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editorial

At the time of going to press the National Guide Festival of Song is reaching its semi-final stage, Country/Regional level. Those groups who will be taking part in the Finals at the Westminster Theatre, London, on April 4th and 5th will soon be known, and exciting 'stop press' news is that the BBC have decided to produce a special souvenir programme. This programme will be presented free of charge to every group which took part in the Festival, and is also being sent out with the April issue of THE GUIDER. It will incorporate an order form for the new long playing record, *Festival of Song*, which all concerned feel sure will be even more of a hit than our first LP, *Singing Along with the Girl Guides*. This has been one of the BBC's top successes in 1971, ranking with *Monty Python* and the music from the *Henry VIII* series as the year's three best sellers.

front cover

Helen Cross, of the 8th Bath Pack, Somerset, who was one of the guests at THE BROWNIE 10th birthday party held at CHQ on 10th January, lights one of the birthday cake candles. This was a special occasion for Helen, too, as she was celebrating her own 10th birthday on that day.

Photo: John Warburton



Photos: John Warburton

THE BROWNIE magazine celebrated its tenth birthday with a party at C.H.Q. An invitation to attend the party was given in THE BROWNIE to Brownies who were going to be in London on 10th January, after which a draw was held to decide the ten lucky Brownies who would come to the party.

Above: The Brownies gather round the party table and await their turn to light a candle on the birthday cake.

Right: Each Brownie received a prize from the make-believe birthday cake after drawing a lucky number from one of the 'candles'.



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Folk Fest 5

The Boat Show

Photo: Sport and General



Left: After the official opening of the Boat Show, held at Earl's Court, London, from 5th-15th January, two Brownies from the 6th Sidcup Pack presented Princess Margaret with a posy in the Brownie colours of yellow and brown and a Brownie Annual for her daughter Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones.



Photo: The Scout Association

Right: Members of The Twentythirds, a lively group from the 23rd Portsmouth Guide Company, in action at Folk Fest 5 which was held in the Royal Albert Hall on 11th December, 1971. See page 87 for a review of Folk Fest.

Proof of The Pudding

by

Audrey Chase

March is the Fourth Birthday of the 8-Point Programme. This is the view of somebody who is convinced it works.

CAN you remember what you were doing four years ago? Maybe, like me, you were one of the Guiders waiting in anticipation, flavoured with a good measure of impatience and a pinch of anxiety, for the long awaited new recipes for successful Guiding in Hand-book form?

As an ordinary Unit Guider I was as impatient as the next to see the books. As a member of the Working Party I was confident that the essential ingredients to be used were the best, having been tested and tried for well over fifty years and that the suggested recipes were good; but would they be acceptable to all the cooks, and, more important, would the consumers approve? For, as any Domestic Science Teacher or member of the Women's Institute will tell you, give thirty females the same recipe, stipulate the size of the baking tins and cooking time, and you will get thirty different cakes. Divide any one of those cakes amongst thirty consumers and you will get thirty different opinions of it.

Was it really only four years ago that I made the decision to stay a Unit Guider in order to taste and test at first hand?

Now, four years later we have just lost the last of the girls who were in the Company at that time. Well, not really lost them, because you see although twice in the past we tried unsuccessfully to start a Ranger Unit, we've got one now, formed at the request of those very girls. Two others have been started in the District and I know of several others in our County, so the new recipes obviously appealed to them.

Looking back over the four years I find many cheering things. We got off to a very wavery start (for proof see p. 327 of *THE GUIDER*, September, 1968) and over the four years have had our ups and downs, surprises, encouragements and disappointments. I won't dwell on the latter save to say that at one stage during the first eight months when everything was going according to Eight Point plan, one disastrous meeting made us, the Guiders, go back to 'good old fashioned Guiding' for a week or two! Some eighteen months later an outwardly successful Patrol planning exercise caused a mighty emotional upheaval and split the Company. As Guiders we had never experienced anything like it; only our support of each other kept us going. We spent hours



Illustration by Elizabeth Wall

trying to 'talk things through' and eventually peace was restored.

Less than five months later, the same girls were planning a Company camp run on Patrol lines. Save for booking the site, doing the necessary paper work and ordering the food I did nothing. They organised, ate and slept in Patrols and yet never was the Company spirit more evident. We had prayers, colours and camp fire together. As the holder of a Camper's Licence, I have camped a good many times but never had such a perfect week as this turned out to be. No upheavals about who was to sleep where: the PLs always slept near the doors! Never any shortage of wood in the Patrol kitchens! We had plenty of time to observe, and we observed Guiding at its best. We could not believe that a few months before we were so 'fed up with the young' that we had seriously considered resigning, and we were forced to comment, 'Well, if this is the result of the Eight Point Programme, it works.' One of the many interesting points was that these youngsters who had proved themselves far more capable than I thought possible actually asked us to accompany them to the nearest town making it quite clear that they could find their way all right but 'We want to go in to the cathedral and we don't want to go in on our own'. Food for thought?

For the first eighteen months of the new Programme regular monthly trainings for the PLs were essential but these became less regular as the Leaders gained confidence. Patrol Leaders' Councils were regular. It was the Leaders' idea that they should start training their Seconds to take over certain responsibilities and it was interesting to watch them doing this. It was their idea to run short challenges for other Patrols. When the intended short challenges began to get very lengthy they decided that the Seconds should take over the responsibility to keep them short. It had been the custom for me to choose prayers and ask any Guide to read them. They decided that they would choose the prayers and the readers. For over a year I suffered listening to some of the queerest prayers ever, but they were always quiet and reverent so I assumed the prayers meant something to them, but after a year they decided that I should again choose the prayers and the PLs would take turns

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in selecting the readers. When I asked why, they said quite simply, 'Well, you choose prayers that sort of mean something.'

In case this reads as if the Company concentrated on Patrol activities to the extinction of all else, let me assure you that they have played a full part in District, Division and County events. Groups, other than Patrols, have attended the Fire Station to take Firefighter badge (the first lot came back demanding to be taught some knots and then they taught the next lot), a team took part in a Fire Prevention Quiz organised by the LEA, another took part in a District night exercise with the Scouts. Other groups attended courses on Accident Prevention and First Aid culminating in a simulated 'school bus accident' organised by the BRCS. But always the selecting has been done by the PLs. We have had one Queen's Guide, four Patrol Camp Permits, plus the many and varied Interest and Service Badges and all the hundred and one activities such as St. George's Day, Church Parades, Thinking Day celebrations, helping at church fêtes, which any average Unit considers normal Guide activities. But gradually over the four years and in spite of the ups and downs we have seen a new and different kind of responsibility and 'togetherness' emerge which I believe is a direct result of the now not so new approach.

The Company is a glorious mixture, usually about 30 strong, of girls from diverse social backgrounds, seven different schools, and whole ranges of intelligence levels. One is now well on her way to University, another at the age of twelve, illiterate, but so good at origami that she taught the rest of the Company how to do it. The Handbook doesn't show us how!

Last September our County Cadet got married and invited the Company plus the Brownies and Cubs to the wedding service. You should have seen them. All as smart as paint in uniform! How I wished they always looked as smart on special occasions! And how they sang, and how they beamed at the bride! As our Assistant Guider whispered to me, 'They can all see themselves in a few years time.' I was seeing the bride as a leggy eleven-year-old and later as a bossy somewhat trying PL. It was warming to feel that she wanted us all to share her special day. She, incidentally, was a Roman Catholic marrying an Anglican ex Scout.

Perhaps it was significant that very recently when the last three of our original Eight Point Programmers attended their last meeting, they brought with them a cake, made by one, iced by another, and with one word iced on it, 'Bye'. But they, like the others, have been back to see us at Company meetings.

I have always thought that B.-P. gave the young of his day what they needed in such an attractive form that they were getting what they wanted. I believe it still works that way.

1972 is 'Learn to

Swim' Year

A National Competition

The Campaign in England and Wales will begin on Monday, 1st May, and run through the remainder of the year. The organisers are the National Water Safety Committee of RoSPA in conjunction with the Amateur Swimming Association and its aim is to encourage non-swimmers of all ages to learn to swim. This skill is a basic requirement of water safety.

The Government is giving its support and all local authorities are being urged to provide swimming instruction wherever adequate facilities exist.

The Girl Guides Association is supporting this Campaign and is arranging with RoSPA to hold national competitions for Brownie Packs, Guide Companies and Ranger Units through the periodicals. Prizes are to be awarded by the British Bottlers of Coca-Cola and The Girl Guides Association. By encouraging their Packs or Companies to enter for these competitions Guiders will be helping their members to contribute valuable service to the community. Helping to increase the number of people who are able to swim and therefore able to help themselves and others in any emergency which may arise on, in, or near water is surely a form of service very near to the Founder's heart.

Further details of this Competition will be contained in the April issues of THE RANGER and THE GUIDER, the 28th April issue of TODAY'S GUIDE and the 26th April issue of THE BROWNIE.

The entry forms and full details will be published in the 3rd May BROWNIE, 5th May TODAY'S GUIDE, and the May RANGER.

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Varied Fare at Folk Fest 5

by Hettie G. Smith,
CHQ Music Consultant

THE count-down to Folk Fest 5 began in all our periodicals last April, so by December those of us who were assured of a seat were free to wonder about the young artists we would hear. Could the standard possibly be higher this year, the programme be more varied, the presentation more professional?

But from the moment the Crewners opened with their confident singing of 'Jamboree' any of us who may have been slightly apprehensive suddenly felt sure that these young people would be worthy of the Royal Albert Hall—centenary and all. The presentation seemed to be the slickest ever as the performers followed on in what appeared to be a perfectly relaxed manner. This was due particularly to Ian Grant's unruffled relationship with the cast throughout the day and behind the scenes during the show. Sue Barnes assisted in a superbly unobtrusive manner and, of course, Brian Brocklehurst gave everyone a feeling of security with his backing, where needed, on the double bass.

There was much in the programme that could give pleasure to people of all ages, from the Welsh Love Song, sung so beautifully by Karen Shelby, to the infectious excitement of Alice and Sue, thrilled to have 'made it' to Folk Fest 5. Two

fifteen year olds, Roy and Gary from Liverpool, kept us mentally alert in every way, and Malcolm Prym, a fourteen-year-old Patrol Leader, gave us a welcome opportunity to sit back and just listen to his fine Spanish guitar playing.

A real contrast was provided by the Buckinghamshire Sword Dancers, who were splendid to watch—and so one could go on, picking out item after item for verve, controlled guitar playing, team work, originality or other essentials to good performance. With regard to criticisms, the players were certainly aware of their weaknesses after a day of listening to each other!

Yes, the menu was more varied this year, and what a good idea to give us a helping of French dressing by bringing over the Gospel Five from Bordeaux. With typical, inexhaustible energy they kept us involved, clapping and singing until the next item, when the mood changed and, perhaps to our surprise, we were suddenly involved in a different manner in that very British musical contribution, the Hallelujah Chorus. What spirit that choir showed in producing top Gs at ten p.m.!

What has Folk Fest 5 done for the groups who took part? Has it helped their Scouting and Guiding? How will they develop? These are rhetorical questions but the answers do depend a lot on our sympathetic or even critical understanding. If you were in the audience and sometimes hear on your radio, 'This is the Terry Wogan Show' or Ian Grant comes over with some reviews, perhaps you think as I do, 'Ah, friends of ours!' Back your thoughts may go to 11th December, no longer nostalgic for 'Hiawatha' or a 'Prom', but remembering a most enjoyable Scout and Guide occasion which gave us first class entertainment.

Foxlease Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Fifty years have elapsed since, in February 1922, Foxlease was given to our Movement by Mrs Archbold Saunderson.

By way of celebration for these fifty golden years a Flower Festival is to be held, and many of the Counties and Countries who have rooms at Foxlease have agreed to help with this, which will take place from Wednesday, 28th June, until Saturday, 1st July. The house and grounds will be open to the Movement from 3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m., and the public will be welcomed on the 28th and 29th June.

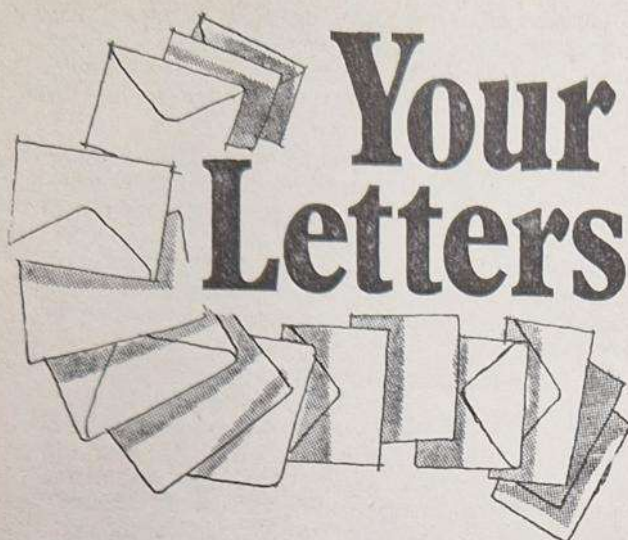
The Festival will include an exhibition of collage made by Brownies, Guides and Rangers, the details for which will appear in their respective periodicals and the April issue of *THE GUIDER*.

In addition Guiders, in self-supporting groups of not more than eight from Districts, Divisions or Counties, are invited to camp in the grounds over the weekend 30th June to 2nd July, when the house



will be occupied by invited Guests, members of the Friends of Foxlease and visitors from overseas. Guiders wishing to camp should write to the Guider-in-Charge for further information.

The weekend will be drawn to a close with a special Service of Thanksgiving, which will be held on the Sunday afternoon.



Your Letters

Crochet Interest Badge for Brownies

I agree with Mrs Joan Hicks (December GUIDER) that there should be a Crochet Interest Badge for Brownies. One of my 9-year-old Brownies has crocheted coloured squares, sewn them together and made a small cot blanket, which has served as part of her Christmas Venture. I feel this sort of thing could be encouraged by having a badge, but soon, not in years to come.

One advantage for Brownies in having a badge for crochet is that it grows quite quickly and there is, after all, only one stitch to drop!

(MRS) NANCY MARSHALL, Brownie Guider, 62nd Roath Park Methodist Pack.

Flower-Arranger Badge too advanced?

Some of the Guides in one of the Companies in my District decided they would like to take Flower-Arranger badge, so a series of six lessons with a competent flower arranger was organised. It was agreed, however, by both the Guider and the Tester that this badge was too advanced in some of its clauses for the age and experience of Guides.

They thought that section 1 was too comprehensive and that it would be better if only four or five of the 10 clauses were to be taken. Criticisms of the various clauses were:

(a) and (b) would take a long time to do and also require a great deal of material.

(f) would necessitate using a candle cup which would not always be readily available.

(i) A mass arrangement is very difficult for girls of Guide age and it was felt that this clause should definitely be deleted.

(j) To do an arrangement of one colour was too specialised as it involved knowing about colour.

(c), (d), (e), (g) and (h) were felt to be the most suitable clauses for Guides and it was agreed that sections 2, 3 and 4 were suitable inclusions.

Another criticism of the badge syllabus was that the wide choice of containers and methods of fixing flowers which was required could become very costly, as could the flowers themselves if they had to be bought.

Nevertheless the Guides enjoyed the lessons and demonstrations, but I would like to hear other opinions about this badge.

BETTY WILKS, District Commissioner, North Beds.

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The opinions expressed in these columns are not necessarily those of the Editor.

Make an Apron for Your Guide Meetings

There are many occasions when it is necessary to wear an apron at Guide meetings in order to protect uniforms, but as different floral aprons seem out of place with uniform I have managed to get a standard apron made for the girls in my Company.

The apron is extremely easy and cheap to make out of $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. of 36 in. material. The material which I used was trevira at 25p a yard which I bought at a local market stall. (Stall holders will often give a small discount for large quantities.) A trefoil is embroidered in chain stitch and this can be done by even the youngest Guides.

All my Guides have these aprons and they look very smart and impressive when they are taking certain Interest badges e.g. Cook, Homemaker, Child Nurse.

I must add that I have a splendid set of helpful 'Mums' who have most willingly helped with the machine sewing.

(MRS) MARGARET DAVIES, Guide Guider, 1st Weeford Company, Staffs.

Mrs. Davies has shown us a specimen apron, and this seems a most attractive and useful idea.—Editor.

Salute to our Members in Belfast

May I say how impressed and cheered I was with the article on Guiding in Belfast by J. Whiteside in the January GUIDER—members of the Movement have always been proud to belong to the organisation started by the late Lord Baden-Powell over 60 years ago, and I think we should be particularly proud now of our fellow Guiders in Northern Ireland and wish them well.

VIOLET M. BARKER, HQ Trefoil Guild.

Thanks from an appreciative visitor

I had the opportunity of visiting both Waddow and Foxlease as well as the County Training Centre of Netherurd in Scotland when I was chosen by the Malta Girl Guides Association to attend an Administration Course. As stated in *What to Expect at the Commonwealth Headquarters' Training Centres* in the September issue of THE GUIDER, the houses vary, the setting is different but the welcome and the friendship one receives in all three Centres are very impressive and greatly appreciated. I returned home after having made new friends and gaining an enormous amount of knowledge about the Movement and its ideals and consequently feel that one should make an effort to visit these Training Centres.

As it is not possible to list all those whom I wish to thank personally I avail myself of this opportunity to thank the staff, Trainers and Guiders-in-Charge at all three Centres, for making my stay such a memorable one, and to the Malta Girl Guides Association for sending me.

(MRS) LAURA BAJADA, Assistant Commissioner, Valletta, Malta

Help the Physically Handicapped at Woodlarks Camp

Volunteers are needed at **Woodlarks Camp, Farnham, Surrey**. If you are interested, and would like to help the physically handicapped enjoy a camping holiday, contact the camp leader direct.

- June 3-10 **Hampshire Trefoil Extensions (women)**
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Miss V. Green, 3 Inverclyde Road, Birmingham 20.
- July 29- **Chailey Heritage Guides**
Aug. 5 Miss S. Blades, Blatchets, Allington Road, Newick, Lewes, Sussex.
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Miss R. Barnes, 19 Kendrick Road, Reading, Berks.
- Aug. 19-26 **Pathfinders (Guides and others)**
Miss A. Cann, 20 Southlands Road, Weymouth, Dorset.

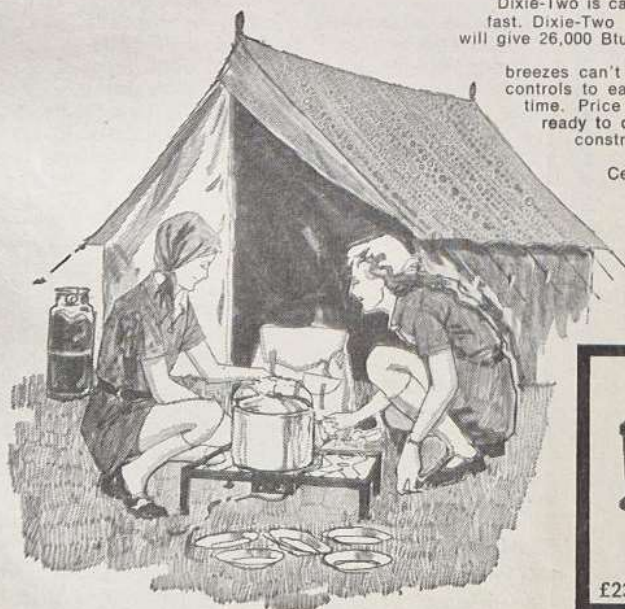
Smoking and Drugs— Aids for Discussion

'Cigarette smoking is the largest single avoidable cause of death in Britain today, with the bulk of deaths attributable to three main areas—lung cancer, bronchitis and coronary heart disease.' This was stated by Sir George Godber, Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security, in his annual report for 1970. The report continues, 'Few can still be unaware that a danger exists but many do not accept that the hazard is real and applies to them. As a result this is still predominantly a smoking community, giving every incentive to children and adolescents to follow the foolish habit of their elders.'

The report also refers to drug dependence in the community, and it is encouraging to read that there is room for some optimism about the containment of heroin addiction, for drug dependency treatment units were issuing only about two-fifths of the amount of heroin used two and a half years earlier.

Such a report is surely encouraging reading to leaders of young people, but there is still no room for complacency, and it is not out of place, therefore, to refer readers to the articles in the July and September issues of *THE GUIDER* on *Drugs* and *Smoking* respectively, in which mention was made of organisations which provide information and leaflets which would be suitable to mention to young people in order to promote discussions at meetings.

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Airing and Sharing



Taking the Step into Rangers

I was interested to read in the January GUIDER that somebody else has Guides who are reluctant to take the step into Rangers.

I had this problem with four of my 14-year-olds. They had all gained their Queen's Guide Badge last year but didn't want to leave the Company. However, we solved the problem together. Firstly we invited the Rangers to visit the Company and talk about the things they had done, after which they invited the girls to an open evening. We then agreed that for three months every other week the Rangers would come and tell us what they did at their meetings. At the end of the three months the Guides actually received their Badges and they all cheerfully agreed that they were enjoying Rangers and were ready to leave Guides and make room for new girls, but asked if they could come back and see us sometimes.

We all felt pleased about the arrangements. I didn't feel I had pushed them out since they had come to the decision in their own good time, and they were pleased to have been able to try out Rangers before making up their minds. The Ranger Guider was very understanding about the idea and I feel the exercise was well worthwhile.

(MRS) DOREEN A. BULTON, Guide Guider, 1st Earley (St. Peter's) Company, Reading.

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The correspondent in January's GUIDER is by no means alone with the problem of unwillingness of Guides to join Rangers.

We think the Guide Guiders are selfish—they keep their good, well trained Guides to assist *them*. They forget there are long waiting lists in all Brownie Units. No Guide should be allowed to stay on to assist in her own Unit—she should carry on into Rangers to put into practice and enjoy what she has learned as a Guide. Then after a break of about two years by all means go back to assist with her Guide Unit as a Ranger working for a Ranger Leadership Certificate. The Ranger Unit should be the place to enjoy the knowledge of Guiding gained in Brownies and Guides.

A definite age should be made for the change over—14 years would be ideal—four years as a Ranger then, hey presto! a new Guider for the Movement at 18 years.

At this precise moment we are discussing winding up the Unit because no one has come up into Rangers since we opened the Unit just over two years ago.

The Solution: A definite age limit for Guides: No return for two years and then only as a Ranger. Then it would come automatically that each Guide Unit would have its *own* Ranger Unit which would overcome the difficulty of having to travel to and from a District Unit.

Name and Address Supplied.

Service in a Small Community

I am a Brownie Guider and should like to reply to Mrs. Shaw about the problem of service in a small community (January GUIDER).

In the autumn one of my Brownies was being tested for her Discoverer badge. The Tester, a Cub Scout Leader, was connected with a city Pack and was absolutely green with envy at the natural facilities we had on our doorstep—ours for the asking; even if she took her boys to a park there was never such an abundance of wild flowers.

As a Venture this year, therefore, we have promised to collect, name and tell where we have found wild flowers.

This 'link' has endless possibilities, as there's material here to stimulate interest in quite a few Interest badges and Challenges. Perhaps Mrs. Shaw and her girls could develop this idea further.

(MRS) WINNIE JORGENSEN, Brownie Guider, 1st Arbrilot Pack, Angus.

Advice to The Snail—January 'Guider'

I read Edna Odell's article 'By Perseverance the Snail Reached the Ark' several times and chuckled over it—when I'd caught my breath I lost trying to keep up with her! She really deserves a rest from Brownies—maybe a year off? I know that Trainers should run their own Pack but 7-10 year olds can be terribly wearing. Miss Odell tries too hard. Sarah's Mum could have got her hand-book; Carol could have waited till next week for her birthday treat—the biscuits would have kept and facing disappointment is good training for life.

I'm giving up Brownies in two years time, when I'm 50. I was not a Guide, and only came into the Movement when my daughters left Guides. One great advantage was that I came in at the end of the Old Programme so was not prejudiced against the New One. I've enjoyed my time as a Brownie Guider, learned a lot, given a lot, but I feel I've Done My Best. Chaos has reigned, programmes planned and unplanned have gone awry, but Bright Brownie Beams around the Brownie Ring are reward enough, and my waiting list grows so Mums must have faith in me. But in two years' time I shall have had enough.

No woman with a house and garden to run single-handed, a demanding job and—thank goodness—outside interests, can go on indefinitely. If a Guider is perfect, potential new Guiders are daunted and won't take on the Pack. No tea on Brownie days—that appalls me! Someone will take over. None of us is indispensable. Miss Odell, you've earned a rest!

MONICA J. E. JONES, Brownie Guider, 9th St. Mary's Stoke Bishop Brownies, Bristol.

Problems of Young Guiders

I read with interest Miss Brown's letter concerning the problems of young Guiders and would agree with
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much that she says. I, too, think 18 far too young to accept the responsibilities of taking Guides to camp without adequate trained and experienced help. The tragedy in the Scottish Highlands has surely emphasised this point without further comment except to express sympathy with the young leader of that ill-fated expedition and to hope that she will make a full recovery.

Where I differ from Miss Brown's views however, is in the implication that 21 is too young to have acquired the art of leadership. It is an established fact that the present youth of this country have a greater sense of social responsibility than any of their predecessors and many of them have had more opportunities and are more capable and sophisticated than we were at their age. Guiding is essentially an organisation for youth and of youth and the old adage still applies—Let us have Leaders, not Bosses—Leaders who are young enough to talk the same language.

I have just celebrated the 45th anniversary of my enrolment so feel I can talk from experience. Therefore let us 'oldies' be prepared to take a back seat, to act as elder statesmen and to use our experience to give our young leaders all the support and loyalty that is within our power to carry on the vision of our Founder.

J. BURNETT, Ex-Guider, 9th St. Annes on Sea Company.

A Housing Project for Rangers

Few young people about to marry know much, if anything, about buying or renting a house or flat. To fill this gap in my Rangers' education I launched a Housing Project which the girls greatly enjoyed over a period of three months.

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It is important that, throughout the project, the Rangers are aware of the changing environment and find out what is planned for the district in the future—industrial development, new motorways, demolition of old houses, erection of housing estates, etc. And attendance at rate-payers' meetings where these things are discussed should be encouraged.

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If your Brownies or Guides have produced paintings, drawings, woodcuts, lino cuts, cut paper or collage work which you feel have some merit you may like to encourage them to enter for the exhibition. The closing date is 25th March.

For further details write to: The Organising Secretary, National Exhibition of Children's Art, *Sunday Mirror*, Box 209, 79 Camden Road, London NW1 9NT.

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A visit to this cathedral town in the heart of the Suffolk countryside would make a very interesting and worthwhile outing for your Brownies, Guides or Rangers. The town is full of interest, and small enough to look round without tiring everybody, and for a longer stay there are very suitable areas nearby for camping.

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Write to: The Head Verger, St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, The Cathedral Office, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

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It's the Thought that Counts — Or Is It?

by The Hon. Mrs. W. Birkbeck, J.P.,
International Commissioner



THINKING DAY is over; the candlelit ceremonies, the dressing-up, the 'foreign food', the songs from other countries. We can relax from 'doing international' for another year. Sighs of relief, a part of the programme behind us—relationships with people need only be fostered in our own locality, leaving 'other countries' to themselves until next January, when we have to start on the thought waves again. But wait a minute! 'Waves', did you say?

Waves mean ships—ships sail on seas—ships carry people—people coming from and going to far-away places, people of different races, religions, walks of life, speaking dozens of different languages.

People, international people, who don't stop coming and going simply because it is not Thinking Day. People who come not only in ships, but in trains, in cars, in planes. The world has become so small that all those people whom we shower with thoughts on 22nd February are now our neighbours, they are almost in our own locality.

Such is our British insularity that we do not, as yet, accept this fact as part of our lives. The Scout Association, so concerned by this, has seen fit to promote a special European Friendship Year—realising as it does that it is to Europe that most of its members are likely to travel. We, in The Girl Guides Association, while obviously supporting Scout projects, did not join in this Friendship Year because we feel 'International Friendship' should be something that is a real part of our programme all the time—not just during one year only.

Can we honestly say that this is true? How much do our Guides and Brownies know about the Commonwealth of which they are an integral part, let alone about Europe and the rest of the Wide World? Does Sally in any way appreciate the difficulties under which Eunice, from the Virgin Islands, is living now that she has moved to Sally's home town of Luton? Does Mary know what it is like for Sadia to be pitch-forked into Bradford from a village in West Pakistan? Does Susan realise what Roshan, from India, is going through now that she is living in Battersea—where boys and girls are treated equally? Our way of life is automatically forced on our immigrants and visitors—but do we bother to find out about theirs, with sympathy and understanding for the upheavals they are having to face?

Thinking about them when they are not there is one thing—if the thought is caring it counts for a lot. But when we meet people from other countries more than thought is needed. Carlyle said, 'The

end of man is an action, not a thought, though it were the noblest'. It is still quite alarming how many overseas residents and visitors never get inside a British home. And it is in our homes that the true picture of our country shows itself.

Could we resolve, in the 'unthinking' months ahead, to encourage our units to accept their membership of the World Movement as part of their lives, certainly as part of their Guide programme. Why not start by learning all we can about Canada? Why? Because Canada is the hostess country for the 21st World Conference to which delegates from the 87 member countries of the World Association will be going in June. Perhaps we know a Canadian who can come and tell us how Canadian girls live? Or we could have half the meeting entirely in French, French being an official language of the World Association as well as one of the languages of Canada. And from Canada which way shall we go? To the United States or Greenland? Lots of people come and go to the United States; what do you know about Juliette Low? Greenland is not quite so easy, and yet a group of Guides from the United Kingdom went there only last year. Play the game for yourselves—opportunities are endless. If your unit is European-minded, why not start with the new Common Market countries—all your Guides and Brownies will be affected in some measure by them and much sooner than we realise.

Perhaps some of your Guides are going abroad this summer, either as Guides or with their families? Will they take full advantage of this golden opportunity? Are they properly prepared or will they, like so many, come back complaining that 'the food and toilet arrangements are not like home'? Could not their private holidays, as well as their camps abroad, be used to great advantage in the Company? Why not invite people from other countries—not necessarily Guides—to your meetings occasionally to share their experiences. Get your Guides and their parents to invite the visitors to their homes. Think of the good that could be done, the happiness that could be given and received.

The thoughts count, certainly, but the actions count for more, and the actions trigger off more and more ideas, interests, fascinations and friendships that are the essence of World Guiding: that essence which will stand our members in such good stead and do so much towards fostering goodwill among nations in the years to come.

A Guide to current entertainment What's on

Opera

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, COVENT GARDEN
The programme for March includes: *Nabucco*, *Aida*, *Falstaff*, *Don Carlos*, *Così fan tutte*.

From March 7th-10th inclusive the Bavarian State Opera, Munich, is visiting Covent Garden, the repertory consisting of three Richard Strauss operas.

Ballet

THE LONDON COLISEUM

The London Festival Ballet will return to the London Coliseum on 29th March. Ballets included in the season, until 29th April, include *Swan Lake*, *Coppélia*, *Bourrée Fantasque*, *Scheherazade*, two new ballet productions, *A Mendelssohn Symphony* to Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony*, *Ebb and Flow* with music by Telemann, and a new ballet by Walter Gore.

Music

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

The programme for March includes:

2nd—London Symphony Orchestra, conductor Erich Leinsdorf. Programme includes *Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (Unfinished)*.

8th—BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conductor Raymond Leppard. Programme—*Haydn's Creation*.

14th—New Philharmonia Orchestra, conductor Lorin Maazel. Programme includes *Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor*.

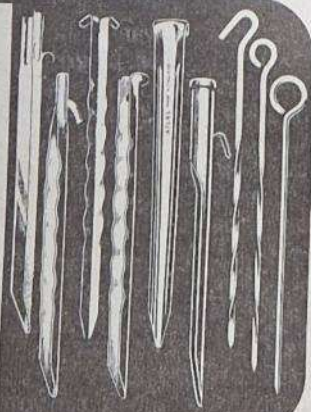
15th—BBC Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Choral



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23rd—Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Sir Adrian Boult. Programme includes *The Young Person's Guide to The Orchestra* by Britten.

29th—London Mozart Players, conductor Harry Blech. Programme consists of works by Mozart.

Theatre

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The Good-Natured Man, by Oliver Goldsmith, will be performed on March 1st-4th and 6th, 7th, 15th and 16th at 7.30 p.m. except Saturday 4th which will be a matinée at 2.15 p.m.

Peter Nichols's tragi-comedy, *The National Health*, which centres on the inmates of a typical hospital ward is being presented on March 8th, 9th and 17th at 7.30 p.m. and on Saturday, 18th March at 2.15 p.m.

There are party rates for all performances: for parties of 15 or more £2.00, £1.80 or £1.50 tickets are reduced to £1.00. Address all enquiries to Mrs. M. Collins, Party Bookings, H. M. Tennant Ltd., Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W1.

The following is a list of main events in principal cities:

Edinburgh

3rd—Scottish National Orchestra—Usher Hall.

4th—Scotland v Ireland women's hockey—Meadowbank.

5th—Edinburgh University Music Society, Chorus and Orchestra—Usher Hall.

14th—New Town Concert: Janáček String Quartet—Freemasons' Hall.

14th-18th—Gilbert & Sullivan Opera—Leith Town Hall.

17th-19th—Spring Gardening Exhibition—Waverley Market.

31st-3rd April—Caravan Rally.

Birmingham

City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra—Town Hall, Soloists John Ogden, Fenella Fielding.

31st—St. Matthew Passion—Town Hall.

30th-15th April—Chipperfield Circus—Haybarn Recreation Ground.

Sheffield

4th—BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra—City Hall.

5th-11th—Sheffield Film Theatre Week—Library Theatre, Tudor Place.

10th—Hallé Orchestra—City Hall.

Leeds

4th—British Collie Club Show—Corn Exchange.

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20th-26th—Mauritius, Magnificent Adventure (Kenya).

27th-2nd April—Festival of Unity (Nigeria), Sports Goods (Pakistan).

Admission is free and performances are continuous. Approximate times are:

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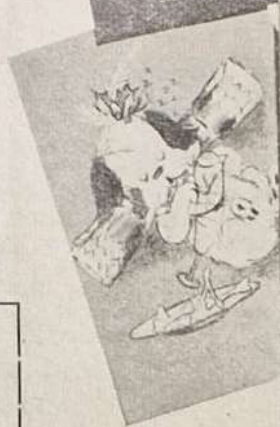
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E.W.

Knitting for Children, by Louise Daniels. The Hamlyn Group, £1.50.

With two fashion conscious youngsters of her own, Louise Daniels has selected over 90 enchanting outfits to make, from baby clothes to trouser suits for the young sophisticate.

For those who have never tried to knit there are easy-to-follow instructions and diagrams, and many useful hints, while special easy patterns for such articles as mitts and tea cosies are included for the youngster just starting to knit. This excellent book, with some of the patterns illustrated in full colour, is one that both the new and the more experienced knitter can enjoy.

M.S.

Making Children's Clothes—Using Block Pattern Method, by Joan Moloney. Ward Lock, £1.50.

There is no doubt that it is both economical and satisfying to make children's clothes, but to do this well you need to have patterns. This book is designed primarily to help with pattern making, and to show that once you have a basic block pattern you can create many styles. There are excellent illustrated instructions on how to achieve this, and many styles to choose from, for both boys and girls.

At the end of the book is a 'Boutique' section, full of ideas for trimming dresses; skirts; waistcoats; socks and gloves. It also shows how to vary accessories, and gives details for making simple belts, brooches and necklaces for fashion conscious young people.

O.M.C.

Mammals in Colour, Blandford Colour Series, £1.75.

This compact book of some 250 pages is translated from the Danish of Leif Lyneborg. It is 'designed as a handbook for the identification of the mammals of Britain and Europe'. In the first part of the book the species are illustrated, mainly in colour, and some field characteristics are given. In the second and longer part there is

first an introduction to each systematic group followed by a descriptive text of each species. This consists of concise and sound notes under the headings: Identification, Distribution, Habitat and Habits. The notes on identification are by no means field notes and contain much information which would be of value only if one had the species in hand, or in the case of the dolphins, on the beach.

R.C.

Fish, by Alison Morgan. Chatto & Windus, £1.25.

Floss was the only real possession Jimmy Barnes—nicknamed 'Fish'—had ever had. She was a leggy mongrel who seemed as much out of place in the Welsh village as her master. The book tells the story of their adventures together and in particular of an escapade of a rather different kind. It is because of this escapade that Fish eventually finds a friend in the other Jimmy—Jimmy Price—and a place for himself and his dog in the village of Llandewi-fach.

Alison Morgan is the International Adviser for Wales and in this, her first novel, has written a tale which children everywhere will love.

J.H.

Careers for the Unqualified, by Kathleen Hartley. Wolfe Publishing Ltd., 45p.

This is a book for parents whose children are going to leave school without any external examination qualifications, and for the boys and girls themselves.

The majority of those who leave school at 15 do unskilled work, although many of them would be capable of training for jobs with a greater future than their present dead-end ones. It is often only through a lack of knowledge of the facilities for acquiring skills which will give them a job with prospects that prevents them from making the break-through, but this book will provide them with the basic information they require. References are made, too, to the *Choice of Careers* pamphlets provided by the Central Youth Employment Executive and also to addresses where more detailed information on certain jobs can be found.

P.T.

The Woodland Book for Guides and Brownies, by Brenda Morton. Brown, Son and Ferguson, Ltd. £1.00.

This book will be appreciated by all who enjoy life out of doors and will be a source of help for those who find outings a strain.

It is a practical book with a wealth of suggestions for purposeful activities and games. The explanations of the activities are so direct that a child or group of children could follow the instructions for carrying them out on their own.

There are numerous small drawings which illustrate ideas given. Any Guider taking a Pack Holiday, running a camp or planning outings to the Park or countryside will welcome this book.

One section of the book deals with ideas for Creative Activities which may develop from outings.

There is a comprehensive index and a good list of things to make from the woods.

J.B.

Brownsea Ranger Camp

by Margaret Haggerty

I HAD stayed on the island several times before 1971, and each time had been more and more impressed by the beauty of the spot, and the possibility for activities on the island or on the surrounding water, and mainland.

This meant that I was able to write in glowing terms to the twenty-four Rangers who had booked places on the week planned for July 1971, about the island and also of the joys of spending a holiday in the Villa Villano, with its own slipway to the water, cannons by the front door, and peacocks strolling across the lawn. All these things conjured up a picture of luxurious living in the type of ancestral home that we do not, on the whole, possess in our everyday life.

Our feelings, however, when the moment of our arrival came on Saturday, 24th July, had much in common with the sensations one has on first paying a visit to some desirable property, advertised in glowing terms by an estate agent. As we opened the gate in the high turretted wall, separating the Villano garden from the public landing stage, the cannons, it is true, were still there, but so was a lavatory, new, white and shining, sitting squarely and nakedly on the front steps, while the sounds of hammering issuing from the house added to our forebodings that the alterations planned for summer 1971 to make the place suitable for a group the size of the one we were expecting in two hours time, had not been completed. It was also a little unfortunate that our QM had not visited the island before, and as it was one of the extremely windy days one occasionally experiences in the harbour, our short crossing from Sandbanks had been rather a wet one, and the damage to her hairstyle, and general dampness, did not put her in the best spirits to cope with any and every emergency, while her faith in the reliability of my descriptions fell to zero.

The accommodation at the Villano now, in 1972, consists of a wing containing an excellent wash place for the Rangers, with showers, plenty of hot water and sufficient wash basins and loos opening out of a large, airy dormitory, with bunk beds for twenty-four. The mattresses are comfortable, and each bed is supplied with a pillow and blanket. The whole of the wing is attractively decorated and very functional. The house itself provides bedrooms for the Guiders, a bathroom, separate loo (removed from the front doorstep and installed by evening in its correct place!),



kitchen and two rooms, which between them supply dining and common room space for the party.

The Ranger week 1971 was the first of many for similar groups occupying the house, which is now simply, but adequately equipped for such parties. The improvisations that we had to do in the two hours before Rangers descended upon us from various parts of the country will no longer arise. The conversions carried out by the Service Crew of volunteers, backed by the Brownsea Committee, have been excellently, and imaginatively, done. We simply arrived before they had had time to complete the work.

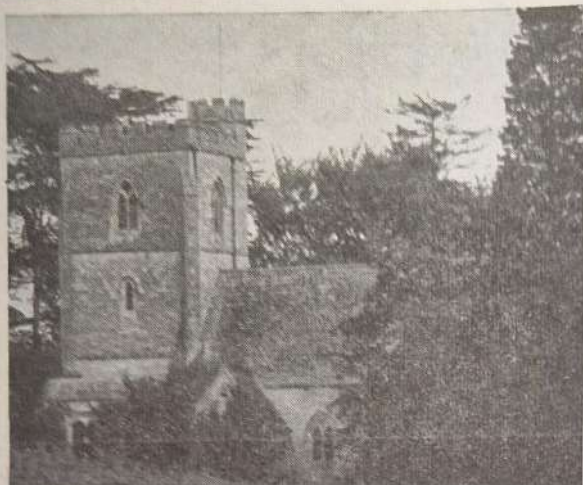
The first full day on Brownsea offered a mixture of activities—groups boated, tried some elementary orienteering, or dug for clay on the site of the old pottery works. As regards the clay, shortage of time in a crowded programme prevented us from being any more successful than the ill-fated island pottery business of past years, but it is an activity which, with skilful direction, has considerable possibilities, especially in poor weather.

In the afternoon we attended Evensong in the small Church on the island. We were fortunate that we arrived early enough to obtain seats; later arrivals had to sit in the porch or on the grass outside, a point worth remembering if you intend to be there at the beginning of the school holiday period.

Part of the island is occupied by the Dorset Naturalists. The Warden lives on the reserve, and is willing to bring his slides and projector, and talk to groups about the wild life of the island and Dorset mainland. His talk on Sunday evening stimulated interest in the tour of the reserve arranged for the next morning, and also caused a group to plan an expedition, on foot, along the coast route to Swanage later in the week.

A number of good walks are possible on the Isle of Purbeck but, in planning these or any other mainland activity, care must be taken

Training



to catch the last launch back to the island—which can be as early as 5.30 p.m. even in summer. We had our own launch, and could be independent of the public transport to a large extent. We were able to do this, together with the other forms of boating on our programme, because we had Guiders with the necessary tidal water boating qualifications.

There were too many things to do for everyone to do everything, and frequently making a choice proved difficult, as for instance, whether to visit the Nature Reserve, or go on a tour round Poole Pottery, and whether to go boating or try trampolining, squash and table tennis at the Poole Sports Centre.

The Brownsea Open Air Theatre Group was giving Henry V during our week, so Monday evening saw us setting out dressed from head to toe in as many clothes as we could muster, with the few exposed areas liberally covered with midge repellent. This evening performance on the island was the only time we were troubled to any great extent by midges, but various preventatives and cures for midge bites are essential in any first aid set.

The high point of Tuesday's activities was a trip out to sea on a minesweeper, an 'extra' that we were lucky to be able to include in the programme, and also we were fortunate that Wednesday was the day of the New Forest Show, so the group setting out to explore the New Forest, using Foxlease as their overnight camping spot, were able to see displays of jumping and New Forest Crafts, as well as visiting Foxlease and the Forest for the first time.

Another group at this point went fossil hunting at Barton, another explored the harbour up to Wareham in the launch, while other Rangers collected some of the many different types of shells which are to be found at Shell Bay.

Some Rangers wished to try their hand at sea fishing, so about half the party set out one morning in the care of a professional boatman,

equipped with large quantities of bait. As the joint catch was one small fish, perhaps it was fortunate that we had not planned to eat it for lunch!

We had taken various handcraft materials to the island, but as the weather was good the corn dollies, rope animals and other items we had planned for wet or wild days were never made. It is essential, though, to have a reserve of activities in case one has poor weather, for one must accept the fact that the wind can make boating unwise, and prolonged rain might affect the programme more than on the mainland.

There are many other possibilities for activities on the island that we did not have time to try. We did very little orienteering, yet the island has good possibilities, nor did we do any raft or bridge building, abseiling, sketching or serious photography; all items we had originally thought might find a place in the programme.

While many of these activities can be done elsewhere, there is a certain charm in having an island home. A week at the Villa Villano will make an excellent Ranger Unit or Guiders' holiday. It allows the possibilities of being utterly lazy, sitting in the sun, possibly with a peacock or two for company, watching the constant movements of boats in the harbour, or of using it as a base for carrying out a wide and varied range of activities.

Putting Guiding On the Map

(5) The Local Youth Committee by Norah Perry

THE meeting of the Local Youth Committee opened with the Chairman welcoming new members, including Mrs Wheeler, the new District Commissioner for the Weldon District Girl Guides.

Among the items discussed was finance, and in particular Grant Aid. Mrs Wheeler had not realised how readily this was available.

'Oh,' she said, 'I have two Guiders going to Foxlease next month. Would they qualify?'

'I expect so,' replied the Chairman. 'What is Foxlease?'

'A training house for Guiders. We have several in the British Isles.'

Murmurs of interest were heard all round as Mrs Wheeler went on to explain the Guide system of training.

At subsequent meetings of the Youth Committee many aspects of Youth Work were covered, including the Litter Clearing project in the New Forest.

'It was nice to see so many of your girls there, Mrs Wheeler,' said the Chairman. 'They looked so business-like in their blue shirts and jeans, and they worked really hard all day.'

Help was required at a local Charity Match. Mrs Wheeler offered the services of a few of the Rangers and older Guides.

'We like to join in with the "Open" clubs when we can,' said Mrs Wheeler.

The local course in Basic Youth Leadership was in trouble, as the tutor, a local headmaster, had found it necessary to drop out at the last minute.

'I know a Guide Trainer who might do it,' said Mrs Wheeler.

'I will get in touch with her, Mrs Wheeler. We have often had Guiders on our courses, and they usually make a valuable contribution.'

Mrs Wheeler came to one meeting with a problem concerning the Ranger Unit and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

'We can generally find instructors for you. Just let us know what interests the girls wish to follow,' said the Chairman.

'Interests,' said an old gentleman sitting in a corner. 'I thought Rangers were only interested in messing about with boats and boys.'

'Not at all,' answered Mrs Wheeler. She then proceeded to enlarge on the varied and worthwhile programme of a Ranger Service Unit. She also reminded the gentleman of the many 'land-based' youth projects, in which the local 'Seas' had joined with enthusiasm.

There had been several adverse comments in the local paper over the number of Queen's Guide Presentations there had been lately. 'It is nice to know that the public are sufficiently interested to make this newsworthy,' said Mrs Wheeler. 'It is true that because the nature of the Queen's Guide Badge has changed recently, it has become within the reach of more Guides. This does not mean that the girls achieve it without a great deal of hard work and perseverance covering a wide range of interests.'

'So they don't just tie knots and things these days!' said a lady in red.

'Of course not,' replied Mrs Wheeler. 'We have a wonderful up-to-date programme.'

This was followed by an interesting discussion on the needs of young people today, and how our Eight Point Programme helps to fulfil these needs. Most of the Youth Leaders present had not thought of structuring their programme so specifically, but several agreed it was a good idea.

All these examples were taken from the meetings over the last year or two of a local Youth Committee, and illustrate quite clearly the good Public Relations work which is possible in this situation.

On a Youth Committee one finds leaders from uniformed clubs, such as ATC, Red Cross, Scouts and Guides, Boys' Brigade, etc., as well as leaders from church and chapel clubs, open clubs, LEA clubs, boys and girls only clubs. Sometimes there is a limited representation, more often a leader from every registered club is invited to attend the committee meetings.

This gives all the members an opportunity of keeping in touch with one another. It is a forum for exchanging ideas, for hearing about projects (successful and otherwise), for sharing information and for passing on news and views of young people.

Just as we are lamentably ignorant of the work of the 'Open' Youth Clubs, so are their leaders often confused about our work.

As a liaison between all types of youth club in an area, there is a means of co-operating in all kinds of ways. Just one example are Orienteering Competitions. These are nearly always planned on an inter-club basis, and are so arranged that the young people can join in at their own level and according to their previous experience. The Guides and Rangers thoroughly enjoy any competition of this type that depends for its success on co-operation between clubs.

Speakers are often required for AGMs and the secretary of the local Youth Committee sometimes has a list of suitable people. On the other hand, Guiders can occasionally suggest suitable speakers to the other Youth Leaders.

Stewards and helpers are often needed to help with organising youth charity events and service projects. These events are not always suitable for the younger Guides to join, but the responsible help that Guiders can give makes for a very good relationship between the leaders in the area.

Many committees have a calendar of events and this is very useful when planning big District events. Many youngsters (particularly of Ranger age) have strongly divided loyalties between Guiding and Youth Club, and avoiding a clash of events again helps good relationships within the area.

Guiding has an almost unique contribution to offer the Youth Service, in that Guides make a definite commitment in their Promise. Although many clubs include an aspect of service and caring for other people, few of them realise how strong a role this plays in the Guide Movement. Most club programmes are not as structured as in the Guide programme. However, just as we gain from the width of outlook often apparent in the 'Open' club, so can we help them with our attitude to young people and the community.

Public Relations is often a sadly neglected aspect of Guiding in many Districts, and here is a wonderful opportunity, through the local Youth Committee, to 'Put Guiding on the Map'.

Training

Handbook Quotes...

Brownie ...

By Johanna Thorpe

Illustrated by Jennetta Vise

After a Pack Holiday you may find you have done quite a number of the Challenges which come in the Brownie Journeys . . . (Brownie Handbook, page 123.)

DO you get an impression that this might be a most unexpected 'find' on the part of the Brownie concerned who, reading through the Challenges in 'her' book after a happy Pack Holiday, suddenly discovers that she has 'done' an astonishing number of suggested Challenges? This Brownie would meet her Guider at the very next Pack Meeting excitedly clamouring for official recognition of these splendid feats of prowess. BUT the real ingredients of a Challenge in the true sense would have been overlooked. Elsewhere in her book she would read that every Challenge worthy of the name has four parts: choosing (where the activity can be related to the child), learning, practising and using.

The wise Guider will be well aware of the many possibilities encountered on a Pack Holiday to learn and practise new skills and for the completion of several Challenges. The former may be used to create an initial interest on which further experience can be based long after the holiday is over. She will also know when the Pack Holiday setting can help to increase the Brownie's sense of achievement. The triumphant looks on one little cook's flushed face when she hears the others decide that the scones she baked or the fried bread and bacon which she helped to prepare for breakfast are 'super' will be sufficient proof that this particular Challenge, undertaken in the knowledge that others' opinions would act as a criterion for its successful completion, really meant something to that particular Brownie.

Pack Holiday gives an almost unlimited opportunity to put the Journey Challenges into practice, but before going on to look at some of them, let us just stop to think about one keyword: Holiday. If this remains firmly established as one of the most important ingredients of 'this best of all possible Ventures' to which the Brownies will have looked forward for many months, there will be little danger of any Guider using this precious week spent living together as a heaven-sent period of time into which a maximum number of Challenges could be fitted.



Any holiday, if it is to live up to its name, must include plenty of free time for everybody. Often it is during these hours, when the Brownies play or talk together, that the skills of others are found to be exciting and spark off new ambitions. Complicated 'two-ball' routines or skipping steps are passed on and become even further elaborated until all have learned 'to do something new or to do something even better with a ball or skipping rope'. A Pack Holiday Olympics afternoon could give the Brownies a chance to show off the newly learned actions.

In the course of the holiday the children will undoubtedly learn to become more self-reliant in the care of their own bodies. An award of a shell or bead to be made into a necklace every time hair brushing or teeth cleaning, etc., has been remembered and properly done, helps to stimulate the Brownies' memories and acts as a supervisory measure at the same time. Some of them, whose home background may make other forms of recording difficult, may well use that necklace so proudly gained, as a 'week's record', asked for in the Footpath Challenge. For others it may be only a practice period; for all it should be the precursor to the establishment of good habits for personal hygiene. The fourth part of the Challenge is, after all, its use! (P. 55/56 Brownie Handbook.)

The same remarks hold good in respect of the 'Cleaning Challenge'. The family setting of a Pack Holiday offers a unique opportunity to teach the many homely tasks, to enjoy learning to do them well in a friendly, co-operative way. Here, too, some of the older Brownies can help some-one younger than themselves to wash up, do some polishing or do some shopping. Again,

the carrying of a message reliably gains a very real importance because it will be realistic. There will be a concrete purpose behind it, for if the young shoppers do not remember that they are to bring back 'fifty rashers of lean, streaky bacon, a family size packet of cornflakes, and two sliced loaves', tomorrow's breakfast will be in jeopardy.

Whatever the surroundings of the Pack Holiday home, the Guiders will have made plans to encourage the greater appreciation of it by the children. Expeditions, treasure hunts, nature trails and the like could certainly result in the Brownies wanting to make collections, charts or keeping weather records. Such a collection taken home to be mounted and labelled, will help the Brownies to relive the holiday experiences. It could be the beginning of a long-lasting, satisfying interest, leading to an Interest Badge being gained. All children like using the natural resources around them in order to make things. Simple straw plaiting or making shell designs could lead to making corn dollies or real shellcraft items; perhaps this idea could grow into a Venture with the next Bazaar in mind?

More than a passing thought needs to be given to the fact that a Pack Holiday makes it possible for everyone to 'live' their Promise and Law. Making a 'Thank you God' chart or contributing to the Prayer Book can help immeasurably to deepen this experience.

Never will any Brownie Pack return from a really enjoyable holiday during which all these things were done. Rarely will a Brownie just 'find' she has completed a Challenge without knowing it was happening. There is, perhaps, one exception. The Brownie who has successfully repacked her own suitcase satisfactorily, with all those extra things one always seems to accumulate when on holiday, might so delight her Guider that she might be heard to exclaim, 'That's marvellous, you certainly have done that Challenge along your Brownie Journey'.

Guide . . .

by Dorothy Stevens

The Best of Camping for a Guide (Guide Handbook, page 126.)

HOW would you continue, and how would your Guides complete the statement? In fact it is a quotation from *The Guide Handbook*. 'The best of camping for a Guide is when her own Patrol makes its own camp and looks after itself.' What a wonderful aim, and how can we help our Guides to achieve it so that they can enjoy the thrills of Patrol Camping and finally reach the real 'plum', the Guide Patrol Camp Permit.

STAGE 1

Making a Start

You are the proud possessor of a Camper's Licence, and planning your next Camp. Naturally



Illustration: Elizabeth Wall

this has been a big item for discussion at your PL Council, and the opportunity arose to talk about Patrol Camping. If your Company is just beginning to camp on its own, it will be wise to start in a limited way, perhaps cooking one meal a day in Patrols to begin with, and increasing during the week.

Thinking for Yourself

What will this involve in the way of preparation and training beforehand? First a set of cooking pots and utensils per Patrol will be needed. Encourage your Patrols to have ideas about this. How and where can they be obtained? Where will the money come from? Can any be made? Give the Patrols some Camp Catalogues to peruse, and suggest a Patrol Expedition to a Guide Shop or Camp Store.

Refer your Patrol Leaders to Page 129 of *The Guide Handbook*. Let Patrols discuss camp fireplaces, and think about collecting the equipment. Tins are lighter than bricks, and a visit to a scrap yard could produce sheets of tin, old gas oven plates, etc. Once started, ideas grow and the enthusiasm of the Patrol is aroused.

Becoming a Homemaker

Thus equipped, the Patrol is ready for a practice cook out, or do they need some fire lighting practice, ideas about wood piles, and suitable woods first? For the actual cooking, quickly done foods such as bacon, eggs, sausages, tomatoes are good for a first attempt, and will boost the morale. The next try outs can be more adventurous, and by the time you get to camp your Patrols will be quite well versed in the cooking department.

STAGE 2

'Getting to know people'

Spurred on by the success of the first attempts at Patrol Cooking in your Company Camp, you can next aim at real Patrol Camping in which each Patrol is independent, having its own small camp, cooking its own meals, and looking after

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Illustration: Elizabeth Wall

itself. The advantages of this method are that the cooking is quicker, the food better, the chores done more speedily, but most of all, the opportunity of living, and working together binds the Patrol together and gives each Guide the chance to shine in her own field, be it making the steamed pudding, chopping wood or stoking the fire, and the touch of rivalry between neighbouring Patrols is not without merit.

TRAINING FOR STAGE 2

'Thinking for yourself and Exploring the Arts'

This of course depends on the experience of your Guides, but often a good deal of help will be needed. At your next PL Training have a sleeping bag, 2 blankets, a small pillow, ground-sheet and rope, and make sure that Leaders can make a camp bed, and tie it up securely so that the bedding is quite safe, come what may. They can then practise this in their Patrols, if Guides are forewarned to each bring one of the items needed. Flag poles and gadgets can be dealt with in the same way, and this will be a good chance to get a Patrol Flag made. A Patrol Camp Prayer Book will be needed, and ideally made by the contributions of all the Patrol. Final decoration of pages could be allotted to one of the 'Artists' in the Patrol.

CAMP LANGUAGE

A Game to Play

New Guides are often foxed by the names of camp items. Pictures cut from old camp catalogues can be spread on a table at one end of the room. Patrols stand behind their Leaders at the opposite end, and each Guide is numbered. The Guider calls out the name of an article, and a number, and the first Guide to collect it gains a point for her Patrol. All kinds of items can be introduced—dollies, guy ropes, runners, ridge pole, mallet, dixies, etc. Make an opportunity for pitching tents and screening, and even the newest Guide can be a great help if she can bang in tent pegs correctly, and knows what you mean when you ask for a mallet.

STAGE 2 IN PRACTICE

With the amount of training suggested, your Patrols should be able to organise their own

small camps, but don't imagine that your help will not be needed! 'Our tent hasn't got any pegs', 'Our ridge pole is too short', 'Mary's bed won't come out of her kit-bag', and countless other pleas will arise, and you will also need to keep a watchful eye (and ear!) on the over-bossy, the slightly homesick, the over-tired, the long hair which hasn't been brushed since it came from home, and many other little problems. QM must make sure that all is well in that department, and be ready if necessary to put in extra joint meals in terribly bad weather, or in any emergency. Be ready to adapt the programme, and be very much on the alert to see when and where a helping hand is needed, a bit of advice necessary, or even a bit of peace-making needs to be done. The daily PL Council will reveal suggestions, problems, and give Leaders a chance to share their successes and failures.

STAGE 3

The logical outcome of all this would, we hope, be the Patrol Camp Permit. Page 343 of *The Guide Handbook* gives the test conditions and requirements. The actual test camp is entirely planned and run by the Patrol which has to collect all its own equipment, find its own site (and of course get it approved), plan the menu, arrange the camp fire, buy the food, work out the programme, in fact do everything for themselves, but for safety reasons there will be a Guider or an adult within call.

Training for the Patrol Camp Permit

This will need to include the use and filling up of Camp Form C9, how to obtain personal kit lists, and parents' consent forms, fitting up store tents with the necessary storage tins and boxes, making ladders and grease traps, duty rotas, revising the First Aid, and overhauling the Patrol First Aid Boxes. This, in addition to all the other training ideas mentioned previously may seem a formidable list, but it can be spread over a year's programme, and at the end you will have more than covered the 8 Points required for the next Eight Point Badge, and enjoying the out of doors will have gained a considerable bonus.

Ranger . . .

by M. Nixon

Illustrated by Jean de Lemos

There is place for both OUT and IN in Scouting. Sometimes in Guiding we seem to stick too literally to the IN. (Ranger Handbook, Page 113.)

A GIRL once gave as her reason for leaving Guides, 'They were always sending us to shop windows to count things that began with

"d". Once, a game like that in its various guises, had some appeal, but to speak paradoxically, the young are older than that now, and, while Rangers can revert to childhood quite surprisingly, enthusiastically sometimes, they generally prefer their activities to be more mature.

The traditional activities outside, centre round the three basic exercises of searching, tracking and observing. Searching can include surveying traffic, a river, a village, the danger points of a town, or it can cover collecting natural materials to make a collage, a dried flower arrangement, items for a beggar maid's jewellery, a chain of office; rushes can be collected to make tiny baskets to hold home-made sweets or a woolly Easter chick; sheeps' wool makes beards for subsequent plays or material to test natural dyes; also, so the wiseacres tell us, it can be worn between the toes when one is hiking! A variety of things can be collected to make a natural mosaic. Less tangible things like natural rhythms of cloud, wind and birdsong can be collected into a positive orchestra. Shells collected quickly can later, with the aid of sand-paper, a good contact fixative, some varnish and paint, be made into mythical animals; suitable stones can be painted to serve as paper weights. In some places it is possible to note samples of nature's sense of humour.

Connected with trailing and tracking is orienteering or wayfinding, and it is possible to make miniature courses even in a city. If the girls are taught this skill, they should also be taught to plan route cards, even if they are only to be out for fifteen minutes. Similarly, a miniature nature trail, a trail of architectural interest, a gardens trail or churches trail—one vital thing to be discovered at each stop—can be tried.

As for observation, star and cloud recognition are perennials. More exciting is telling the time by the stars. Going to the top of a suitable building or hill and looking down from there to the local landmarks leads on to mapping by way, at first, of making a view indicator. Everywhere there are trees for identification, the girls being invited to estimate the girth and height of the tree selected; note the way the branches grow; estimate the longest plank that could be achieved from it; try to find its 'boarders' and other characteristics. Better perhaps is the reverse exercise when the girls are given the 'identikit' and sent out to track one given tree. Ecological studies of city walls, particularly in more derelict areas, can be interesting, as can finding streets where plants grow between the paving-stones. Sadly, observation exercises which are involved with litter and non-conservation, are obvious, but it is a good thing to plan some of these, for awareness of this problem is vital. If anyone has a Polaroid camera maybe she can lend it for the purpose of photographing for



instant study some incongruity in town planning, some demolition of a worthwhile building, some local eyesore for discussion in the Unit afterwards.

Hike cookery can be encouraged just as soon as you find a patch of ground large enough to hold a stove and lightweight tent-pitching in the dark as a competition at this time of year is fun and will have a serious use later giving opportunities for adventure. First aid outside, emphasising the immediacy of the kind of help given, is very worthwhile, and accredited first aiders will enjoy giving such help.

A whole evening can sometimes be given up to entertaining outside—a continental café scene for fund-raising, a simple 'fair' for the Brownie Guides, a sketching competition, a pets' parade for small friends, a miniature pageant, an evening of team games for the children round about.

The main thing is to have some purpose for the activities, and, if possible, a carry-over. A study of fanlights over city doors might lead to ideas for design, and, not so oddly as it seems, to a talk on lace-making; a study of local trees might lead later to a visit to an arboretum or to a recognised nature trail; wayfinding and observing lead to an awareness of our environment, and, sometimes, to an awareness of our place in that environment. And always there are people. It is maybe stretching things a little to say that walking through the streets to meetings is being 'out', yet girls have given useful service by paying short visits to hospitals within visiting hours, gone to view a friend's wedding presents, gone to hold part of their meeting in the home of a member who is ill. Then the intrinsic friendliness of the Unit is felt by all, and who knows what thoughts go through the minds of the young women on these missions. Maybe it is outside that we can make Rangers see clearly that life is not contained in little boxes, that it seldom falls into neat little patterns, but that it is flowing, continuous, and that all in it is inextricably and excitingly interwoven.

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'I thought Guides were supposed to be polite and considerate.' Some snatches of conversation.

Does it Matter?

Illustrated by Jean de Lemos

MARY was just fifteen years old and lived at a hostel for working girls. Ever since the age of three she had lived in an institution, and had grown up to be somewhat surly and reticent, and carried an enormous chip on her shoulder.



To everyone's surprise, she joined the local Ranger Unit. One Friday, after the weekly meeting, Mary was walking home thinking very hard about the discussion and film *Cathy Come Home*. Engrossed in her thoughts, she did not notice that two old ladies had to step off the pavement for her.

If only the two old ladies had known, before they made their remark, that this was the first time in her life that Mary had stopped to think that there was someone worse off than herself.

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A Brownie and a Guide stood very politely either side of a doorway, between an overcrowded cloakroom and a passage outside. The Brownies were putting on their coats after their Thinking Day Party. Dozens of Guides were trying to get in to take their coats off. Their party was to follow.

A Guider, seeing her Brownie by the doorway, said, 'Hurry up, Janice, and come out, the Guides want to go in'. Janice looked up and said, 'But I can't, Brown Owl'. 'Why ever not?' asked the exasperated Guider. With an expression on her face which clearly said, 'You, of all people, should know,' Janice replied, 'Because a Brownie Guide thinks of others before herself'. Somewhat taken aback, the Guider then appealed to the young Guide to go in, but she said, 'I can't, either—a Guide is polite and considerate—she must come out first'. Deadlock.

Eventually the Guider helped Janice to see that she should also consider all the other Guides too, who were waiting to go in, and so she came out along with the rest of the Brownies.



This illustrates a problem, very familiar to Brownie Guiders, of how Brownies do take things literally. We have to make allowances for this, and try to help them to see the wider implications. 'Look wide' in every sense should begin in the Pack.

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The Pack settled themselves on the floor for Pow-wow, and the Brownie Guiders had to fetch their own chairs to sit on.

One evening the Brownie Guider suggested that someone might fetch a chair for Tawny. A Brownie did this and also brought one for the Brownie Guider who thanked her. At the next Pow-wow, two chairs appeared without being asked for, and the Brownie was praised for her thoughtfulness. Ever since then, someone has remembered to provide two chairs for the Guiders, and in so doing is 'thinking of others before herself'. So often with the Pack, a little praise works wonders.



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The Guiders' District meeting had taken place, Commissioner thinks 'If they'd let me know beforehand that they were not coming I could have got their ideas and numbers, etc., from them by post. As it is, nothing can be planned definitely and it wastes other people's time as well as my own, and incidentally I've got two pints of milk more than I need. Seem to remember Mrs. X said something about my going to test hostess badge, well, I wonder what she's taught them!'



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One meeting the Guides all arrived in a particularly silly frame of mind, and had wasted time and generally exasperated the Guider all evening. Eventually they stood round in a ring for prayers, the Guider thinking to herself, 'I had thought the Guide Laws were beginning to mean something in this Company, how wrong I was'. Then a PL opened her handbook and read, 'O Lord, when we are wrong, make us ready to change, and when we are right, make us easy to live with'. The next week it was a joy to be at their meeting.

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To The High Places

Some Advice for a Holiday in the Alps

by Joyce A. Sewell

A GROUP of Rangers and Guiders thankfully stow their rucksacks in the guard's van and sink into their seats in the London-bound train while the Guiders who had led them on a walking tour in the Alps heave a sigh of relief at having come safely back home once again. Perhaps next year a more restful holiday might be an idea . . . and then from one of the group comes a sigh of complete happiness and an eager question, 'Where are we going *next* year?'

Birth of an idea

So the idea is born—a fortnight in the Alps—and tentative plans are made very early, usually in the Autumn of the year before the actual holiday, although the details are, of course, evolved gradually and depend to a large extent on the composition of the group concerned. This may be made up of members of one Unit, or a District, a Division or a County may form a party, or the group may be drawn from all over the country. But however the group is formed, there *must* be a party leader and a deputy leader, both with adequate qualifications for leading that particular group in that specific place.

Requirements and Equipment

The minimum requirements are a Camper's Licence and a Mountain Leadership Certificate (the latter includes a current First Aid Certificate), and some Alpine experience. Approval for the venture must be obtained from the Camp Adviser and Commissioner, while the County International Representative will help with advice where necessary. Some knowledge of the language of the area to be visited is useful although one member of the party may be appointed to act as interpreter. Each person will carry her own small First Aid kit, but it is advisable to appoint someone (suitably qualified) to be in charge of the health of the group.

An additional six Rangers or Guiders will complete the party, about ten being a convenient size for a group—large enough for a party travel ticket yet not so large that special arrangements have to be made for buses and accommodation.

By now the party will have decided whether to go to the French Alps, the Swiss Alps or the Austrian Alps, and will have fixed the dates.

The application forms will include information about the candidate's previous walking and camping experience and whether she possesses vibram soled boots (essential for walking on glaciers), an ice-axe and a suitable rucksack. The size of the latter depends on the route planned by the party—camping may be involved or the overnight accommodation



may be in mountain huts, and this will mean carrying a greater or lesser amount of kit.

Parental permission must be obtained for candidates under the age of eighteen who wish to take part in the holiday and, nearer the date, a doctor's certificate of physical fitness is advisable.

At this stage, too, it is a good idea to fix a date for a training weekend when the prowess of each member can be assessed and arrangements made for sharing some items of kit.

The Merits of Austria

Parties walking in the Alps for the first time will find that Austria is the most suitable country to visit. The Alpine paths are well marked and are kept in good condition by the Austrian Alpine Club (the AAC) who also publish clear maps of each mountain region.

Membership of the AAC is advisable, the address of the UK branch being 124 Finchley Road, NW3 5JA. The membership fee covers insurance for rescue or accident expenses (which can be very high abroad) and entitles members to half price accommodation in the hut dormitories. These benefits extend to members who are using mountain huts in France and Switzerland too. There is a reduction in the membership fee for juveniles and for students under 25 years.

For a first visit it might be wise to spend the first week camping and getting acclimatised by going on day expeditions, following this during the second week by walking from hut to hut carrying a minimum of luggage. For details of the correct clothing and kit, Guiders are recommended to read the CCPR booklet *Safety on Mountains*. Every member of the party *must* have the correct clothing and equipment as the safety of the whole group depends on the strength of each person in it.

The Cost

The cost of such a fortnight for a group of ten or more will be between £35 and £40, which will include travel, CHQ insurance, ticket insurance, food and accommodation in camp site of huts and general postage and stationery.

If the above sounds too formidable a venture to undertake, a trial trek over the same route with a friend might be a good idea, or it might be possible to join someone else's group and then repeat that route with a group the next year.

Meanwhile, 'Good mountaineering' and 'Go well, go safely'.

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headquarters' notices

AMENDMENTS TO THE CAMP ADVISERS' LIST, 1972

London and South East England

Region Camp Adviser—Miss D. M. Hadingham—*delete Telephone Number.*

London North East

CCA—Miss C. Wilson, 60 Shearman Road, London SE3.

Kent Greater London

Beckenham Division (including West Wickham Campsite) *delete* Mrs. W. Nutley—*insert*

Miss S. Withrington, 15 St. Arvans Close, Chepstow Rise, Croydon, Surrey.

UNBOOKED CHQ TOURS

Would all Guiders please note that owing to pressure of Tours it is **not possible** during school holidays and half-terms to show unbooked parties round CHQ. It would also be much appreciated if Guiders would keep to the numbers notified to us, as an increase in the number of the party can cause considerable difficulty.

GUIDEMAIL CATALOGUE, 1972

The new *Guidemail* '72 Catalogues and Booklists are now available and have been sent to District Commissioners for distribution. They should have a copy for every Unit Guider, with order forms and leaflets. Make sure you get *your* copy—extra copies may be obtained by sending a Post Card to *Guidemail*, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Note

Items and prices in *Guidemail* '71 are out of date and some items may not now be available.

Details of the profits on *Guidemail* orders received during 1971 are available for distribution and will be in the April issue of *THE GUIDER*.

Please buy through *Guidemail* and help us to help you.

KI-RO TRAINING

A Ki-Ro training is to be held at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Romford, Essex, 4th March, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Miss M. Williams, 23 The Avenue, Marshalls Park, Romford, RM1 4LD (Romford 49063).

BAPTIST GUIDE AUXILIARY

A joint Conference for Baptist Guiders and Scouters will take place on Saturday, 29th April, at Westminster Chapel Halls. Full details are available from Miss J. F. Motum, 'Shalom', 6 St. Peter's Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

NB: The last date for booking is Saturday, 18th March.

GUIDE FILM: 'PERPETUAL SPRING'

See page 387 of the October *GUIDER* regarding the change of library dealing with the hire of this film.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

Guiders are reminded that if they propose to take to camp anywhere except on a permanent Guide site, any caravan, dormobile, or any other vehicle adapted for sleeping, they must apply to CHQ for a certificate which exempts the owner of the site from the necessity of applying for a Site Licence under the above Act.

Applications for such a certificate should give the name of the owner of the site, his address, the address of the site if it is different from that of the owner, and the dates of the proposed camp. A certificate will then be sent to the Guider to be passed on to the site owner.

STUDENT WEEKEND

Waddow 7th-9th July

An opportunity for Rangers hoping to go up to Universities or Colleges of Education this Autumn

Over the weekend 7th/9th July SSAGO (the Student Scout and Guide Organisation) will be holding its annual rally in the grounds of the Guide Training Centre, Waddow Hall at Clitheroe in Lancashire. In the house over the same weekend it is proposed to gather together a group from both Movements who are just at pre-college stage. The purpose of this is to introduce these Rangers and Venture Scouts to the opportunities offered by college life in general and SSAGO in particular and for them to look at Guiding and Scouting in its widest context for the present and the future. This weekend is open also to first year students who have not had any opportunity to join SSAGO and would like to know more about it.

Some places for the weekend have already been allocated to counties in the Midlands and North, but any Ranger in the UK who is interested and would like to have further information should write to the Training Secretary, CHQ, marking the envelope 'Student Weekend' and enclosing a sae.

CAMP DE FORMATION, BELGIUM, 1972

An invitation has been received from the Guides Catholiques de Belgique for two or three Guiders to attend a Training Camp at their Training Centre at Mozet this summer.

Dates: 21st-26th August, 1972. Hospitality is offered for 5 days after the camp.

Cost: Camp fee: £4.20 approx. Travel: by rail and sea £14.50 approx.

Qualifications: Delegates should be aged 18-23 and able to speak and understand French well.

Applications must reach the International Secretary, Commonwealth Headquarters, by 1st May, 1972, and should be made through County and Country/Region channels on Commonwealth Headquarters Nomination Forms.

SUMMER HOLIDAY AT OUR CHALET, 1972

Commonwealth Headquarters is arranging for a party of Guiders/Rangers to spend a summer holiday at Our Chalet.

Dates: 16th-29th September, including travelling time.

Cost: £45 approximately. This includes return rail/sea fare and accommodation. Should sufficient applications be received to enable the group to qualify for party rates the cost will be slightly less.

Applications should be made on a CHQ nomination form obtainable from County International Advisers and will be accepted in the order they are received at Country/Region level. Early application is advisable.

Applicants should be at least 18 years of age, and in good health to take part in an active programme. Applications must reach the International Secretary, CHQ by 30th June, 1972, and should be made through County and Country/Region channels.

CAMP STAFF IN THE USA

Chicago Girl Scout Council are recruiting for their Summer Camp at Elkhorn, Wisconsin. A variety of vacancies are open to Rangers and Guiders aged 18+. Minimum stay 1 month. The Camp is open from 27th June - 24th August, but preference will be given to those who attend pre-camp training 18th-26th June.

Successful candidates will receive a small salary but must pay their own return fare to the USA.

For further information apply to the International Secretary, CHQ, before 31st March.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE CLUB

Meetings take place every Monday at 8.00 p.m., at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London, SW7. All visitors are welcome. The programme for March includes: 6th: Palace of Varieties; 13th: Visit to Folk Club; 20th: International Help For Children; 27th: Soirée de Français.

COMMONWEALTH CIRCLE

At the Commonwealth and International Circle Meeting on 14th March, at 6.30 p.m. at CHQ, there will be talks by The Hon. Lady Gibbs on 'Unknown London' and by Mr. John FitzMaurice Mills on 'Exhibitions and Theatres of Special Interest to Overseas Visitors'.

SCOUT AND GUIDE TRUST FUND

The value of a Share Unit in the above Common Investment Fund as at 31st January, 1972 was: 40.00p-42.10p.

Income was distributed for the last half-year at the rate of £0.0081 per share.

HELPERS AT BLACKLAND FARM

Two helpers wanted 26th-31st May—Guiders or Rangers (over 16)—for Blackland Farm Camp Site, Nr. East Grinstead, Sussex. Further details from: The Deputy General Secretary, The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT.

Vacancies

..... If you enjoy meeting people
..... Like travelling
..... Want to have a hand in the Movement's future
..... Want variety in your work
..... Feel like spreading your wings
..... Want a really satisfying job
Why not consider one or two years as a **Full Time Trainer?**

As the Movement expands there is an ever increasing need for Trainers willing to undertake short periods of full time work in the field of Guider training. Many people have found that there comes a time in their career when they feel a real need to get away for a bit to widen their horizons to meet different people to see more of Guiding in all its facets.

We are looking for new Full Time Trainers who could begin work in September 1972. Applications are invited from Guiders currently holding a Warrant and a Training Qualification, and preferably between 23 and 35 years.

For application and details of salary and conditions of employment apply to: The General Secretary at CHQ.

Junior House Assistants required at our **Waddow Training Centre**. Full board and lodging.

Please apply: Miss M. Walker, Guider-in-Charge, Waddow, Near Clitheroe, Lancs.

Guide Club. There are often attractive residential posts available at the Guide Club:

Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Receptionist
Cook/Caterer

For details please apply to The Secretary, The Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square, London, SW1. Tel. 01-235 7616.

Paste This Into Your Handbook

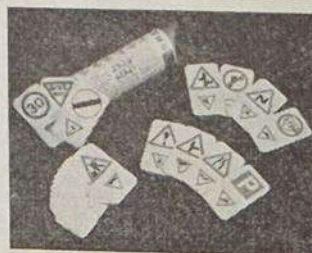
The latest edition of A Handbook for Guiders, Ranger Guide Service Section, contains on page 10 the paragraph below. If you have an earlier edition we suggest you cut out this paragraph and paste it into your own Handbook above the sub-heading Essential Characteristics.

For obvious reasons, this same policy applies also to the leader. There are, however, some who have not been able so far to commit themselves to active membership of a Church or religious communion. They receive from their Commissioners and fellow Guiders understanding and help in their search even though there may be a wide difference in their religious standpoints. But they must search their consciences and seek the implications of their commitment to do their duty to God, both for their own lives and for the leadership that they give to their Guides.

This paragraph will be inserted in future reprints of The Handbook for Guiders, Brownie Guide and Guide Sections, so you may like to paste this paragraph into these books.

CCPR BOOKLETS

Please note that booklets published by the Central Council of Physical Recreation are not available from the CHQ shop. They may be obtained, however, from the CCPR, 26 Park Crescent, London W1; or 158 Great Portland Street, London W1.



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Where to train

HOW TO APPLY

Any Guider may apply herself to attend a training course at the Centres, provided she has reached the minimum age of 17 years (or 19 in the case of Ranger Guider courses).

An application to attend a Guider training course 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 tea-time 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.

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

FOXLEASE

Lyndhurst, Hants, SO4 7DG.

MARCH

- 3-5 South West England (by allocation)
- 10-12 General Training Brownie Guide and Ranger Guiders (places for Guiders working with Extension Groups)
- 17-19 Making the Most of The Programme (District Commissioners / Assistants with up to 6 other Guiders) (Full)
- 24-26 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 30-3 APRIL (Easter) Out and About (A weekend of



Common- wealth Headquarters

outdoor activities for all Guiders and Ranger helpers of 17 and over)

APRIL

- 5-9 Operation Springboard (For Rangers of 15 and over)
- 14-16 Middlesex West
- 21-23 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 28-30 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

MAY

- 5-7 Anglia (By allocation)
- 12-14 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (Emphasis on outdoor activities)
- 19-21 Essex East
- 27-3 JUNE (Bank Holiday) Family Holiday Week (A general training for Brownie and Guide Guiders who may be accompanied by their husbands and children aged 2-8 years)

JUNE

- 9-11 Making the Most of the Programme (District Commissioners / Assistants with up to six other Guiders) (Full)
- 16-18 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 23-25 Surrey East (South Croydon Division)
- 30-2 JULY Friends of Foxlease

JULY

- 7-9 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (Places reserved for Jewish Guiders) (Full)
- 15-22 Trefoil Guild Holiday Week

28-AUGUST 7 Patrol Leaders AUGUST

- 11-17 Pack Holiday Training (by allocation)
- 23-1 SEPTEMBER (Bank Holiday) Ranger Leadership Training

SEPTEMBER

- 7-11 Linger Longer
- 15-17 Essex West
- 22-24 North East London
- 29-1 OCTOBER District and Division Commissioners (by allocation)

OCTOBER

- 6-8 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 13-15 Making the Most of the Programme (District Commissioners/Assistants with up to six other Guiders)
- 20-22 South West England (by allocation)
- 27-29 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

NOVEMBER

- *3-5 Fun and Fireworks!
- 10-12 Hampshire East
- 17-19 Preparing for Christmas.
- 24-26 1. Guide Guiders
2. Ranger Guiders

WADDOW

Clitheroe, Lancs., BB7 3LD

MARCH

- 3-5 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 10-12 Cheshire Forest
- 17-19 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 24-26 Teesside
- 30-3 APRIL (Easter) S.E. Lancashire (Pack Holiday Training)

APRIL

- 5-9 Isle of Man Youth Conference
- 14-16 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (Emphasis on outdoor activities)
- 21-23 Cheshire Wirral
- 28-30 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

MAY
 5-7 District and Division Commissioners (by allocation)
 12-14 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 19-21 Out and About (A week-end of outdoor activities for all Guiders and Ranger helpers of 17 and over)
 26-29 (Bank Holiday) Anglia (by allocation)

JUNE
 2-4 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 9-11 Brush up your Basic Skills (Guiders of all Sections)
 16-18 North West England Training Team
 23-25 Midsummer Madness! (Guiders of all Sections)
 30-2 JULY General Training. Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders

JULY
 7-9 Student Weekend
 14-16 Friends of Waddow
 21-29 Patrol Leaders' Week

AUGUST
 2-9 Trefoil Guild Holiday Week
 13-20 Family Holiday Week (General Training for Brownie and Guide Guiders, who may be accompanied by their husbands and children aged 2-8 years)
 25-3 SEPTEMBER Plot Your Own Course (for 15-18 age group)

SEPTEMBER
 8-10 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 15-17 Making the Most of the Programme (District Commissioners / Assistants with up to six other Guiders)
 22-24 Worcestershire
 29-1 OCTOBER Durham

OCTOBER
 6-8 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 13-15 Cambridgeshire
 20-22 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 27-29 South East Lancs

NOVEMBER
 3-5 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 10-12 District and Division Commissioners (by allocation)
 17-19 Ranger Guiders
 24-26 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

DECEMBER
 1-3 Yorkshire Central Scouters

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room per day	£1.75
Double room per day	£2.20
Single room per day	£2.60

These prices are for members of The Girl Guides Association only.

Deposit £1.00 cheque or postal order only.

NB. Please note the increased fees for rooms per day, which took effect from 1st January, 1972. Notification will be given in a future issue of the new fees for weekends and per week.

GLENBROOK OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE

Bamford, Sheffield, S30 2AL.
 Glenbrook Courses 1972
 Glenbrook Programme for 1972

MARCH

17-19 Climbing and caving activities and special sessions in preparation for the Ranger Overnight Hike Permit.

APRIL

4-8 Easter Adventure Course—Specially reserved for any member of the Movement in the 18-25 year age group; including Guide members of university and college clubs. (Canoeing, climbing, caving, hill walking and other outdoor activities.)

MAY

*19-21 'Out and About at Whitsun'—a chance to enjoy the Peak National Park at its best.

JUNE

*30-2 JULY Outdoor activities. A more advanced course for those who have had some experience in canoeing, climbing, and caving, and wish to pursue one of these to a higher standard.

JULY

*22-29 Adventure Course for Rangers

AUGUST

*19-26 Adventure Course for Rangers.

SEPTEMBER

15-17 Course for Ranger Guiders and Venture Scout Leaders; Joint Activities.

OCTOBER

*27-30 Adventure Activities including canoeing, climbing and hill walking.

NOVEMBER

17-19 Leadership in the Hills—a course for those who may, in the future, lead parties in hill country, and for those who wish to learn more about the Mountain Leadership Certificate.

Fees: Weekend Courses, i.e. two nights at Glenbrook—£3.00 inclusive of 75p deposit. Ranger Adventure week course—£10.00 inclusive of £2.00 deposit.

*At any of these courses it may be possible to include, at special rates, pony trekking and gliding if there is sufficient demand.

Courses at Glenbrook are open to Commissioners, Guiders and Rangers, unless otherwise stated. Initial applications for courses to—The Glenbrook Secretary, C.H.Q.

Training Notes

For details of courses at both Foxlease and Waddow see the special 'pull-out' section of last month's GUIDER.

'Fun and Fireworks'

A weekend for relaxation, of late autumn activities of general interest and with a flavour of bonfires, bangers and baked potatoes.

Scotland

NETHERURD HOUSE
 Blyth Bridge, West Linton,
 Peeblesshire

MARCH

3-5 Brownie and Guide Guiders — Crafts and other activities for Camp and Pack Holiday
 10-12 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for City of Edinburgh)
 17-19 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Glasgow North-West Division)
 24-26 Districts Training
 30-4 APRIL (Easter) Residential Training—Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

APRIL

7-9 Study Papers—by invitation
 14-16 Brownie and Guide Guiders
 21-23 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Glasgow South-West Division)
 28-30 Guide and Ranger Guiders—outdoor activities and sessions on light-weight and mobile camping

- MAY**
 5-7 District Commissioners—
 including sessions for
 new Commissioners
 12-14 Brownie and Guide
 Guiders
 19-21 County Durham—Ranger
 Guiders
 26-28 Edinburgh South-West
 and Edinburgh and Glas-
 gow Handicapped Tre-
 foil Guilds.
- JUNE**
 2-4 Scottish Handcraft Circle
 9-11 North East England, Tre-
 foil Guild Conference

Fees at Netherurd
 Shared room per day £1.15
 Double room per day £1.25
 Single room per day £1.35
 Deposit 50p

Wales

BRONEIRION
 Llandinam, Mont. SY17 5DE

- MARCH**
 3-5 Conference for Friends of
 the Council of Churches
 for Wales
 10-12 1. Ranger Guiders
 2. Preparation for Visits
 Abroad (by invitation)
 17-19 Preparation for Visits
 Abroad (by invitation)
 24-26 District Commissioners/
 Assistants
- *30-4 APRIL (Easter) Patrol**
 Leaders (not more than
 two per Unit—open to all
 Counties) (Full)

- APRIL**
 *6-11 Guiders with their own
 P.Ls.
 14-16 Trainers' Conference
 21-23 Approaches to Worship
 28-30 General Training. Brownie
 and Guide Guiders
 (places reserved for Flint-
 shire)

- MAY**
 5-7 General Training. Brownie
 and Guide Guiders
 (places reserved for W
 Glamorgan)
 13-14 Trefoil Guild
 19-21 General Training. Brownie
 and Guide Guiders
 (places reserved for
 Central Glamorgan)
 *26-30 (Bank Holiday). 'Try
 Something New' (Guides
 and Rangers, 14 years
 and over)

- JUNE**
 2-4 General Training. Brownie
 and Guide Guiders
 (places reserved for Mon-
 mouthshire)

- 9-11 'New to the Job'
 (Guiders of all Sections)
 16-18 General Training. Brownie
 and Guide Guiders
 (places reserved for
 Northants)
 20-27 West Glamorgan Handi-
 capped Children's Holi-
 day

- JULY**
 1 Friends of Broneirion
 21-25 Drama Workshop
 *31-AUGUST 5 Patrol Leaders
 (Cardiff and East Glamor-
 gan, West Glamorgan)

- AUGUST**
 *8-13 Patrol Leaders (Carmar-
 then, Pembroke, Brecon,
 Radnor)
 *7-22 Patrol Leaders (Flint,
 Denbigh, Monmouth)
 25-29 General Training (Hus-
 bands and children may
 be accommodated)

Fees at Broneirion
 Shared room per day £1.50
 Double room per day £1.75
 Single room per day £2.00
 Deposit £1.00

***Training Notes**
 For Patrol Leaders, Guides and
 Rangers attending these courses
 the inclusive fee will be £5.75.

Bursary Help

GUIDERS attending Guider train-
 ing courses at Foxlease, Waddow,
 Netherurd, Broneirion and Lorne
 are eligible to apply for Training
 Bursaries. A Guider may receive
 only one such bursary, except in
 special cases when the Commis-
 sioner may recommend a sub-
 sequent award, e.g.: where a
 Guider changes her Section or
 becomes a Commissioner, etc.

Fee Bursary: This entitles a Guider
 to a grant of £1.25 for a two-day
 weekend and 50p for each addi-
 tional day.

Travel Bursary: This entitles a
 Guider to a grant covering travel-
 ling expenses in excess of £2.00
 and is available only for the nearest
 Training Centre. A travel bursary
 in addition to a fee bursary is al-
 lowed only in cases of special
 need and a detailed recommenda-
 tion 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 course (not neces-
 sarily 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
 course. At least a fortnight's notice
 must be given. Bursaries cannot
 be issued in retrospect. Not more
 than one quarter 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 bur-
 saries. A number of L.E.As. give
 generous help towards Guider
 training courses and a request
 for such assistance should be
 made direct to the local authority
 concerned

Camping Holidays and Pack Holidays

Foxlease Camp-sites

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

A 50p deposit (which is forfeit
 if the booking is cancelled) and a
 foolscap s.a.e. should be en-
 closed with applications.

Beaverbrook Lodge

Bookings for Beaverbrook Lodge
 for the period 1st January 1972
 to 30th September 1972 are now
 being accepted. Applications
 should be sent to the Secre-
 tary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.
 SO4 7DG, together with an initial
 deposit of £1 (which is forfeit
 if the booking is cancelled). A
 stamped addressed foolscap en-
 velope should be enclosed. It is
 anticipated that bookings will be
 heavy so, please, give alternative
 dates. Priority will be given to
 applicants who have not already
 stayed in Beaverbrook Lodge.
 Applications for the period 1st
 October, 1972 to 31st March, 1973

will be accepted from 1st April, 1972, and should not be sent before that date.

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 unequipped site is required.

A 50p deposit (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled) and a foolscap s.a.e. should be enclosed with applications.

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays should be made to the Secretary. The applications must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's C.A., and a foolscap s.a.e. enclosed.

Waddow Caravan—4 berth

This is available for bookings throughout the year. Particulars from the Secretary; Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Waddow Cottage

This provides full accommodation for six people and is available to members of the Movement, their families and friends throughout the year. The cottage is heated by means of an oil fired boiler. Apply to the Secretary.

Glenbrook Camp-site

Five sites are available, both for Rangers and Guiders at a cost of 5p per head per night. Applications for sites should be addressed to the Booking Secretary, 20 Smithy Croft, Donfield Woodhouse, Nr. Sheffield S18 5YD. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated.

Please enclose a foolscap s.a.e. with your application.

Netherurd Camp-sites and Brownie House

Two fully equipped sites are available and there is also a Brownie House. Applications for both should be sent to the Secretary. (During Scottish school holidays—July and half August—priority will be given to applications for the Brownie House from Scottish Packs.)

Netherurd Caravan

An equipped caravan is available at Netherurd for holiday bookings by Guiders and their friends for weekends or longer periods. Apply to the Secretary, Netherurd, for further details and enclose s.a.e.

Broneirion Camp-sites and Pack Holiday House

Applications for sites and the Brownie Pack Holiday House at Broneirion should be addressed to Mrs. Kwantes, Tavistock House, 76 Parcwern Road, Sketty, Swansea, Glamorgan (Swansea 24967).

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

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. Applications should be sent to Mrs. E. Thompson, 14 Woodland Avenue, Bangor, Co. Down.

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Full details from the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster.

Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage

In the grounds of the Ulster Training Centre, Lorne. Cottage available for Ranger holidays. Fully equipped for 12 persons. Electricity, running water. Full details from Mrs. Grace A. McBride, 9 Crenden Hill, Dunmurry, Belfast. S.a.e. please.

Ulster Camp-site, Glen Road, Craigavad, Co. Down

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Magilligan Camp-site

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Blackland Farm, C.H.Q. Camp-site East Grinstead, Sussex

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Ynysgain, Criccieth, N. Wales.

CHQ has two unequipped sites at Ynysgain, within a few minutes of the sea. For further details, apply to: The Deputy General Secretary, CHQ.

Brownsea Island

There are eight sites for Guides and Scouts on Brownsea Island. Full details and application forms may be obtained from: Mrs. B. B. Dyke, Wendover, The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset, enclosing a foolscap, stamped addressed envelope.

The Villano on Brownsea Island (maximum accommodation 30) would be an ideal setting for a holiday for Guiders, Rangers or members of the Trefoil Guild.

A Guider who holds a Campers Licence or a Holiday Permit should apply for an application form to the Camp Adviser for Brownsea—Mrs. B. B. Dyke, Wendover, The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset. Please enclose an s.a.e.

COMING THIS MONTH

THE RANGER

THE MARCH issue of THE RANGER contains: Part 1 of The Ranger Home Management Certificate; How to Take an Easter Service; The Story of Scent; The Calor Homecraft Award. Plus all the usual features—Readers' Letters, Notices, Ranger Scene.

THE BROWNIE

- 1st March St. David's Day issue.
8th March Artist badge Series commences; Woodworker badge, a series in pictures
15th March St. Patrick's Day issue
22nd March Ideas for Easter
29th March Easter number.

TODAY'S GUIDE

- 3rd March Chart, Things To Do In March; Cookery Card; Ready For Camp (1) —Putting Up a Tent
10th March Easter Things To Make; Cookery Card; Chart: Heroes and Heroines
17th March Chart: Easter Cards; St. Patrick's Day issue; Chart: Looking After Your Hamster; Cookery Card
24th March Woodman Badge (1); Easter Recipes; Chart: Heroes and Heroines; Cookery Card
31st March Easter Customs; Chart: Looking After Your Aquarium; Woodman Badge (2); Cookery Card

Films About Sugar



Take One Baby (17 minutes), **Sugar in Your Kitchen** (5 minutes) both 16mm, sound.

Take One Baby is a film about nutrition which explains the importance of a balanced diet in maintaining a healthy body and discusses how the housewife can achieve this balanced diet to ensure that her family are given all the essential foods for healthy living.

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Full details from: The Administrator,

Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

Classified Advertisements

The Girl Guides Association takes no responsibility for statements made in any advertisement here or elsewhere in the magazine, or for any subsequent correspondence in connection therewith. The right is also reserved to refuse any advertisement not considered suitable. Advertisements for the sale of second-hand clothing (except uniforms) cannot be accepted. (Uniforms for sale should not be sent to C.H.Q. Advertisers receive communications from applicants.) All advertisements must be received not later than the 1st of the month for the following month's issue. Please note charges: 5p per word (for members advertising uniform, camp-sites, coming events, 3p a word). Box No. 13p. Please send money with advertisements, 10% discount for series of 12. To reply to a Box No., address your envelope to: box number concerned, c/o THE GUIDER, The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT. Please make sure the address is as far to the right of the envelope as possible in order for us to re-direct your enquiry.

THE GUIDE CLUB

The Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.
Tel: 01-235 7616. Membership (Home and Overseas) for members and ex-members of the Movement over 18 including Trefoil Guild and Local Associations. Members may bring guests, including husbands, to stay at the club. Apply Secretary.

ACCOMMODATION

Olave House, (Our Ark) 45 Longridge Road, London, S.W.5 Telephone 01-370 2574

Florida Hotel, Bude, Cornwall. On Summerleaze beach. Ideal for families, walking, swimming, surfing. Terms from £13.00 adults, children from £2.00. Proprietors: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Russell, (Guider). Brochures, Tel: 2451.

Ex-Guider offers holiday accommodation in 17th Century, Devonshire farmhouse, glorious views. Ideal touring, local farm and garden produce. Stamp for brochure. Mrs. J. Haiselden, New Phillishayes, Uptontery, Honiton, Devon EX14 9QX. Tel: Uptontery 228.

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Weekend at Lee Abbey, 1971

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We were led by the Rev. Derek Head, Vicar of St. Paul's, Howell Hill, and Miss Pat Pilditch, of the Lee Abbey Community, and together we thought about our leadership of these young people. As there can be no aim to leadership until we have put our own house in order and found out where we stand, we examined ourselves, our basic needs, the personal foundations of our own faith and our interpretation of it, and finally our confession of the name of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

I have a feeling that some of us were completely shattered by the experience of this weekend and have done a lot of hard thinking since we got home. I am sure that all of us have returned to our daily lives the richer for it, and this must rub off a little on our homes and our workmates. I hope we shall remember for a long time to come that as Guide and Scout Leaders we are engaged in the Mission of the LOVE of Christ.

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K.M.

Readers of THE GUIDER in the mid thirties and forties will be sorry to hear that MARGARET TENNYSON, the Editor from 1933-1945, died at her home in Buckfastleigh, Devon, on 4th January. A great-niece of the former poet laureate, Margaret Tennyson enjoyed writing and, later, painting. She wrote five books for children, the best known, *The Silver Secret*, about Dartmoor. With her friend, Catherine Christian, she was the curator of the Overbacks Museum at Salcombe for some years.

For her determination to maintain the high standard and variety of training material in THE GUIDER during the war years, when facing paper rationing, high costs and the difficulties of production, Guiders of those years owe Margaret Tennyson a debt of gratitude. 'Look into the future and prepare ourselves for the time to come,' urged Mrs Mark Kerr in the February, 1941, GUIDER, when members of the Guide War Emergency Committee were meeting to plan the Guide International Service, Martin Knill (then Martin Barnes), a young member of the GIS, pays tribute to the Editor: 'The development of a service like the GIS needed tremendous faith and a ready pen and in Peg there was both. With Catherine Christian, Editor of *The Guide*, she stimulated and encouraged its growth from the "Army of Goodwill" days to its fruition. At her best she was outstanding.'

When the Founder died in 1941 Margaret Tennyson wrote: 'The Chief Scout never outgrew the law and the promise and the daily good turn.' A timely reminder from someone who understood the heart of Guiding.

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Guiders' Reunion



Above: 1971 was the 50th anniversary of the 1st Staines (St. Mary's) Brownie Pack. Various celebrations were held throughout the year, the climax being a reunion of ex-Brownies and Guiders. Slides of Brownie activities and outings were shown and after supper the toast was made by the Divisional Commissioner, Miss Taylor. The picture shows the ex-Guiders watching the special anniversary cake being cut.

Right: Mrs. A. P. Skinner, District Commissioner for Rheindalen, is presented with her Laurel Award for services to Guiding in Germany and the UK by Mrs. G. D. E. Collin, Commissioner for British Guides in Germany.

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