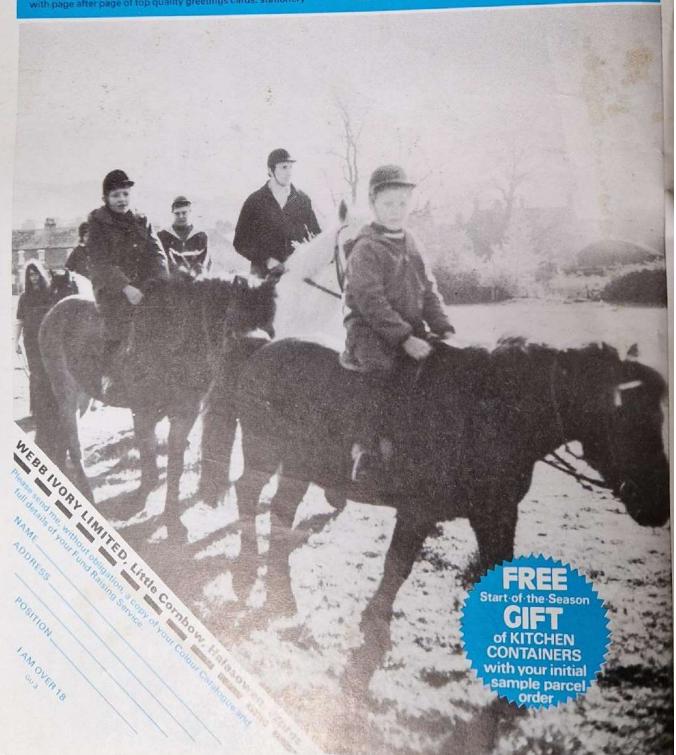


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During a Duke of Edinburgh's Residential Course, held at Netherurd last year, these Rangers found time to pick daffodils on the front lawn. We are grateful to Webb Ivory for generously sponsoring our cover picture.

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The Besley and District Scout and Guide choir, seen left rehearing, appeared on the television programme *Opportunity Kancks* in December. They were voted second by the studio audience.

Using gifts from their church's harvest fextival, Brownies and Guides of Birkdule United Reform Church prepared lunch for 60 pensioners (right).





In July, 1973 the 1st Mormchengladbach Guides and Scouts in Germany held a sponsored football match in aid of Dr Barnados' Homes and the Soldiers, Sallors and Alman's Families Association. The above picture shows the chaques being presented to representatives of the two recommenders.





These Brownies took part in the Aogus County Reveis. The theme was space, and the afternoon ended with the appearance of two spacemen.



These Brownies (above) are examin-ing some of the wares at the Chaotry District's Text Fair.



Two members of the Rei-gate District Ranger Unit presented Mr Frewin, of the National Children's Homes, with a doll the Unit had made and dressed in Swedish costume,



After learning 'how' at Foxlease, a Guider taught Guides bow to do cloth sculpture. The result was this Nativity scene (below) donated to a

construction of the games during their Christmas Bazaur (below right).





Congratulations to the 1st Stifford Ranger Unit (above) who were runners-up for the Walter Donald Ross Trophy, 1971. This is an international award given for 'sustained effort or outstanding acheivement' by any Guide, Ranger or Girl Scout group. The 1st Stifford Unit have a long record of service, especially with handicapped girls. They were also runners-up in 1953 for their work in the Tilbury floods. Presenting the award is Mrs Allan Laing.



Last year Berkshire County Council held a 'Keep Berkshire Tidy' Competition. Prize winners included the 1st Stinfield Guides and Brownies, seen below with Alderman Seymour and other prize winners.



Camera Press



Units Two answered GFF the appeal last year were the Brownies and 1st Lower Beeding Guides. Invited to meet HRH Princess Alexandra, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, they told how they had raised money with Hush-ins and stilt walks.

MESSAGE

FROM THE WORLD

CHIEF GUIDE

The following message was received from the World Chief Guide in time for the Thinking Day issue of TODAY'S GUIDE, but too late for the February GUIDER. The Chief Guide herself asked that it be revised for GUIDER, but we feel sure that readers will be pleased to read it as it stands, and furthermore to know that it was self typed in the Chief Guide's own inimitable way. In a letter just received, the Chief Guide says' I read greedily of all your doings in GUIDER, in TODAY'S GUIDE and in THE TREFOIL.' We take this opportunity to send her, through these pages, warm greetings from readers everywhere. — Editor

HERE WE ARE again, getting ready to celebrate our own special day within Guide circles, being my husband's birthday and mine, and celebrated year after year by more and more people in more and more good ways and more and more different places. I believe that it means something very special to most of you who have been Guides for many years, and those of you who are newcomers will gain a new feeling of devotion to the Movement through the feelings engendered by the day itself.

Thinking is followed by doing, and thus the happenings over **Thinking Day** have valuable effects on all our members, whoever and wherever they are.

To start off with, you can set your mind wandering the whole vast world, country by country, and you then rededicate yourself to carry on your own Guide tasks on an ever higher footing, as you think deeply about the active part you have to play in making this great Fellowship

stronger and more successful year by year.

This is our very own specially chosen day, and what you each do on it matters and counts, as THINKING and DOING go hand in hand, and what you do with your fellow Guides locally, has some unseen effect upon the Move-

ment as a whole.

There are other religions spread over the globe, besides the Christian Faith, and they have their own special celebration days – the Moslems, the Hindus, the Buddhists, the Jews. There are 'Saints' Days almost every day, as well as national holidays, Independence Days, Heroes' Days, Mothers' Day, and Days of Prayer.

And so THINKING DAY is also a PRAYER DAY, with its great spiritual strength and its unique structure, for you are all part of this strong element of goodness of thought and action, with your countless numbers of ready-made friends of all races and ages, sharing common activities of body, as well as thoughts of mind and heart.

That is what THINKING DAY means to me, and all the fun and good fellowship that makes us like a gigantic FAMILY – as you gather together for birthday parties with cakes, candles and crackers and fun and laughter.

I feel confident that your many Thinking Day celebrations will stimulate and encourage you all in your Guide activities, that you will be enriched by the feelings of Thinking Day itself, and know from now onwards that what you DO and what you THINK is of value in helping to bring God's Kingdom nearer to this Earth on which we live.

Now I add a little personal note to tell you that having passed my 85th milestone a great change has come to my mode of life. After many years of constant travel visiting a hundred and eleven countries, with marvellous good health, this journeying has now come to an end.

I can no longer walk very well, and diabetes and sheer old age have made it necessary for me to give up my home at Hampton Court Palace, and I am now living in a country nursing home, being looked after safely, and feel that I am thus very fortunate indeed to be so comfortably and happily placed.

I am still your Chief, though not an active one any longer. But I give you all my love, and I shall care about your well-being and watch your upward progress till the end of the chapter.



1st Guide Company

As THE Guide Leader of the 1st Pinkneys Green Company, the first Company registered; I became interested in 'old Guiding'. I have at the moment nearly 100 books connected with Guiding, from the old Handbook for Girls right up to date with The Chief Guide's biography by Mrs Wade.

I should like to contact anyone who has old Guide diaries, books or badges; and any information or photos of the 1st Pinkneys Green Company, especially in the years between 1940-1954.

(Miss) Angela Moore Maidenhead, Berks. Letters will be forwarded.

Editor

Guides on the Run

RECENTLY visited Wembley for the excellent ice show. I went with my family, not as a Guider, on this occasion. The show was entirely ruined for us all by the continuous running up and down stairs by Guides and Brownies. I feel the Guiders in charge could have done more to control their parties.

Also I was astonished to see Guides running out during the National Anthem, which I know is common practice today. But surely it is not common among Guides who still remain loyal to the Queen in their Promise.

(Mrs) D S Vise, Melbourn, Cambs.

Collecting Bottles

ON READING in the December Guider of possible good turns by Guides in collecting Milk Bottles to help the national shortage, may I suggest that Medicine Bottles are also needed.

During the November half term school holiday my Company, as a Good Turn and part of their Eight Point service progress, went round the neighbourhood collecting empty Medicine and Tablet bottles. This resulted in over one thousand which after being checked for washing clean etc, were returned to

very grateful chemist's shops in the area. The local press reported about the idea before and after the week's collection effort.

May I also, while writing, say a word about *Today*'s *Guide* which I receive each week by post. I find it most helpful but find that the various charts are too small in both print and detail, so please may we have more bolder and larger sized charts in future. Many of today's children already suffer eye defects and are unable to read such small print etc.

M Griffiths (Miss) 114th Liverpool Pack, Outer North

Due to the change in format of Today's Guide in 1973 we had to reduce artwork already prepared for a larger page. We hope you will find the charts now being used much easier to read, as they have been prepared for the new format. Editor

'Today's Guide '

I WAS interested to read a letter in the January Guider about Today's Guide. I was very pleased with the magazine until a recent issue showing a photograph of a Remembrance Parade. How untidy! My Guides are not perfect, however they would never march through the village dressed like that.

Once a Guide from another Company suggested that perhaps Guides could have jackets like Guiders.

Apart from that *Today's* Guide is full of interesting articles. I hope other Guiders and their Companies find it as interesting as we do.

Diane Hughes (Miss) Bredon, Glos.

CERTAINLY agree with K Meredith's letter in January Guider. I also take Today's Guide and my Company have used many of the ideas at our meetings and also for PL Trainings. I would like to say thank you for your Nativity Play; our Company does one each year as part of the Christmas

Carol Service at our Church. This one was voted one of the best yet. It was just the right length and could easily be done in church with the minimum of scenery. We also did A Wooden Donkey which you published in 1971. Might I suggest you keep us supplied with them in coming years!

Patricia Phillips

Guide Guider, Manchester We hope to be forgiven for publishing these 'plugs' for Today's Guide. The reason is not conceit, but a feeling that the letters may help other Guiders to see how much help and training is contained in Today's Guide. We still need many more readers. Editor

Politics or God?

As a MEMBER of the Council of the Ulster Girl Guides Association I write this letter in an Ulster context, but the problems facing everyone in the United Kingdom today stem from the same cause as those with which we in Ulster have had to contend for the past fourand-a-half years. We have forgotten God. We have left Him out of our daily lives either through frank disbelief, the pressure of everyday affairs, the influence of unscrupulous people or through apathy or plain indifference. Whatever the cause, we are now finding that we cannot do without Him, and that we cannot rely only on our own strength and abilities to see us through in times of crisis.

We in the Guide Movement are just as vulnerable and just as responsible as anyone else, possibly more so because at our 'enrolment' we make a solemn promise to do our duty to God. In recent years that part of the Promise has been attacked in many quarters and efforts have been made to leave out the clause altogether, substituting a politically orientated Movement for one that is religiously inspired. It is plain to see that if that happens the Guide Movement will no longer bring any good influence to bear on the youth

of today as I believe it presently does; but will in fact, lose all authority and forfeit any right it now has to guide young people throughout the world.

This is nothing new, throughout the ages it has been proved that when the majority of people lose sight of their ideals and indulge in material pleasures as a substitute for happiness, social upheavals such as we are now witnessing are the inevitable result.

Margaret White Kilcar, Co Donegal At the last World Conference the emphasis was placed on Promise and Law and the members strongly endorsed adherence to Duty to God. There is no question of the UK Movement allowing itself to be politically swayed.

'The Ranger'

I SHOULD like to add my regrets to those expressed in February's issue of the Ranger concerning the ceasing of its publication. I am sure many Rangers will be pleased to read the Guider and I am glad to see the introduction of material of interest to young Guiders.

December Ranger stated it is hoped that this young approach can be continued and extended. May I suggest a way in which it can be extended? A separate page is set aside in Guider for Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders, it would encourage Ranger readership interest to have a Ranger page in the publication. This could perhaps include correspondence, advertisements. notices and articles pre-viously covered by the Ranger, which would then make Guider an acceptable good alternative and retain the identity of the Ranger Guide Section, which it would be a great shame to Julia Barrett Clapham Park Ranger Guide

Unit, London SW4
We have plans for special
Ranger pages in forthcoming
issues, Editor



You can have the help you need - when you need it!

Are you ever:

Quite out of ideas? In need of inspiration? Wanting programme suggestions?

Service opportunities?

Since the advent of the Eight Point Programme, more and more exciting activities have become the norm for girls in Guide Companies. This has been possible because of the good relations which exist between Guides locally and sympathetic friends in the community, who can help you to help young people in many different ways.

Anyone who has glanced at the Association's Annual Report will have seen the list of Kindred Societies which take an interest in all we are doing, and add considerably to the variety of our activities

throughout the year.

Starting now we are asking Units to try to make a new contact, in order that the best possible use may be made of the nationwide network of resources which is ready and waiting to help you.

In hundreds of towns and villages all over the country there is a fund of goodwill, interest and lively cooperation and it's all directed your way.

CONTACT

is an idea through which all these resources have been alerted to help you.

The organisations listed below have offered to share their services so that the support you may need to enrich the programme is made available whenever possible.

They want to help!

They expect you to ask for help!

Don't delay!

Make CONTACT and start something new in 1974.

For some time the Training Department at CHQ has been negotiating at national level with a number of our Kindred Societies, some of whom could offer supporting services immediately in many areas. Naturally, local conditions and circumstances will mean that there can be no set pattern, but each organisation has encouraged its members to co-operate wherever possible and every District/Unit should make individual plans direct with the local branches. Could your CONTACT be one of these for instance?

M. C. Harrison M. C. Carlotte and Mark A.		
Women's	Royal	Voluntary

Service

CONTACT the Organiser to discover how you can help in your own Community: (Meals on Wheels, (Fish and Chip Run, Soup Round), collecting paperbacks for the

British Canoe Union

Amateur Swimming Association

National Schools Sailing Association

Forces or . . .? CONTACT the local Coaching Organiser to see if there are facilities in your area? CONTACT the secretary of the local Swimming Club affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association who might help with competitions, demonstrations and displays? CONTACT the local branch for help with sailing. How many of your Guides sail with their own

families? How about introducing this activity to some more? CONTACT their County

English Folk Dance and Song Society

Secretary for help with Folk Singing and Dancing. How about basing your entertainment next Folk?

British Red Cross Society

CONTACT local representatives of the Junior Red Cross for opportunities to render service to increase your First Aid skills, or make gifts for overseas?

Royal National Institute for

the Deaf

The Pony Club

CONTACT the organisation to see how you can help?

CONTACT the District Commissioner of the local branch. Perhaps a Pony Camp this year?

In some areas help is needed to prepare tactile maps for use by blind people who are receiving training in their home area. Contact your Director of Social Services to see if he has a Mobility Officer.

Remember also you can Contact your County Arts or Outdoor Activities Advisers who may be able to help you with addresses of local organisations, but in case of difficulty please write to the Training Department, CHQ, marking the letter CONTACT and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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For further details contact: The Principal Nursing Officer (Education), Guildford and Godalming School of Nursing, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Surrey, Tel: Guildford 71122.





THIS MONTH saw the last publica-tion of The Ranger after 26 years service to the Ranger Branch and the Movement. Let's take a look at the main points in this story. It really goes back further than the first issue of The Ranger in March, 1947, to June, 1944, when a small 16-page supplement called 'The Ranger' was published in The Guide each quarter. The Ranger Branch was keeping its 25th birthday in 1944 and the centre pages included messages from the Directors of the WRNS, the WAAF, the Women's Land Army and the Chief Controller of the ATS. There were also pictures of Rangers busy on many war service jobs.

Miss Anne Hopkins, Commissioner for Rangers, wrote: 'I suppose one of the finest things that has come out of this war is the way our three services can now work together in one Command called "Combined Operations" and that, in a way, is what we do in the Ranger Branch; we specialise, but work happily together in one big team.' Air Rangers first appeared on the scenes in 1944 and are welcomed in the supplement.

'The Ranger will be a link between us all,' wrote HRH Princess Elizabeth, Chief Ranger of the British Empire, in her message. 'I am very proud to belong to the Ranger Branch of the Girl Guides Association, and I am looking forward to meeting the Rangers of South Africa in the near future...'

Just for the record, fuel cuts and an economic crisis very nearly delayed the debut of the first Ranger. Mr Frank Gear, now Chairman of The Riverside Press which prints Guider and has printed The Ranger from start to finish, the blockmakers, the Editor and a hard-working squad of Rangers, who helped with the despatch, all refused to be beaten, and Vol 1 No 1 came out triumphantly at 6d on 1st March, 1947.

In this first issue the competitions were topical! Based on the Government's White Paper, 'Economic

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Survey', which emphasised that 'everyone in the country must work harder, spend less on luxury goods, and save more', a prize was offered to the Ranger who sent in the most practical plan, in 400 words, suggesting what help she could give to the country. In more light-hearted vein a book prize was offered for the best limerick describing the activities or predicament of a Ranger in her own county or town. To spur competitors on a sample ran:

There was a young Ranger of Ware,

Who wanted to get in the air, She bought a Puss Moth And gaily took off, And for all we know she is still there.

As the General Editor from 1954-1964 Mrs G M Place, who died in 1971, gave a great stimulus to readers of *The Ranger* through her imaginative editorship. *The Ranger* also owed a great deal to the first Editor, Miss Margaret Playle, Assistant Editor of *The Listener*. Other Editors who have served *The Ranger* include Mrs J V Rush, the present Managing Editor, Mrs I D Beck, now Publications Manager and Book Buyer, and the writer, now HQ Archivist.

Year by year the chief features in The Ranger really chronicle the Movement's history, with special emphasis on the Ranger Branch.

1947 was International Folk Dance Festival year to which seven countries sent teams of Scouts and Guides. Performances were given in Hyde Park and in Central Hall, Westminster, and dancers camped in the grounds of Hampton Court.

Broadcasts, including ones from the Princess Royal and the Chief Guide, linked Rangers together all over the Commonwealth in 'Empire Ranger Week' in July, 1948, and special services, camps and campfires were also included in the celebrations.

Two years later 10,000 Rangers flocked to London for the 'Cavalcade of Rangering' at the Royal Albert Hall and the All-England Ranger Service at the White City. In 1952, already 'Europe minded', 95 Rangers and Cadets attended the European Gathering in France at Berck where they had raised money for a recreation centre for hospital patients.

Looking through *The Ranger* as the years speed on, other events fill the 'Guide history' tapestry. In 1953 came the Coronation Tribute of Service to the Queen, and in 1957 *The Ranger* was highlighting the huge B-P Centenary good turn scheme for 'Homes of Today and Tomorrow' and the World Camps in The Philippines, Canada, Switzerland and in England in Windsor Great Park.

The highlight of 1962 was 'Britain's Panorama'. Guests of Ranger age were invited to Britain from all member countries of the World Association: from different places they travelled in small groups to Bristol University. From here nearly 400 Rangers took part in service to the community, including visiting old people in hospitals and in their homes and making 1,800 garments and toys for the 'Save the Children' Fund.

1968 brought the new Handbooks and the 'Eight Point Programme' and, for Rangers, the 'Round-Up' at Bognor Regis, attended by 500 guests from overseas.

What better note to close this short tribute to *The Ranger* than the 'Three Cheers' theme of Diamond Jubilee year – already three years away!

TWM

READING FOR BEGINNERS!

- Open the letter, form or leaflet and hold in the hand.
 (It is easier to see what is on the page when not inserted between Brownie, Guide or Ranger papers, or stacked amidst numerous other communications, or even in the waste paper basket.)
- 2. Start at the top of the page, and, moving from left to right, absorb the contents

(This is more satisfactory when the reader is not immersed in washing, cooking, ironing, bathing, watching television, or any other activity, as it is an occupation in itself.)



Note action to be taken, and preferably mark the paper or make notes.
 (These are easier to find later when not made on the 'phone pad, shopping list, back of an envelope, or other easily destructible material.)

Having concluded the three easy lessons, then ACT and do it NOW.

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RANGER

As we announced earlier this year, March sees the closing of *The Ranger*. In this final issue we trace the history of the magazine, we look forward to Easter and back to Rangers in the war and Ranger trips abroad. We finish our notes on Ranger certificates with the third and final part of the Chef certificate. We are sorry to see the end of this magazine, but hope that our introduction to *Guider* will encourage Rangers to read that in the future. (See letter on page 93)



guide

The March issues of Today's Guide are full of ideas for Easter. There is an article on table decorations (22nd) and another on the Easter Egg Man (29th) and PL's Notebook discusses Easter Good Turns. Help with the Commonwealth Knowledge Badge continues into the 8th March issue and is then replaced with the Artist's Badge. In the 22nd and 29th issues Patrol Leaders are given ideas on how to stage an accident for first aid purposes and how to deal with it. Charts in March include Spring-cleaning Your Bedroom (8th), Help on Mother's Day (22nd) and Make Your Own Easter Cards (29th). April Today's Guide will continue the ideas for Easter and then start to look forward to Camp.

Ranger Cover

BR WNIE

In March The Brownie launches the third of the Diamond Jubilee competitions. It is an opportunity for those Brownies who enjoy writing. We have had a wonderful response to the first two competitions (2402 entries for the cover colouring alone) and hope you continue to encourage your Packs to enter. In the 6th March there is a Brownie motto chart, and the 13th March issue contains a healthy teeth chart, and a story and quiz concerning St Patrick's day. A repeat of the competition entry coupon appears in the 20th March issue. The Brownie of the 27th March tells you how to plant a lemon tree.

The first issue in April introduces the fourth competition for Brownies involving collage. Don't forget that the more entries your Pack send in the more chances you have of winning Diamonds toward the Pack prize at

the end of the year.

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THE YEAR OF THE LIFEBOAT



by Joan Davies

Mary Jo Greenan

Grace Darling

ONE STORMY DAY last September, when strong winds were whipping up the waves along the rocky shore, a prototype forerunner of the Atlantic 21, one of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's latest inshore lifeboats (an ILB), set out from her base at Atlantic College for a practice run in the Bristol Channel, Atlantic College is the International sixth-form college at St Donat's Castle, Glamorgan, and the helmsman of the ILB was 17-year-old Mary Jo Greenan, one of the students; she is also a Queen's Guide.

Hardly had the ILB been launched than her crew, alerted by another student on the shore, spotted a rubber dinghy capsized inside the surf line with one man lying on top and two more in the water, clinging to the sides.

At first it looked too dangerous for the ILB to go inshore to the rescue, but Mary Jo, taking her boat nearer, saw that one of the men had lost his hold and did not look as though he could stay afloat much longer. She decided the risk would have to be taken, headed in, picked up the two men from the sea and towed the upturned dinghy clear of the surf with the third man still on top. Her ILB was now too heavily laden to be beached safely, but another one came to help, and within three-quarters of an hour of launching all three boats and everyone on board were back ashore

So what had begun as a part of routine daily training ended as an historic event, because this was the very first time that a woman had been in command of an RNLI boat in a rescue operation.

A girl helmsman and an inflatable inshore lifeboat are both comparatively new links in a chain of tradition which stretches right back to the eighteenth century. The first lifeboat in these islands, and probably in the world, was established at Bamburgh, Northumberland, as long ago as 1786. The lifeboat was a coble fitted with cork buoyancy to make

her 'unimmergible'.

Bamburgh is also famous as the home town of the bestknown heroine in the whole history of seafaring: Grace Darling. She was the daughter of the Longstone lighthouse keeper who, in 1838 when she was 22 years old, rowed out with her father to rescue nine people from the steamer Forfarshire, wrecked on the storm-swept rocks off Farne

Pulling lifeboats were by no means unknown in the early part of the nineteenth century, but it was in 1823 that Sir William Hillary appealed for the formation of a national lifeboat service; there had just been a winter of unusually strong gales during which he himself, coxswaining ordinary pulling boats, had saved more than 200 sailors from

Grace Darling's coble, preserved at Bamburgh



wrecks round Douglas Bay in the Isle of Man. As a result of his campaign, a meeting was held in the City of London Tavern on 4th March, 1824, at which it was resolved to form the body which is today known as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. That was just 150 years ago, and since that time lifeboats have saved more than 98,000

Except for a few years in the last century, the RNLI has always been a voluntary service, drawing its strength from individual endeavour and the goodwill of many thousands individual endeavour and the goodwill of many thousands of ordinary people. Right through its history, women have played a very important part. They may not have gone out to sea, but time and time again they have joined in the heavy task of launching the lifeboats from the shore. There was one occasion, on a January night in 1922, when a trawler had run aground on the rocks off Holy Island. A gale was blowing and great seas were breaking on the island. Every man and woman in the village turned out in the dark and snow to launch the lifeboat and despite the bitter. and snow to launch the lifeboat, and, despite the bitter cold, waded out waist-deep into the sea to get the boat afloat. Nine men were saved from drowning that night. The coxswain of the boat was awarded a Silver Medal for his

coxswain of the boat was awarded a Silver Medal for his skill and courage, and a special Letter of Thanks was sent to 'the Women of Holy Island 'for their gallantry.

Guides have played their part in the lifeboat story, too. In 1940, in the dark days of the beginning of the last war, by their efforts and generosity, they raised enough money to pay for the building of a new lifeboat. She was still at her building of an ewel page gives a name when builder's yard, and had not even been given a name, when the call came for every available boat to help evacuate the 335,550 soldiers trapped after the fall of France. She sailed at once for Sheerness and, manned by a Naval crew, was taken to help ferry men from the beaches of Dunkirk to bigger ships standing offshore. During the operation her engines were so badly damaged that she had to make her

way home under her foresail only.

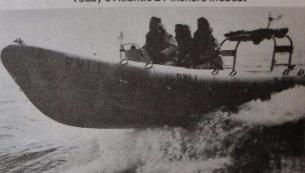
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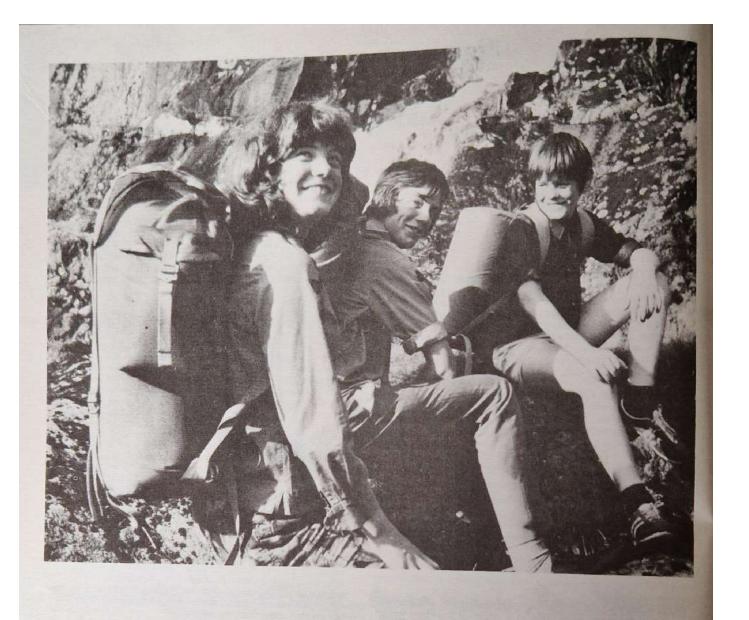
After the war, this lifeboat was named Guide of Dunkirk and was stationed at Cadgwith, in Cornwall, where she was launched 15 times and saved 17 lives.

Throughout its history the RNLI has worked to see that their courageous crews are provided with the best possible boats for the work they have to do. The Institution is now engaged on the biggest boat building programme in its entire history, and, to celebrate its 150th Anniversary in a fitting way, a special effort is being made to raise money to pay for these new boats. 1974 is 'The Year of the Lifeboat'

Perhaps the spirit of the service is best summed up in the words of the then future Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill when, in the Institution's Centenary year, he said of a lifeboat: 'It drives on with a mercy which does not quail in the presence of death; it drives on as a proof, a symbol, a testimony, that man is created in the image of God, and that valour and virtue have not perished in the British race

Today's Atlantic 21 inshore lifeboat





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First of all identify your activities. Remember that whilst a sac should nurposes as possible. serve as many purposes as possible, pick one as near as possible to your requirements. One problem with youths and Guides is that the item they pick is only likely to be correct for 6 months of its many years of life. We are a supported to the correct for 6 months of its many years of life. its many years of life. We suggest you try the following formula.

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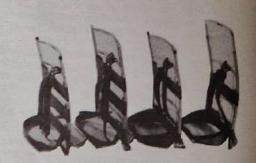


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' Peak 74'

ENQUIRIES representing over 20,000 Scouts and Guides and what Camp Organiser, Ted Page, describes as 'a deluge of bookings', have flooded in following the recent announcement of 'Peak '74', a joint International Camp organised by the Scouts and Guides of Derbyshire to be held at Chatsworth from 27th July.

Enquiries have been received from Scouts in the USA, Denmark, Fire. Canada, Panama, Sweden Luxembourg. Tunisia, Algeria, West Germany. Holland and France; and from Guides in Norway, Eire, the USA, France, Panama, Sweden, West Germany, Taiwan and Bermuda.

Mr Page reports that the Camp is now 'closed' to applications as he is very close to filling the 4,000 places available.

The advertisements and editorial material published in *Guider* were largely responsible for the flood of bookings, and the majority of places were taken up within a week or two of the first advertisements appearing.

The organisers would like to express their apologies for having to turn away so many people. Alan Hill

Press Officer ' Peak '74'

A Woman's Place . . .

WHILE I agree with most of Mr Round's ideas (January Guider) one paragraph seems to be disturbingly out of place.

I would strongly disagree that this society is predominantly unisex in its development, and in fact, I believe that Guiding acts as an important buffer for girls against commercial and other pressures as to the role of women in society. It is a well-known fact that in single-sex schools far more girls opt to study, and are successful in, sciences, and a comparable trend exists in Guiding. This is especially noticeable in

Camp, where the individual may choose what she is best suited for without having to worry about whether it is a male or female role.

Let us hope that Guiding will always move toward the individual and her needs, rather than toward preparing women to fulfil the role for which society has deemed them suitable. Karen Steel

Assistant Guider, Leeds

WO CHEERS for John Round and his article on Guiding in a Technological Age (January Guider). While applauding many of his sentiments I am puzzled by his retreat into traditional stereotypes when discussing our contribution to the clarification of the role of women. Men have equal skills in all the areas he mentions, and women for their part, have demonstrated great ability in science, technology, commerce and all kinds of management. Surely our effort is of more value concentrated on the discovery and full development of individual potential, whatever it is, rather than determining female roles and preparation for them

I would dearly like to see the rest of Mr Round's provocative and challenging article taken very seriously by the Movement. It is true that on some issues he mentions there would be as many standpoints as we have members, but it is equally true, in my opinion, that we should have a point of view, and a public voice on several issues affecting young people.

Does not an adult interpretation of our Promise demand that we should be political with a small 'p'; that we should have a sensitive, responsible social conscience; and that we should, when appropriate, both individually and corporately be prepared to make informed, responsible comment, or take practical action?

There is a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise among our membership. There are broad issues on which we 'ought to have something significant to say', on which, I believe, we do have something significant to say, given the machinery for open honest debate and for canvassing the views of our membership. What other organisation can claim contact with so many girls and women?

With another World Conference nearly upon us perhaps this is a good time to reappraise our role, locally, nationally and internationally; to reconsider our responsibility in a confused and complex world; to look again at our contribution to the present and future of young people; and to return to one of the basic principles of our Movement, that of giving real, relevant and effective service where most needed. Christine Walby Ainsworth, South East Lancs.

Pagan Rites?

HAVE only just received my copy of August Guider, and although it is now five months since the original letter, I would like to reply to Mrs Hazel Humphries' letter Hallowe'en. Here in North America, Hallowe'en is the big children's festival of the autumn. There are many parties in schools, at home and in youth groups, with all the traditional activities of apple-bobbing and so on. The children dress up and go from door to door in their neighbourhoods after dark. The doorbell rings, there is a chorus of voices crying Trick or Treat', and the householder opens the door to see diminutive ghoulies and ghosties carrying bags and baskets shaped like pumpkins and even pillowcases.

There is a need, I think, for a festival that is truly for children. Christmas provides the great feast for all; Easter even to a Christian child is more of an adult affair, their share being chocolate eggs, Easter bunnies and new clothes (who said Hallowe'en was pagan?).

In fairy tales the witch is always bad. There can be very few children who have heard of good witches; their ideas are all based on the child-eating monster of Hansel and Gretel. A child's imagination is one of very concrete images, and if Father Christmas is the personification to them of goodwill and generosity, and witches are the personification of evil and cruelty, what is wrong in that?

Let us just be sure not to confuse them with stories of 'good' witches (though to be sure, even a witch may be allowed to repent and become good) and 'bad' Father Christmases.

If Mrs Humphries is really concerned about the paganism of Hallowe'en, she should look into the origins of many of our Christmas customs, of which at least half are of pagan origin.

Elizabeth Hall Alberta, Canada

Handicapped Guides

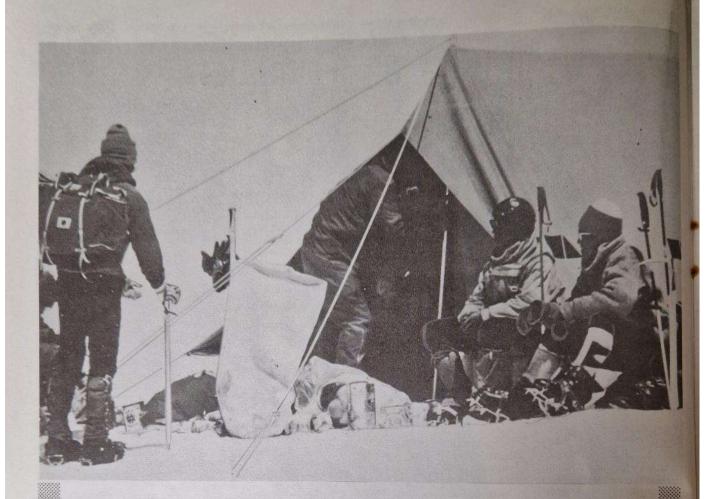
A WAS interested to see another Guider's request in January Guider concerning various personality traits. I believe that articles on these could be of interest to many Guiders, particularly nowadays with the influence in the pre-teens and early teens, of drugs, smoking etc.

I would also like to see articles of help to Guiders with handicapped Guides, as last week a Spina Bifida Brownie joined my Company. She is a very charming person and I have written to the Spina Bifida Association who sent a booklet.

Perhaps some articles about how Guiding can really help these girls would be welcome. I am a new Guider and feel a little overwhelmed by the responsibility.

Margaret Hughes Clevedon, Somerset

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Modern First Aid, A S Playfair, Hamlyn, 50p.

Dr Playfair is Medical Officer of a county Branch of the Red Cross and has had extensive experience in first aid since his student days. His experience comes across in a clear, forthright manner in the book which covers all common accidents and injuries. This most up-to-date first aid manual should have a prominent position in all homes, offices and cars. The author has collaborated with the artist and both have come up with illustrations which are unique in their realism and accuracy.

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The Unfolding Year, Hockley Clarke. Almark Publication,

This is almost a diary of a modest English farmer's life when he took over the farm after the death of his father.

Season by season he describes the work to be done in the quiet beauty of the English countryside, and adds homely little stories about the villagers and his own farm hands families.

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honest way and makes good reading.

The Modern Lampshade Book, Dorothy Cox. G Bell and Sons Ltd, £4.

This is an important book upon the craft of lampshade making, and nothing has been left out.

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In the interest of one outlet for your own originality, as well as facelift to the home, this rather expensive book could be a very good investment.

Estuaries: Where Rivers Meet the Sea, Pringle. Macmillan, £1.25.

This well produced, well printed and well illustrated book of 55 pages would

make a useful addition to a library, or a good present to a child in the middle years of schooling. It gives a concise and accurate account of life in, and the ecological importance of, estuaries. Grim examples are given to show what happens when they all too often become polluted. The book is, however, American. Many species mentioned and illustrated are not found in this country, the spelling is American and such items as lists of local names of fish are of limited interest to the non-American reader.

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Collecting Inexpensive Antiques, Plantagenet Somerset Fry. Hamlyn, 50p.

An addition to the Hamlyn all-colour paperback series will delight all collectors. Collecting Inexpensive Antiques, with the accent on inexpensive, shows how valuable those bits and pieces in the attic may be now or in years to come. From buttons, knobs and knockers, newspapers and magazines through to clocks, watches and furniture, the author has taken a refreshing look at the offbeat and unsuspecting areas in which it is possible to build up an interesting collection. The would-be collector will find much here to help and inspire.

The Training of Voluntary Youth Workers, by Bill Cockell. The Methodist Church Division of Education and Youth, 2 Chester House, Pages Lane, London, N10 IPR, 60p.

Compiled primarily for those working within the auspices of the Methodist Church, this book would be a useful introduction for Trainers, Commissioners and Guiders engaged, or about to be engaged, in tutoring on common element courses.

A major part of it is devoted to training methods; in particular the agenda method, case study, in-tray, the use of group work in training, tips on leading group discussions, a check list for observing discussion objectively and suggestions for evaluating the usefulness of a training event to the participants.

Mr Cockell sees training more as a continuous process in the life of a youth worker than as isolated injections. He shows how by using the non-directive approach a trainer can help people not only to absorb new ideas but to develop their own thinking and abilities.

It is a concise, readable book which could be useful to almost every GGA Trainer.

DMS

AIRING AND SHARING continued

Guide Badges

CERTAIN inconsistencies in the Interest badge list strike me as unnecessary, and I would be interested to hear other Guiders' views on the subject.

My particular bone of contention is the fact that Headquarters are prepared to accept the equivalent awards of both the Pony Club and the National Skating Associations as all that is necessary for the gaining of the Horsewoman and Skater badges. But for the Minstrel, Gymnast and Dancer badges similar official bodies' examinations are not recognised.

Take Minstrel. The present syllabus is completely covered by the Royal College of Music's Grade II exam (with the exception of the playing of the National Anthem) and, having a Guide in my Company with Grade

IV piano, it seems a waste of time for her and the tester to get together for what is surely a foregone conclusion. Again for Gymnast and Dancer badges, several of my Guides hold certificates from professional organisations and could not those be accepted by Headquarters?

To me, the main consideration is that most testers for these badges are professional people to whom time means money, and it seems unnecessary that they should be bothered when Guides are obviously up to the required standard. Perhaps in town areas or when most of the Guides attend the same school this does not really apply, but in my Company where we have Guides from five different schools several miles apart, with appalling public transport, it would save many problems if those other awards would count.

While I am having a good 'air' would any other Guider

back up my demand for a judo badge? I took up the matter with Headquarters but was told that since the Ranger certificate syllabus was so elementary, it was not really possible to devise tests for Guides below that standard. To me this seems a poor argument, as in our District we have many Guides of yellow and orange belt standard, and even some Brownies with yellow belts. In several cases non-athletic children have found that for some reason or other judo is one sport in which they can excel (my small son is a very good example), and an inclusion of a judo badge in the Fitness Emblem would present a challenge to these children.

(Mrs) Fay Foster Haslemere, Surrey

This comment is so apt one cannot understand why those of us who have pondered for hours on the badge syllabuses and the rights and wrongs of this and that, can have completely overlooked the

ambiguities pointed out by Mrs Foster.

As a result of her letter I wonder how many Guiders support the idea of excluding exemptions from all Interest Badges?

It is of course, natural that talented young people should want to wear badges which will denote their ability, but the total lack of effort involved in simply presenting a certificate to the Unit Guider, completely defeats the purpose of the badge system.

I feel that there is more hope of a new interest being explored or a higher standard being achieved if no exemptions are recognised. The 'bother' of going for a 'test' may make some candidates feel they might as well tackle something new, or if they do 'bother' I hope the tester will be able to encourage and show adaptations, at least not waste her opportunity to help a gifted girl.

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RANGER

Training Ideas

We Couldn't find a Specialist

(1) Ranger Cookery

WOULD like to learn how to cook properly – not just the things we do at home, but some of the complicated recipes that appear in the women's magazines every month, said June who had just joined the Unit, and was starting her pre-investiture challenge. So into the programme plans went two evenings for cooking, and we started to look around for our expert to come along and give us a hand.

A month later, with our first cookery evening looming up, we were still without our specialist. Willing mothers had been ruled out as all the Rangers wanted to cook something completely different, and appeals to the local Women's Institute and Townswomen's Guild had drawn a blank. Any suggestion that a domestic science teacher from one of our local schools could be invited was also greeted with less than enthusiasm!

When the matter was put to the Rangers by the Chairman of the Ranger Council, there was a blank silence until Kay said 'I know, why don't we just experiment ourselves. We could all bring along recipes of the things we want to try out, and help each other! 'This immediately produced an enthusiastic response from everyone, and accordingly the next week each Ranger arrived at the hall clutching a magazine or cookery book, and they went into little huddles round the room deciding what they wanted to do.

The newly re-organised kitchen of one of the Guiders was chosen as our meeting place for the cookery evening, and the Rangers brought their recipes and the ingredients, plus anything else in the way of equipment which they thought would not be available. Amazement greeted the mass of food gathered on the table, and there was a rush for mixing bowls, spoons and equipment. But soon everyone was beating or mixing, chopping or stirring happily over the stove.

At one point two young Rangers almost came to blows over the use of the fourth gas ring, and there was much argument over the temperature the oven should be set at to please everyone. But results

at the end of two hours were very satisfactory; savoury flans and preserves, a large, slightly uneven fruit cake and an enormous souffle, plus sundry pies, sauces, and a large tray of fudge.

That was fun, said June as they tackled the seemingly endless pile of washing up, but next time we really will have to sort ourselves out a bit better beforehand. Yes, said Anne. I told you that oven was too hot for my pie. The pastry sank in the middle before it had time to rise, and Joan would keep opening the door to look at her flan-case!

Next meeting we talked over the results, and decided that though



the evening had been a success, it would be better on the next occasion to plan which foods could be cooked together and how many gas-rings were available before making up a menu. Also the mixer and some of the other utensils had been very overworked.

The second evening proved much more successful, mainly because it was well organised, and some of the Rangers wanted to try the recipes from the others which had looked so tempting on the first occasion. So we had our 'advisers' on tap (when they could be dragged away from their latest culinary adventures). Certainly

Mary Ramsay

souffles can no longer be a mystery to any of the girls, and we know a variety of things which can happen to spoil them on the way to becoming a perfect light and distinctly mouthwatering concoction! One snag, that of wanting to sample



everyone else's work was eliminated on the second round, and the Rangers' families had a chance to comment on the success of the venture too.

So we certainly managed without our specialist, and looking at the evening from the Guiders' angle, it seemed that everyone learnt more in the process. The Rangers had to give and take, they had to help each other when all was not clear, and they had the results to take home for the family's verdict. However, one thing still not quite sorted out is how to carry home some of the results on a cold winter night, especially when food is hot from the oven and risen high over the top of the dish!

Maybe next time we won't look for the expert either, and maybe next time... but that is up to the Rangers! They are already planning more similar evenings, perhaps linked with a good turn or special days in the calendar like Easter or Mothers' Day. I think we'll all try in future to make the most of our own resources, and I don't think that anyone will panic if the right expert is not immediately to hand!





Planning the Company Meeting

(1) Be Prepared

WHAT WE planned and what we did. The following are the few jottings in the Guider's notebook made as she planned a company meeting. As no two meetings are ever alike, even in the same Company, readers will be wise not to take this as a model for all meetings. But perhaps some people may be helped by this and the following articles (May and June) in which we try to suggest some sort of theme or shape to a meeting, and give some suggestion as to timing, etc.

6.0 pm Reef Knot Race.

6.15 pm Patrols get possessions organised, collect subs, etc. while quick reminder to PL's of evening's plan to work at Being Prepared.

6.20 pm PLs read 'On Being Prepared page 20 Guide Handbook with Patrol, then open envelope Patrol challenge and work at it.

6.30 pm Hear and see Patrol efforts.

6.50 pm Suggest that to be prepared a Guide must be alert and quick to see opportunities. Patrols plan activity for themselves for next week with ideas on pages 279-287 Guide Handbook.

7.0 pm Patrols practise washing a grazed knee as shown to PL's the week before or some other aspect of simple first aid the PL chooses to do. A chance to fill in self training scheme page 194 'Learn how to treat burns, cuts and grazes.

7.20 pm Blindfold challenges. Guide Guiders Handbook page 118.

7.45 pm Tidy up. Prayers. Page 29 Guide Handbook as introduction, and prayer chosen and read by a Guide. Taps

DETAILS

Reef Knot Race

Everyone has two pieces of string and stands facing a partner. At 'Go' they race each other to tie a reef knot. The winner in each pair becomes a 1, the other a O. Everyone moves around, finding someone of similar number to challenge, eg Two 1s meet and race, one becomes a 2, one remains a 1. Note. It is one of those games where it can be a real challenge to beat the Guiders! One point to watch, however, is to rescue the one Guide who is left behind at 0, and then again at 1, etc, with no one to challenge.

Elizabeth Towner

Be Prepared Challenges

The success of this depends largely on the enthusiasm of the Guider and the PLs. For some PLs it is helpful to add a sense of excitement, in order for them to get the real attention of their Patrol, and for them you might decide to give your instructions cut and dried so that they can run to their Patrol able to say Come on, we've got to read the Handbook, page 20, and then do what it says in this envelope."

In the envelopes might be the following:

Patrol A In ten minutes be ready to demonstrate to us how to deal with clothes on fire. Page 184 may help.

Patrol B stranger stops outside this hall and wants a sketch map to get him to - also in-formation, eg time of postal collection, number of bus, name of doctor,

etc.

Patrol C

Patrol D

You are on a train only carrying a newspaper. There is a small bored child in the compartment, can you amuse him? (provide newspaper).

A worried lady at the tele-

phone box needs help

with the telephone book. She wants to get an allnight garage to come to her help, she also wants to find her brother's telephone number, his name is - so that she can phone and tell him she will be late. Find the information she needs and be ready to act how you would help (provide telephone book).

After the ten minutes is up the whole Company needs to take part in hearing and seeing the efforts. It is at moments like this that the Guider needs to use her skill in controlling the mob. If all can sit down it probably helps and then, rather than answering all the findings yourself, you hold their attention if you throw it over to them: 'Are they right about the number of the bus? 'Can anyone say what they forgot to do with the burning clothes?

A Patrol is the best bit of Guiding for a Guide. But this only comes true when they discover the thrill of really doing things their own way with the help of their leader. That is why it is important for us to give the PLs all the help we can, and for this meeting this tiny bit of

PL Training had taken the form of twenty minutes snatched the week before, while the Company were engrossed on a scavenge. It is a pity only to do First Aid on a big scale when you invite an Ambulance man to do a course of lectures and not to include in an ordinary meeting such things as occur in Accident Prevention badge. Today's Guide in April will be covering Accident Prevention badge in four weekly parts. Every Guider should have a basic knowledge of how to cope when accidents happen in a meeting, and the equipment with which to cope, and so will know how to wash a grazed knee and open an elastoplast or do a triangular knee bandage. The reef knot learnt at the start of the meeting comes into its own now. If you show the PLs with real mud and lipstick they will quickly understand the need to use clean cotton wool for each wipe, when they find themselves about to put a muddy piece into the centre of the imaginary graze. The PLs ability to organise depends to some extent on how many bandages you can muster, but she may appreciate a few hints like: 'You do it in pairs', 'Give the lipstick to Susan to look after ' (or the tomato ketchup or the imitation blood from the Scout Shop).

Continuing the idea of being alert in order to Be Prepared the blindfold game is a sure winner, and really gives the Patrol fun, firstly on their own, and then in the excitement of putting forward the Patrol champion against the other Patrols. You will know whether your Guides expect some sort of clap of recognition when the winners are discovered or whether scoring becomes incidental to the fun of the game. The Guider has a chance at the close of the meeting to refer again to the sort of person a Guide is and the thrill of being prepared. She might hint that next week she will be wanting to find out if they are prepared when in uniform, and could produce a form of challenge based on the list on page 25 of The Guide Handbook. On the Guides Eight Point Progress charts where in the past the 'Guide Law' has tended to be perhaps a vague list of undertakings there might be in future, as a result of understanding and seeing oportunities suggested by the Guide Motto, entries under that heading such

'Tidies up without being asked.'

Thought to take a message about the change of plan."

Brought enough for the whole Patrol.

Does her best."

Well, there's nothing like being hopeful, and unless we show them the sort of person we expect a Guide to be, they may never really try to be real Guides.

BROWNIE

Ideas

Has MR GALLUP ever polled your opinion about the popularity of X, Y or Z, or this or that programme on TV? No? Never? Perhaps you were asked to help with our own poll? Well some of you must have said 'Yes' because a lot of useful information was sent in, which has given us a great deal to think about and act upon. To those of you who filled in a rather daunting form — many thanks. To those of you who are thinking. 'What's all this? First I've heard about it!' this is what has been going on!

The Brownies

120 Brownie Guiders were asked to contribute their ideas; the Packs they work with represent cities, suburbs, small towns and villages in every part of the United Kingdom.

The Guiders were asked about their Packs and Pack programme and from their answers it is clear that these Packs are popular Packs; nearly all have waiting lists. It is encouraging to think that so many girls want to be Brownies, but sad that we are so short of leaders. We must all have another look at our friends. 'Could she, would she, be trained and become a Brownie Guider?' These Packs are very lucky, they enjoy continuity of leadership, 60 per cent of these Guiders have worked with the same group between four and ten years. This may have a bearing on the fact that most of the Brownies stay in their Packs for three years but, by no means do all of them join a Guide Company. Various reasons are given for this; too much homework after they are ten, transport, the later meeting time, don't know anyone in the Company and saddest of all, there is nothing going on at Guides'. Both Brownie and Guide Guiders will have to try to meet these difficulties, doing things together as a Pack and Company should not be impossible. To get the leaders to consider an invitation to the Pack to come to a meeting where it's all happening ' is high on my list of origrities!

Ventures

Are Ventures a success? 50-50. They are easy for some Guiders to organise, difficult for others, but many Packs have been planning and enjoying satisfying activities.

Obviously some Brownies are more anxious than others to contribute ideas once a scheme has been adopted. A number of leaders have the knack of drawing ideas from the Pack.

The Brownies know its important for them to have ideas too. They talk

Time to Reflect

about things in twos when we're stuck and its surprising what they come up with."

'They know we'll just all laugh together if one of us makes a stupid suggestion.'

'I try to let the girls make the rules'.

'Sometimes its quite difficult to use their ideas but I try to, and at other times *they* say, "it won't work will it Brown Owl?'

I wonder if it would be possible to have a scribe at Pow-Wow (Pack Leader?) with a big piece of paper and a felt pen, so that the Brownies' ideas could be listed; they might be anxious to make the list grow.

The Themes that Packs have used for Ventures were most intriguing; I wanted to know more and to discover what new skills were learned, new people met, new places visited, new thoughts been born, while Packs were engaged in 'The Notebook Venture'.

The RSPCA Venture

'The Shoe Venture' — an acting entertainment for the parents began with one Brownie showing the Pack some Moroccan slippers brought home from a holiday visit.

'Tawny's Wedding

'The Pack Birthday Venture with the handicapped Brownies'

'The Old Peoples' visit

Journeys

A number of Guiders find it difficult to help the Brownies learn new skills or gain new experiences when they are working for Journeys, particularly if the ability of the children varies.

Some Packs never seem to work for the Highway badge, I wonder how many of us skip straight on to Highway so that we are sure the Brownies have worked at all the Eight Point challenges. There is certainly nothing to stop us doing this if we feel it is going to take a Brownie all the time she is likely to have in the Pack, to achieve the badge.

Obviously many of you could contribute helpful and constructive ideas regarding 'Journeys'. Please write to Airing and Sharing if you and the Pack manage pretty well and enjoy yourself doing it! You may be the person that has the clue to Brownie Guiding made

Some Guiders were concerned that the schools 'do it all' and that the Association has nothing new to offer. Of course the schools do a great deal of traditional Brownie work, but 'being a

Joan Gunning

Brownie' is what's different and special.

First and foremost you the Guiders are different from other adults, you are a volunteer! You set the tone of informal order, of friendliness and sharing and caring for each other; You create the atmosphere of fun and surprise and expectation; You set the standard: that almost unattainable and yet, with stretching, just reachable, just achievable standard that makes a Brownie sigh with relief and smile when the challenge is behind her.

Secondly, feeling like a Brownie is like nothing else in the world. You are automatically a person of importance. Without you, think of all the things that wouldn't happen, all the special, always being done, small, lend-a-hand jobs, all the service you and the Pack give, all the prayers said for Brownies overseas, and the particularly friendly things you can do for others at school.

Does it all sound impossible? It must not, the most enduring and important qualities of mind and personality are formed in early years. Are you still, at heart, just a bit of a Brownie? Then you know! You know it can last. It is that concern for people of all races and creeds and colours which is begun by action and attitude learned in the Pack, both by contact with our community and through all the links made by games or in reality with International Guiding.

It is important that standards are maintained through living out the laws, and it is vital that a Brownie's faith is strengthened by her contact with committed adults, who have themselves tested and tried their own faith and are honest with themselves.

We are very privileged; today's children will make tomorrow's world.

We are helping to make today's children who will have to work with today's world.



DISTRICT

Training for the Commissioner and her team of Guiders

I Led a Study Group . . . and now I am a District Assistant responsible for training

Sheila Marks

* KNOW the handbooks better.'
... more District get-togethers
have been arranged.'

'It helped me to get to know my Guiders even better and brought out quite a few points I had tended to overlook or under emphasise.'

It created a real family feeling...

I wonder what these people are referring to? Why of course the District Study Papers! These are just some of the comments from District Commissioners or District Assistants in my County after completing the first set of Brownie or Guide papers.

What are study papers? They are a series of planned trainings for the DC or her DA to take with their Guiders, experienced or new, to help everyone understand the programme within the Units and to gain new ideas and help.

Imagine a DC (or DA as in my case) with six or maybe three or even eight or more Guiders, some with many years experience, some who gained their warrants in the last few years, some newcomers and others who have been through the Movement and are now 18 and working for their Adult Leaders' Certificate. They could be meeting one evening in someone's house, sitting round the fire, maybe by candlelight (if there is an electricity cut as happened one evening for my group) or it may be the meeting is at the District Headquarters or some church room. Try for a comfortable place as you will be in for a lengthy discussion. You, as the Leader of the District, will throw out the first comment, question or situation and you're off on a lively, down-to-earth, helpful discussion

about the things which are of interest to your Guiders and the Units they run. Its always surprising to the less experienced to know that others have similar problems as themselves. As the evening goes on everyone will feel able to ask questions or comment on others and the give and take brings about a wonderful family feeling within the group.

Occasionally you, as the leader, will need to bring everyone back to the study paper itself, but as long as the discussion is helpful, does it really matter if the talk goes a long way from its starting place? I am sure the authors of the papers did not expect everyone to limit their discussion to the points they gave. What a lot of surprises they would get if they could be 'flies on the wall ' at some study group discussions! I have worked the same papers with three groups of Guiders and each time the evenings have gone completely different ways, but firmly based on the contents of the paper.

Too soon it is time to close the meeting ... last buses ... baby sitters ... husbands calling for their wives, the end must come some time. But never mind, there are more evenings to come and 'here's to the next time '.

'I couldn't possibly train my Guiders.' Are you a Commissioner who has said this? Well with the study papers you receive a great deal of help. Firstly there are the subjects for discussion set down clearly step by step with many ideas and comments, and references to the appropriate pages in the handbooks. Then you will have the opportunity to go

through the paper with a tutor', trainer or experienced Guider, appointed by the County, who will arrange meetings for a group of DCs who wish to work the papers with Districts. Here you will have the chance to get ideas from the tutor and your fellow Commissioners and to exchange ideas and experiences with them. There is no one right way of running

a group, every situation is different. But hearing of other people's experiences is always helpful and may give you a new approach to your group.

The first Guide set of papers covers such topics as the Pre-Promise Challenge, Programme Planning, Company Meetings, Programme ideas from the handbook, The Eight Point badge and Interest



badges. The Brownie set covers Pack Meetings, The Eight Points, Progress, The Six and the Pack, Ventures and Enjoying Being a Brownie. All these topics are of great importance to the running of the Units, so get in touch with your County Chairman of Training and see when you can join a tutorial group.

At the end of the series – we'll look again at the quotations at the beginning of this article and read these from Guiders.

'May there be a new set every year?'

'When is the next course?'

'We want more!'

'What next.'

Well it is here now and in use in some Districts, 'The Patrol System' for the Guide Guiders and 'Self Government in the Pack' for the Brownie Guiders, and I believe there are more to follow. What an opportunity to help your District grow and develop as a team; helping each other, feeling free to ask questions without wondering if everyone will think you foolish, knowing who is good at what, leading to many District get togethers for the good of Guiding and the youngsters in our care.



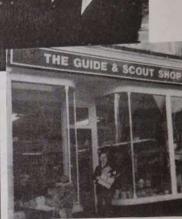
WELSH GUIDES GET NEW PREMISES



In October last year Mrs Allan Laing, Deputy Chief Commissioner, opened the new Guide headquarters at Penyrheol, Caerphilly, Glamorgan (above).





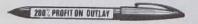


I Just Can't Win

KNEW when I woke up it was going to be just one of those days when no matter what I did it would not go right. I looked out of my window and there were two cows standing on the lawn happily munching Marigolds. As I persuaded them to return to the field I wondered what the first aid manuals would say about the effects of a diet of Marigolds. I was to help test Brownies and Guides for their Swimmer badge and I was just leaving the house when the 'phone rang - could I visit a Camp instead of the CA? This meant the lawns would not get cut. At least everyone arrived on time at the Swimming Baths, and the testing got under way, then it happened, I offered a hand to help a Guide out of the water and in I went amid shrieks of

by Jo Buckle

laughter and the instructress saying 'Oh I didn't know you were going to take your Survival Test! 'At least it was a hot day to drive home soaked to the skin, but I had not reckoned on a hold-up in traffic. Stuck in the stone archway of the old wall that surrounds the town was a lorry. There I was in a long queue anxiously waiting for police and garage men to free it. Arriving home my Mother took one look at me and said 'Did you have to be life-saved?' After changing into dry clothes I decided on a quiet five minutes in the sun to recover. I opened out the folding bed and dropped onto it. Clunk, click every trip. The elastic bands broke and the bed folded up tightly with me in the middle of it. I give up. I know I can't win!



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Mrs M Scott, Assistant County Commissioner, Flintchire

Meritorious Conduct Certificate of Merit

Christine Lewis, Brownie Guide, 1st Donaghadee Pack, North Down.

SAGGA - AGM

SAGGA, which is a Scout and Guide group, interested in co-operation between the Scout and Guide Movements, is holding its Annual Conference at Spode House, Rugeley, Staffs, from 5th-7th April, 1974.

Its members would be delighted to welcome any other adults. Please write to Mrs Ann Day, 4 St Martins Road, Rodwell, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 9LN for further details.

NOTICES

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Guiders are reminded that if they propose to take a caravan, dormobile or any other vehicle adapted for sleeping in, to any Camp other than on a permanent Guide (or Scout) site, they must apply to CHQ for a Certificate exempting the owner of the site from the necessity to apply for a licence under the above Act.

Early application should be made to the Legal Adviser at CHQ, giving the date of the Camp, the name of the owner of the site and his address, and the address of the site if it is different from that of the owner.

Brownie Trainer

A vacancy will exist in the autumn for a Brownie Trainer to work full-time for the Association for one or two years. Preference will be given to a Diploma'd Trainer, but applications from experienced Certificated Trainers would be considered.

Salary range £1400 – £2000 plus uniform allowance and travelling expenses.

Applicants should be fully mobile within the UK and there are also opportunities for short term training tours with British Guides in Europe and beyond. Enquiries to Personnel Department (Mrs Earnshaw).

Brownie Jubilee Year

Rosebuds/60 years and more/Brownies. A new edition of this booklet together with a suggested poster design for you to copy has been prepared by CHQ Public Relations Department. Write direct to them enclosing a self addressed foolscap envelope or label, with 5p stamp.

National Guide Tennis Tournament Webb Ivory championship

There is still time for Guides, Rangers and Guiders (between the ages of 14 and 20) to enter for the Tennis Tournament. Units/Counties rounds will be played between March and June 1974; Country/Region semifinals before 8th July. The finals will be at Queens Club, London on 27th July.

See the January Guider for full details, or ask your Commissioner for local arrangements.

Archdiocese of Westminster Guide Company

We are holding a Brownie Thanksgiving Mass for the Jubilee Year at Our Lady of Victories, High Street, Kensington, W8 on Sunday, 31st March at 3.00 pm.

Catholic Brownies in non-Catholic Packs are very welcome to attend with their Guider or parents.

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27 July – 3 Aug Chailey Heritage School Guides: Miss S Blades, Blatchets, Allington Road, Newick, Nr Lewes, Sussex.

10 Aug – 17 Aug Pathfinders (Guides and others): Miss A Cann, 20 Southlands Road, Weymouth, Dorset.

17 Aug – 24 Aug Discoverers Miss R Barnes, 19 Kendrick Road Reading, Berks.

The International Scout and Guide Club

The Club meets at Baden-Powell House, Queens Gate, SW7 every Monday at 8.00 pm. Visitors welcome. The programme for March includes: 4th: The Church Army; 11th: Advice on Cosmetics; 18th: Players Theatre; 25th: Prince Rupert's Bluecoats.

STOP PRESS

We have just been advised by the manufacturer of our Trevira/Sarille suits that due to the three-day working week the making time for these garments is extended from 12 weeks to 20 weeks.

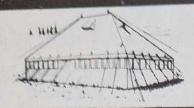
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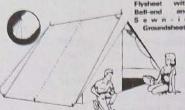
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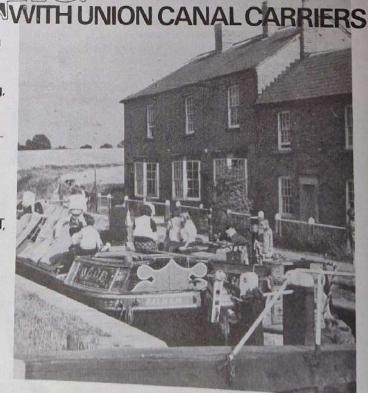
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BOAT SHOW, 1974

Over 400 Scouts and Guides volunteered this year to help with the Boat Show at Earl's Court at the beginning of January.

About 150 Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cubs and Scouts, working in teams of four, took it in turns to demonstrate some of the uses of fibre glass materials on a display stand sponsored by the Strand Glass Company, and between them produced a tremendous variety of paper weights, chess men and toy boats.

The remaining volunteers provided the usual Messenger Service for the organisers of the Show, which involved spells of duty beside the Harbour Pool, on the Exhibition's Information Desk, in the Press Room as well as the delivery of post and catalogues to the 500 standholders.

Despite the gloomy conditions this year with lighting and heating restrictions, rail strikes and security checks, these young people still managed somehow to get themselves to Earl's Court and to turn their hands cheerfully to whatever they were asked to do. Their behaviour at the time of the bomb explosion on 5th January, brought so many admiring comments that a special letter of commendation was sent to each one from their respective Headquarters.





Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts manned the Exhibition/ Information Desk together (top right).

Susan Stringer from Maidstone was one of the Guiders

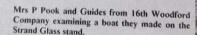


Mrs Longlands and Guides from Wokingham, Berkshire, demonstrating fibre glass products on the Strand Glass stand (above and left).

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Jackie Speller, Havant Division (RS Royalist) RGU and Jackie Sporlie, 1st Leigh North (RS Whelp) RGU, wore the Ranger activity rig (above) during their tour of duty at the Harbour Pool.



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Camp Catalogue 1974

The Camp Catalogue for 1974 is being distributed through the Regions, but we shall be very pleased to supply a copy to anyone who cares to write enclosing a sae (size nine inches by six inches). The request should be sent to Mail Order Dept, CHO.

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Please send a stamped addressed envelope or label to CHQ Department for details.

Ranger Boating Weekends

Two boating weekends have been arranged - one at Paxmead on the Thames on 24th/27th May (Bank Holiday), the other at Aldwark Activities Centre in Yorkshire on 6th/8th September. For details write to the Training Department, CHQ.

Mountain Leadership/ Caving Courses

Whernside, Dent, Yorkshire. 20th/27th April.

Are you interested? If so there are still some vacancies on both courses - write NOW to the Training Department, CHQ.

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RoSPA Water Safety Competitions

The Competitions sponsored RoSPA in Today's Guide and Ranger resulted in few entries. Unfortunately, owing to travel difficulties, Mrs Bryant of RoSPA was unable to keep her appointment with Mr John Fitzmaurice Mills who came to CHQ as agreed to act as a judge. Entries were therefore judged by RoSPA alone and results are as follows:

Rangers

1. Poster: Ruth Goodwin, 1st Chat-

ham North Ranger Unit.

2. Poem/Song: 1st Jackie Westerby, Kirkburton East and West Unit; 2nd Claire Duffin, Alcester Rangers; Margaret Hinton, 35th Blackpool Unit.

1. Poster: 1st Angela Dixon (Unit not given); 2nd Caroline Eden, 18th Exeter (St James); 3rd Elizabeth Griffin, 1st Letchworth.

2. Safety Rules: 1st Valerie Webb, 1st Winslow; 2nd Lorraine Ingram, 11th Whiston, Rotherham; 3rd Heather

Craine, 1st Rowledge Co.
3. Poem/Song: 1st Deborah Jones,
3rd Kidbrooke; 2nd Jackie Miller, 4th

Eastcote.

Hikes in Ireland

Do you or any of your Guides or Rangers feel you are fit enough to under-take an organised hike? If so, Castlebar, Ireland, could be the place to spend your holidays. From 27th to 30th June the town is holding an International Four Days Walks. The walks are signposted with check points, refreshments and first aid points, but they are not competitive. If you would like to meet other walkers and think you can walk between 17 and 26 miles a day, write to The Secretary, International Four Days Walks, Castlebar, Co Mayo, Republic of Ireland, for further information and application

Centenarians

Do you know of anyone who will be celebrating their hundredth birthday in 1974? Maybe you know of someone who will be even older? If you do, they could be eligible for a gift of a cheque to buy grapes. People wishing to nominate someone should write to Cape Grapes for Centenarians, 7 Staple Inn, London WCIV 70H.

London Parks

A film that will interest all people concerned with the environment has been produced by the Corporation of the City of London. It traces the history of the city's open spaces from the Middle Ages to the present day. Entitled The Flowering City of London it deals with private gardens as well as city parks and gardens. The film is in 16 mm colour and lasts for 17 minutes. If you would like further information on the free loan of this film write to Corporation of London Film Library, 16 Paxton Place,

Films about Gas

British Gas have, in their film library films that would interest people of all ages and with many different interests.

The Air - My Enemy, for instance, looks at different forms of pollution; I'm Glad You Asked That Question is a cartoon explaining how natural gas was formed; Sea Born Treasure looks into the problems of getting gas from the sea; Something Nice to Eat deals with the art of good cooking; and What's in a Flame traces the origin of flame and how it is controlled. These and other films are available on free loan from the British Gas Film Library, 16 Paxton Place, London SE27 9SS.

Children's Charities Group

Would you like to raise money for a worthy cause, but can't decide which group of people to support? The Invalid Children's Aid Association helps all kinds of physically, mentally and emo-tionally handicapped children and their families. If you would like details of how you can help this association write to them at 126 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SB.

Sponsored Swims

Another organisation which many different groups of sick and handicapped children is the Friendship Group of Charities. This year the group are organising a sponsored swim. It Brownies, Guides or Rangers would like to take part, further details and sponsorship forms can be obtained from Mrs Jackie May, 31 Raleigh Drive, Whetstone, London N20 0UX.

Knitting Pattern

In the October 1973 issue of Guider we featured a knitting pattern offer. The pattern was for a zip-up jacket with or without a Trefoil on the pocket. It is only available in the 26th October issue of Today's Guide. If you didn't get a copy and would like one, it is still available while stocks last. Write to Finance Dept, (Knitting Pattern, Today's Guide) Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W enclosing 8p.



Theatre Courses

Are any of your Guides or Rangers interested in the theatre as a career or hobby? If they are, they might like to join the Young Theatre Association. Open to young people between the ages of 12 and 20, it aims to advise young people and put them in touch with theatre groups in their neighbourhood. The association also organises courses for its members, and one is to be held at Culham College in Berkshire from 30th July to 7th August. There will be lectures for both actors and technicians and possibly a visit to a production at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. If you would like further information write to The Secretary, Young Theatre Association, 9 Fitzroy Square, London WIP 6AE.

Diabetic Film

Does your Unit know what it is like to be diabetic? The British Diabetic Association have produced a 16 mm East-man colour film entitled To Help One Another. The film shows how diabetics live with their disease, and a cartoon sequence explains what diabetes is. If you would like to hire this film write to Concord Films Council Ltd, Nacton, Ipswich, Suffolk IPIO 0JZ.

Cancer Research

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund have recently extended their premises and created new units at two more Lon-don hospitals. This is stretching their funds to the limits and they would welcome any amount anyone would like to contribute. Write to them at Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

Parkinson's Disease

1974 will be a very special Com-memorative Year for the Parkinson's Disease Society (formed as a Charity in 1969) because it is the 150th Anniversary of the death of the English medical pioneer, Dr James Parkinson (1755-1824) as a result of whose 'Essay on the Shaking Palsy' this cruel disease now bears his name. While the tremor is the most obvious symptom, the rigidity, inability to initiate movement properly and so on, can be far more distressing and deeply frustrating.

Over 60,000 people in this country alone suffer from Parkinson's Disease, and new cases are being diagnosed every year. Guide Companies all over the country can help to make this anniversary a wonderful tribute to medical pioneering by devoting the proceeds of special projects to the welfare activities and the medical research programme of the Parkinson's Disease Society, 81 Queen's Road, London SW19. An article about Dr Parkinson will appear in

Clean Footpaths

There are 103,000 miles of public paths (footpaths and bridleways) in the english and Welsh countryside. All these paths are highways in law and most of patin are shown on definitive maps which you can inspect at the county or district council offices. Many of the paths appear on the Ordnance Survey

But often these paths are obstructed, symetimes by barbed wire or fences, sometimes because they are ploughed.

If you think you have found an obstructed path you should report it to the Ramblers Association, which through a nationwide network of volunteers, keeps close watch on our country rights of way. Always carry one of the Associanon's pre-stamped and obstruction report forms, You can obtain these from the Association at 1/4 Crawford Mews, London WIH IPT.

Love is the Word

This religious song will appeal to groups who are looking for material to extend their repertoire. It is not difficult to play or sing and has a lively 'catchy chorus. It features on the record Love is the Word - Ken Okines and Charisma, Galliard 4023 and has three other songs to support it. Of these probably Body of Christ is the next most attractive of the four. Altogether a pleasantly presented record costing 80p.

The sheet music for Love is the Word has the piano accompaniment plus guitar chords and is also published by Galliard and costs 80p. This song was the conference song used at Liverpool 73, which was a conference organised young people between the ages of 17 and 25.

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Christian Charter

The Order of Christian Unity have drawn up a charter containing six points they believe to be of Christian concern. On 2nd May they are holding a rally to discuss these points in the Central Hall, Westminster, between 7 pm and 9 pm. If you would like to attend and would like further details write to 39 Victoria Street, London SW1.

Needlework Exhibition

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Until recent years, Miss Rust retained an active interest in the Guide Movement, when she acted as Aide to Lady Baden-Powell. Many overseas Guides especially, will no doubt remember meeting her at parties given for them by Lady Baden-Powell at Hampton Court Palace. For some years during this period, she was also active as Badge Secretary to the East Molesey District.





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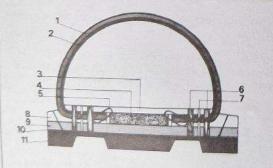
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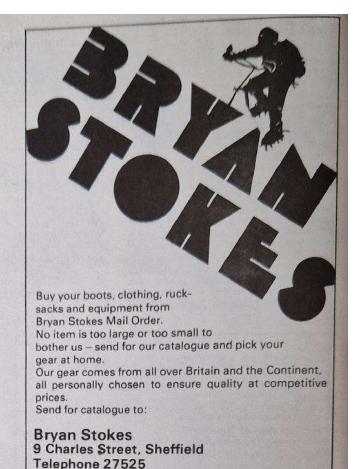
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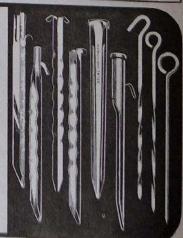
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An application to attend a Training Centre Guider should be sent direct to the appropriate Guider-in-Charge, and must be accompanied by the correct amount of deposit and a stamped addressed envelope. Applicants should also state the type of training 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.

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Correction. In January Guider the article 'Two Meetings for the Price of One ', talks of ' boxing ' a compass in connection with naming eight points. We realise that normally to ' box ' a compass is to name all the points, but as you will see in the Brownie Guide Handbook (page 150) Brownies are only given eight points to learn.



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WHAT'S ON V WHAT'S O **Ballet and Opera** The Royal Ballet, Royal Opera

House, Covent Garden

The programme for March includes: Swan Lake; Giselle; In the Night; La Bayadere; Shadowplay.

Theatre, Wells Sadler's Rosebery

Avenue

Commencing 12th for one week, Samsova/Prokovsky's New London Ballet. The season will include seven new ballets.

20th: The Dutch National Ballet.

3rd-6th April: Offenbach's Robinson Crusoe performed by students of the London Opera Centre.

The Royal Danish Ballet, London Coliseum

The ballet are dancing at the Coliseum on the week commencing 1st April. 1st-4th April: La Sylphide and Etudes; 4th-6th: The Whims of Cupid and The Triumph of Death.

Royal Opera, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

The March repertoire includes the following: La Boheme, Rigoletto, Boris Godunov, La Traviatta, Salome.

Sadler's Wells Opera, London Coliseum March will end the Opera's London season with performances of: Manon, Carmen, Madam Butterfly, The Story of Vasco, Katya Kabanova and The Merry Widow. The Opera then commence their tour of the country; details see Nationwide.

Exhibitions and Concerts

Victoria and Albert Museum

Until 24th: Music in the 18th Century. French and English musical instruments of the 1700's on exhibition. (Some performances to be held as well.)

Earl's Court

5th-30th: The Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition 1974. From 10.00 am-9.30 pm. Prices at turnstiles: Adults 50p, Children 35p; Advance ticket, those bought after 5.30 pm and parties of 12 or more: Adults 40p, Children 30p.

Royal Festival Hall

2nd: Tony Bennet with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. 7th-8th:

London Philharmonic Orchestra - Children's Concert. 23rd: The Spinners

Bloomsbury Cinema -Nureyev's Don Quixote

Those who were lucky enough to see the Australian Ballet's production of Don Quixote at the London Coliseum last year, will be pleased to learn that the film of this production is now at the Bloomsbury Cinema, and will soon be showing at, cinemas throughout the country. The film, having been made in Australia, under the most daunting conditions of excessive heat, tight schedules and tight budget, has emerged



as one of the most satisfying of filmed ballets. From the dance lover's point of view, there are no irritating closeups cutting off arms and legs at crucial moments; this is not surprising, since Rudolf Nureyev is the Director as well as the star, and the co-Director is his co-star Robert Helpmann. As an entertainment, particularly suitable for children and family audiences, Don Quixote can hardly be bettered. The simple story, beautiful sets and costumes, and staggering technical feats by Lucette Aldous and Nureyev, are guaranteed to convert the uninitiated and leave them wanting more.

Performances: 3.20; 6.00; 8.40. Seats: £1.10 (children 55p). Parties over 25: 80p per head. Matinees for school parties: 55p, adult accompanying - free. For further details of booking telephone: 01-837 1177.

Queen Elizabeth Hall

11th: Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan. 18th: A documentary film - The Life of Mozart.

Sport

6th: River Thames - Oxford v Cambridge Boat Race.

9th: Wembley - Women's International Hockey Match.

Nationwide

Eastbourne

11th: Congress Theatre - John Hanson in The Desert Song.

5th April: Congress Theatre - The

14th April: Winter Garden - Easter Bonnet Parade.

2nd-10th: City Art Gallery - Annual Exhibition of the Leeds Photographic Society.

17th-24th: City of Leeds College of Music - Festival Week.

5th April: Queen's Hall - Pop Concert, 11th-20th April: Leeds Musical Festival.

Liverpool 30th: Horse racing - Grand National. Nottingham

3rd: Youth Drama - Festival Week, 23rd: Victoria Art Street Gallery Reality and super-reality exhibition. 26th March, 2nd, 4th, 6th April: Old People's Centre, Arnold - Arsenic and Old Lace.

1st-6th April: Lace Market Theatre, Halifax Place - A production of Hayfever.

Ballet and Opera on tour

The Royal Ballet New Group in March

will be appearing at:

5th: Bradford - Alhambra Theatre. 12th: Liverpool - Royal Court Theatre.

19th: Birmingham - Alexandra Theatre. 26th: Hull - New Theatre.

The Royal Ballet for All Group

2nd: Greenock; 4th: Ayr; 6th-9th: Sheffield; 12th-16th: Billingham; 20th: Aldershot; 22nd: Stevenage; 23rd: Turnford; 26th-30th: Croydon.

London Festival Ballet are dancing at two venues in March:

4th-9th: Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre (Les Sylphides, Echoing of Trumpets, Gaite Parisienne and Swan Lake.)

12th-16th: Oxford - New Theatre (Prodigal Son, Forme et Ligne, Prince Igor and Swan Lake.) They return to the London Coliesum in April.

Sadler's Wells Opera

The company split into two for touring purposes in April: The dates below are for April only. The fortnightly company begin performances:

1st-14th: Hippodrome Theatre - Bristol. 15th-28th: Palace Theatre - Manchester. 29th-13th May: Hippodrome - Birming-

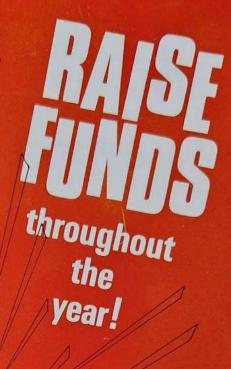
The weekly company begin perfor-

1st-8th: Grand Theatre-Wolverhampton. 8th-15th: Royal Court Theatre - Liverpool. 1th-22nd Alhambra Theatre -

22nd-29th: New Theatre - Hull. 29th-6th May: Theatre Norwich. Royal -



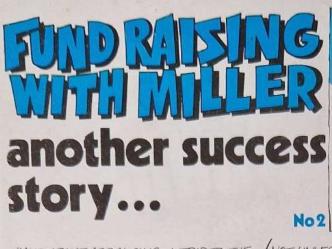
A scene from The Wood Demon presented by the Actors Company, appear-ing at the Wimbledon Theatre from 11th March 18th May. Parties over 20: 75p. Tele: 01-946 5211. (See page



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