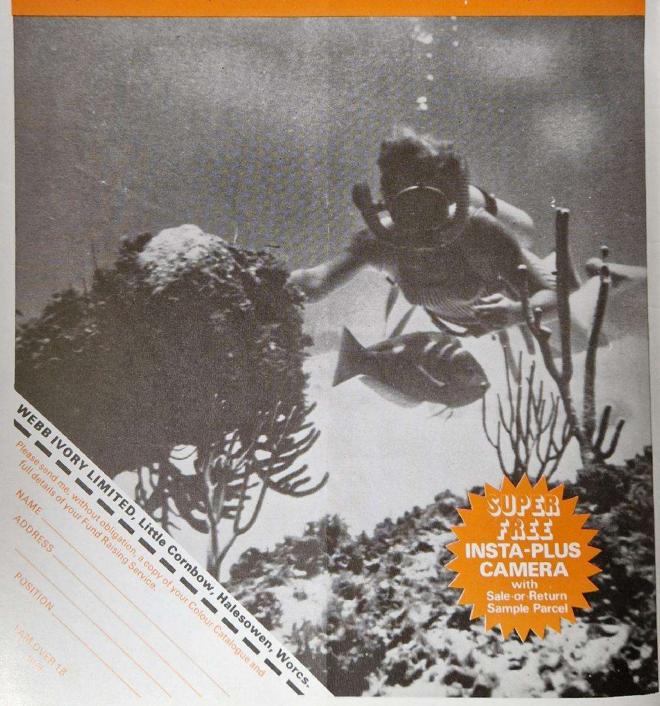


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#### Cover-

Our cover this month shows some French Guides awaiting their departure to Camp. The girls are seen standing outside the Gare de Lyons in Paris, complete with all their luggage.

Photo: Raif Markarian



In 1924 Miss P Mercer started a Brownie Pack in St Leonards on Sea, Sussex. In 1974, 50 years later, both the Pack and Miss Mercer are still going strong. She is seen below receiving some flowers from Mrs L E King, one of her first Brownies and now a Brownie Guider herself.



Witham, Essex, Brownies (below) offer the sausage rolls they made for a handcraft exhibition.



The Canary Patrol of the 1st East Barnet Guide Company are seen here (left) clearing a footpath as their part of an environment challenge. Berkshire Brownies (right) entertain a friend before presenting her with a seasonal gift.



The County Commissioner for Greater London West and the county's Ranger Adviser are seen below with Ranger Colour Bearers at their Thinking Day Service.



During last year's Hallowe'en party these Guides from Paddock Wood (above) tried to put a spell on a pumpkin.



Brownies and Guides of the 1st Little Bytham Units gather round their Camp Fire at the end of their Thinking Day celebrations.

One helper at the Lancing District Guides annual Jumble Sale did a roaring trade in old toys (right).





When four members of the Abbot Alfric Venture Scout Unit took part in a six hour competitive trek recently, they took along a member of the Iceni Ranger Unit to do their cooking (above).



Actor William Lucas, who recently starred in television's Black Beauty, signed autographs after opening the Berkhamsted District Guide Market



Last year was the 13th Centenary of the Ely Cathedral, and during the celebrations the town was honoured by a visit from Her Majesty the Queen. She is seen above bidding farewell to the Chief Constable of Anglia, watched by local Guides.



Guides from the 1st Walton Company are seen right, clearing the community service mini-bus. Other Companies in the area are taking their turn on the rota.

### STOP PRESS

Great news for all Guide Guiders (not to mention their Units!) is the plan for a new, bigger and better *Today's Guide* magazine starting in January 1975.

Regular readers will have noticed that, unlike most other magazines, Today's Guide has not increased its price of 5p since February, 1971, when decimal currency was introduced. That's more than three years, during which the prices of other magazines have doubled and trebled. In order to hold our price, so as to avoid too much strain on the Guide's pocket, we have economised in every way we know how. The result has been less colour, and a reduction in paper quality until there is simply no way for us to economise further, while print and paper costs continue to rise. We have felt for some time that the careful planning and effort in preparing Today's Guide, together with what we feel and believe is the high standard of content, deserve a really super magazine to do them justice, and this is what we have planned.

The new *Today's Guide* will be a monthly magazine, similar in size and presentation to *Guider*. Full details of price, subscription rates etc will be given in next month's *Guider*. Meanwhile, please start your sales campaign on our behalf. Our future depends on you!

JVR

# MAINLY FOR RANGERS

Next year some 60 young Guiders from all parts of the country will be serving as 'Aides' to the delegates at the 22nd World Conference in Sussex University from 24th June to 4th July so we thought you might be interested in reading extracts from a letter written 25 years ago by a Scottish Ranger, Isabel (now Mrs Rodgers), to her sister describing what she did as an Aide at the World Conference in Oxford.

The hustle and bustle of getting ready for Oxford has just begun. I've been busy for two days making a serge skirt. Remember the world badge you brought home? I sewed one on to my pyjama pocket and a huge Ranger badge on my sleeping bag. I had Dave's two bags packed full of uniform stuff. Mum, Betty, Jessie, Cathie, Lily and Miss Laudon all came to the station to see me off. I felt like royalty — though when the train drew out of the station I felt like crying. Dad was at the window, waving.

'Don't ask anyone but a policeman' Mum always says, so when I got to Euston I stopped the first bobby I saw and asked him if buses ran to Paddington and he advised me to take a taxi. I saw the money on the plate rising, and it broke my heart to part with 4s.

When I finally boarded the Oxford train I discovered lots of Guiding people. We had lunch and then hurried across to St Hugh's College to prepare our delegates' rooms. At 3.30 pm the delegates arrived from Foxlease. Before this we had formed a guard of honour, each Aide bearing her delegate's flag. Suddenly a figure dressed in the uniform of the World Committee appeared on the steps – it was the Chief Guide. She shook hands and spoke to us all in turn. I told her I remembered her visit to Perth when I was a Brownie and she said: 'Oh, wasn't that the time we sang White Coral Bells'? What a remarkable person she is. My Guiders were Miss Visapää, Chief Guide of Finland, Miss Norrman, Sweden, and Mrs Somershield, Norway. They were all very nice. We carried our Guiders' cases and belongings to their rooms and then spruced ourselves up for the guard of honour for the Princess Royal. She read a message from the Queen and gave a very fine speech, and then the World Conference was declared open by Mrs Swift Newton, Chairman of the World

All the mornings during the conference were the same. Rising bell went at 6.45 am. Breakfast at 7.45 am and you had to appear spotless in full uniform (I managed to get my Camp germit green bar, Outdoor Service bar and my complete Ranger Star before going, so you can imagine the badges I had to clean). 8.45 am report at St Hugh's. Here we Aides got formed into a horseshoe. The delegates then fell in in

HRH The Princess Margaret presents a Friendship Scroll to Begum Khalid Malik, a delegate from Pakistan.

front of their Aides. The Colour Party was then marched on and the Union Jack and the World Flag broken. The Chief Guide then said the Promise and we all repeated it, and then we sang the World Song Yonder lies the world before us.

Sunday we attended the service in Christ Church and saw the famous Tom Tower. In the afternoon we were the guests of the Oxford Girl Guide Club and we were entertained by English Folk Dancing and Morris Dancing. The Scottish Aides gave a demonstration of an eightsome reel – you should have heard our 'hoochs'. On Monday evening the Oxfordshire Guides entertained us with a water pageant. On Thursday the delegates went to Buckingham Palace to be presented to the Queen. They all said they had a wonderful time.

Saturday was the great day! In the afternoon, accompanied by two Scottish Guiders, we had to take three Friendship Scottish scrolls on the last part of their journey from Scotland to Oxford. We travelled by coach with four horses right through Oxford to Christ Church Mcadows where we presented them to Lady Colville, Chief Commissioner for Scotland. Did we feel proud!

Then Saturday night came. Without exaggeration there were easily 12,000 Guides and some Scouts at the Camp-Fire. Being an Aide to a member of the World Committee I was right at the front and had to curtsy to Princess Margaret. The whole evening was one never to be forgotten, and words cannot express the feeling of being one of that great crowd. At the end of the Camp-Fire we had to give out the sparks in remembrance of it.

Sunday we had a Guides' Own in the Chapel of St Hugh's and after the service we had a talk by the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, on the Founder:

Evening came, and with it the official closing of the conference. My delegate, Miss Visapää, was made the next Chairman of the World Committee and I felt very proud. The Aides were all presented with a badge which we are allowed to wear in uniform. It is a tiny badge of the world on a blue background.

Miss Visapää gave me a Finnish pin which looks lovely on my kilt and Miss Norman gave me a Swedish bookmark of silver plaiting with the Guide badge on.

I really had a wonderful time at Oxford and was extremely lucky in being picked to go.

Lots of love, Isabel.



This pretty camisole is cool, versatile and super for the summer. Available from Butterick patterns to sew yourself. Pattern No.



Having just read the letter 'Lazy Rangers' I feel I must put pen to paper in defence of our Unit at least.

Ranging Letters

Together with three other Guiders I have recently started a District Ranger Unit. We now have 30 Rangers, 25 of whom are invested. They are all very enthusiastic.

We have had talks from Marriage Guidance Counsellors from Make-up demonstrators and from the Drug Abuse Squad. We have visited the local newspaper office, had an overnight hike with the Ventures, taken part in a ghost hunt, barbecue, gone skating, and shortly we are going to Wales to visit some handicapped Guides and meet some Rangers. Later this month we are going parascending and this will be followed by a night stunt with the Ventures and a Canoeing Weekend.

As we are a new Unit the Girls have also been working hard to raise money for our own Ranger Den and Camp equipment. We made £300 at our Garden Fete to help toward this aim. At the end of the month we

are running 'It's a Knock-out' for the District and in September we are going to organise a District Gang Show as well as join in rehearsals for the annual Rover Show. So you can see we have no time for television.

Ranging Letters

Of course you get good and bad Units the same as Guide Companies but please don't blame it on the age of the Guiders. We are between 26 and 34 years, and over the years in Guiding I get fed up with being classed as a young Guider. How old does one have to be before one is considered just a Guider!

May I also make a plea to Guide Guiders to send their girls to Rangers at 14. If you keep them until their 16th birthday then they are often lost to the Movement. With GCEs or maybe work looming ahead, they are hesitant to start something new. I have come across many girls that were not even aware that they could join Rangers at 14. Surely the Guider has failed somewhere, if she does not introduce the girls to Rangering?

Christine Horsley
Itchen District Ranger Guide Unit

Have you ever helped plan the menu, cook, and budget for a small group at a weekend Camp? Ranger Guide Handbook, p38.

A T THIS time of year many of you are preparing for Camp. Many of you work either part-time or permanently during the summer months so that two or three weekend Camps are often more convenient than a full week. If you were asked to be a QM for one of these Camps would you know where to begin?

When there are only a few of you it is often best to find out if anyone has any allergy, mental or physical, to any food. A large Camp can often cater for the one or two Campers who cannot eat carrots, but it could become expensive for a small group to provide an alternative.

Another thing to know is whether you will have any visitors or whether any trips or hikes are planned. Once all this is known you can start your planning.

The easiest list to start with is the list of essentials such as bread, milk, tea, coffee, sugar, salt and pepper. But don't forget that many Rangers are figure conscious and may use sugar substitute and not eat much bread.

It is often a good idea to keep your menus to the one or two pot variety. Ranger Camps, especially the weekend sort, are notoriously busy and quick meals are the order of the day.

I have always found that dishes such as Chilli-Con-Carne (July, 1973, Ranger) or some form of stew are the best thing mid-day. It is then that time is the shortest and appetites their largest. Something filling, nourishing, and quick is needed, and these dishes fit the bill. Fresh fruit to finish with is popular and requires no cooking.

In the evening you will often have more time and then you can experiment. Have you ever tried kebabs over an open fire, baking a cake in a reflector oven, or cooking a complete meal in the embers of a fire?

One important thing to remember is that often with a small Camp expenses can run high. So you probably won't be able to afford a roast on Sunday, but you will be able to afford such extravagances as mushrooms with your bacon and egg breakfast, because a smaller quantity is needed. You will have to forget such things as catering packs and think in terms of giant or family sizes.

Cooking for a small Camp can be fun and it often provides more scope than a large Camp. Be adventurous with your menus, and you will tempt even the tiredest camper.

Each month since July 1973, first in *The Ranger* and now in *Guider*, we have given you a recipe from a Girl Scout cookbook. Why not include one of these American dishes in your next Camp menu?

Janet King

#### Eggs Fried in a Paper Bag

6 large paper bags 6 eggs 3 strips of bacon salt, pepper

Place  $\frac{1}{2}$  strip of bacon flat in the bottom of a paper bag. Break egg onto top of bacon. Gather top of bag and secure to end of toasting stick with string. Hold for 15 minutes over the embers while bacon sizzles and egg fries. Roll down the top of the bag and eat out of it.

Make sure that there are no flames on your fire for this, or the bag will ignite.

#### Hamburger Dinner

6 potatoes | 1½lbs hamburger 6 carrots | salt, pepper

For I serving cut up potato in small pieces. Cut carrot into sticks. Make a pat of hamburger about ‡in thick. Place the ingredients side by side on a piece of aluminium foil. Season, wrap in foil and put the pack in the embers. Cook for 10 to 20 minutes.

#### Other combinations

Chicken legs, onions and potatoes Hotdogs and onions Hotdogs, cheese and bacon Hotdogs, apples and cheese

### Ranging Letters — Ranging Letters

In reply to the letter headed Lazy Rangers (June Guider). As a Ranger Guider aged 22, I feel sorry for the girl concerned that so far she has been unable fully to enjoy all that Rangering has to offer, but I feel even sorrier for the Guide Guider that she knows so little of what Rangers are about and cannot communicate with the Ranger Guider.

Rangering is different from Guides. I think the failure of Guides and their Guiders to appreciate the gap between the middle and senior parts of the Movement has a lot to do with the fault of girls of the 14-15 age range.

I wonder if the Guider who wrote this letter has ever talked to the Ranger Guider about the shy girl. We are not all superhuman and able to recognise the introverted type of person as having a personality problem.

On another point in the letter; it is possible many of the girls in this anonymous Ranger Unit enjoy watching television as a means of relaxing with their friends. Television plays such a large part in people's lives today that it can hardly be ignored, and a controversial programme might prove the starting point of a worthwhile discussion.

Finally, I asked my Unit if they would like an older Guider, to which the reply was 'No'. Hopefully, I may achieve greater communication with my girls than someone who cannot remember taking GCEs, or has forgotten what it is like to become fully aware of members of the opposite sex.

Alicia Howard Lewes, Sussex

To answer 'Guide Guider', East Sussex, who criticises the young Ranger Guider and her tele-watching Rangers. She is lucky to have a Ranger Guider at all, they are often in short supply! The RG presumably runs Rangers because she wants to, and is prepared to take advice and training when her DC offers it. Does the DC occasionally drop into sessions and make some casual suggestions? If RG is young and gay she may have more to offer than someone older with many commitments; she'll certainly find it easier to get away with her Rangers on weekend activities than I do with two small children. She is nearer the girls in age and the shy Ranger may find her easier to approach.

Our Unit does a variety of different activities, but if you visited us you might well find a score or so of coffee-drinking Rangers not apparently 'stretching their ability to the maximum' or even stretching it at all. The 14 plus age group need some time when they can relax with their peers; they are often under a good deal of pressure the rest of the week with homework, music classes, hockey matches, and Saturday jobs all to be fitted in. We learn a good deal about the type of programme required, and the Ranger's individual hopes and aspirations while coffee is being consumed. It is their programme and not what we think they would like, and it should complement their many other activities. We have some quiet, withdrawn girls and some bouncing extroverts. Because they continue to come they presumably get something they need from meetings and are probably extended enough at school.

We don't expect Rangers to attend meetings as regularly as they did in Guides, they have more commitments (and boyfriends!) We do expect them to be responsible and let us know if they cannot attend a specific event at the last minute, and we do take an interest if they don't appear for a week or two. But we don't want to check up on them all the time because they are young adults.

**Kanging Letters** 

The Ranger Guider mentioned may be doing a valuable job attracting people who have never been Guides, who just want some-

where warm to go to in the evenings; better in front of her TV than drinking under age! As her experience grows she may persuade the TV addicts into other activities. The amalgamation of the three Ranger sections surely hasn't altered the running of Units as 'Guide Guider' suggests? You will always get the Unit whose leader has a specialist interest and the one who has wider, less specialised

interests.

'Guide Guider' would probably criticise our Unit. Our uniform is not always perfect, nor is our programme. We can't always cater for around 26 individual interests but we do try and our Guide Guiders support us and continue to send us their Guides. Our Commissioners support us and help us to find facilities or equipment we need. Our Venture Scouters support us too; they come for coffee and stay to suggest a joint activity, so please don't criticise your Ranger Guider. Give her your valuable support!

Sarah Hargreave,

Cumbria North



# Jewish Brownies Celebrate

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER Mrs Derek Parker Bowles and the Chief Commissioner for London and South-East England, Mrs A W Frankland, MBE, were guests of honour at a special Brownie Diamond Jubilee celebration in May. Nearly one thousand Jewish Brownies, Guides and Rangers gathered at Copland School, Wembley for a birthday party. They came from all over the country and those who had travelled down from the North of England and Scotland stayed with members of the Movement in London for the weekend.

A large model of a birthday cake was the centrepiece of



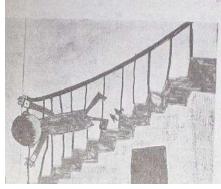
an act of worship, and round it stood Brownies holding large candles. Others played shakers and drums. Later there was Camp-Fire singing and a display by the Dagenham Girl Pipers. Altogether it was a very happy birthday party.







# Children Teach Themselves Safety



Three pictures from the film strips.



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TWENTY-FOUR of us recently returned from a wonderful flying tour of South Africa and Kenya 'In the footsteps of B-P'. We were a mixed crowd of active Scouters and Guiders and former members of the Movement. The excellent programme was arranged by Thomas Cook and the Scouts and Guides, and they gave us a wonderful reception wherever we went, with all sorts of unusual events arranged for our benefit.

Our first port of call was Johannesburg. What was this great city like when B-P first went there in 1888? Looking down from our skyscraper hotel at the crowded street, it was difficult to imagine it 'unpaved and unlighted at night, the streets are therefore always ankle deep in either dust or mud. Mud had it while we were there.' And how did he get there? In a coach drawn by ten horses, taking four days to cover the same route which we travelled in a few hours in our luxury air-conditioned coach on a double-width tarmac road.

It was easier to visualise him as we journeyed through the timeless hills and valleys of Natal, where he spent three weeks in 1885 'scouting about' on a military reconnaissance. Entirely on his own, he found his way by map and compass, noting down the best routes for an army to follow, the best passes through the hills, the best river crossings; and fending for himself for his food and shelter, as he later taught so many Scouts to do.

It must have amused him to visit Ladysmith forty years later, with Lady B-P, for a mass Rally of Scouts and Cubs, Guides and Brownies, in 1926. Now here were we, nearly 50 years after that, being entertained at a typical South African 'braaivleis' (barbecue) and camp fire.

Zululand has probably changed little since 1889, when B-P took part in the search for the rebel Chief Dinizulu. We found it very exciting to travel through this area of tiny villages of thatched mud huts and little patches of crops, where he heard for the first time the 'immense roar of sound from the whole impi, of deep bass voices and higher tones singing in harmony', the Eengonyama chorus, which he later made so popular with the first Boy Scouts. It was here too that he watched and admired the Africans' amazing skill at observation and deduction, which he also included in his scheme for Scouts, and which led him to the

cave where he found the Chief's beads which have become famous the world over as the Wood Badge.

At Lexden, Natal's Gilwell, we literally walked in the footsteps of B-P, for there is his bare footprint made in cement nearly 40 years ago, and following it is a succession of similar footprints, some bare, some shod, of Scouts who have done exceptional service.

We also heard the 'higher tones singing in harmony' when, at a party for all Guiders in Durban, we were introduced to African Guiders who sang for us, and to Indians who danced and gave a beautiful display of fashions in saris.

Capetown entertained us with a wonderful supper prepared by the Malayan Guiders. More than 100 people of all races were there, of all sections of the Movement and parents and friends. We had a wonderful cheerful evening of songs and dances, games and competitions in which everybody took part.

In a tour where every place is a 'highlight' it is invidious to pick out any one place as being 'better' than any other, but we all got a special thrill in visiting Mafeking, and seeing there so many things connected with the Siege and its famous commander. We toured the Museum and some of the outlying forts, and we had a tumultuous welcome from European and African Scouts and Guides at their Baden-Powell Hall.

The finale of our tour was the two days spent at Nyeri in Kenya, where B-P lived the last few years of his life. We sat in his peaceful bungalow 'Paxtu' and gazed at the beautiful view to the slopes of Mount Kenya which he loved so much; and with Kenyan Scouts and Guides we had a memorable little ceremony at his graveside.

This tour was more than just a holiday. It gave us an idea of what Baden-Powell gained during his service in Africa which he later put into Scouting, and what he brought back to Africa in the spirit of Scouting. We also saw for ourselves what is being done now, through Scouts and Guides, to keep harmony among such a wide variety of people in that great continent. We were tremendously grateful to our Scout and Guide hosts everywhere for the wonderful hospitality given to us, and we hope that, in return, our visit gave them a bit of encouragement to go on with what they are doing so splendidly.

Getting to know Mafeking Brownies, Cubs and Guides (left).

Arriving at Baden-Powell Hall, Mafeking (right).









Killay Brownies (above) held a DJ sponsored knit in aid of a

1st Ruddington (Methodist) Pack congratulated their Brownie Guider on her silver anniversary with the Pack (below).



Spills during a sack race at Burnley's DJ sports day (below).





Burnley Division DJ sports day was not successful for all entrants (below and right).



#### BROWNIE FORESTERS

District Commissioner for Portishead helps Brownies plant a DJ tree (above).



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# **Guiding Round The World**

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Mrs H J Goodson, Mrs B M Beveridge (District Commissioner, Gutersloh), Miss Emsley and Miss Phillips above left to right.

#### Hanover, West Germany

As a Trainee Guider of six months' standing I recently took part in the Thinking Day' service held in Hameln, West Germany, for Hanover Division.

Guides and Brownies from six Districts met together in Hamein, and produced songs, dances and sketches from eight different countries. On display there were souvenirs and other items of interest from the country they chose to represent.

Not an unusual event for Thinking Day' I know, but as daughters of servicemen, most of these Guides and Brownies have travelled widely, and have enjoyed Guiding in many different places. They are also fortunate enough to have actually met their 'sister' Guides and Brownies in other countries. A lot of the souvenirs on display were collected by the girls themselves when living abroad with their families. After the 'world journey' of songs, dances, etc, the Guides and Brownies enjoyed a well-earned picnic tea, and Guiders were served with tea by 1st Hameln Guides and Brownies.

After tea, there was a very hearty Sing Song led by Mrs J Gray, Guide Captain, 1st Hanover Guides, followed by Prayers, Brownie Bells and Taps.

Guiding within the Services is sometimes disheartening with a continual flow of girls and Guiders coming and going due to postings, but the enthusiasm of both girls and Guiders, not to mention husbands who frequently find themselves involved, more than compensates.

A Shearsmith

#### Malta

At the Jubilee Camp Fire Contest held in 1973 in Malta, this group (below) were very popular. The Valletton District Guiders in old-fashioned hats and clothes, performed a sketch entitled *Aunty Monica* and were awarded 2nd prize.



#### **Gutersloh, West Germany**

MRS GOODSON, Assistant Commissioner for British Guides in Germany, met Miss Emsley, Full-Time Trainer for the Girl Guides Association and responsible for all British Guides on Foreign Soil, and Miss Phillips, Brownie Dipioma Trainer, on their arrival at Gutersloh at the start of a whirtwind tour.

The purpose of this visit was to train Guiders in the present programme. Also to help with suggestions for the running of their Units. This is essential for the Guides in Service situations, because they are doing a worthwhile job by helping children, constantly on the move, to find Guiding a sense of security by being able to further this interest wherever they go.

Guiders themselves move around and are often posted at short notice, this means that new Guiders and Commissioners are constantly needed. They can be trained without prior knowledge of the Movement and a Training Team is now being formed in Germany to help in this way. Miss Emsley has seen potential trainers on her earlier visit some of whom have already gained Training Qualifications.

After training Brownie Guiders, Rangers, Young Leaders and their Guiders in Gutersloh the Trainers move round Westphalia, Hanover, Lower Saxony, Rhine Ruhr, North and South Rhine Maas Divisions before leaving Germany to visit AFCENT in Brunsen and British Guides in the Hague and Brussels. All this in two weeks! Those who have sampled this training, realise what invaluable assistance these visits, sponsored by the Institute of Army Education, are to the four thousand British Guides in Germany.

Hanover



#### Australia

WOULD like to mention that as Leader of the 1st Surfers' Paradise, Queensland, Girl Guides, I am most proud of the Company.

I wenty-seven of the thirty Guides had their homes inundated during the recent floods. The following day a radio appeal came for all Surfers' Paradise Guides who were able, to mind children for the week thus enabling mothers to clean up! The Guides responded magnificently and worked non-stop.

When I sent out an appeal for a clean-up of our hut on the following Friday I received one helper! The rest rang to say they were 'hard at it', minding, cleaning, scrubbing!

The Scouts then swung into action, without being approached, and cleaned the 'muck' out for us! We returned to the hut on Tuesday, 5th February, and hosed etc, only to find on Wednesday and Thursday mornings we were flooded again from king tides. But we were most fortunate and do not require assistance at present. For those of us who have suffered in this disaster, the comradeship and quiet dignity of Guiding has again been uplifting.

Carol Fozel



Crete Brownies and Guides

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WHEN WE arrived in Crete I contacted Mrs Bakinda, the Regional Commissioner, during our first week and her welcome could not have been more friendly. She is very young for such an exalted position, twenty-one, and has a baby girl and another expected soon. On the first meeting we met several of her friends but as she was keen for us to see her husband we were asked to lunch on another day. This proved to be a veritable teast and lasted over three hours. As I had previously told her that we were interested in trying typical Greek food she provided all the national dishes which were quite delicious.

As I told her I would like to meet some Guides, she very kindly arranged for us to attend the meetings. In Crete all the Brownies and Guides meet on a Sunday morning and so when we arrived at the Headquarters all the Units in Heraklion were meeting at the same time and place. The building itself is rented at the vast cost of 3,000 drachmas a month (about £45) and although the central HQ pays half this amount, local Companies have to find the other half. To do this they hold regular sales of work and money-making efforts which take up a lot of their time. On this particular day we first visited a Brownie Pack and found that their uniforms are similar to our Brownies before the recent change of tie, and their badge is in the shape of

#### Thank You From Kenya

Have you ever been to a strange country? If you have you will understand what I want to say. When we learn the Guide law 'A Guide is a sister to every other Guide' we often wonder if Guides do accept every other Guide into their families and Units. They do, and after a while the spirit becomes a sisterly reflex action to Guides.

It is because of this I have decided to say a few words to Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders in this country. I have enjoyed being with you.

The words thank you are not enough to express my sincere thanks for all those who helped me during my training. Experience gained is worthy of practising; and when I get home the Guides and young people will also appreciate the training I have gained through you in Camps, Pack Holidays and Guiders' trainings, as well as Guide and Ranger meetings.

My special regards and sincere thanks go to the Buckinghamshire trainers, Girl Guides from Brownies to

Commissioners, Hampshire Guides and Young Leaders and Brownies, and the Guides in Anglesey, Wales.

As I tour round other countries I will always remember the friendly smiles and the hospitality I got from everybody I came in contact with. I was accepted as a member of their families and never had a chance of feeling homesick.

I would like to say keep up the spirit of the Guide Sisterhood. Remember that one smile makes two, and when you are at a loss for words of thanks just smile.

As I leave for Jamaica I will take your greetings to the Guides there and in all the countries that I will visit.

Once again A Sante Ni Sana ((Swahili for thank you very much). With the spirit of friendship we can strive more and conquer our world with peace and love and Harambee (spirit of unity among us all).

> Polly Itote Guider, Kenya

a bird which they translated, whether correctly or not, as a swallow. As my daughter was wearing English Guide uniform all the girls we met were most interested in having all her badges explained. We saw three Brownie Packs at work making pictures out of matchsticks and they sang their Brownie song to us (to a tune which sounded exactly

like The Foggy Foggy Dewl)

We next were taken to see the Guide Companies, two in number, and found one working in Patrols at decorating hard-boiled eggs with faces and felt hats, and the others were having a ball game in the street which we joined. They also sang to us and we taught them The Tyrolean Tramping Song which they managed well as the words did not have to be learnt. The Guides were dressed in powder blue uniforms with the old triangular bandage type of tie in a sky blue. Their trefoil is similar to ours with an eagle in the centre. We gave them some English badges and they very kindly gave my daughter Caroline a doll in national costume.

The most impressive thing about the whole HQ was that there was a central hall with a photo of Lady B-P in a prominent position, and charts of badges and uniforms such as one can buy in our HQ. In each individual room also we noticed other pictures of Lady B-P and in one a large notice saying February 22nd. These were very obvious links with world Guiding, but I was surprised that none knew the World Song or the Chalet Song or indeed any Guide song in a language other than Greek. Another surprising thing was that only about one-third of the children were in uniform and none of the Guiders, and no child wore a county badge, name tape, Patrol emblem or proficiency badge, although I saw all these things at a Guide shop (which we snapped up for our camp blankets!)

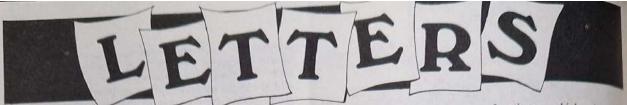
After our visit to the Guide HQ we made a fleeting trip to the Ranger HQ and here we found the oldest Guider (about 35, whereas all the others had been under 201). Here we sang Tzena to them and they appeared to know the tune, and when we continued with Kum ba ya they were able to join in in English.

All together it was a fascinating visit and made one realise what a vast movement Guiding is, when far away from home children are doing similar things to us and paying tribute to our Founder. Fay Foster

#### **New Guinea**

Cecilia Mondrai and Donna Mali are two young Guiders in Lae, Papua, New Guinea. They are seen here, taking time off from their secretarial course, to collect money for the Red Cross appeal in aid of flood victims in Queensland, Australia.





**Ashley Training** 

I noticed in the July Guider that the new Ashley Training Centre, of the County of Manchester West Greater Manchester (formerly South Lancashire), was said to belong to Cheshire.

This is doubly unfortunate, because in the report in The Brownie in 1973, at the time of the laying of the foundation stone, the same mistake

The building lies Cheshire, but it does not belong to either of the Cheshire Guiding Counties, though we hope that when it is not bulging with our neighbours Brownies, Guides or might be Rangers, we

allowed to use it. To our friends in Greater Manchester West, we offer warm congratulations on splendid achievement. know that every Brownie, Guide, Ranger and Guider in that County has played her part in raising the money for this lovely new Centre, and we applaud the vision, tenacity and hard work which has made the project possible.

Nancy J Walthew County Commissioner, Cheshire Border.

We apologise to members of the Movement in Greater Manchester West. The new County boundaries are very confusing and it is not always clear, even after checks have been made, just what and who belongs to which county, especially as each Region now keeps its own records.

Editor.

#### **Family Trainings**

My family and I have recently attended our second Family Training '. This was at Bronerion and I feel I must write to share our pleasure with my fellow Guiders.

Of the trainings I need say little for we all know the value and immense help we receive from these. But to share the experience with one's family makes it special.

The husbands not only contribute depth to our communal camp-fire singing, but hiked off alone over a neighbouring hill, helped with a trail for Brownies or pioneering project. The children were either being entertained by the Brownie Pack Holiday or the Guide Camp, or somewhere on some ploy of their own,

not least hide and seek under

Perhaps this was Guiding at its very best, fun with a purpose. If you have never been on a 'Family Training do try it. Perhaps like me you will lose your husband to Scouting as a result, but you will have a family bond.

Gillian Furse Tiverton, Devon

Rumour has it that the week at Foxlease family week at Foxlease might be discontinued because of a lack of support by Guiders. As a · Brownie Dad' who has just returned from a marvellous perience, may I put in a plea for its continuance.

Like many a Dad before me, I ventured with fear and trepidation into the major of your stronghold matriarchal society, expect-ing to find almost anything but the warm welcome and friendlinesss of Miss King (the 'boss lady' as she was known) and the rest of her staff.

The atmosphere Foxlease has to be tasted to be believed; and I hasten to reassure any male who fears this female preserve, that all that could be done was done to make the Dads' stay interesting, pleasant and, above all, easy.

To the ladies, I would say that the training, while demanding, is not arduous and if my wife's experience is an example, opportunities are available for the formation of lasting friendships.

To the men, I would simply ask where else could you get a holiday that offers so much for so little? (My bill for two adults and two small boys for the Whit weekend came to less than £50.)

Please, ladies, Miss King and her band of devoted helpers. After all, family week was devised specifically for those Guiders who can't get to Foxlease in any other way, and it lends itself to the motto 'Foxlease for Families'

> R C Goodley Newton Abbot, Devon

Unfortunately fees have just suffered a sharp increase but we feel we can claim that the course will still be good value for money. - Training Department.

#### Brownie Catcher

Last week I went into a pet

shop to buy my pet food. I was wearing my navy blue anorak with my Foxlease Badge pinned to it. The shop assistant grabbed hold of my badge saying, 'You're just the person I want, you must be the Fox Catcher, I have foxes I want you to catch."

You can imagine what a laugh it caused when I told her the meaning of the badge.

Cynthia Phillips (Mrs) 1st Aylesbeare Brownies, Devon

#### Brownie Spirit!

Debra, my friend's sevenyear-old daughter, had just Brownie attended her first in Hilmorton, meeting in Hilmorton, Rugby. When asked 'Did you like Brownies?' she thought for a while and replied, 'It was lovely, just like a party without food.

How rewarding for the Guider concerned to think that a very new recruit could have found such a friendly atmosphere in the Pack.

Rita A Hunter 1st Lutterworth Guides, Leics.

#### **Guide Laws**

I have suspected for quite some time now that in our efforts to clarify the Founder's own laws we have only succeeded in obscuring them. My suspicions were confirmed when recently took a Guide Meeting, and I asked the Patrols to transpose the Laws from the Founder's positive approach to the negative, ie 'A Guide does not or is not'. In every case the 10th Law was transposed as a 'A Guide does not lose her temper'. Suggestions of other forms of self control were accepted, but very obviously as a new conception. When presented with the old version however, ' A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed , they immediately understood what was meant. The Guides I was working with were aged from 10-13 years, and it is surely at that age we should be making sure that the Law becomes a standard of living. I feel it is a comment on our own attitude that the word pure 'was taken out.

Stemming from thoughts on this incident, I went on to wonder if all the changes which were made were improvements. There seems to be almost an obsession on the wording of different ceremonies

which functions basically remain unchanged. 'Coun of Honour' became 'Patrol Leaders' council'. Why? Is Honour Old Hat as Purity Our own Brownies still 'Fly Up', but we know this is not the correct wording.

Was 2nd Class really such bad thing? Guiders used discretion in this as they still do in many ways. It made sure that everyone had the basic skills and it explored the Eight Points a little further before going on to badges. I know from discussion with a great many Guiders that this opinion is

widely held.

On the other hand much good has been done. The Patrol System has come out of the doldrums, and of the coasting along well. The age grouping is more controversial, but on the controversial, but on the whole an improvement. Above all, Queens Guide has come within the range of the Guide who may never shine academically, but stickability commonsense. and is a keen Guide, with consequent benefit to her confidence and poise. I never approved the formation of an elite within the ranks of a democratic Movement for girls of all types of abilities.

My only plea is that now, after giving the system a really long and fair trial, we should stand back, take a good long look, and be quite sure that we are on the path which the Founder traced out so clearly for us to follow.

Rena Fraser (Mrs) Inverness-shire

Challenge Interest Badge presents a challenge to those Guides who wish to acquire a number of unrelated skills which can be used in situations which may arise at home or in school or at Guides.

The Eight Point system encourages Guides to learn new skills or become more proficient in known skills in order to carry out plans the Guides have adopted or, to

Be Prepared.

We must constantly 'stand back ' to look at the results of our working with young people and to assess the help we are giving them: this will not mean looking back bul building on the past and the present for the future.

Joan Gunning Assistant Training Adviser

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# THOSE were the DAYS

Mrs Grindrod, Chief of Stores, ladles out the milk.

'It is quite a change, but I like very much to do my part.' The Guider from Japan, used to perpetual sunshine, wearing a pair of goloshes lent by someone with huge feet and a raincoat much too long for her, smiled through her 'smoky' tears as she bent over the fire in the pouring rain. The scene was at Foxlease fifty years ago at the first big International Camp in July. 1,000 were in Camp, including 500 British PLs who acted as hostesses, and our Japanese friend was one of our 600 guests from forty different countries.

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T WAS THE Chief Guide who first had the wonderful idea of a World Camp. After the big International Conference Cambridge in 1922 she had said: What a pity it is that only the leaders of the different countries have been able to come together: how splendid it would be if the Guides themselves could meet!' Then one evening in September, 1923, when Miss Olivia Burgess (later Mrs Stuart Rawlins) was staying with the Baden-Powells they started to discuss this idea as they were walking home through the cornfields at the back of Pax Hill. 'Why not a World Camp?' exclaimed the Chief Guide suddenly and there and then, as you can read in The Story of the Girl Guides by Rose Kerr, they sat down on a cornstook to plan it all out.

The Chief Guide was Chairman of the World Camp Committee and before long she had roped in the most capable people in the Movement to help in the organisation. The first Head of Training, Mrs Janson Potts, was appointed Camp Chief. Some years later she wrote (as so often still happens with big Guide events): The right person came to mind the moment the need for her services arrived. (Incidentally, one of Mrs J

P's maxims is worth remembering today: 'It was a crime to be dull in the early days. It is still a crime'.

Mrs Liddell has described the one small contretemps at this first World Camp in The Girl Guides: 'A great



Beef for all the campers (when it only cost about 9d a lb!)

many of the visitors arrived unprepared to face the rigours of an English summer. It was, of course, pouring with rain and bitterly cold, so the QM telegraphed to London for 200 extra blankets. The Transport people met every train all through the day. Ten o'clock came and with it the last train from London, but no blankets. Late as it was the drivers set out to comb the countryside for Neighbours blankets. magnificently to the occasion, hotels, private families and an army camp all came to the rescue, and around midnight the triumphant staff returned and distributed their spoils. Next day the missing blankets arrived. The hastily appointed Blanket-Sorter spent the rest of the Camp running the borrowed ones to earth and returning them to their (probable) rightful owners!' TWM

#### THE VETERAN'S TALE

You don't remember the Long Ago, The days before we were old, But we haven't forgotten, we old Pre-War's, And I think you ought to be told. We wore somewhat peculiar uniforms And we carried a mighty staff, And we wore very large white chevrons.

And the soldiers used to laugh.
And shout out 'Hurry up, Corporal,
Or you'll get three days CB'
Well, we may have looked rather
ridiculous,

But those were the days for me!

We learnt to cook in a billy-can And make indigestible dampers, But it paved the way to a later day When we grew into ardent Campers. We were rather small but terribly keen

And we got so worried and hot, And we may have been *slightly* ridiculous,

But tired and bored we were not!

Like the poor White Knight we wished to be,
Prepared for what might befall,
We carried a strange miscellany
In case there should be a call
For a bridge, or a bed, or in case of fire,

Or if anyone wanted a drink, Well, we were rather laden with all our goods,

But at least we learnt to think!



PT early in the morning

And when I remember the work we

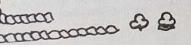
And the wonderful games we played, I think that some of you younger folk Might have laughed at the shows displayed.

Well, some of our critics laughed at us then,

But I'm sure you'll agree that it's true, That we learnt some very remarkable

And we've handed them on to you,

(Written by P D for The Guider, May, 1934)





**Guiders Uniform** 

Oh how thrilled I was to read H Binning's letter in the June Guider on Guider's Uniform. As a Guider who is at present an expectant mother, I agree wholeheartedly with a pinafore dress as an alternative uniform for us Mums-to-be, or those with fuller figures. I found it very noticeable that my uniform skirt was the first article of clothing which ceased to fit as my size increased. I therefore purchased a navy V-neck pinafore dress from a local chain store, which when worn with the Guiders blouse and a V-neck cardigan looks very similar to the official uniform.

Unlike the sketch in Guider my pinafore dress has a belt and two side pockets. The belt which can be removed as one's size increases, makes the dress extremely smart, and perhaps could be considered as an optional addition to H Binning's sketch.

I also agree with Elizabeth Stilwell that the sleeves of jackets and blouses are too short, but I also know of Guiders who need to shorten their sleeves. Perhaps a wider range of sizes to cater for the tall and short is becoming a necessity, for the Guides do take their example of smartness from their Guiders.

Wendy O'Neill (Mrs) Stanford-le-Hope, Essex

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May I heartily second the suggestion of H Binning (June Guider) about the pinafore dress

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Not only being of the fuller figure brigade I am also on the short side, and skirts and blouses are I am afraid, not me, but an all-in-one would be ideal.

I do hope the 'powers that be ' will be able to agree to this suggestion in the not too distant

> **I Morris** 2nd Wainscott Pack. Kent

I'm very much in agreement with H Binning (June Guider). A pinafore dress would not only be ideal for fuller figures but also for the taller Guider. I am fivefoot seven-inches and find it very difficult to keep the short blouse inside my skirt. I wish H Binning every success with this idea, as it would help many Guiders to feel more at ease in uniform.

> M Taylor (Mrs) BFPO 31

I would like to say that as an 'expectant' Guider I fully concur with H Binning's remarks about the uniform. Although I am only three months pregnant, I hope to continue in Guide work for another two months at least. But I find that the skirt is rather constricting so I wear the summer dress, which on cooler days is none too warm.

The idea of a pinafore dress greatly appeals as I am rather on the 'plump' side. I hope the powers that be' will take up this excellent idea as it looks so much better than a too-tight skirt, and a summer dress in the rain is not very practical.

Philippa J A Phillips

1st West Bergholt Coy, Colchester

In reply to H Binning's letter in June Guider, I think a pinafore dress is a very practical idea. It can be worn with a jacket on official occasions and still look like a suit, but at the same time save us 'average height' people and those taller, the embarrassment of always having to tuck our blouses in, as the present length necessitates.

Could a plea also be made in this day and age for a uniform of crimplene or polyester base, so that pressing is minimum and laundering easier and also that they look a suitable quality for the price paid? It would also suit many pockets more if jackets could be purchased separately from skirts as the whole suit is expensive at one go.

E Ankers Fulford, York Due to the variation in dye, it is

not possible to self the suits as separates. Chief Buyer.

How glad I was to see in the June Guider the letters by Miss Stilwell and H Binning regarding the present Guiders' uniform.

I too am what we call a 'fuller figure ' and find it difficult to feel smart in the short jacket and skirt, and I would welcome the use of a pinafore dress (as in the sketch). It would be a lot warmer in the winter (I feel sure that most Guide Headquarters tend to be draughty places!) and would not need the cardigan.

I also note in the advert for summer uniform that no size 44 and 46 is available for us 'big girls '.

> Joyce Hughes (Mrs) Brownie Guider, 1st Criccieth Pack

How pleased I was when I opened the copy of the June Guider and saw a 'suggested Pinafore Dress ' as uniform. Yes please! I have been a Guider for many many years and a Commissioner for five. As one of the larger' Guiders, at least when I get my uniform on, I feel much larger than I am. I wear pinafore dresses and feel much slimmer. I am a size 20 but feel like a 24 or 26 in my 'tailored' coat and skirt. Yes I have a dress but it is not practicable for cold Church Halls.

While on the subject of uniform, if Pinafore dresses are being considered for Guiders why not for Guides? It's an impossibility for them to look smart in this shapeless uniform, and I am sure a pinafore dress and blouse would solve this problem as well. Give us a uniform to be proud to be seen in. We are after all a 'Uniformed Organisation' but who can blame the young generation for covering it up?

May I take this opportunity of saying how much I enjoy the new Guider.

Muriel Armstrong District Commissioner West Hull, N Humberside \*

I agree with the Guider who suggested that a pinafore dress would be better than the present skirt as a uniform. If it was made up in a washable material it would be more practical, as well as being easy and reasonably priced for Guiders who wished to make their own dresses. Many Guiders find the present uniform too expensive and make do with an HQ blouse and a chain store skirt. A pinafore dress could be worn for non-Guiding activities also.

Guiding should cost Guiders as little as possible. The days are gone when a high percentage of Guiders were either unmarried and therefore wage-earners or were pretty well-off.

With regard to the uniform worn by Guides, surely here too a pinafore dress or alternatively, trousers and jacket would be smarter. The present blouse is shapeless and, I feel, untidy on the older girls. The blouse which tucked into the skirt was far attractive. wouldn't object to buying a dress that could be worn at any time, but quite a few will only buy secondhand uniforms at

present. By the time a blouse has been worn and then passed on it is rarely still smart.

REA Owen Stratford-upon-Avon

How I agree with the writers in the June Guider about Guiders' uniform.

At a recent Revels in our area. of the twenty or so Guiders present, I saw only one Guider in 'uniform'. The present price of Guiders' uniform is far above the price paid by most Guiders for their everyday clothes. Skirts with simple A-line styles can be made easily, or as one correspondent said, pinafore dresses too would be practical. Skirts of the uniform pattern with those ridiculous pleats - well no comment! The blouse can look smart shaped and long enough, which at present it is not.

Most blouses on the market today are shaped at the sides and considerably longer, therefore they are not continually coming out at the waist.

With the complete age span among Guiders it is to be expected that a difference of opinion will arise as to what is suitable. Surely therefore, it is far better to have a choice of styles, so that a Guider may wear what she feels comfortable in and what she feels is smart. A smart and comfortable Guider makes for a happier Guider.

S Wilkins Mildenhall, Suffolk

I feel that the Guiders' skirts are most impractical for normal wear. I personally only wear my uniform skirt and jacket on formal occasions, such as Church parade. I have made a navy skirt with a little more width to wear to Pack meetings. Who can play games and sit on the floor in a straight skirt?

I like the idea of a pinafore dress, and I am not an expectant mother. If we had these there would be no problem of blouses escaping out of the skirt tops and looking untidy.

Also I have to make my own blouses to get sleeves which are anywhere near long enough. I'm stock size for normal clothes, 50 why are uniform skirts too tight?

My daughter is an assistant Guider and she refuses even to buy uniform skirt and jacket The navy A-line skirt looks a lot smarter than a straight one.

Amy Smally
6th King's Lynn, Norfolk

We agree entirely with remarks made by Elizabeth Stilwell (June Guider) on the subject of Guiders' uniform. On a great number of occasions the uniform is both impractical and uncomfortable, and there must be many other young Guiders who prefer not to be seen in a suit that looks so out-of-date. The suggestion of a pinafore dress, which was put forward by H Binning in the same issue of Guider appears to be a far more attractive alternative. Not only would it suit most ages and figures, but it could easily be made in a lighter material for summer wear. The present summer uniform dress never looks smart enough to be a uniform; in our opinion its use should be restricted to informal occasions. We think that more people (especially young ones who are fashion-conscious) would be willing to become Guiders if they did not have to wear the present uniform and if some of the rigid rules, referring to how and when uniform should be worn, were relaxed.

F Maughan, V Maughan, M Cockett Headingley, Leeds

With reference to letters in the June Guider concerning Guiders uniform. I am all for a change to a smart pinafore dress. Very few Guiders look really smart in the present uniform; some are far too plump and others, like

myself, too slim.

The summer uniform dress is fine, but I should certainly be glad to see a change in the tailored uniform. Like Elizabeth Stilwell, I like to look smart, but is is almost impossible unless you have just the right vital statistics.

A M Lendrum Warren Park, Havant

In reply to H Binning's letter in June Guider. When I was 18 years of age a new Guider's uniform was brought out. At the

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time I thought it smart and was eager to have one. I decided to buy a serge one made to measure by the Movement's tailors. I forget how much it cost me but it was worth every penny.

I have since married and borne three children. Each time I have been pregnant I put elastic on the button of the skirt and the jacket covered the bulge and the gap in the zip which wouldn't fasten. I wore full uniform to within one month of having each child. The uniform always returned to its original shape afterwards.

Last year at the age of 33 I found that my shape had altered

somewhat from my 18-year-old figure, so I decided to buy a new uniform. I bought a Trevira one as I really could not afford another tailored one. What a mistake! It creases, rides up, catches bits and shows marks. I feel decidedly scruffy after only 12 months wear. I never felt this way in all the 15 years I wore my old one. I'm hoping I can lose enough weight to be able to wear my old one again.

I do feel we need a slight alteration in the styled uniform. The skirt needs to be slightly flared to allow more movement. I feel a pinafore dress would only accentuate the state of the pregnant Guiders and the dress would probably not return to its original line.

But surely pregnant Guiders should not be our major concern. We need a uniform which looks smart on the majority of Guiders and the majority of Guiders are not pregnant. To be pregnant is, after all, a temporary state of affairs which we can surely overcome individually.

I also feel rather strongly about Guiders' blouses. I have had three since the check ones came out. Each one has gaped at the bust line and has been terrible to iron.

I do feel the quality of materials used in Guiders' uniform needs to be looked into, and perhaps a slight alteration in the skirt as mentioned above.

Maureen Gibson Rochdale, Lancs

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I followed the recent correspondence regarding Guiders' uniform and I whole heartedly agree. 'Let's get with it'. A simpler skirt without pleats and pocket would not only look smarter but would also bring down labour costs.

Why are paper patterns and material not available for Guiders' suits? This would help many Guiders who are interested in dressmaking. £17 is a lot of money to pay for clothing to be worn just once a week, and to make a suit oneself would be a considerable saving. At one time the jacket could be purchased separately from the skirt, thus allowing the cost of uniform to be spread over a period of time. Why has this been halted?

To conclude, I think the summer uniform is both smart and practical so please don't change that.

Rita A Hunter (Mrs) Lutterworth, Leics

I agree wholeheartedly with Elizabeth Stilwell (June Guider) that the Guiders' uniform is impractical and out of date. I too, do not feel smart wearing it. But

I do not think a pinafore dress as suggested by H Binning is suitable either.

I would suggest an A-line skirt with a longer semi-fitted jacket, perhaps princess style with a half belt at the back, with decent sized pockets. The blouse could remain the same but please could the body and sleeves be made longer?

Our hats are supposed to be Air Hostess hats, but I have yet to see an Air Hostess in such an unstylish hat.

It is possible for the home dressmaker to make a summer uniform, blouse etc. I feel the patterns and material should be made available for the skirt and jacket, thereby helping to reduce the cost of the uniform which has become far too expensive for most Guiders unless a grant is given.

Sonja Ryder Worthing, Sussex

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I was interested to read the letter in the June Guider from H Binning regarding the Guiders' uniform. I too am a Guider with a 'fuller figure' and find the straight skirts very unflattering. I suggest an 'A' line skirt which would suit every figure. I like the idea of a pinafore dress and think that this should be accepted as an optional uniform especially with regard to expectant Guiders. I had a baby only fourteen months ago and kept up my Brownie meetings until I was six months pregnant. I made a navy blue pinafore dress and wore this to the meetings with my Guider's blouse and tie. I felt comfortable and yet I also felt I was in uniform. I am very keen that if we insist that the Brownies wear uniform to the meetings, then we must do too. Wearing the pinafore dress meant that I only had to miss about four months of Brownies as, incidentally, I found Brownies was a wonderful tonic during my post natal period and a great relief from nappies and bottles!

I would also like to write with regard to the minimum requirement of five nights for a Pack Holiday. This year I decided that I would like to take my Pack on a Pack Holiday as it was the first year I could afford to give up a week's holiday for the Brownies. This meant that I had to make arrangements to leave the baby with my understanding mum and leave my husband to look after himself. I decided that rather than go on a Pack Holiday with another Pack (to gain the necessary experience before taking my Permit) I would ask a Permit Holder if she would come with the Pack and we would share the arrangements etc. She did this willingly. However it meant that we had to

go over a Bank Holiday, as I did not want her to have to give up one of her precious three weeks holiday to come with my Pack. We went on Friday evening and returned Wednesday morning (the minimum of five nights).

The Holiday was a great success and enjoyed by all (including us Guiders). fortunately, however, out of 12 Brownies we had two who got homesick and had to return one after three nights and the other after four. They had both enjoyed the holiday but as one said to me 'I want my mummy'. It would have been useless in persuading either of them to stay to the end as they were both so desperately homesick for their parents; incidentally both were ten years old. We Guiders felt had the holiday been for three nights (four full days) this would not have happened and the Brownies would still have gained a lot from the Holiday, especially as none of the Pack had ever been on a Pack Holiday before and many of them had not been away from home alone before. It seems a pity that Brownies are limited to a minimum of five nights when a Guide Camp can be taken for a weekend only. Surely if the owners of the Pack Holiday Homes agreed to let the house for less than five nights this should be allowed. We wonder if any other Guiders feel the same about this?

Jean Fisher (Mrs) Brownie Guider, York

#### **Brownie Hats**

Was it really necessary to change the Brownie headgear?

When the 'new look' came into use in 1968, I realised that it would take time for my Brownies to look like the ones in the Handbook. Gradually, however, berets appeared and I looked forward to the day when the Pack would be uniform.

But this was not to be, and we are still not 'with it' as our uniform, handbooks and other equipment are now out of date and after only 6 years!

A M Butt (Mrs) Knutsford, Cheshire

It was an Executive decision to discontinue the beret due to the enormous increase in cost. The Brownies have always had an alternative of the woollen cap, but POR stated that there could not be a mixture in the Pack; in other words they had to be all berets or all caps.

Unfortunately, in these days of technical advancement, materials with which we have been familiar over the years are superseded by man-made fibres etc, and we find ourselves in a position where the old materials become either unobtainable or too expensive. Chief Buyer

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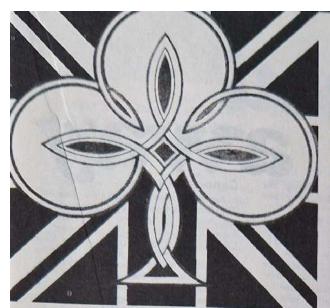
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Background to the World Conference

# THE WORLD ASSOCIATION

The World Committee
and its sub-Committees

The World Bureau and its Branch Office

N THE forty-six years since its formation, the World Association has tried to keep its structure simple and flexible and has gradually evolved a method of work which combines these two features.

The World Conference is our focal point, meeting every three years and attended by delegates from each Member Organisation. Here the policy decisions are taken and the emphasis for work is agreed upon for the next three-year period. The agenda and background material is always dispatched to Member Organisations well in advance, so that delegates may be briefed before leaving their own countries, and be ready to take policy decisions at the World Conference on behalf of their National Organisations.

During the World Conference, the Full Member Organisations elect twelve individuals to form the World Committee. They, together with *ex officio* members, will implement the decisions of the previous World Conference, develop the work of the World Association within its directives and then report back to the next World Conference.

For example, as requested in Canada, 1972, the World Committee has in this triennium carried out four studies and one survey, produced a statement (with the Boy Scouts World Committee) on relationships between the two Movements, arranged for the agreed World Events to take place, and dealt with on-going work.

To achieve all this the World Committee meets for two days immediately after the World Conference (to get things started off while enthusiasm is high!) and then has three meetings, each of ten days, throughout the triennium, concluding with a brief meeting immediately before the next World Conference.

There is much technical work involved and so there are various sub-committees which deal with the detail, and submit their recommendations to the World Committee for

approval.
The Constitutions and Finance Committees explain themselves, and so do the Committees for each of the four World Centres (Our Chalet, Olave House, Our Cabaña and

Sangam).

There are now in existence Committees for the regions of: Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Western Hemisphere and for the Arab Regional Group. At present, Africa works through a system of informal groupings of countries. These Regions/ Groups work with the minimum of administrative structure and receive support directly from the World Bureau or its Branch Office. They plan events and co-operate with appropriate organisations within their regional areas.

appropriate organisations within their regional action.

Now we come to the raison d'être of each National Organisation in the World Association – development of

Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting in their country, along the lines most suited to their individual needs. The World Committee needs to understand local situations and National Organisations want to know World Committee thinking. To help to achieve this, Liaison Members from the World Committee are appointed for a group of countries. They pay informal visits (nearly always *en route* to or from World Committee meetings) and are able to discuss problems and opportunities on the spot.

These Liaison Members, together with the Chairmen of the Regional Committees and the Arab Regional Group, form the Promotion Committee. It meets immediately before the World Committee and obtains up-to-date reports on projects and schemes, considers applications for financial assistance for this work and generally plans the way Thinking Day Funds will be utilised. The Promotion Committee also receives reports from the Director and staff members who have visited different parts of the world, and so it is able to give realistic plans and information to the World Committee from the people who have been there and who know!

Then we come to the World Bureau in London and its Branch Office in New York. The Director and her multinational staff make the administrative arrangements for the World Conference and World Committee meetings, producing the required documentation (World Bureau circulars go in the three official languages: English, French and Spanish). They work with the World Committee Members closely in arranging events, and in giving technical advice to the various sub-committees.

The many financial transactions, in numerous currencies, are arranged here; the World Association publications (including *Trefoil Round the World, The Council Fire* and *Newsletter*) are prepared; liaison with other international organisations is maintained; WAGGGS Teams of representatives at the United Nations and its agencies in Geneva, Paris and New York are briefed, the work of WAGGGS Travelling Trainers is co-ordinated; close relations are developed with all our National Organisations and special help is given to those countries working towards membership of the World Association.

So this is a brief picture of our World Association and the place of the World Conference, the World Committee, its sub-Committees, and the World Bureau, within the World Association. All have their particular role, all complement each other, and we believe the result is as simple and flexible a system as possible, actively involved in the promotion of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting around the world.

Director of the World Bureau (Lyn Joynt)

# home and

**Gateway Clubs** 

In 1966 the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children formed the National Federation of Gateway Clubs to provide leisure-time activities for the mentally handicapped. Today there are 306 Clubs affiliated to the Federation serving the mentally handicapped throughout England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. With a membership of 16,000 over 4,500 people are involved with organising and running these Clubs. The Gateway Federation is always in need of people willing to help regularly in Clubs, or co-operate in special projects to help the mentally handicapped lead a fuller and more enjoyable life.

If you would like more details about the work of the Federation, please contact: Miss Frances Dale, National Federation of Gateway Clubs, 17 Pembridge Square, London W2 4EP. Telephone: 01-229 8941.

#### **Protect Your Home**

When you leave your home for work do you telegraph that the place is empty? Do you leave windows open, notes for delivery men, tools lying about that could be used to gain entry? A new booklet published by the Central Office of Information points out these and other signs that tell a prospective thief that he can enter freely. Also included are examples of locks, points to remember when leaving a car or bicycle and what to tell the police when you report an incident. This leaflet, Protect Your Home, will probably be put through your letterbox, but if you would like further copies write to Mr C R Jones, Home Office, Whitehall, London, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope not smaller than 6 ins by 84 ins.

#### World Environment Day

To mark World Environment Day on 5th June, an exhibition and film show was organised at the Commonwealth Institute. The 28 minute film, in 16 mm colour sound, is titled It's All Man Made, and shows how environmental problems are faced and overcome by tracing the progress of the River Trent in its 128-mile journey to the sea. The before and after photographs on this page show how industrial pollution can be reversed and transformed into an amenity. Copies of the film are available on free loan from various centres. For further information contact the Film Section, Department of Environment, Thames House South, Millbank, London, SWI.

Two leaflets given away at the exhibition, and of great use to Guiders in their conservation activities, are: The Environment – Great Britain (dealing with various aspects of pollution and preservation) and Plant a Tree, full of practical advice. Both leaflets give lists of further reading and sources of further information. For copies of both leaflets write to: Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1.



Before (left), and after (right).

#### Living Christianity

When your recruits are learning the Promise do they ask questions that you can't answer?

Lee Abbey in North Devon are organising a weekend course at Ashburnham Place, near Battle, Sussex. From November 22nd to 24th, you can join with others to think and talk about living and being a Christian. The course is open to Scouters and Guiders over  $17\frac{1}{2}$  and there is limited accommodation for families. If you would like further information and an application form write to the Secretary, Lee Abbey, Lynton, North Devon.

#### Aid For Handicapped

A new booklet, Help for Handicapped People, has been published by the Department of Health and Social Security and the Welsh Office. It explains what financial help, doctor and hospital services are available for handicapped people. The booklet concerns industrial injury and war injury as well as sickness and health disabilities. If you would like a copy of this booklet ask at your local Social Security Office or Social Services Department.

#### **Rural Conservation**

Today when most of us are aware of the need for conservation, many of us are taking an active part in this worthwhile battle. But enthusiasm does wane and one way to put life back into your efforts is to learn that other people are also joining the battle, and what their projects are. To this end the Council for the Protection of Rural England publish a bi-monthly bulletin which contains ideas and reports of groups' activities. If you would like copies of this bulletin or further information about the Council, write to them at 4 Hobart Place, London SWIW OHY.

#### International Help

Help the Aged has long been helping the elderly abroad as well as in the British Isles. Now, since the beginning of June, it is an International Organisation. One of the main advantages is that fund raising can now take place in other countries. At a conference to mark the occasion, Mr Hugh Falkner told delegates, 'The aged must be allowed to live their lives to the full and not be put in comfortable homes and treated as a race apart. We need them as badly as they need us.' If you would like to know of ways you can help, or would like a copy of their Annual Report write to Help the Aged, 8-10 Denman Street, London W1A 2AP.



**Canoeing Course** 

Are any members of your Unit canoeists? The British Schools Canoeing Association are holding a Northern Area Rally at Leicester on 28th and 29th September. A Camping site on the banks of the River Soar will be available and activities including orienteering, slalom practice, rolling and rescue practice and competitions. If you are interested write for information to J E Saunders, Education Department, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RF.

#### In Memoriam

The death on 18th April, of Mrs Elizabeth Heke was deeply felt by all members of Hampshire East, for whom she was County Secretary.

Elizabeth had been Guiding almost all her life, having been a Brownie, Guide and Ranger. Then followed war service, after which she devoted her time to her marriage and small son. In 1966 she became Lieutenant of 1st Bedhampton and later Captain of 4th Bedhampton Guide Companies until January 1972 when she was appointed County Secretary to Hampshire East. Despite ill-health her interests were wide and varied, and she tackled everything she undertook with a quiet but efficient thoroughness.

The affection and esteem in which she was held, were very much reflected in the people from all aspects of her life, who filled the village church for her funeral service. She will be sadly missed, and our sympathy goes out to her husband and family.

It is with deep regret that Gillingham West District report the death of Miss N Knight in May after a painful illness bravely borne. She had been in Guiding nearly sixty years and held the Laurel Award. Her loss will be greatly felt by her many friends in Guiding from Brownies, Guides and Guiders to the Trefoil Guild and Guide Associates.

We extend our sympathy to her family.

The death has occurred at her home in Newport of Miss Mary G Williams. Starting as a Lieutenant in 1919 with the Alma St Baptist Church Company in Newport, Mary Williams gave over 50 years service to the Movement. She formed a Brownie Pack at the Church in 1922, and in 1929 was appointed Captain of the Company.

In 1941 she was appointed District Commissioner for Newport South. Under reorganisation in 1948 she became the first Assistant Division Commissioner of the new Newport Division, and later the Division Commissioner until her retirement in 1969.

An ardent and qualified Camper, Miss Williams was still testing Guides at Camp in her seventies. She continued serving the County on the Executive as an Assistant Treasurer and Census Recorder until her death.

Miss Williams a former teacher, influenced the lives of hundreds of girls who received instruction and advice from her. GA

# BROWNIE

SOMETIMES think that Brownie Guiders would qualify as members of the Womble family, those cuddly characters who spend their lives collecting what is called 'litter' or 'rubbish' but which is to us, a find. Something we can turn into a Brownie game, or the Brownies into

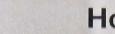
an attractive model!

Boxes of all kinds can be so useful, especially if there is a pretty picture on the outside, and some are even without a picture or writing! One of my most useful 'finds' are those little boxes which my local Art shop would otherwise throw away when they have taken out the tubes of paint to sell. They come in thick cardboard of various sizes and often with sections as well. I think my second most useful 'find' would be old tickets issued for Bazaars or dances.

From items of this sort, many Brownie games can be made which will help the Brownies learn and have fun at the same time.

It is sometimes difficult to be really original when making up games for the Brownies, but mine enjoy variations of old games as well as new ideas. Card games, jigsaws and lotto are well-tried ideas, and require less time in explanation for a single-handed Brownie Guider.

A few days ago, I was forced to meet in a place without storage facilities, and realised that I should have to streamline my equipment as I should have to carry it about half a mile each week. I used an old curtain to make bags to hold all my games. They will hang around the



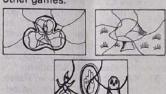
Training Ideas

### **Hoarding Treasure**

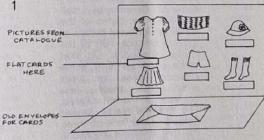
All the games are put into old envelopes or little boxes with a post card or Christmas card picture on the



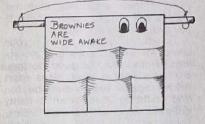
front. Old catalogues will often supply relevant pictures for this and many other games.



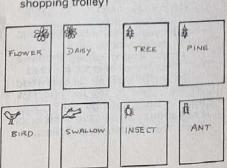
From old tickets two favourite games are: Nature snap made like those at bottom of page and help at home dominoes (above).

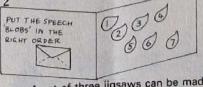


Make flat cards for the 'learning to pack a case 'game like this: Fold in half, then in half again. Make sure it is dry before you pack it.



room on anything available and at the end of the meeting, the Brownies can quickly remove the rods and tie up the bags neatly with the cord to pack them into my shopping trolley!





A set of three jigsaws can be made using a sticky label over the back of a post card with a suitable picture for those using the first Pocket book.

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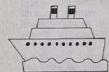
Larger cards such as found in cereal packets, shirt boxes and packets of

Pam Fountain

tights also have many possibilities.

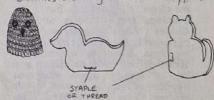
Two games to help (1) those learning to pack a case and (2) those using a telephone for the first time.

With a large piece of card a health crossword can be made, and the letters to put on it made from tiny squares – never throw away even a small offcut!



Make up ship which is cut in pieces.
Turn each section to find ideas for doing your best

eg A Brownie respects the countryside Brownies are thoughtful to elderly people



Another small piece of card will make a ship, cut into pieces. When these are turned over there will be ideas of ways in which a Brownie may Do her Best. Or tiny pieces of felt can be saved for features on finger puppets which can be crocheted from a small quantity of wool (above right).

Most children love tiny things including tiny books. Mine like to take home a small book in which to record progress of a plant or animal. These

can be made again from a very small amount of paper and shaped for interest.

There seem to be endless uses for polystyrene trays on which foods are packed. I use one for a tray for a game of Keep Fit Tiddlywinks. Divide the tray into sections with a felt pen placing in the sections. Flip a tiddlywink on to the tray, turn over the card on which it lands — do the challenge, eg Skip, fancy steps ten times each, bounce and catch a ball against a wall ten times.

I've just bought strawberries in such an attractive plastic basket, I am sure there must be a Brownie use for it. Any ideas?

# The Message on the Clubroom Door Elizabeth Smith

Have You noticed how each month seems to have a temperament all its own? Thinking of you all reading this article during August conjures up idyllic pictures of you flicking through the pages of Guider on some sundrenched beach in Italy, or enjoying a sand and something sandwich on one of the beaches of Devon or maybe catching the warm evening sun as Mr Guider mows the last corner of the lawn. It is highly probable that none of these situations fits yours at this moment, but I think that you would agree that the name August somehow goes with sea, and sand and the distant sound of lawns being mown.

What of September? That has a name with more of a bustle and start to it. Things begin to happen again in September, Guide meetings included. But the evenings are still light, and the Guides do welcome the opportunity to get out during the meetings. There is a restriction about getting back to school and into a routine again after the freedom of August. As well as this keeness to be out and about, I do find with my own Unit that the Patrols often change around a little in September and new Leaders are elected, who need more help with being Leaders

What, then, can be included in the Unit programme to get the new session, the new Patrols and the new Leaders off to a good start? One possible answer is Trails.

Trails are very versatile and will adapt to fit any circumstance. They can be long or short, simple or complicated, in town or country, planned or spontaneous, for one Patrol or several.

What kind of Trails do Guides enjoy? Here are some I have found successful with a variety of Units—

1) Clues – the illustration on page 39 of the Guider's Handbook, which inspires the title for this article, shows how the first clue could be given. Each clue could lead on to the next spot, where a question can be answered, eg 'Go towards the south, to where the sailing ship rides high'. This would take the Guides to The Ship Inn, where they open clue number 2, and so on, round the trail.

2) Pictures or Photographs this trail would be similar to above, but the clues are in picture form. Here the pictures could be photographs of actual spots, or pictures cut from magazines or drawn out. Do be careful of detail here, though, if the church you have included on the trail has a spire, don't show one with a tower. One Patrol will be sure to walk the three miles to the church which has got a tower! This can adapted very well with natural objects, and really gets the Guides to look for the unusual and hidden

Woodcraft trails - These can be trails of the woodcraft tracking signs, made with stone, sticks and other natural objects. But unless you can use an area that will be fairly undisturbed, this kind of trail is very liable to alteration by small 'helpful' boys. Some of the tracking signs are shown at the top of page 100 of the Guide Handbook. On that same page are also some splendid ideas for trails which are much less obvious to the uninitiated. The trail of small stones lodged in the fork of trees, the trail of leaves snipped in a certain way, the trail of a leaf between two stones, and many others - all good ideas, needing equipment, but plenty of thought and observation.



4) Chalk – I would certainly not recommend a trail made with chalked markings, but a small mark of brown or green chalk, low down on a tree trunk can make a very effective secret trail sign. It is also one which is quickly laid, and disappears at the first rain shower.

Bicycle – After a rain-fall a good trail can be made with a bicycle with clear tyre markings. The route has to be carefully chosen to go through muddy patches. But this trail can be fun to lay and to follow.



Map or Compass - The kind of country you are working in will tend to dictate how much detail needs to be put on to the map. In a town area, with well defined streets it is often enough to mark the roads and the starting point only. In a country area, details may more needed. The map can have the places along the route of the trail marked with a cross to be identified as the Patrol follows the trail. As an alternative, the trail can be given in compass directions, eg Walk 145 paces to the SE, 68 paces to the SW.

So the idea for trails can go on. Once you get trying some, you will think of more adaptions, and the Guides will come up with others, if you give them the chance.

So why not include some in your plans for your September meetings? Trails would be good starters, until the Patrols own plans start ticking again. They would be fun and could be introduced in many different ways with sealed orders, codes, etc. They would also be a good way to start training the new Patrol Leaders, by giving reminders:

(a) keeping all the Patrol together, or in groups, so as not to leave one Guide by herself.

(b) being careful of other people's property.

(c) keeping to time limits and to boundaries.

(d) thinking ahead, eg choose a safe spot to cross the road.

So shake that bit of seaweed off the edges of *Guider*, and flick the grass cuttings off your Programme Book and think of Trails Your Guides Could Follow.

## Ranger Records

Hilary Brown

RECORDS | Records | Records | Oh, how deadly dull you may say. The chances are that many people feel records and record keeping to be dull and boring. Then there are those whose eyes light up and enthusiasm pours out at the very mention. The records we are considering here are rather special, they concern our Rangers and their own personal progress and their own Unit and its progress. Very special as far as we all are concerned particularly when, we as Guiders, are charged with the constant assessment of each girl in our Unit. Some details may be required to be kept only by the Guider and others only by the Rangers, and it is hoped to provide a few ideas on how these 'necessary chores' may be achieved in a pleasant and economical way to ensure we have plenty of time left for Rangering after the chores completed.

Firstly let us think about the girl coming into our Unit, where has she come from Perhaps a super Guide Company where the Patrols do record their own progress through the Eight Point Programme, and each individual member is encouraged to plan ahead and at the end of the year know just how far she, as an individual, has progressed. Not much need to worry in that case perhaps, but what about the girl new to the Movement who does not know what we mean when we talk of progression through the Eight Points'. She is much more likely to find this a pest and tend not to bother, thus at the end of the year not remembering what she has done. I think we must appreciate the demands made on our must appreciate the demands made on our Rangers time by school work, college work and other clubs to which they may belong. In the progression of individuals I think we the Guiders need to keep a card for each girl in our Unit giving necessary information about her, making sure we keep up to date with what each individual has participated in. Alternative to the card system could be just a small note book where we enter each week what the main activities were and who was there joining in. The disadvantage of the note book is that you will have to 'plough' through it and extract each girl's progress whereas if you have cards it is only one entry onto each girl's card, this then provides the Unit with a full picture of what each member has achieved. These cards may be kept by the Unit Guiders and not available to the Unit, or they may be used by the Unit committee when assessing an individual persons progress. I hope the Unit committee do their share of this most important work of assessment and don't leave it all to the Guiders! Guiders may in fact like to have both the cards and a notebook system together - the cards being available to the Unit Committee as previously mentioned and the notebook merely for the Guiders own use. The Guider may wish to record in this notebook, things which may be of use to her sometime, perhaps when considering an individual member of her Unit for an exciting opportunity abroad. At this stage the Guider may wish to consult her own record (containing a few more general details) of the girl and her home and outside interests,

Now perhaps we should think more specifically about those records which are kept by the Rangers. Some Units will have much more than others in the way of records however, this does not always indicate more efficiency but just more interest in attempting to keep records.

Whether a lot or a little the records should be meaningful, determined by the Unit committee and maintained by the Rangers themselves. Let us then look at those records which must be kept, the accounts. Here we should find an accurate up to date record of all the Unit income and expenditure. Obviously this is a most important part of our Unit records and should be kept by the Ranger elected to act as Treasurer for the Unit. She should perhaps in a legal Unit has perhaps in a large Unit have an assistant, to maintain the continuity. It is a good move to have an older Ranger as Treasurer and a younger Ranger as Assistant; this ensures that there is always someone with an interest in the finances learning to carry on as one leaves to go to college or university or perhaps work away from home. However the Ranger Guider needs to have access to the account books periodically, and to give guidance if requested to do so by the Rangers. It should also be noted that where bank books are involved, while the Rangers may be left to carry out the transactions the Ranger Guider or Assistant should be one of the required signatories and therefore in the 'know' when monies are being used and for what purpose. Having a Guider as a signatory also ensures that the money does not become unavailable due to a Ranger having left and the bank not having been informed, and a new person appointed. Often a Ranger Unit will need to have a petty cash book as well as the main accounts. This should be decided by the Rangers and maintained by them. I would suggest that not more than five pounds should be kept in this way. If subscriptions are collected weekly then they may be collected and kept in the cash box and banked in units of five pounds. This of course depends on the decision made by the



Unit. The main thing to be remembered both by Ranger and Guider is that records of this nature are most important because of the responsibility for other people's money.

Attendance is another record which is necessary. This may be kept in chart form on the wall in your headquarters — each girl making a tick against her name and in the appropriate date column when present. This

same record could be in a book and again self recording in the way described. Any member of the Unit may be asked to give oversight to this record, seeing that lines are ruled if necessary and that it is available at every meeting.

The Unit Secretary should be responsible for the safe keeping and accurate recording in the Unit Committee Minute Book. A good choice of Secretary may well be a girl who is hoping to become a secretary later on, as a career, and is studying shorthand and typing. By choosing a secretary carefully the experience can help the Ranger herself a great deal, at the same time serve the Unit as well.



At this stage you may feel that is all we need in our Unit, but often it is a good idea to include in your records a Programme Book. A Unit which is truly self programming, will, I feel sure wish to include some form of record of the Programme. Again it can be kept in a variety of ways; either a conventional note book, maybe allowing a double page per meeting night, on one side record the programme as planned and on the other side the programme that actually happened. Perhaps a simple method is a planner type of diary, each week ruled off and again record programme planned and underneath record what actually happened. This type of record can prove extremely useful when Rangers are planning their programme, to ensure all Eight Points are covered in a given period of time. A Unit may also wish to keep a Log Book: this would be a more chatty and informative story of happenings and not just bare facts. Log Books can be most interesting and many older Units have most interesting old records in the Log Book format.

Each and every Unit chooses just how far it will extend its record keeping, and much depends on the size of the Unit and the manpower availability. Perhaps we all should bear in mind the three C's - clear, correct and concise - which may help us to avoid record keeping becoming a chore, and instead allow it to be a pleasure for those whose aptitudes allow them to contribute to their Unit in this way.

# OISTRICT

Training for the Commissioner and her team of Guiders

#### Some Aspects of the Commissioner's Job (2)

#### The AGM

THE MONTH of August approaches, the District Commissioner thinks, often with a sigh of relief, of the school holidays. No weekly meetings for the next six or eight weeks so perhaps one can put one's feet up and enjoy a well earned rest!

But wait! What are the Companies and Packs doing during their weeks of freedom from school? This is the time for Company Camps, Pack Holidays, day outings to the country or to explore a different town. The Rangers are off on all sorts of adventures - holidays abroad, Camps to clean up litter in the National Parks, voluntary camps to help old people, small children, or dig for Roman remains. Wonderful, you think, lots of time to enjoy themselves and to help others! One really can relax!

Out comes the deck chair. The sun is just right for a lazy afternoon in the garden. The flowers are at their best not a weed in sight! Your mind drifts lazily on, the AGM wasn't too bad this year, having Mark Bates to talk about his hobby was a good idea, a man always helps the meeting! Perhaps next year - but that is still eight months away, no need to panic yet! Still, you will read the report; 6th Company had a Camp at Bath, 12th Pack had a wonderful Pack Holiday in Wales. The Rangers went up to Yorkshire to help clean up the National Park and dig for Roman remains'. The usual Guiders will be at the meeting. You will invite the President, the local Trefoil Guild, the Minister, etc. Perhaps a film might be an idea, then a cup of coffee and

Yes, that will be another AGM over, thank goodness! Do you remember that first AGM you attended as a young Guider? Miss Potts was DC then and rambled on about Camps, and Pack Holidays, and good turns etc, and then there were more speeches and Lady Sarah said what a grand job we were all doing! Gosh! It was dull! Remember slipping off when the cup of tea was being served and when you met Fred telling him what a pity it was that a year of fun and exciting Guiding was all condensed into a boring hour of dull speeches? And his reply 'At least that won't happen when you are DCI' How



vears and you DC did say last AGM? (What happened the fun and excitement dear?) Hus-

#### **Doris Simpson**

Goodness, what has happened to the fun? Those dull words covered all the fun and adventure of Camps. The never-to-be-forgotten that happened at Pack Holidays, or when the Rangers tried out their schoolgirl French in Paris. Fred was right, something must be done about it. Where does one start, and when? The answer to that is NOW. First, a mental review of the Guiders in the District. You are fairly lucky, you have a good backbone of dependable enthusiastic Guiders, but there are one or two problems. What can one do with Miss Crabb who never takes Guides to Camp because she thinks it



is all hard work for the Guider and holiday for the Guides? That report from the 6th Company would make a wonderful display and help to change her ideas. The Guider's husband could enlarge those gorgeous photographs and the girls' reports could be pinned underneath them. How proud the two ex-Brownies were to be chosen to make the Guider's morning cuppa even if it did take them an hour - but the Guiders would never have dreamt of breaking the unwritten law by getting up to help them. That Company really does run on Patrol lines! How on earth did those girls keep the final 'thank-you' party a secret? Everyone in the village enjoyed their Camp fire and concert!

And then there are the Misses Primm, sure that all their Brownies would be home-sick should they risk taking them away on holiday. That film of the 12th Pack would do a lot to disperse that fear. Perhaps if Margaret would give a talk on the Guiders Pack Holiday Training weekend they would also have a better idea of what would be expected of them and what training is available to help them.

As for Beth, a short talk from one of the 4th Ranger Unit, together with

Rangers would not be facing a 'fate worse than death' should they venture from our British shores to visit the Continent. The 5th Ranger Unit might also sing some of the songs they learnt International Camp attended in Yorkshire, and display their scrap books containing the reports of Roman finds they made and the research they have done since on this

The Brownies did those wonderful folk dances from the four corners of the earth' at the Church Garden Fete. It is a pity more people couldn't have seen their lovely costumes, perhaps they would repeat the programme for us they would love that!

The 11th Company have been receiving lessons from the cook up at the Hall - I'm sure they'd love to show off their skills - a buffet lunch perhaps? What a variety of things are happening in our District. It is almost a shame to keep them to ourselves. After all, most of the Guiders already know how busy their fellow-Guiders are, but how about the parents or the general public? Can we make a real family day of it? We usually have the small Church hall but we might get the school hall if we ensure all will be left clean afterwards. Which Company was it that decided they would explore the field of handcrafts this winter? Their Guider asked if their work could be put to some useful purpose and we could certainly do with a boost to District funds. We could have a Coffee morning with stalls! The Rangers would be glad of an opportunity to display the blankets they have been making for OXFAM and make known their need for more wool. A day like this would draw our Guide family together - a happy occasion for any District, but one like ours that is rather spread-out would enjoy it even more.

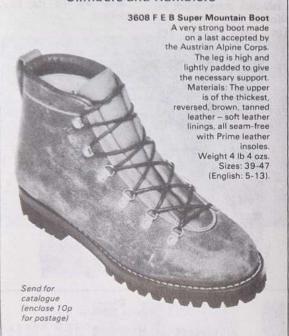
One's head is bursting with ideas! We must have an early meeting for the Guiders too. They are sure to have lots more ideas. But first, they must all be alerted so that they record things as they happen on this year's holidays and they all begin to think about the idea. There is nothing worse than calling a meeting and then finding everyone's mind has gone blank when the idea is

sprung on them.

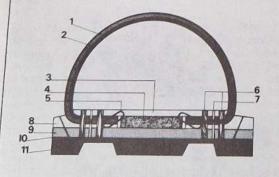
Once we get going arrangements can all be left safely in the hands of my dear efficient secretary. One must remember that it is the duty of the DC to be available on The Day' so that any Guider can have those few words with her. A harrassed and distracted DC is no help to her District at all. Not that it means one can shirk the hard work of preparation, but with all working together we could have fun, and that is where all this

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#### Birthday Honours for Guiding

All members of the Movesend their gratulations to Miss N L Matthews, Brownie Guider for the 42nd and 49th Portsmouth Brownie Packs, who was awarded the MBE for service to handicapped children and the Guide Movement in Hampshire'. Miss Matthews first held a warrant in 1919 and she has worked with handicapped Rangers. Sea Rangers and Guide. Her present Brownie Packs are for handicapped Brownies, and for many years she has organised holidays children at the Cerebral Palsy Unit, Cosham.

We also congratulate Miss S J Arnold, of New South Wales, Australia, who has been awarded the British Empire Medal for 'service to Girl Guides' and Mrs Doreen Allen, of New Zealand, awarded the British Empire Medal for 'service to Guiding '.

#### A Further Opportunity for Commissioners

Following the success of non-residential day training course for Commissioners held here at CHQ in

#### International Scout and Guide Club

Meetings take place every Monday, 8.0 pm at Baden-Powell House, Queens Gate, London. All visitors are welcome. Programmes for August include: 5th: Film evening. 12th: Come All Ye! 19th: to be arranged; 24th to 26th: Walking and Pot Holing weekend in Yorkshire.

#### The Scout and **Guide Trust Fund**

On 28th June, 1974 the value of a share in the above Fund was: for selling purposes 26.18p, for buying purposes 27.50p, interest only yield 7.64%.

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the Spring, we have arranged a further course for the coming Autumn.

This will take place at CHQ on six Wednesdays from 23rd October to 27th November inclusive. starting at 10.30 am and ending at 3.30 pm. The course is intended as a general one based on the work of a District Commissioner, but many aspects will be of interest and value to all Commissioners. There will again be opportunities to see the work of the various Departments of CHQ and to talk with those who actually deal with such subjects as Public Relations, Insurance, Registrations, Training/Programme, Periodicals, etc.

The Fee for the course will be £1.50 or 30p per separate session plus VAT. This fee will include the provision of coffee and tea. Lunch may be purchased in the CHQ restaurant.

Numbers for the course will be limited and applications will be accepted in order of receipt. Forms can be obtained from the Training Secretary, The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

#### Guide Handbook reaches One Million

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written a special message, and there will be a £10 voucher given away in the

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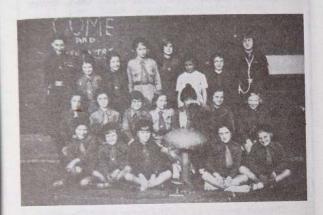
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On Sunday, 8th Septemher, the Guides of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, will hold a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Guiding in the town. They would like to extend an invitation to anyone who has at any time been a member of the Movement in Marlow District to join them. The service will be held at All Saints parish church at 3.00 pm, and refreshments will be available in the Guide Hall afterwards. Would anyone wishing to attend please contact:

Miss J M Smith, Portelet, Cromwell Gardens, Marlow. Tel: Marlow 3965.

## Youth in Britain Walkabout

Her Majesty The Queen shaking hands with Moira Tout, Brownie of Cheshunt (ten). Watching are (from left to right) Lindsey Mansell, Ranger, of Bishop's Stortford (18); Susan Leach, Guide, of Hemel Hempstead (13); and Mrs Jane Walter, Guider, of Luton. At the King George's Jubilee Trust Reception, 'Youth in Britain Walkabout' on 23rd May, thirty youth organisations were represented and presented to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.





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Left is a photograph of the 1st North Bromley-by-Bow Brownie Pack taken in 1934. I would be interested to know whether any of these Brownies have become Guiders, and should anybody recognise themselves I would be very pleased to hear from them. My maiden name was Rita Arter, so perhaps somebody may remember the name, if not the face.

Rita Piller (Mrs)
Thorpe Bay, Essex.



The Flour Advisory Bureau have just published a new booklet, *Plan a Menu Guide*. It is divided into sections for groups 11 to 16-years-old, over 16, meals for elderly folk, and meals for the weight conscious. Each section contains a week's menus and recipes. The recipes list the ingredients for groups of 12, 24 and 100. This booklet would be useful for anyone trying to sort out menus and new recipes for any Camp, whether it is a small weekend variety or the large District kind. If you would like a copy of this booklet fill in the form and send it to The Flour Advisory Bureau, Catering, 21 Arlington Street, London SW1A 1RN. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope not smaller than 8 in by 6 in.

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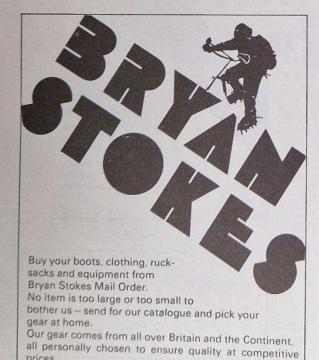
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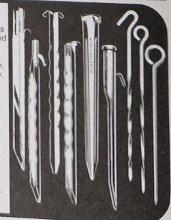
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# HEADQUARTERS' INSURANCE POLICIES

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The Guiders' Indemnity Policy
The Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Policy.
Premiums: Commonwealth Headquarters pays the premium in respect of both policies. Who is covered?

The total active membership of the Association in the United Kingdom and the British Guides in Foreign (a) Countries

Any Guides of other countries who are visiting the United Kingdom on an official Guide invitation.

Trefoil Guild members when helping temporarily with (b)

active Guiding or when attending organised Guild gatherings.

Non-Guide helpers when undertaking any specific voluntary service in connection with any Guiding (d)

Notes:

Members suffering from any form of physical disability are covered under the policies except for any claim arising directly or indirectly from such disability. There is no provision for:-(2)

Ex-members who are not Trefoil Guild (a)

members. Paid workers.

It is not a condition of eligibility that the member must be in uniform at the time of the incident which gives rise to a claim, but the policies only apply when a member is participating in a recognised Guiding

#### PERSONAL ACCIDENT AND MEDICAL **EXPENSES POLICY (Moral Liability)**

This insurance is not a full cover against accident or illness, and members desiring this are advised to cover themselves adequately by personal insurance.

The policy will pay the sums within its limits in respect of any injuries sustained through accident occurring during any organised Guiding activities including the necessary travel thereto and therefrom, and any illness which may be contracted during the period of any Guide Camp, Pack Holiday or visit abroad

Holiday, or visit abroad. Although compensation can be claimed under the Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Policy for accidents which may occur, it should be borne in mind that the schedule of compensation is limited.

Exposure is not covered unless it is a direct result of an

insured peril, i.e. accident or illness.

Claims: Commonwealth Headquarters must be notified immediately an accident or illness occurs. Failure to comply with this within seven days may invalidate the claim when made.

A Guider may correspond direct with Commonwealth Headquarters unless within the County a particular desire is expressed for claims to go through other channels. (It is usual for a Guider to inform her Commissioner of any incident occurring which involves illness or accidental injury to persons or damage to property.) A Guider who incurs expenses or feels morally responsible for expenses incurred should claim under this policy. It is not dependent on the attitude of the parents as to whether a claim is made or not. A claim form will be sent to the Guider to be filled in; this *must* be returned to Commonwealth Headquarters immediately and all bills and accounts for expenses incurred must be sent as soon as possible. When arranging treatment, Guiders and parents should first take all possible steps to obtain such treatment under the National Insurance Act.

#### Schedule of Compensation

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Medical and other expenses including loss of deposits, as follows:-

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(iii)

Insured Person.

Cancellation or curtailment of scheduled public transport services consequent upon strikes, riots and civil commotions provided the announcement or outbreak of the strike (iv) occurs after the insurance is effected.

To pay additional repatriation expenses where applicable necessarily incurred by the Insured Person consequent upon death, sudden illness or injury of the Insured Person's husband, wife, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, child, brother, sister, fiancée resident in

the United Kingdom.

To pay additional travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the Insured Person consequent upon the cancellation or curtailment of scheduled public transport services caused by riots, strikes or commoditions commoditions commoditions. civil commotions commencing during the period of insurance

Underwriters' Limit of Liability in the aggregate under Sections 8 (a), 8 (b) and 8 (c) £10 any one Insured Person\*.

To pay medical, hospital and treatment expenses and additional hotel and repatriation costs where applicable necessarily incurred by the Insured Person

To pay reasonable travel and hotel expenses of an insured Person, relative or Officer who is required to travel to, remain with or escort a severely incapacitated Insured Person.

With regard to Sub-Sections 8 (d) and 8 (e) Underwriters will only be liable:

Following an ACCIDENT or By reason of ILLNESS (common to both sexes) arising during participation in any recognised or official indoor or outdoor Camp. training course or other activity involving domicile away from home. Provided always that the illness be diagnosed or the indisposition be such as to require initial treatment during the period of Camp, Course or Activity, but in no case shall the benefit extend to infectious contagious diseases developing after the individual concerned has left the scene of

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N.B. No claim arises for services rendered under the National Services Act, 1946.

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By accident or illness as defined by Benefit 8.

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In respect of Accidents and/or Illness occasioned outside the British Isles the following amended limits apply:

(i) Benefit 1 increased to £300

(ii) Benefit 8 increased to £200 (iii) Sub Limit applicable to Sections 8 (a), 8 (b) and 8 (c) increased to £50.

No separate premium is required for these additional benefits which will automatically apply to all recognised parties.

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#### **GUIDERS' INDEMNITY POLICY** (Legal Liability)

This policy provides reasonable cover for all liabilities in respect of:

(a)

Injury to any member of the Movement during her organised Guiding activities.

Legal hability to the public for personal injury or property damage by reason of any proved negligence on the part of a member in the course of normal Guiding activities.

Rallies and Fêtes: Under (b) this applies to forms of public entertainment, organised by any Guide Unit or District, ie dances, whist drives, concerts, displays or similar functions, in or out of doors.

Flying: Guiders should in no circumstances allow any girl to take a flight by aeroplane or glider until she has produced a completed form signifying a parent's consent. The form should be kept by the Guider.

A warning re signing of Indemnities: It is pointed out to Guiders that under no circumstances should they undertake to give written indemnity to anyone without consulting Commonwealth Headquarters as by doing so without first obtaining permission they may jeopardise the protection afforded by the Guiders' Indemnity Policy.

Claims: If any allegation is made against a Guider in respect of an accident or damage to property, Commonwealth Headquarters should be notified immediately and full details

No liability of any sort should be incurred or admitted or any offer of payment made, without written consent from Commonwealth Headquarters or the Underwriters with whom the insurance is placed.

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EUROPE ONLY	£500	£0.60	£0.65	£0.70	£0.75	£0.60		
	£750	£1.00	£1.05	£1.10	£1.15	£1.00		
	£1,000	£1.20	£1.30	£1.40	£1.50	£1.20		
	£1,500	£1.40	£1.60	£1.80	£2.00	£1.40		

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3, \*\* Money and Traveller's Cheques (Limit £500 per person) 30p per £100 Sum Insured up to 1 month and 5p per £100 for each additional week thereafter.

\*\* Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Laos, Cambodia and Northern Ireland are excluded unless due to Hi-jack, force majeure or the scheduled transit or stopover not exceeding 24 hours of an aircraft or vessel in which the Insured Person is travelling. Underwriters will quote an additional premium to give full cover in these countries if warded to CHQ.

HOW TO APPLY

Any Guider may apply herself to attend a training course at the Centres, provided she has reached the minimum age of 18 years. (At the discretion of the Commissioner a member aged 17½ who is working on the Adult Leader's Certificate may also apply for a Guider course.)

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 addressed stamped 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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The Fee Bursary entitles a Guider to a grant of £1.50 for a two-day weekend and 50p for each additional day.

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HOW TO APPLY: Full details of the conditions of issue and how to apply are available from the Training Department,

CHQ. No application form is necessary, and District Commissioners may apply behalf of their Guiders, after they have been accepted for the training, direct to the Training Department; Scottish Commissioners should write to Scottish Headquarters. In the case of county weekends Commissioners should apply to their County Training Chair-man/Adviser. Except in very special circumstances, on the recommendation of her Commissioner, a Bursary cannot be issued to a Guider who has previously had one, nor can one Guider receive a Fee and Fare Bursary.

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DECEMBER

Trainers (Emphasis 6-8 on training in the Brownie Guide Section)

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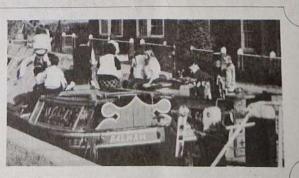
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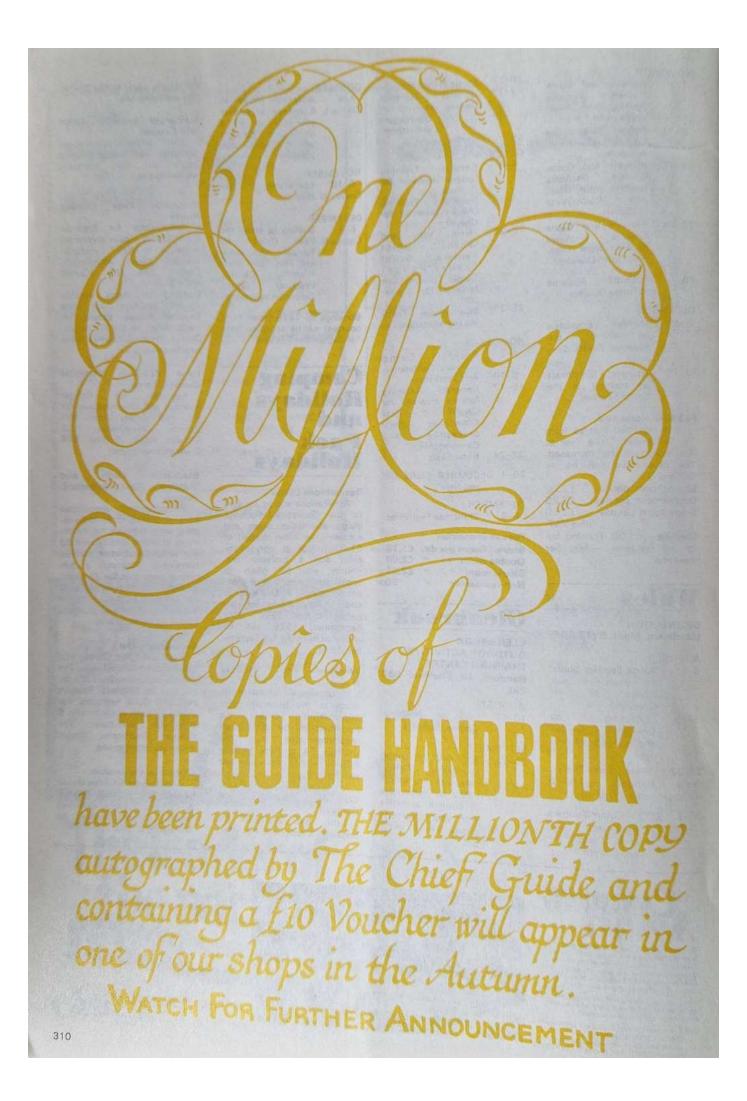


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# Shornmead District Knockout

In May of this year members of the Shornmead District of Gravesend, Kent, held an 'It's a Knockout' competition. Everyone enjoyed themselves as these pictures show, and side-shows raised money for District funds.







#### Visit to York

On 11th May York was invaded by a party of 380 members of the Chadkirk Division of the County of Stockport, visiting that city for the day. The blue and brown river stretched as far as the eye could see, as we made our way directly to the Minster, where we were privileged to have our short prayer service taken by the Chancellor of the Minster, Canon Cant, who accepted, on behalf of the Minster Chapter, a presentation set of six of the new Guide goblets, from the Division at the hands of Mrs M Lambert, the Division Commissioner.

The rest of the day was spent visiting museums, having a trip on the river, and all met again for a chicken salad tea, before returning along the walls to re-join the charter

train at the station.

The photograph shows Ranger showing one of the goblets to some of the Guides and Brownie Guides outside the Minster before the service.



York Evening Press



# **Dumfriesshire Girl Guides**

Upper Annandale Ranger Guides 'plant some more in '74' for Moffat District Council on the roadside between Moffat and Beattock, watched by Major Francis Moffat, Convenor of Dumfriesshire County Council, Miss Clavering, District Commissioner, and members of Moffat District Council. Twenty trees were planted to beautify this rather bare patch of road, among them purple-stemmed birch, sycamore and horse-chestnut.



Saltcoats District Brownies, Ayrshire, who collected £200 for the GFF lifeboat



WISH we could share with you some of the delightful letters that come to the Guide Friendship Fund from Brownies and Guides. Those of you who are Brownie Guiders know how gloriously direct Brownies can be and so it is with their letters. We do so enjoy them! For example:

My friend and I had a jumble sale. We made seven pounds for you to buy your lifeboat. We had it in Daddy's garage, Mummy did the teas, Love Annabel."

We had a sponsored leapfrog and made nineteen pounds. We had a lot of fun. The money is for your lifeboat. We hope you get it, From Linda." (What ever will be sponsored next?)

'We were Shiney Shoe Girls for one whole day. We shined ever so many shoes. The people had to pay to have their shoes shined and at the end of the day we had got nine pounds. I think that was very good, don't you? We hope you will get the lifeboat. Love from Julie.'

I am quite sure we shall get our lifeboat with all the splendid Brownie and Guide money-raising efforts that have been going on, and are still going on up and down the country. The children work hard enough, but great thanks and praise must also be given to Mums and Dads, Aunties and friends for being wonderfully generous sponsors, and entering into the fun (?) of jumble sales, fetes, coffee parties, etc, and helping and supporting in so many ways. At the time of writing (it is still June) we have over £3,000 toward our target of £5,000. To those of you who have already contributed and had 'a share', a very sincere thank you!

To those of you who are, perhaps, planning some holiday event, or getting up something in Camp, do remember that you can send to us for leaflets about the

RNLI and our inshore lifeboat in particular, also details of the Share Certificate scheme. And while you are in Camp or on holiday near the coast remember to visit a lifeboat station. Talking to a lifeboatman and seeing a real lifeboat makes it all so much more real.

Talking of letters we receive, may I make a plea? PLEASE, Guiders, if you have a signature that is difficult to read print your name underneath. If you knew the time it sometimes takes to decipher a signature and to make out an address I am sure you would understand my request. It's not the Brownies but the Guiders whose writing is sometimes illegible! My other request is please do not send cash through the post. I receive £5 and £1 notes, 50p and 10p coins. It is a great risk and the money might well go astray.

If any Units sent a donation toward our Guide Friendship when we first launched the appeal and did not receive a Share Certificate and would like to have one, will the Guider please write to me, quote the Number on the receipt, the name of the Unit and the amount sent. I will gladly send a Share Certificate so that the Unit has a memento of this all-exciting Lifeboat Year and our own Lifeboat. The certificates had not arrived by those first two or three weeks so I know that some people missed having these.

Very best wishes to all Camps and holidays at home or abroad and thank you again for all your support and help to the Guide Friendship Fund!

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#### BROWNIES ADOPT LIFEBOAT

Brownies try out the lifeboat (below). The Cox receives the money from the Brownies (below right).



Following the Longhope disaster the Guiders and Brownies of the 4th Ruislip Pack, Middlesex, voted to save for a new lifeboat. But because of the shortage of men to man the lifeboat in Longhope they were asked to direct their efforts elsewhere. They decided to adopt the inshore rescue boat at Shoreham-on-Sea, Sussex.

The Pack visit their lifeboat each year, taking their yearly contributions which range from £15 to £97. This is raised by bring and buy sales, 1p fairs, sponsored swims and litter collecting, to name just a few of their efforts. Last year they collected £97 which bought four sets of much needed new oilskins.

Their annual visit is the highlight of the year not only for the Pack but for the crew and their families. On these visits the Brownies are normally given a trip round the harbour in 'our' boat, and tea is kindly provided by the crew's wives.

Last year two members of the crew made a shield and presented it to the Brownies, in recognition of all the work they have done. In May this year the crew of the Shoreham lifeboat were honoured for their bravery and the coxswain received the BE Medal.



Mrs Mantell receiving the shield from a member of the crew (above). Mrs Mantell takes a trip in the lifeboat (below)





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Reflections on the Ugandan Asians' Resettlement Centre at West Malling

by Helen Grant

A CHILL WIND blows across the deserted camp, only the memories remain and will live on in the minds of those of us who were privileged to work there. Memories of brave, tragic taxes smiling through all their trials and troubles, of heartrending stories of separated families and the sight of a young girl sitting alone in the vast dining hall silently crying, frightened, and stranded in a strange world.

In the midst of all this sadness and sordidness were the children, bright eyed clean limbed and excited, they comped and laughed accepting their new way of life without question. Clearly here was a job for Guiders.

Twice weekly my car would crawl to a halt through a crowd of clamouring, chilly little girls, who seemed to appear from nowhere to greet me with a warmth and friendship that quenched any depression one felt on entering the camp. Eager hands clasped mine, others the Brownie equipment, and chattering starlings, we climbed the big concrete staircase to the room allocated for our meetings. The door was locked, the key was not on its hook and the guardian of the spare one was out of camp. We sought another room and after sweeping the remains of last nights' activities from the floor commenced our meeting with a game, but it's too good to last. Excuse me, this room is needed for an English lesson. We gather our belongings to seek yet another room.

Meetings were not always so problematical but we were continually being faced with the unexpected, and I was always grateful for the patience and flexibility of the Guides and Rangers who came regularly to help, and also our long-suffering District Commissioner.

The Asians first English Christmas came and went with a riot of Christmas treats. The longed for snow came late and was greeted with incredulity and enthusiasm by the young in heart, the novelty soon wore off as the snow turned to slush.

The coming of mild days in March gave us the opportunity of introducing the children to the wonders of an English spring, nature walks were popular, we found catkins, sticky buds, a few early primroses and daisies; later they discovered that stinging nettles stung and that blackberries were good to eat. These and other phenomena seen afresh through their eager eyes gave me a fuller realisation of the wealth and variety of our English countryside.

By Easter very few of the original families remained, their places had been taken by others coming from smaller camps. Fresh groups or individuals, hearing about our meetings, would come to join the Company or Pack. By now we had established our own enrolment ceremony and also a farewell ceremony. Nearly every week a family would leave the camp and these farewells were a mixture of joy and sadness. We were glad the child's family had found a home to go to but were sorry to say goodbye. The child would be apprehensive of what she would find beyond the shelter of the camp. We would endeavour to reassure her and send her on her way with a song and a smile and my own silent prayer that she would find a friendly Brownie Pack or Guide Company to welcome her into her new surroundings. The different religions brought fewer problems than one might have expected; if one sought the similarities and not the differences.

Our room difficulties pursued us right to the end; often the room was given to other organisations or activities without prior notice and on one occasion, after the usual key hunt, we found on opening the door that a party had been held five days previously and no one had been delegated to clear up. Cowardly I shut the door quickly and sought another room, but the Guides had more courage and got busy with brooms and mops. This was typical of the spirit of the Guide Company and the determination of the Guiders not to let anything get them down. They seemed to welcome such situations to demonstrate the meaning of service put into practice.

KAMPALA

The fuel crisis brought an abrupt end to our activities, but fortunately by then, the camp was nearly empty, only a few families remained.

So came to an end an experience I was glad to have been able to share. I richer for having known and worked with people whose life and culture is so different from our own. My thoughts are often with the children and I wonder: Are graceful Jyoti. Sandhya and transporting watchers to sunny climes and waving palm trees by their dancing and singing? Is Tahera still too shy to speak and have the Twins mastered English yet? I hear from many of the well over a hundred Brownies who passed through the camp and almost as many Guides. Hasena is the correspondent; she came to Brownies with hardly any English and would creep round the wall like a little frightened mouse too scared to join in, until one red letter day she took my hand and didn't seem to let go till the family left for Scotland. I hope they all found metaphorical hands to cling to and people who will try to understand their way of life, their problems and difficulties in adjusting to western ways. Most of all I hope they find real love that cuts through all classes, creeds and colours. Only this will, in time, wipe out the bitterness still lurking in the corners of their hearts and help them to take their place in the world in which they are going to grow up.



# WHAT'S ON V MALLIAT'C IN THE HOLIDAYS



The Colditz Exhibition at the Imperial War Museum arranged by the Radio Times.

#### Exhibitions

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Victoria and Albert Museum

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Until 25th: Lord Byron (see July Guider for further details).

Until 22nd Sept: Early Railway Prints.

Natural History Museum

A new display of birds has just been opened and there are special 'phones also at this exhibition with recordings of birds song

Science Museum

Breath of Life exhibition now open, showing the importance of oxygen and its discovery.

During Aug: Summer holiday lectures on Victorian Inventions, Arcs and Sparks, Fleece, Fibre and Fabric; Science against Crime, and Colour Television.

Until Oct: Tower Bridge Observed (see July Guider).

Until Oct: Marconi Centenary - 'I'll put a girdle around the earth'.

Bethnal Green Museum

Wedding Dresses Exhibition. Development of the white wedding gown over 200 years. Exhibits include the dresses worn by Princess Mary and the Duchess of Kent. Open 10 am - 6 pm

Canada House Gallery

Until 30th: Centenary of the Invention of the telephone.

British Museum and British Museum Library

Until 29th Sept: Modern Literary Manuscripts of Auden, Spencer, Dylan Thomas.

Until Dec: Portrait Drawings of Van Dyck, Hogarth, Rubens and many other drawings from the famous Italian, German and Dutch Schools.

Until 5th Jan, 1975: Churchill the Writer. A small exhibition of Churchill's letters.

British Craft Centre, Eartham St, WC2 Pottery, Jewellery, Glass and Weaving exhibitions. Open 10 am - 4 pm.

Heinz, Portman, W1

It's Another World until 27th Sept -Architecture of the 1951 Festival of Britain.

Imperial War Musuem, SEI

Until 29th Sept: The Colditz Escape. A special 'Radio Times' display of photographs, models, escape equipment etc plus the fabulous BBC set of the bunk house at Colditz Castle.

Hampton Court Palace

Until 27th Oct: Elizabeth R Costume exhibition from the BBC television programme. Below, Glenda Jackson in the Tilbury ' Dress.



Hampstead

Until 26th: Heath Street - Hampstead Open Air Exhibition.

Electrum Gallery

Until 14th Sept: Summer Exhibition of Contemporary Jewellery.

Commonwealth Institute

30th Aug - 22nd Sept: Trinidad Paintings and Sculpture.

#### Around the Art Galleries

You might be surprised to see how many of your Guides and Rangers will jump at the chance to visit an art gallery, especially if you are in London this summer. Perhaps Guides have been inspired by reading 'Visiting an Art Gallery '. 14th June Today's Guide? Below are just a few of the galleries running special exhibitions this

Tate Gallery

Until 18th: Stubbs and Wedgwood Exhibition.

Iveagh Bequest, Hampstead Lane NW3 Collection of pictures by Gainsborough, Reynolds, Romney, Rembrandt. Until 26th: a special summer exhibition

Artists in Rome.

Leighton House Art Gallery and Museum, Kensington

Victorian Art and House furniture. Open from 11 am - 6 pm, free admission.

Stanley Hall, George St. WI

Permanent exhibition of paintings and original designs from film and theatre productions. Open 9 am - 5.30 pm.

Lord's Gallery, Wellington Road, NW8 1,000 rare old original Posters - Lautrec to 1968. Open 10 am - 6 pm.

House Gallery, Orlean Riverside, Twickenham

Until 8th Sept: The Theatres and theatrical personalities of Richmondupon-Thames. Open 1 pm - 5.30 pm, free admission.

Of course, there is always the famous National Gallery, open 10 am - 6 pm and the National Portrait Gallery, open 10 am - 5 pm, both in Trafalgar Square, WC2. The Camera and Dr Barnardo is a special exhibition now showing at the National Portrait Gallery until 29th September.

#### Messing about on the River

From Richmond to Tower Bridge, the River Thames and its banks are rich in things to see and do which will interest many Guides and Brownies. If the weather is fine a pleasure trip in one of the many boats will take you to some of the fascinating places along the river. River trips

Thames Launches Ltd and Thames Cruises Ltd, Charing Cross Pier and Victoria Embankment WC2. For bookings and information 01-930 0921.

The Golden Hinde, near Tower Pier Until Sept: Well worth seeing is this marvellous replica of Drake's own ship. HMS Belfast, opposite Tower of London. Entrance Adults: 45p; Children: 35p

Kew Gardens and Kew Palace

Take a pleasure boat along the Thames to see these wonderful gardens and palace. Hampton Court Palace and grounds can also be reached by river. Canal Trips

Jason's Trip along Regent's Canal to and from Regents Park, London Zoo is very interesting, as these two barges are rare sights today. Moored opposite Little Venice W2. Enquiries and bookings 01-286 3428.

#### **Ballet** and Opera

London Festival Ballet at the New Victoria

Coppelia, Les Sylphides, Prodigal Son and Swan Lake make up the programme for this exciting summer season. Remember seats are less expensive at the New Victoria than at other London gallet venues and also there are big reductions for party bookings. Groups of ten or more for all performances except Saturdays, one free seat with every 20 seats booked. Telephone 01-834 0671 for further details.

#### Theatres and cinemas

London Palladium Until 17th: Debbie Reynolds. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Michael Crawford in the momentous musical Billy.

Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park Until 24th: The Two Noble Kinsmen The National Theatre, The Old Vic. 2nd-15th: Next of Kin. Great reductions for party bookings.



Newman Paul who stars along-Robert side Redford in the acclaimed film The Sting. Now showing at the Paramount, Regent Lower Street.

Dominion, Tottenham Court Road The Sound of Music of Music starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. Odeon, Leicester Square Huckleberry Finn.

Odeon, Marble Arch and on general release Herbie Rides Again.

Cambridge Theatre

Until 31st: Heidi - childrens' musical. 11.30 am and 2.30 pm. All seats 50p.

In recent months nostalgia has appeared in films and in the theatres. The latest revival is The Good Companions at Her Majesty's in Haymarket. John Mills (below) and Judi Dench star in this musical which is suitable for children of all ages.





Paul Clarke and Patricia Ruanne dancing in the Prodigal Son at the New Victoria.



Robert Redford and Mia Farrow as seen in The Great Gatsby (Empire, Leicester Sq.) Redford also stars with George Segal in a revival of the hilarious How to Steal a Diamond in Four Uneasy Lessons (Studio One, Oxford Street).

Metropole, Victoria and Odeon St Martins Lane.

Live and Let Die - James Bond thriller with Roger Moore.

The Guns of Navarone, now on general release.

A gripping film taken from one of the ever-thrilling Alistair MacLean novels.

Kheros, a small island off the Turkey coast awaits its destruction by German blitz - an attempt to pull Turkey into the war on Germany's side. The troops left on Kheros can conceive only one chance of survival - to escape by sea through a passage between two other islands. Both these islands are heavily guarded and one, Navarone, houses the most powerful guns in the world. No allied ship could possibly reach the doomed Kheros while the German occupied Navarone remains.

The film tells of Allied Intelligence's last hope of saving Kheros by a sabotage attack on the Guns of Navarone. The raid led by Major Franklin (Anthony Quayle); Captain Mallory (Gregory Peck); Corporal Miller (David Niven) and Colonel Stavrou (Anthony Quinn) seems a hopeless task. The saboteurs must reach Navarone, scale its unwelcoming sheer cliffs, break into the impregnable fortress and destroy the guns, all before the rescue scheduled for Kheros can take

Anthony Quayle, Gregory Peck and Anthony Quinn in The Guns of Navarone.



Concerts

Queen Elizabeth Hall

18th: An Evening with Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Julian Bream. 21st: Music to the Silent Movies. 25th Aug - 5th Sept: German Opera and Music films.

Royal Albert Hall

Until 14th Sept: Henry Wood Promenade Concerts.

Holland Park Court Theatre 8th: Julie Felix.

#### Of Special Interest

Madame Tussauds and the Planetarium, Baker Street.

The marvellous waxwork display including special exhibition of the Battle of Trafalgar at Madame Tussauds, is right next door to the Planetarium; it's dome which is transformed into the night sky at every lecture is well worth the visit, especially if you are interested in astronomy. Admission to Madame Tussauds: Adults: 75p; Child: 40p; Planetarium: Adults: 95p; Child: 15p.

#### Nationwide

Cornwall

Until 13th Sept: Porthcunno, Penzance - Minack Theatre Season.

Devon

Until 17th: The Hoe, Plymouth -International Lifeboat Exhibition.

Kent

Until 22nd Sept: Penshurst Place 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' and all that. A marvellous display of manuscripts, photographs, theatre programmes etc. Adults: 40p; Children: 15p.

Until 31st Oct: Dover Castle - Six Wives of Henry VIII Costume Exhibition.

Until 31st October: Blenheim Palace, Woodstock - Churchill Centenary Year Exhibition. Don't forget that the Churchill Exhibition at Somerset House, London is still open to the public until 30th Sept. See July Guider for further

details. Scotland

Until 31st October: Braemar Castle, Aberdeenshire - Son et Lumière. 16th Aug - 7th Sept: Castle Esplanade, Edinburgh - Military Tattoo.

Somerset

Until 9th: Abbey Ruins, Glastonbury -Miracles of Glastonbury.

Sussex

15th - 18th: Hickstead - British Jumping Derby International.

Until 21st Sept: Chichester - Chichester Festival Theatre Season.

Until end of Sept: White Rock Pavilion, Hastings - Hastings Embroidery.

Warwickshire

Until 15th Sept: Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool - John Moore's Liverpool Exhibition.

Until Oct: Warwick Castle, Warwick -Henry VII Costume Exhibition.

Until Jan 1975: Stratford-upon-Avon -Shakespeare Season.

Wiltshire

Throughout 1974: Longleat. Warminster - Lord Bath's Private Churchill Collection.

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SOS: The Story of the Lifeboat Service, Revised edition by Cyril Jolly, Cassell and Company, £1.95

Most of you must know by now that 1974 is the Year of the Lifeboat and our own GFF is collecting money to buy their own lifeboat. But how many of us know anything about this institution apart from the name Grace Darling, and the fact that these men go out to save lives in the seas off our shores?

This book will help you to fill in the gaps. It tells you how the RNLI started, how the modern lifeboat developed, how the service carried on in time of war. Great rescues are retold, lifeboat disasters are remembered and brave men

are recalled.

This book may seem expensive but it will make enthralling reading, and next time storms punish our shores you will think of those brave men and the women who wait; with a lump in your throat and a prayer in your heart. JVK

Journeys, Stories collected and arranged by Margery Fisher, illustrated by Faith Jaques. Brockhampton Press, £2.95.

A collection of extracts relating to all kinds of journeys, taken from children's fiction, and intended for readers of roughly between the ages of seven and ten. A paragraph at the beginning of each piece introduces both author and the book from which it is taken, so that the original work may be hunted up, and read.

A delightful collection of compulsive reading, delightfully illustrated. EW

The Observer's Book of Pottery and Porcelain, by Mary and Geoffrey Payton. Frederick Warne, 50p.

This book contains in alphabetical order a. description of various potteries and the main types of collectable items. It is a useful, quick guide for the amateur and gives sufficient description for the beginner.

The introduction gives a short description of the history of pottery, porcelain and the appendices give lists of useful dates, useful books, notable collections

in museums, and houses open to the public and the more usual markings. BB

The How and Why Wonder Book of Trees, by Allen Paterson, 30p. The How and Why Wonder Book of Wild Flowers, by Barbara Midgley, 30p. Transworld Publishers Ltd.

These are the latest titles in an excellent series of books. They are reasonable in price and packed with a variety of interesting facts and revelations about trees and wild flowers. The books are lavishly illustrated with detailed drawings, many in colour, as well as a comprehensive index.

If Companies are collecting this series, which covers science, nature and history, a binder is available at 80p from the publishers and holds 12 titles.

Maildun the Voyager by James Reeves, 25p; The Secret of the Seven Bright Shiners by James Roose-Evans, 25p; Dragons and Princes retold by Annabel Williams-Ellis, 30p. Carousel Books.

Maildun the Voyager is an adaption of a 12th Century Irish Legend that is thought to have been based on an actual voyage. Similar to the Greek legend of Ulysses, the hero meets the greed beasts, fiery pigs and an island tribe of ghost horsemen on his voyage.

Secret of the Seven Bright Shiners is the second adventure of Odd, a small bear and Elsewhere, a circus clown. Following a robbery the two friends stumble on a clue that makes them think that their friend's Butterfly collection is the next item on the gang's list. How this lovable duo track down the gang will delight young readers.

Dragons and Princes is a collection of fairy tales from round the world. Dolphins, monkeys, giants, witches and princesses are all to be found within the covers of this fascinating book.

These three books could prove to be a worthwhile investment for a family travelling to their holiday. Suitable for children over the age of seven, they will occupy any child able to read for a long journey. JVK

Join the Band, compiled by Barbara Wood. English Folk Dance and Song Society, 80p.

This is a super publication. If any Guider wishes to encourage music in her Company and she has some or melodica recorder or melodica players, basic guitarist and fiddlers or any of these, this book will help her to make music to which others can dance or sing or just enjoy. It consists of a large collection of popular folk dance tunes, mostly very well known Blaydon Races, Looby Loo, One More River, Keel Row, etc, with very basic second parts which any melody instrument could play, plus guitar chords from which a rudimentary bass line can

be constructed.

At the end of the book as well as very sensible notes to help performers or leaders, are four pages of blank manuscript for you to write down new ideas or other versions.

The book is divided into Reels and Hornpipes, then Jigs and Waltzes and its layout is admirably clear and helpful. This sort of material is just what we need to help foster the growing interest in instrumental music now that education is providing so much opportunity for young people to play.

When Darkness Comes by Robert Swindells. Brockhampton Press £1.25.

Archaeologists have discovered that over 9,000 years ago the only inhabitants of Yorkshire were a small tribe who moved into the hills during the summer months. For no apparent reason they never returned after ten summers, and Robert Swindells has based his first book upon these facts.

The jealousies and frustrations of these small people make interesting reading, especially when the children decide to reunite the tribe and find they have succeeded only in the nick of time.

Into the Woods, L Pringle. Macmillian, £1.50.

This well illustrated book, subtitled 'Exploring the Forest Ecosystem', is American. Therefore the species of plants and animals mentioned and the spellings are unfamiliar. It is a sound introduction to forests, both temperate and tropical, with clear descrip-

tions of forest layers, the animals which inhabit them and their interdependence. To many in this country, the beneficial effect of forest fires to some species will come as a surprise. As in other books in this series, there is a strong bias towards conservation of the ecosystem described.

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The Creative Art of Knitting, Joan Fisher. Hamlyn, £1.75.

I cannot knit and it's no good anyone saying 'of course you can, it's easy'. It may be easy when you know how, but long have I struggled with a ball of white baby wool turning grey by the minute. Having said that, I was delighted when The Creative Art of Knitting came into my hands. This is really a book for the beginner starting as it does with a chapter on 'First Steps'. It is equally suitable, however, for the expert, as the book contains patterns for a wide range of garments for men, women and children. If you've ever hesitated over making button holes, neck bands or waist bands then this is for AMM

The Astronomy Quiz Book by Patrick Moore; Malcolm Saville's Seaside Book, Carousel Books. 25p and 30p respectively.

Most children enjoy exploring the seashore and after reading Malcolm Saville's book many more wonderful sights await them. Have you ever seen cockles bounding over the sands toward the incoming tide? Do you know which bird is often called the seaparrot or which baby bird purrs rather like a kitten? The book also tells you about lighthouses and lightships and takes the reader on a trip round our coast

For those who would rather look up than down the Astronomy Quiz Book will be of great interest. The author sets a series of questions and then gives detailed answers. The book ranges from the fundamental What is the difference between a planet and a star?" to the more complicated 'What was Project Ozina?' Diagrams make some of the answers easier to follow.

Although both these books are intended for young readers, many mums and dads will want to read them too!



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