

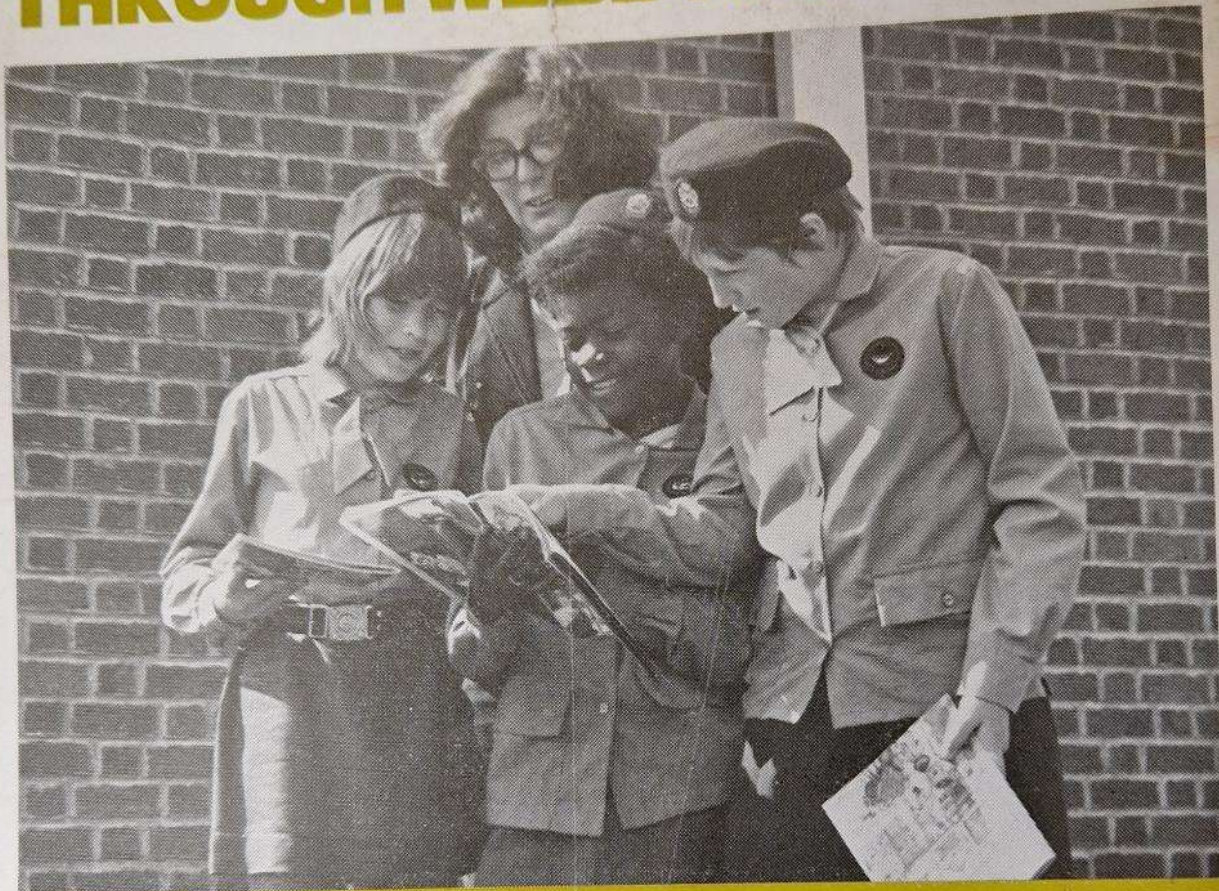
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editorial

Last month we gave advance notice of a special event connected with the World Chief Guide. The event was the naming of a new rose by Harry Wheatcroft, to be called the Olave Baden-Powell. More about the rose on page 369, and if you look amongst the pages of this issue you will find an order form with a picture of this lovely rose in full colour.

front cover

One-year-old Fiona Donaldson, the youngest camper at the Kent Valley District, Westmorland, Camp which was held at Disley, Stockport, Cheshire. We expect Fiona will be a seasoned camper by the time she is a Guide, for she comes from a family very active in Guiding—her mother is a Guide Guider, while she has a grandmother, an aunt and a God-mother actively involved in the Movement.

Photo: K. Donaldson



1. Madrigal singing in the grounds. Left to right are: Miss Margaret Whitnall, Mrs Sue Stevens and Mrs Joan Richards.
2. Still outside in the grounds, a group prepare to dance the pavane.

Photos: Grant's Studio

TUDOR WEEKEND AT BRONEIRION

(for details see page 366)



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Operation Springboard

In the May issue of *THE GUIDER* details were given about 'Springboard '72' a programme which was being organised by Sussex West Girl Guides, the aim of which was to encourage every Guide in the County to go on an adventure during the year to 'Try Something New in '72'. As the programme has been so successful we have published on page 366 a shortened version of a report from the County so that Guiders can see some reasons for the success of the programme and which may encourage other Counties to organise a similar type of programme for their young people. The pictures show Springboard's 'Day at Dounhurst' during which 100 Guides made land yachts, rafts and rope ladders among many other exciting projects. Dounhurst is the home of the County Commissioner for Surrey West Girl Guides, Lady Mursell.

Photos: Graham Horley



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Living the Promise

Pat Pilditch

Illustrated by Elizabeth Wall



AFTER a recent weekend for Scouters and Guiders at which we thought together about the Promise, one of the Guiders remarked 'Duty to God is not just a question of tacking on prayers at the end of a meeting'. It is often as we get away from our own Districts and discuss with others that we see things in a broader perspective and discover a new line of approach to a situation which has perhaps bogged us down.

There are many of our Brownies', Guides' and Rangers' families who never attend a place of worship and there is a very delicate balance to be kept between the life of the family unit to which the child belongs, and the life of our Guide Unit. A child who is 'subject to her parents' (even if only legally) needs to have that relationship strengthened, not undermined.

Relationships

As we think about living out the Promise in our everyday life, we realise it is basically a question of relationships with people: parents, brothers and sisters, school teachers, friends and other young people on the school bus, local policemen, the shopkeepers, etc; and a relationship with God, which for the Christian means Jesus Christ. As Guiders, we will need to discover what kind of relationships exist in the life of each young person and start from there. For the Christian who is secure in his or her relationship with Jesus Christ, the 'oughts' and 'musts' of life are replaced by the freedom and liberty of the Gospel (Good News) of the love of God—not striving by good works to be 'do gooders', but learning to 'dwell' in the love of God and discovering the spontaneous joy of caring about, and serving others.

So, in order to help others, it all comes back to us as individuals, whether we be Guiders or Commissioners. If the Promise is to be the foundation on which our Guiding is built, it must be a way of life we are attempting to live. It will need to show in our relationships in our own family; home for many young Guiders is a 'Filling Station' i.e. bed

and board! They are too 'busy' to make a real contribution to the life of their family. This can apply to the older members of the Movement, too! It will need to show in our relationships with our neighbours and fellow workers. Have we a 'listening ear' for those who need to talk, an encouraging word for the harassed or depressed? If a Guider is late for her meeting, do the Guides get started, knowing that probably someone needed help or there was a job in the office that had to be finished? If a Guide brings her younger brother to Guides because mum is at work, do we encourage her? How many Commissioners have their Guiders and their husbands to an informal meal?

Acceptance

We all have to learn to accept each other as we are, without wearing a mask and without pretence. Only then will we be able to share our fears, failures and doubts as well as our joys and successes. Our relationships with each other reflect our relationship with God and as He becomes the centre of our lives others will recognise this. As we discuss, in the light of Jesus' teaching, the problems of everyday life as they occur in the lives of the Unit and the individuals in it, God in Jesus Christ will *gradually* become a person who can be loved and trusted.

There are no short cuts in making the Promise central to our Programme. It is our 'being' rather than 'doing' that will stimulate others to start thinking seriously about the Promise. As an old Chinese proverb says, 'What you are shouts so loud that I cannot hear what you say'. In accepting others as they are (and accepting ourselves as *we* are) and realising that there is the potential in each to become 'a son of God', our Promise will unconsciously become the foundation of our Guiding. At times we may be tempted to think we (and our units) are a dismal failure, but 'God sees further than we do; a cause has been won by its failures' (Montrose).

This is the second of a series of articles on the principles involved in the Promise and Law—the first of which appeared in last month's GUIDER.

Springboard '72

We are now just over halfway through our Springboard Year and it is a good time to sit back and think of what has happened. Springboard was planned to give every Guide and Ranger in our County the chance to 'do something new in '72' at a price to suit all pockets and it has snowballed beyond all our expectations. It was the brainchild of our County Commissioner and County Secretary, who, together with a small steering committee, worked on the plans for over two years. Last summer the Brochure was issued, with details of all proposed projects, most of which were booked up straight away. Since then many more have had to be planned and duplicated. 'Springboard' is not, however, just a fragmented kaleidoscope of different projects, for wherever projects are being held we have the same basis of songs and vespers to help link and fuse them into one whole and all taking part are entitled to wear our special Springboard Badge. To get to know the songs chosen 'Sing Ins' were organised all over the County.

The projects have been many and varied. In March about 80 Guides and friends marched to the top of Chantonbury Ring to see the sunrise. April brought Patrol Walkabouts which were days when Patrols from all over the County got together and enjoyed doing things they had not done before; a party went to the Shakespeare Country by coach for five days, visiting the theatre and Coventry Cathedral and all points of interest, while another group 'Discovered London' for five days, staying

at Olive House. In May a Treasure Hunt was held in Chichester and over 50 Guides searched out fascinating information and facts about that city, and came to realise that 'Treasure' is part of their heritage. A group went to discover the joys of Youth Hostelling and to do this they walked the Pilgrims Way from Canterbury to Guildford. Another group have gone to stay at the Guide House in Luxembourg for ten days while 36 others discovered the canals of Holland by barge.

What is to come? Another trip to Luxembourg, this time to stay in Youth Hostels; a trip to Norway; an Arts Camp which will combine the joys of Camp with Theatre Workshop; a group will walk the entire South Downs Way; a Swim In and many other exciting adventures, culminating with a visit by a group to the Guide World Centre at Sangam, India. In addition to these County Projects there have been many at District and Company level.

Springboard is talked about all over the County and a copy of our Brochure was on display at the World Conference in Canada. The County is undoubtedly rich in its wealth of people available and willing to serve Guiding on such a wide basis and behind us all the time is our County Commissioner without whom the idea would not have 'Sprung' in the first place and who has always managed to put in the right inspiring word at the right moment. In Sussex West we are indeed on the 'Springboard to Adventure'.

Rhoda Slow,

County Press and Public Relations Adviser.

(See pictures on page 364)

TUDOR WEEKEND AT BRONEIRION

On Friday 21st July a party of some 30 Rangers and Guiders made their way to the beautiful setting of Broneirion to take themselves back in history and to spend a long weekend making a study of the lives of the Tudors.

The course was co-ordinated by Miss Barbara Gibbon, Training Adviser for Wales. Maureen Cullen led the dancers through the graceful and sometimes energetic steps of the galliard and the pavane, the intricacies of Elizabethan drama, costume and literature were unravelled by Miss Mary Jackson, while the music, both played and sung, was most ably put across by Mrs Sue Stevens. I myself introduced the group to the architecture, painting and craftsmanship of those times, and also pointed to ways and means of looking after the precious belongings from the past.

The high point of the training was on the Sunday evening when all present decked themselves in full Tudor costume. Great skill and much imagination had obviously been used, and there was evidence that a good deal of research had gone into

the preparation of the costumes. Next we were all called by a booming gong to a sumptuous banquet. The bill of fare included eel pie, herrings served 'star gazey', followed by a huge roast of lamb, a noble turkey, accompanied by parsnip fritters, cauliflower heads, and raw turnips (a custom of the period in Wales). Down the centre of the tables were finger bowls with floating rose petals, which were in great need, as in those days the meat was eaten only with the aid of a dagger or a knife. When the bones had been cleared away large gooseberry pies and mince-pies with bowls of baked custard and jugs of cream followed. To finish was a large red dragon modelled in almond paste, which was sliced up and washed down with syllabub.

Following the feast the company repaired to the drawing-room, where for more than two hours they amused themselves with Elizabethan dancing, singing, play-acting and ribaldry.

We were all most grateful for the hospitality of Miss Barbara Godson and her helpmates for allowing us to share the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of Broneirion.

John FitzMaurice Mills

(See pictures on page 364)

21st Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts



THE Conference was held from June 13th-23rd 1972, at York University, Toronto, Canada.

One of the keynotes of the Conference was the quiet, calm efficiency of Canada's arrangements and their obvious enjoyment at having 'the world' in their midst. On every occasion possible there were Rangers, Guides and Brownies there to talk to and to see for themselves what World Guiding means.

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, the Rt Hon Roland Michener, CCCC, and his wife, Mrs Michener, CCPHD, officially opened the Conference. The national flags of the 87 member countries of the World Association were paraded, after which Mrs Gurd, Chief Commissioner for Canada, made a short speech before the Governor General officially declared the Conference open. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State, Hugh Faulkner, MP, brought the official greetings from the Canadian Parliament, following which we were welcomed on behalf of the girls by two Canadian Rangers, one speaking English, the other French.

Chief Guide's Message

The working session of the Conference was opened by a telephone call from the World Chief Guide at home at Hampton Court. We were sad she could not be with us in person, but speaking to the World Committee Chairman, Mrs Culmer, the Chief Guide greeted us as only she could.

After this we really got down to work, under the able chairmanship of the Conference Chairman, Mrs Price, Chief Commissioner of Australia. Following the presentation of the 19th Report of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and its adoption, the Chairman of the Promotion Committee opened a discussion on Guiding, a contribution to the development of people and of communities. The discussion was continued in small groups and the findings of the groups were summarised for later presentation to the Conference.

We heard reports of the Young Adult Seminars which had been held at the four World Centres and agreed that another series of Seminars for young adults in the Movement be held between 1972 and 1975 at the Centres.

Promise and Law Discussions

One of the most important discussions of the Conference centred around the Promise and Law and the Conference overwhelmingly reaffirmed the fundamental principles of the Promise as the foundation which makes our Movement unique. The Conference accepted a form of wording which gave the essence of these principles and agreed that where the wording differed from that in the Promise and Law laid down by the Founder the essence as defined must be included in any Promise and Law before it could be accepted.

We discussed membership of the WAGGGS and decided that Girl Guide/Girl Scout organisations which took boys into membership could not be recognised by the World Association. A strong recommendation was made that the Guide World Committee and the Scout World Committee confer with a view to revising JAC4, the document previously agreed by both Associations as the statement of policy in regard to the relationship of Boy Scout and Girl Guide/Girl Scout organisations.

The World Association has been feeling the pinch of increased costs of living and the Conference agreed to an increase in the annual quota to be paid so that the World Association can remain solvent and still continue to help develop Guiding. The Conference was warned about the increasing size and cost of the World Conference and it was agreed that a study should be made with a view to holding World Conferences in a manner and at such intervals as to reduce the expenses to the WAGGGS and National Organisations.

A vote was taken as to whether a system of balanced voting be introduced in order to relate the number of votes to the number of members in each country, but this was not accepted so the system of one vote per country remains. It was agreed that the World Committee should study the proposal that there be only one category of membership and not the present two—Full or Associate—together with the possibility of wider interpretation of the Constitution so that Associate member countries might be enabled to participate more fully in the work of the World Association.

New Member Countries Elected

There were two closed sessions of the Conference. One dealt with the election of new member countries, whereupon the following were accepted as full members: Barbados, Kuwait, Malta, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand and Zaire. New Associate members were Burundi, The Cameroons, Surinam, Turkey and Upper Volta.

The other closed session was for the election of the new World Committee Chairman and members. The Hon Beryl Cozens-Hardy, JP, OBE, (UK) was elected Chairman while the Vice-Chairmen elected were the Begum Sherazee and Señora de Peres. New Committee members were Mrs J. R. Price, OBE (Chief Commissioner of Australia), Dr F. Chatagner, Miss Fran and Mrs MacNeil.

At the 20th World Conference it was agreed that Regional Sub-Committees might be set up where desired by the countries in the Region, and in Canada the European Regional Sub-Committee and the Asian Regional Sub-Committee were formally set up. The UK has agreed to join the European Region and Miss Marianne Jornee from Sweden was appointed Chairman. It was agreed that a European Regional Conference be held in 1974, probably in parallel with the European Scout Region.

On the last day of the Conference it was agreed that the venue of the 22nd World Conference in 1975 would be the UK. We hope that we will be able to cope with the organisation as well as our sister members in Canada, and that all the Movement will be as much involved as were the Guides in Canada and as thrilled and obviously happy as they were to entertain 'the world'.

Anne Parker Bowles

A Christmas Gift:

Today's Guide Binder

Once again it is time to start thinking about Christmas presents and go through the agonies of selecting suitable gifts for our friends and relations.

If you are trying to think of something a little bit different for that young daughter, niece or friend who is a Guide and who 'has everything' you could solve the problem by giving her one of the special binders which are available for storing copies of TODAY'S GUIDE. These binders are made in attractive blue plastic and hold 52 issues of the newspaper. If you want to send one as a Christmas present CHQ will do all the work for you—send the binder to the child together with a Christmas card saying who it is from.

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Orders for these binders can be placed at any time.

Information on Fireworks

Although Bonfire Night is still a few weeks away many shops are already selling fireworks and children are buying them to amuse themselves before the big displays on 5th November.

It is not too early, therefore, to draw attention to the Firework Code, posters of which are now available for display purposes.

The Code is sent to all schools in England, Scotland and Wales in the form of a coloured poster, and firework manufacturers also insert a leaflet into each box of fireworks on sale to the public.

If you buy any fireworks you should also be issued with a leaflet illustrating the Firework Code and you should also see the posters displayed in the shop.

You may like to have leaflets to issue to your Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and also posters to

display in order to emphasise to all the dangers involved in handling fireworks and the precautions that should always be observed.

The Firework Makers' Guild has an information office at 16 Bolton Street, London W1Y 8HX (Tel: 01-499 5511), where inquiries can be made about any leaflets or posters you may require.

CONTACT:

A Group which Helps Old People

Did you know there are an estimated one-and-a-half-million old people living on their own in Britain?

Seven years ago a group of 12 young friends in London decided to do something about this by taking 12 old people who were lonely and housebound out for a drive and tea in a private home one Sunday afternoon each month. That was the beginning of *Contact*, which is now a rapidly expanding voluntary organisation. There are 75 such groups in Britain, 60 in London, taking out 900 lonely old people once a month, and more groups being set up each month.

As the old people look forward not only to seeing their special friends in the car but also to meeting up with the other 20 in their group over tea each month, we have one rule: **We Never Let Our Old People Down.**

This means having young volunteers with or without cars willing to go out *just one Sunday afternoon each month*, and hostesses willing to give a group tea *just one Sunday afternoon each year*. There have been some very lively outings to homes where a group of Brownies have entertained the old folk. And what better practice for the Hostess Badge?

If you can help as volunteer or hostess or know anyone who might be interested, please get in touch with: **Elspeth Atkinson, CONTACT, 15 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8QH.** (Tel: 01-240 0630.)

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The Olave Baden-Powell Rose

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Immediately, an armful were rushed round to Hampton Court Palace where they were received delightedly by the Chief, who at that precise moment happened to have quite a few unfilled vases. She has given her blessing to her namesake and expressed her pleasure; the honour will undoubtedly be reflected by Scouts and Guides all over the world.

Harry himself is an incredible character, flamboyant, an original thinker, looking so young and vital in his fabulous black and white check or mustard coloured suits.

How different he appeared in his own home town, Nottingham, wearing a faded blue shirt, driving an old Rolls-Royce, and so obviously devoted to his delightful wife and family—a thoroughly 'lived in' house and a meal to be remembered, not only for the excellent cooking, but for the unusual fact that nearly everything was home grown. The garden as could be expected was ablaze with roses and some unusual shrubs and trees. Harry started 50 years ago, growing roses on an acre of land and now with his two sons Christopher and David grows 1½ million trees a year.



Much of his time is spent in the rose fields, cutting for shows and selecting novelties. He is a superb ambassador for Britain, and travels extensively, lecturing about roses, seeking new varieties and meeting the finest rose growers of the world. Shortly he will be departing to the USA as guest of honour of the American Rose Society in Pittsburgh, then on to Hawaii and later to the Rose Gardens of India. He will, we hope, carry news of **OUR ROSE**, which will most certainly spread like wildfire through the Guiding community. Unfortunately there are only some 10,000 for sale **This** autumn, but **Next** year let's hope everyone will have a chance of purchasing **this high-quality fragrant specimen**.

In the meantime Guiders have a splendid opportunity to encourage Rangers, Guides and Brownie Packs to think up original ways of how best we may honour our Chief. Here are a few thoughts:

1. Approach parks—hospital gardens—old people's homes—colleges—schools—homes—and if need be raise funds to purchase, if accepted.
2. Make plaques and wooden signs bearing the name **OLAVE BADEN-POWELL**.
3. Roses make excellent Christmas presents for nearly everyone of every age.
4. Use as a Fund Raiser or Raffle off a few at bazaars and fetes.

One Reminder—make haste to get your order form **NOW** so that you will receive the trees, direct from the Wheatcroft Nurseries, in time and ready for planting. You will find a loose order form enclosed in this issue, with a full-colour picture of the rose.

Send the form together with the money—60p plus postage and packing—to: Guidemail, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Let us all pay tribute to our Chief Guide, not only with beds of glorious red roses to be planted this year, but make plans for the future—the supply will be according to demand.

DIANA RUSSELL-COWAN, Press Officer.



The Scottish Chief Commissioner

We apologise for the poor quality of the photograph of Lady Ford which appeared in the August issue of THE GUIDER and are therefore publishing another picture this month.

Poppy Appeal 5th - 11th November

Since 1914 over 15 million men and women have answered the call to serve their country in the armed forces. More than a million of these have died on service, leaving widows and young children, while countless thousands of those who survived have injuries which make it impossible for them to live a completely normal and independent life.

The Royal British Legion is an organisation dedicated to the ideal that the disabled man or woman must not become an outcast in society, but should be able to take part in activities which will bring a measure of independence and some sense of achievement.

The contribution you give for a poppy, or any donation you care to make to the Appeal, will assist The Royal British Legion in the achieving of their ideal and it is also a visible token of your gratitude towards those who have given so much for you.

Donations may be sent to: The Royal British Legion, The Royal British Legion Village, Nr Maidstone, Kent.

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 A copy of the telegram received from HRH The Princess Margaret in reply to one sent by the GGA on the occasion of her birthday.  
 I send my sincere thanks to you and all who joined in your kind telegram of greetings which I much appreciated.—Margaret President.  
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Know Your Legal Rights

Free Leaflets

Are you a tenant who has been given notice to quit, or a landlord whose tenant has damaged your property; do you know what all your rights are as regards your job; are you a car driver and want to know how to cope with and be prepared for any of the problems which car ownership entails?

At some point in most people's lives problems such as these and others like them are bound to arise, problems which call for legal advice. But unfortunately a lot of people don't know how to find a solicitor, are not sure how he can help, and have no idea what legal advice is going to cost—indeed whether they can afford it at all.

To help cope with the problem The Law Society has prepared a series of leaflets under the general title *See a Solicitor* which indicate occasions when legal advice might be needed, and what your legal rights are in certain situations in which you may find yourself.

To give you an idea of the subjects covered, the titles of the leaflets in the series are: *Taking a Job?; Are You a Tenant? a Landlord?; Running a Car?; Spending Your Money?; Marriage Problems?; Starting a Business?*

A set of these leaflets is available, free of charge, to Guiders who send a stamped addressed envelope (not less than 4½ in x 8½ in) to: Periodicals Department, (Law Leaflets), The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Legal Worries? How to Obtain Legal Advice.

This is another leaflet produced by The Law Society which gives general advice on how to go about getting a solicitor and the cost involved to those who feel they may need legal assistance with any problem. This leaflet is also available from Periodicals Department, CHQ, (address as above).

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Your Letters

Name Confusion in the Two Movements

The Guiders and Scouters in Shropshire are encountering difficulties and misunderstandings in co-operating over joint activities, boundaries and parades, caused by organisational differences between the two Movements. We believe it would facilitate co-operation if we used similar titles for office holders doing similar jobs.

At present a Guide Division is equivalent to a Scout District, and it would be helpful for them to have the same name; also a Guide District is roughly equivalent to a Scout Group. We suggest that the term District be abandoned and Division and Group adopted for both Movements, and other titles adjusted accordingly. Thus, for example, a Scout District Commissioner would be called a Division Commissioner and a Guide District Commissioner, a Group Guide Leader. Similar changes would be made in the titles of other office holders, warranted and unwarranted.

Our suggestion is one of *name changes* only; to use similar names for similar things must assist understanding and co-operation. It is possible that actual changes in organisation may seem desirable as we draw more closely together, but that should wait upon experience. We would be interested to hear whether Guiders and Scouters in other Counties have had similar difficulties to ourselves, and whether they agree that a change such as we suggest would be helpful.

ELIZABETH MOWAT,
County Commissioner, Shropshire Girl Guides.

J. B. METCALFE,
County Commissioner, Shropshire Scout County.

Use of Transfer Forms

I should like to make an appeal through the pages of *THE GUIDER* with regard to the use of Transfer Forms. All Guiders should know that if a member of their Unit moves to another area a Transfer Form should be sent so that she is quickly and happily linked with Guiding in her new home. This procedure is even more essential in the case of a child going into hospital for prolonged treatment.

I have in my District a hospital which treats children from all over the country for rheumatoid arthritis and recently, due to a chance conversation on a train, I learned of a nine-year-old Brownie at the hospital who had been there since last October. I was immediately able to arrange for a Brownie Guider to visit and help with Pocket Book work and some Guiders have also started visiting her regularly. A transfer or explanatory letter could have had all this arranged before Christmas.

(MRS) SHEILA M. BIRTCHNELL,
District Commissioner, Burnham and Taplow, Bucks.

Dangers of Blue Anoraks

I should like to draw attention to the dangers of wearing the regulation blue anoraks while in the fells. It is impossible to pick Guiders out when wearing blue anoraks, as we found during a recent camp in the Lake District. One party were a few minutes late at a rendezvous point and they were not in sight as far as we could see. However, they arrived within ten minutes. They had been able to see us as several of our party had on orange, gold and red anoraks while we had been unable to pick them out on the fell. Had this party been wearing bright colours we would have been spared anxious minutes. If there had been an accident this party would have been difficult to find.

I should like to stress, therefore, the danger of not wearing bright colours when going on fell walks, and should like to suggest that the rule about the wearing of uniform blue be relaxed on these occasions.

MARGARET DAVIE,
Guide Guider, 13th Carlisle (Stanwix) Coy.

Successful Family Week at Waddow

I have just had another delightful Family Week holiday, this time at Waddow, and my fourth such holiday at a Training Centre.

The staff at Waddow made us very welcome and everything was done to make the week enjoyable for our husbands and children as well. The Trainings for the Guiders were very helpful and we had many helpful discussions.

For good measure this year we were shown how ITV make a film for television, but as we do not live in the Granada area we shall not see the finished product.

It is a great pity that more families with young children do not take an opportunity to combine a family holiday and Training as we did. So much is gained by meeting Guiders from other areas, and dads enjoy it, too!

(MRS) MARGARET BUCKBY,
Brownie and Guide Guider, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

7th Gloucester Birthday

The 7th Gloucester (St Barnabas) Guide Company is celebrating its 50th birthday in November with a special meeting on Tuesday 28th and a Church service on the 26th. All past members are invited to both events and exact details are available from the present Guider, Mrs Newcombe, 347 Stroud Road, Gloucester.

(Miss) P. C. BATH, District Commissioner.

Letters—continued overleaf

Help!

I am compiling a list of the toys children make from the natural materials found in these islands and the games they play with them, with a view to eventually using them in a book in my new children's 'Making' series. May I make an appeal for help?

Seed pods, grasses, corn, stones, feathers, flowers, leaves, rushes, catkins, conkers, acorns, nuts, snail shells, etc. have all been used for hundreds of years in hundreds of ways and I am anxious to use localised, regional or 'family' customs as well as those more generally known. For instance, the younger generations of my own family have always made rabbits from meadow cat's tail grasses and hedgehogs from rye grass at the appropriate time of the year. Rhymes and chants concerning conkers, daisy petals, etc. will also be very welcome.

Any information your readers might be able to give me will be very gratefully received and recorded, nothing is too 'obvious' or too simple and I am particularly anxious to hear from children who might perhaps send me a sample of something they make or a drawing of it, however crude. Primary school teachers, especially those in remote districts could be very helpful, also grannies with memories!

If you can help contact: Miss M. Hutchings, The Mimosa House, South Weald, Brentwood, Essex.

Miss Clara Hepworth, a member of the Movement since 1920, and a former Mayor of Morley, Yorkshire, was recently given the Freedom of the Borough of Morley.

Although such an award is purely honorary it is the highest any borough can award in recognition of service to the community. It is, therefore, with great pride that we can report Miss Hepworth's decision to have the Guide badge as part of the illuminated scroll she received with the Freedom of the Borough.

On retiring from active Guiding in 1960 Miss Hepworth became President of her old Division (Leeds South West) and is now also Vice-President of Yorkshire Central.

Letters—continued from previous page.

Limited Numbers on Pack Holiday

I agree with Mrs Stead's view (July GUIDER) on the limited numbers of Brownies allowed to go on Pack Holiday.

I have only held my Permit since 1969 and I find it very hard to tell my Brownies that I can only take 18 on Pack Holiday. Surely if we took one adult to, say, every six Brownies, we could take more.

I am the only Permit Holder in our District so when I am asked by other Brownie Guiders if there is room for any of their Brownies, I have to refuse.

If you have another Brownie Guider come with you, as I have had, it is only right that you should take some of her Brownies. This then cuts down your own numbers. I have had to disappoint so many Brownies because of this limit on the numbers we are allowed to take.

(Mrs) B. LUCAS, Brownie Guider,
1st Chilworth Brownie Pack, Surrey.

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24 October is United Nations Day

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CHQ Ski Holiday

A winter ski-ing holiday is being arranged for Guiders and Rangers (over 18) at Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland.

Dates: 13th-28th January, 1973, inclusive of travelling time.

Cost: £45.00 approximately. This includes return 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 in good health and able to take part in an active programme.

Guiders' and Rangers' application forms should be signed by the Commissioners and County International Advisers and sent via Country/Region Headquarters, to the International Secretary, CHQ not later than 30th November, 1972.

It is not necessary to have had previous ski-ing experience, but if you have, please mention this on your form.

KING GEORGE'S JUBILEE TRUST CAMPING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT, 1973

It is hoped that a grant will again be available in 1973 from the King George's Jubilee Trust. The camping grant is intended to help in purchasing camp-sites, buying or replacing camp equipment, repair or erection of huts. The development grant is given towards the cost of County, Division or District Headquarters and for secretarial assistance for Counties.

Applicants from Wales and Ulster may obtain forms from the Secretaries of their respective countries. Applicants from England should apply as soon as possible to the Secretary of their Region via the County Commissioner.

The applications will then be considered by Commonwealth Headquarters early in 1973.

(Scotland. Commissioners and Guiders please refer to Scottish News Letter No. 441.)

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



Airing and Sharing



Lowering of Ranger Age Limit

We are writing as a Company to register a complaint about the lowering of the age to which one is allowed to be a Ranger.

We feel that joint activities with the Venture Scouts, which are being strongly pushed by Headquarters, would be unsuccessful due to the age difference between the various parties.

Generally Venture Scouts are of the 18-21 age group and a 15-year-old Ranger cannot be expected to have the same interests as Ventures of this Age Group.

We would therefore ask for consideration on this point.
MT. PELLOR DISTRICT RANGER UNIT.

There is no evidence that 15-year-old Rangers meet any difficulty in joint activities with Venture Scouts of any age! It is well known that a girl in her teens is about two years ahead of a boy of the same age. This, plus the change in the age of majority and a number of other factors, has led to the decision that the age span of the Ranger Section should be 14-18 years.—Training Department.

I feel I must write to say how much I agree with the two letters concerning the lowering of the Ranger age to 18.

I can see no advantage in this; after all, girls who feel that they are too old are quite free to leave.

In my daughter's Unit all those who are old enough are acting as Guiders, but they still enjoy the fun and companionship of the Ranger Unit and are able to help and encourage each other in their work with Brownies and Guides.

Those Rangers who are not potential leaders could be given the opportunity of service to the Movement through their Unit until they are 21.

Again, many Units co-operate with the local Venture Scouts who can be aged up to 21.

Although our Trefoil Guild would welcome young members, I do not think they would find our programme satisfying as we cater for those with very limited time available for Guiding.

Many girls work for the Duke of Edinburgh Award through the Rangers, and the average age for gaining the Gold Award is 20.

I have not spoken to anyone in favour of lowering the age limit, and I do hope it will be possible to reverse this decision.

(MRS) EILEEN DORRINGTON,
Member of the Trefoil Guild, E.7.

Brownie Booklover Badge

This year I have taken ten Brownies for their Booklover Badge. The overall opinion of these Brownies was that the books listed were not very good and that they enjoyed very little of what they read, some only managing to read the six by supreme effort on their part.

Surely book loving means what it says—the love of books, and of course reading—but I feel that such dull books must put a lot of Brownies off reading instead of opening up to them the wonders of the literary world. I feel, therefore, that the book list should be up-dated.

Personally I feel that the books listed in the Handbook, while having literary merit, are not really suited to today's 10-year-old. I myself read Noel Streatfield's *Ballet Shoes*, *Curtain Up* and others about 1948. At the time they held me spellbound and I felt them the most wonderful books ever written. The stories, about hard-up families doing such marvellous things as going to concerts, and to the ballet, were the dream of so many wartime children. But does the magic still hold the child of the '70s, when dancing schools pop up in every church hall and any child with a pair of the appropriate shoes and a few pence can begin to learn the art? Then again, although A. A. Milne's verse seems to hold charm for the Brownie age group, possibly because most of it rhymes, poor Winnie the Pooh seems to have been done to death by the cinema and various cartoonists. In actual fact Paddington is the bear beloved today, with his battered hat, marmalade sandwiches and humorous adventures.

One correspondent recently suggested a library visit as part of the badge. We arranged such a visit and it was greatly enjoyed by all the Brownies. Knowing how to find a book should benefit them on future visits.

One last point—let's still continue to show Brownies how to mend books and generally care for them; this is important. Hardly anyone covers books to keep them clean these days as bindings are often plastic covered, but making book covers of attractive papers can give a facelift to an old but worn, much-loved favourite.

(MRS) ANN PARKINS,
Helper of the 41st Lower Weston
Pack, Bath.

A Guide to current entertainment What's on

Music

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL.

The following is a selection of the programmes for October:

- 5th—London Symphony Orchestra, conductor Erich Leinsdorf. Programme includes Brahms's Violin Concerto in D.
- 12th—London Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Sir Adrian Boult. Programme includes Vaughan Williams's Symphony No. 8 in D minor.
- 18th—London Mozart Players, conductor Harry Blech. Programme includes Mozart's Piano Concerto in C minor K.491.
- 31st—London Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Edo De Waart. Programme Dvorak's Symphony No. 6 in D.

Opera and Ballet

SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE, ROSEBERY AVENUE, LONDON.

The Royal Ballet and the English Opera Group are presenting their first ever combined season of opera and ballet at Sadler's Wells Theatre this autumn.

The Ballet programme for October will include: Solitaire; Les Rendezvous; New Hynd Ballet; Monotones 1 and 2; Facade; Pineapple Poll; The Grand Tour.

The Opera programme for October will include: The Bear; The Visitors; King Arthur; A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Ballet

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, COVENT GARDEN.

The programme for October includes: The Firebird; The Rite of Spring; Les Noces; Swan Lake; La Fille mal gardée.

Theatre

THE GREENWICH THEATRE, Crooms Hill, Greenwich, London SE10.

The Greenwich Theatre has revived T. W. Robertson's play *Caste* which was last performed in London at the Duke of York's Theatre over 20 years ago. Alfie Bass played the part of Sam Gerridge in the earlier production and was therefore very keen to take the part of Eccles in this production. The play is being directed by Robert Cushman and runs until 7th October.

Lectures

Brainwashing and Conversion

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Some of the questions covered in this year's Guildford Lectures, which will be held in the Cathedral, will be 'What makes people tick?' 'How do their minds work when they feel strongly moved to "Give themselves"?' 'There will be three lectures in the series—on October 4th, 11th and 18th—each starting at 8.15 pm. The titles of the lectures are 'The Mechanism of Brainwashing and Conversion' by Dr William Sargent, a well-known psychiatrist and world authority on physical treatments of the mind; 'Which Way of Life?' given by Professor John Ferguson, Dean of Arts in the Open University, and 'Communicating Christianity in the Secular City', by the Bishop of Middleton, the Right Rev Edward Wickham.

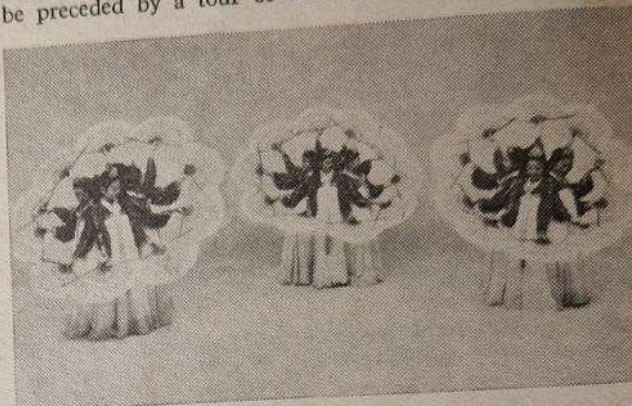
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Dance

SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE, ROSEBERY AVENUE.

The Little Angels of Korea. 21st-25th November, 28th November-2nd December.

The Little Angels, the National Folk Ballet of Korea, are returning to Britain this year for an Autumn Tour. Their appearance at Sadler's Wells will be preceded by a tour of the regions.



The Little Angels is a company of highly talented children aged 8-15 who present colourful, traditional songs and dances of their native country. The children are accompanied by adult members of Seoul's National Court Music Academy on more than 50 unusual musical instruments.

The regional tour dates are as follows:

16th-21st October	Pavilion, Bournemouth
23rd-28th October	Davenport Theatre, Stockport.
30th Oct.-4th November	Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham
6th November	Fairfield Halls, Croydon
8th November	Festival Theatre, Chichester
10th November	Grand Hall, Scarborough
11th November	Guildhall, Preston
14th-18th November	Central Hall, Chatham
26th November	Congress Theatre, Eastbourne
28th Nov.-2nd December	Sadler's Wells Theatre, London
3rd December	Grand Theatre, Leeds

Roland House Pantomime, 1973

The 40th production of the Roland House Players will be *Sleeping Beauty*. The Pantomime, which will be presented at the Poplar Civic Theatre, opens on the evening of Friday, 5th January, 1973, and continues each evening to Saturday, 13th January. There will be matinees on the Saturdays.

The Poplar Civic Theatre is on the corner of Fairfield Road, and is about five minutes walk from Bow Road District Line Station. Parking is normally quite easy in the adjacent roads.

Tickets are obtainable from 6th November from the Box Office, Roland House, 29 Stepney Green, London EL 3LA (s.a.e. please) and are priced at 20p, 30p and 40p. There is a ten per cent reduction for parties of 12 or more on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Today's Guide: What's In It For YOU?

A letter to Guiders from Penelope of TODAY'S GUIDE.

OCTOBER—well into the swing of the autumn programme, your PLs Council bristling with ideas, and plans in hand to last until Christmas.

'That's all right for some people but my Guides never have any ideas,' you say, 'and if they do they haven't a clue about how to carry them out.'

If that's your trouble TODAY'S GUIDE'S Patrol Leaders' Pages are there to help you.

Was there a vague suggestion about an Open Evening for parents as a follow-up to camp? We thought there might be and are supplying hints on displays (29th September) showing slides (6th October) and an indoor 'camp-fire' (13th October). We had the idea that one Patrol might elect to be responsible for each, leaving perhaps one for refreshments, and one for publicity, or arranging the hall, but they will sort it out if the idea catches on. You may be able to help with suggestions on obtaining equipment, need to do some checking up that things are coming along all right, and keep an eye on space when they are arranging things on the day, but with the help of our articles the PLs should be able to manage most of it themselves.

It's not too late for outdoor activities, so there are suggestions for outings to fields (29th September) and woods (6th October). If this is not for you, try planting bulbs (13th October). As a change from pots we thought they could go in the ground. A Patrol working on this could cheer your meeting place, the



church garden, or old folk who can no longer plant their own. You may be asked to help find the bulbs, the money, or the place to plant them, or you may just have to approve the project, and ensure that permission for planting has been given.

With Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes Day in mind there is a chart on Making Masks (20th October) which might result in a group activity at a Company Meeting with a Guider giving assistance; and for a Patrol that really wants to work together at home there is How to Make a Patrol Box (20th October).

If you are the one who tidies up and locks up after the meeting, then stop doing it! We're telling the PLs it's the Guides' job on a rota, and explaining how it should be done. You'll need to fill in the personal details, and there may be some teething troubles, but if you can get the system working it should save you time and trouble in the long run.

TODAY'S GUIDE is always ready with practical suggestions to back up the ideas in The Guide Handbook. You can't afford to be without it.

What's On—continued from opposite page

Exhibitions

Early Neo-Classical Furniture in Britain 1775-80.

OSTERLEY PARK HOUSE, OSTERLEY, MIDDLESEX.
Until 19th November.

This exhibition is being organised by the Victoria and Albert Museum with the support of the Arts Council, to coincide with the Council of Europe exhibition of Neo-Classical Art at the Royal Academy and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The objects assembled for the exhibition reflect the work and influence of the great early Neo-Classical architects working in Britain during this Neo-Classical period and a certain amount of metalwork and some ceramic objects are also included in the display as they also played a part in the unified scheme of decoration that was so characteristic of this period.

British Philatelic Exhibition, 1st-4th November.

This Exhibition, where you can both buy and see a huge range of stamps, will be held at Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, London W1.

It is open 10.30 a.m.-8.00 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-6.00 p.m. on Saturday.

There are special rates for parties.

For details telephone 01-579 6644.

The following is a list of events in principal cities:

Birmingham

Until 21st Oct.—'Ideal Homes Exhibition', Bingley Hall, Edgbaston.

Oxford

17th-21st Oct.—Oxford Antiques Fair.

Edinburgh

5th-7th Oct.—Edinburgh Theatre Arts Play, Church Hill.

14th—Dog Show: Afghan Hound Club of Scotland.

18th—Organ Recital: St Mary's Cathedral.

Films

COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE, KENSINGTON HIGH ST., LONDON.

2nd- 8th A Cluster of Cyprus; The kingdom of Swaziland.

9th-15th Cradle of the Nile; Independence for Fiji.

16th-22nd A Bridge in Music; Ticket to Sydney; Toe-hold on a Harbour.

23rd-29th Luapula Journey; Maligne.

30th-5th Nov. Sunday Island; Safari Into Splendour.

BOOK ** REVIEWS

The Girl Guide Annual, Published by Purnell/Bancroft, 80p.

This 128-page book is packed with stories, articles and features covering a wide variety of subjects. There are items on cooking, whittling, making and growing things, badgework, help with the Eight Point Programme, and Guiding activities as well as poems, puzzles, quizzes, cartoons, picture strips and many photographs.

As usual there is so much to choose from in the Annual that there is bound to be something of interest for every Guide. **M.F.**

The Brownie Annual, Purnell, 70p.

Once again the Brownie Annual is full of stories, puzzles, quizzes, and games which will keep every Brownie occupied during the winter holidays ahead. There are also things to make—for other people and just for fun—a play to act and a competition for which there is a prize of a cassette recorder for the winner as well as £50 for the winner's Pack.

The Annual would be a most suitable gift to put into any Brownie's Christmas stocking. **P.T.**

Cub Scout Games and Scout Games, Published by The Scout Association, 50p each.

There comes a time when every Scouter is 'stuck' for a new game and these books with their selection of games, noisy and quiet, old and new and as aids to training are just what are needed to make a change from the old faithfuls which seem to come up with monotonous regularity.

The instructions for the games are clear and easy to follow, and information is given on equipment that is needed for some of the games.

These books would make a valuable addition to the Pack or Troop library. **M.F.**

The Cub Scout Handbook, Published by The Scout Association, 174p.

This book is a must for all Cub Scouts. It is full of information that every Cub Scout will want to know at some time: how Scouting began, Ceremonial, the Jungle Book people, the badges that can be gained.

Very well written and with many delightful illustrations, the book is a visual aid to the fun and excitement of Scouting. **M.F.**

The Music of York Minster, by Peter Aston, Stainer & Bell Ltd, 50p.

This book is one of a series devoted to the story of the musical life in the great Cathedrals of Britain.

Each volume contains an essay by a distinguished musician on the development of the musical life in that Cathedral from the earliest records down to the present day, and, in a pocket inside the back cover, is a collection of documents relating to the history of the music there. Included with this volume on York Minster are reproductions of portraits of important figures connected with the Cathedral, facsimiles of music and service books, and

artistic representations of the Cathedral at various points in its history.

If you buy the book you not only gain an insight into the important part music has played in the history of the Cathedral, but at the same time you are helping to preserve the Cathedral itself thereby carrying on this great musical tradition, for part of the royalties for each volume are donated to the Minister. **P.T.**

Exploring our Church: Christmas, Easter, Trinity. By H. W. Dobson. Church Information Office, 20p each. **All Together Two**, by the Wadderton Group. Church Information Office, 85p.

Exploring Our Church is a series of three junior readers which make up a course divided into sections to coincide with the school term. Canon Dobson writes not just of the church as a building, but about the sacraments which bind it together, the festivals which it celebrates and the teaching which it follows. Those who explore their own parish church with the help of these books will discover a place not just of historical or architectural interest, but also a living place, where people today are involved, just as their forebears were, in the worship of God and in His service.

Each chapter ends with a short list of 'Things to do' and 'Harder things to do'—a wealth of practical ideas ideal for adaptation as projects for the Brownie Pack or Guide Patrol. It might also be of considerable help in working on the Quest Scheme.

All Together Two pursues further the concept of religious education by means of community projects in which all age groups may become involved. For instance, the first theme 'Riches' sets out to help young people through exploration of the various kinds of 'riches' to discover a true sense of values. Suggestions are given for different points of discussion for different age groups.

Although intended for the school teacher, the book has much to offer the Guider by means of suggestions for constructive discussion within the Unit. **J.V.R.**

New World Young Cooks' Book, by Kathie Webber. From Gas Board Showrooms, 80p.

Especially commissioned by New World (Gas Cookers) Ltd for young people from 8 to 15, this Cook Book would be a tremendous help to Brownies or Guides taking their Cook's Badge. Kathie Webber is Cookery Editor of *TV Times*, so will already be known to many young cooks. In this book she sets out to combine fun with learning and the result is a colourful and intriguing book that many adults would like to own. Every point is beautifully illustrated with drawings and photographs in full colour, and a number of cartoon characters such as Ferdie Fingers and Chef Cat help to draw attention to important points of safety and tidiness.

There are sections on cookery words, nutrition, descriptions of various fish, vegetables, cuts of meat, fruits, and herbs, and a wealth of recipes from basic to quite advanced. Finally full instructions for 'your first party' for smaller children, and how to prepare and serve a three-course meal for older ones.

It is impossible to describe the unique appeal of this lovely book, which is all the more useful for its spiral binding which makes for easy reference, and hard covers that wipe clean.

We hope shortly to be announcing competitions in *TODAY'S GUIDE* and *THE BROWNIE* on safety in the kitchen for which New World will be giving copies of their book as prizes. In the meantime, it can be highly recommended for all involved with young people. **J.V.R.**

Handbook Quotes...

Brownie

by Brenda Robinson

'It's fun to be a Brownie' (Brownie Handbook, page 2).

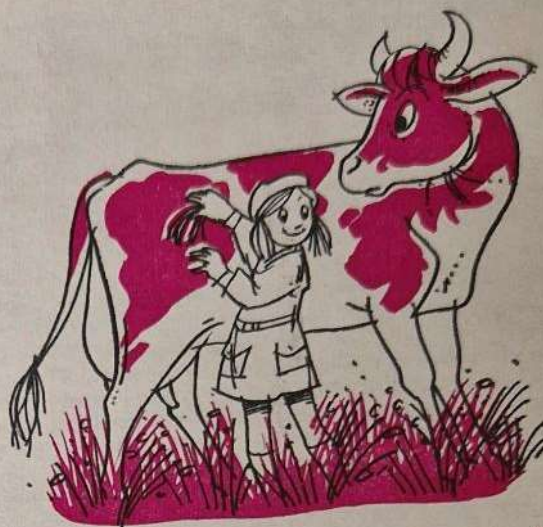
'It's fun to be a Brownie, a Brownie, a Brownie, It's fun to be a Brownie, in our Brownie Pack.'

THIS is an introduction to one of the many ceremonies made up by Packs to form part of the Brownie Guide Promise ceremony. However the Brownies are welcomed into the Pack before and during their Promise ceremony, are they going to find 'it's fun to be a Brownie'? The dictionary definition is 'frolicsome amusement' or 'a matter for laughter'. It is not difficult to find frolics or laughter in most Brownie Packs, but our fun should be deeper than that, for it is through our fun that Brownies should learn to be useful, to accept challenge and to grow in their understanding of the Promise.

Many activities help to develop one or all of these and give us fun as well. Outdoor activities are a 'must' in our programme. 'Let's go out, Brown Owl', is an all too familiar cry. Have you tried:

1. Asking each Six how many articles they can balance on a twopenny piece, and still be able to carry it.
2. A bunch of different coloured wools, identical for each Six, is matched by the Six with nature objects. The Six then either place or stick their nature items on to a sheet of paper to form a picture or design (using the wools as well for an alternative).
3. A number of shapes, drawn on to a postcard, are given to the Sixer, who with her Six matches size and shape exactly with nature objects (not a leaf torn to a required size!).
4. The Brownies on Pack Holiday might do a table decoration or decorate their church for a flower festival, etc? Take a cheese box lid lined with foil, a tin lid or saucer; fill with moss or soil, according to availability, place a small stick upright in the moss, invert an empty eggshell, painted with a brightly coloured poster paint, on to the stick to make a gay toadstool. Push flowers, leaves, etc into the moss, keep damp and the decoration will last many days.

Books help with fun out of doors—Space Craft on page 73 of the Brownie Guiders Handbook or Indian Pathway in *Brownie Games*, are two of the wealth of ideas given in these publications.



Jennetta Vise

In our Packs today we should be showing our Sixers how to lead their Six in simple things to help the Patrol System to be automatically accepted when they go to Guides. Have fun with your Sixers, they will infect their Sixes.

Memory Squares. Brownies stand in Sixes, each Six forming a side of a square. A message is given to the Sixers, who return to their Six. At a given signal, the Sixers run round the whole square and whisper the message to the next member of their Six. This is repeated until all the Brownies have received the message. The last Brownie in each Six says the message aloud to the Pack. (Usually to the merriment of all.)

Compass Lambs. Sixers are given eight lambs (or any other animal), each set a different colour, which have been cut out of card by a Brownie on 'Lend a Hand Challenge' in the Brownie Road. Each card is marked with a compass point. Sixers with their Sixes hide the lambs round the room. Each Six then finds lambs of a different colour to the ones they have hidden, and place them in their Six homes in the correct compass directions.

It is always useful to have a few quick activities up your sleeve for surprise moments of fun.

Partners. Brownies take a partner by the left hand and try to touch the right knee of their partner with their right hand.

Fours. Brownies in groups of four, three joining hands, one outside. On a given signal, the Brownie outside tries to catch the Brownie opposite to her in the circle, the three Brownies in the circle preventing this by rotating with hands joined.

And so in many ways we can bring fun to ourselves and our Packs through games and activities on the Eight Point Programme. How satisfying it is to hear a Brownie say to a recruit, 'Oh, it's fun to be a Brownie'.

Training

Guide . . .

by

S. Edwards

'Just let your wish to make something come through'. (Guide Handbook, page 219).

WHY should we attempt the arts? One reason for doing so is to awaken the senses to the beauty around us. Life is fuller and richer if we can see beyond the simple recognition of objects and be excited by shape, colour and pattern. One can glance at a plant growing in a marshy spot and say 'yellow flag' and pass on, but with the eye of an artist one sees a glorious splash of yellow against the deep, rich green or, looking closer, an intricate pattern is revealed.

We can all express what we see in our own way—a poem, a song, a bold oil painting of the colourful scene, a delicate watercolour study of a single plant or a fabric print based on a cross-section of the seedpod. All are different, but each one translates the pleasure into something lasting. So there is a sense of achievement, for one has been creative.

A group working together on a large collage, mural, or a dramatic or musical production becomes closer, and there seems to be a greater feeling of friendship when sharing an activity of this sort. In such a way the unit becomes strengthened.

A Form of Service

A new activity can be a form of Service—a Patrol learning fabric printing may produce cushions for an Old People's Home; or it can be a form of Worship—corn dollies for the Harvest Festival, straw stars for the church at Christmas, a Nativity collage for the Sunday School. There is plenty we can do.

How do we, as the Guiders, set about it? We must provide the inspiration and the right materials so the child sees something herself and has the means to express her own view of it. Sometimes the materials suggest the inspiration—at camp or by the sea, shells, seaweed, sea urchins, contorted pieces of driftwood may be found and used, perhaps in mosaics or collages for a Patrol competition. The Guider can provide a tray of Polyfilla or a board and Bostick. She also has to suggest the subject matter, which should be something the girls can see. A suitable subject would be a pictorial map of a nearby village; a sketching party could visit the church and any unusual aspects of the village could be noted. Patrols can discuss what material best conveys the

weathered stone walls or windswept hedges they see, and dry grasses, skeleton leaves, bark rubbings and seed cases can be added—the possibilities are endless. At home the same idea could be carried out with fabrics, and inspiration can be found from the tremendous range of shapes of such materials as dried peas, grains, spices or pasta, all obtainable from seed merchants or grocers.

The Guider's part is to provide—or see the girls can find—an exciting assortment of materials to stimulate the imagination and inventiveness of the Patrol. Concentration on 'this village' with its eccentricities rather than a vague 'a village' develops observation and appreciation of the different textures so that there is thought behind the use of each colour and shape. Working in this way should be fun, and the girl who says she cannot draw will find she can contribute. On seeing the lively result she may feel encouraged to undertake further artistic effort.

Outings with a Purpose

Visits to Museums and International exhibitions as part of the Guide programme are even more rewarding when the visit has a particular purpose. Primitive and Peasant art is rich in decoration and a wonderful source of inspiration for crafts such as fabric printing. (It translates very well into designs for potato cuts too, because both involve the use of simple tools.) Look at patterns carved, scratched or painted on wood, bamboo, leather, pottery or woven into tapestries. Imagine adapting an idea to print your own, unique shirt. Look in the library for books on traditional crafts and look in the colour supplements too, where various articles will indicate the way the robes, houses and even bodies of primitive races today are often elaborately decorated.

On hikes look at nature for pattern—study fir cones end-on; compare the arrangement of segments in cedar, spruce and pine; cut across sections of seed pods, and look through a microscope.

In every craft consider the materials, and start simply. Try fabric printing with firm potatoes, or swedes. Pad the table with blankets or underfelt, cover with polythene, and secure the material to be printed firmly with adhesive tape. On a trolley have the blocks and a pad of absorbent material on which to paint the dye. There are excellent dyes on the market now, some of which only require ironing to give fast, bright colours.

Consider a District workshop for Guiders or Patrol Leaders, to experiment. Invite a local expert to demonstrate or advise. Just don't be afraid to attempt the arts, they really are worthwhile.

Ranger...

by Mary Ramsay

'The Challenge is there to be enjoyed to the full, and half the fun of it is in choosing what you will do in each of the eight sections and in assessing how it will help you.' (Ranger Handbook, page 129.)

DURING a rather lively Ranger meeting one girl had sat silently at the side of the hall, watching the contortions of the others engaged in a vigorous keep-fit exercise, and when a break came for coffee, she announced that she would like to go brass-rubbing and visit some of the interesting village churches in the Region. 'Oh, well,' came the reply, 'you join in with us to get this display ready for the Open Evening and we'll come with you.' Some months later, the Unit had collected a vast amount of rubbings, camped and hiked in many scattered areas fairly near home, and learnt a lot of local history as well as meeting a great number of people in the course of their travels. The needlewoman of the Unit had embroidered a tapestry picture of a particularly interesting brass, and book marks and wall hangings were being completed for the next bazaar stall.

The Challenge is there to be followed by the individual Ranger, if she so wishes, and although she must choose for herself which activities she will follow, they can be done in company with one or two friends, and become part of the Unit programme. The main fun—and sometimes the main difficulty—is in choosing where to begin.... though as the Handbook explains, if the Rangers are doing what they have chosen for themselves, things are likely to go with a swing.

The Rangers will often find that many of the activities chosen for the Challenge dovetail—for instance, if they are to be before the public, a course on good grooming and general appearance and dress may be invaluable. If some of the Unit want to learn folk-dancing or pottery, there may be one or two Rangers for whom this has no appeal and they may be happy creating appetising and welcome refreshments in the kitchen. A serious talk on the age of majority or the art of debating may be the last thing your bouncy 15-year-old wants to listen to, but she can choose this occasion to visit the local bakery, or learn crochet, or the rudiments of playing the guitar or chess!

Assessing any activity can be very basic; it is not intended to be a post-mortem on a dead subject, but an appraisal of what has been learnt, where to go from there, and whether it was enjoyable and successful. As the Challenge is an individual one, each Ranger will do this for herself, but help and support from the Guider, as well as the other Rangers, is necessary. 'What-
ever do you want to do that for?' was thrown at one enterprising Ranger who had decided that she knew nothing about classical music, and it might be fun finding out. The Unit outing a few months later was to a concert at the Festival Hall!

Still, not all the ideas come to fruition. We still chuckle over the Ranger who decided that she—and the rest of us—needed to learn the 'simple' art of self-defence. One broken arm, two black eyes and many bruises later, she—and the rest of us—had decided that this was something we could well do without!

Similarly, not everything will go well all the time. However free the choice, perhaps one of the Rangers will decide that what she has chosen is not for her, either because it is not what she thought or because she is not enjoying it. The Guider must decide whether this is the reason or whether results are not quick enough or it's too much trouble—and decide whether to encourage stickability and to help through a bad patch. In some cases the 'butterfly minds' need an activity with quick, or fixed-term results and then this can come out in the assessment before they move on to another activity requiring more effort, dependability and application.

'Challenge yourself to ' these are the operative words regarding the challenge—a call to the individual to see what she can do in a very wide field of activities. Opportunities must be given for the girl who chooses skin-diving, cine-film making, pot-holing, Chinese cookery or laying concrete, as well as those who decide on tennis, painting, camping or home decoration. Each one at the Unit meeting (and often the activities will take place elsewhere), will need to be encouraged to say how things are going, what information/equipment she may need, or what help or participation she wants from others.

'The only standard that counts is the amount of effort on the part of the individual'—and if a Ranger is enjoying the Challenge and doing things which she has chosen, she will succeed, and recognise her own progress and involvement.

FROM time to time I would look down that list of Units I wanted to visit with near despair. The wider the rural area the larger the problem seems to be. In simple terms it is—Time.

It's just a jigsaw puzzle to fit all the visits in—Brownies and Guides seldom seem to meet the same night in the same village; other meetings fall the same night but miles apart. And one of the Packs may meet straight after school when I'm still out at work and my Assistant is busy collecting her kids.

Yet I must get to know the girls and, more important, their Guiders, and so I continue to feel that Unit visiting must be fitted in if we are to fulfil our responsibilities as Commissioners for 'safeguarding and encouraging Guiding in our District'.

To pick out a few typical instances:

- Miss Moggs—a new Guider—needing all the help I can give her. (Next month's article on Warranting will have a lot to say about her.)
- Toller Episcopi's Poppy Patrol want me to go to their Coffee Morning and they've been working like beavers at it. I must go.
- Similar invitation from Mrs Ploggs and Wee Widdibanks Brownies to their concert. Another must.
- Mrs Bloggs said so warmly 'just pop in to our meeting anytime—no warning needed—we'd love to see you', and of course I'd love it too!

Personally and rurally speaking I don't usually like 'unannounced visits', especially when they can hardly appear as casual pop-ins when I have clearly driven nine miles to get there!

And then of course there's Mrs Cloggs who will not, in spite of many suggestions invite me any time. Now, why?

Perhaps she thinks I'm too busy and doesn't want to bother me. (Can it be that my looks and manner at District Meetings might sometimes give this impression?) Or, perhaps she really is nervous of a visit because she feels she can't cope.

Then my mind starts into flights of imagination. Perhaps she's a rebel and 1st Red Apple Guides

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THE GUIDER

In the Country

aren't Guides at all but just a swimming club in training? Or perhaps she thinks I'll be shocked when I find them happily meeting with the Scouts. (Would I be?)

I wish I knew that village better or had a Local Association contact there. More important still, it's only too clear I must get to know Mrs Cloggs better.

Knowing that visits will be limited I tend to make notes before I go so as to get the utmost out of whatever I can give. PL Pat of the Poppy Patrol was wanting to try for her Patrol Camp Permit this year; Mrs Ploggs has a new Pack Leader and, for all her general efficiency is still, alas, sitting on her Census Form; what happened to that awkward 14-year-old of Mrs Bloggs—do I guess moved on and new Patrol Leaders established? And right on the road to Wee Widdibanks lies Red Apple and surely a call could be fitted in.

Final thoughts—if the Unit really can't be visited there are certainly other things we can do:

- Visit, phone, invite over or otherwise meet the Guiders individually. It is a rare one indeed who—even if occasionally caught in her curlers—will not appreciate and grow through the discovery that her Commissioner is there, available, genuinely interested in her and her Unit.
- On occasion, get the District to us. Joint Camp and Patrol Leader/Seconds Trainings have much to commend them, particularly when village Units may consist of only one or two Patrols, but always make sure that the Guiders too, are involved in some way.

They will almost certainly have to transport the girls, but surely, too:

- We can use as many as possible in the training itself. One of our very new Guiders, a hair-dresser, was persuaded to give them half-an-hour on hair styling—all very happy and (had the Adult Leader's Certificate then been in operation) a good way of meeting her 'Knowing your District—3' challenge.
- While the PLs are trained, a parallel question or two to the bunch of Guiders can transform a natter group into a small working party.
- Follow up with a request for 'evaluation' of the training asking for both Guides' and Guiders' views.

Yes, the rural Districts present their problems and their challenges; but at the same time there are advantages of having a relatively small number of Units and Guiders to get to know, and working remotely and often singlehanded, their Commissioner's help and encouragement is all the more needed and appreciated.

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Commissioner at Work

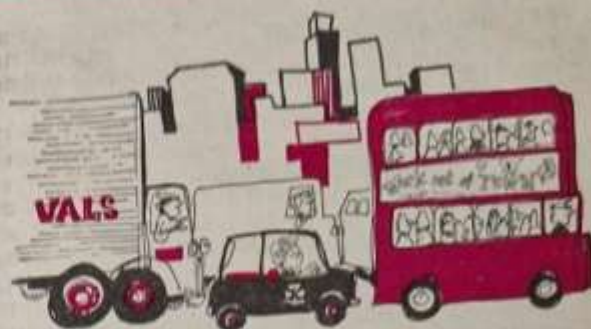
In the Town

VIEWS on 'visiting' by the Commissioner can be as varied as are Commissioners and Guiders, so let us begin by thinking about why it is done.

The term 'personal relations' is one which is vastly overworked these days, yet probably the basic reason for visiting is just this: the establishing of good personal relations with the Guiders and Guides in her District. Being only human, even the most competent Guider likes to feel she matters and that the work she is trying to do is recognised and appreciated. Even more in need of encouragement is the Guider struggling continually with some particularly unrewarding Unit, while the relationship which only understanding visiting can develop is even more important to the new Guider who may, as a person, be very suitable, but is at the moment frankly clueless. From the point of view of the Guider it is this approach which the Commissioner wants to convey—that she is there to appreciate both 'know-how' and effort on the part of Guiders, and that where things are not right her aim is to be helpful and constructive.

Visiting Units is probably one aspect of the job which the Commissioner enjoys most, because it does enable her to keep in touch with the care of the Movement. It is also one of the most time consuming, and perhaps some Guiders could help Commissioners by recognising this. In towns the relatively short travelling distances help, they also help good communications between Units, highly desirable in many ways, but it can bring problems, particularly with the emphasis, as now, on the effort put in by Guides before a badge is awarded. This can be one way where a little extra help from the Commissioner can often be greatly appreciated by the Guider in ensuring that the Guide can really understand why she was asked to repeat part of a test while a Guide from a Company down the road was passed, by the same tester, for work which was apparently no better.

This recognition of variation is also necessary in another way and is one of the points of which the Commissioner wants to be aware when visiting—is it, in fact, the faintly disorganised Company which is running with most benefit for the Guider because it really is being run by the Patrol Leader's Council? Of course, the age and experience of the Patrol Leaders will influence the amount of help they require, but where possible the Guiders are keeping a watchful brief, ensuring that any plans made for outdoor activities on dark winter evenings do not expose the



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Guides to real risk. This does not have to be only in some undesirable part of the town, but can be due to undesirable characters in any part—so Guiders must ensure supervision in any potentially dangerous spot. Similarly when visiting Brownie Packs, does the Commissioner observe that meetings stop at the stated time? It is discourteous to keep parents waiting long after finishing time, and dangerous to let Brownies out early when parents either usually meet their offspring or know exactly when to expect them home.

When visiting Units the Commissioner has another vital part to play. She is the means whereby Brownies and Guides can gain experience in the courtesies of life. It is to be hoped that by the time they become Rangers they have been given so much opportunity to act as hostess to their Commissioner that they can naturally welcome, and bid farewell to her or any other visitor. Guiders might remember that it is not only rude, but disconcerting, even to the most experienced Commissioner, to be totally ignored. Please don't all rush for your pens with an injured air, because it does happen sometimes!

While some visits are formal, the 'popping in' visit also has a place. It is often these that impress the Guides of any age that their Commissioner is really interested in them. It is also the Commissioner's opportunity to demonstrate her good manners—a Guider will obviously try to speak to her as soon as possible, but she will not expect the Guider to stop some night's successful play, because she has chosen to pop in without warning.

There is another kind of visit which the Commissioner might be able to do given the opportunity. She does sign the Guider's form for camps and Pack Holidays to say that she considers the Guider a fit and suitable person, yet while some Commissioners are always invited, and visit when possible, some never are.

Finally, it is a great help to Commissioners if they can be given advanced warning of any part they are to be asked to play in the evening's activities when visiting.

M. PATTIE

Training

We Invited The Health Visitor

by Joan Martin

THERE are Health Visitors in every community and extremely useful and knowledgeable people they are. Most people realise that they are trained nurses and midwives—but do we understand what a great knowledge the Health Visitor has of all the Social Services?

Their particular interest lies with children, mothers and old people, with a great emphasis on positive good health and the prevention of illness. They have a knowledge of the handicapped of all ages within their work area. Health Visitors these days are often attached to local general practitioner group practices and also know the social workers in the local area.

Many Health Visitors have been Brownies, Guides and Rangers and are particularly interested in the change of Programme which has occurred in the last six years. They are excellently equipped to train Guides for the Child Nurse, Accident Prevention, Health, Emergency Helper, Home Nurse and First Aid badges, using up-to-date methods and common sense practical work. Having prepared the Guides for a test they usually know other similarly trained adults who could test the badge. Many Health Visitors have interests and hobbies which equip them to test the Homecraft badges—Craft and other interest badges, and because of her contact with the Company visits to Health Centres, Nursery Schools and Day Nurseries might be arranged. No one has greater knowledge of the needs of the people in the area and discussion often leads to practical suggestions for genuine good turns.

To quote a true example of this: In the cold weather earlier this year a health visitor was horrified to find a 'forgotten' group of old people very poorly housed in single rooms in a



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tenement building. A Brownie Pack was looking for a good turn project and with the help of the Guiders they organised boxes of decorated new laid eggs and bunches of flowers for each of the old people at Easter time. The Guiders and Brownies were very saddened by what they saw when they delivered their gifts and immediately made plans to raise money to take the old people out for the day. Pocket money was saved and a sponsored skip in the school playground was arranged.

In June twelve old people were taken to the country for the day. They were given a hot meal by the local Women's Institute and then taken for a tour of the village, visiting the church and a lovely garden. The Brownies had a separate programme with the local Brownie Pack. Everyone had tea together and many photographs were taken.

The tired, happy Brownies returned home feeling the comfortable warmth of getting to know the old people and the country Brownies and the old people hoped the day would never end. They took back to their dreary bedsitters, flowers, fresh eggs, cakes and fresh fruit which must have reassured them the following day of the kindness they had received from so many people.

The Brownies needed adult help to arrange transport and food, and it's worth mentioning that the Guider found it was not easy to persuade the house-bound old people to spend a day in the country. Incidentally, the old people are slowly being rehoused and the shocking tenement building is to be demolished.

More than anything the handicapped people and the elderly need time and personal contact with people outside their family or their dwelling place. The young people in our organisation have tremendous compassion and lots of good ideas which, with the help of the experienced welfare workers, can be put to very good use.



Mainly For Ranger Guiders

Will School 'Do it all'?

by I. P. Bewsher

Illustrated by Elizabeth Wall

If Guiding were to cease tomorrow it would all have been worthwhile from the point of view of its contribution to Education over the last half century.

Few people would deny this statement—but what of the next half century?

The coming extra year at school will mean many changes in the curriculum, and educationalists plan to include service in the community in their projects. The tradition of training for service is the main prop in the Guide programme. Could schools take it out of our hands?

What Attracts Girls to Rangers?

What does attract girls to Rangers?

In the opinion of one experienced Ranger Guider Guides tend to go on to Rangers if they want to stay with their friends, and go with them to fresh and exciting things (although old favourites such as camping remain popular if tackled in an adult way). They do not at first consciously set out to 'train for service' but grow into it later if not pushed too soon.

Rangers at present tend to leave the Unit when they leave school, when they come into contact with counter attractions, interests and new friends. An extra year in school may keep them another year in the Ranger Unit, and strengthen their link with old friends. The numbers might grow rather than diminish. All will depend on the approach of the Guider, and on how well she knows her Rangers. She must be prepared to be even more flexible and to form even closer liaison with the schools, so that Guiding complements the educational scene.

'From many points of view, the most important aspect . . . is that the young adult begins to claim, as of right, freedom of choice.' (Schools Council—Working Party Paper No. 2.) Even at 14 they must be treated as adults.

If they do not feel that they are being pushed, they will welcome fresh and stimulating activities. The contact with a discerning Guider makes an attractive change from 'teacher'.



Students visiting a youth club in the school dinner hour found youngsters there who use it regularly in order to get a break from the school atmosphere.

Working as Individuals Often Preferred

In the new programme children may not get a very wide choice of activities in school, where, at least to begin with, the selection of subjects offered to them, will depend on the qualifications and interests of the staff available. Some neighbourhoods already have good centres for certain subjects, but none for others. Ranger Guiders can often draw in expert help from other wider sources.

Some schools are planning quite large and ambitious schemes of service, but there are girls who prefer to work as individuals and so will still enjoy the smaller groups in their own Ranger Unit.

'It is not necessary to throw the cargo overboard in order to steer the ship into different waters' (as the Working Party report puts it). This comment was aimed at the schools, but it could equally well apply to us. We have so much to offer already.

Early Training Service

Training for service is built into the Guide Movement from the Brownie Promise onwards, and at present we have a start over the schools who are introducing it at a later age.

Some pessimists forecast trouble when the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme was started. 'They've pinched all our ideas' was the cry. Maybe—but we should be proud to have been the pioneers. Has it cut down our numbers? It has given the chance to more teenagers to sample the pleasures and challenges of new occupations.

(Continued overleaf)

Will School 'Do It All'?—*continued from previous page*

Most of the new school plans may be geared towards the children who, up to now, have left school at 15. But what of the grammar school pupil, who would have stayed on anyhow? We are sometimes accused of being a middle class Movement, and it is true that many of our members, particularly the Rangers, are drawn from this group. The new exciting school programme will not be aimed so much at them so will they not all the more, turn to Rangers to give them the outlets that others will get in school? 'Youth Social Service Corps' already exist, but they have not prevented girls belonging to Rangers if they wished.

Mixed Activities?

Some may prefer to join the local corps because of the mixed membership. We might keep our Rangers longer if we inaugurated more mixed activities with Scouts, etc.

The later break with school may encourage more secondary modern girls to stay in Rangers longer. They might not be so keen on service projects, but other aspects of our training might attract them.

A recent questionnaire among secondary modern children by a teacher/Ranger Guider has shown that 44% wanted to do Social Service in their fifth year, with 23% choosing to look after

children. There is one aspect of service in which we have first claim, and that is the training of Rangers as future Guiders. How many of these 23% can we encourage to help in Units and later to ease some of the shortage of Guiders?

It will be some years before the schools' plans are well established. Our Programme is already in being, our Units are already experimenting. Let us take the lead, draw in the experts to help us enrich our Programme by building on the work the schools will be doing, encourage the secondary modern seniors to bring to the Ranger meeting their newly acquired experiences, so that there will be a natural flow from one to the other and we need have no fear for the future. The girls will look after that for us.



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COMING THIS MONTH

THE RANGER

The October issue of THE RANGER contains: Other Faiths; Dear Elizabeth (2); Ski Touring in the Swiss Alps; National Guide Lawn Tennis Tournament; 1973—Ranger Year. Plus all the usual features—Readers' Letters, Book Reviews, Ranger Scene, etc.

TODAY'S GUIDE

- 6th October** For New Guides—Getting to Know People; Things to do in October; How to Make a Handbag; Preparing for an Open Evening—showing slides.
- 13th October** Play for Company Entertainment; Hallowe'en Games Chart; Notebook—Welding Your Patrol Together; Chart: Planting bulbs in the garden.
- 20th October** Toymaker (1); Heroes and Heroines Chart; How to Make a Patrol Box; It's Your Patrol's turn to . . .
- 27th October** How to Make a Film; Build a Safe Bonfire; Inventor's Chart; Notebook—Planning a Patrol Project (2); Good Grooming.

THE BROWNIE

- 4th October** House Orderly Badge Series continued; Safety in the Home Series Commences; Birthday of the Month.
- 11th October** New three-part serial 'Dream Dust in Her Eyes'; Ideas with a Compass (series).
- 18th October** Book Issue, including Booklover article.
- 26th October** Hallowe'en; Booklover Article; New Serial 'Trouble at Chingley Fell'.

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Student Weekend At Waddow

by Margaret R. Banks
Photographs: A. W. Andrews

THE Autumn Term is now under way. Are you getting used to the fact that 'Susie', who was one of your Guides, who became your Assistant Guider and your 'right hand woman', after she'd been in the District Ranger Unit, has gone off to College? Here you are again—beginning to train another young Assistant Guider—wondering if she in a year or 18 months' time will be off to College too! I imagine you saying: 'I always seem to be training Guiders, then losing them when they go to College'.

Every year we 'lose' a high proportion of our Rangers and young Guiders to University and College. Some of them will become involved with the Scout and Guide Clubs, others won't have the opportunity. How can we prepare them for life in College? More particularly, as these young people may be the thinkers and planners of Guiding in the future, how can we help them?

Early in July a student weekend was held at Waddow with just these questions in mind. It was felt that young Guiders and Rangers—and Venture Scouts too—were on the threshold of a great experience in their lives: going to College or University. Some of them would be wondering whether they could continue in the Movements while at College, some of them would be wondering what it would be like in College. This weekend was designed to help them.

The trainers (two Guiders and one Scouter), planned the programme around four aims. Firstly, to present an up-to-date view of both Movements; secondly, to introduce the participants to the opportunities of college life; thirdly, to introduce them to Scout and Guide Clubs and SSAGO (Student Scout and Guide Organisation), and lastly to discuss the future of the two Movements.

The weekend proved to be an adventure in communal living and sharing, with a dash of college-style socialising and undergraduate-style debate. This



stimulated most and proved satisfying to many. A feature of the weekend was that it coincided with a SSAGO Rally held in Waddow's grounds.

The trainers sat until after 10 p.m. on the Sunday evening analysing the weekend. Some items had been better than others but none had been 'bad'. The taped discussions on 'Scouting and Guiding Today', for which Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts posed as Radio panels, TV interviewers and even hucksters on a Scout and Guide Stall, had got things off to a good talkative start and any false notions were rectified by a showing of those two attractive films, *Perpetual Spring* and *These are Scouts*. Similarly, the sessions on 'Studying away from home', 'The work of SSAGO' and 'Scouting and Guiding in the Future' proved to be of interest to the participants.

The SSAGO campers introduced the students to the social life of the Scout and Guide Clubs in the various Colleges and Universities. Saturday night found the Hut transformed for the traditional Barn Dance and Sunday forenoon was the time for the customary 'SSAGO Challenges'. In addition, Saturday afternoon had seen expeditions for the energetic and even those who had planned to watch the Wimbledon finals on TV were driven out when the tennis was postponed.

Let's return to 'Susie'. If she was at Waddow that weekend, I suppose you'll have heard about it by now. You'll have realised that the whole weekend was designed not to give her knowledge but experience. She experienced, perhaps for the first time, life in a mixed community such as will be her home for the next few years. What she will have talked about—the Barn Dance, the Sessions, the Scouts and Guides Own Service, or even the fabulous Scout Trainer—is less important than the experience she gained to help fit her for her College life as a member of the Guide Movement.

If you live near a College or University it's probable that someone else's 'Susie' is in residence. Have you ever thought of contacting those other 'Susies'? They'll have little time for active Guiding but often they'll be happy to keep in touch by giving short-term or specialist help. A Scout and Guide Club is entirely self governing as far as its programme is concerned but links with local Guiding would be beneficial to both. Who knows you might even find yourself being invited to serve on the Club Committee? Then, one day one of those other 'Susies' may say: 'Oh, by the way, I finish this term and I'm going to work locally, do you want an Assistant Guider . . . ?'



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In Memoriam

MISS DOROTHY M. HUCKLE who died recently was well known and loved in Prescott, Lancs.

As well as being a District Commissioner at one time, Miss Huckle was an active member and past Chairman of Prescott Local Association. She founded the Prescott Trefoil Guild and was still its President when she died.

Miss Huckle gave over 50 years loyal service to Guiding and will be sadly missed and remembered with affection by her many friends.

E.M.D.

It was with regret that Guiders in Middlesex East learned of the death of Dr N. JENKIN, who died at Chichester on 26th June.

Before retiring to Chichester, Dr Jenkin was for many years a lecturer at St Katharine's College in Tottenham. During most of this time she was connected with Guiding, as a Ranger and Cadet Guider, and later became District Commissioner for the Tottenham Park area. During the war Dr Jenkin was a Guide Captain in Torquay, and she retained her interest in the Movement until her death as a member of the Chichester Trefoil Guild.

She will be remembered with great affection by all who knew her.

J.S.

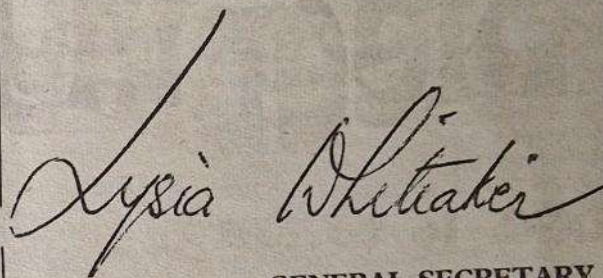
Basildon Division (Essex East) Girl Guides are sad to report the sudden death of Mrs I. A. PETTITT, MBE. Over the last five years she played a very lively and helpful role as Division President and for many years before that she took an active interest in helping to establish Guiding in the area, before the advent of the New Town. She was a sound counsellor and good friend to all who knew her, and we shall remember her with gladness.

M.B.

Remembrance Day

We come once again to this special day when we want to give a little of our time to remember and pray for those who have served their country and their fellow men and have fallen in the line of duty.

On this day of special remembrance, set aside for the Nation to join in services and parades, our Brownies and Guides should understand the real meaning which underlies this unity of remembrance and we should make any event of particular feeling for them.



GENERAL SECRETARY

A Booklet for The Handicapped

A booklet which describes the main benefits and services available to handicapped people in England and Wales is now available, free of charge, from any social security office or local authority social services department.

Although the booklet does not describe the facilities in detail because many are provided by local authorities and vary from place to place, it does explain clearly where to go for further information and help.

Included in the booklet are sections on financial help available through social security and national insurance provisions, family doctor services, local authority health and social services, help for special groups of handicapped people, and a section on education and employment.

Copies of the booklet are being distributed widely to reach as many handicapped people as possible, but there will always be someone who misses out, so if you know of anyone handicapped in your area you would be doing them a service by passing on to them a copy of the booklet. Rangers working on service projects, and their Guiders would do well to get themselves a copy of the booklet too, so that they can familiarise themselves with the services available.

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 19½ 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 am and 8 pm at Foxlease (Lyndhurst) 042-128 2638, and at Waddow (Clitheroe) 02-002 3186, except in emergencies.

FOXLEASE
Lyndhurst, Hants. SO4 7DG

OCTOBER

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



Commonwealth Headquarters

NOVEMBER

- *3-5 Fun and Fireworks! (Full)
- 10-12 Hampshire East
- 17-19 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 24-26 General Training. Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders.

DECEMBER

- 28-JANUARY 2 Pantomania (A New Year Houseparty with entertaining possibilities!)

JANUARY 1973

- 5-7 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (Preparation for Pack Holidays and camps)
- 12-14 Ranger Guiders and others concerned with training the 16-18 year old for Leadership in the Movement
- 19-21 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 26-28 Making the Most of the Programme (District Commissioners/Assistants with up to seven other Guiders)

FEBRUARY

- 2-4 Hampshire West
- 9-11 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 16-18 Surrey West
- 23-25 Winchester Deanery

MARCH

- 2-4 Kent West
- 9-11 The Commissioner's Job (Division Commissioners and District Commissioners)
- 16-18 South West England (by allocation)

- 23-25 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 30-APRIL 1 Sussex East

APRIL

- 6-8 Campfire
- 13-15 London North West
- 19-23 (EASTER). New Horizons (for girls of 16 and over and Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates)

WADDOW

Clitheroe, Lancs. BB7 3LD

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 Making The Most of The Programme (District Commissioners / Assistants with up to six other Guiders)
- 10-12 District and Division Commissioners (by allocation)
- 17-19 1. Making the most of the Programme (District Commissioners / Assistants with up to six other Guiders)
2. Guitar Beginners
- 24-26 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

DECEMBER

- 1-3 Yorkshire Central Scouters
- 29-JANUARY 2 A Victorian Houseparty

JANUARY 1973

- 5-7 Ranger Guiders and others concerned with training the 16-18 year old for Leadership in the Movement

- 12-14 Preparing for Thinking Day (all Sections)
 19-21 North West England (Camp Advisers)
 26-28 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (Preparation for Pack Holidays and camps)

FEBRUARY

- 2-4 Making the Most of the Programme (District Commissioners/Assistants with up to seven other Guiders)
 9-11 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 16-18 Sheffield
 23-25 Lancashire South East (Camp Training)

MARCH

- 2-4 Lincolnshire North
 9-11 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 16-18 Yorkshire WRNW
 23-25 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
 30-APRIL 1 Cheshire Border

APRIL

- 6-8 North West England (Arts Advisers)
 13-15 Cheshire Wirral
 19-23 (EASTER) Pack Holiday Training

Victorian Houseparty

Open to Guiders and Rangers of 17 and over, this is the fourth 'historical' weekend, linked to the New Year atmosphere.

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room per day	£1.75
per week	£12.25
Minimum fee for weekend	£3.50
Double room per day	£2.20
per week	£15.40
Minimum fee for weekend	£4.40
Single room per day	£2.60
per week	£18.20
Minimum fee for weekend	£5.20

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

Deposit £1.00 cheque or postal order only.

GLENBROOK OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE

Bamford, Sheffield, S30 2AL.

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.

Courses at Glenbrook are open to Commissioners, Guiders and Rangers, unless otherwise stated. Initial applications for courses to—The Glenbrook Secretary, CHQ. Fees: Weekend Courses, ie, two nights at Glenbrook—£3.00 inclusive of 75p deposit.

Scotland

NETHERURD HOUSE

Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire

OCTOBER

- 6-8 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Glasgow Northern Division)
 13-15 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Roxburghshire)
 20-22 Commissioners — including sessions for new Commissioners
 27-29 Preparations for Christmas—Guiders of all sections

NOVEMBER

- 3-5 Brownie and Guide Guiders
 10-12 Ranger Guiders
 17-19 Brownie and Guide Guiders
 24-26 Commissioners and Trainers

DECEMBER

- 1-3 Commissioners and Trainers
 8-10 Commissioners and Trainers

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

OCTOBER

- 6-8 1) General Training
 2) Prospective Trainers (By invitation)
 13-15 Music Weekend
 1) Music, singing and dancing in the Units
 2) Training towards Campfire and Music Specialists' Certificates (By invitation)
 20-22 Camp Advisers' Conference
 27-29 International

NOVEMBER

- 3-5 General Training
 10-12 Camping and Pack Holiday Skills
 17-19 Welsh Association of Youth Clubs' Conference
 24-26 University Scout and Guide Clubs

DECEMBER

- 1-3 General Training (Places reserved for Cheshire Wirral)

Fees at Broneirion

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

A Special Opportunity for Guiders Interested in Drama Activities

Mr Norman Ayrton, the Association's Drama Consultant, is conducting a course of four evening sessions this autumn. These will take place in the Library at CHQ on Tuesdays from 6.30-8.30 pm, November 7, 14, 21 and 28 and it is hoped that many Guiders within reach of Central London will be able to take advantage of the opportunity of working under Mr Ayrton's direction. It is not necessary to have previous knowledge and experience—interest and enthusiasm for the subject is what is required of those who attend this course. The fee will be 50p for the whole course, or 15p for separate sessions. Preference will be given to those who can attend all the sessions. Applications should be sent as soon as possible and not later than October 6th to the Training Secretary at CHQ enclosing an s.a.e.

Bursary Help

GUIDERS attending Guider training 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 Commissioner may recommend a subsequent award, eg. 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 additional day.

Travel Bursary: This entitles a Guider to a grant covering travelling 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 allowed only in cases of special need and a detailed recommendation from the Commissioner is required. Payment of this grant is made at the Training Centre on production of the bursary form.

Angela Thompson Bursaries: These are available for any Promise and Law training course (not necessarily held at a CHQ 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, CHQ Training Department, stating the name of the Guider concerned and the date and place of the training course. Scottish Commissioners should apply to Scottish Headquarters. 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 the Commissioners are asked to indicate priorities if applying for a number of bursaries. A number of LEAs give generous help towards Guider training courses and a request for such assistance should be made direct to the local authority concerned. **Reduced rail fare vouchers for those under 18 can be obtained from Country/Region HQ Offices.**

Camping Holidays and Pack Holidays

Beaverbrook Lodge—Foxlease

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease, together with an initial deposit of £1 (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled). A stamped addressed foolscap envelope should be enclosed. Please give alternate 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, are now being accepted. Applications for the period 1st April, to 30th September, 1973, are now being accepted.

Glenbrook Camp-sites

Applications for sites should be sent to the Bookings Secretary, 20 Smithy Croft, Dronfield Woodhouse, nr. Sheffield S18 5YD enclosing foolscap s.a.e. and giving alternative dates.

Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex

Equipped and unequipped sites available with facilities for swimming, climbing and pioneering (for which equipment can be borrowed).

'Restrop', a furnished bungalow for 25 (bunk beds for 20) is also available.

Full details of both from the Warden enclosing s.a.e.

FOR CAMPS AND HOLIDAYS Foxlease Camp-sites

Applications for sites should reach Foxlease by 8th January, 1973, and will be considered during the week commencing 15th January. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any week day.

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

Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites in 1973 will be considered during the first week of January 1973. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with possible alternatives and approximate numbers should be given. 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.

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1973 will be considered on and after 17th November, 1972 and should be made to the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's CA or Pack Holiday Adviser and a foolscap s.a.e. enclosed.

Netherurd Camp-sites and Brownie House

Applications for camp-sites will be taken from 1st January, 1973 onwards. Applications for the Brownie House will be taken on 1st December, 1972—during Scottish school holidays (July and half August) priority will be given to Scottish Packs.

Broneirion Camp-sites and Brownie House

Applications for camp-sites and the Pack Holiday House will be considered from 1st January, 1973. They should be addressed to Mrs. Kwantes, Tavistock House, Parcwrn Road, Sketty, Swansea, Glamorgan (Swansea 24947). Pack Holiday bookings for dates outside school holidays should be made to the Guider-in-charge.

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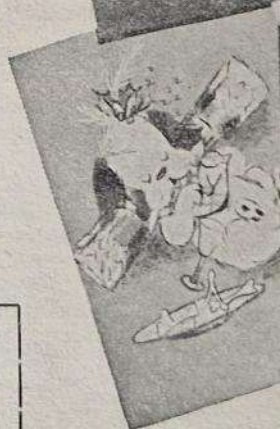
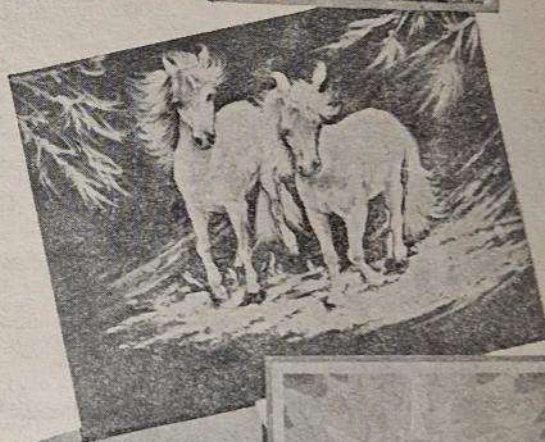
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Miss P. Scott, County Camp Adviser for Shropshire. Publication of the above Awards was withheld until presentation could be made.

Silver Fish

Mrs Ena Collymore-Woodstock, MBE, Chief Commissioner for Jamaica.

EXHIBITION AIDS

Another addition to the display aids available from CHQ Public Relations Department—the **Brownie badge** and **World badge** in outline seven inches—squared up to help artists to make larger or smaller versions. These two badges with the already existing outline Guide badge are now being given away free with the booklet on do-it-yourself exhibitions entitled *Display* (5p plus 4p postage from Public Relations Department). Alternatively the set of three badges can be purchased at 4p plus postage, or 40p a dozen sets.

LARGE PRINT HANDBOOK

This book, printed in black and white, is invaluable for the partially sighted Guide. Physically handicapped Guides and slow readers would also find the large print and large pages helpful.

To obtain the Handbook Guides of Extension Units should write direct to Training Department at CHQ. Handicapped Guides in other Units should apply through their County Extension Adviser.

This *Large Print Guide Handbook* is available to Handicapped Guides only, at a special price of 38p plus 5p packing.

SAFETY RULES FOR JOINT ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

Safety Rules for Adventurous Activities undertaken jointly by mixed parties of Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts—but also applicable on those occasions when Guides and Scouts over the age of 11 are involved in these activities—have now been approved by both Associations. These Rules relate to Air and Water activities, Hill-walking, Mountaineering and Ski-ing.

Advance copies are available for Commissioners or Advisers, who should apply to their Country/Region Headquarters enclosing a foolscap s.a.e.

RANGER OPEN HOUSE WEEKS, 1973

Ranger Courses, 1973. Brief preliminary information of opportunities in 1973 appear in the October issue of *THE RANGER*, which is now on sale.

THE GUIDER

INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW, EARLS COURT

A total of some 200 volunteers will be needed to complete the Messenger Service for the organisers of the Boat Show, which takes place 3rd-13th January (Press day 2nd January).

Guides, Scouts, Rangers and Venture Scouts of 14 years and over also Guiders and Scouters under 21, are invited to apply to Public Relations Department Commonwealth Headquarters, for details and the appropriate form which must bear the signature of approval of the Unit Guider or Scouter. Those intending to apply should check first on their term dates (if still at school or college).

Preference will be given to those who can offer time in the second week. Fares will be paid by the organisers within a radius of 35 miles of London, plus a subsistence allowance.

FOLK FEST 6

The Royal Albert Hall, London
1st/2nd December, 1973

Nobody seems to doubt the success of Folk Fest 5, which was held at the Royal Albert Hall last year, or of the LP record which resulted from it.

Now, at last, comes the advance news of Folk Fest 6, to take place at the Royal Albert Hall in December 1973. Our good friend Ian Grant will again direct and produce the show, which this time will have two performances—on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon—to help cater for the hundreds who were disappointed at not being among the 6,000 there last time.

Folk Fest will have an international flavour and the opportunity will be taken to have an Act of Worship on Sunday morning 2nd December at Baden-Powell House.

Plans are also in hand for a **Folk Fest Workshop** over the weekend of 14th/15th July.

Full details will be published in January, so watch out for these or write to: Folk Fest, c/o Training Department, CHQ.

BLACKLAND FARM, EAST GRINSTEAD

Working Party Weekend Saturday/Sunday
11th/12th November

Help is required from Guiders and Rangers in checking and repairing equipment at this Commonwealth Headquarters Camp site.

Please send your offer of help to: Miss R. Hovenden, Stone Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex, who will send you full details.

THE SCOUT AND GUIDE TRUST FUND

The value of a Share Unit in the above Common Investment Fund on 31st August 1972 was 46.35p-48.70p (cum. div.).

Income was distributed for the last half-year at the rate of £0.0072 per share.

AN INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAIN LEADERSHIP—1973

1. National Scout Caving Activity Centre, Whernside Manor, Dent, Nr. Sedburgh, Yorkshire. 4th to 11th March 1973.

In response to questions like 'Can I take a party on an expedition?' and 'What qualifications do I need, and how do I get them?' we have arranged an Introductory Course on Mountain Leadership, especially for members of The Girl Guides Association.

This will be open to those of 18 and over who are interested in hill-walking, climbing and mountaineering and would like to know the skills that are needed to qualify for leadership. For those who wish to continue further, attendance at this course will count as the first stage towards gaining the Mountain Leadership Certificate. The cost will be approximately £19.00 inclusive and the course will be grant-aided. For full details write to the Training Department, CHQ.

2. Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4. 5th/7th and 19th/21st January 2nd/4th and 16th/18th February

This Mountain Leadership Certificate Introductory Course, arranged over four weekends, is also open to Guiders and Rangers of 18 and over. Two weekends will be spent at Gilwell, one at Whernside, and one at Yr Hafod. The approximate cost will be £22.00 and those interested should write direct to The Scout Association, at Gilwell.

SAIL TRAINING—1973

The Sail Training Association is running three cruises for girls aged between 16 and 21 in 1973 on their sailing schooners.

The dates are:	} —Sir Winston Churchill
13th/26th May	
4th/17th November	
3rd/16th June	
	—Malcolm Miller

The cost for the two weeks is £80, but Local Authority Grants might be available. Anyone interested should write for further details to The Schooner Director, The Sail Training Association, Bosham, Chichester, Sussex.

CHQ VIOLONCELLO

Once again we are offering members of the Association the opportunity to borrow for a period of not less than two years, one of the violoncellos which has been lent to the Movement for the purpose of furthering musical ability among talented Guides and Rangers.

This violoncello, which is a very fine instrument indeed, was lent to the Girl Guides Association in 1960 by Mrs Keen and many girls have enjoyed playing it.

Applicants for this instrument, who should have passed Grade V examination, should write to Miss D. Lockett, MBE, Keeper of the Musical Instruments, c/o Training Department, and include with their application supporting letters from their District Commissioner and Music Teacher.

This Concerns You



Are you short of Rangers in your District? Then why not hold a recruiting campaign *soon* while stocks last of this attractive leaflet at the reduced price of 2p (originally 4½p).

On sale from CHQ and Branch shops and through Guidemail.

NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

Planning a day out? Then why not make use of the season tickets held by CHQ and visit one of the many National Trust Properties. The tickets—one for 30 under 21 and two adults, and two adult cards—are mainly reserved for use by Country, Regional and County parties, but others wishing to borrow them can apply to Reception Department, Commonwealth Headquarters.

THE COMMONWEALTH AND INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 18th October, at CHQ at 6.30 pm when Miss Netta Willsheer and her Ranger Unit will run a musical evening for us. The programme will include classical, folk, modern and pop music.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE CLUB

Meetings take place every Monday at 8.00 pm at Baden-Powell House, Queens Gate, London. Visitors are always made welcome.

We are holding the 16th Anniversary Dinner/Dance on October 21st at the Piccadilly Hotel at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £4 single and £7.50 double. Everybody is welcome—please book tickets as soon as possible.

Hiring of Printing Blocks

If you wish to hire or buy a printing block, would you please note that from now on a block cannot be sent to you until we have received the necessary payment for it. Receipts will not be sent unless specifically asked for.

Prices of line blocks: 15p per month to hire, 50p to purchase. (There are special rates for half tones.)

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 CHQ. 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 SW1. 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 SW5. Telephone 01-370 2574.

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, Upottery, Honiton, Devon EX14 9QX. Tel: Upottery 228.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

ARAHINA, The New Zealand Training Centre, requires an **Assistant Guider-in-Charge** in January, 1973. A modern s.c. furnished flat is provided and there will be substantial help with the air fare on a minimum 2-year contract. Experience in catering and housekeeping are essential and a knowledge of Guiding would be useful. Further information available from: The General Secretary, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT. Envelopes should be marked 'ARAHINA'.

Club Leader/Secretary wanted for YWCA, 42 The Woodlands, Birkenhead. Old established Club with opportunities for work in new estates. Full JNCL Salary Scale and possibilities of Responsibility Allowance. Willing to commence duties October or November. Flat available.

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Why not test your vocation with the Church Army?

Write for details of training to:—

Sister A. Baggott, C.A., The Church Army, 185 Marylebone Road, London N.W.1.

Canterbury and Rochester Diocesan Council for Social Work. Vacancy November for **Resident Warden** Ravensbourne Mother and Baby Home, Bromley (14 beds). Salary Scale according to qualifications and experience. Apply to: Miss M. Gross, 60 Marsham Street, Maidstone.

Foxlease needs **Junior House Assistants**. If any of your older Guides or Rangers enjoy meeting people and would like to spend six months or longer working in a Guide Training Centre, please apply to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease.

Princess Mary's Village Homes, Addlestone, Surrey.

We have a vacancy for a **MARRIED COUPLE**, to look after a group of up to seven schoolgirls, in one of our children's cottages, pleasantly situated in 20 acres of grounds. Applicants should have good practical ability in running a home, and be capable of providing both care and guidance for an interesting and challenging group. Good conditions of service, with separate accommodation available on days off. Relief child care and domestic staff provided. The salary for wife would be between £1,350 and £1,689 per annum according to qualification and/or experience. Husband, following his own occupation, would be paid £555.00 per annum for his assistance. A deduction of £414 per annum is made in respect of full emoluments for a married couple. Six weeks annual leave. Opportunity available for in-service training if not already formally qualified. Write with brief personal details, in the first instance to James Ewart, Headmaster, or phone Weybridge 42255.

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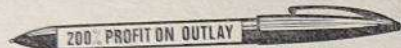
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We know this generous gift will assist us greatly in this island and so we owe our grateful thanks to those concerned in helping us to get it. We look forward to lots of worthwhile efforts of Guiding in Dominica ...

Grateful thanks from the Aged

Transportation problems and the slowness of mails are reasons why we are only now hearing of the safe arrival of the Wheelchairs and Walking Aids sent into 25 different countries after our gift to the 'Help the Aged' from the Christmas good turn. Ten Wheel Chairs and 40 Walking Aids were sent out. Typical of the gratitude are these extracts:

... we acknowledge with thanks the lovely walking aids from the Girl Guides, which is indeed a fine help to elderly persons ...

from the Salvation Army, Balboa, Canal Zone.

... your shippers have done an excellent job. The walking aids were packed in a strong case and arrived in perfect condition. May I say how grateful we are to the Girl Guides for this generous gift. These walking aids will be of tremendous help to some of our old people ...

from the President, British Aid Society, Panama.

and from Our Lady of Sorrows Home for the Aged in Jerusalem:

... we received your gift of the two wheelchairs. You cannot imagine how this generosity on your part is appreciated by our old folk and how much joy you gave to two of them who have known little else but hardships and suffering for the greater part of their lives. We are deeply grateful to you ...

These two wheelchairs were given by the 1st Paddington (London NW) Guides and Brownies and Williton (Somerset) District.

The Blind Guides and Brownies in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka).

A slight correction to the list of gifts given in last month's GUIDER: we were able to send six tents for the blind Guides at Mt Lavinia School, as well as some of the braille equipment specially asked for. A year ago we had given tents to the deaf Guides, and so the blind girls were particularly anxious to have their own tents, too, as they are very keen to camp.

We have also been able to fulfil the needs of Trinidad and Tobago, Gabon, Niger and Nepal by our contribution to the World Association Mutual Aid Scheme.

St Vincent and Montserrat

This month we are again putting donations towards helping these islands to build their own Guide Houses so much needed and longed for.

Christmas 1972

Next month I shall be telling you all about our plans for this year's Christmas giving. We want to help the disabled Brownies and Guides, other children and the elderly who are physically handicapped in one way or another. Please keep your Christmas planning until the November magazines come out!

V.A.

Donations, requests for free GFF literature and for special projects should be addressed to: The Guide Friendship Fund, The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

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3rd Mill Hill Guide Company celebrate their Golden Jubilee 21st/22nd October. Everybody connected with the Company will be very welcome. Details from: Mrs J. Turner, 35 Brockenhurst Gardens, Mill Hill, NW7.

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Violet Synge Memorial

At Blackland Campsite in Sussex on 9th August Mrs Allan Laing, Deputy Chief Commissioner (right) unveiled a plaque on two permanent shelters which read: 'Erected by her friends to the memory of Violet Synge who gave outstanding service over many years to Guiding in the United Kingdom and to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts'.

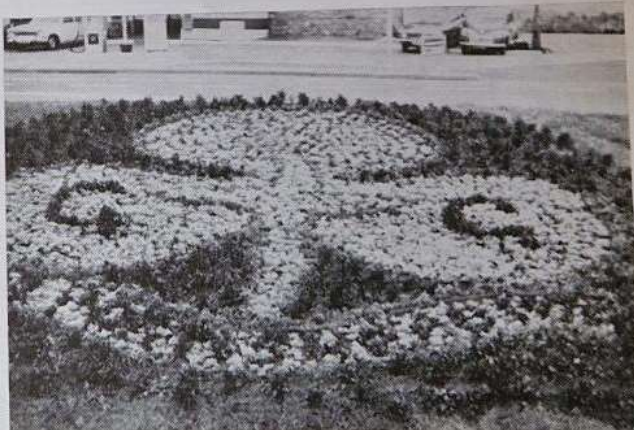
Mrs Laing thanked friends in the UK and in Canada, The Netherlands and South Africa for their contributions to the memorial fund and paid a tribute to the sense of fun and adventure Miss Synge had brought to the training of so many Guides, Rangers and Guiders, including the members of the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company. Mr. Allen Synge, Mrs. Charles Fane and Frances Fane, a nephew, niece and Brownie great-niece, are seen on the left.



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Left: The 1st Portishead Guide Company celebrated their Diamond Jubilee in June this year. Shown cutting the cake at the celebrations are Mrs Grieves, who was the first Guide in Portishead, assisted by the newest Guide, Sarah Dilley. Also in the picture are, left to right: Mrs I. Fussell (Division Commissioner) Miss A. Cadwallader (County Commissioner) The Hon. Mrs Gervas Clay (President, SW England) Mrs S. Cant (Assistant Guider) Mrs J. Eburne (District Commissioner) Mrs P. Palmer (Guider).

Right: The Urban District Council planted a flower bed in the shape of a trefoil for the Jubilee celebrations.



Royal Visitors on the Isle of Man

Her Majesty the Queen, HRH Prince Philip and HRH Princess Anne visited the Isle of Man recently, and while there spoke to Guides and Brownies from all over the Island. Accompanying the Queen is the Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, Sir Peter Stallard, KCMG, CVO, MBE.

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