South but there is no need. They come from a remote part where there is much unemployment, the children really are underprivileged. They and their parents have worked hard to make the venture possible. It will be a fabulous experience for them—Winchester Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Jackanory at the BBC, the Q.E.2 and the Ocean Terminal! They can camp anytime and they do—it's the only holiday they can afford. And after all, they did choose Foxlease as their base!'

Fanny broke into a wail. When, she said, shall I learn not to make up my mind about anything or anybody until I am in possession of all the facts? Well, said James, when you have learned, you'd better teach us too, we seem to need it.

Training

Mainly for Guide Guiders Making the Most of The Summer Holidays

by Elizabeth Pleydell-Bouverie

SOME parents, and quite a number of children of all ages, begin to feel, towards the latter part of the summer holiday, that it is too long! I remember, as a child, calling to my Mother 'What can we do now?' She usually found a solution: she was that kind of mother. Perhaps nowadays we, as Guiders, could do something to help our Guides plan ahead to fill in those spaces when they feel there is nothing left to do! Part of their holiday will, we hope, be most pleasantly filled in camp; some may be spent going away with the family, staying with or entertaining a friend, or 'Going to Gran's'. But there may still be periods into which local activities might be fitted. Do not wait till the last moment, start introducing ideas well ahead, so that Patrols, individuals or even whole Units, can do some planning.

The Handbook is crowded with suggestions, if the Guides would but look. Suggest that everyone reads Chapters 6 and 8, and perhaps jots down things it might be fun to try, either individually or as a Patrol. The Outdoor Cooking Patrol Interest Pennant, and the Explorer one, jump to one's mind; even the Orienteering one if experienced help can be found. One of the difficulties of pennants is that the whole Patrol must be involved, and oh how seldom in the holidays does a day emerge when all are free to come! But some of the clauses in the Explorer Pennant could be carried out on different days, even perhaps by different people or two together, and then the whole collated on the day out. This should entail real discovery of hitherto unexplored places, town or country or a bit of both. The gaining of this pennant might lead on to (or follow after) Guides taking the Explorer Badge. Outdoor cooking can be done in a backyard, on a wood fire or an outdoor gas stove, and might be an opportunity to practise dishes for the Patrol camp.



Are there any budding artists in the Company? A sketching party might be fun, probably not as a Patrol but as a group including any artists from the Unit. Or perhaps the photographers can get together, decide on a subject (horses, views, children etc.), go off in pairs to find good examples, and later combine with the artists to have a show in the Unit or on parents' day.

Holidays may be a good opportunity for studying the ideas in Chapter 14 of the Handbook and planning a service project. This should be a Patrol effort, but the carrying out could be done in twos and threes. This is Jubilee year; might there be time in the holidays to organise some Cheering other people or raising funds to do so? Entertaining some children from a Home, taking it in turns to rid a local beauty spot or picnic place of rubbish, helping to keep the churchyard or war memorial free from weeds, contacting the local Conservation Council with offers to help; these are some ways. Individuals away from home could take some part. There is no reason why the Patrol should not organise something of this kind, provided it has the approval of parents and the Guider.

There is more time for some to learn a new skill, and here the Guider can help by trying to find someone with the desired skill to pass it on to the Patrol or Guide. Might there be someone who would be glad of help in their garden and could give hints on that subject? Or a Nurse from Overseas working in the local hospital who would enjoy an evening in someone's home and would tell of her home life, or even teach a little of her language?

Small brothers or sisters would be delighted if kites could be made for them to fly, or little wooden boats whittled for sailing on the shallow pond in the park.

Here are a few ideas about Wide Games, if your Unit is that way inclined and can muster sufficient numbers to make it fun. The older girls may feel they do not enjoy this sort of activity, but they do often like being the organisers. Various challenges can be devised, some not taking too long to complete.

For my first game some cover is needed, trees and bushes etc. Guides are divided into defenders and attackers, and each group wears a different coloured armband. The defenders make a sort of fort by tying a long rope round four or more trees in a spot well wooded, and they may not stay nearer than about 15 yards to it. The attackers do not know exactly where the

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Making the most of

THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

by

Jane V. Partridge

THE summer holidays for many Rangers mean six weeks of 'time to stand and stare', a time without the usual pressures of school work and commitments. But this long period of leisure can become irksome, and 'There's nothing to do' can become a cry of boredom rather than of relief! There is, however, plenty to do, and if we can help with suggestions as to how the Rangers can make the most of their summer holidays, they will learn to plan and enjoy their leisure, to continue with previous activities, or to try something new.

They may want to go away as a Unit, or in a small group, or as individuals, and there is much to be gained in each of these ways, but if they are going away as Rangers, do make sure that they really have planned thoroughly and carefully, and that someone in the party holds the camping, holiday or boating qualifications which may be necessary. Consult your District Commissioner as soon as you begin to plan, so that she can give her permission and help with any necessary forms and regulations. These are to protect, not restrict, you and your Rangers!

Courses within the Movement

There are special courses within the Movement for adventure activities for Rangers, and these provide excellent instruction as well as the fun of meeting and living with Rangers from all over the country. Rangers this summer will row and sail from *T.S. Foudroyant* in Portsmouth, living as a ship's company with the remarkable combination of independence and interdependence which that entails; at Glenbrook there are courses in hill-walking, caving, canoeing, sub-aqua and many other pursuits, and these provide a chance to learn in safety with qualified instructors in the company of other Rangers. There's to be a gliding course in Derbyshire and an expedition to walk the Pennine Way. It's probably too late to join these courses now, but what about visiting a Gliding Club this summer or holding a series of graded expeditions, walking further and carrying more each time, so that by next summer you all know that with practice you can manage 15 miles with a rucksack? A contact with your Youth Officer may reveal some local day or weekend activities which might whet the Rangers' appetites. Then watch *THE GUIDER* at the beginning of 1971, and book early!

Mainly for Ranger Guiders

Courses by Other Organisations

There are numerous courses run by other organisations too. The C.C.P.R. organises a wide range of sports and adventure activities, at the National Mountaineering Centre in Snowdonia, at Lilleshall Hall, Newport, the National Sailing Centre at Cowes and many other places. Most courses are for those over 17, many of them for training coaches and instructors, but there are some for 15—17-year-olds, and for beginners. Prices are from about £13 10s. 0d. for a week, depending on the activity chosen. Write to the C.C.P.R., 26 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4AJ.

During the summer holidays, the Y.H.A. organise adventure holidays which include full accommodation, equipment and instruction in sailing, canoeing, surf-boarding, pony-trekking or canal cruising, and many others, as well as holidays led by experts in such varied fields as gemology, corn dollies, wild flowers, photography or rural crafts. The adventure holidays cost from about £14 for a week, the interest holidays from £12 10s. 0d. The Y.H.A. Eagle Holidays cater for 11—15-year-olds, usually with separate courses for boys and girls; holidays for 16-year-olds and over are in mixed groups. Write to the Y.H.A., 29 John Adam Street, London, W.C.2 for their travel brochure which gives details of holidays for almost every interest. What about a weekend Youth Hostelling this summer, to explore a new area and see what it's like staying in a Youth Hostel if you've never tried it?

Work Camps combine service projects with a holiday with other young people either in this country or abroad, and cost is very reasonable. The Christian Education Movement, Annandale, North End Road, London N.W.11 will send details if you send a s.a.e.

Organising Yourself

If you prefer to organise yourselves, and want a Unit holiday, hire a house-boat on the Broads, or a pair of long-boats to explore the inland waterways. Long-boats are usually fitted as camping boats for 12 people; book a pair of boats and you'll have an experienced boatman to help you. Check up on the necessary qualifications and safety regulations (see P.O.R. page 56 and 65 on) and make sure that everyone in your party can swim at least 50 yards fully clothed—it's easy to slip even on a slow-moving long-boat on a calm canal! Boat hirers advertise in *THE GUIDER* and in the national press—book early!

A canoe camp, if you have the equipment and the experience, provides a marvellous cheap holiday with freedom to explore rivers where a larger craft could not pass, and to live in the 'Wind in the Willows' world of Ratty and Mole.

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Your county Boating Adviser will help with plans for this, but it's not for novices! A less experienced Unit would do better to join a Y.H.A. course, or have a standing camp on a riverside site with expeditions of increasing length as they become more proficient. Again the Rangers must be able to swim, must be suitably clad, and wear lifejackets properly fastened—just hanging the lifejacket round your neck won't do! Start your preparations *this* summer—make sure everyone in your Unit really can swim, and can handle a canoe adequately, ready for 1971. Local Sea Scouts, or a local branch of the British Canoe Union might be able to help.

Camp, or stay in a Youth Hostel, and help with a 'dig'. The Council for British Archaeology, 8 St. Andrew's Place, London, N.W.1 publishes a calendar monthly from March to September, cost 10s., which shows 'digs' where volunteers are needed. Write to them for details. Go to visit the nearest 'dig', and find out just what a day's 'digging' can involve in terms of blisters, back-ache—and satisfaction!

Plan well in advance, too, as 'Making the Most of the Summer Holidays' really begins in the previous autumn. Choose a date now for a Unit Council in November, and discuss how to make the most of 1971. It's never too early!

One Day Activities

There are endless possibilities for one day activities. Is there a tourist attraction nearby, which people travel hundreds of miles to see, but which the Rangers have never visited? Go to Stratford, and, if you haven't booked seats in

advance, get there early in the morning and queue for standing room in The Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Go to the Tower of London, and take a trip down the river to the Maritime Museum at Greenwich, go to Kent and follow part of the Pilgrim's Way to Canterbury, go to York, or to Oxford, or to Caernarvon or to one of the new universities, or whatever it is, instead of just intending to go!

Is your Unit within reach of the Midland Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham? A visit to their workshops, studios, theatres, and exhibitions can't fail to stimulate and encourage an interest in all forms of creative art, and the centre caters specifically for young people. Write for a programme, and ask if you can be shown around. There's something going on all the time, there's a restaurant and coffee bar, and you'll probably be able to book for a film, play, concert or puppet play.

There could be time too for service projects at home—the local organiser of the W.R.V.S. might welcome help while many of her regular members are away on holiday, and the local hospital or Old People's Welfare Committee might be glad of volunteers who could work for a week or more on a specific project. Your Unit could organise a district or division activity for P.Ls.—a camp day—or a cook-in—or a 'burn-up' to experiment with hike and campfires. This might be very welcome towards the end of the holiday when camp and family holidays are over.

There's so much the Rangers can do—make sure they plan carefully or it won't all fit into six weeks!

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fort is. The object is for the attackers to fasten a piece of string to the rope round the fort. If caught (wool round arm broken) attackers must return to base to renew it. A whistle signal starts proceedings: this time should be limited and a certain percentage of strings on the rope constitutes a win for attackers.

If you are able to enlist the help of a few friends unknown to the Unit, this game is fun. Guides, in uniform, have to follow a definite route (two or three different ones if a number of Guides, or several Patrols are playing), to a definite goal. On their course they encounter various strangers who may ask one of the Patrol the way to somewhere, or a question about the locality, and at the same time take careful note of the enquirer. When all have arrived at the rendezvous, and before the 'strangers' appear, the Guides describe the people who spoke to them. Then the strangers come and report how well they were directed, etc. It sometimes turns out that people not involved in the game ask the Guides for directions.

One more game involves disguise, usually popular with all. Both attackers and defenders may disguise themselves: the object is; attackers

to reach (and defenders to prevent them reaching) a certain point without being unmasked. They can also gain points if they identify a defender. This could be played in a town. Defenders need not all be disguised; they could still identify attackers, but should gain less points for attackers identified, and the latter, obviously, less points for identifying the uniformed defenders.

None of these games would take a whole day.

Finally, a few words of warning. When devising any activity outside the usual bounds, it is as well to try to visualise possible hazards. Parents' approval should be obtained; insist on Guides operating in parties of three at least, and try to arrange that one of each party is a little older and knows how to get in touch with a grown-up. Someone should have a little money, and there should be a watch in each group. The Guider should see to it that the expeditions do not lead into undesirable neighbourhoods or lonely places. And it should be made clear to all that boating and bathing can only be done in accordance with our Rules. Try to suggest that 'Expeditions' have an object, otherwise they are inclined to end up as just a walk and talk, paying little attention to the world around.

by Hettie G. Smith



A FREQUENT criticism levelled at women in general and perhaps at teachers and Guiders in particular is that we tend to organise to such a degree that we kill initiative and prevent spontaneity. Of course, this is true at times, but if you are guilty of doing this—occasionally—and are a member of an organising committee for the big Camp-Fire to be held in your Country, Division or District, do not choose this moment to reform too drastically, will you? Your organising powers should have a legitimate chance to shine and, the greater the numbers involved, the less initiative and spontaneity is likely to be wanted from the crowd anyhow!

Perhaps the big effort is to be a weekend camp for a vast number of Patrols; a day's rally or a pageant, then somewhere on the agenda one is almost certain to see 'Camp-Fire'. For one thing it is part of our tradition and, just to quote another point of view, as one Guider was heard to say, 'It is such a neat and tidy way to end a big event'!

When this item comes up and all hear that the County, Division or District has been lucky enough to persuade Miss X to come and take the singing, the role of every committee member present should be to put herself (if Scouts are to be present please add 'himself' as, of course, Scouters will then be in on the planning stages) in the shoes of Miss X. 'But,' expostulates half of the committee, 'I am not musical, I wouldn't presume to interfere with Miss X's plans. She can handle any number of people so well and get wonderful singing out of them.' All this may be true and if Miss X is very experienced she will probably have come smiling through some, or all, of the following which only your good organising and delegating can prevent from happening to her again.

1. **Ordeal by fire.** This arises when enthusiasm has led to the building of such a beacon that no-one could see past it, sparks have created exciting diversions as well as holes in garments and the roar of the fire has defeated the loud-hailer so that even Miss X's cheery leadership has

wilted under those difficulties and the extreme heat.

Your fire-building team can construct a beautiful cobhouse fire which can be admired throughout the day by crowds of Guides who, hitherto, may only have seen a picture of one in a book. When it is safely lighted they will unobtrusively control it throughout the singing, and smoke will be down to a minimum because they will have chosen their wood well.

2. **Ordeal by water.** 'Ah', says someone on the committee, 'We can organise a controlled fire but we can't ensure a fine day,' and we all concede that point. Your real organiser can however usually put over an alternative plan and far better to sacrifice a perfect site, beautifully constructed fire and planned seating in order to keep as many as possible dry and thus enable them to enjoy this chance of a big sing together.

If the numbers are in hundreds it may be that the giant marquee will serve or, as I have experienced, a knoll surmounted with interlacing trees can keep nine hundred dry-ish. Miss X will be happier conducting out in the rain, mopping off the drips with her left hand, if her troops are in the dry, rather than vice-versa.

Should the numbers be in the thousands, presumably they will have gathered for some all-day activity to which the public may have been invited, and, if the latter has been housed in a grandstand, then (safety precautions having been observed) use it for the Guide population as many seats will probably have been vacated by the time the Camp-Fire period comes. Once more Miss X will prefer to be a lone figure—with a towel round her neck?—out on the football field or race-track, receiving consolidated, full-throated song rather than thin, watered-down cheepings.

3. **Ordeal from claustrophobia.** This you may feel is quite unreasonable out in all that lovely fresh air, but it happens. In a camp of about three dozen souls everyone can sit in a Camp-Fire circle but to allow hundreds to do this is to create a variety of needless worries. Miss X should be free to look at her group without continually having to pivot; she will feel those behind her are getting a raw deal so will try to compensate and probably spoil the continuity; when she takes action songs and games everyone will be more relaxed if there is no danger of her turning a backwards somersault into the bodies at the rear!

of Campfire

illustrated by Jennetta Vise

It is scarcely necessary to point out that by eliminating these problems, the gathering and Miss X benefit equally, while if an unfortunate girl feels ill and has to get away from the crowd how much easier it is for her and everyone else if there are well-defined lanes for exit and entry.



4. Ordeal resulting from faulty communications.

This can be a long drawn out affair or merely happen on THE day but again it concerns all the participants. If the organising committee has such faith in Miss X that they do not provide her with a supporting cast to see that the songs selected by mutual consent are really known long before the event, then the Finale will not reach the standard it should. Before anyone bemoans their lack of Camp-Fire Leaders and musical Guiders to make up this supporting cast, remember that musical Guides and Rangers can often get the material across very well in their own untrained way.

While on this line of thought, our good, organising committee can offer to do a 'break-down' of the overall numbers as this is vital to the success of the Camp-Fire programme. It ensures for instance that the five hundred Brownies have their special songs and items; the parents, the handicapped Brownies, Guides and Rangers, the Trefoil Guild and V.I.P.s. can all at some point be catered for, perhaps with a hand-out of a few songs so that encouragement goes further than just words. Obviously this last idea is impossible if darkness has descended.

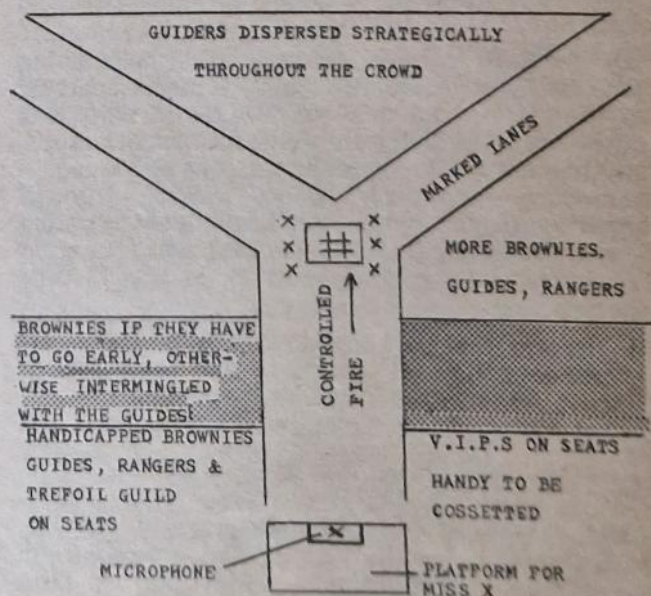
During the event a microphone may be the chief means of communication so it is vital to have a reliable contractor to fix this and supply

a member of the firm to be present all through the day in case adjustments need to be made to the positioning of the loudspeakers or other technical difficulties arise. The presence of an electrical wizard gives confidence and often produces bonus benefits—as did the one who once floodlit an area when darkness threatened to ruin a Camp-Fire item which depended solely on mime!

Just as an aside—if your Camp-Fire does not seem to merit large-scale amplification it is still unimaginative to saddle Miss X with a hand microphone unless it is really light-weight and you have her consent!

The above possible 'ordeals' may make you wonder why the Miss Xs of this world ever take Camp-Fires apart from in the security of their own Units! Well, they are the everlasting optimists and, in spite of the inevitable 'butterflies' they love getting crowds to relax, sing and enjoy themselves. They also know that rarely do all the above hazards happen in any one Camp-Fire but they do ask for imaginative organisation and preparation. They ask too for time. Enough time to establish contact with their crowd of singers; time to 'jolly along' the mass at the end of a tiring day of activities, sun, wind, (rain), side shows, candyfloss and hot-dogs. Above all, time to weld the Camp-Fire programme into a whole, which provides gaiety, nonsense, good singing and, if not prayerfulness, possibly a quiet and peaceful ending to a long-to-be-remembered day.

Suggested 'Y' Formation as having proved satisfactory for many big camp-fires. It easily allows for dividing the crowd into two and three parts for round singing as well as catering for most of the practical problems mentioned.



Mainly for Brownie Guiders

Going on a Summer Outing

by

GWEN KNIGHT

LET'S GO out for the day, Brown Owl.' The whole Pack is fired with enthusiasm and already making plans among themselves while you, their Guider, have been temporarily forgotten! Where do you start, if this outing is to take place within the next few weeks?

Where you go, will depend on where you live. It could be a place of interest (the zoo, wild life park, an exhibition, historic house?), or somewhere in the open air (woodland, meadow, a friend's garden within walking distance of your meeting place?). You need not go far for it to be an adventure for the Brownies—long journeys are often tiring and boring for youngsters.

When planning your summer outing, you might find the following suggestions helpful.

a) Visit the place yourself, so that you can plan suitable activities for a fine day and have ideas ready for a wet day with possible accommodation. Be sure you know where the nearest Penny House is located, whether litter baskets are supplied, whether flowers and leaves may or may not be picked, the site for a possible 'Brownie Home' where everything can be dumped (tidily of course), and definite boundaries, which you can make quite clear to the Pack on arrival (use ideas from the Brownie Guider's Handbook, page 72).

b) Arrange to have adequate adult help during your day out. A Guide Guider, Rangers, parents or friends may be only too pleased to help. It is often easier to divide the Pack into small groups, so that each adult has about four Brownies in her care, especially when walking through crowded places, when the traditional crocodile line is impractical. The Brownies also ought to know where to go and what to do should they become lost.

c) Inform the parents in writing of travel arrangements, time of departure and return, food, clothing (rainwear is usually essential!), cost, pocket money if required.

d) Equip yourself with a small first-aid outfit in case of minor emergencies.

The secrets of a happy outing are to prepare the Brownies before they go, and to have a varied and interesting programme while they are out.

You may find some of these ideas useful

Thinking of Others

At a meeting prior to the outing each Six mimes or acts how Brownies think of others before themselves in the street, on a bus, in the park, a museum etc.

In this way the Pack will decide for themselves how to behave when on an outing.

Visiting a Place of Interest

Before they go, each Six can be given a postcard of the place they are to visit, and decide what they most want to see and how they will behave so that everybody will know they are Brownies. In time for the visit, work out your own list from the ideas in the Brownie Guiders' Handbook p. 72, with the questions on one sheet, and room to draw or write the answers; or in a simple booklet, made from scrap paper, entitled 'My Discovery Book'.

Out of doors

Brownies can enjoy:

Treasure Trail. This can be laid by using peas, wool if it is picked up afterwards, a simple map, or a series of clues, for each Six to follow. This can be great fun, especially if there is some 'treasure' for every Brownie, but, as an activity, it does need time to prepare.

Miniature Gardens or Posies. These can be made by individual Brownies or in groups, either to be taken home afterwards or to be given to someone who needs cheering up. All you need to take are shallow containers, such as used foil pie-dishes for the gardens, or wool and d'oyleys for the posies. If it is very warm, this activity would be better towards the end of the day as wild flowers often wilt quickly.

Shorter Outdoor Activities. Brownies in Sixes can:

- Match colours, cut from a household paint chart, with natural objects.
- Find natural objects similar to shapes drawn on a card, e.g. square, oblong, crescent, diamond, triangle, etc.
- Listen for different sounds, e.g. man made, bird singing, insect, happy sound, etc.

Theme Picnic. The Brownies may enjoy a picnic outing, with all the activities based on a central theme. If you decided on a Robin Hood Day the Brownies could prove that they are ready to join Robin Hood's Band e.g. to be fit—skip twenty times

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Approaches to Worship

by MARGARET NEWMAN

'But you can't believe what you can't believe,
So what are we to do?'

THE problem is just this. How can we as Guiders, who believe the Promise to be the centre of Guiding, help our Guides to see that God, who is the centre of that Promise, gives meaning to life today? When God's worth is realised worship becomes natural. In cathedral or cowshed, at morning or midnight, for prayer or for praise, by dance or by drama, in singing or in slides . . . we meet with God.

Many of us will take part in acts of worship in thanksgiving for the sixty years of Guiding. Brownies, Guides and Rangers will read, sing, dance, make and mime. They all come from ordinary Units, but are these talents being used there? Susan can dance, Jane can sing and Ruth can play the guitar, but what about Anne, Patricia, Linda, Katherine, Sarah, Carol, Nicola? What can they do? For those who are good with their hands the opportunities are endless. Both concrete and abstract ideas can be presented through collage and modelling.

When visual aids are used the arrangement of lighting is often vital. Projectors may be used to provide the lighted screen for shadow puppet plays or for the displays of slides on a relevant subject. Sets of slides are available from various Church societies (there are some excellent ones on the Nativity which would form the basis for a Carol Service) but groups of more ordinary slides showing beautiful scenery or themes such as the seasons, light, or God's creatures can often be gathered from our own collections. An act of worship I remember developed from the Patrol discussion activity based on the Beatitudes. 'Happy is he that . . .'. One Patrol suggested 'Happy is he that is one of a family' and the next week a sharing of family group pictures preceded the worship and slides showing a wider variety of the sorts and conditions of men were shown between appropriate hymns and prayers.

In this case the worship developed from a shared experience which provided the theme. Sometimes special events or occasions provide the theme; a thank you for an exciting Pack Venture, an enrolment on a hill top near camp, a preparation for a special service weekend. The more appropriate the theme, the greater the likelihood of active participation from everyone. Unit worship is that of the cowshed rather than that of the cathedral, we plan, we do, we share, we offer.

Perhaps some of our Brownies, Guides or

helpers are good at mime or drama. The former, performed as a narrator tells the story, allows those taking part to concentrate more fully on the action. Short religious plays are hard to find but a cycle of playlets entitled *Eyes upon the Cross* by Don Mueller, published by J. Garnet Miller Ltd., was recommended recently by an expert from Radius, the Religious Drama Society. An article in THE GUIDER, December 1969, gave many ideas on the use of drama and mime in worship; another mentioned Dance Drama as a form of expression more familiar to the Brownies, Guides and Rangers than to many Guiders. Through Movement we can show feelings of joy, care, love, freedom, pleading, but it is a form which really needs understanding guidance. Two excellent records for movement are the *Missa Luba* and *Missa Criolla*, issued by Philips. Both are direct expressions of religious feeling which obviates the problem of using music that already has strong established associations.

Records may also be used to create atmosphere or as a gentle background or complement to the spoken word.

The advent of the religious paperback has enabled us to search more widely for the right reading without great expense. Contemporary language is appreciated by many young people today and examples of this are in the two Michel Quoist books *Prayers of Life* and *The Christian Response*, *Prayers for Young People* by William Barclay, *God is for real, Man and Treat me Cool, Lord* by Carl Burke; or in the anthology *Word Alive* published by Galliard. Talking points, particularly useful for Rangers can be found in four very cheap booklets published by the Scripture Union; *Loving, Working, Arguing, Belonging*, all written by David Sheppard.

Worship by virtue of its music can be both personal and corporate. Individual talent abounds. These musicians may not be able to learn hymns or 'holy' music, but items already in their repertoire could be used to set the atmosphere going before worship or express feelings such as joy or contemplation. The choice of hymns and songs ancient and modern widens rapidly. Not only can we consider the use of modern tunes to established words but also the use of folk-type music such as is published by Galliard in *Faith, Folk and Clarity*, *Faith, Folk and Nativity*, and *Faith, Folk and Festivity*. Some of these songs have been written in recent years, some are original folk items and negro spirituals, but all are in an

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Training

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good bowmen—able to throw a ball to hit a target
know the forest—being able to identify a given



number of trees
track wild animals—
find hidden animal
pictures
find their way—follow
a compass trail
entertain each other
—make up a verse
about Robin Hood to
the tune of Clementine
feed themselves—use
magnets to catch
paper fish which have
a paper clip on them
send messages—signal
their own names
in semaphore.

You may be able to
think of other Robin
Hood Challenges

which the Sixes can undertake. When all are
completed, having proved themselves Robin
Hood's men, they can make a hat out of paper,
wear a cardboard badge, and be ready to sit
down to a Sherwood Forest Feast.

There are many different themes you could use
—Pirates, Desert Island, Journey round the World
—ideas are endless.

While travelling

Try the idea on p. 74 of the Brownie Guiders' Handbook, 'A Number Town Trail', with one side of the coach competing against the other.

You could also make up an 'I Spy' list or booklet of signs, shops, animals etc. which you know it is possible to spot on your journey.

Approaches to Worship, continued

idiom which seems very acceptable to many young people. However, many of the traditional hymns have excellent words and tunes and in acts of worship for varied ages perhaps the choice should reflect the vast spectrum of music available. Each issue of records, whether Pop, Musical or Folk, brings ideas for themes and the Joy-strings and the Singing Nun have led the way for numbers of records concerned solely with religious songs such as those of the Sacred Heart Choir.

Ideas come tumbling in during a Pow-wow, a P.L.'s meeting or an informal chat, but what about the practical details?

Where will the act of worship take place? Are we making the best use of the hall, the natural surroundings, the space, the physical conditions? Will those taking part be able to see, sit, stand, kneel?

When will it take place, and how long will it last?

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Many more ideas for activities suitable for a summer outing can be found in the Handbook, but leave time for the Brownies to explore on their own and play their own games. Some children will occupy themselves happily for a long time, while others need organised activities.

What will the Brownies gain from this outing? It should be a day of fun and adventure, a day of new experiences. It may be the first time of going out on their own without the family, or a first real chance to explore the out-of-doors. Will it be a Pack Venture? Are the Brownies all taking a lively interest in it and helping with the planning? Are they able to help decide where they should go and how they should travel? Food is certainly something which interests them and they can decide whether each Brownie brings her own tea, or contributes something to a Pack Picnic, when all the food is shared. Will it be a worthwhile activity, with every Brownie contributing to its success and benefiting from the Venture in some way?

Will there be opportunities for Brownies to accomplish or start a Challenge on the Footpath, Road or Highway? A collection of nature objects may be started, a job undertaken for you, a younger Brownie helped, an interesting place visited, road safety practised, a timetable used, and in this way Challenges will be undertaken naturally as part of the general programme.

As for you, their Guider, you will know your Brownies much better after spending a day or even half a day in their company. Although you may come home feeling tired, you will have enjoyed it providing you remember B.-P.'s advice, given about camp but applying equally to outings, . . . that you are not so busy organising, that you have to get home before you have begun to enjoy it'.

Hungry or tired children find it hard to concentrate.

Who is the worship for?—if it has been planned by the few for the many, is it suitable for all ages and abilities?

Who is taking part? Do they all know exactly what they are doing? Have exact moves and positions been planned?

Why are we doing it? Is it a performance? Is it for praise, for thanksgiving, confession, intercession?

IS IT FOR GOD?

Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest
O'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For Thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's pleasure
For Thy pleasure
All combine.

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headquarters' notices

C.H.Q. AWARDS GOOD SERVICE

Laurel Award

Mrs. Page, District Commissioner, Liskeard, Cornwall.
Miss M. Watkinson, District Assistant, Chesterfield, Central, Derbyshire.

The above award was granted from the February meeting of the Executive Committee but information was withheld until now because the medal had not been presented.

Miss Helena de Figueredo, recently Division Commissioner and Trainer, Hong Kong.

Mrs. J. Wilkie, recently Commissioner for Bermuda Branch Association.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Gallantry Award

Silver Cross (Posthumous) Nofoa Solomona, 11½ years. Guide, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, S. Pacific.

Nofoa went to the aid of her cousin Palataiso, a Sunbeam aged eight years, who had slipped into soft mud and was sinking. Nofoa managed to push Palataiso from the mud but was then not able to free herself. Members of a Scout Troop, the first people to answer the call for help, applied first aid to Palataiso, clearing the mud from her lungs, but by the time Nofoa was taken from the mud she was dead.

Star of Merit

Mrs. E. Avis, Assistant Brownie Guider, 7th Carshalton Pack, Surrey, East.

Miss I. Lapsley, Assistant Ranger Guider, 46th and 156th Belfast R.G.S. Units, Ulster.

Andrea Snelling, Brownie Guide, 3rd Costessey Pack, Norfolk.

Andrea has shown unbelievable courage while suffering intense pain over a long period of time and always tries to be cheerful no matter what happens. She takes a keen interest in Brownies (she was enrolled while in hospital) and has taken Badges and keeps up with her Pack. Her Commissioner considers her one of the bravest children she has ever met.

SEA RANGER GUIDERS' HAT BADGES

This stock item is a rather slow moving line and we have not re-ordered in the last three years.

As you will all know, in that time the cost of the raw material, wage awards, overheads, postage, etc. have all increased with the result that the badge which sold at 19s. 11d. in 1968 would cost 29s. 11d. today.

Before placing an order we would like to hear from Sea Ranger Guiders as to whether they would be prepared to pay so much for their hat badge or whether they would accept the same design but worked in silk at a cost of 12s. 6d.

Please address your replies to the Chief Buyer, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1 and mark the envelope 'Sea Ranger Hat Badge'.

STOCK-TAKING BARGAINS

Will you please note that the stock-taking bargains listed in the April GUIDER now have been sold out completely. No further orders can be accepted.

NEW ZEALAND CAMP

Applications are invited from British Guiders and Rangers aged 16-30 who are already in, or planning to visit, New Zealand for an International Camp near Wellington from 4th-14th January, 1971. Camp fee \$35.00 N.Z. Hospitality is offered for one or two weeks after camp. For further information contact the International Secretary, Commonwealth Headquarters.

DIAMOND JUBILEE THANKSGIVING

Sunday, 5th July, 1970. Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving. Concelebrated Mass, 2 p.m. Westminster Cathedral. All Guides assemble in the Mall 1.10 p.m. March off 1.35 p.m. Brownie Guiders and Brownie Guides assemble in Catherine Place, off Palace Street, S.W.1, at 1.00 p.m. March off 1.25 p.m. Please take your orders from stewards with yellow armbands. Bring navy or transparent macs. Correct uniform. Salute will be taken by Miss E. M. Beveridge, J.P., County Commissioner for London, N.E. Order of March—London N.E., London N.W., Middx. E., Middx. W., Herts., and others. Preacher The Rt. Reverend Monsignor Bartlett.

YACHTING ASSOCIATION BOOKLETS

Guiders are no doubt aware that The Girl Guides Association is a member of the Royal Yachting Association.

We would draw your attention to a number of helpful booklets which are available from The Royal Yachting Association, 5 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1.

Y.R.1/69	Racing Rules	...	...	7s. 6d.
G 4/69	R.Y.A. Proficiency Certificates	...	...	3s. 6d.
G 5/69	Weather Forecasts	...	...	5s. 0d.
G.A. 70	Sailing Films	...	...	1s. 0d.
G 9/69	Flags and Signals	...	...	5s. 0d.

THE SCOUT AND GUIDE TRUST FUND

The value of a Share Unit in the above Common Investment Fund as at 30th April, 1970 was:

5s. 3d.—5s. 6½d. (cum. div.)

COMMONWEALTH CIRCLE

The Summer Outing will take place on Saturday, 20th June, 1970, when a visit will be paid, by invitation, to the Pestalozzi Children's Village at Sedlescombe. Later a visit will be paid to Bateman's, Rudyard Kipling's house, where tea has been arranged. Meet at CHQ at 9.15 a.m. with picnic lunch.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF GUIDE

A new tape-recording: Diamond Jubilee Message from the Chief Guide.

On sale price 16s. plus postage from: Town and Country Productions, 21 Cheyne Row, London, S.W.3. (Tel. 01-352 7950.)

Royal International Horse Show

For details of the Royal International Horse Show, which takes place from 27th July-1st August see the May issue of THE GUIDER or apply to the Box Office, Wembley Stadium, Middlesex.

C.H.Q. Staff Vacancies

A **Secretary/Shorthand Typist** is needed for our Public Relations Officer. Good Shorthand and typing speeds essential for this interesting and busy Department. This position offers excellent opportunities for someone wanting to get into P.R. Salary negotiable around £1,040 p.a. according to age and experience.

A **Senior Clerk** is needed for our Registrations Department. Able to take responsibility and with an interest in the keeping of correct records of Guiding personnel and units. Good handwriting is essential. Age between 20-30 preferred. Salary: £14-£16 per week.

Assistant Editor for our weekly newspaper TODAY'S GUIDE. Demanding but fascinating post for young, active, or recently active, Guide Guider with wide interests, ideas and initiative. Journalistic experience an advantage. Excellent salary and prospects.

Junior Copy Typist required in our Training Department. Here is an opportunity for a Ranger leaving school or College. Interesting work and scope for advancement. Day Release Course could be arranged. Salary: £8 10s.

Shorthand Typist for our English Office. This Office is the heart of Guiding in England and the job offers interest and variety. Membership of the Movement is a 'must'. Age is immaterial but applicants should be willing to take some responsibility. Salary: £15-£18 according to age and experience.

Sales Assistants for our C.H.Q. Shop required. An opportunity to meet people from all over the country and from abroad in pleasant, spacious surroundings.

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All staff work 35 hours per week and have three weeks' holiday annually. We have an excellent restaurant and House Luncheon Vouchers are provided. C.H.Q. is within five minutes' walk of Victoria Station, Underground, many bus routes and excellent shops.

Telephone or write for further details of any of the above vacancies to Mrs. Kempton, Personnel Manager at C.H.Q. Tel. 01-834 6242.

Other Vacancies

Cardiff Shop has two opportunities for **Sales Assistants**, one **Senior** and one **Junior**. Experience not essential. If you would like to work in this busy and interesting Shop please write to Miss Siddall, the Manageress, 20 Working Street, Cardiff, CF1 2SF. 5 day week; good salary, pension scheme etc. 1970 Holiday arrangements honoured.

There is a vacancy for a reliable, responsible and conscientious person as **Deputy to the Manageress** in the **Birmingham Guide Shop**. This is a very interesting appointment but applicants must be adaptable and interested in figures and display work. Good salary, pension scheme, six-day opening—five-day working week. If you are between 25 and 35 years and interested in such a position, please ring Mrs. Woolacott 021-236 6289 for appointment.

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Here at C.H.Q.

The Guide Handbook

A new printing of this is in hand and during the next few months will be coming into the hands of the Guides.

The book was never able to be seen in its entirety before the first printing, and the following reprints had to be carried out so quickly that there was time only to make a few adjustments in the text.

The author has now been through the whole book very carefully and also taken note of comments received from various sources. A few small errors have been corrected, a few points clarified, and some pages re-arranged, and there have been one or two minor corrections in badge syllabuses.

The main difference is the change in colour of the 'brown' pages to a redder hue. Do not let anyone be misled by this. *The main content of the book has not been altered in any way*, and the new printing can be used side by side with the old one.

While there is no need for any Guider to obtain a new copy for herself, we suggest that she compares her copy with one of the 1970 reprint to see just what adjustments have been made so that she can satisfy her new Guides that they are not in fact receiving 'a different book'.

Owing to shortage of space, my article has to be kept very short this month. Next month's article will be longer, and will contain a number of items which are not urgent and are therefore being held over.

Theresa Husband

General Secretary

Manageress—Liverpool Branch Shop

Applications are invited for the above position.

One of our four busy Branch Shops, Liverpool serves a wide and important area. Membership of the Movement and previous experience in the Retail Trade is essential. 5-day, 37½ hour week. Excellent salary.

Please apply to Mrs. Kempton, Personnel Manager, C.H.Q., 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, giving details of experience etc.

Waddow

Assistant Secretary to the Guider in Charge. This is a senior residential vacancy, and the responsibilities of the position involve shorthand typing and include general Household Management. There is accommodation for 55 visitors and trainings are held throughout the year. Salary £650-£750. Full board and pleasant accommodation with amenities provided. Please apply to Mrs. Kempton, Personnel Manager, C.H.Q.

Waddow also needs a **Junior House Assistant** as soon as possible. If any Ranger or older Guide who enjoys meeting people would like to spend at least 6 months at this lovely Training Centre please apply to Mrs. Kempton, C.H.Q.

Airing and Sharing

From the letters we have received it seems as if the aim of the 'Airing and Sharing' column has been slightly misunderstood. Of course we are always glad to help any reader over policy matters but the purpose of 'Airing and Sharing' is for you, as Guiders, to help each other overcome difficulties that are not a matter of policy but more a question of sharing experiences. When an 'airing' affects policy I'm afraid we cannot 'throw it open' but must print an official answer, as in the case below:

I am taking my first Pack holiday this year and have found your training pages most useful. You suggested some Guiders could sleep in a tent.

Could our Guide helpers and Pack Leaders also sleep under canvas? Or must we have a Guider who is a camper licence holder with us?

There is no reason why Pack Leaders should not sleep in a tent while helping at a Pack Holiday as long as provision is made for them to use the Pack Holiday centre during the day. It is also important to remember that adequate supervision from adults must be considered essential and the Brownies never left on their own at night time.

One wonders from the letter of the number of Guide helpers and Pack Leaders that are involved. It is an essential part of the Pack Holiday to allow the Brownies themselves to experience many of the ploys.—PROGRAMME ADVISER.

Sharing . . .

With the Trefoil Guild

During the coming months as the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations get under way, might I ask that you make a special mention of the Trefoil Guild at these functions, as there will be many who attend who have never heard of the Trefoil Guild, though in the past they were Brownies, Guides, Rangers or Guiders. These are the people who we are trying to reach.

Ask them to leave their names and addresses for you to pass on to the County Adviser, she will do the rest.

Now, if you haven't a complete Guide family in your Division or District ask your Trefoil County Adviser to come and tell you about it and she will start the wheels turning in the formation of a Guild in which you as uniformed Guiders can become Associate Members. There's a bonus in it for every Commissioner, a by-product of Trefoil Guild is new Guiders.

D.M.S.

Unit Helpers

To those Guiders who are short of help may I recommend the system of Unit Helpers. Being desperate for help I appealed to the Brownie parents for an Assistant Guider and/or Unit Helper. Five mothers expressed their willingness to be Unit Helpers. All five were relatively unknown quantities to me so I accepted them all and evolved a rota system. Each helper works a calendar month at one time then has a break until her month comes round again. Thus she is able to see results of anything she has helped with during her 'month'.

For special events I call in all five at once and hence discovered that in practice I have ten Unit Helpers, five mothers and five dads. Dads who can 'get things', move pianos, fit up stage lighting, draw, etc.

I still need an Assistant Guider but no longer feel to be battling on alone. Long live my Unit Helpers.

EILEEN MCWEENY, Brownie Guider,
1st Taverham Pack, Norfolk.



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Where to train

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Fee Bursary: This entitles a Guider to a reduction of half the fee for a shared room. She may request to be in a single or double room but will have to pay the extra charge above that allowed by the bursary.

Travel Bursary: This entitles a Guider to a grant covering travelling expenses in excess of 30s. and is available only for the nearest Training Centre. A travel bursary in addition to a fee bursary is allowed only in cases of special need and a detailed recommendation from the Commissioner is required. Payment of this grant is made at the Training Centre on production of the bursary form.

Angela Thompson Bursaries: These are available for any Promise and Law Training (not necessarily held at a C.H.Q. Training Centre) and have the same value as a fee bursary.

Application for Training Bursaries: must be made through the District Commissioner who applies direct to the Secretary, C.H.Q. Training Department, stating the name of the Guider concerned and the date and place of the training. At least a fortnight's notice should be given. Bursaries cannot be issued in retrospect. Not more than one third of the places at any one weekend can be covered by bursary grants and Commissioners are asked to indicate priorities if applying for a number of bursaries. A number of L.E.As. give generous help towards Guider trainings and a request for such assistance should be made direct to the Local Authority concerned.

THE GUIDER



Common- wealth Headquarters

An application to attend a training at any Guide Training Centre should be sent direct to the appropriate Guider-In-Charge, and must be accompanied by the correct amount of deposit and a stamped addressed envelope. Applicants should also state the type of training for which they are attending, as there may be several different courses running at any one weekend. As so many Guiders have to leave on Sunday, training sessions at a two-day weekend will stop at teatime on that day unless otherwise stated. If sufficient notice is given that it is wanted, every effort will be made to provide sessions for a group until Monday. Individuals who are able to stay over until Monday to enjoy the surrounding country and other amenities of the Centres are most welcome to do so.

Any Guider may apply to attend a training at the Centres, provided she has reached the minimum age of 17 years.

Telephone calls are accepted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Foxlease (042-128-2638) and at Waddow (02-002-3186), except in emergencies.

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JUNE

- 5-7 1. District Commissioners with three of their own Unit Guiders (one from each section)
- 2. Camp Training (in camp) for Guiders working for camp qualifications
- 10-16 Brownie and Guide Guiders, accompanied by their husbands, and children aged between 2 and 8 years.

- 19-21 General Training Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 26-28 Essex East

JULY

- 3-5 Friends of Foxlease Leadership Skill Workshops (see January GUIDER)
- 10-12
- 17-19 General Training Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (Emphasis on World Guiding)
- 24-26 1. A course for trainers on training Commissioners
2. Using your Handbooks Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 31-August 10 Holiday Activity Period

AUGUST

- 14-24 Patrol Leaders
- 28-September 4 Late Summer Bank Holiday Ranger Adventure Week (for Rangers of any age including Duke of Edinburgh Award Candidates)

SEPTEMBER

- 18-20 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 25-27 Middlesex West

OCTOBER

- 2-4 Ranger Guiders
- 9-11 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 16-18 Creative Activities
- 23-25 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 30-November 1 'The Promise in your Unit' (for Guiders aged 19 to 25)

NOVEMBER

- 6-8 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 13-15 Hampshire
- 20-22 1. Revise your Musicianship
2. Becoming a Home-maker (see January GUIDER)
- 27-29 Kent East

DECEMBER

- 4-6 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs., BB7 3LD

JUNE
5-7

'Dig a little Deeper'
Practical Skills Workshops
for Guiders who wish to
pursue a subject in depth
(see January GUIDER)

- 12-14 1. General Training
Brownie and Guide
Guiders
2. Camp Training (in
camp) for Guiders work-
ing for camp qualifications
and/or District Commissioners
19-21 District Commissioners
and/or District Assistants
(Responsibility for training
in the District)
26-28 1. Trainers (Use of Case
Study method)
2. Dance Drama

JULY
3-5

1. General Training
Brownie and Guide
Guiders
2. Diploma Candidates
(by invitation)
10-12 Practical outdoor activities
(see January GUIDER)
17-19 General Training, Brownie
and Guide Guiders
24-31 Patrol Leaders

AUGUST

- 7-14 Holiday Adventure Week
(see January GUIDER)
19-24 Challenge to Achievement
(Rangers aged 16 to 19
years including Duke of
Edinburgh Award candi-
dates — see January
GUIDER)

28-September 1 Late Summer
Bank Holiday House Party
for Diamond Jubilee Year

SEPTEMBER

- 4-6 1. Orienteering
2. Campfire (priority for
those who have not pre-
viously attended this type
of training)
11-13 General Training, Brownie
and Guide Guiders
18-20 Lancashire N.E.
25-27 Approaches to Worship

OCTOBER

- 2-4 General Training, Brownie
and Guide Guiders
9-11 Using your Handbooks,
Brownie and Guide
Guiders (see January
GUIDER)
16-18 1. Leadership Skill Work-
shop, Brownie and Guide
Guiders
2. Training for Trainers
on Non-Directive
Methods (by Invitation)
23-25 1. Ranger Guiders
2. Guitar Beginners (see
January GUIDER)
30-November 1 New Guiders,
with 2 of their own Patrol
Leaders

NOVEMBER

- 6-8 General Training, Brownie
and Guide Guiders
13-15 Commissioners (special
help for new and pros-
pective Commissioners)
20-22 General Training, Brownie
and Guide Guiders
27-29 Yorkshire W.R.S.

DECEMBER

- 4-6 Yorkshire Central Scouters

Feel like a break?

Guiders who wish to spend a
weekend during June or July just
enjoying the countryside at Fox-
lease or Waddow should write to
the Guider in Charge for details of
vacancies.

Training Notes

Guiders are reminded that full
details of many of the Trainings
listed appeared in the centre pages
of the January GUIDER

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

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Peeblesshire

JUNE

- 5-7 Scottish Handcraft Circle
12-14 'The Promise Now' (for
Guiders of all sections
and Commissioners)

JULY

- 16-25 Commonwealth Games in
Edinburgh (accommoda-
tion available for overseas
and other visitors to the
Games)
30-August 7 Patrol Leaders'
Woodcraft Camp
31-August 7 Patrol Leaders'
Week (by invitation)

AUGUST

- 10-18 Patrol Leaders' Woodcraft
Camp
11-18 Patrol Leaders' Week
(by invitation)

Fees at Netherurd

Shared room per day £1 2s. 6d.
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Single room per day £1 7s. 6d.
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Wales

BRONEIRION
Llandinam, Mont.



Broneirion

JUNE
5-7 Brownie, Guide & Ranger
Guiders (places reserved
for Monmouthshire)
12-14 Brownie, Guide and
Ranger Guiders (places
reserved for Shropshire)
20 Friends of Broneirion

JULY
3-10 International Gathering
17-19 Diamond Jubilee Eistedd-
fod
24-31 C.H.Q. Ranger Leadership
Course

AUGUST
4-9 Patrol Leaders (Cardiff &
East Glam.)
12-17 Patrol Leaders (Carmar-
thenshire, C. Glam &
Caerns.)
20-25 Patrol Leaders (Mon-
mouthshire)
28-September 1 Late Summer
Bank Holiday Ranger
Guides

SEPTEMBER
25-27 L.E.A. 6th Form Con-
ference

OCTOBER
2-4 Chairmen of Welsh Train-
ing Committees
9-11 General Training, Brownie,
Guide and Ranger Guiders
16-18 Camp Advisers (by invita-
tion)
23-25 General Training, Brownie,
Guide and Ranger Guiders
(places reserved for
Central Glamorgan)
30-November 1 International (by
invitation)

NOVEMBER
6-8 Arts weekend preparing for
Christmas (all Guiders)
13-15 New to the Job—Guiders
and Commissioners
27-29 University Scout & Guide
Club

Fees at Broneirion:
Shared room per day £1 2s. 6d.
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Single room per day £1 7s. 6d.
Deposit 10s. 0d.

Ulster

LORNE

Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster

OCTOBER

2-4 Camp Advisers
3 Trainers (Saturday only)
9-11 Guide Guiders
16-18 East Belfast Division
23-25 Basic training for inex-
perienced Guide Guiders
30-1 November Brownie Guiders

NOVEMBER

6-8 Residential Conference
for Ranger Guiders

Fees at Lorne:

Shared room per day ... 17s. 6d.
Single room per day ... 19s. 0d.
Deposit 10s. 0d.

Camping, Holidays and Pack Holidays

Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates should be given with possible alternatives and approximate numbers. It is preferred that camps begin on Saturday. Please state whether an equipped or un-equipped site is required.

A 10s. deposit (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled) and a stamped addressed foolscap envelope should be enclosed with the applications.

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays should be made to the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's C.A. and a stamped addressed foolscap envelope enclosed.

Foxlease Camp-sites

Applications for sites should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any weekday.

A 10s. deposit (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled) and a

stamped addressed foolscap envelope should be enclosed with the application.

Ynysgain, Criccleth, N. Wales

C.H.Q. Camp-site (un-equipped)

There are still a few vacancies at Ynysgain during August, so that anyone who would like a camp by the sea is asked to contact: The Secretary for Ynysgain, General Secretary's Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

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Applications for sites and Brownie Pack Holidays at Broneirion should be addressed to the Montgomeryshire C.A., Mrs. B. Michael, Gorsty, Hyssington, Montgomeryshire and not to Broneirion.

Bookings for dates outside school holidays for the Brownie House, direct to Guider-in-Charge. Storage heaters have now been installed.

Netherurd Camp-sites

Two fully equipped sites are available and there is also a Brownie House. Applications for camp-sites and for the Brownie House will be taken now—during Scottish school holidays (July and half-August) priority will be given to Scottish Packs.

An equipped caravan is available at Netherurd for holiday bookings by Guiders and their friends—weekends or longer periods. Bookings now being accepted.

Fees

Brownie House: From Easter 1970 onwards: Brownie Pack Holidays 2s. per head per night, 14s. per week. Guide and Ranger bookings 3s. per head per night.

Camp Sites: for 1970 camping season: weeks' camps 12s. 6d. per

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per head per night; Patrol Permit
camps 2s. 6d. per head.

Lorne Camp-sites

Between Belfast and Bangor on the Co. Down coast, Lorne offers fully equipped, or unequipped camp-sites with solid shelter. Calor gas available. Booking should be sent to the Camp Secretary, 'Lorne', Craigavad, Northern Ireland.

Ulster Camp-site,

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Approaches to Worship

Waddow 25th-27th September

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This course is open to any interested Guider, and it is stressed that it is open to those of any denomination or creed.

Applications should be made direct to the Guider in Charge at Waddow.

Ranger Weeks at the CHQ Training Centres

Foxlease, 28th August-4th September
Waddow, 19th-24th August

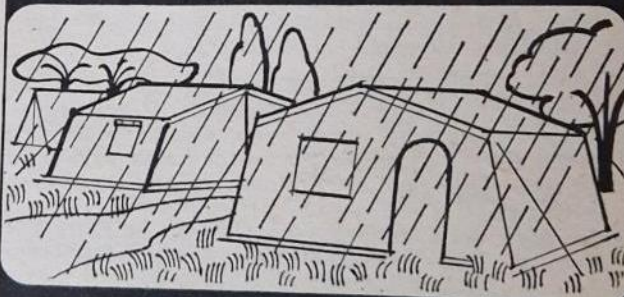
Ranger Guiders are asked to draw the attention of their Rangers to the notice in the June RANGER about the above opportunities for Rangers.

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COMING EVENT

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Administrative Secretary required for Edinburgh Girl Guides' Headquarters—full or part-time. Apply in writing stating qualifications and experience to: County Commissioner, 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7JF by 19th June, 1970.

Advanced Sailing Training, Brownsea Island, 8th-15th August. For Guiders who already hold Tidal Sailing Permit or Non Tidal Sailing Charge. Syllabus to include R.Y.A. Instructor's Certificate. Apply to Miss J. Cowen, Rosemead, Old Woking, Surrey.

Please note: All Advertisements for Venture Scout/Ranger events published in THE GUIDER and THE RANGER must be accompanied by signature of County Commissioner.

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CATHOLIC GUIDERS' TRAINING

Catholic Guiders attended a training at St. Mary's college of the Sacred Heart at Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 10th-12th April.

The training was based on the Three Cheers Challenge of Jubilee Year and during the weekend, the Guiders learned through discussion and Creative activities the real meaning of Cheering themselves by deepening the knowledge of their own faith. They also discovered new ways of helping their Guides and Brownies to cheer other people and places where they live.

The International aspect of Guiding was not forgotten and led them to still further ways of cheering other people.

The County and Assistant County Commissioners of Northumberland spent part of two days at the training entering into the activities.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT GORDONSTOUN

During the summer holidays the Governors of Gordonstoun School, Elgin, have decided to throw open the facilities of the school to young people between the ages of 15 and 18 who are not themselves pupils at the school.

Successful attendance at the course will count as the residential qualification towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. There will be two separate sessions of two weeks each: 21st July-3rd August, and 4th-17th August, and it is hoped to have about 100 male and 50 female students in each of the sessions.

The programme, which will run on the concept of a relaxed holiday with opportunities for skilled instruction and participation in outdoor pursuits, will include ways of keeping fit, sports, dancing, barbecues, instruction in floral art, musical appreciation, local visits and ideas produced by the participants themselves.

The cost will be £16 per week, that is £32 for each session. All applicants must have their form signed by their parents.

For further details and application form write to J. Harvey Ruscoe, Esq., T.D., M.A., J.P., Director, Summer Course, Gordonstoun School, Elgin, Moray.

In Memoriam

MISS DAISY JEFFREY-SMITH, J.P., in her eighty-sixth year, died on the 3rd February, 1970. She was the pioneer of Girl Guiding in Jamaica, the first Captain of the 1st Jamaica Guide Company in March, 1915, a Life Member of the Council of The Girl Guides Association of Jamaica, the holder of the Beaver Award and the Silver Bee, the highest award of The Jamaica Association. She held many positions in the Movement and for over fifty years rendered valuable and distinguished service to not only the Guide Movement, but to education, the Church and to other fields of social welfare. Guiders and Guides will remember with affection the role she played in our Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1965.

A.C.G.

We are sad to report the death of MRS. ELINOR ROBINSON who was District Commissioner of the Kings Langley District in Hertfordshire for nine years until 1967. She had been ill for several months, but faced her

EISTEDDFOD AND EXHIBITION

The Guides and Rangers of Wales are celebrating The Guides and Rangers of Wales are celebrating Diamond Jubilee year with an Eisteddfod and Exhibition to be held on 18th July at Gregynog Hall, Newtown, Montgomeryshire. All the entries have been received and preparations are well in hand for the day. Each section will be judged in three classes — Guide, Ranger and Open, which means any active member of the Movement. Sections cover acting, dancing, singing, campcraft, the literary arts, art and handicraft and within each section there have been choices of entry.

It promises to be an exciting event and we hope to publish photographs in future editions of THE GUIDER and the section magazines.

'The Trefoil'

The Scottish Country Dance, 'The Trefoil', which was composed specially for the Movement, was featured in THE GUIDE, 31st October issue. Miss Norma Emslie composed the dance and Miss Nan Main the music and they have generously given free to the Movement the rights to use these.

MUSIC FOR SLOW LEARNERS

A course is to be held at St. Mary's College of the Sacred Heart from 20th-30th July, the aim of which is to help teachers of slow learning pupils in special schools, or in special classes of primary and secondary schools, to make fuller and more effective use of music in the education of their pupils. It will also cater for teachers in unstreamed schools who wish to explore basic approaches to the teaching of music. Teachers with no musical skill will be particularly welcome to attend the course.

The fee will be 25 guineas (tuition, board and accommodation) and those who make their own musical instruments will be charged an additional 5 guineas towards the cost of materials.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from The Secretary, The Standing Conference for Amateur Music, 26 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. Completed forms must be received by the Secretary by 15th June.

illness with great courage. She had great enthusiasm for anything she undertook, and her interests ranged from the Herts. Federation of Womens' Institutes to the W.E.A. She will be greatly missed in the District as she still retained an interest in Guiding.

E.M.S.

We regret to announce the death, on 8th March, of JEAN WOODWARD aged 33, Guide Guider of the 1st Lancing Company since 1960. Prior to that she was Assistant Guider of the 1st Kenilworth Company.

Despite her adversities, Jean was an energetic and competent leader. Although advised to give up camping each one for a short period. The standard she set herself and her Guides was high and she expected the same degree of loyalty as she gave them. This reflected upon the District and healthy competition resulted.

Jean will be sadly missed.

I.M.P.

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GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

I HOPE THAT THE CHART in last month's GUIDER has given everyone 'food for thought', as well as being of practical use when telling people about the Guide Friendship Fund. We have extra copies of this chart so if anyone would like one or two to put up on notice boards, or to display when having some event in aid of the G.F.F. do please write and ask me for these.

News of 'Our Nursery'

This is to be the large Day Room in the new National Children's Home now being built in Kingston, Jamaica. It will be used by a 'family group' of fourteen children, aged 2-16 years. Next year it may be possible for us to 'adopt' the 'family', some of whom I am sure will be Brownies and Guides. We have paid for the nursery, to be named the 'Guide Friendship Room', and we hope to furnish it by the end of the year. Also, to provide some—if not all—the cots and beds for the 'family'. Thank you, those of you who have already booked a cot, or a share in a cot. As the cost is now £100 for an endowment, we have suggested that two Units might join together and share a cot or a bed. Several have already done this—at £50 each. Both names will be recorded.

Tents for deaf Guides

Hearing aids would be more useful, I hear you say! Yes, and these we hope to provide—they cost approximately £6 each for individual ones and these can be obtained and sent overseas through the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, through whom we have all our contacts. But the School for the Deaf at Mount Lavinia in Ceylon have said: '... our immediate need at the moment is to have 4 to 6 tents of our own, so we could have regular camps and not burden others to find tents for us.'



THE GUIDER



Little friends at play, Mount Lavinia, Ceylon

The Guide Company at this school for deaf children went to a Camp for handicapped Guides organised by the Ceylon Girl Guides. They had a marvellous time and enjoyed it enormously. This was in February! Apart from camping activities which they love, the Guides do a lot of handloom cloth weaving, needlework, lace work and shell work and much of their work is sent to local exhibitions and competitions. This school for the deaf is Government supported, but many of the children are from poor homes and there is a great lack of equipment. What a splendid 'Cheer' if we send them 4 tents—one for each Patrol. I hope we can.

Adopting a leper child

This was our second 'Cheer' and quite a few adoptions have already taken place. I think the fact that if £4 is sent to us *in advance* of the rest of the money we can give the name, address and all details of the child to be adopted which makes it all so much more real, personal and interesting for the adoptors. When we know there are still 15-20 million people in the world suffering from the ghastly effects of leprosy, it makes us think, doesn't it? And for only £4 now, £12 by the end of a year and £16 sometime the following year (£32 in all) a child can be saved.

The Guide Friendship Fund's slogan is 'Child to child'—Here is a wonderful opportunity.

Third Cheer—Botswana

We have 'Three Cheer' projects this year for two reasons:

1. Our theme for D.J. Year is 'Three Cheers'.
2. Some Brownies, Guides, or Rangers may specially want to help other Brownies and Guides who are deaf, some may want desperately to save a child from the terrors of leprosy, and some may think it fun to 'put on the roof' of the new Guide House out there in Botswana and so lend a hand to the Botswana Guides and Sunbeams who are trying so hard to build their own Guide House in Jubilee Year.

Let your Brownies, Guides, Rangers choose for themselves. *They* know. They can read their own magazines. But you, too, want to *know*.

All donations, and requests for leaflets, posters or further information to: **Guide Friendship Fund**, Girl Guides Association, 17 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1.

Diamond Jubilee Songbook Girl Guides Association,

If you are a Trainer with a musical bias or a Guider who frequents music trainings please do not expect this book to provide you with a brand new repertoire as that is not its purpose. It is rather a gathering-up of songs, rounds, graces, vespers and 'snippets' which hundreds of us have been happily sharing over the past ten years or more but which are not available in our present collections.

Frequently this singing together has been done via the duplicated or hand-written manuscript, or even from a shorthand version best understood by the writer! We hope this book will bring these songs etc. into the hands of all Guides who these days are often so much more capable of reading music than we expect.

We are grateful to so many people for their help—our Chief Guide who sent her cheery Foreword by return of post from Kenya; Miss Mary Chater who wrote us a special Jubilee verse to her well-loved Marching Song; Miss Daphne Bird who 'discovered' many of the items and composed 'Save us O Lord'; the unknown person who found 'Old Man Great Chief', formerly in the Kent County Song Book and to countless others who have given generously of their time to seek out and check suitable material.

As pockets are not intended to be used as 'holdalls' we have departed from the usual pocket-size and trust that this gaily covered book, reasonably priced at 2s. will provide something for all to sing with pleasure as the hundreds and even thousands gather together to sing in this our Diamond Jubilee Year.

H.G.S.

Gardens of England and Wales Open to the Public. The National Gardens Scheme, 3s.

There are a great many more opportunities of visiting other people's private gardens in this country than in any other country in the world. In no other country, either, is there the rich variety of garden design that can be created here, with a wealth of plants, shrubs and trees, many of them originating from continents with very different climates from ours, all growing happily together.

With the generous support of the owners, The National Gardens Scheme this year can offer opportunities of visiting over 1,200 gardens in England and Wales. Many will be opened on more than one occasion; and each opening has been arranged for the time at which the owner expects the garden to be looking at its best. What is in each garden? How to get there? Can one get tea?—all this information is contained in the 1970 edition of *Gardens of England and Wales Open to the Public*.

The National Gardens Scheme raises money for those retired District Nurses who have to live on the Retirement Pension and perhaps a small supplementary pension after giving years of service to the public. Younger nurses, too, are helped over hardship, caused by illness or accident, with the proceeds from the opening of these gardens to the public. The National Trust receives, in return for its support and help, an agreed proportion of the money raised. This is used to help in the preservation of certain gardens of national and historic importance.

Gardens of England and Wales Open to the Public is on sale at W. H. Smith and other booksellers; or copies can be obtained from The National Gardens Scheme, 57 Lower Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1, price 4s. including postage.

R.C.

BOOK reviews

Display Staging for Amateurs, by Atherton Harrison. G. Bell & Sons, 25s.

Sooner or later every Guider is faced with the necessity to arrange an exhibition or display, and those with no artistic pretensions are usually hard put to it to find ideas to lift the display out of the ordinary. Limited facilities and a small budget are two universal problems which this book takes for granted. It is designed specifically to help amateurs working without professional help to design single exhibits or a whole exhibition. The essentials of good basic exhibition organisation are explained and a wide range of display methods described simply and with a wealth of clear illustrations. The contents include ground plans, model making, use of colour, materials and textures, lettering, themes and gimmicks, and a list of do's and don'ts. In all, an essential part of the active Guider's library—particularly J.V.R. this year.

Easy Access to Sightseeing, edited by M. D. Anderson and Mary Buchanan. Hurstwood Press, 7s. 6d.

This is the first in a new series of booklets designed to provide a guide to sightseeing with the disabled person in mind. Covering Sussex, the booklet lists places of interest and details the hazards that may arise.

By reference to the booklet one can be assured that not only is the place one plans to visit worth seeing but that, once there, one can rest easy in the knowledge of available facilities. Handrails, steps, width of doorways, parking access, are among the considerations. All those who have had to face these problems will be grateful for this practical help. The next booklet will deal with Dorset.

P.A.B.

Stories for Cub Scouts by Hazel Addis, illustrated by John Sweet. The Scout Association, 6s.

Although this book is for Cub Scouts the ideas can be adapted for Brownies. It is very good for play acting either as a whole Pack or in Sixes. The stories or ideas are taken from different types of News, e.g. The National and Local Press, Television and Magazines.

Each idea tells of the situation, what to use or eliminate and then gives one way of putting it over to the Pack. It is well worth the money and from these ideas others can be worked out as the topics arise.

P.W.

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