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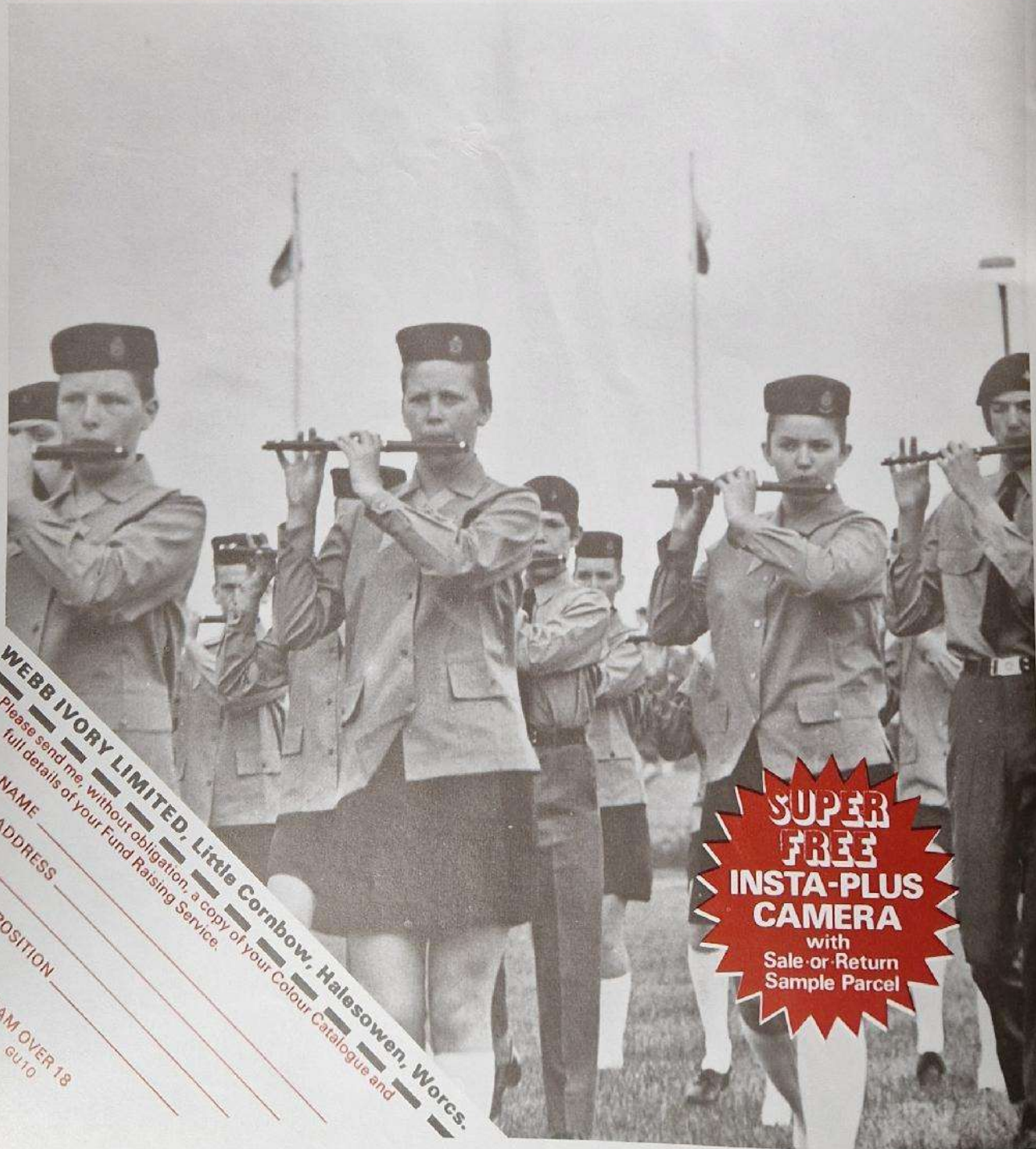
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### Cover

*This month's cover shows the five members of the 1st Ottery St Mary Ranger Unit who won their town's round in the 'Four Counties' Road Safety quiz.*

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Brownies of the 1st Launton Pack, Oxford, entertained the residents of St Edbury's House with their production of *Puff the Magic Dragon* (left and below).

*The Oxford Times*



*Morning Telegraph*

When they heard of the large demand for Red Cross wheelchairs Frencheville Girl Guides decided to help. The Sheffield Guides (above) raised enough money to buy one more chair to be loaned out.



*Michael J Morgan*

Earlier this year, Scouts and Guides held a folk festival at Welling, Kent. Left are Jane Saunders and Angela Little, two Rangers who proved to be popular performers.

*Kentish Times*



*Burnley Express*



When the Pendle Forest Orienteering Club organised an orienteering course during the Burnley Festival, the 6th Padiham Guides were eager to take part (right).

*Middlesex Advertiser & Gazette*



3rd Northwood Hills Brownies (above) raised money for the local spastics by organising a Camp Fire and dressing up for some of the songs.



*David Sim*

This group of Guides (right) might look as if they had trouble talking to each other, but they didn't. They are all members of the Wheaton Aston Guides modelling uniforms from around the world at an over-60's fete.



*Stafford Newsletter*

Mrs Muriel Knowles recently presented new colours to the 5th Hyde Central Methodist Guides. They were dedicated in a short service by the Rev Alan Francom (below).

In August Mrs C Polson, of Brora, Division Commissioner was presented with the Laurel Award. Present at the ceremony were the Sutherland county Commissioner, Mrs W R Sutherland and the County president, The Hon Mrs David Bruce (left and right of centre above).

*Grimby Evening Telegraph*



*The Gravesend & Dartford Reporter*

In answer to invitations from members of the Movement, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell travel all over the country. In July Lord B-P visited Pax Hall, Wilmington, Kent (above) for their anniversary celebrations, and Lady B-P visited Market Rasen, Lincolnshire (left) and joined a county rally.

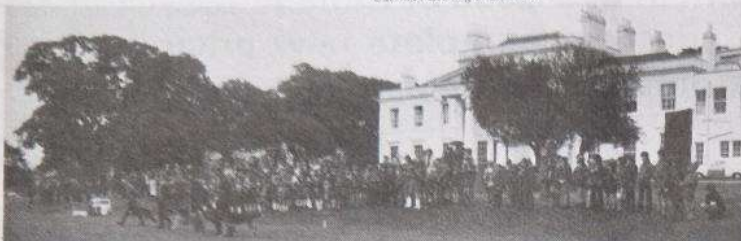
*North Cheshire Herald & Hyde Reporter*





In an effort to keep the beaches of L'Ancrese Bay Guernsey, clean, members of the 5th Vale Rangers (left) collected the litter of holidaymakers every evening. The collectors were sponsored in aid of the mentally handicapped.

Guernsey Evening Press & Star



Berkshire Mercury

# GUIDING ROUND ABOUT



Hull Daily Evening Courier

Siddal Brownies are seen above with soft toys they made as presents for local children's homes. Guider Mrs Hetty Fail (right) tries to guess the number of sweets in a jar at Stanground Festival. Wombles are fast becoming favourites with all the branches of the Movement. The 8th Ashford Brownies (below) won a rosette with their Womble float in the Staines carnival, and the 1st and 3rd Gillingham Guides and Rangers (left) took Womble mascots to Camp.



Michael J Head

After the theft of their Camp equipment the St Walstan Guides Camp was saved by the loan of this tent (below).

Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel



Evening Mail, Slough

Audley Range United Reform Church Ranger Unit designed and made their own flag. (below).



Perthshire Advertiser



Bedford County Press

One event at this years Bedford Scout and Guide Camp had a dramatic background. Imagining themselves blinded in a plane crash the participants above had to pitch a tent for shelter.

When Scouts, Cubs and Brownies from Burghfield visited the Thames Valley Police Training Centre they watched a display by police dogs (left).



Wendy Cresswell of the 8th Hucknall (Royal British Legion) Unit is seen above with residents of Broomhill Court, Nottingham, where she completed her Service Badge.



Peterborough Citizens Advertiser



Evening Post & Chronicle

3rd Ashton Guides (above) dressed as witches for the Ashton-in-Makerfield carnival.

Brownies of Perth City turned their hands to fishing (below) at this years Revels.



Due to the change in VAT rates the price alterations for the 1974 catalogues are so numerous that it is impractical to print them in this issue of *Guider*.

We have therefore printed a complete new price list and would ask our customers to send for a copy to:

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Mail Order Department  
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Miss Godson,  
centre, with  
the Hon  
Gwennlian Philipps  
and Mrs  
Michaels of  
Wales.

## BRONEIRION GUIDER-IN-CHARGE RETIRES

MISS GODSON came to Broneirion in 1948 and for 26 years has been Guider-in-Charge. Her retirement in September is much regretted in Wales and among the many friends she has made over the border and with Guiders from overseas. Her welcome is well known among the hundreds of Guiders and visitors who have come to Broneirion, and it has always been greatly valued. Her love for Broneirion and for the countryside of Wales has given her roots among us which will certainly remain as strong links when she returns, as she plans, to her native Australia.

Miss Godson has had an interesting career both in, and out of Guiding. In 1923 at the age of nine she became a Guide in Adelaide before the start of Brownies in that area. In 1930 she went on to Rangers. From 1936 to 1945 she was Captain of the 1st Woodville Guides and for four years State Post Secretary. From 1937 to 1946 Miss Godson was a Woman Police Officer. In 1946 she served with the GIS first for a year in Malaya, followed by another year in Germany. The next year she started on her fine service at Broneirion, possibly the longest record of a Guider-in-Charge. While in Montgomeryshire she has held appointments as International Adviser, County Badge Secretary, Extension Secretary, and has acted as tester for the Commonwealth Knowledge Badge. Outside Guiding she has interested herself in all village activities. She belongs to the

WI, having been President and Secretary, and also sings in The County Music Festival Choir.

Miss Godson's record of service to Guiding will remain among the many that have been outstanding. Acknowledgement was made on 7th September when a party for over 300 was given for her at Broneirion and presentations were made. Many more of her friends would have liked to wish her well, but unfortunately there had to be a limit to numbers. From all over Wales our thanks go with Miss Godson and the hopes for every happiness in her retirement.

Miss Maureen Cullen who will be taking over as Guider-in-Charge of Broneirion in September, 1974, has been on the staff of Elmfield school for the deaf at Bristol. She is Extension Adviser for Bristol, and has been running an Extension Ranger Guide Unit and an Extension Brownie Pack. She holds a Pack Holiday Permit and has held Pack Holidays and Ranger Holidays at Broneirion. She is a Specialist Trainer in Music and Drama.

Miss Cullen has been resident life-saver and House Orderly during several summer holidays, having in this way contact with Broneirion during the last five or six years. She has organised a party of Bristol Guiders and friends who have given much time and energy to the redecoration and equipping of Y-bwthyn, the Pack Holiday House, and other service projects at Broneirion. Wales looks forward to welcoming her in her new appointment.

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On behalf of all members of The Girl Guides Association I send loyal and affectionate greetings and best wishes to our President.

The following telegram was received from our President, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, acknowledging the Association's birthday greetings (above) sent on the 21st August, 1974 by The Chief Commissioner on behalf of The Girl Guides Association.

I received your kind message of birthday greetings with much pleasure and send warmest thanks to all who joined in sending it.



## European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975

An Outline by The Lady Baden-Powell

The many possibilities for involvement by younger people mentioned in last month's magazine, gave an idea of how the many talents of our members could be used, and showed that the less physically able could play an equal part. There is also scope for the artistic. All this adds up to ensuring a future for our past.

An added bonus is THE HERITAGE YEAR COCA-COLA YOUTH AWARD.

Awards will be given for work completed to a stated objective by:

- (a) any youth organisation,
- (b) any combination of youth organisations,
- (c) any combination of individuals,

predominantly under the age of 25. (This means Brownies, a Guide Company, Patrols, Rangers or a District could enter.)

Assessment of each project will be made by Senior Local representatives, eg Clergy, JPs, Youth Officers, Planning Officers, Officers of Local Civic and Amenity Societies.

The Assessors endorsement will entitle the group con-

ferred to a 'Certificate of Merit'. Special awards will be made for exceptional projects. Added attention will be paid to entrants concerned with conserving Britain's Industrial Heritage.

To be eligible, projects should be registered if possible by the end of December, 1974, and no later than 31st March, 1975, and their objectives completed by 30th September, 1975.

A free brochure giving fuller details and including the registration form is obtainable from your County or Country Region.

There is a registration fee of 30p. (Please send SAE.)

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** However grand or simple the participation, please let Commonwealth Headquarters have photographs. Local newspapers may be interested and want some. It is important not only to the pictorial record of the achievements, but also before and during the task. This magazine and CHQ need publicity material, and Lady Dartmouth, the enthusiastic Chairman of the UK Council, will include pictures in her report to the European Council.



# The Association introduces its new look Magazine for Guides



Mrs Derek  
Parker-Bowles.



## TODAY'S GUIDE 15p



Photos: Ken Rush

Three of the Guides look at the New World Cook Book with the Chef Cat.



Mrs J R Price (left),  
Vice-President of  
Australia GG.



Miss D Bond, Editor of The Brownie,  
serves some of the guests.



On Wednesday, 28th August, the Periodicals Department at CHQ held a party to introduce the new-look *Today's Guide* to advertisers and the Press. The party was held in the Council Chamber at Headquarters and was sponsored by Coca-Cola, Mattessons Meats and the Potato Marketing Board. Mrs Derek Parker-Bowles, the Chief Commissioner, welcomed the guests and introduced a surprise visitor, Mrs Price, the Vice-President of the Australian Girl Guides Association.

Among the guests were seven Guides, winners of a competition to find out why they read *Today's Guide*. On these two pages are photographs of some of the guests who came along to wish success to the new-look magazine.



# TODAY'S <sup>15p</sup> GUIDE



Janet King

Mr Rick Colley and Mr Charles Wheeler from Coca-Cola.



Miss A Martin, Advertisement Manager, talks to Mr George Lawson from Webb Ivory.



Janet King

Jack Armitage and Sue Wright of Airfix, and Diane Lamb of Rank Hotels talk to Mrs Rush (above). Sarah Collins of Goya, and another guest, enjoying their hot baked potatoes (top).



Janet King

Miss Martin shows the magazine to Mr Long of McCann Erickson.



Janet King



London Express

## Playing the Game

**E**VEN THOSE of you who are not sports fans cannot have failed to notice the trouble that is plaguing our sports grounds. In August, before the football season had even started, there were bold newspaper headlines about dissent. At Wembley, during a match between last season's two top clubs, an incident happened that resulted in two players being ordered off the field of play.

A referee never makes the decision to send off players without a good deal of thought. It is always a last measure. Something that is done when all other methods of discipline have failed.

The incident I am thinking of had an ending that left a bitter taste in the mouths of most sports fans. The two men sent off showed their dislike of the incident by removing their shirts and throwing them to the ground. Whatever explanation they gave later, this action was seen at the time as a disagreement with the referee. Both these players consider themselves adults and one is captain, not only of his club team, but of his national team.

In our *Ranger Guide Handbook*, page 54, we find a section asking us if we can accept the referee's decision without question. Do we

# MAINLY FOR

have the courage to accept another person's decision as final? Are we able to face facts without grumbling? If something happens that we dislike, do we blame others or accept the blame ourselves?

At school we all took part in some sport or other and almost certainly some form of team game. In these games we all depend on one person to make decisions and make sure that we all obey the rules. How often we thought this official blind when missing an infringement against us? How often we thought that same official 'whistle happy' when noticing an infringement by us?

When this happens, how do we react? Do we accept the decision and get on with the game, or do we argue and refuse to accept censure?

In many ways life is like a team game. We are trying to achieve a 'goal' with the help of team mates. Like all games there is a referee, someone who ensures that we 'play the game'. It could be a parent, teacher, boss or a friend. Whoever it is, at some time or another they will stop the play and draw our attention to a 'foul' or infringement of the rules.

What will we do? Will we listen, take notice of the criticism and make an effort not to commit the same 'foul' again? Or will we argue, throw our shirt to the ground, and ignore advice?

It will not always be easy to accept another person's decision or criticism. But if we learn to face disappointment at giving away a point, accept responsibility for our own actions both on and off the field, we will find life easier and a happier experience.

The two players who threw down their shirts were each fined large sums of money and banned from playing for a few weeks. Our show of dissent might not bring us fines or bans, but it could lose us friends and peace of mind.

Janet King

## Waste Ground can Serve a Useful Purpose

**U**NITS looking for unusual ideas for community help projects, may care to consider and organise the designing and cultivating of a scented garden.

Why a scented garden? Well nearly everyone loves the sight of flowers in full bloom, but it is not everyone who can appreciate their looks, so why not adopt the suggestion and create a special scented garden for the blind.

Every village, town or city has waste ground, waste ground that a dedicated group could reclaim. Seek assistance from your local councillors: it need not be a large piece of ground, in fact, small areas are more likely to be given over to your project.

In its favour this project does not require expensive or exotic type blooms. The basic requirements are that it should be kept tidy, and laid out in such a manner that your blind patrons can come to no harm.

In Edinburgh, at the city's famous Rose Gardens, such a garden has been designed. Guard rails have been provided to enable the blind to navigate each separate plot more easily.

This feature alone has proved to be a great boon, as the blind person can retain that feeling of freedom to wander around at their own pace, without any thought of stumbling into the garden plot.

Such a garden is not expensive to create, and members of the group could be asked to be responsible for some of the flowers and herbs required to bring it to its full fragrant scent.

To those used to the dearer exotic flowers, some of the plants may seem common-place, but in this garden, looks are not as important as the nose tingling sensation that the plants generate.

Edinburgh's scented garden has been developed and improved over the years, and a small shelter has been added where the blind can sit and breathe in the scent laden atmosphere. This haven for the blind has been cultivated within a stone's throw of a very busy main bus

route, yet the peace and tranquility that can be found here is truly wonderful.

Having procured the piece of ground, laid it out, and prepared the soil, here are some of the plants that will bring great joy to your more unfortunate neighbours. Amongst those required we find such old friends as Night Scented Stock, Sweet Pea, Honeysuckle, Nepeta-Catmint, Thyme, French Marigolds, Balm, Caryopteris-Flowering Currant, Lavender, Peppermint, Nicotina-Affinia the Tobacco, Dianthus, Scented Geranium, Mint, Pineapple Salvia, Heliotrope-Cherry Pie, Mignonette, Tagetes, Southernwood, Monarda, Sweet Sultan, Sweet William and Cotton Lavender.

From this start you can expand and add more scented plants as you go along. Those mentioned are the ones that are most used in the Edinburgh garden, they will exude all the scent your garden requires to make it an interesting spot to linger and at the same time give it a generous sprinkling of colour.

Starting off with the more readily available plants and herbs, it is possible that you could make this worth-while project become a reality within a season.

Once your garden is an established fact seek out those who suffer from blindness and introduce them to one another, bring it to the notice of as many interested parties as you can, many of our senior citizens will also wish to share the joy of your efforts.

Depending on the amount of support you get from your efforts will be the further projects you can undertake, such as building a rough log shelter, exploring the possibility of giving the plants an extra touch by adding Braille name tags, thus expanding your help even further.

What has been suggested can easily be carried out by any group determined enough to tackle the initial heavy work of preparation involved. After that, God on your side, the remainder of the project will be easy.

John D L Severn

# RANGERS

## Finnish International Camp

Four Winds was organised by the Union of Finnish Girl Guides. About nine hundred Guides from fourteen countries took part in the Camp, including ten Rangers and three Guiders from the United Kingdom.

The Camp was situated in a pine forest overlooking the sea, near Sauvo in the south-west of Finland. The Guides were welcomed by Mrs Sylvi Siltanen, Governor of the Administrative District of Turku, and the Camp was opened by the raising of the World Flag and the flags of the all countries represented.

The Camp was divided into four sub-Camps named after the winds, North, South, East and West. Each wind provided various activities for the different interest groups. The North wind, the wind of the wilderness, provided courses on backwoods, camping and nature study. The South wind was the wind of culture, with courses in music, gymnastics, drama, drawing and the arts, and yoga. The East wind was the sea wind and provided elementary and advanced sea-scouting. The West wind was the wind of courses and there one could take part in courses on the English, German or Swedish languages, human relations, international co-operation and hostess cookery.

An 'Introduction to Finland' was presented to the participants from outside Finland. We were shown the changing seasons of Finland, national costume, folk dancing and traditional songs. We were told of the Laps and were shown their distinctive costume. Girls in the national costumes of different parts of Finland brought round

Karelian pies, small savoury pasties served with chopped hard boiled egg mixed with butter, typical of the eastern part of Finland. The programme finished with a fashion show from the Finnish fashion houses of Marimeko and Vuokko.

On the Sunday the Camp service was held. The Archbishop of Finland preached the sermon and gave a short summary in English for the benefit of the participants from abroad.

Apart from the organised activities we enjoyed swimming, a tent sauna and the company of Guides of many nationalities.

On visitors' day the Guides from outside Finland contributed to a programme of entertainment called *Windmill*, and in the evening to a big Camp Fire. The items ranged from the Belgian folk dances, German action song, United Kingdom traditional songs and the American square dancing to a Danish fairy story acted in national costumes.

The Camp motto was 'Wide Views'. Each morning at prayers the readings dealt with the implications of the Guide ideals of growing as an individual, of loyalty and responsibility, of respect for others and of friendship to all.

By the very experience of participating in an international gathering such as this, horizons are widened, knowledge and understanding of others are increased and friendships formed.

Looking wide, beyond the Camp, Cyprus and the young Guide Association there were in our thoughts. Money was collected to be taken to Cyprus as soon as possible.

At the closing of the Camp we were left with these words, 'We hope that the flame of friendship which has been kindled by this Camp will spread throughout the world.'

Maureen Cooke

## RECIPES



### Heavenly Hot Dogs

1 dozen hot dogs  
Twelve slices bacon  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb slices cheese  
Slit hot dogs lengthwise (but not all the way through). Put strip of cheese in slit. Wrap bacon around to hold all together. Put on toasting stick or fork.

### Hallowe'en Cup

2 packets Kellogg's Rise and Shine Lemon Drink  
8 tablespoons blackcurrant syrup  
2-3 tablespoons honey  
1 lemon (sliced)  
Make up Lemon Drink according to packet instructions. Put Lemon Drink, blackcurrant syrup, honey and lemon slices into a saucepan. Heat gently for about 3-4 minutes.  
Serves 12.

### Frostie Toffee Apples

4oz butter  
8oz clear honey  
8oz demerara sugar  
8 or 9 apples  
4oz Kellogg's Frosties (lightly crushed)  
Melt butter in a saucepan, add honey and sugar. Stir slowly with a wooden spoon until boiling. Boil for about 10 minutes. Test by dropping a little of the mixture in cold water - it should then be crisp. Wipe apples and place on sticks. Dip each into toffee, and turn it round, until well coated. Then dip each apple into Frosties, coating well. Stand on waxed paper or aluminium foil until hard.

Earlier this year Scottish Rangers joined the Girls Brigade for a Duke of Edinburgh course on Iona (left).

## Ranging Fashion — Ranging



Right are two acrylic tweeds from the Woolworth Autumn range available in red, brown, green and black. The jacket is priced at £6.99 and the shirt at £4.99 with a knee length skirt for £3.49.

The perfect polyester maxi dress shown left is also available from Woolworth in sizes 34in to 36in and is priced at £6.99. Colours available are black, red or brown.





Corn Dolly from Yorkshire

# CORN DOLLIES

by Peter W Oakley

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THE EASTERN AREA is extremely rich in Corn Dolly shapes and designs, some of the best known of which are listed below. The famous Suffolk Punches are the inspiration of the Suffolk Horseshow or Horseshow and Riding Crop corn dollies. Cambridgeshire can boast of the bell and the umbrella. The umbrella is quite a modern shape, but the bell is said to derive from the custom of ringing bells to welcome in the last load of the harvest. Some of the oldest shapes come from Norfolk and designs have been recorded from Pre-Christian times through early Christian times and into Puritan times, when many customs and religious symbols or objects were, at worst suppressed, or at best, severely frowned upon by the Church. The Norfolk Lantern is said to represent the rush lights used in olden times and even within the living memory of some people I have met. Essex has the bough, the turret and the seahorse. The bough has the same shape, in smaller form, as the decorated bough put over the horse's head when the last load of corn was brought in, and the turret is supposed to have gone across the horse's forehead with the small bell shapes hanging down. The Seahorse represents the small seahorses that can be found, if one is very lucky even today, along the river Blackwater. The seahorse also reminds one that the wheatfields in that area go right down to the water's edge and this link between the fruits of the land and the fruits of the sea can be very striking.

Another corn dolly shape with a sea connection is the Anchor. Fred Mizen made some of the largest anchors known in Essex, but he is best remembered for the corn dollies and decorative straw work in the form of the Lion and the Unicorn which he made for the Festival of Britain. It is much to be lamented that both these figures were destroyed by rodents while waiting to return to Essex, but there are still a few photos of them around. One particular characteristic of Mr Mizen's work was that he used ribbons of a pinky brown shade instead of the more traditional colours.

For those of you who are interested in the symbolism of the coloured ribbons let me explain them here. Red means warmth and represents the poppies that grow in the cornfields. Blue signifies truth and stands for the cornflowers in and around the cornfields. Green is for the young goddess of the fields, Persephone, and the green corn. Gold is for the mature goddess, Demeter and the ripe corn. White, which is said to be a much later addition, is used on special occasions, such as to decorate horseshoes for weddings. In other places in Britain it is used on fans. Many people I know around Essex will not use white ribbons at all, and some of them will not use ribbons of any kind. Instead, they make special plaits or knots to adorn their corn dollies, and a few people use the flowers themselves to set off their work.

As most people know, corn dollies were originally made from the leaf sheaf taken from the last field, and there are many customs relating to the way this last sheaf was cut. For instance, in some places they would stand in a circle and throw their sickles at the last pieces standing. Then they would get the oldest man to plait a dolly from it. In other places they did not

make a fuss about cutting the last sheaf at all, but would choose one of their best plaiters to make different types of dollies as they all rode home. Quite a few places still cut the first sheaf and the best, as it says in the Bible, to give to the church.

The many different shapes in corn dollies are said to have come about when times got very hard for the Harvesters. It is often said that the first shapes were the spiral and Mother Earth. If the weather was bad, the harvesters did not get paid, so while sheltering under the stooks (six or eight sheaves stood up together), they would make dollies with the freshly cut, damp straw. At first they made them just to pass the time, but it was not long before they realised that their corn dollies could be sold to make extra money. Then, with their natural inventiveness, they experimented with new shapes and styles of plaiting, since even in those days, just as today, things which were 'different' stood a better chance of selling, and this is

how many of the corn dolly shapes we know today came about. But times have not changed: new shapes are still being introduced to be added to the repertoire of traditional favourites.

In the Eastern Area and Essex in particular, people began to experiment with decorative straw work, dressing dolls in clothes made of straw, and making pictures. Marquetry work with straw came into its own at about the same time, and many people were making hat plaits for the hat industry in Luton and Dunstable. You can see some beautiful examples in different museums around the country. The straw is cut very finely in different ways; with the grain or across the grain or at an angle across the grain, so as to get different light effects. These cut pieces were then stuck on

bottles, or boxes, or anything else which one wanted to decorate. Some very fine pictures done in this way can be found on the covers of old family Bibles. The straw may even be dyed, old-fashioned vegetable dyes giving particularly lasting colours, to give a more lifelike effect to the pictures.

Many people will have seen corn dollies in churches in different parts of the country, but how many have seen the straw work in Bardfield Saling church and not known what they have seen? Look on the wall and you will see some old altar rails made in straw in the same plaits as our corn dollies. Then as you go out, look up. Just below the organ is what looks like letters cut out of copper. Look again and you will see some of the afore-mentioned straw work, formed into letters making up a text from the Bible.

Modern Corn  
Dolly for  
Harvest Festival

photos:  
George  
Haines





The four lorries given to the French Girl Guides Associations in 1945 driven by (left to right) Miss Eva Johnson, Miss Marjorie Raphael, Miss Alicia Wilson, Miss Alymer Travers, Miss Joan Cooke and Miss Margaret James.

# THOSE STIRRING DAYS

*In the December, 1945, Guider Mrs Powell Edwards, then Miss Marjorie Raphael, wrote the following interesting account of a mission to France. It began on 9th October, 1945, when she and five other British Guiders took four lorries over to France when this country was facing big difficulties from lack of transport. The lorries were the joint gift of the Girl Scouts of America and the Girl Guides Association of Great Britain, and the cost of the convoy was paid for by the Guide International Service Fund.*

*Mrs Powell Edwards, the team leader, served on the GIS Committee, the Executive Committee and the International and Public Relations Committees at CHQ. At one time she was County Secretary for London and has run Guide and Ranger Companies.*

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IT WAS A FOGGY, dark afternoon in November, 1944, when the Director of the World Bureau read a letter to the International Committee at HQ from the French Guides, asking if it was possible to send lorries to France. 'That's impossible', we thought 'with the war going on and every available vehicle wanted for military use'. Then we remembered the words: 'That which is difficult can be done immediately, the impossible will take a little longer.'

'The impossible' took nearly a year, to buy four 30 cwt Ford lorries, to obtain all the varied permits from France and England, passports and visas, and to persuade the Ministry of Labour to allow six able-bodied Guiders to go abroad on this mission of friendship and goodwill. The lorries were loaded with huge crates and bales of wonderful clothing, blankets, footwear, soap and toys, all generously given by Guides of the Empire.

Thanks to the kindness of the Friends Ambulance Unit we travelled with them by the military route to Paris . . . By the roadside were warning notices: 'Mines cleared to trees' or 'Live mines'. We drove rather gingerly through these! We slept at night in our lorries drawn up on the side of the road.

In Paris we never had a moment to pause. We were given the most wonderful welcome and were entertained by the Guides de France and the Fédération Française des Eclaireuses. We were deeply conscious of being among real friends, friends who wanted to know everything they could about Guiding in our country.

Accompanied by a young French Commissioner and Ranger, we enjoyed a perfect run of 200 miles to Nancy in Lorraine. We spent a very thrilling and happy day unloading the lorries and handing over the gifts to the French Associations. The excitement grew as each huge case was lifted out of the lorry, clearly showing the stamped words: 'Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa, etc'.

At an official luncheon Entre'Aide Français of Nancy took over the lorries which were loaned to them until the French Associations could obtain the necessary petrol and oil. Two Guiders took another lorry up to work at Ville-au-Val, while four of us took two lorries on to Luneville, where we were the first British people to reach it since the end of the war. We received many spontaneous tributes and expressions of deep gratitude, as representatives of the British people and of the Guide Movement. Everywhere we went great admiration and praise were expressed for our Royal Family, Mr Churchill,

for the RAF and the BBC. We were continually asked to convey affectionate greetings to Lady B-P, whose tour some months earlier will always remain an outstanding event.

In Nancy and Luneville we went to many cheery combined meetings and parties of Scouts and Guides, who sang the traditional songs and the fascinating new marches and songs of the Maquis. In this part of France the young men and girls of almost every family had gone off to join the Maquis, and we heard stories of indescribable courage and daring.

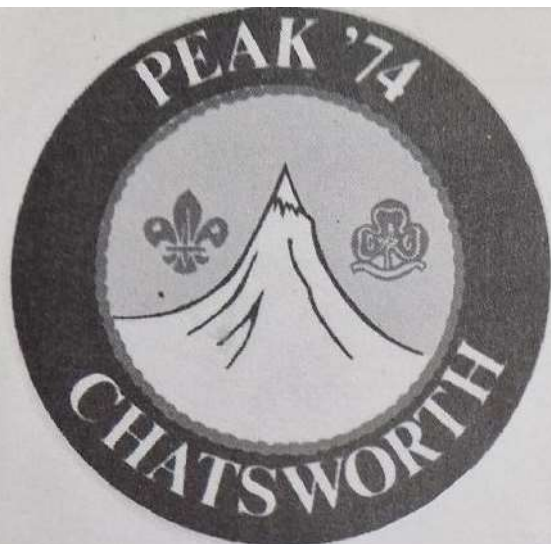
We drove the lorries all day through the beautiful, but war-scarred provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. Our loads varied from carrying biscuits, furniture, blankets, sabots, potatoes and fuel, to returning stained glass windows to a repaired church and transporting an old, ill countrywoman, with all her goods and chattels, back to her remote farm after six years' separation from her family.

Throughout our travels everyone was anxious to express their appreciation. 'Your presents are splendid, but your presents are nothing as for your kindness, the present of yourselves in our country. Please will you say to the other Guides everywhere some thousand thanks. You have brought us something of the wonderful fraternity of world Guiding'.

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1915 campers at Abergele and a Rosebud who went with them! Leah Davies (front row, 2nd left) was a Rosebud in Burnage, attached to the 1st South Manchester Guide Company. In 1924 she was one of the 210 PLs invited to Foxlease for the 1st World Camp.





## Reflections on an International Camp

by M Watkinson

**W**ELCOME TO CHATSWORTH' has been said at last to Scouts and Guides from 32 countries. After two years of planning by Derbyshire Guides and Scouts, we finally welcomed over 6,000 members of both Movements to our Peak '74 International Camp. To write even a brief account of the planning stages, the activities and events taking place at the Camp, would fill more space than any periodical could allow but perhaps this summary of the main events may interest those who unfortunately could not be with us.

The surroundings were superb. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire have welcomed Scout and Guide Camps in the past, but once again we were all most impressed and grateful for the help given by them and also by the Chatsworth Estate Staff, which enabled us to have the use of such a perfect Camp site. From early on Friday morning until late on Saturday evening, parties arrived and more and more tents appeared, gradually spreading up the hill towards 'Dovedale', the camp site allocated to the Venture Scouts and Rangers who supported the Camp Staff in so many ways, not least by acting as very efficient Camp Wardens.

The Camp was divided into eleven sub-camps each named after a Derbyshire Dale, and each sub-camp consisted of Guides and Scouts from Derbyshire, from other UK Counties and from overseas. This gave everyone the opportunity to mix and make new friends.

Sunday was our 'Great Day', the official opening ceremony, and also the day when we were visited by over 20,000 people including approx 5,000 Brownies and Cubs. We were disappointed that due to an accident Mrs Parker Bowles was unable to be with us, but we were delighted to

welcome The Lady Baden-Powell and Sir William Gladstone, the Chief Scout. Midland Region campers were also delighted to see our Regional Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, present for the opening ceremony. We had all feared that Mrs Walker would be unable to join us due to illness, but were so pleased that she was able to be in Camp for a short time.

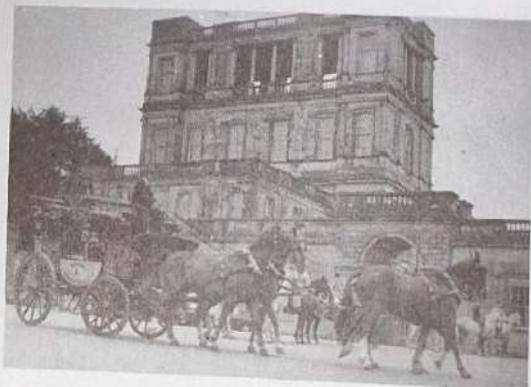
After arriving at Camp in a horse-drawn stage coach, with mounted escort of Guides and Scouts, the Duke of Devonshire performed the Opening Ceremony and welcomed the campers to Chatsworth. Our Brownie and Cub visitors had their own area of the Camp Site for activities of various kinds, and they greeted Lady Baden-Powell and Sir William Gladstone with a song of welcome. Sunday evening ended with a Scouts' and Guides' Own, which proved a fitting end to a memorable day.

Riding, sailing, gliding, sub-aqua swimming, climbing, a dry ski run, hill walking, overnight hikes, an Arts tent, coach tours, archery, fireworks, photography, a Disco, Radio transmitting station, canoe building, fishing, judo, a parachute jump tower; the list of activities goes on and on. Arranging for 6,000 people to take part in activities of their choice was a mammoth task, but thanks to a hard working Activities Committee the pieces of the jig-saw eventually fitted in place, and despite a few difficulties the parties of Scouts and Guides were soon enjoying the facilities provided.

Our second 'Big Day' was Wednesday, another Visitors' Day when we were pleased to welcome Lady Elizabeth Hamilton, Deputy Chief Commissioner for the Midlands Region, and Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield the Scout Chief Commissioner for England. Lady Hamilton and

The horse-drawn stage coach taking the Duke of Devonshire to the Camp was accompanied by Scouts and Guides on horseback.

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Lady Baden-Powell talks to Guides at the Camp.



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Sir William Gladstone, the Chief Scout, talks to Scout Campers.

Guides with the Camp badge made from flowers (right) at the entrance to Lathkill Dale Sub-Camp.



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Sir Bernard Chacksfield presented Queen's Guide and Queen's Scout Awards (including a Queen's Guide Award to Rosemary Walker, one of our overseas guests from Barbados, and Gold Cords to Jean McLoughlin a visitor from Eire).

An International Cookery competition attracted considerable interest. The variety of dishes produced was only equalled by the variety of costumes of the competing teams. Following the International theme, Wednesday was also 'International Tea Party' day, sub-camps arranging tea parties for their visitors. International songs and dances featured at many sub-camp sing-songs as well as at the joint Campfire on the Friday evening.

Throughout the Camp a Challenge had been issued to Guides and Scouts with a number of items to be discovered or undertaken. On completion of the Challenge a special Challenge Badge was awarded.

Shopping for stores in the Supermarket marquee was a big event. During the first three days the Supermarket supplied 3,114 lbs baked beans, 1½ tons sausages, 12,000 fish-fingers etc etc. The thanks of all campers were given to the gallant band of 'assistants' who performed the mammoth task of stocking the Supermarket and keeping the sales going smoothly.

Other facilities serving the Camp included a Hospital (with two resident Doctors, a Dentist and staff of Red Cross and St John's Ambulance personnel), a Tuck Shop, Coffee Bars, Scout Shop, Guide Shop (also selling Camp souvenirs), Post Office, mobile Bank, International marquee, Lost Property and Lost Children! The resident Fire Brigade and the Camp Engineering Group, proved their ability to cope with emergencies. The Fire Brigade were called to a tent fire and the Engineering Group coped with a

burst water-main in addition to their many other 'behind the scenes' activities, which helped so much toward the smooth running of the Camp.

Visitors at Chatworth Park in future will find mementos of the event. Two trees planted by the Duke of Devonshire to commemorate the visit of the Chief Scout and Lady Baden-Powell on the Opening Day, and a copse of trees planted by the campers at the end of the week as a 'thank you' for the facilities provided. 'Peak '74' is over! Having 'lived' with the preparations for two years what will be the lasting effects on Guiding and Scouting in Derbyshire? The planning has brought the two Movements closer together, we have learned to look for points of similarity in our training and to show tolerance toward each other on many matters of differences of opinion. We have looked again at some of our Guiding traditions and, in justifying them to our Scout colleagues, have found renewed faith in Guiding ourselves.

The benefits of bringing together 6,000 young people of differing creeds, colours and class are very evident. The hidden benefits brought about by working together as a team will show only in the future of Derbyshire's Guiding and Scouting history. Everyone present at the Camp will have their own highlights to recall. But can anything bring to mind the very essence of Guiding more than the sight, on the last day of Camp, of a Guide Company standing round their colours, amidst all the hustle and bustle of 6,000 people striking Camp, and quietly and reverently conducting their final Camp prayers. The Guides were so completely oblivious of all the activity around them as they offered their thanks for what, to them, had been an unforgettable experience.



A Patrol of Guides preparing a meal (left) in one of the Camp kitchens.

A group of Guide Campers (below) wait patiently with their equipment.



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# LETTERS

## Pack Holiday

I read with interest the letter from Jean Fisher regarding the rule that Pack Holidays must be for a minimum of five nights. This requirement is only made for a test Pack Holiday or one when a Guider is gaining experience before taking her test holiday. Once a Guider has a permit, weekend holidays can be arranged, in fully equipped accommodation, but it is only practical to let a house for long weekends when it would otherwise be empty. I feel the rule is correct. The responsibilities of taking Brownies on holiday are so great, that a Guider should not be given a Permit until she has shown she can run a successful holiday for a week, which is the usual duration of a Pack Holiday.

Consideration should, however, be given to other Pack Holiday rules, I feel. In particular, the rule that Guiders children over the age of three must be included in the total of 18 children taken. This seems ludicrous when Guiders with toddlers under three can take away the full 18 Brownies. Any mother knows that toddlers need far more attention than older children and I would suggest that all children should be included in the total. However, where beds are available, then the maximum number of children could be increased provided the ratio of adults to children remains 1:6 and only 18 of them are Brownies.

In my area many Guiders have young children and once they become three years of age they have to reduce the number of Brownies they take with them, often while they have spare beds in the house and an extra adult, when in previous years they have coped well with toddlers and a full 18 Brownies.

I would suggest that an alteration to these rules be made by 'powers-that-be'.

**Daphne Suttle (Mrs)**  
*Penicuik, Midlothian*

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I should like to support Jean Fisher's letter in the August *Guider* regarding the requirement of five nights for a Pack Holiday. I have never understood why, when Guiders are allowed, and even

encouraged to Camp for weekends, it is not considered suitable for Brownies to spend a similar period in a fully equipped Brownie House.

Last year I was given special permission to run a short holiday which we called a Pack Weekend, and I returned from it convinced that, provided the Permit Holder has sufficient help and adequate experience, even a short spell in a Brownie House with the Pack can be of real benefit to Brownies. Ours certainly enjoyed the weekend, and then looked forward with great enthusiasm to this year's Pack Holiday, while several mothers said that the weekend had given their daughters the confidence to tackle the adventure of a full week away from home.

I do not suggest that a Pack Weekend is a substitute for a full scale Pack Holiday, but I do think that it could have a useful place in the Brownie programme, in its own right, and I would urge that consideration be given to amending the five-night rule.

**Grace M Wood**  
*West Lothian*

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I do agree with Jean Fisher's letter in the July issue about Pack Holidays. I would love to take my Pack Holiday Permit, so that I could take my Brownies on Pack Holiday, but while I am still working, I do not want to give up one of my precious three weeks holiday to go away with the Brownies. I also feel that it is wrong for a child who has never been away from home before, to have to spend five nights away. Surely a weekend would be long enough to have a good Pack Holiday, and would not be too long for a child to get home-sick.

All the time that I have been a Guider, I have thought that the minimum of five nights was too long. I hope that in the near future this will be changed to a weekend, enabling a lot more Brownies all over the country, including my own, to go on Pack Holiday.

**Carole Harriman (Mrs)**  
*Needwood, Staffs*

## Egg Cartons

In an effort to help conserve resources by re-

cycling, and also to raise a little money for our funds, our Brownies have been diligently collecting plastics see-through egg cartons for the past few months and we now have 2,000 packed into cardboard boxes. This is the minimum quantity the Thermopac Company Ltd, St Peters Road, Huntingdon, is prepared to accept.

We wonder if any other Packs are engaged in this project. We would be glad to hear from them, as the firm would like several groups in one area to pool their resources, then they could arrange free collection.

Thermopac offer 40p per 300 packs of cartons. This isn't a great deal, but we feel it is a worthwhile venture.

Perhaps other Guiders may be interested in collecting, and we know Thermopac would be very happy to hear from them.

**Christine Harrold (Mrs)**  
*High Wycombe, Bucks*

## Guild Get-together

Weybridge and Hersham invited other West Surrey Guilds to join them in a picnic supper and sing song at Newlands Corner one evening in late July. We met in the car park then transported our chairs, groundsheets and rugs to several different sites before finding one with a beautiful panoramic view, marred slightly by storm clouds and mist. Having settled ourselves into a circle we started to sing and were joined by a very vocal dog. Whether he thought we needed his help or whether he was protesting against our voices, we shall never know. His owner came back with a lead and the dog was reluctantly persuaded to leave us. Halfway through the evening flasks and picnic boxes were produced and supper eaten. Our songs continued around a mock Camp Fire.

Many thanks for inviting us two refugees from Dorking (now transferred to East Surrey) who came with your West Surrey Chairman.

**ID Yewdall**  
*Dorking, Surrey*

## Ranger Thanks

May I, through your pages, thank the Ranger Guider in Stratford, who at the eleventh hour, saved the

Silver D of E Expedition of one of my Rangers.

On the morning of Sue's Expedition to Stratford, one girl was taken ill. After an hour spent frantically telephoning everyone we could think of, to no avail, we got in touch with the Scouter in Stratford, Mr G Pinfold, who was to assess Sue. He in turn contacted the Ranger Guider and a girl was found.

We were all most impressed by the efficiency and friendliness of the Stratford Scouts and Guides, Jane's mother and Mr Pinfold. Thank you all from Sue, her parents, and me.

**Marian Norris (Mrs)**  
*Dorchester District, Oxon*

## Extension Camp

During the holidays Mrs Howell Extension Adviser for Warwickshire, invited me to a day at 'Woodlarks'. Never having visited a Camp for Extension Guides before I was very reticent about what it would be like.

We were met by one of the Extension Guides who was to look after us for the day. We were then introduced to the other Extension Guides in their wheelchairs. Each Handicapped Guide had a non-handicapped Guide or Ranger with her as a helper. These helpers had given their time to do this service for the less able and both sides appeared to get great joy from it. All the Camp chores were undertaken without any dissension and all the jobs were undertaken to the accompaniment of laughter and song. The Extension Guides had a go on the trampoline and on the archery range and when the arrows went astray, just laughed and tried again; then in the heated outdoor swimming pool they did their best to swim and also to canoe.

We stayed with them for Camp Fire when again everyone participated in a song or stunt. Never has the spirit of Guiding been more noticeable than when we all said Taps together.

Long may we have Guiders, Guides and Rangers who so willingly give up a week or more to help our less able sisters. For myself it was a day to remember with pride and gratitude.

**P Pearson (Mrs)**  
*Coventry, Warwicks*

# TWO-WAY HAIRSTYLE

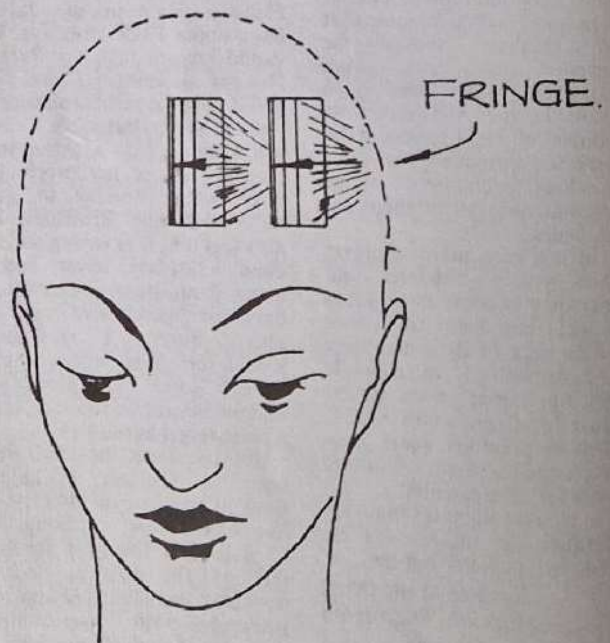


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His salon in Knightsbridge was opened in 1952, and now has a staff of some 20 skilled hairdressers. Since the opening, his knowledge and growing reputation have led to many radio and TV appearances, as well as regular features in leading magazines.

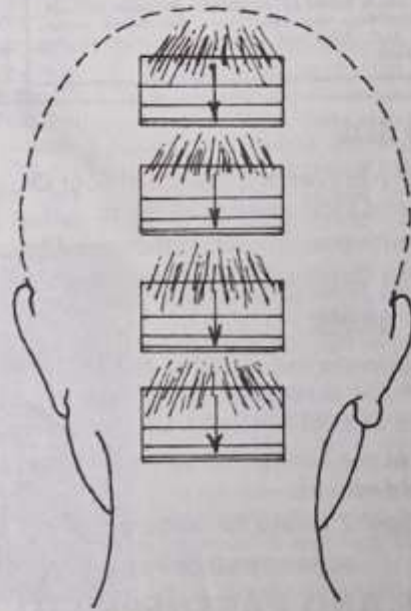
Xavier's salon is at 3 William Street, Knightsbridge, and boasts an excellent service, with hairdressers who possess an individual and highly artistic style. The hairstyle illustrated was created especially for Guiders and, as the photographs show, is suitable for both types of uniform hat. Guiders are assured of a warm welcome if they decide to visit Xavier Wenger's salon.



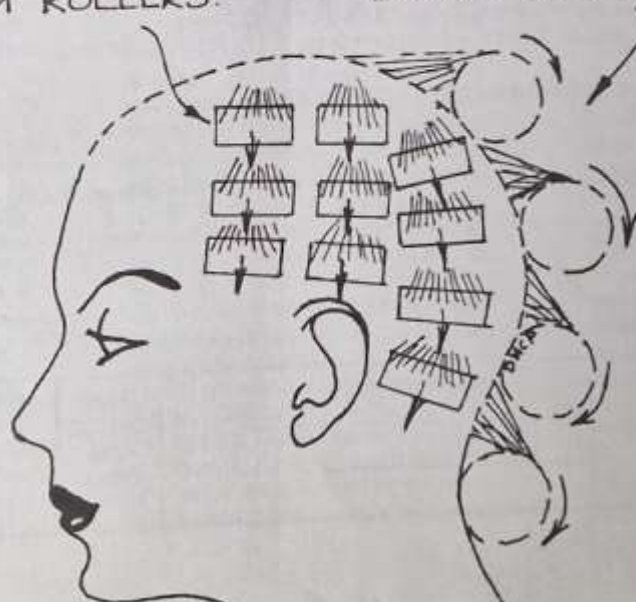
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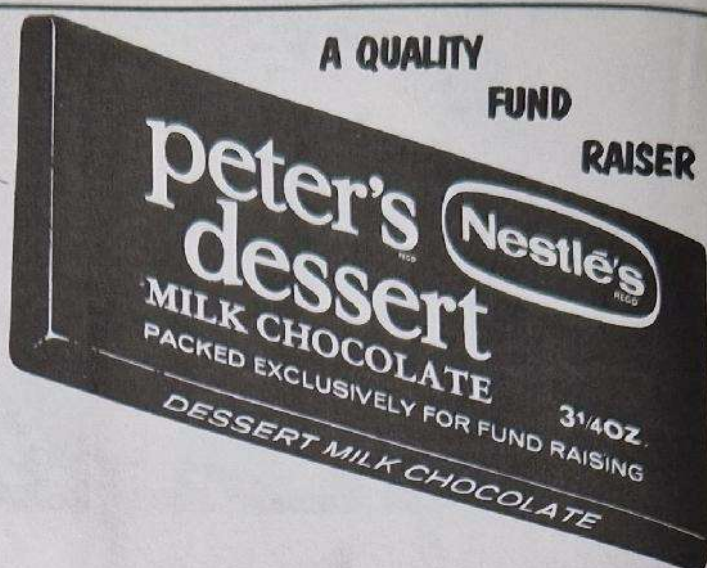
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# BROWNIE

## Training Ideas

### 'I'm going to be a Brownie . . .' (1)

Jaqui Ball

**D**ETERMINED WORDS, but timidly spoken by the small girl hovering on the doorstep of our meeting hall. Deborah was one of four new Brownies joining us that day.

When I asked them why they wanted to become Brownies, their answers were very much what I would expect from any group of new 'recruits'. Deborah said it was the uniform: 'We have three Brownies in our class, and on Wednesdays they're allowed to wear their uniform so that they can go straight to the meeting after school.' The uniform, Deborah thought, made those three girls look 'different' and 'important'. Julie agreed; she had seen Brownies in Church. 'They looked as if they were a special part of everything, as if they belonged.' Ursula's mother had been a Brownie herself and 'told me all about it', while Kathryn had friends who were Brownies who told her they 'played games and learnt things and had fun'.

So already they felt proud of the uniform they would wear, wanted to 'belong' and had high hopes of having fun at Brownies. Over the next few weeks before they came to make their Promise, our task was to help them to feel that they did, indeed, belong; to show them the different ways Brownies find enjoyment, and to explain what it is that makes a girl a Brownie, uniform apart!

Brownies are friendly people. But it helps to see familiar faces at that first meeting. Being a village Pack, it was likely that our new Brownies would know everybody, so fitting them into Sixes where we felt they would be happy was easy enough. Our other plans took more thought. During the time spent in Six corners we knew the Sixers would see that their newest members read the Story of the Brownies, and learnt the Promise, Law and Motto. We wanted to plan certain additional activities to help

Deborah, Ursula, Julie and Kathryn understand the meaning and importance of the Brownie Promise and Law.

We could explain to them ourselves what a promise is, and what it means to try to keep one. But for a seven-year-old, concepts like Duty to God and Duty to the Queen are not easily grasped.

Certainly we would encourage our four new Brownies to join us in our monthly service at the church to which our Pack is attached, the name of which we bear, proudly, on our Pack name tapes. We are lucky because the service we attend is a special Family Service



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where the emphasis is on everybody taking part. It might be the Youth Club singing to their own guitar accompaniment, or the little ones piping up with 'Away in a Manger' or our Brownies carrying their Pennant. The main thing is the joining in and making a personal contribution. That is very much what Brownies is all about, after all.

Our new girls might like to look through one of the scrap-books we have been making and perhaps help, as many of our Brownies have, by cutting out magazine and newspaper pictures of the Queen and other members of the Royal Family carrying out their official duties. Collecting 'evidence' of the way the Queen serves us, gives a Brownie several good reasons why she in turn, should try to serve the Queen. And cutting out and

pasting are very enjoyable pastimes!

The Brownie Guide Law is easier even for the youngest to understand; though the new ones might not be aware how many different ways there are of helping other people. We decided to ask every Brownie to bring to the meeting something used in a Good Turn. We expected tea-towels and dusters in plenty, but who could tell what novel ways our Brownies might have thought out to Lend a Hand? Maybe we could use the articles they brought for an Object Recognition game afterwards.

Our Brownies take great delight in play-acting, and after some admittedly self-conscious beginnings, have grown quite inventive in attending to such details as props and scenery. We have learnt, for our part, not to inquire as to the precise purpose of the skipping rope strung between two stacking chairs, but to wait until the action of the play reveals it as a fire-place, a window-ledge or whatever! With our new Brownies in mind we planned to ask each Six to act one of the Eight Points in our Brownie programme. The rest of us had to guess which it was. A word with the Sixers would ensure that the new girls were given a full part to play and not just used as 'stage extras'.

'The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men Gang aft a-gley' as Robert Burns once wrote. Plans for Brownie meetings are not so much likely to 'gang a-gley' as to need adapting to changed circumstances, and it is important to be ready to seize any unexpected opportunities that would serve our purpose. Especially when a good new idea comes from the Brownies themselves, then it is worth following it up, even at the cost of one of our own schemes. Nevertheless we hoped our plans and preparations would stand us in good stead in the next few weeks, as we tried to introduce our four new Brownies into the Guide Family.

### Encouraging a Patrol to Tackle 'Service'

Pat Duncombe

IS IT TRADITION for each Patrol in your Unit to undertake service regularly, or are you just beginning with this aspect of the programme? Patrols may need your advice to help them decide the particular service which is suitable for the time they can give, the ability, and perhaps stickability, of the girls concerned, not forgetting your own possible involvement dependent upon the skill and experience of the girls to carry out their own projects.

Where to start? Perhaps during meetings, introduce activities to help the Patrols think about Service, see pages 186/187 in *Guiders Handbook*. Follow with Patrol discussions or mimes on ideas suitable for your area based on ideas in the *Guide Handbook* page 177. Then the Patrol Leader brings her Patrol's ideas to Patrol Leaders Council.

Are we as Guiders now ready? Ready to help each Patrol Leader to think through her Patrol's ideas;

eg money raising, who will benefit from the money? Are the items offered of a suitable standard? A sponsored idea, safety? Skills or ability needed? A service for other people, is it beneficial to the individual? If a skill is needed, are all the Patrol efficient or prepared to practise?

Your advice will depend on your knowledge of your area and the ability of your Patrols. Possibly ideas from *Guide Handbook* chapter 8.

Collecting wood for old people or could it be food parcels or growing bulbs, all may be possible, could be a 'one off' or a continuous service. Knitted squares, might be a sponsored knit, money for the Guide Friendship Fund, the squares added to and turned into a blanket for a local person. Parties, for children or elderly people need a lot of planning, preparation, contact with the invited group, hostessing, entertaining etc. A Repair team, library books at the hospital

or could it be toys, repaired and given to the Children's Ward, could be done in Patrol Time. A Creche needs planning, preparation and child nurse training, suitable for an older Patrol with limited time. Carol singing, entertainments, need some ability, enthusiasm to practise and achieve a good standard. Conservation, litter, weeds, brambles, ivy etc from church grounds or pensioners gardens could be a continuous service, and so on.

Ideas usually snowball and perhaps as Guiders we need to check the Patrols planning, then its preparations, check that they contact the people concerned, be available to advise and encourage. Afterwards, to talk with the Patrol about the Service completed and what comes next. If we help the Patrol to have 'to help other people' in their thoughts when planning and doing, I'm sure all will gain and grow through their contact with other people.

### Encouraging a Patrol to Tackle 'Homemaking'

Elizabeth Towner

A ROW of lettuces about to go to seed! That is the sort of thing that starts ideas going. There must be something about those lettuces which could turn into a Guide activity. There was. The PLs hastened back to their Patrols equipped with half a sliced loaf, a smear of margarine in a tub, marmite, lettuce and knives and the following instructions. 'In 15 minutes prepare a table decoration, and an attractive plate of sandwiches, and be ready to act for us how you would greet a guest and make her welcome. Page 163 will give you some tips.' It is partly the challenge of working against the clock and in competition with the other Patrols, which makes washing a muddy lettuce in a church hall so much more of a thrill than just doing it at home. There is quite a skill in producing an attractive plate of sandwiches, and much to be learned from watching another Patrol 'act' welcoming their guest. Hostess badge is an obvious suggestion for a Guider to

put in the minds of her Guides as a possible follow-on to this activity. Or the discussion may go more toward food, and then the Guider could challenge the Guides to choose one of the self-training scheme ideas on page 155 and the following week report on their successes.

Have you read in the *Guide Handbook* page 144 about the man in the country devastated by a hurricane? Try reading that story to the Company and ask the Patrols to make a list of essentials for a family in his predicament. Starting in that way from a real live situation makes the Guides sit up and think. It also makes them realise just how lucky they are in their own homes. It might be the moment to mention again the jobs undertaken for Homemaking for the Pre-Promise challenges, and to encourage a Patrol to make itself a 'helping in the home challenge'. The secret of success when throwing out ideas like that, is to be sure that you remember it the

following week; and even if only one Guide has made an effort, make a point of being pleased and showing her where she can fill in a Self Training Scheme. If you don't start by encouraging the Guides who do make an effort, then in next to no time you will have no one who responds to challenges.

Homemaking in the Guide programme is one of the most practical of the Eight Points. No Guide will be satisfied just sitting talking about helping in the home, they want to be learning skills, and we need not look further than the handbook for a score of ideas. Have our PLs got organised and found the lady to teach their Patrol cake icing? Or the Dad to show them how to wire an electric plug?, or...? Well have they? If not, perhaps it is time we Guiders left the book open, strategically placed, or aroused their interest with some other tempting carrot. You haven't got a carrot? Well don't forget the row of lettuces or is it to be blackberries and windfall apples next?

## Tackling the Programme

### (2) Thinking for Yourself

Rosalind M Hall

THINK CLEAR, feel deep, bear fruit well.' These words written by Matthew Arnold in 1852 are, ideally, what we hope our Rangers will achieve through 'Thinking for themselves'; but sadly this is not always the case. Recently a Ranger at a large Camp was asked what she'd done for this clause of the Pre-investiture Challenge and said, 'Oh, we didn't do anything, because our Guider said we'd already thought for ourselves when deciding what to do for the other clauses!' Although there is definitely some truth in this, do we as Ranger Guiders really feel this is sufficient challenge for any self-respecting young adult? R W J Keeble in *A Life Full of Meaning* said: 'Young people will only feel what they are doing to be real and significant if they know themselves to be stretched, involved, committed.' How then can we help our Rangers to approach this clause, for despite all the excellent suggestions in their handbooks our encouragement and interest are vital. As most, if not all, Ranger Guiders are very busy people, it is helpful if we can give individual Rangers opportunities to fulfil this challenge, not as an extra, but within the frame-work of the Unit's chosen programme.

Thinking Day, as its name suggests, offers plenty of scope for the mind. The topical Common Market was chosen as the Thinking Day theme by some Rangers, who were each allocated one of the member countries to 'cover' in any way which appealed. Their ideas varied from charts portraying the Italian way of life and literature to an excellent Luxembourg casserole (rushed up the street insulated with wads of newspaper). Rangers might also surprise us if stimulated to write 'Thinking Day prayers with a modern impact'. Similarly if a Ranger committee decides to throw a United Nations Day Party or St Andrew's Eve entertainment or whatever, a Ranger who is trying to pass the

'Thinking for yourself' challenge before Investiture can be encouraged to select suitable background music or plan the decorations. If a Ranger, who is a member of a large Unit, is working at a deeper level for the Ranger Challenge, she might well be made chairman of a subcommittee formed to plan the 'do'.

Conservation is another topical, almost hackneyed, subject at present, but one which also gives immense opportunities for thinking. In one Scottish District the Rangers joined with the other organisations in a combined effort to improve the environment. A great deal of thought was needed in mapping old byeways; marking litter black-spots with red flags on a large, publically displayed model of the area; and planning a river bank clearance. Rangers might also decide to find out what sprays are being used by farmers in their area and record their effect on wild-life, fish farms etc.

Some Rangers and Venture Scouts are already doing valuable work mapping local obstacles and hazards for wheelchair inmates, or the blind. Obviously any Ranger doing this type of work may well be simultaneously carrying out several other Eight Point Challenges, so much the better! An example of this is a rural Unit who, working with the WRVS, gave a full week's holiday to two sisters in need of a country holiday. This needed careful forethought.

If the current Ranger programme happens to be one not involving much thought; an individual could perhaps be asked to read several newspapers' accounts of the same event and asked to assess their accuracy; or find a person with a real need and think how she can help her. When a Ranger claims that she has regularly read a magazine such as *Plain Truth* or a book like *The Davidson Affair*, do seem interested and try to make time to ask some searching questions.

For the Ranger Challenge the outdoor enthusiast could well be asked to prepare a Which type report on different types of tents, cagoules, or light-weight stoves. This idea could easily be adapted to a Homemaker theme.

The *Ranger Guide Handbook* gives excellent ideas for thought about different religions. (Page 137.)

If a Ranger opts, as also suggested, to take part in or Chair a discussion on some relevant topic, it gives a wonderful opportunity for the Guiders to learn unsuspected facts about the girls in their care, though it is far from easy to know when to participate and when to practise masterly inactivity. It is the Guider's job to see the atmosphere is conducive to thought, as a Unit who would hardly utter in a bare classroom atmosphere, may become almost verbose sitting by a roaring log fire. If you live in a smokeless zone candlelight might work equally well!

Finally we should not forget that the Ranger committee itself offers plenty of scope for thought, and is a valuable 'training ground for adult committees'.

A sixteen-year-old who had herself been deeply hurt by the repercussions of her parent's failings, was asked on a Panel, what she thought was the object of being a Ranger? She replied, 'It's leading up to what we're going to think about other people afterwards.' Another Ranger from a different area replied, 'The object is to become a better, broader person.' These two Rangers had obviously understood and implemented the clause 'Thinking for yourself'.

It is our privilege as Ranger Guiders to see that all our young people are helped in the process of maturing to 'move from subjectivity to objectivity, from self-centred intolerance, to loving tolerance,' and they can only achieve this if they are helped to think.

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## Adult Leader's Certificate — Part II

Diana M Sandford

In my fourth Brownie meeting Mary Haworth, the Guider, set aside 20 minutes for Pow-Wow. It would be my first Pow-Wow and I couldn't help wondering if this exuberant bunch of youngsters would ever sit still for that long. However, after an activity which demanded their running hither and thither and using their lungs to the utmost, an unbelievable hush suddenly descended. (Achieved I later discovered as a result of a secret Pack signal.) The Brownies disappeared to their Six corners and with due ceremony crept slowly towards the centre of the room, murmuring as they went 'Pow-Wow, Pow-Wow, Pow-Wow, Pow-Wow ...' and so on. They followed Indian-file into a circle, getting closer and closer, till with a loud crescendo of POW-WOW's they sat down simultaneously and silently on the floor. Pow-Wow had begun in earnest.

'What would they like to do as their next Venture?' Eventually a show of some kind was decided. But what kind? 'Babies', 'pets', 'flowers', 'puppets', 'food we have made', came the suggestions. How would they run it? Who would they invite? Would there be an entrance fee? Who would arrange the exhibits? How would they clear up? A glance at my watch told me that 30 minutes had elapsed since the beginning of their deliberations. The Brownies were capable of more than I had imagined. I looked at my Adult Leader's Certificate syllabus and found I was well on the way with understanding my own role in Pow-Wow.

Maybe you are a Guide Guider reading this and are wondering how these first two paragraphs relate to you. Look at them again and ask yourself how the Guides in your Unit plan their affairs. Being older than Brownies they should be that much more capable of doing so. In Guides the key lies in the Patrols. These small groups need to acquire experience in working things out for themselves, doing things together which absorb their interest, a play they have written

and produced, a Patrol Purpose Plan chosen by them from the Handbook, a service to someone else (planned and carried out by them), a guest invited to a Patrol Party, a challenge given by the Guider and so on and so on. Planning their own activities, doing their own thing, is the hub and the heart of the Patrol System. It is part of the logical development from Brownies and an important factor of a Guide learning to 'Think for herself'.

As the main working nucleus in a Guide Company is the Patrol, and all, except the tiniest of Units, have more than one, there must be a regular time for the Patrol Leaders to meet with their Guiders. They will need help with Patrol matters and also need to meet one another in order to decide and plan those things in the Company, which affect everyone; the inter-Patrol challenge, the Company service project, preparation for the Division



competition and whatever else there might be. Your role in Patrol Leaders' Council is to help them to be enthused, responsible and able to carry out their Guide programme. A sense of fun and a genuine interest will go a long way towards success.

With that understood, so much of the rest of your role as a Guider falls into place. Giving the support and guidance needed to carry out an outdoor activity, which they have chosen or passing on a skill relevant to their chosen programme. The first may involve a knowledge of the Association's Safety Rules, it may mean you finding an expert to help further or asking your Camp Adviser or Commissioner if she knows a suitable

place. The skill you pass on may be anything from flower arranging to mending a bicycle puncture. Nearly always it is best to work with a small group so they can each have a go themselves. The Guide Movement believes in people learning by doing. Using the right materials for the job and being able to use the skill in the foreseeable future, are factors that you need to bear in mind.

Some people may wonder why so much of the Adult Leader Certificate concerns helping the girls with activities, and on the surface so little about the girl herself. This is because the programme is a purpose built one, that is, if carried out well the girl will inevitably develop and grow. Lord Baden-Powell when referring to Scouting called it 'a man's job cut down to a boy's size'.

Yet each girl has her own individual everyday needs, her everyday problems. A Guider needs to be in tune with the mood of the moment, often providing a listening ear, showing interest in every effort made or acting as a sounding board to help a girl make her own decisions.

The centre of the programme is the Promise, it needs thought and action if the Eight-Point Programme is to be more than a hollow shell. Doing one's best 'to help other people' implies action not castles in the air. The first Promise too needs to be more than dreams. As a Guider you need to think carefully how you are going to help your Guides with it. It may mean encouraging a girl to join an active place of worship; it may mean helping to make Unit prayers relevant and alive; it may mean investigating books or stories that inspire that age group; it may involve promoting discussion through a well chosen activity in your Handbook; it may mean just having an open mind when this or that opinion is vehemently put forward. It may need many of these things at one time or another. But it will need prayer; prayer for you too, 'to grow in understanding ...' so that you will be able to help young people to do the same.

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## Poverty and the Young

Today many young people are aware of what is happening in other parts of the world. But one thing that should concern all of us is poverty. Oxfam help to relieve the suffering of many people, and they are always finding new ways to interest new supporters. A leaflet *Young People, World Poverty* is now available. It lists and describes posters, booklets, films and games that would appeal to young people. Posters include the 'pop' personalities Wings and Elton John. Films include the story of a 19-year-old boy who led a band of guerrillas in the recent struggles in Bangladesh. If you would like copies of this leaflet write to **Youth Department, Oxfam House, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ.**

## RSPB Exhibition

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds are holding an open day at the Corn Exchange in Brighton, Sussex, on Saturday, 4th October. The exhibition will be open from 11 am to 5 pm. That same evening there will be films about birds shown at the Dome.

## Camping Show

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## Telephone Hints

Guides working for their Emergency Helper badge have to know how to use the telephone in an emergency. But how many people know the correct way to use the telephone under ordinary circumstances? Do they know, for example, what information services are available, and how to use them? The Post Office have wall charts and booklets explaining how to use this method of communication, and most of this information is free. One of these charts is reproduced here. If you would like copies of this and other charts fill in the coupon and send it to the **Education Service, Publicity Division, Post Office Telecommunications Headquarters, 2-12 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7AG.**

## Essay Competition

Details of the annual Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition have recently been released. As in other years there are three age groups and a choice of four subjects in each group. Prizes in each group include travel to another Commonwealth country, cash and books. Every entry must be sent through a school, signed by a teacher and reach the society not later than 1st March, 1975. If you would like further details of this competition write to the society at **Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BJ.**

## Cat Show

Around the world the English are known as animal lovers, and one of the most popular animals is the cat. This year's National Cat Club Show is being held at Olympia on 30th November. As well as pedigree sections, there will be a pet section which will include Jason of the *Blue Peter* television programme. There will be kittens for sale, and stalls selling everything for cats and their owners. The show will be open from 10.30 am to 6 pm and is a one day show only.

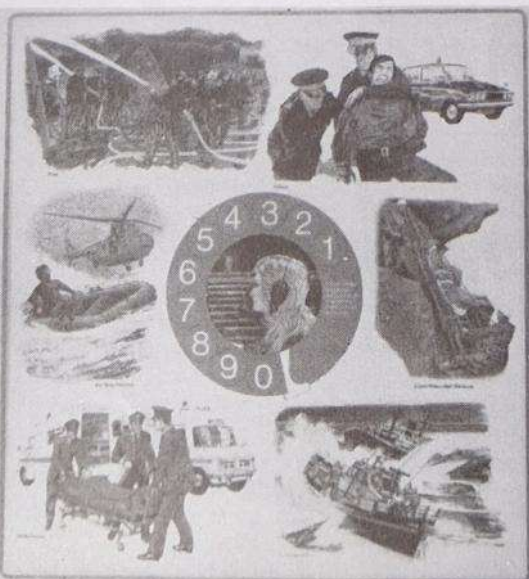
## In Memoriam

**Miss Frances Coles**, who died on 5th August, had given thirty years loyal service to CHQ in the Finance Department. She joined the small staff in 1920 when it was at 84 Victoria Street, and moved in June that year to more roomy quarters in Boy Scout Headquarters at 25 Buckingham Palace Road.

For over fourteen years Miss Coles served as a Guider with Brownies, Guides and Rangers in Hoxton and Canonbury and she had enjoyed her membership of CHQ Trefoil Guild.

TWM

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The photographs above and below show Miss Geraldine Greenhill on her visit to Cyprus in March, 1974. Miss Greenhill, a CHQ Salaried Trainer, trained new Guiders to work with the children of British Service personnel of the Sovereign Base Areas. Would Guiders recently returned from Cyprus please see the notice on page 405.



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# BOOK REVIEWS REVIEWS REVIEWS

**Raise Cash - Have Fun** by Christine Fagg. Elek Books Ltd, 54-58 Caledonian Road, London N1, 75p.

At some time or another in every Guiders' career comes the problem of raising money. This little book could help. With the help of line drawings and detailed planning instructions it tells you how to organise fetes and bazaars, with themes such as St Patrick's day; indoor functions such as Bridge drives and sausages sizzles; and outdoor functions such as safari parties and sheep roasts. Seasonal fund raising efforts are looked into, as are ways that children can raise money on their own. At the end of the book there is a list of addresses that could be useful for anything from information to renting equipment. The cost of this little book would soon be covered by your first crowded function. **JVK**

**Despite Disability** by Educational Explorers, Reading, £1.85.

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*Despite Disability* should serve as an encouragement to all handicapped people and their families, and should be read by them and the able-bodied alike. **TS**

**10th Piccolo Crossword Book** by Robin Burgess. Piccolo, 25p.

Basically a good collection of crossword puzzles and in general the clues are straightforward. However, I would say that due to some of the clues being quite difficult, it would be unsuitable for children below the age of 10. For those over 10 it could indeed, as claimed, increase word power, but I would query the claim 'no dictionary or reference books needed'. **SDM**

**Girl Guide Song Book 1 and 2.** Girl Guides Association, 40p.

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I am glad to see several of Mary Chater's songs included. There is the delightful *Country Song*, as well as the more popular *Guide Marching Song* and the *New Forest Vesper* with a lovely second verse by D Whitehouse.

The books are indexed alphabetically and the cover design is most attractive. The cost for the two is a mere 40 pence. As there are 95 songs, that works out at less than 1p per song. Surely in these days of inflation this must rate as a bargain not to be missed. **AT** (See page 334 of the September *Guider* for introductory article about these two books. - Editor.)

**While You Wait, Careers Research and Advisory Centre with Barclays Bank.** Hobsons Press, 60p.

If you are, or know of someone who has just left school and has several months to wait before entering college this could be 60p well spent. Organisations that handle voluntary service in England and abroad are listed with details of qualifications needed, length of service, accommodation and pay and where to apply. If you are looking for long or short term service, adventure holidays, camp, study courses, au pair opportunities, or exchange visits, this book has details of them all. You can find ways to help the elderly, the handicapped, other young people, take part in conservation schemes and even fruit picking projects. If you don't want to waste time between school and further education this book could provide dozens of ideas. **JVK**

**The Big Book of Baby Knitting** by Mary Healey. Wolfe, £3.25.

There are many books full of baby knitting patterns in the shops, but not many that have an age range of birth to school. This is such a book; 256 pages of patterns that will suit every child. Of course

there are the usual layettes and matinee coats in classical designs. But this book also contains classical twin sets and jumpers for toddlers. Fun patterns include everything from dressing gowns to cowboy suits. Every pattern is illustrated with colour photographs. For someone who likes to knit this would make an excellent gift.

**Knitted Outfits for Teenage Dolls** by Nesta Hollis with Winifred Rickwood. Faber & Faber, £2.95.

Another book for knitters, this book is ideal for beginners and the expert. One of the joys of having dolls is dressing them, and especially making the clothes. But for young fingers, just learning to use knitting needles can be difficult. The authors of this book have remembered this and included several dresses which are little more than two squares joined together. But for the more experienced knitter there is a lace-look wedding dress, Spanish national costume and outfits for every occasion. Every outfit is illustrated in either colour or black and white. You may think it a little expensive for a book of knitting, but I don't think you will need any other patterns for a young girl and her doll. **JVK**

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For the actual choice of games and programme ideas, the book has constant reference to the *Guide Handbook* and *Today's Guide*, and throughout each

chapter there is a close link with the *Guide Handbook*.

This would appear to be a 'must' for every PL, and, as with so much in Guiding, the greatest benefit will be achieved where the Guider helps her Patrol Leaders to use it fully in conjunction with the *Guide Handbook*. It should be a ready aid to the Patrol Leaders, and an added strength to the Guider who is training them to get the most of the Patrol System, so that the Patrol really is 'the best bit of Guiding for a Guide' (*Guide Handbook*, page 30). **JWD**

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

Telephone calls are accepted only between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm at Foxlease (Lyndhurst) 042-128 2638, and at Waddow (Clitheroe) 0200-23186, except in emergencies.

## Bursary Help

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

The **Fare Bursary** (available only for travel to the nearest Training Centre) carries a rebate of a Guider's travel expenses in excess of £2.00.

The **Angela Thompson Bursary** is available to any Guider attending a Promise and Law or similar training (not necessarily at a Training Centre).

**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 on

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 Chairman/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.

Commissioners are asked not to apply for bursaries for Guiders able to get LEA grants.

**All applications must arrive at CHQ at least TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE TRAINING and Bursaries cannot be issued at shorter notice or in retrospect.**

## CHQ

**FOXLEASE**  
Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DG

### OCTOBER

- 4-6 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 11-13 South West England (by allocation)
- 18-20 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 25-27 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)

### NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Somerset
- 8-10 Hampshire East
- 15-17 London & South East England (by allocation)
- 22-24 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 29-1 DECEMBER Tutors Training Conference (by allocation)

### DECEMBER

- †29-1 JANUARY 1975 New Year Houseparty.

### JANUARY

- 3-5 The Year Ahead (general training for Guiders of all sections)
- 10-12 1. General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders  
‡2. Guitar Playing for Beginners
- 17-19 Ranger Guiders' Training

- 24-26 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)

### 31-2 FEBRUARY Wiltshire. FEBRUARY

- 7-9 New to Guiding (Commissioners and Guiders of all Sections)
- 14-16 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (Outside booking)
- 21-23
- 28-2 MARCH
  1. Progress through the Programme.
  2. Guiders taking Pack Holiday Permits in 1975

### MARCH

- 7-9 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 14-16 South West England (by allocation)
- 21-23 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (place reserved for Isle of Wight)
- 27-5 APRIL Lions and (Easter) Leopards — Arts Workshop (by allocation)

### WADDOW

Clitheroe, Lancs. BB7 3LD

### OCTOBER

- 4-6 Durham and South Tyne
- 11-13 Derbyshire
- 18-20 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 25-27 Lancashire South East

### NOVEMBER

- 1-3 North West England (by allocation)
- 8-10 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 15-17 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)
- 22-24 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

- 29-1 DECEMBER Yorkshire Central Scouters

### DECEMBER

- 6-8 Salford Deanery
- 31-5 JANUARY 1975 The Choice is Yours (Skills — practice groups for campfire; or Crafts or Guitar beginners)
- JANUARY
- 10-12 Prospective Certificate and Specialist

Trainers (by allocation)

- 17-19 New To Guiding (Commissioners and Guiders of all Sections)

- 24-26 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)

- 31-2 FEBRUARY General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

### FEBRUARY

- 7-9 Greater Manchester North
- 14-16 Training the Young Leader (County Leadership Advisers, Commissioners and Guiders)
- 21-23 (Outside booking)
- 28-2 MARCH North West England (by allocation)

### MARCH

- 7-9 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 14-16 Cheshire Forest and Cheshire Border
- 21-23 Division Commissioners with their District Commissioners and Division Secretaries
- 27-31 (Easter) (Outside Booking)

### Training Notes

For details of training at Foxlease and Waddow see page 349 of the September Guider.

### Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room, per day £3.00;  
Double room, per day £3.50;  
Single room, per day £4.00:

† Courses or events so marked will be subject to VAT.

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#### NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Brownie and Guide Guiders (includes booking from Newcastle upon Tyne)
- 8-10 Ranger Guiders and County Leadership Advisers
- 15-17 Brownie and Guide Guiders (includes booking from Glasgow North-West Division)
- 22-24 Brownie and Guide Guiders (includes booking from Glasgow North Division)
- 29-1 DECEMBER Brownie and Guide Guiders

#### DECEMBER

- 6-8 Trainers (Emphasis on training in the Brownie Guide Section)
- 13-15 Trainers (Emphasis on training in the Guide Section)

#### Fees at Netherurd

It is regretted that as from 1st September, 1974, fees at Netherurd will be increased. The new rates will be as follows:

Shared room, per day £2.00;  
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## Wales

#### BRONEIRION

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#### OCTOBER

- 4-6 General Training (places reserved for Gwent)
- 11-13 General Training (places reserved for Clwyd)
- 18-20 'How, Why and When?' Joint Venture Scout Leader/Ranger Guider Training Conference (by invitation)
- 25-27 International Training (by allocation)

#### NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Welsh Camp Advisers' Conference
- 8-10 Arts Workshop
- 15-17 General Training (places reserved for Cardiff & East Glamorgan, Pembrokehire and Cardiganshire)
- 22-24 Basic Skills

- 29-1 DECEMBER Crafts Old and New

#### DECEMBER

- 6-8 Christmas Festivities

#### MARCH 1975

- 7-9 'Making the Most of the District' - Commissioners and their own Guiders

- 14-16 General Training (Places reserved for Gwynedd)

- 21-23 General Training (Places reserved for Birmingham)

- 28-1 APRIL PLs under 14 years (Open to all Counties)

#### APRIL

- 4-6 Arts Workshop for Wales

- 11-13 Young Leaders and Leadership Advisers

- 18-20 General Training (Places reserved for Cheshire Wirral)

- 25-27 General Training (Places reserved for Montgomery)

#### MAY

- 2-4 Ranger Guiders with two of their Ranger Committee members

- 9-11 Pre-Warrant (Emphasis on the Adult Leader's Certificate)

- 17 Day Conference - Welsh County Personnel

- 18 Open Day - House and Gardens

- 23-27 PLs under 14 years (Open to all Counties)

- (Spring Bank Holiday)

- 30-1 JUNE Welsh Trainer's Conference

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## Camping Holidays and Pack Holidays

#### Foxlease Camp Sites

Application for sites next year should reach Foxlease by 6th January 1975 and will be considered during the week commencing 13th January. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated, and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any weekday.

A 50p deposit (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and a foolscap sae should be enclosed.

#### Beaverbrook Lodge

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease giving alternative dates and enclosing an initial deposit of £1.00 (which is non-returnable) and a foolscap sae. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st April 1975-30th September 1975 will be accepted from the 1st September 1974.

#### Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites next year will be considered during the first week of January 1975. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. It is preferred that camps begin on Saturday.

A 50p deposit (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and a foolscap sae should be enclosed.

#### Waddow Cottage and Caravan

Both are available for bookings throughout the year. For details apply to the Secretary enclosing sae.

#### Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1975 will be considered on and after 17th November 1974, and should be sent to the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's CA or Pack Holiday Adviser and a foolscap sae enclosed.

#### Netherurd Camp-Sites, Brownie House and Holiday Caravan

Applications for camp-sites will be taken from 1st January 1975.

Applications for the Brownie House will be taken on 1st December 1974 (form of application available from 1st November). During Scottish school holiday periods (Easter, July, half August) priority will be given to Scottish Packs.

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So on to lifeboat No 2! At the time of writing this we are already halfway toward our second £5,000. We know people are still having fund-raising events and for these and all past efforts we are tremendously grateful. We do not yet know where our second lifeboat will be stationed, perhaps by next month I can tell you. It will be good to have both our ILBs in operation before the winter storms and gales wrack our coasts, and every one of you who have helped toward our two lifeboats will know that you may have been the means of saving lives.

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To Help The Aged is our Christmas challenge this year. Please do send for full particulars of our special project which we have chosen for this cause. Christmas is perhaps, more than any other a time for the young to remember the old. We all know how greatly old people love to be visited, to be sung to, to be taken little posies of flowers or baskets of eggs by Brownies and how the Brownies love doing these things. We *know*, and enormously appreciate, the wonderful response your Packs and Companies have given us this year; for the Saving Sight Scheme in India, last Christmas for the Guides of Our Islands, and all the summer for the lifeboats. But Christmas is again nearly on us and the Christmas Good Turn has been a traditional feature of the Guide Friendship Fund each year. If your Brownies, Guides and Rangers like to direct some of their giving through the GFF you will know that every penny of it will be used to Help The Aged.

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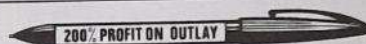
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# HQ NOTICES

## CHQ AWARDS

### GOOD SERVICE Laurel Award

Mrs B Burnett, Division Commissioner, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Mrs B M Mason, County Secretary, Herefordshire.

### Meritorious conduct Star of Merit

Kay Abram, Guide, 60th Southport Company, Lancashire South West.

Since birth, Kay has struggled against her disabilities with great fortitude. Although she has undergone surgical treatment and a number of painful manipulations, she has always been a good patient, uncomplaining, more concerned about others than herself. Cheerful and with a keen sense of humour, helpful and co-operative, she has been determined to live her life fully and without a trace of self-pity or self-centredness. Kay is now a useful and imaginative member of her Company and of the Guide Movement, whose ideals she tries always to put into practice.

Belinda Moss, Guide, 60th Southport Company, Lancashire South West.

In spite of her constant disability, Belinda has been determined to lead as normal a life as possible. Her cheerfulness and endurance, while undergoing surgical treatment, has been an inspiration to the other patients. The burden of pain she has borne is concealed by her smile and endless enthusiasm, and she endears herself to those she meets by her happy and kindly disposition, sense of humour and joy of living. Her qualities of leadership and eagerness to help others is a boon to her entire Company. Not content to be merely a 'passenger', Belinda takes a whole-hearted responsible and caring role.

### Certificate of Merit

Deborah Towers, Brownie Guide, 1st Endmoor Pack, Westmorland.

### Letter of Commendation

Jane Willighan, Ranger Guide, 24th Burnley (St Cuthbert's) RGU, Lancashire North East.

## Introduction to Mountain Leadership

The National Scout Caving Activity Centre, Whenside Manor, Dent, Near Sedburgh, Yorkshire.

One of the Guiders who attended the first of these courses, especially arranged for the Girl Guides Association, has now successfully gained her Mountain Leadership Certificate and we hope others will be doing so in the near future.

This next course will again be open to those of 18 and over who are interested in hill-walking, climbing and mountaineering and would like to learn the skills needed to qualify for leadership. For those who decide to progress further, the course will count as the first stage toward gaining a Mountain Leadership Certificate.

The cost will be £26.00 (plus VAT) and although it is hoped that grant aid will be available for those with the highest travel expenses, those taking part are advised to apply for an LEA grant if possible. The closing date for applications is 8th March, 1975 so write now to the Training Secretary at CHQ for details.

## Caving Course

Alongside the Mountaineering group will run a caving course for those who would like an opportunity to 'have a go'. The scope of the programme will be geared to the experience (or lack of it!) of those taking part, so do apply whether you are a complete beginner or want to improve your skills. Details about applications, fees, etc, are as for the Mountaineering course above.

## Witan '75

Witan '75, the biennial international Camp for Scouts and Guides studying at universities and institutions of further education and their friends who are members of the Scout and Guide Movement, will take place at Baarn, The Netherlands, from 28th July-8th August, 1975. All participants must be aged 18 plus.

For further information write to: Miss Jenny Sorel, Secretary, International Department, Scouting Nederland, Stadsring 139, Amersfoort, The Netherlands, or to the organising committee, Secretary, Witan '75, Mozartstraat 17, Groningen, The Netherlands.

## World Badge

Charts of a design suitable for making hassocks, cushion

covers, etc in needlework tapestry, are now available by post from Programme and Training Department price 10p each.

Please send stamped addressed envelope not smaller than 9in x 4in.

## Further Opportunity for Commissioners

Following the success of the non-residential day training course for Commissioners held here at CHQ in 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 £2 or 35p per day, 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 OPT.

## Extension Advisers

A Conference for County Extension Advisers is to be held at Wall Hall College, Aldenham, Watford, Herts, from the 18th to the 20th April, 1975.

Details and Application Forms will be sent to County Extension Advisers through Country/Region Headquarters.

## International Scout and Guide Club

The Club meets every Monday at 8 pm at Baden-Powell House, Queens Gate,

London SW7. All visitors are welcome. Programme for October includes: 7th; War on Want; 21st; Swiss evening. For further details please contact programme secretary at the above address.

## Handicraft Competition for Handicapped Rangers, Guiders and Trefoil Guild Members

Can you knit baby clothes, make soft toys or sew aprons? If so you may win a cash prize of £15, £10 or £5. There are 10 different classes of articles you can make.

Send for an entry form and details of the rules and conditions to the Programme Secretary, The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W OPT.

## Colour Slides

Press and Public Relations Department has a continuing need for good pictures. Colour slides are especially required for use in the Guide Calendar, sets of Speaker's slides, and for general illustration work, payment for those used could be considered. The Department is also always glad to see black and white photographs which could be used in display work, the Association's Annual Report, etc. All photographs, whether colour slides or black and white prints, must be sharp and clear and preferably of unposed Guide activities.

## Good News!

We are very pleased to announce that we have been successful in obtaining exemption from VAT on all general adult leader training courses at Foxlease and Waddow. This exemption applies to the majority of courses, with a few exceptions, eg Specialist courses on individual skills such as guitar playing, etc, or social house-party type events. In future any course that is not VAT exempted will be clearly marked in the 'Where to Train' lists for the two centres concerned.

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Brownies of the Hucknall North District of Nottingham (above) celebrated the Diamond Jubilee at their revels.

Hucknall Despatch



Janet King



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When a Rosebud and two Brownies from 1915 and 1925 visited CHQ recently they were greeted by Mrs Whiteaker, the General Secretary. Then they looked at goods in the shop, an early Brownie admired the new Brownie uniform, and all visited the roof for a view of Buckingham Palace.



Janet King

London South-West celebrated Brownie Diamond Jubilee Year on 13th July, but since the numbers are so large, each of the six Divisions arranged its own revels, and the County Commissioner, Mrs Auckland, visited each in turn. Three thousand golden balloons were ordered, bearing their appropriate wording, and they provided a cheerful note of colour everywhere; some were even tied to the orange car in which Mrs Auckland was driven around.

Despite rainy weather, which necessitated a few changes, the celebrations were both fun for Brownies and impressive for the on-lookers. While the programmes had a

family resemblance, there was amazing and delightful variety, too, from the trot-past of Brownie 'ponies' in one Division to the crowning of four Diamond Jubilee District Queens in another; from a well-rehearsed ceremony beginning with 'sleeping' Brownies roused to greet the County Commissioner with a song, to a display of foreign dances and songs by groups dressed in ingenious costumes.

Birthday cakes were well in evidence, large ones - square or diamond-shaped plus in one case a host of smaller decorated ones made by and for each each Pack, so Mrs Auckland had much practice in

making the important first cut. Throughout there was that happy blend of spontaneous enthusiasm and reasonable discipline. At one venue a young policeman on duty was jokingly asked if it wasn't nice to have a peaceful demo for once. 'I wish there were more like this,' he replied feelingly, and went on to say he had himself been a Cub and Scout. Other members of the brother movement, a Group Scout Leader and a Scout, acted respectively as chauffeur and escort for the County Commissioner, and in their impeccable Sea Scout uniform added much to the dignity and friendliness of a joyous occasion.

E M Cannon

Brownies parade their Pennants at a special Diamond Jubilee service in South Wilts Division.

North Slough District Brownies won two prizes for their float in a local carnival (below).



The Western Gazette



Rushden District Brownies (below) on their Diamond Jubilee carnival float.



A V Childs



Mid Sussex Times

Brownies from Mid-Sussex held their DJ revels on the famous Bluebell Line and renamed one of the steam engines for the day (above).

Cheadle Moseley  
Division Brownies  
(right) held a handi-  
craft display at the  
end of their DJ  
revels.



Stockport Advertiser



Janet King

A Fair and Fund Day held in Bristol for the Avon North County Brownies was a great success, especially the stilt walking (right).

East Anglian Daily Times



The Evening Post

Despite the rain, these Brownies from Ipswich East Division (left) enjoyed their Diamond Jubilee day.

## HQ NOTICES.....

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### Brownie Totems

We regret that due to phenomenal increases in the cost of raw materials used in the making of our totems, we have been forced to increase our prices as follows:

6060 Large totem	£11.69
6061 Small totem	£6.67

Unfortunately most of the materials used in the totem are either coal or oil based. We give below an indication of some of the percentage increases on the basic materials over the past year:-

Resins	350%
Glass	60%
Paint	200%
Finishing Material	80%
Tubes	80%

### CHQ Ski Party 1975 - Our Chalet

Dates 18th January - 2nd February

Cost £65.00 approx including travel and accommodation.

For further information and application contact County International Advisers or Country/Region Headquarters.

### Short Term Investment Service

Monthly interest rate after deduction of management commission.

June 1974	11.125%
July 1974	10.975%
August 1974	10.281%

### Scout & Guide Trust Guide Fund

On 30th August 1974 the value of a share in the above Fund was:

for selling purposes	25-22p
for buying purposes	26-48p
interest only yield	7-93%

The interest only yield does not include any capital appreciation and is based on the share buying price on the date stated.

### STOP PRESS

Will all Sovereign Base Area Guiders recently evacuated from Cyprus please contact the Commonwealth Overseas Secretary at CHQ, as soon as possible, giving Unit numbers, warrant details and present address.

### Where To Train

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#### Magilligan Camp-sites

Three fully equipped sites with double Calor gas stove for 25-30 campers. Also large 3-room hut with an open fire-place. For details apply to Mrs R F Scott, Derrymore House, Limavady, Co Londonderry, enclosing sae.

#### Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex

Equipped and unequipped sites available with facilities for swimming, climbing and pioneering (for which equipment can be borrowed) also 'Restrop', a furnished bungalow for 25 (bunk beds for 20) - details write to the Warden enclosing sae.

#### Brownsea Island

Eight camp-sites (for Guides and Scouts) are available as well as The Villano (maximum accommodation 30) for holidays for Rangers, Guiders or Trefoil Guild. Apply to Mrs B B Dyke, Wendover, The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset, enclosing sae.

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## Ballet and Opera

### English National Opera

The programme for October includes *Manon*, *Don Carlos*, *The Bassarids*, *Così fan Tutte*, *A Masked Ball* and *Die Fledermaus*.

### Royal Opera, Covent Garden

The repertoire for October: *Das Rheingold*; *Die Walküre*; *La Bohème* and *Boris Godunov*.

### Royal Ballet and English Opera Group at Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue

2nd-26th: A combined opera and ballet season with a wonderful repertoire from both companies. The Royal Ballet will be presenting among others: *Pineapple Poll*, *Giselle*, *A Wedding Bouquet* and *Prodigal Son*.

The English Opera Group (not to be confused with the **English National Opera**) are performing a brand new Opera called *The Voice of Ariadne* which had its world premiere this year. *La Rondine* and *Albert Herring* complete the programme.

## On Tour

If you can't manage any of the venues in London - **Ballet for All** begin their Autumn Tour on 7th October at Northampton and will also be visiting Felixstowe, Ruislip, Hemel Hempstead, Lewisham, Horsham, King's Lynn, Bury St Edmunds, Preston, Merseyside, Darlington, Hope Valley, Castleford, and Cheltenham. They will be presenting the spectacular ballet plays *World of Harlequin* and the romantic *The World of Giselle*.

### London Festival Ballet

After a very successful season at the New Victoria Theatre the Festival Ballet start an Autumn tour. 7th: Newcastle; 14th: Manchester; 21st: Cardiff; 4th November: Norwich. *The Fairy's Kiss*, *Witchboy*, *Coppelia* and *Graduation Ball* complete the programme.

### English Opera Group

After their spell at Sadler's Wells, the company begin the provincial tour on 22nd, at Nottingham, Leeds, Wolverhampton and Newcastle. The Royal Ballet also start their tour on the 28th at Wolverhampton. More details in November *Guider*.

## Exhibitions

### Science Museum

Until Oct: *Marconi Centenary Exhibition*  
Until Jan 1975: *Breath of Life Exhibition*

### Hampton Court

Until 27th Oct: *Elizabeth R Costume Exhibition*

Ralph Reader rehearsing with Girl Guides dance teams for his final production of the *Gang Show*. It opens on October 21st for two weeks at the Gaumont State Theatre, Kilburn.



### Victoria and Albert Museum

8th Oct-1st Dec: *The Destruction of the Country House* (see September *Guider*).

### British Museum

Until Dec: Exhibition of Portrait Drawings

Until 5th Jan: *Churchill the Writer*

### Commonwealth Institute

9th Oct-3rd Nov: Commonwealth Book Fair

25th: Lloyd Ansel presents *Songs for All Seasons*

### Mall Galleries

25th Oct-9th Nov: Royal Institute of Oil Painters

Until 18th Oct: *Sunday Mirror* Children's Exhibition

### Electrum Gallery

Until 12th Oct: Exhibition of Jewellery and Objects

19th Oct: National Film Theatre - *Let's Make A Film* Exhibition

5th-27th Oct: Forty Hall, Enfield - *Looking at Stamps*

31st Oct-29th Dec: Camden Arts Centre - *The Thirties In Hampstead*

16th-20th Oct: West Centre Hotel - London Camping and Leisure Trade Fair

21st-26th Oct: Kensington - Kensington Antiques Fair

## Concerts

4th: Royal Festival Hall - Segovia, guitar recital

5th: Queen Elizabeth Hall - An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan

6th: Royal Festival Hall - London Philharmonic Orchestra

13th: Royal Festival Hall - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

14th: Queen Elizabeth Hall - John Williams, Paco Peña - guitar recitals

19th: Royal Festival Hall - Vienna Boys Choir

20th: Purcell Room - Children's Ballet Theatre, the Tender Trio

22nd: Royal Festival Hall - London Philharmonic Orchestra

24th: Royal Festival Hall - London Symphony Orchestra

29th: Purcell Room - Michael Muskett's *Museum of Music*, for children and adults

## Nationwide

### Berkshire

4th-12th Oct: Windsor Castle and Eton College, Windsor - Windsor Festival

16th-19th Oct: Newbury - Newbury Michaelmas Fair

### Cambridgeshire

11th Oct: Guildhall, Cambridge - Segovia, guitar recital

## Kent

Until 27th Oct: Dover Castle - *Six Wives of Henry VIII Costume Exhibition*

## Lancashire

15th Oct: Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester - European and Russian Master Drawings

15th/19th: Crosby, Liverpool, Merseyside - Crosby Arts Association Festival '74

15th/19th: Bluecoat Chambers, Liverpool, Merseyside - Antiques Fair

## Leicestershire

8th Oct: De Montfort Hall, Leicester - English Symphony Orchestra

## Lincolnshire

18th Oct: Cathedral, Lincoln - Vienna Boy's Choir

## Oxfordshire

Until 31st Oct: Blenheim Palace - Churchill Centenary Year Exhibition

## Suffolk

8th-22nd Oct: Spa Pavillion Lounge, Felixstowe - British Puppet and Model Theatre Guild Exhibition of Puppetry

## Sussex

11th Oct: White Rock Pavillion, Hastings - London Philharmonic Orchestra

19th: Oaklands Park, Chichester - Sloe Fair

22nd: The Dome, Brighton - BBC Symphony Orchestra

3rd Nov: London to Brighton RAC Veteran Car Run

## Wales

10th-28th Oct: Swansea, Glamorgan - Swansea Festival

24th: Menai Bridge, Gwynedd - Menai Bridge Fair

25th: Bala, Gwynedd - Autumn Fair

## Wiltshire

Throughout 1974: Longleat, Warminster - Lord Bath's Private Churchill Exhibition

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