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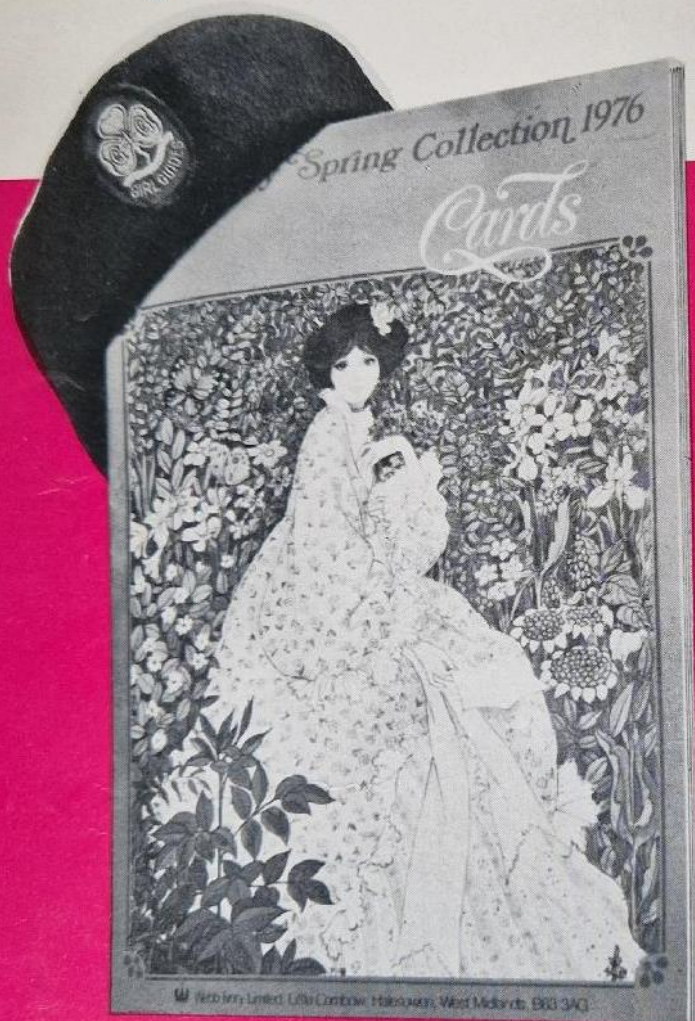
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Thank You - United Kingdom

In all the Christmas and Thinking Day cards we have received from delegates who attended the 22nd World Conference we have had nearly the same message:

'Please tell all the members of the Girl Guides Association of the United Kingdom how much we treasure all their lovely gifts.'

Many delegates were able to write notes to our members but some gifts bore no names and, sadly, the delegates could not send their personal thanks.

We promised to pass on their warmest thanks and very good wishes. We hope some of them will visit us from time to time and we wish them well.

Lynia Whitaker

General Secretary, CHQ

COVER

Two 'galley-slaves' on a canal weekend for PLs (see page 101).

We are grateful to Webb Ivory Ltd for sponsoring this month's cover.



Above, left, Miss Gwen Grinwade, Guide Guider of the 18th Ipswich Company, is presented with two silver goblets at her last Camp. She has retired after 55 years of Guiding.



Above, right, the Long Service Award is presented to Mrs Winifred Robinson, Brownie Guider of the 1st Bearsted Brownies, Maidstone, for 17 years.



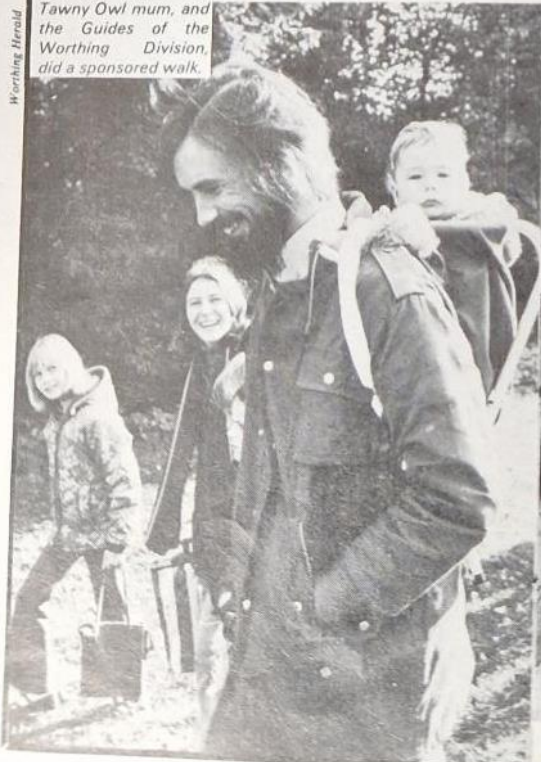
It was a hair-raising moment, left, for Norman Heborn, being given a new style at the white elephant stall, St Mark's annual bazaar, Peterborough.



Soaked but satisfied, the 1st Garlinge Scout team, which won the boy's section of the Thanet Venture Scouts and Rangers annual assault course, are checked in by two Rangers.



Alison decided to hitch a lift in dad's rucksack when her Tawny Owl mum, and the Guides of the Worthing Division, did a sponsored walk.



Happy Guiders from all over Berkshire watch a demonstration at their annual County Day.



The European Common Market was the theme of the Thorn Grove Guides and Brownies Supporters' Association Christmas Fair.

Stephen Goodger



'Aho me hearties!' These three determined lady pirates, of the 2nd Goring Guides, were the only Guide crew to take part in the 4th Worthing Scouts' annual raft-race.

Willshire Gazette



1st Cricklade Guides did good business at their bazaar.

Widall Observer



It was time for a bit of hush when the 2nd and 3rd Brownhills Brownies had a one hour sponsored silence.

Suffordshire Sentinel



For the 4th Newcastle Brownies - making little gardens at their 21st anniversary party - the answer definitely lies in the soil!



They could have danced all night: Guides of the new Mexborough Company at their opening-night concert.

Huddersfield Daily Examiner



Eager to try out his new present - a tricycle from Kirkburton Guides and Brownies - is a young patient from the children's ward of Huddersfield Royal Infirmary.

South Yorkshire Times

From the Chief Commissioner



Retirement age for uniformed members of the Movement

AT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' Conference in 1974, when the question of a possible age limit for all Guiders and Commissioners was raised, the Chief Commissioners of all the United Kingdom Countries and Regions agreed that they would find out what you all felt and let us have a summary of the opinions of all counties.

Every County Commissioner was able to express the views of her county at a Country or Regional Executive Committee meeting, and from these the Chief Commissioners brought the feelings of their counties to the Executive Committee of the Council.

While it was generally agreed that there should be an age limit for leaders of a youth organisation, it was also felt very strongly that this should only apply to uniformed appointments and that Guiders and Commissioners must be able to continue to give valuable service to Guiding as non-uniformed treasurers, Unit Helpers and in other such appointments.

So, after a great deal of discussion and very careful thought, it was finally decided that there will be an upper age limit of 65 for all uniformed appointments, but that, in exceptional circumstances, a County Commissioner may authorise an extension for a year at her discretion.

This need not mean any immediate action for those of you who will be affected, as the Executive Committee of the Council was anxious that this ruling should only be phased in gradually and, if possible, be put into effect by July, 1977.

I believe this decision to have an upper age limit for uniformed appointments is one with which you will all agree. Your feelings in favour of it were clearly brought from every Country and Region, and this also demonstrated the strength of our *channels of communication* by which means the Executive Committee of the Council was able to make a decision based on your wishes.

It is sad when one's time in any happy Guiding appointment comes to an end, but there are always other ways of serving the Movement and I know that all Guiders – of any age – are sufficiently young in heart to be flexible and to welcome the challenge of any new job in Guiding.

Sheila M. Walker.

The Chief Commissioner

The Council – yesterday, today and tomorrow

(Note: A yesterday, today and tomorrow is an African shrub which has flowers in three different colours. Those of yesterday are white, though still perfect, today's are vivid mauve, while the bursting buds of tomorrow are deep purple.)



drawings: Jean de Lemos

Whereas: His Late Majesty King George The Fifth on the Fourteenth Day of December in the Thirteenth Year of His Reign of His Special Grace

AFTER A QUICK CALCULATION, or a moment of memory of the History of the Movement, you realise that this is the preamble to the Supplemental Charter granted in 1949 to the Royal Charter given to the Girl Guides Association in 1922.

Yesterday

It happened a long time ago and some may feel no need to concern themselves with events in the past, but if you can spare the time and have patience to understand the somewhat unusual type of layout, the Charter is full of interest. To those who cannot get a copy and peruse it from A to Z, suffice it to say that, prior to the presentation of the Charter for approval, a group of interested people, under the Chairmanship of our Founder, at that time Sir Robert (later Lord) Baden-Powell, must have worked for endless hours until every minute detail had been thrashed out. So many of the names of that original Council are of people who have left their mark on Guiding. Among them were our Chief Guide, who started the organisation of Guiding at County level and appointed the first County Commissioners, Sir Percy Everett, our first Treasurer, Miss Alice Behrens and The Hon. Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth who were indefatigable in their efforts to establish Waddow as the northern Training Centre, Mrs Mark Kerr, our first International Commissioner and County Commissioner for London, Miss Agnes Baden-Powell who wrote our first Handbook and was our first President as well as County Commissioner for Essex, and others equally deserving of mention if space permitted.

This group, in their wisdom, could foresee the possibilities for the future of Guiding. It was made clear that growth would make change necessary from time to time, and so it has proved.

Supplemental Charters were granted by King George VI in 1949, and by Queen Elizabeth II in 1960 and 1971. An addition in 1960 stated that the Council *should be constituted in such a manner as to make its membership more representative of all those persons who are engaged in the work of the Association*. The 1971 alterations were caused by the Regionalisation of England.

Today

Is any of this important to you? The well-being of the Association is vested in the care of the Council and its Executive Committee, so why worry? Some members of the Council themselves however have queried whether a Council with over a hundred members was too large and whether one meeting a year enabled them to do enough for Guiding. Some Guiders felt that they would like to know more about the administration of this enormous Movement, so what next?

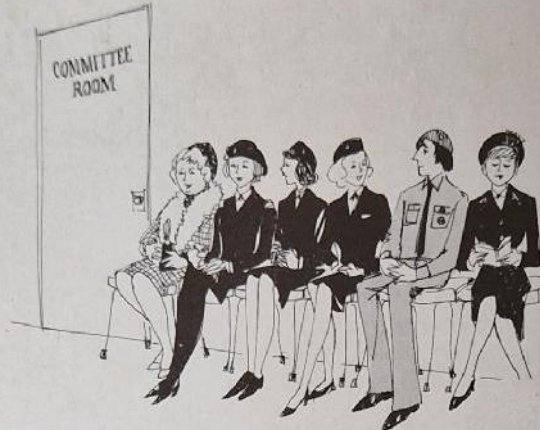
In November, 1974 the Council appointed an Ad Hoc Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs G L Denholm to consider such matters and with a little stretch of imagination we leap over a period of fifty-three years, and once again we have a group of people, chosen by their fellow Council members, who work around the clock.



Their briefing was to examine the Constitution and functions of the Council and of the Executive Committee but, as can be appreciated, the Committee found it difficult to consider their brief in isolation and so their questions and their contacts stretched further out in ever-increasing circles. The whole central structure of Guiding became their concern and just a few facts, from all the interesting statistics, will make it clear that the Committee undertook a vast project on which they worked with tremendous care. The whole Movement owes them a very great debt of gratitude.

They met on six occasions in six months and, with one exception, each meeting lasted for a whole week-end and each member of the Ad Hoc Committee had her own investigations to make between meetings. Comments and suggestions were received from Council Members and from many Guiders in response to a letter sent through Countries and Regions to Commissioners and a notice which appeared in the March, 1975 *GUIDER*.

Consultations were held with about a dozen other national organisations, and their Constitutions were studied. Evidence was taken from an endless stream of members of the Movement. What was the result?



Last September every member of the Council received a report containing twenty-six recommendations. This was studied by the Executive Committee in October and on 12th November an extraordinary meeting of the Council was called.

The Council Chamber was bursting with people, the task before them was a mammoth one, the debating and discourse continued all day, a hurried lunch, a snatched cup of tea, and still the arguments continued, and the words *Forward Thinking, Relationships, Modern Terminology and It all depends what you mean by...* could be heard frequently.

Underlying all the controversial discussions, however, there was one aspect of agreed common ground. The organisation and administration is ALL on behalf of the Brownie, the Guide, and the Ranger, and for the Guider and Commissioner concerned with them.

As time moved on it became evident that the job could not be finished on that day, so a further marathon was held on 12th December. It was then clear that much serious thinking had taken place in the interim period. It became possible to vote on quite a number of the recommendations. These included such things as the number of Council Members, an age limit, frequency of meetings, and a decision to re-define the functions of the Council and those delegated to the Executive Committee, elections and other procedures for making appointments.

Senior Management parity

There were certain subjects upon which, of course, it was found difficult to agree. Some of these concerned the Committee structure and staffing of Commonwealth Headquarters, though everyone was agreed that salaries for senior management posts in the Association should be comparable with those offered in positions of similar responsibilities elsewhere.

The Ad Hoc Committee had been concerned that the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner should receive adequate help in view of her onerous duties and her widespread responsibilities, which include properties owned by the Association in various parts of the country.

This help could be provided by various means which should be flexible, bearing in mind that the needs of Chief Commissioners may vary during the years ahead. It was considered wise to defer decisions on these recommendations until our new Chief Commissioner has been in office long enough to have studied the structure of Commonwealth Headquarters in consultation with the General Secretary and staff and with the Executive Committee. She agreed to take her views to the Council next October.

and tomorrow?

What now? The Ad Hoc Committee has been officially disbanded, but there is much to be done before the requests for any change in the Charter can go to the Privy Council for alterations. Permission for these is not given automatically and the Privy Council will look into any requests very seriously and study the implication of changes before making them.

The Council also agreed to adopt some standing orders for use by the Council and Committees of the Association and these will have to be carefully drawn up. At the Annual General Meeting in May draft changes to the Constitution and Bye-Laws will be presented for approval by the Council before being sent to the solicitor for correct legal wording for presentation to the Privy Council.

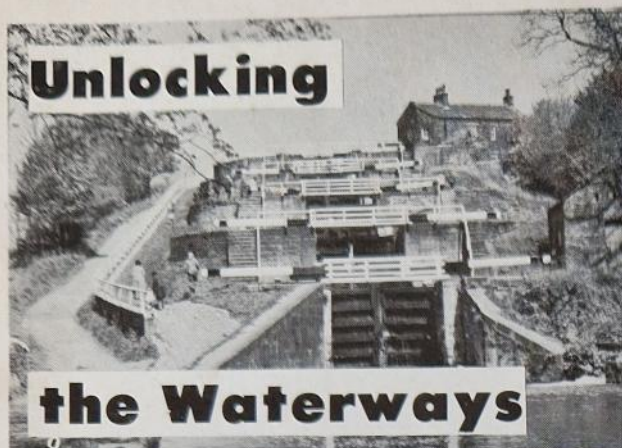
It is good to know that steps are now being taken to bring the organisation of the Movement up to date, with the definite promise that, in the future, more opportunity will be given for all Guiders to take part in the election of the Council and more opportunities for all to know 'what is going on'.

Don't waste these chances when they come your way, and remember that everyone at CHQ, the Chief Commissioner, Committee members and the staff, many of whom are Commissioners or Guiders in their spare time, are all working, as you are, for Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Let us all be quite sure that during this time of change the purpose of Guiding remains as steady as always. If you have it to hand it might be interesting to re-read the Founder's Foreword in *POR* and the first paragraph on Aims. We so often pass these over when looking urgently for what to do about something!

There will be more news from time to time in *GUIDER*.

Mollie Walker

Mollie Walker
Member of the Council.



by Jean Rush

THE CANALS and river navigations maintained by British Waterways form one of our most valuable resources for recreation, and the enjoyment of the countryside. Have you ever thought of having a canal holiday with your Unit? They are rapidly gaining in popularity, for they combine all the fun of an adventurous holiday, with a wealth of opportunity for exploring the countryside, wildlife and canal architecture.

As part of European Architectural Heritage Year in 1975, the Civic Trust made 20 Special Awards for Continuing Contribution to Conservation. British Waterways Board received not only a Special Award, but also three awards for excellence in the field of urban and architectural conservation. The architecture of the waterways is a fascinating subject for study, much of it dating from the 18th century and carefully preserved and restored by the Board. In the past two years many miles of derelict waterways have been restored and reopened to navigation, including the Ashton, Caldon and Lower Peak Forest canals. This has opened up a new cruising route, passing through the industrial landscapes of Greater Manchester to the rural setting of the spectacular five-rise locks at Bingley. Opened in 1777, these locks raise the Leeds and Liverpool Canal 60 ft in one staircase.

1,500 miles to explore

This is only one route a canal holiday might take; there are many others. Of nearly 2,000 miles of inland waterways in the United Kingdom, 350 are used for commercial traffic and another 1,500 are now open for cruising. Every mile has something of interest, and only by exploring for oneself can one realise its full potential. *The Canal at Tring*, published by the Board, is a folder of material covering various aspects of a length of the Grand Union Canal in Hertfordshire, on which restoration work was completed last year. The folder contains separate leaflets on history, canal architecture, water supply, how a lock works, natural history, and books to read, as well as how to get there by car, train or bus. *The Canal at Tring* is an ideal guide for those wanting to take a group of Guides or Rangers for a preliminary exploration on foot. Copies are available at 25p post free from Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford WD1 3QA.

Mainly for Brownies

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Touring Exhibition

The Fabric of our Waterways is the title of an exhibition set up by the British Waterways Board to commemorate the Board's contributions to Heritage Year. Its purpose is to make people aware of the magnificent architecture of the waterways, and the Board's restoration schemes which continue from year to year so that the fabric of the waterways remains intact. The exhibition will be touring the country this year. It consists of 6 panels size 4 feet square, and is available on free loan in 1977. Ring 01-262 6711 for details.



Above, left: the five-rise lock at Bingley. Above, right: a section of the Touring Exhibition.



Right: from the Code of signs. Conduct.



Below: waterway signs



Lock No. 46 Cowroast

Qualifications

Elsewhere in this issue is an article by a Guider who has already taken a group of Guides on a most successful weekend canal holiday. In this issue you will also see advertisements for canal holidays, but remember that you need to hold certain qualifications.

For details of these qualifications see POR on page 117 for recent amendments.

Watermarks

The number of pleasure boats on the canals is increasing by 10% each year, and a special set of signs has been devised to help visitors to enjoy the amenities, and preserve them for others. For

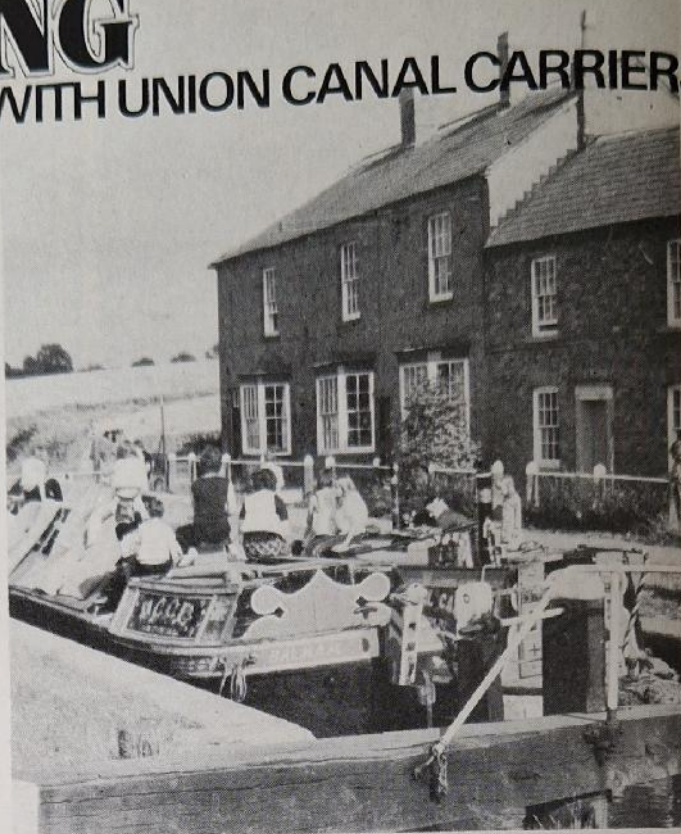
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the newcomer to canal life, some of the signs may be puzzling – we hope the quiz on this page will instruct and entertain.

Code of Conduct

The Board's recently published 12-page Code of Conduct for pleasure boating is a vital handbook for the novice. The booklet shows in cartoon form the need for consideration to others, whether they are boating, fishing or walking. Drawings show what happens if a boat goes too fast on the waterways, what happens if a mooring rope is tied across the towing path, and how and when to overtake. This booklet, which also gives a list of legal requirements for pleasure craft users, is available free (send sae) from **British Waterways Board, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London NW1 6JX.**

Other Publications

Other publications of the Board include: a set of 8 colour post-cards depicting Britain's waterways heritage, price 5p each or 45p post-free for a specially wrapped set; *The Clothes of the Cut*, a beautifully produced book in full colour about people who worked on the waterways, what they wore and how they lived, price 85p, plus 20p postage; and full colour posters at 75p each, plus postage.

There is also a most informative full colour illustrated leaflet *Make the most of your waterways*. This gives a brief outline of why canals were built, and their potential for walking, natural history, angling, cruising, dinghy sailing and canoeing, as well as short boat trips in various parts of the country. There is also a map of waterways and a list of useful addresses, and the leaflet is free.

All these publications are obtainable from **British Waterways Board, Melbury House** (address above), and from the canal shops at the **Waterways Museum, Stoke Bruerne near Northampton**; **Kingston Row, Birmingham** and **Chester Road, Nantwich, Cheshire**.

The inland waterways are clearly a part of our past which has a rapidly expanding future.



Cover illustration of the book, *Clothes of the Cut*.

Guiders will also find *Notes on Boating and Holidays Afloat*, a CHQ publication, which will be published shortly and is a companion volume to *Notes on Camps and Camping Holidays*, a useful aid.



1.
(a) Lost, one roadman.
(b) Garden tools sold here.
(c) Graveyard. (d) Larriness.



4.
(a) One-legged bird race.
(b) Home for disabled birds.
(c) Good shooting here.



7.
(a) Return to GO!
(b) U-turns permitted.
(c) Whirlpool ahead.



2.
(a) Hazard! Low flying champagne corks.
(b) Good mushroom picking in these fields.



5.
(a) Indian Reservation.
(b) Warning! Triangular tunnel.
(c) Narrow headroom.



8.
(a) Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves?
(b) Radioactive waste deposited here.



3.
(a) Eel mating ground.
(b) U-bend over aqueduct ahead.
(c) Canal flyover.



6.
(a) Engage low gear, sharp incline in canal.
(b) Rough conditions by mountains ahead.
(c) Canal terminates rapidly.



9.
(a) Playschool.
(b) Customs Post.
(c) Toll office.

Answers on page 101

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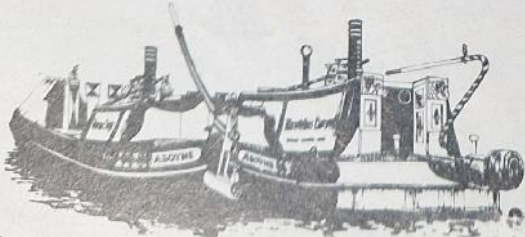
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Water Gypsy Weekend

by Barbara M. Fawkes

WE ALL MET outside the aptly named 'Lock and Quay Inn', where our narrowboat was moored near Tring on the Grand Union Canal. We were six Patrol Leaders, four Patrol Seconds and two Guiders, one dark wet Friday night in late November.

Planning had started months before with a request at PL's Council for a training that was 'different'. At first we thought of hiring a motor cruiser on the Thames, but none were large enough, so our thoughts turned to canal barges advertised in *GUIDER*. For a winter weekend we chose one with an insulated cabin and heater. On that first dank night we were very glad we had.

Friday night we soon bag our bunks, make lots of hot dogs and milk drinks for supper and turn in.

Saturday 7.15 am. A lovely smell of bacon wafting along from the galley soon has everyone up. The Skipper comes in for breakfast and assures us it's down-hill all the way but we have to man-handle (or should I say girl-handle?) 45 locks between here and Uxbridge.

After a short morning service with a theme of Jesus in boats, we make the vessel ship-shape, and cast off our moorings.

Duties are divided into port and starboard watches with one Guider to each. One watch is 'inboard', ie galley, orderly work, and log; the other is 'outboard', working locks, mooring, observing wildlife, mapping and so on. Duties change after half a day and the Guiders change watches after a day.

Menu planning has been carefully worked out by the Guides, the priorities being 'plenty', 'hot' and 'easy'. The Skipper is hired with the boat and fed by the crew. He seems happy with the arrangement.

Saturday 11.30 am - Port Watch are now getting the hang of opening lock gates, raising paddles, leaping on and off the deck in agile fashion. At Berkhamsted the Skipper takes on butane gas for cooking and heating, collects driftwood for boiler fuel and buys some skipper-fuel - dark-brown-coloured and bought a pint at a time! Some Guides take a turn on a seesaw on the bank and two of us do some quick sketching while our boat is motionless.

Later, as the daylight fades, our bow spotlight is switched on and we go chugging through the darkness with flickering reflections of red and green lights from occasional boats, and the orange sodium lamps on the bridges competing for our attention with the evening stars.

Saturday 8.30 pm. We are safely moored for the night, we are satisfyingly full of a super three-course dinner and we start to discuss the tenth Guide Law. Should we now give the seal of approval to the 1968 revision when we lost our purity and became self-controlled? Or should we revert to B-P's original law?

The PLs finally decide that in the present day pressures of life, especially for teenagers, the modern version is better. This opportunity for frank adult discussion is, to me, well worth the whole trip.

Sunday 7.30 am - Nobody wants to get up. Food is the answer. A short meaningful Guides-own service shows that the watch who prepared it, round their breakfast table, really took last night's discussion to heart. Marvellous.

Progress along the canal, now that we are expert lock-handlers, goes without hitch. Keen types borrow the Skipper's bike to cycle ahead along the towpath to open gates and allow us through. We pass the farm where Black Beauty was filmed for television and negotiate Black Jack Lock, reputed to be haunted. Alas, with greater skill we grow less cautious and two Guides fall in! We have carefully complied with all the Safety Rules so all is well and they are soon inboard and dry and wrapping themselves around hot chocolate. (Later they are presented with unique decorated 'personal survival' certificates.)

Sunday 6 pm - We moor at Uxbridge and sadly say farewell to our traditional narrowboat as kind parents bring their cars to meet us. As we leave we can see only the gaily painted chimney and large decorated water-jug silhouetted against the darkening sky. The water-gypsies, a little wiser after their 'different' training, have departed.

Points of interest for would-be cruisers

Most local authorities give grants for youth training courses for 14 year olds. Ours did.

Hygiene is difficult with 12 bodies sharing one jug and bowl, or the galley sink. A week cruise would mean visits to local baths. The canal is much too polluted for swimming. The loo discharges straight into the water!

Drying clothing in wet weather is almost impossible.

You live very close together on a boat so make sure your personalities mix well. Ours did.

Agree that no one ever visits the Skipper alone. He may have been 'at sea' for several weeks.

We hope you enjoy being water-gypsies as much as we did.



Photo: Derek Pratt

This photograph from *The British Waterways Board* shows that working a lock is child's play!

1. Site of industrial archaeo-
- logical interest.
2. Moorings.
3. Pump-out station.
4. Nature reserve.
5. Camping site.
6. Slipway.
7. Winding hole.
8. Farm supplies.
9. Field supplies.

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Answers

Guide Alice

Last month in these scenes from *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* (parodied in *The Guider* in 1935 by Phyllis Pease, with apologies to Lewis Carroll) Alice met the Founder, and the appeal for a new Guide HQ was launched. This month Alice is introduced to the complexities of rallies and the intricacies of sales. (The illustrations are by E Davison with apologies to Tenniel).

TWM

THE GUIDERS WERE STANDING sternly to attention on a rally ground, and Alice knew which was which in a moment, because one had 'Howler X' marked on her shoulder tape and the other 'Growler X'.

'I was thinking,' Alice said, very politely, 'that I should like to see a display. Will you show me one please?'

The two Guiders looked at each other and grinned, and the next moment Growler X and her Company were giving a carefully drilled performance of *Selling's Round* and *Gathering Peascods*.

When the dancers were out of breath they stood looking at Alice who didn't know how to begin the conversation.

'I hope you are not much tired?' she said at last.

'Nohow. And thank you very much for asking. You like community singing?' asked Howler X.

'Pretty well — some songs,' Alice said doubtfully.



Howler X and her Company began instantly.

*Commissioners sat in conference
And talked with all their might;
They wept like anything to see
The Guides in bed at night.
'If we could rally them,' they said,
'T' would be a charming sight!'*

*'T' would smarten Company
Programmes up,
The Chief Commissioner said,
'Let's spur those lazy Guiders on
Until they're nearly dead —
We'll scrap their imbecile ideas
And give them our's instead.'*

*'The time has come,' the Guiders
groaned,*

*'To rent the Parish Hall,
And beat the local children up
In answer to the call.'*

*'Not mine, of course,' Commissioner
cried,
'They're really much too small.'*

*'Oh Guiders,' smiled Commissioner,
'The lovely rally's done!
'Who'll raise another Company?'
But answer came there none,
And this was scarcely odd because
They'd bolted — every one!*

The incident began to fade away when the District Captain went to look for the Commissioner and when they came back it had entirely disappeared.

'You can't think how glad I am to see you again, you dear old thing!' said the Commissioner, as she tucked her arm affectionately into Alice's, and Alice thought to herself that perhaps it was only displays that made people so savage.

'When I'm a Commissioner,' she said to herself, 'I won't have any displays in my District at all!'

They very soon came upon a Gryphon lying fast asleep in the sun. 'Up, lazy thing!' said the Commissioner, 'take this young lady to see the Brown Owl. I must go back and see after some competitions I have ordered.'

They had not gone far before they saw the Brown Owl, sitting sad and lonely upon an ivy-mantled tower.

'Once,' said the Brown Owl, with a dismal hoot, 'I was a human Owl. I had a Pack beside the sea and we decided to have a sale. I wrote a song about it. She sang slowly and sadly:

*'Will you walk a little faster?' said
the whiting to the snail,
'I am fleeing from disaster in this
devastating sale,*

*'Can't you hear Lieutenant shouting,
like the spider to the fly,
Will you walk into the Sale Room,
will you, won't you come and buy...'*

'Let's hear some of your adventures,' said the Gryphon when the song was at last over.

'Stand up and repeat' 'Tis the voice of the Captain' said the Gryphon. Alice began:

*'Twas the voice of the Captain, I
hear her declare,
You have worked me too hard and
I'm hanged if it's fair!*

*CA with her eyelids — and
Commissioner too —
Show a marked disapproval of all
that I do!*

*When camp is all dry I am happy and
gay,
And speak in contemptuous tones of
CA*

*But when the rain falls and there're
floods on the ground*

*My voice has a timid and tremulous
sound.'*



Suddenly a cry of 'Camp's beginning' was heard in the distance.

'Come on,' cried the Gryphon, and, taking Alice by the hand, it hurried off, without waiting for the end of the song.

(To be continued)



Silver Threads among the Anzuk Guides

by Leslie East



Drawings: Jean de Lemos

I WAS PEERING IN THE mirror the other day, tweaking out a few silver strands, when a comment made by one of my friends came into mind. 'I do hope,' she wrote on my appointment as ANZUK Commissioner two years ago, 'that the silver cockade on your hat won't be matched by the silver in your hair!' What it is to have one's prophecies come true. Now, as the ANZUK Girl Guides Association closes, I can look back on some of my experiences of being a Forces Commissioner in Singapore, and offer the following valuable advice, which may save silver threads appearing on others' heads.

When the Commissioner for Branch Associations announces that she is making a flying visit, don't send your hat to the cleaners.

'What's that?' I gasped on being handed an object resembling a navy pudding basin. It had a neat cuff all the way round the outside.

'Missy's hat.'

'But it's not the same shape.'

'Missy - it meant to be like that.'

Never argue with a local cleaner and be thankful it only cost you 50 cents for the cleaning. Have a smart hair do and greet your behatted VIP at the airport, with a smile.

When invited to light an international campfire with a burning brand, hold it at arm's length and don't point it towards the ground. 'I hereby declare this campfire - OW! OW!' does not sound very dignified, especially when you have dropped the brand and set fire to the grass.

Have the fire bucket handy so you can sit and sing *Land of the Silver Birch* while cooling off your scorched hand. Smile too.

When dropping in on a Unit, two bus-rides and a mile's walk away, don't expect an enthusiastic welcome, even if your visit is by prior appointment.

'I thought you were coming next week,' says the Guider blankly - 'Oh well, here's our Commissioner, girls - er - Mrs - er - what's your name again?'

Give your name with a smile and have an umbrella handy for the mile walk and two bus-rides back in a tropical rainstorm.

When you need an efficient Equipment Secretary and a ruthless Treasurer, don't appoint your husband unless you wish to accumulate grounds for divorce.

'Get your hands off those Promise Badges - I've just done a stock check.'

'No, I can't go to the cinema, I've got to re-count my Brownie equipment and no one's going anywhere until I've found that missing Pixie.'

'This Unit owes money - where is it?'

'She owes ten dollars and two cents and I'm writing a note.'

'No money - no pocket books!'

Guiders met me in the street, in school and in the NAAFI and pressed money into my hands.

'Is he a taxman in disguise?' they asked, as he stood at the door of District meetings with a list of defaulters in one hand and cashbox in the other.

Have a Thanks Badge ready and present it to him at the last campfire - with a smile of course. I have found that Mr Brown Owls, Mr Guiders and Mr Commissioners all need a bit of appreciation now and then.

When attending a retirement party for an ex-Commissioner, don't lose your nerve when someone presents her with the flowers used for the table decoration and the head waiter calls you discreetly to one side: 'Missy - you can't take those flowers, they belong to the hotel.'

Have this quick reply ready as Guest of Honour is seen moving to the door with bouquet:

'Oh, can you please put them on the bill?' and express your gratitude with a really dazzling smile this time.

I have a host of other situation savers but space prevents me from including them all here. One final note of advice though, do have an understanding dentist. You will need him to keep your teeth in good repair after gnashing them in private, flashing them in public and eating your navy pudding basin hat!

The Three G's



by Sheila Graber

LETTERS

Bouquets . . .

As a District Commissioner then Division Commissioner in North Devon, and now District Commissioner for Kwa-Mbonambi, Zululand, South Africa, I have found help and inspiration from GUIDER. What a joy it is to see from time to time photographs of Units and people I have been associated with in the past in Devon and Sussex East.

But how sad one of our members feels less space should be given to 'In Memoriam' where we give respect to those friends who are no longer with us. We should always be ready for the breath of fresh air new or younger Guiders bring with them, but at the same time I hope we never forget to pay tribute to those who have often given long years of dedicated service to the Guide Movement.

Guiding for us here in Zululand is very different from our days in Barnstaple. Meetings are from 3-5 pm as the schools start at 7.30 am and finish at 1.30 pm. With no Handbook or Eight Point Programme, just the Tenderfoot, 1st and 2nd Class Tests, which seems to be a much narrower system. Instead of the 18 Units I had as District Commissioner I have just one Company and one Pack.

My daughters and I look forward eagerly to receiving TODAY'S GUIDE, GUIDER and Devon Newsheet each month. Best wishes to you all for 1976.

N M Ball
— Zululand,
Rep. of South Africa.

More Bouquets . . .

I find everything in GUIDER helpful, and enjoy the feeling of being kept in touch with Guiding in Britain. May I suggest to Margaret Hughes of Bristol that she asks her Assistant Guider to help with subs and roll-call; it works very well and can be dignified and brisk! I have a Company of maximum size, so can speak from experience. I will admit, however, that without assistance, one would need to take up juggling in one's spare time (did I hear someone say, 'What spare time?'). Many thanks again for my invaluable aid to Guiding.

Miss A Lambert
Germany.



*Colour Party,
Brussels,
December 1975.*

Putting Brussels on the Map

Reading my GUIDER each month, and looking at the pictures in *Guiding Roundabout*, I thought you may like to know a little about British Guides and Brownies in Brussels.

In 1970 we had one Brownie Pack and a sprinkling of Guides. I was asked to help a friend with the Brownies and soon became interested enough to become an Assistant Guider. In 1971, I found myself as Guider of the 2nd Brussels Pack; inflation hit us too and at the time of writing we now have four Brownie Packs, two Guide Companies and one small Ranger Unit.

In the past, at Christmas, we had a carol concert for family and friends; as we are now so numerous, we decided,

not without some apprehension, to have a carol service in the Holy Trinity church in Brussels. We invited not only families but also the British Cubs and Scouts, and the American Scouts and Girl Scouts. Being in charge of the Colour Party my biggest headache was getting twenty four girls up the aisle and back into their pews and even that went fairly smoothly.

After the service, refreshments were served in the church hall, and the Rangers raffled a Christmas cake and stocking which they had made; the proceeds of this went towards a Guide Dog for the Blind. I am happy to say that everyone agreed it was a great success — to what heights shall we rise for Christmas, 1976!

E Thompson (Mrs)
2nd Brussels

. . . and a Brickbat

When I returned to Guiding just over a year ago, after a gap of many years, I expected to get help from GUIDER in actually taking Guide meetings. Instead I found it a total waste of time and money. The point of a magazine called GUIDER must surely be to help us as Guiders. I can see that it has to contain a great deal of official material, but need that preclude the inclusion of more practical and helpful information? I know I am far from a perfect Guider, but at least I am aware of the fact, and am prepared to seek help. A likely reaction is 'go to Trainings' but not many are held locally (remember, there are a lot of other places besides South-East England), and I, like many others I'm sure, have a husband, young children, and other commitments to think of, too. But I can find snatches of time to read GUIDER, so please let's have much more on actually running a Unit.

G E B Hill (Mrs)
Harrogate.

Uniform on ice

In December we took our Company to the ice pantomime at Wembley. The girls all wore correct uniform and, as one of their Guiders, I was very proud of them. On arrival at Wembley, we were not so proud of our fellow members. There were Guides wearing their Guide blouses over a variety of coloured trousers and skirts, Brownies wearing their dresses over trousers, and others without their belts or ties. We also saw many Guiders in knee-length boots. It is stated in POR that uniform and mufti should not be mixed and how I agree. Some of these members were an absolute disgrace to the Movement, and it is no wonder that many girls no longer appear to take any pride in the wearing of their uniform when their Guiders are incorrectly dressed. I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my opinions through GUIDER.

Miss C M Justice,
Ruislip.

Hallbound or Hidebound?

I have come to the conclusion that we, as Guiders, should adopt a new motto: 'Look up, look out, look round'. 'Look up' not only applies to the first Promise and our avowed duty to God, but to the standards we set and expect. How often do our own standards fall below those we expect from our Guides, and how often is the Movement judged by the public, by the scruffy, noisy gaggle of girls on a Patrol outing? On to the second point, I am more and more convinced that, as a Movement, we are becoming introverted and hallbound. All too often, our Service is reduced to a money-raising effort for charity. No-one surely is so remote that there are no pensioners, no geriatric hospitals, no local beauty spots covered in litter, no churches where brasses could be cleaned or graveyards tidied. All this adds up to the second clause, 'look out', outside of ourselves. I'm sure, at this point, that I will be greeted by the old cry: 'I'm a married woman; I work; I'm single-handed; I haven't the time'. Before you say this, stop and 'look round'. Are you using all the help and talent at your disposal? Because one is doing a job voluntarily, it is no excuse to do it badly, and the cry from so many 13 and 14 year-olds leaving our Companies 'because we never did anything' must be answered if the Movement is to survive.

Janet Baker
Cambridge.

How Young is a Leader?

Many of the Guiders in this area feel that the age when a girl can become a Young Leader should be lower than 16. Numerous girls leave at 14 or 15 having completed their four years in the Guide section, and can't or don't want to go on to Rangers, but would still like to help with Brownies.

Brownie Leaders welcome their help, and Guide Guiders are happy to know their girls are still interested in continuing in the Movement, but reluctantly have to tell them to come back when they are 16. By this time often they have lost contact with their Units.

We feel that this point of view is widely held and should be discussed at a higher level and where a decision can be made.

Southampton

Some Religious Festivals During March

by Jean Potter and Josephine Kinchin

2nd March: This is **SHROVE TUESDAY** in the Christian Calendar. The name comes from the word *shriven* which means to make acts of confession to a priest in penitence for one's sins. Such confessions are made on this day in preparation for the period of Lent which commences on the following day. But Shrove Tuesday is also a day of merry-making and by tradition Shrove-cakes (now usually called pancakes) are made as part of the festivities.

In France and other Roman Catholic countries the day is known as **Mardi Gras**, meaning *Fat Tuesday*, from the custom of leading a fat ox in procession through the streets as part of the celebrations.

In certain parts of the USA there are also annual processions or carnivals, with festivities and revelry which last until midnight.

3rd March: **ASH WEDNESDAY** is the beginning of the forty day fast leading up to Easter, which is known as **LENT**. The word Lent means 'the season of spring', but in the Christian context it commemorates Christ's fast of forty days in the wilderness before the commencement of his ministry, as recorded in the Gospels of Saint Matthew, Saint Mark and Saint Luke. For many Christians it is a time of preparation for Easter, during which some abstain from certain pleasures in order to be able to devote themselves to a period of self-examination.

On the first day of Lent, services are held at which ashes are sometimes scattered over the worshippers, and the priest reminds them, 'Remember that thou art dust, and wilt return to dust.'

13th March: On this day Muslims will celebrate the **BIRTHDAY** of the Holy Prophet Mohammed. It was in the year 570 A.D. that a child was born to Amina, the wife of Abdullah, son of Abdul Muttib, the head of the leading tribe of the Quraish in Mecca. He was given the name Mohammed. Before his birth it was supposed to have been revealed to Amina that her child would be the lord of the people. Abdullah died a few days before his son's birth, and when he was six, his mother also died. He was looked after for two years by his grandfather, and then by his uncle Abu Talib. There are various stories concerning his boyhood which pointed to the fact that he lived a very good life and had a special relationship with God. After his marriage he continued to devote much time to meditation, and it was when he was forty years old that he received the first of many revelations from the angel Gabriel which were later written down to form the Holy Qu-ran (see September *GUIDER*).

Mohammed's ancestry could be traced, through the Quraish tribe, back to Ishmael, the son of Hagar, Abraham's second wife, who was forced to flee from Beersheba, and eventually settled at Mecca. The story is recorded in Jewish Scriptures in Genesis chapter 21.

Mohammed is regarded, by the Muslims, as the last and final Prophet in a line which includes Adam, Abraham, Noah, Moses and Jesus. He is therefore sometimes referred to as the 'Seal of the Prophets'. Other titles accorded to him are 'Light of all the Prophets', 'Messenger or Apostle of God', 'the Greatest of all men'. He is also regarded as the intercessor for mankind who, on the Day of Judgement, will plead for sinful believers to come out of hell, and for the faithful that they may rise higher in paradise.

But Muslims do not worship Mohammed, only Allah, the one and only God whom Mohammed proclaimed. It is therefore incorrect to refer to his followers as 'Mohammedans'. They are 'Muslims' from the word 'Islam' which means 'surrender or submission to the Will of Allah', which in turn is derived from the word used to describe Abraham's submission to the supreme test of his life when he was willing to sacrifice his son to God.

On his Birthday, Muslims take the opportunity to remind themselves of the story of Mohammed's life and to learn from it what is most beneficial for they themselves to follow.

15th March: **HOLI**, the most popular of all Hindu festivals, falls on the full moon day of the Hindu month Phalgun which heralds in the Spring. It is a festival of colour, associated with ancient fertility rites, when crowds sing songs, dance in the streets, and squirt each other with red-coloured water. Mischief and frivolity are the order of the day, but passers-by can usually avoid the undue attention of water-squirting children by the payment of a small sum of money.

The festivities are usually offered to Krishna and Radha, and the traditional stories concerning their love are re-told during the celebrations.

Krishna is remembered as the eighth incarnation of Vishnu (see August *GUIDER*) who became for a time the servant of man in the form of Arjuna's chariot-driver.

Krishna was born at Mathura on the river Jumna. Stories tell how he tended the cattle of the cowherds of Gokul in the fields on the banks of the river, and danced with the Gopis — the milkmaids — on moonlight nights in springtime in the groves of Vrindavan. He captivated the hearts of all the women, many of whom deserted their homes and their husbands on hearing the love notes of his flute. But, in a spiritual sense, their behaviour symbolized the renunciation of the world, and the breaking of ties that bind the soul to worldly things, in their search for a mystic love as their soul strove to approach the presence of God. Of all the girls, Krishna was most loved by Radha, and their passion is a favourite theme for many Indian poems. One of the best known is entitled 'Gita Govinda' by Jyoti Deva who lived in the thirteenth century A.D. The following snippet from it is where Radha and her maid are watching Krishna with the Gopis, and the maid says:

See, Lady! how thy Krishna passes these idle hours
Decked forth in fold of woven gold, and crowned with forest flowers
And scented with the sandal, and gay with gems of price —
Rubies to mate his laughing lips, and diamonds like his eyes —
In the company of dancers, who dance and sing and play,
Lies Krishna, laughing, toying, dreaming his Spring away.

16th March: The Jewish festival of **PURIM** commemorates the rescue of Persian Jewry, through the mediation of Esther, from the threat of annihilation engineered by Haman.

The story goes that Esther was a Jewish maiden who found favour in the eyes of King Ahasuerus after he had spurned his previous Queen, Vashti, when she refused to come at his bidding. The beautiful Esther, who was a niece of Mordecai, was then made Queen.

Mordecai overheard a plot to kill King Ahasuerus and told Esther of his findings. She, in turn, told the King, who had the plotters hung.

At about this time the King appointed a man called Haman to be his Chief Minister, a lord above Princes. All the Kingdom was expected to bow down in reverence to Haman. Mordecai, being a Jew, refused to do honour to Haman in this way, which enraged the latter so much that he was determined to have Mordecai, and indeed, all the Jews of the land, killed. He went to the King and said that the laws of the Jews were diverse from others in the land, and spoke prejudicially of them. He offered a very large sum of money to the King's treasury if he would sign a document agreeing that all Jews should be killed. The King agreed, and lots were cast to choose the day on which the mass execution should take place. It fell on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. Haman had special gallows erected for Mordecai, and as the day drew near, there was great lamenting and sorrowing by all the Jews. Esther heard of their plight, and invited the King and Haman to a banquet which she had prepared for them, saying she had a request to ask of King Ahasuerus. The King, who worshipped the very ground she walked on, was ready to grant her anything, even half of his kingdom. Esther told him she was Jewess, a fact of which he was previously unaware, and told him how grieved she was for the suffering of her people. She further reminded him that it was her uncle, Mordecai, who had saved him from the assassination plot. The King was most distressed to learn from her that Haman was responsible for her misery and he reversed his earlier decision and set about preparing another document giving the Jews their freedom to worship in any way they liked.

Haman was hung from the gallows he had built for Mordecai, and Mordecai himself was given great status in the King's court. He eventually succeeded Ahasuerus to the throne.

The casting of lots to choose the execution date is known as the casting of Pur, hence the name Purim. Festivities take place in many Jewish homes, and Purim cakes, known as 'Haman Taschen' are baked. These are made of Kuchen dough, filled with poppy-seed, and are triangular shaped. Children often perform plays based on the Purim story, and the Book of Esther is read in the synagogue on the eve and morning of Purim. A custom has arisen of making an uproar by sounding rattles, etc, whenever the name of Haman is mentioned. In fact, the name 'Haman' has become synonymous with an enemy of the Jews.

For the recipe for Purim cakes, see page 114 — Editor.



A 17th century German Megillah or Scroll of Esther which can be seen at the Jewish Museum, Upper Woburn Place, WC1.



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HOME & AWAY

Young Children And Medicines

The importance of keeping medicines out of the reach of young children cannot be overstressed, and the British Standards Institution has done much to help in this field. For example, there is a new British Standard - BS 5321 - which deals with reclosable pharmaceutical containers resistant to opening by children. But, however good British Standards may be, they are no substitute for the supervision and forethought which the whole family should exercise, to prevent medicines falling into the hands of children, and possibly proving fatal to them.

Project Spikey

Project Spikey is the name of a new campaign to make people aware of the problem of vehicle distributed litter and dumped rubbish in the countryside and urban fringes, and is part of the Keep Britain Tidy Group national litter abatement campaign. As part of this project, national and local charities have been asked to participate in a sponsored Clean-up-the-Countryside Week during 22nd-28th March. The aims of the Clean-up-Week are to clean up the countryside, to inform the public of local authority waste disposal services, and to raise money for charity. Further information may be obtained from The Keep Britain Tidy Group, 5th floor, 86 Strand, London WC2R 0DE.

The Emblem That Saves Lives

Medic-Alert is a rapidly growing organisation which provides for any person with a latent medical problem, by supplying a stainless steel bracelet or necklet with medical insignia engraved on one side and, on the reverse the appropriate medical warning and the emergency telephone number. This can prove invaluable in accident situations. Applications for Life Membership may be obtained from Medic-Alert Foundation, 9 Hanover Street, London W1R 9HF.

Anti-Waste

The Waste Management Advisory Council, formed in 1974, has just issued its first report, dealing with the possibilities of increasing the amount of waste reclaimed for re-use or recycling. Voluntary organisations collected 200,000 tonnes of waste paper in 1974, to save on our imports of paper,

and thus performed an invaluable service for the Council. If you wish to help in any way, contact the Information Division, Department of Industry, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.

Gardens of 1976

Approximately twelve hundred of the most beautiful private gardens in England and Wales will be opened during the coming months in aid of the Gardens Scheme. This scheme gives garden-lovers unique opportunities of visiting many private gardens and at the same time raising money for worthwhile causes. Full details are available in the book entitled *Gardens of England and Wales Open to the Public*, on sale at bookshops from mid-March. (Price 45p).

Know The Age Of Your Hedge . . .

Dr M D Hooper, of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, at Monk's Wood

Experimental Station, has established that the age of a hedgerow can be roughly estimated by the number of different woody plants growing in a length of 30 yards, and multiplied by one hundred. For example, if five different shrubs occur in a 30-yard stretch, the hedge would probably be approximately 500 years old.

. . . And Woodland Loss

One of the major tragedies of the urbanisation of the West Country is the loss of traditional woodlands. For instance, a report by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England states that nearly one broadleaved wood in every five in the county of Devon has been considerably reduced, or even replaced by conifers during the last 10 years. The Council feels that the significance of these smaller woods to the landscape and wild-life of Devon cannot be too highly stressed.

In Memoriam



Miss Betty Fripp showing slides of overseas Guides to some Surrey Guides and a Brownie in 1964.

Miss Betty Fripp, OBE

There are few people who have contributed more, nationally and internationally, to the Girl Guides Association than Betty Fripp.

It was not by chance that Betty entered the Movement as a Brownie, for her mother was one of the first London Commissioners, and in the course of time Betty succeeded Lady Fripp as Division Commissioner for East Central.

'All Fripps can swim before they can walk,' so it was said, and it was the Fripps who started the London Swimming Gala long before this activity had been generally adopted by the schools. On one occasion the winning Guides' team was entirely composed of Fripps, mother and three daughters. Many years later, in 1966, Betty was the moving spirit in organising and training a Guide team for a record-breaking cross-channel swim.

Betty Fripp put her whole heart and considerable ability into any activity or task she took in hand - whether sailing, ski-ing, gardening, as a member of the Executive Committee, Public Relations Adviser or International Commissioner - and her enthusiasm was infectious, witness the number of eminent 'outsiders' she persuaded to give of their time and talents to Guiding, including Anona Winn, of radio fame, and Fougasse, the brilliant cartoonist. Nobody more richly deserved the awards of the Silver Fish (1954) and the OBE (1960).

It was perhaps in the international field that Betty made her greatest mark. She was a member of the UK delegation to the 1960 World Conference, served on Our Chalet and Our Ark (Olave House) committees and was intimately involved in the countless international events of the post-war years. Yet this only tells half the story. She was the most generous of people, with a genius for friendship, and her warm-hearted hospitality will long be remembered by innumerable visitors to her London and Dorset homes. Her death, on 23rd December, 1975, will be mourned far beyond the boundaries of her own country. AL

The sudden death, on 29th November, of Mrs Helena Furness, came as a great shock to her Guide friends in Greater Manchester, West County.

We remember with deep gratitude her infectious enjoyment of Guiding throughout her long service in the Movement. Enrolled as a Guide in 1918, she later became Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guide, Commissioner, Secretary and, finally, Division Treasurer. A former County International Adviser, she particularly enjoyed having Guides from all over the world to stay at her home and has kept in touch with them ever since. They, as well as her County, will greatly miss her. AMP

All her many friends in Sussex-West were saddened by the death just before Christmas of Rhoda Slow. Even from her hospital bed, and in spite of much suffering as her illness progressed, she continued her duties as Commissioner for the Shoreham Central District. But that was only one of the many jobs she did for Guiding in Sussex. She had been, in turn, County Publicity Officer, Chairman of the Shoreham-by-Sea Local Association, and Adur Valley Division Secretary. As Secretary to the Business Committee, she had worked tremendously hard for all the Worthing and District Gang Shows since they began in 1967, and, through her husband's connections with the Scouts and B-P Guild, did a great deal to encourage co-operation between Scouting and Guiding in the area. MC

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TRAINING CALENDAR

FOXLEASE Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DG Tel: (Lyndhurst) 042-128 2638.	WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 3LD Tel: (Clitheroe) 0200 23186.	BRONEIRION Llandinam, Mont SY17 5DE	NETHERBURD HOUSE Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire
March 5-7 General Training 12-14 South West England (by allocation) 19-21 General Training 26-28 Hampshire North 2-4 Making the most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guides) 9-11 General Training 15-19 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Course (Eastern) open to boys and girls from any Operating Authority 23-25 London South East 30-2 General Training (including crafts, wide games and outdoor activities) MAY 30-2 Lincolnshire South	5-7 General Training 12-14 Making the most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guides) 19-21 General Training 26-28 Midlands England (by allocation) 2-4 Helping the Young Leader (County Leadership Advisers, Commissioners and Guides) 9-11 1 General Training 2 Diploma'd Trainers (with up to seven years experience) 15-19 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Course (Eastern) (Rangers, young Leaders and girls outside the Movement) 23-25 1 Camp and Pack Holiday Training 2 Music Side Group (Brownie Guides) 30-2 Lincolnshire South	12-14 Welsh Trainers' Conference 19-21 General Training 26-28 Ranger Guides (also Shropshire) 2-4 Venture Scout/Ranger Guide Leaders' Training Conference 9-11 Trefoil Guild Conference 15-20 Patrol Leaders under 14 years (Eastern) 23-25 Keeping Up-to-date with First Aid (All Sections) 30-2 Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides (West Glamorgan)	6 and 7 District Commissioners (non-residential, one-day training) 12-14 Prospective Certificated Trainers - by invitation 19-21 General Training (Ayrshire) 26-28 General training (Dumbartonshire) 2-4 Guide Guides - Patrol System and PL Training 9-11 General Training (Renfrewshire) 15-19 Residential Course - D of E Award Scheme 23-25 General Training (Dundee) 30-2 General Training (Roxburghshire) MAY
April 7-9 Middlesex East 14-16 General Training 21-23 Essex East 28-5 Family Holiday Week (Guides with their husbands and children aged 2-8 (Bank years) Holiday 11-13 Hertfordshire 18-20 General Training 25-27 1 Campfire and Prospective Campfire Leaders 2 Drama Side Group	7-9 Merseyside South 14-16 General Training 21-23 Something in Common (General Training for Ranger Guides and Venture Scout Leaders) 11-13 Friends of Waddow 18-20 Northamptonshire 25-27 General Training	7-9 Guide Guides (also Herefordshire) 15 Welsh Relations Advisers 16 Welsh Advisers (Arts, Leadership and Training Chairmen) 21-23 Welsh Camping and Outdoor Activities Training Conference 28-30 Patrol Leaders (West Glamorgan)	7-9 Districts 14-16 Brownie Guides Eight Points for Progress 21-23 General, including 'Fun and enjoyment of the out of doors' 28-30 Edinburgh S.W. Trefoil Guild and Glasgow and Edinburgh Handicapped Guilds
June 2-4 Avon North 9-11 General Training 16-18 Friends of Foxlease 18-24 Holiday Week (Guides, their friends or mothers, and Trefoil Guild members) 27-4 AUGUST Patrol Leaders' Week	2-4 West Yorkshire South 9-11 Student Weekend 16-18 General Training 23-30 Patrol Leaders' Week	4-6 General Training (also Dyfed) 11-13 General Training (also Central Glamorgan) 18-20 General Training (places reserved for Montgomery) 25-27 General Training	4-8 Scottish Handcraft Circle 11-13 Lightweight Camping for Ranger Guides and their Rangers
July 7-17 Holiday period (Unit Guides with up to nine of their Guides or Rangers) 21-28 London and South East England (by Bank allocation) Holiday	7-21 Holiday Period (Unit Guides with up to nine of their Guides or Rangers) 27/28-4 Holiday Week (Guides, their SEPT friends or mothers, and Trefoil Guild (Bank members) Holiday	17 'Friends of Broneirion' Gathering 23-28 Patrol Leaders under 14 years (Open to all Counties)	
Aug 3-5 General Training 10-12 Commissioners' Training 17-19 Kent East 24-26 Middlesex West	10-12 General Training 17-19 Greater Manchester West 24-26 Midlands England (by allocation)	2-7 Patrol in Action (Groups of not less than four Guides from a Patrol) 16-21 Training for 16-18-year-old Young Leaders or Rangers working on leadership. 26-31 Patrol Leaders under 14 years (Open to all Counties)	
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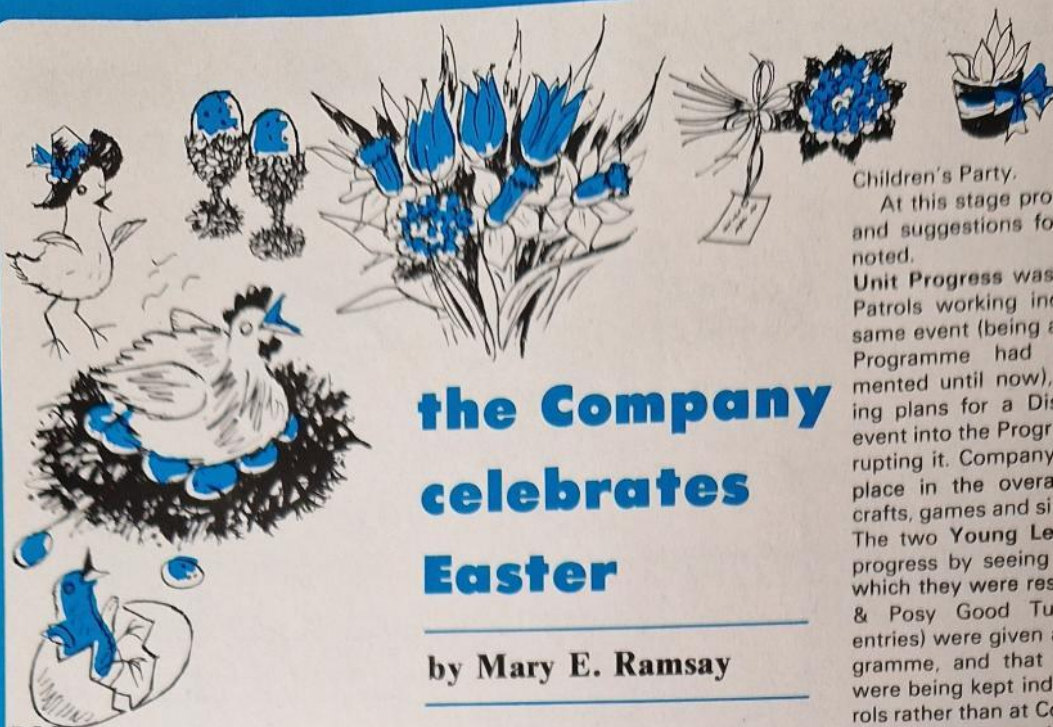
Trainings marked 'General' are for Brownie and Guide Guides.

Easter Celebrations in the Pack



To celebrate is to perform joyously. Let us make sure our celebration is fun for all concerned. It should also be an opportunity for all to progress. We must plan with the needs of individuals in mind. Who needs encouragement, a challenge, to use a skill she has learnt. With wise planning our celebration will not only be fun but an opportunity for the practical expression of our Promise.

by Susan Guy



the Company celebrates Easter

by Mary E. Ramsay

'We've been looking up Easter,' said Jill, PL of the Nightingale Patrol, when we came to the item on the PL's Council Meeting Agenda to decide how we would celebrate - and it all seems connected with eggs and food - apart from the Church Festival, and bonfires, games and dances.'

'Yes,' said Michelle, PL of the Robins - just as well, as we all want to work on cooking and planning meals this term.'

Pauline, Leader of the Swallows, said nothing. They were already making plans for camp, and wanted to do lots of Outdoor Activities this term - not stay inside cooking . . . though she knew her Patrol would say she didn't speak up loud enough, even if she was out-voted.

'Well,' I said, understanding the looks on two bright faces, and one very gloomy one, 'don't forget we've got the District Egg & Posy Good Turn to keep in mind, and the County Song-Fest (if we really want to enter)! How can we do what each Patrol wants, and still celebrate Easter together?'

Various suggestions were made; cooking competitions, maypole dances, and flower shows, until Michelle said, 'I know, a barbecue or party for parents, and my Patrol can do the refreshments - there's lots of special Easter cakes and buns to make.' 'Yes,' said Jill, 'we could do the entertainment - we could sing Easter songs, and two of us have guitars now, so it would be good practice for the Song-Fest and the Camp-Fire Pennant. We could also have a paper-bonnet competition with the visitors.'

'Someone would have to do the flowers or posy baskets,' said Julie, a

Young Leader working with the Unit, 'and we might give them away on that evening.'

Pauline brightened - 'Does that mean we can go out and find rushes and make baskets, and fill them with moss and wild flowers? The Swallows would like that, and we might even be able to visit a chicken farm and collect the eggs for ourselves.'

A couple of weeks later we held another meeting to see how things were going. In the meantime there had been much discussion and disagreement in the Patrols, *prodding* by the Leaders, and encouragement to the PLs. An indoor party for the Unit, parents and friends was planned (the idea of an outdoor barbecue/campfire had been dropped because of the weather and lack of a suitable site nearby) . . . Jobs had been split up as follows:

ROBINS - Prepare and serve refreshments; tell everyone something about Easter customs and about Easter Island in the SE Pacific. Wash up and clear kitchen.

NIGHTINGALES - Learn Easter songs and modern hymns with guitar accompaniment. Act as hostesses for the evening, including preparing and clearing the hall. Run Easter bonnet competition.

SWALLOWS - Make baskets (rush or cane), and fill them with wild flowers and fresh eggs. Prepare stall of small handcraft items made by the Guides (fluffy chicks, rings and leaf-print cards) to be sold for camp travel fund; serve at stall.

ALL - Prepare things for the handcraft stall. Make invitations. Raise money from Patrols and buy chocolate Easter eggs to be distributed at the Spastic

Children's Party.

At this stage progress was reviewed, and suggestions for future plans were noted.

Unit Progress was being made by the Patrols working independently for the same event (being a new Company, the Programme had been rather fragmented until now), and by incorporating plans for a District and a County event into the Programme without interrupting it. Company activities all have a place in the overall plans (eg handcrafts, games and singing).

The two Young Leaders were making progress by seeing that the events for which they were responsible (Julie: Egg & Posy Good Turn. Liz: Song-Fest entries) were given a place in the Programme, and that Eight-Point records were being kept individually and in Patrols rather than at Company level.

PLs were progressing by planning and carrying the plans through with their Patrols, and by planning ahead so that they learnt the skills for an *activity* before they used them, and had thought things through in detail beforehand. (Eg Swallows learning basket-weaving and map-reading; plus some display techniques by looking in shop windows, and getting advice).

Patrols were progressing by seeing that their contribution was necessary to the Company event, and including activities neglected last year (eg Homecraft Skills for the Robins, a very outdoor-biased Patrol).

Individuals were progressing through their own contributions - being more responsible, learning a new skill, completing their Pre-Promise Challenges, starting a new Badge, or helping others in the Patrol; and by keeping their own records of what they had done, and planned to do.

The main resolutions made so far by the PL's Council for similar events, planned by Patrols are:

1. Plan well ahead.
2. Keep it simple.
3. Make sure everyone knows what they are doing, and that PLs keep in touch with each other as well as with the Guider.

4. Remember each Guide separately and help her to see her contribution.

Already there have been suggestions that, at Christmas or Thinking Day, we might plan an International Dinner . . . but that will depend on what the Patrols want to do by then!

TODAY'S GUIDE March (on sale now) and April (on sale 15th March) have dozens of practical Easter ideas. - Editor.

GUIDE

training

The Rangers invite you to join them on Easter Sunday

by Jane Wardropper

THIS INVITATION was given to every Guide aged thirteen or more by the organising committee for the Easter Camp. In accordance with local tradition, the Programme for the weekend was planned by a committee of Rangers and Venture Scouts, and they delegated responsibility for each day's activities to a particular Unit. Sunday was allotted to a Ranger Unit, and it was decided to invite Guides and Scouts to join the campers on that day, as the site had plenty of shelter; if the weather was bad, there would still be many activities to offer the guests.

The visitors were to arrive for the first session at 11 am, giving time for the hosts to clear away a late breakfast, following Communion in the village church. To start the day it was decided to have an Easter Egg Rolling Contest; for this, the correct dress had to be worn – an Easter Bonnet (made from newspaper). Imagine the discussion that took place over the choice of eggs; one person felt that fresh ones were the only choice!! After a practice roll with a hard-boiled egg it was unanimously decided that china eggs were the only ones suitable. It was agreed to borrow these from friends who kept chickens.

The second event was to provide something for all tastes; the activities included shooting and archery, rope-horse making, macramé, collage with rubbish, music, floral arrangements, egg decoration and sweet-making.

The floral art session was to provide two dozen posies for the residents of an old people's home. The flowers would be arranged in baskets made by members of a Unit who were specialists in basket-making. In each small basket there would be a piece of 'oasis' resting on a plastic lid and fixed firmly in position. In theory the flowers, twigs and moss would all come from the camp-site, but as a safeguard it was agreed that anyone with a garden was to bring some spring flowers.

Egg decoration was practised before the day, as it was agreed that examples

were needed. Two types of decoration were developed: a) that which resulted in a hard-boiled egg and b) that in which the egg was 'blown' first so that the shell only was decorated.



Egg Decoration

Method: a) Use smooth-shelled hard-boiled eggs and collect flowers such as primroses and primulas, together with pieces of fern etc; blanch these for one minute. This softens them so that they can easily be fixed to the egg.

For yellow/orange colour use onion skins, for purple/grey use birch bark, and for blue/green patterns use red primulas. Remove stem, place flower on egg to make a pattern, cover with onion skins and fix in position with strips of bandage or tape and elastic bands. Place in pan of cold water and bring to the boil – boil for fifteen minutes, cool in cold water and uncover.

Another method is to make a pattern with masking tape and boil in spinach water (green), beetroot water (red), or add vegetable dyes or food colouring to the water.

b) Empty Egg

Pierce egg at either end with a darning needle and gently blow contents out of egg (use to make pancakes etc.). Leave empty egg to dry.

Use food-colouring or paint to decorate egg; the finished egg can be threaded on to coloured silks etc.

In the sweet-making session it was



planned to make miniature eggs from marzipan coloured with food-colouring dyes.

In the afternoon it was intended to hold a Mini Olympics, with of course 'gold', 'silver' and 'bronze' medals for the winners.

After tea it was hoped to hold a short service with the theme **Easter in The World Today**, those planning it and taking part being the campers. To help them the organisers were to ensure a supply of poetry books (modern and classical), newspapers, prayer books, song books etc. It was felt that this could only be effective if planned on the day.

As a final part of the arrangements someone was deputed to thank all those concerned in making the day a success, including the instructors who were responsible for the activities.



Services in the District

by

Susan Stevens



JUST WHAT MAKES a service mean something to today's young people? This is the question which we must ask ourselves when we are thinking about services in the District. We may not be able to find an answer, but by bearing the question in mind in all our thinking, we shall not lose sight of the fact that meaningfulness must be central to all that we do in planning a service.

A large part of the question is linked with active involvement. While an adult can become involved in a purely abstract way, to the young, involvement is thinking, doing, sharing. From the standpoint of a service this does not mean choosing a hymn, but putting a little of oneself into it – right from the moment when the first plans are made.

Let us hope that the suggestion of a service has come from a Unit – originally a Patrol idea perhaps. Children respond quickly to ideas from their contemporaries, so let us also hope that the idea has been taken up by Pow Wow, Patrol Council and Ranger Committee, and that suggested themes are buzzing around the District. You and your Guiders consider them, looking for one that has enough scope to allow each Unit to interpret some part of it themselves. This is important. Meaningfulness and involvement are young people expressing their feelings on something about which they care, and in a way which says something personally to them. It may not hold as much meaning for us, but that does not matter as the service is not primarily for us. Never is the generation gap wider than when we choose hymns, readings, and prayers which mean something to us, assuming that they will have a similar meaning to the young people with whom we share our Guiding.

Having agreed upon a theme acceptable to all, what next? Possibly a framework, into which the Units can fit their individual contributions of readings, singing, poetry, dance, drama, slides and prayers. This will need sorting into an order which allows variety, but which provides a logical progression of thought. Care needs to be taken here as too many changes of media will result in a variety show effect! A group which will plan links between different areas is important. This job is right for Rangers, needing careful thought in seeing the service as a whole; keeping the theme in sight so that it doesn't become obscured by the interpretations of the Units, and is not static, but moves towards a culmination, usually of praise. An exacting but rewarding role is that of over-all coordinator. Is this our job? Perhaps, though not necessarily, if we can delegate it to a Guider who enjoys this kind of job.

Our role may well be that of general manager! If you are planning to use a church, it is a good idea to make sure that the clergy know that this is a new venture, and consult them about bringing in props, moving furniture, and their own contribution. Is there room to dance – somewhere to change? Are there accessible power points, can readers be heard, actors be seen? Handicapped Guiders are taking part, can they manoeuvre wheel chairs? How many does the building hold? In overfilling you will be contravening fire regulations, and accidents do happen. Does the organist/pianist know exactly what is happening? A mighty chord played in the wrong place is as horrifying to him as it is to you. He will want to check visual cues, and to know whether or not he should improvise if a hymn ends before an accompanying activity. In general it is best to accompany folk hymns on guitars, and 'straight' ones on the keyboard. If you are using darkness and live music together, remember that instrumentalists need to be able to see!



Difficult, but important, is the arranging of rehearsals so that the participants don't see everything in advance, as this lessens the impact tremendously. Individual rehearsals in the building, and a final walk-through all together for timing and smooth running ensure this.

Returning to meaningfulness and involvement. The young can 'get through' to their peers much more effectively than we can. We all know the pin-dropping quiet which accompanies Acts of Worship written and 'thought through' by the girls themselves. Never mind if the poetry doesn't scan, the prayers are terse or rambling by good literary standards, the guitar chords are primitive, or a story is danced to the latest chart-buster. Such is the clarity, conviction and sincerity of young people when expressing themselves in their own way that they involve all who share in it, and the whole has meaning for everyone. In this, as in all things, we must have faith in their capabilities, for it is in this way that they will gain faith in themselves.

You may feel diffident if this is new to you, and the idea of leaving so much in so many pairs of hands (some of them very small hands at that), may seem to invite disaster, but young people rarely let you down over something which they feel is important, and this will be because it will be their own. Easter, springtime, and a new experience for you, your Guiders, and the young people in your care. An experience in working together; sharing thoughts together; worshipping together. A time to say together 'Spring is a New Beginning'.**

** Possible theme idea from Joan Walsh Anglund's book of the same title published by William Collins, Sons & Co.

DISTRICT

training

Shared room, per day £3.00
Double room, per day £3.50
† Subject to VAT

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow:
Single room, per day £4.00
Deposit £1.00 cheque or postal order only.

Fees at Broneirion
As from 1st March, 1976 the fees will be as follows:
Shared room, per day £2.25
Double room, per day £2.50
Single room, per day £2.75
Deposit £1.00

Fees at Netherurd
Shared room, per day £2.00
Double room, per day £2.25
Single room, per day £2.50
Deposit - £1.00 Training fee for non-residents - 50p per weekend.

HOW TO APPLY

Any Guider may herself apply 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 Centre are most welcome to do so.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Foxlease Camp-sites

Application for sites 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 October, 1976-31st March, 1977 will be accepted from 1st April, 1976.

Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approxi-

mate 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 Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays 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.

Waddow Cottage and Caravan

Both are available for bookings throughout the year. For details apply to the Secretary enclosing sae. The old caravan has been replaced with a modern one with much better facilities, including water and electricity.

Netherurd Camp-sites, Brownie House and Holiday Caravan

Applications for Camp-sites will be taken now.

Applications for the Brownie House will be taken now (application form now available). During Scottish School holiday periods (Easter, July, half August) priority will be given to Scottish packs.

A three-berth holiday caravan is also available.

Broneirion Camp-site and Brownie House

Only one small Camp-site equipped for 24, which number cannot be exceeded. Applications for Camp-site and Brownie House will be considered now and should be sent to: Miss P Lynch, 3C Pentwyn Court, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF4 7BY enclosing sae.

Bookings for the Brownie House, outside school holiday, for Guide and Ranger groups and also for Highgate, Ranger Adventure Cottage, should be sent to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion.

Camp-site, Criccieth, Nysgain North Wales

Applications for the use of two unequipped Camp-sites, within a few minutes of the sea, can be made to The Deputy General Secretary, Commonwealth Headquarters, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1 0PT, enclosing a foolscap sae for Site Information Sheet.

Opportunity Knocks Again...

at Foxlease, 7-17 August
at Waddow, 7-21 August

... for Guiders wishing to take up to nine Guides or rangers for a holiday at our lovely Training Centres in the New Forest and on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors. You will be expected to plan

and be responsible for your Programme during the holiday, but there will be someone there to advise and to give help with handicrafts and activities for the evenings.

It will not be necessary for the Party Leader to hold a Holiday Permit but she should obtain the consent of her own Commissioner before applying. For full details write to the Guiders-in-Charge Foxlease or Waddow.

Lorne Camp-sites

Lorne offers fully equipped or unequipped Camp-sites with solid shelter. Calor gas available. Applications should be sent to Mrs F Hartley, 1 Station View, Carnalea, Bangor, County Down.

Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage, Lorne

A cottage available for Ranger holidays, fully equipped for 12 persons, with electricity and running water. For details apply to Mrs Brenda Weatherup, 32 Circular Road, Belfast BT4 2GA, enclosing sae.

Ulster Camp-sites, Glen Road (nr Lorne)

Fully equipped for 40 campers (one large and two small camps). Excellent hut for solid shelter and Calor gas.

Bookings should be sent to Mrs F R Lee, 45 Gortland Park, Belfast BT5 7NU enclosing sae.

Magilligan Camp-sites

Three fully equipped sites with double Calor gas stove for 25-30 campers. Also large three-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 older Guides, Rangers, Guiders or Trefoil Guild. Apply to Mrs B Dyke, Holm Oak, Tinneys Lane, Sherborne, Dorset, enclosing foolscap sae.

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MAINLY FOR RANGERS

— and all those
who play the
guitar

Since the production of the *Guiding Highlights* record many people have enquired about this song. The two-part version is printed in 'Help Yourself to Play The Guitar', and the version on the record, which has a descant to the chorus, is printed below.

Quietly in the springtime,
Quietly when leaves appear,
Quietly in the greenness,
Quietly God is there.

Quietly in the evening,
Quietly when stars appear,
Quietly in the stillness,
Quietly God is there.

RECIPES



Winter Pork Pot

- 3 tblsp flour
- 2 level tblsp mustard powder
- Salt and Pepper
- 2 lbs boned blade or shoulder of pork
- 2 oz butter
- 2 tblsp cooking oil
- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp dried sage
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 pint light stock or
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint stock and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint white wine
- 1 lb apples

Put the flour and mustard powder in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Cut the pork into cubes and toss in the seasoned flour. Heat the butter and oil in a pan and fry the onions until soft. Add the pork and fry until golden brown. Stir in any excess flour. Add the



herbs, stock and wine. Bring to the boil, reduce heat, cover the pan and simmer gently for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Core and thickly slice the apples and add these to the pan. Cook for a further 30 minutes. The casserole can also be cooked in the oven at 350°F/Gas Mark 4. Serve with plain boiled potatoes.

Serves 4-6.

Recipe by courtesy of the Germany Information Service.

PURIM CAKES 'HAMAN TASCHEN'

Kuchen Dough

- 1 lb plain flour
 - 2 oz caster sugar
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ oz yeast
 - 2 oz margarine
 - One egg
 - Pinch of salt
- Cream yeast with a teaspoonful of sugar. Melt the margarine in the milk and, when just lukewarm, pour it on to the creamed yeast. Sieve the flour and salt into a warm basin, make a well in the centre and pour in the yeast mixture. Gradually work in the flour from the sides and knead to a smooth dough; cover and leave in a warm place to rise,

$1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 hrs. Then add sugar and beaten egg and knead thoroughly. Roll out and use as required (the above is used for various breads, usually of a sweetish kind with raisins etc in it, and buns).

To make Haman Taschen, roll out Kuchen dough $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, cut into 4 inch rounds and brush edges with melted margarine or oil; spread with desired filling and fold edges to form three-cornered cakes. Brush the top with warm honey, leave in a warm place to rise until bulk is doubled, then bake in a mod. oven (400° - Reg 5) till golden brown.

Suggested fillings: put the following ingredients in a saucepan and cook over a gentle heat till thick:

- 1 teacupful ground poppy seeds
- 2 oz margarine
- 2 oz each chopped nuts and raisins
- 1 oz chopped peel
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint water
- 1 tblsp golden syrup
- 1 oz sugar

Prune filling: stone and chop $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cooked prunes and add grated rind and juice of half a lemon.

Cream cheese filling: add a little sugar and a few currants to soft cream cheese.

Purim cakes are mentioned in the article on page 105 - Editor.

RIDING and TREKKING holidays and courses in the NEW FOREST

Send SAE for full details to:
NEW FOREST RIDING HOLIDAYS
4 Westover Road, Bournemouth

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES continued from page 113

RIVER ACCESS IN THE NORTH EAST

Work is now well under way on the new scheme which is operative in the region as a pilot from 1st January, 1976, and affects all canoeists, including those from other parts of the country, who canoe on water under Access Agreement. It is mainly a means whereby canoeists can be identified by landowners and anglers and non-BCU members kept off the water.

It is therefore vital that all GGA canoes should carry a Guide badge in a prominent place and have some form of identity and the Guide Association BCU Affiliate Membership number (A7217) with them. (Please read *Boating News* which is available through your county channels or from Training Department, CHQ - enclose foolscap sae).

NORTH TYNE

The Agreement from Chollerford to Warden has been altered until the end of October with dates reduced in number. Details are available from the BCU River Adviser Mr Mike Todd, David Grieve House, Headlam Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (please enclose sae). Telephone: 650227.

The same dates will be applied to the last two miles of the South Tyne.

WEAR

There is still some debate in progress over these waters which may produce evidence that the Wear from Durham downstream is an ancient navigation. Please consult Mr Todd (as above) for details before canoeing.

We are grateful to the Editor of the BCU magazine *'Canoeing in Britain'* for permission to quote news on access from time to time.

CAMP ACTIVITY ADVISERS

Camp Activity Advisers are wanted for Foxlease, Waddow and Blacklands during the peak camping periods, ie during the Spring Bank Holiday week and from July to the end of August.

Those who undertake this invariably enjoy themselves, and Advisers are free to suggest and organise any type of outdoor activity or plays which they feel will appeal to the Guides and are suitable for the sites.

We are happy to accept offers for any period from a week to five weeks! All your expenses are paid: at Blacklands you have a caravan at your disposal and at Foxlease and Waddow you live in the house. Two friends, working together, are most welcome!

If you are interested, write to the Training Secretary at CHQ giving the dates you can offer.

Training announcements

Health Emergencies in Camp

The question as to whether, in an emergency, a Guider may act *in loco parentis* to give permission for a child to have an anaesthetic or undergo an operation in a situation where it is impossible to contact the parents, has caused us to consult with our legal department and we bring the following to the attention of all Guiders:

A Guider may, in such an emergency, act *in loco parentis* provided that she has taken all reasonable and necessary precautions beforehand, ie:

- (a) The Camp/Holiday Health form has been fully completed and signed;
- (b) The date given for the return of the form has

allowed time for the Guider to note any special points;

- (c) When parents state they will be away from home and cannot be contacted by phone, the Guider has discussed other arrangements for consultations in case of emergency and/or obtained their written permission to act on their behalf;
- (d) The Guider must be aware of any religious objection which the parents may hold.

Something in Common

**Waddow -
21st-23rd May**

After the success of a similar training held at Foxlease in November, which was

filled to overflowing, we have been pressed to make possible a similar event for Ranger Guiders and Venture Scout Leaders in the northern part of the country.

This is a general training geared to giving to Ranger Guiders and Venture Scout Leaders, whether or not they run Joint Units, the chance to discuss topics particularly related to working with this age group and to share experiences. As the title suggests, the emphasis is on the common ground which both Associations must cover to achieve the same aims, and it is hoped that a lot will be gained by pooling ideas.

Please make this opportunity known to Venture Scout Leaders in your area, as joint participation in the discussions is a vital ingredient to the success of such an event.

Camp and Pack Holiday Training

**Waddow -
23rd-25th April**

Owing to demand a further weekend training has been arranged at Waddow. Apply now to the Guider in Charge.

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8. Finance

1. *At end of 2nd para add:*

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48. Camps/Holidays with Special Conditions Attached

8. Holidays Afloat

Delete and substitute:

A Guider in charge of a holiday afloat must hold the Holiday Permit or the Camper's Licence.

Conditions

(i) A member of the party must hold a life saving qualification valid for Grade C Waters.

(ii) If the party is taking control of the vessel the Guider in charge must have had recent boating experience and the party must include a member holding the appropriate boating qualifications.

(iii) If the holiday includes camping ashore the Guider in charge must hold the Camper's Licence.

(iv) Form C.12/C12a as appropriate and, if camping, Form C.9 must be completed.

For further information see NOTES ON BOATING AND HOLIDAYS AFLOAT

9. Joint Camping with Boys

NOTE (ii) Delete: The International Handbook

and substitute: The County International Adviser.

49. The Camping Qualifications

1. The Camper's Licence

Conditions

(ii) *Delete and Substitute:*

A competent and experienced adult, preferably other than the Guider in charge, must be responsible for health and first aid. She must hold an up-to-date Camp First Aid Certificate, or have comparable qualifications or experience.

2. The Pack Holiday Licence

Conditions

(v) *Delete and substitute:*

A competent and experienced adult, preferably other than the Guider in charge, must be responsible for health and first aid. She must hold an up-to-date Camp First Aid Certificate, or have comparable qualifications or experience.

3. The Holiday Permit

Conditions

(c) *Delete and substitute:*

Responsibility for health and first aid is in the charge of a competent and experienced adult, preferably other than the Guider in charge. She must hold an up-to-date Camp First Aid Certificate or have comparable qualifications or experience.

Add new clause

(f) Responsibility for catering (where applicable) has been covered.

49.

4. The Pack Overnight Venture Permit

(v) *Delete and substitute:*

One competent and experienced adult, preferably other than the Guider in charge, • The leaflet is not yet in print. Please do not order it until it is advertised as being available.

must be responsible for health and first aid. She must hold an up-to-date Camp First Aid Certificate, or have comparable qualifications or experience.

Add new clause:

(vi) The staff must (if required) have sufficient experience to deal with catering.

5. The Ranger Camp Permit

Delete The and substitute A Young Leader who is a

Last para. Delete The and substitute A Young Leader who is a

After clause 5 at the end of sentence add: (i) (ii) and (iii)

At end of last section add:

NOTE: A Guider holding a Pre-Warrant Appointment Card who, as a Young Leader, used her Ranger Camp Permit in the previous season to take Guides to camp, may continue to do so for one more season while working for her Adult Leader's Certificate.

50. The Training Qualifications

3. The Specialist Training Certificate

Requirements

After clause (a) insert

(b) Hold a warrant

and re-letter succeeding clauses

57. Water Safety – Boating

3. Boating Qualifications

(c) 2nd para. *Delete:* and experienced person

and substitute: a similarly qualified and experienced person.

Add new clause:

(d) If the holder of a boating qualification has had no recent practice in boating, the appropriate Commissioner and Adviser must ensure that her skill and knowledge is up to the currently approved standard.

Page 85. *Changes of Address:*

Midlands: 21 Lower Church Street, Ashby de la Zouche, Leics.

South West: 33 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EJ.

Addition to NOTES ON CAMPS AND HOLIDAYS 1974 Edition p.29.

After Camp First Aid Certificate add:

Candidates for The Camper's Licence, The Pack Holiday Licence, The Holiday Permit, and the Pack Overnight Venture Permit must:

Hold an up-to-date Camp First Aid Certificate.

or

1. Understand the principles of health and sanitation.

2. Equip a first aid case suitable for the camp or holiday concerned, and show how, and know when, to use its contents.

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4. *(For Guide and Ranger qualifications only)*

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Camp First Aid Certificate. P.29.

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Certificate of Merit

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Minibuses

Guiders may have seen articles or correspondence in newspapers about various points recently raised on the use of minibuses carrying more than 8 passengers. In this article, the word 'minibus' is used to cover those carrying more than 8 passengers.

CHQ is very much aware of the position and has been closely connected with various conferences and discussions on the subject with other organisations. The whole matter has been brought to a head by the fact that certain

EEC regulations came into force on 1st January, 1976. These deal inter alia with drivers' ages and hours and were admittedly framed to deal with commercial vehicles. The effect is to make minibuses into public service vehicles with various complex regulations. The Government has requested that the application of the regulations to this country should be delayed for a time, and are hopeful that they will be successful and that private vehicles as opposed to commercial ones will be exempted.

The present position is that the driver of a minibus will in future have to be 21 years of age, but in this country anyone who at present has a valid driving licence, even only a provisional one, may drive a minibus, but anyone who gets a licence for the first time must be 21 or over to drive a minibus.

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by E. Joyce Hay



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Specially trained Guide helpers come in on Saturday mornings and during school holidays to conduct parties round the building and, provided you book in good time, arrangements can be made for you to include a visit to the offices of the Association's three magazines – *THE BROWNIE*, *TODAY'S GUIDE* and *GUIDER* – to meet the editorial staff and see how the magazines are produced.

Visitors are also welcome in Press and Public Relations Department, and if you are planning to mount an outside display on the Movement you might like to see what is available in the way of overseas uniforms, flags, photographs etc to help you. But do help the Department by letting them know of your visit in advance.

CHQ Restaurant

After your tour you may like to have a meal in the CHQ restaurant. Menus are available at different prices so ask for details when you make your booking.

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The cost this year is £10.50. Some Local Authorities will make grants to those attending leadership courses, so it is worth applying for them. Reduced rail fare vouchers are obtainable from Country/Region HQ for those under 18.

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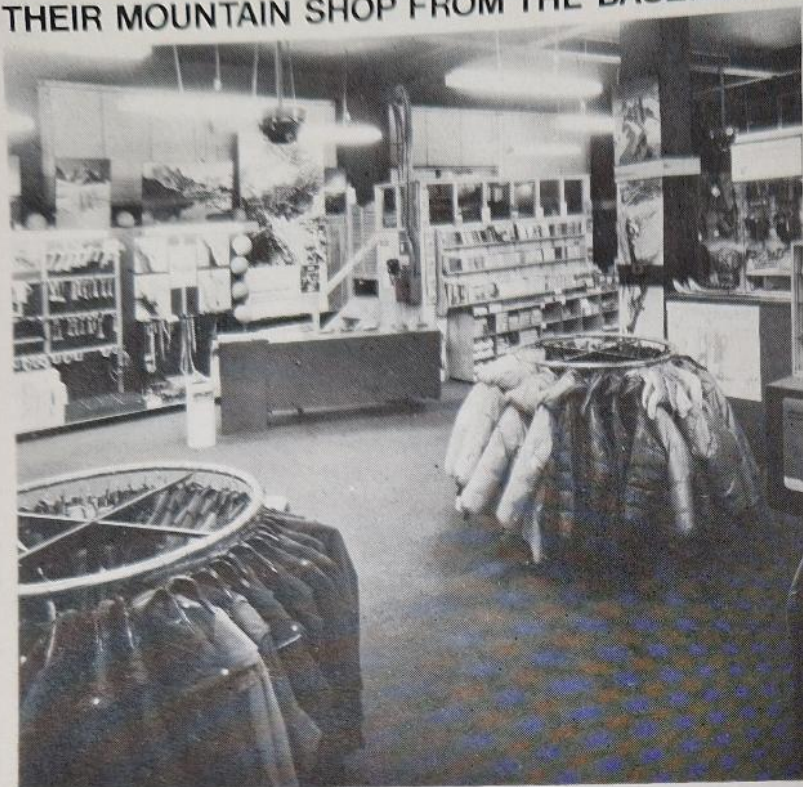
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THE FIRST TWO MONTHS of 1976 have seen much re-organisation and planning since the move of our Trading Department to its new premises at Broadheath. Following the pain of the initial surgery, the lengthening spring days and clearer light have brought their customary eagerness for re-arrangement, spring cleaning and change: the time has come to roll up our sleeves and get down to making everything work. We look forward eagerly now to Friday, 26th March, when our Trading Service's new premises will be officially declared open by The Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, JP.

During past weeks we have taken every opportunity to visit Broadheath to watch its development and get to know our new members of staff, several of whom we are delighted to note are already active members of the Movement.

CHQ Trefoil Guild and some of the Trefoil Guilds in North West England have raised money to buy stands and plants to brighten the entrance hall of the new building. We hear they intend to give more plants and flowers through the year and we thank them all for their kindness.

Visitors to CHQ

The winter holidays brought their usual flow of visitors to Commonwealth Headquarters. Parties of Guides and Brownies who come to tour the building on their way to the pantomime, exhibitions and museums, not only bring a refreshing animation to our corridors but keep us in touch with the heart of the Movement.

1975 was the first year in which the Association officially took part in the carol singing around the Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square, and again it was pleasant to have visits beforehand from Miss Marion Prior, who conducted the singing, and from some of the many Guides and Brownies who took part.

Overseas visitors have included Miss Inge Lyck, the Guider-in-Charge of the World Training Centre, Our Chalet, in Switzerland and the Secretary of Our Chalet, Miss Gwyn Smith. Miss Lyck, an expert skier, called in for lunch before flying back to the first good snow conditions of the winter. All members of the Association are welcome to stay at Our Chalet, as indeed they are at the other World Centres - Sangam, in India, our Cabana in Mexico, and Olive House in London, and you can obtain further information by writing, enclosing sae, to our Commonwealth/International Department.



Photos: E Joyce Hay

Miss Mary Lambe, with CHQ receptionist Lesley Aldred

Miss Mary Lambe, a philatelist Guider from Victoria, Australia, spent some time in January displaying in the Library her magnificent stamp collection illustrating the Baden-Powell story. You may have seen some of the pages on the BBC TV programme 'Blue Peter' last year. Not everyone knows that Scouts and Guides on stamps provide one of the most popular subjects for thematic collectors today and that nearly 100 countries have issued stamps honouring the Movement. The Scout Stamp Collectors Club specialises in both Guide and Scout stamps and has at least 2 Guiders on its Committee. Its Editor, Peter Duck, will supply further information if you write to him enclosing sae c/o PR Department, CHQ.

Miss Muriel Lees was another recent visitor and we were delighted to hear about the book she has written about her experiences as a member of a Guide International Service team doing relief work in Greece early in 1945. It is called 'A Job of a Lifetime' (printed by Siddall and Sons) and is available from our shop, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1 OPT at £1.95 (plus 30p small order surcharge on orders by post).

Miss Lees joined a Girl Scout Patrol in 1909 formed at her school by a girl whose brother was at the Founder's experimental camp on Brownsea Island in 1907. She was enrolled as a Guide three years later in Cheshire and since then has served as a Trainer, Guider and Commissioner. After her service in Greece Miss Lees spent some time working with refugees in Germany just after the war and she includes some of these experiences in 'A Job of a Lifetime'.



CHQ Restaurant Decorations

A great deal of comment and interest is generated amongst visitors to the CHQ Restaurant by the many different exhibits displayed on the walls. We change these every 2 or 3 months and we do try to include items from each Section as well as from different Countries and Regions. Last year, amongst others, we had entries in a competition run by THE BROWNIE magazine: a variety of hangings and shields from the Foxlease Heraldry Workshop and a magnificent display of macramé and other craft work from North West England. In 1976 we have begun the year with some beautiful collages produced by members of a Hampshire Extension Unit at their Arts Camp.



Miss Muriel Lees

We end on a lighter, if not quite seasonal, note from the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, a place which might well be justified in feeling a little remote from the hub of the Movement. The Guide Company there had a problem - they needed to obtain a set of eyebrows and beard to complete the Santa Claus outfit they wished to use at a Christmas Party for children in their village. The London Mail Order firm they had contacted would take postal orders only for £10.00 or over and in desperation the Guider wrote to our Finance Department to ask if someone could kindly take the trouble to buy the said eyebrows and beard over the counter and to post them on personally. With a grateful letter of thanks in due course came back the message that these Guides, some of whom have never set foot even on the mainland of Scotland, now know just what the spirit of Guiding really means, for although London to them may be almost as far as Timbuktu, they know, as we do, that they are as close to us in spirit as any of our Westminster neighbours.

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WHAT'S ON

Music

On 19th March at the Royal Festival Hall, the Pasadena Roof Orchestra will be recreating the dance music of the 1920s and early 30s. This will take place at 8 pm, while in the nearby Queen Elizabeth Hall, the London Bach Orchestra, conducted by Martin-dale Sidwell, will begin an evening of classical music at 7.45 pm. The concert will include Bach's Violin Concerto in A Minor and Brandenburg Concerto No 2.

Theatre

An evening of Spanish music, songs and dances, entitled *Cats' Fiesta* will be staged at the Commonwealth Institute on 6th March. This performance is in aid of the Cats' Protection League.

Exhibitions

This year's Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition centres around the joint theme of the American Revolutionary War and the Cultural Revolution in Britain, synonymous with 'The Age of Elegance'. The exhibition runs from 9th March to 3rd April, and is open daily from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm, excluding Sundays. Tickets at reduced prices are available for members of the Girl Guides Association. All enquiries to The Cashier, 'Tickets', Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, New Carmelite House, Carmelite Street, London EC4 OJA.

The Chelsea Antiques Fair opens for the 42nd time on 9th March at the Old Town Hall, King's Road, London. It will run until 20th March, and will be followed by a second 1976 Fair in the autumn.

The exhibition of Japanese paintings and prints of the Maruyama/Shijo School continues at the British Museum until 28th March.

Opera

The highly successful production of Szymanowski's *King Roger*, which was given its British Premiere by the New Opera Company at Sadler's Wells Theatre last May, is to be given four performances by the ENO at the London Coliseum on 16th and 22nd March, and 1st and 9th April. There is a bargain price reduction for the first night, 16th March, when balcony seats will be 60p, and stalls, dress circle and upper circle will be £1.20. There are two lunchtime lectures at the Coliseum this month: on 8th March, Keith Horner will lecture on *Pleasure Gardens in 17th and 18th Centuries*, and on 18th March, Rodney Milnes will talk on the subject of *Operas With Dialogue From King Arthur To Carmen*. Both begin at 1 pm and the admission fee of 50p includes a light buffet and coffee.

Royal Ballet

Out of town ballet lovers may find our reference to Covent Garden tantalising, but those in the west country have a chance to see the Royal Ballet (Covent Garden Company) from 1st March to 13th March. Repertory includes *Romeo and Juliet*, *Swan Lake*, and a triple bill of *La Bayadere*, *Enigma Variations*, and *Elite Syncopations* (to Scott Joplin ragtime music). Principals include Merle Park. The Company returns to Covent Garden for the last two weeks in March, and leaves in April for a nine week tour of the United States.

Meanwhile, Royal Ballet on Tour continues with its performances in the regions (details in Nationwide). Their repertory includes *La Fille Mal Gardee*, *Coppelia*, *Giselle*, and triple bills in each place, of particular interest being a revival of *Checkmate*. This one act work by Ninette de Valois to music by Arthur Bliss acts out a game of chess in dance.



Checkmate, performed in the regions this month by Royal Ballet.

A particularly interesting feature of the Royal Ballet tour is the Tuesday matinee in each place, which is intended mainly for school groups. The first half hour is devoted to Journey Through Ballet, a short illustrated talk showing how the various components — dance, scenery, costumes — are put together to form a particular ballet. This is followed by a performance of the ballet which has been described — *Giselle* at Norwich, *Coppelia* in the other regions.

London Festival Ballet

In these days of pop culture, it may surprise some to hear that ballet is a growth industry; London Festival Ballet reports an increase in attendances of 61% over the past four years. Furthermore, although every audience has a large proportion of young people, the standard classics are still firm favourites. *Nutcracker* is always a sell-out, and there is seldom an empty seat for any of the popular works; the company broke its own attendance records three times during 1975.

One disappointing fact is the difficulty of 'educating' audiences to the ballets; yet a triple bill of three contrasting works is an ideal introduction for

During its forthcoming weeks at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne (8th March to 13th March) and the Pavilion, Bournemouth (15th to 20th) the company will be giving triple bills on the Friday and Saturday. On Monday to Thursday in each place you can see a preview of their spectacular revival of the full length *Don Quixote*, which will be seen in London in April. This production is worlds away from the Cervantes of school days, for it tells the hackneyed story in terms of brilliant dancing, costumes and scenery (to include real windmills).

The company is at the Grand, Wolverhampton, week commencing the 22nd, and Grand, Leeds, week commencing 29th. The four week season at the London Coliseum opens on 13th April; more details next month.

Film

For the more stalwart among us, the Academy award-winning Russian film production (with English dialogue) of Tolstoy's *War and Peace* will be shown on 6th March at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. This film took five years to make, and traces the story of Napoleon's invasion of Russia and his eventual defeat by the combination of the Russian people and the harsh Russian winter. The showing begins at 2 pm and winds to a close at 10.35 pm, with three intervals, one of which will be a refreshment break of one and half hours. Tickets at prices ranging from £1.50 to £2.50.

Nationwide

Aberdeen. His Majesty's, week commencing 5th April, Royal Ballet.

Birmingham. City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Town Hall (4, 11, 18, 25, 27).

Birmingham. Hippodrome, week commencing 22nd March, Royal Ballet.

Bristol. Hippodrome, fortnight commencing 1st March, Royal Ballet.

Derbyshire. Cello and piano recital by Stefan Popov and Allan Schiller. College of Art, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield (6th).

Lecture on Greek Art by Yvonne Orchard BA, at the Museum and Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby (4th).

Edinburgh. The Land — twentieth century landscape photographs selected by Bill Brandt at the National Gallery of Modern Art (6th March to 11th April).

Exeter. Devon and Exeter Festival of Music, Speech and Drama at Emmanuel Church Hall and Priory High School, Exeter (5-20).

Hertfordshire. Jazz: Traditional, Mainstream and Modern at The Goat Inn, Sopwell Lane, St. Albans (7, 14, 21, 28).

Newcastle. Theatre Royal, week commencing 29th March, Royal Ballet.

Norwich. Theatre Royal, week commencing 15th March, Royal Ballet.

Nottingham. Exhibition: Children of the Commonwealth (Africa, The Caribbean, India and Canada) at the Castle Museum, (29th March to 23rd April).

Sheffield. Exhibition of Children's Art, Graves Art Gallery, Weston Park (1-14).

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