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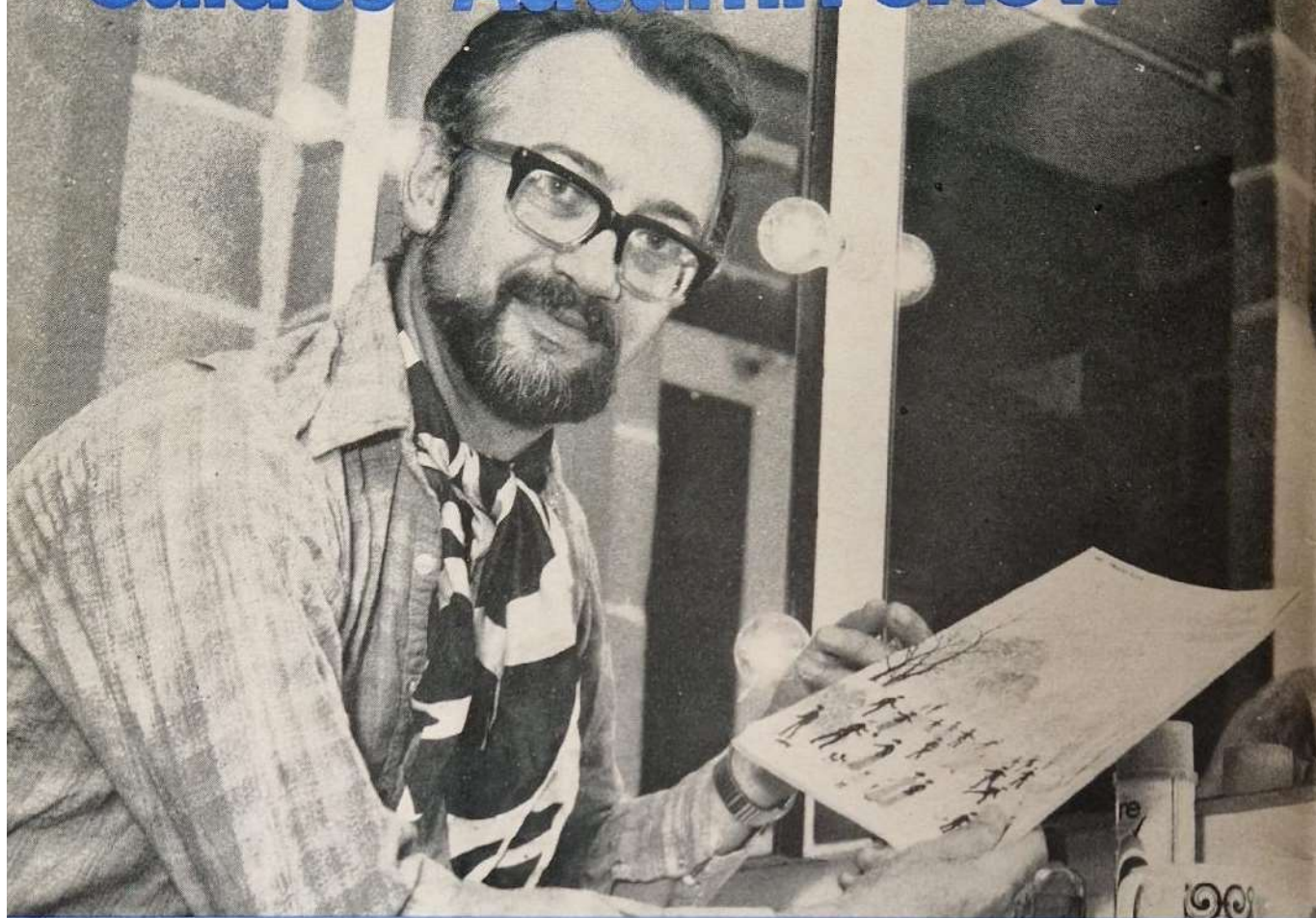
1976 Marriage solemnized at St Peter's Church in the Parish of St Peter, Parkstone in the County of Dorset

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Oct 30 th	Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell	54	Bachelor	Lieut General	32 Prices Gate London S.W.	Baden Powell	Clergyman
1976 19/12	Olave St Clair Thomas	23	Spinster		Gray Nigg Lilliput	Harold Soames	Gentleman

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This marriage was solemnized between us, { Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell } in the Presence of us, { Olave St Clair Thomas } and Baden Powell

John Shaw - star of the Guides' Autumn Show



Not long ago the autumn show for the O.A.P.'s looked a definite non-starter. Company funds were at a low ebb. It didn't look as though the curtain would ever go up.

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The response was very enthusiastic. Everybody loved Webb Ivory's quality range of items — so much so that John was adding new helpers to his team all the time. Funds for the show really zoomed.

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A Guide of 6th Parkstone St Peter's Church Coy, together with a Brownie, Cub and two Scouts of the area, inspect the Parish Register at St Peter's Church, Parkstone, where the World Chief Guide and the Founder were married, in October 1912. *Photograph by J W Kitchenham Ltd.*

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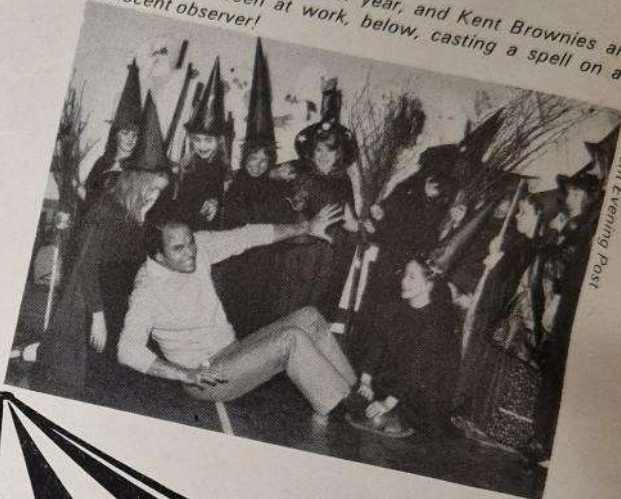
Local Brownies 'waiting at table', above, at a coffee evening in aid of Portland Training College for the disabled.

Casting their minds back to the Good Old Days, Attleborough Guides and Rangers, below, used that theme to win the special prize in the Amasal Trophy at the Nuneaton Carnival.



Nuneaton Evening Tribune

It's the bewitching time of year, and Kent Brownies and Guides have been at work, below, casting a spell on an innocent observer!



Kent Evening Post



John Melrose



Water babies all: Brownies from the city of Glasgow, left, receiving swimming gala awards from Lady Curran, the County President

. . . . and Teresa Tapp finds that being engaged can be a little dampening; her fiancé being an Assistant Scout Leader, she volunteered to help at his District Scout Association's annual sports day at Farnborough, only to find herself placed under a target that, when hit, released buckets of icy water over her!



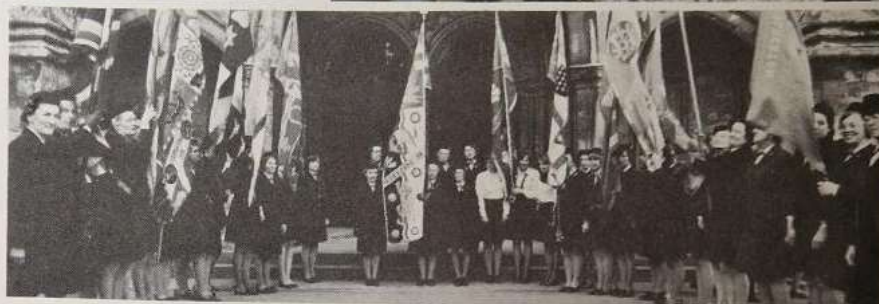
Aldershot Weekend News



Poring over her itinerary for the day, HRH The Princess Margaret noted that she was to visit Milnthorpe Parish Church, where she was to be attended by a Guard of Honour of local Brownies and Guides, above left - all enjoyed the occasion, despite heavy rain....

.... and another recognisable face, above right, that of Valerie Singleton, admiring a home-spun skirt during her visit to 9th Hayes Guide Company.

The new South West England Standard, right, which was blessed at a service in Salisbury Cathedral this year.



Faversham News



Brian Smart



Cooks' and Caterers' Corner: Guides Fiona Simmons and Sheila Tanner, above left, from Trowbridge, hold up a giant marrow for inspection, and Urmston (Manchester) Division Brownies, above right, select some sticks of rhubarb at Ashley Open Day in May of this year... over now to the cooks: tossing the perfect pancake at Faversham Youth Club demanded a joint effort from a Ranger Guide and Venture Scout, left, and this long-distance sausage, right, was cooked with care by Welford Cubs, with the Brownies as keen supporters.

Correction: two photographs in September GUIDER, Roundabout page 365, show a presentation of The Ballad of King Alfred that was in fact staged by the Mendip Division Guides.





Sport & General Press

The Queen Mother's Birthday

The following telegram was sent to HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on the occasion of her birthday:

All Members of The Girl Guides Association wish Your Majesty a very happy birthday.

Sheila Walker,
Chief Commissioner

Her Majesty's reply:

I greatly appreciate your good wishes on my birthday and send my sincere thanks to all who joined in your message.

Elizabeth R
Patron

Ranger Diamond Jubilee

by The Hon Mrs W Birkbeck

PLANS FOR RANGER DIAMOND JUBILEE are beginning to take shape after rather a slow start. Enthusiasm, maximum participation and plenty of initiative should ensure events being very successful and examples of the best that Guiding has to offer. This, of course, means fun, new friendships, lots of laughter and achievements of every kind.

A committee has been formed of Ranger representatives from all parts of the United Kingdom and including Guiders and Advisers; plans have been made on the lines of the original Ranger 'Think-in' earlier in the year.

The following is a summary of what will be happening. As yet the 'year' remains nameless, as it is felt that in the light of the Queen's Silver Jubilee, something other than a 'Jubilee' should be used as a theme.

Sunday 6th February – the date of Her Majesty the Queen's Accession to the Throne – Ranger Jubilee year opens with a National Walk. At 2 pm, whatever the weather, every Ranger will walk for 77 minutes! It is suggested that each Unit should work out its own purpose for the Walk, and Rangers are challenged to walk as far as they can in the time. If every Ranger in the UK takes part we might make the Guinness Book of Records! A scroll of friendship could be included, handed from one Unit to another and so on, across one County to the next.

Nationwide Service Project

The focal point of this will be a 'piece of ground'. Ranger Units can use their time and talents in any way they choose, to obtain, plan and develop a plot; eg, in urban situations, to create gardens or window boxes to give pleasure to the elderly, or play areas for children; and in rural situations, to clear and maintain a pond, stretch of river or coastline; to open up a footpath or to make a nature reserve,

Scope is unlimited and it is hoped that the help of all local conservation, preservation and other societies would be enlisted to improve public relations.

Two National Camps will be held: 'the Camp of the Rose' in England, on the Royal Showground at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire from 31st July to 8th August and the 'Camp of the Thistle' in Scotland the week before, 24th July to 1st August. Both camps will include arts and

Units, and will plan to arrive in groups of not more than eight. Each group will be responsible for its own cooking, and food will be obtainable from a central store.

Challenge '77

A list of challenges will be published in the January *GUIDER* and every Ranger is encouraged to participate. It is suggested that a wall-hanging (size to be given later) should be made, showing completed Challenges and also activities during the year. It is hoped that wall-hangings will be exhibited at local and county level and that the best will be on exhibition at CHQ.

Badges

Designs have been approved for a metal badge, as left, and a design competition is in progress for a cloth badge.

It is proposed that this be the motif for 1977 and will be on all tee/sweat shirts; and that small souvenirs will also be on sale during the year.

Finale

This will take the form of a National Service in London either at St Paul's Cathedral or at some other City Church. The Service will be at 2.30 pm on Saturday, 29th October, 1977, followed by a tea party which will finish at 5 pm. Everyone will then be free to make her own arrangements for the weekend, perhaps to include going to the Folk Festival in the Royal Albert Hall that evening.

The Committee hopes that every Ranger in the United Kingdom will take part in all or at least some of the above activities planned for her, and that she will get the maximum fun and sense of fulfilment out of everything. I am simply delighted to be the Committee's Chairman, and thoroughly look forward to meeting and laughing with as many Rangers as possible during the course of the year.



outdoor activities but the English one will be biased towards the Arts, the Scottish one towards the Outdoors. Both will be 'lightweight'. Rangers taking their own equipment. Participants will be challenged to travel by as many different means of transport as possible (except hitch-hiking), and each Unit will be able to send two Rangers to one or other camp. It is hoped that they will join up with others en route, thus necessitating contact with other

Princess Margaret's Birthday



Fox Photos

The following telegram was sent to Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, on the occasion of her birthday:

All members of The Girl Guides Association join me in wishing our President a very happy birthday.

Sheila Walker,
Chief Commissioner

Her Royal Highness's reply:

I send my sincere thanks to you and all for whom you speak for your kind message of good wishes on my birthday.

Margaret
President

Topic for Discussion:

Stories for the Young

by Rumer Godden

The following address was given by author Rumer Godden at the Children's Books of the Year Exhibition preview, which was held at the National Book League in July of this year:

ON THE WAY HERE, I began to think about other writers long before us whose work is shown here today, writers whose books never seem to have been superseded, whose work goes on and on, while so much of ours quickly goes out of print. It is annoying. If you find a child with its nose in a book – and you do find them – it is just as likely not to be a book of our vintage but an old one, something like *The Little House on the Prairie* or *The Jungle Book* or *Black Beauty*; with the very young of course, it's still A A Milne and Beatrix Potter.

I cannot help wondering how many of our books will still be read in fifty years' time? I'm talking here about books that are meant to give a child pleasure, sheer enjoyment, and it seems to me that in the writing of these books nowadays something is being lost, something that children have always wanted. I believe that 'something' is the story.

A story is life even when it's a fairy tale – fairy tales are still loved in spite of what people say – look at the sales of Andersen and Perrault – and it seems to me that with the loss of the story life, too, has gone out of our books; one of the causes is an influence which has crept into children's

books from the adult world of the novel, in which it is almost disreputable to tell a story unless for a thriller or spy-fiction; it must, rather, be hinted at, symbolised. This may be good impressionism – often it's very beautiful, often weird – but it doesn't suit children's books.



Jean de Lemos

Nowadays, far from bothering too little about children's books, perhaps we bother too much. We are immensely preoccupied with standards, standards of text, of taste, of art. I used to be occupied with this

myself, and made passionate speeches about it, believing that this, primarily, was what mattered; of course it matters, we don't want shoddy work, but not primarily. A little while ago I was asked by the *New York Times* to write a review, for its fiftieth anniversary, of *The Secret Garden* and was appalled at how badly Frances Hodgson Burnett wrote! There was no gainsaying it, and yet the power of the story overrode everything else. As you know, *The Secret Garden* is more alive today than it was in her own time; it sells not in thousands but in millions, and has been filmed six times. Frances Hodgson Burnett was what children want, a true storyteller, and that is a proud title.

While writing a story, we tend to keep one eye on the critics, the other on the grown-ups who, after all, buy the books – but we shouldn't think about them. As a matter of fact we shouldn't even think about the child. Only about the story; to let ourselves be entranced by it, and not ashamed to be so. We hear a lot about the toil and frustration of writing but not nearly enough about the joy – the hallmark of Eleanor Farjeon was joy. We should have the courage to let our story take its time in growing, let it choose its own words, however surprising; and, if we are lucky, it may breathe and if we are luckier still, it may perhaps not turn back to dust. It is in the hope that many of those books on view today will have a long, long life that I declare this exhibition open.

Those Stirring Days

by Audrey Bickersteth

HAS IT STRUCK YOU that in much of Europe the old and the young speak English better than the middle-aged? When the middle-aged were young, English was forbidden in German-occupied countries. Guiding and Scouting were forbidden, too, and there was only the Hitler Youth Movement.

News leaked through of the magnificent way in which Guides and Scouts carried on 'underground' and the stories made us long to help them, so the Guide International Service was launched. Guides raised money and Guiders trained for relief work, learning much from the Society of Friends, whose experience dates from the Napoleonic Wars.

We had a Guide-Scout team which in-



Dutch nurses and patients outside the hospital kitchen at Gorinchem.

cluded two doctors and four nurses. We had a three-ton lorry, two trucks and two ambulances with complete equipment for a fifty-bed hospital. Attached to us was a mobile laboratory. We packed our vehicles in the Royal Mews by kind permission of King George VI. We wore khaki, but with the World Badge on our hats and painted on our vehicles.

On Thinking Day, 1945, we assembled in Hyde Park, with teams from other organisations and drove to Tilbury to embark on a tank landing craft. Much has been written about the GIS so this is about what we saw of Guiding in Holland.

Our first post was Tilburg where we were housed in a monastery. We slept in cells and our hospital ward was the school gymnasium with a screen separating men from women. Our pathologist had a Guide



Miss Val Marchbank painting the GIS badge on a vehicle used in Holland.

friend at the local hospital who introduced us to other Guiders. They were most hospitable and invited us to their homes whenever we were free.

One evening a Dutch Guider suggested a weekend camp with invitations to Guiders in neighbouring towns and villages. There were no posts, but notes were sent by army lorries and we hoped about twelve Guiders might come, and ended with sixty! We had few tents but there were barns and we built cubicles from bales of straw. It was a thrilling weekend. Patrols were formed, and we felt we had worked together for years.

We left Tilburg soon afterwards to go north. We were in Arnhem by the end of April. It was devastated and had no water supply, so we took refugees who needed treatment to the Canadian hospital at Nijmegen.

The night before VE Day, the Arnhem Scouts invited us to a campfire at which the Hitler Youth books were ceremonially burnt!

We left Arnhem early on VE Day and drove through cheering crowds. 'Underground workers' wore orange arm bands and there were orange skirts, aprons and hair ribbons. Many people recognised our World Badges and greeted us with cries of 'Padfindsters'.

That night found us in a concentration camp at Amersfoort, where we occupied a house vacated by SS guards. It was a centre where thousands of German soldiers laid down their arms and there was a continual stream of them for several days.

When the Camp gates opened that morning most prisoners just walked out,

but a few were not strong enough. A Dutch Red Cross Commandant had lived voluntarily in that Camp for two years and had saved hundreds of lives. Three days later I took six of her patients by ambulance to Amsterdam, accompanied by a medical student, who had helped to look after them.

Our final destination was Gorinchem where we had a typhoid hospital, to which local Guides soon offered their services. Even Brownies came to peel potatoes in the yard!

When visiting The Hague one evening we were directed to a Guider's house and found her preparing supper for her family on a huge kitchen range, but using tin can cookery because she only had a few sticks as fuel.



A typhoid patient arriving at the hospital in Gorinchem.

She told us that a trainer, Rita de Jong, had recently asked her friends to display cards in their windows announcing a series of trainings for former Guides over the age of seventeen. Eighty prospective Guiders appeared on the first evening and were divided into two sessions, one of which was then taking place. We went to the Hall and found forty Guiders finishing and another forty arriving! They all wanted to know about our hospital and how they could help. We told them that the patients had nothing to read, and within a week they collected enough books to fill an army lorry. Later two Guiders joined us as night-shift cooks. This was typical of the co-operation received from the Dutch Guiders. They asked us for help with training because they said they had forgotten so much. They had remembered everything that mattered.

LETTERS

Helping Hands

As a result of my letter published in the February issue, 'Provoked into Writing', the Shrewsbury All Saints Guide Company would like publicly to thank the three Brownie Packs, 1st Versailles, English School, Paris, 1st Hythe, Kent, and 5th Barnsley, New Lodge, who contributed so much to our Company, and the Chalfont St Peter District, Buckinghamshire, who provided and shared their camp with us at Ellesborough. This very practical help to a new Company has introduced our Guides in the best possible way to the true spirit of the Guide Movement. We hope that, once established fully, we will be able to help other new Companies ourselves, in the same way as this help has been given to us.

LS Hindmarch,
Shrewsbury, Essex.

A University Club

After a successful session in 1974-75, the enthusiasm in this Club has brought about several innovations which we hope will continue and in time become as traditional as the Logie training of the Candelmas term.

One major event in our calendar of this last year was an entirely new venture for us, namely a Cub/Brownie Christmas party. Approximately forty-five children and one dozen students were there, arranging and participating in party games and songs, plus, of course, a jelly and ice-cream eating session! If the 'thank you' letters are anything to go by, it was quite a hit and something definitely to be repeated.

It is gratifying to look back to last year's report and see that David's statement that 'we can now move on with a greater degree of confidence to more ambitious things' has indeed come true. I feel sure that with the continued support, interest and enthusiasm from the present members, the Club will continue to grow from its by now firm foundations.

Wendy Mewton,
Secretary (1975-76),
St Andrews University Scout
and Guide Club.

First Off

The last time I was here we were dancing round the Maypole, with the Girl Guides. I said it in the coffee-drinking interval of a some-

what dull meeting, held in one of the houses in the village where I had been born and brought up. I had never thought, though, that my chance remark would have aroused so much interest, or brought back so many memories.

That was way back in nineteen-thirty, and we were the First Alveston Company. First we were in every sense of the word, for apart from our Lieutenant, all of us, from our Captain downwards, were starting from scratch.

I cannot think we were a very promising bunch. Teenagers were no less difficult in the thirties than they are now. The thing that stands out most in my memory, though, is the amount of time our Captain and Lieutenant gave us. There was always time for the extra rehearsal, a picnic where I can remember cooking Cheese Dreams on a camp fire, or a Saturday spent showing me how to keep the logbook.

And for all that I was given, I can only hope that perhaps I have been able to pay back some of it in kind over the years.

Yes, I still have it, the little gold trefoil, and with it a photograph taken on the day when we danced round the maypole.

Helen M Chambers,
Alveston, Bristol.

Anglo-German Camp

I would like to share with other Guides some of the experiences I have had in running a large camp this summer.

Planning for the camp began 11 months ago when a German friend asked if she might bring her Company to camp with mine (6th Yateley, N.Hants). Numbers grew, until there were finally sixty in all.

As POR recommends, we divided into sub-camps. The independence of each of these sub-camps surpassed my hopes and expectations, and even the new campers took upon themselves, with little prompting, the necessary jobs of camp life.

We were extremely lucky in having a site which was surrounded by open woodland to which we had free access, and which was ideal for woodcraft activities. Six Guides passed their Backwoodsman Badge in camp, and several more are almost finished.

We had very few problems with language - as always, friendship overcame difficulties, and, after a week's hospitality in families and a week in camp, I saw a tremendous improvement in the Germans' English, while our Guides had picked up some German and

were singing their songs with gusto. We are now planning a return visit next summer to Köln and Immenhausen, their Guide House.

I would like to thank all the Guiders who made the camp possible, especially Buzz and Cygnet, who came to our rescue by replying to an advertisement in *GUIDER*.

Ann Munday,
Yateley, Hants.

Midsummer Madness

Gloucestershire Guiders, in common with those from most parts of the country, prefer to have evening trainings - with full-time jobs, husbands, children and ageing parents, weekends become ever more precious. But two hours in an evening just flies by before anything can be achieved.

Therefore, we thought of an evening we could stretch out - Midsummer evening, of course! - and we called the session 'Midsummer Madness', which it was!

On arriving, everyone was given a map of the area and a starting point, and then, rather like a wide game, they progressed from ploy to ploy, taking in such pursuits as 'sailing' the lake on a home-made raft, tying knots with spaghetti, learning a new song, making polystyrene and tissue pictures, and identifying flowers and trees. The evening ended with a refreshing iced fruit punch and lots of delicious food, and we came home feeling the experiment had worked. Since then comments have been favourable, and we would urge other Divisions to consider something similar, and perhaps next Midsummer evening you will be going a little mad, too!

Betty Jones,
Cheltenham, Glos.

Warranted Suggestions

After reading the letter from Leslie East with regard to the Warrant Changeover, (July *GUIDER*), I would like to put a County Warrant Secretary's point of view. We have a fair number of 'Service' Units in Oxfordshire and we know of all the difficulties and delays - but if the Guider tells her District Commissioner as soon as she herself knows of her impending 'posting'. The Commissioner can fill in the Guider's transfer form and send it to her new area (or to the Region or County HQ if she does not know the District or Division Commissioner of the new

area). At the same time the warrant should be sent in for cancellation. When the Guider arrives at her new posting, the welcoming District Commissioner has all the information she needs about the Guider and can warrant her as soon as she is satisfied that she has the right niche for her to fill. Of course one realises that each County has its own methods and organisation for dealing with warranting etc, but surely each District Commissioner carries an adequate supply of Appointment cards (white, blue and buff), also Warrant and Registration forms, and providing arrangements are made to send these forms in at frequent and regular intervals, the time lag should not be excessive.

Gertrude Pidgeon,
Oxfordshire.

Magazine Comments

I have followed the centrepiece features, 'Uniform' and 'Pack Holidays' in *THE BROWNIE* with interest. However, I must question 'You and your Uniform', 21/7/76. The cotton Brownie dresses certainly do need ironing, but the terylene ones do not. By rolling the dress up, creases will result, which are extremely difficult to remove from terylene. Moreover, no mention is made of the iron setting. Cotton needs a higher temperature than terylene, and without guidance a Brownie could well melt her uniform!

Thank you for the series, 'Mainly for Packleaders' - it is exactly what we needed. As most of the items in *THE BROWNIE* are intended for children under ten years of age, might it not be advisable to make sure that there are not too many long words like 'attempted', 'tried', 'operation', 'if circumstances arise'? Children who are not especially quick readers will give up when words such as those quoted above occur! Keep up the good work with the new *BROWNIE* magazine.

Margaret Rawnsley,
Leeds, Yorkshire.

We are glad that Margaret Rawnsley finds information in *THE BROWNIE* applicable to running her Brownie Pack. The aim of the magazine is to be of practical use to Brownie Guiders as well as appeal to the Brownies themselves. We suggest that older readers continue to look out for the 'Mainly for Packleaders' series, which continues throughout the year. Editor



The Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, JP, chats to the ball girls, all of whom come from the 8th Wimbledon Coy.

1976 Webb Ivory Lawn Tennis Tournament

Report by Jean Rush



The Chief Commissioner presenting the winner with her cup, as Mr Archie Gentles (Managing Director of Webb Ivory) and the Hon Mrs W Birkbeck (PR Adviser, GGA) lead the applause.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT has become, in only six seasons, an integral part of the Guiding Calendar. This year's finals, held as usual at Queen's Club, showed again the ever-increasing standard which we have come to expect. Of the nine finalists (one from each of the nine Guide Counties and Regions of the UK), there were six Guides, two Ranger Guides, and one Young Leader.

From the very start of the Finals, on 23rd July, the players seemed perfectly at home in their imposing surroundings. Queen's Club, in West Kensington, London, is the most famous Ball Club in England, if not the world, and almost every kind of game has been played there since it was founded 89 years ago. After a full morning of hard-fought matches, the grand final was between Judith Danher, aged 16, of 420th Liverpool Company (representing North West England) and Catherine Vallance-Owen, aged 15, of 34th Belfast Company (representing Ulster). Both girls are prominent young tennis players, Judith a member of the Lancashire County Junior Team and Catherine of the Ulster Junior Team, so both are quite at ease in Tournament surroundings. It was exciting to watch such an evenly matched pair fighting it out, with Judith more than ever determined after her 'near miss' as losing finalist in the Guide Tournament in 1974. Perhaps each might have taken more advantage of her opponent's weak points, but the standard of play kept us guessing until the end. Judith seemed slightly nervous at the start, and Catherine began to tire very slightly at the finish. Hard-won victory went to Judith Danher, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

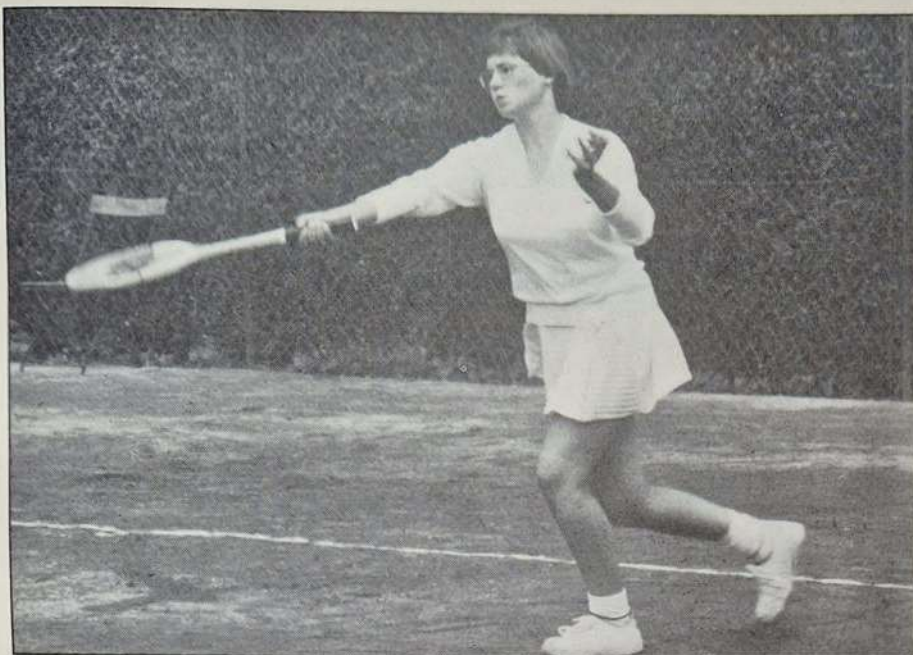
For the first time, the finals were attended by the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, JP, who presented the Webb Ivory Championship Cup to the winner and certificates to the other eight finalists. The Ball Girls drawn from 8th Wimbledon Company helped as usual to make the Finals run smoothly, and they were presented with badges as a memento of the occasion.

Guests at the Finals included Mr N K Haugh, Secretary of Queen's Club, Mr Jack Moore, Manager of the Lawn Tennis Foundation and Mr Archie Gentles, Managing Director of Webb Ivory. The sponsorship of Webb Ivory Ltd and the co-operation of the Lawn Tennis Foundation, not to mention the Wimbledon umpires and linesmen who gave their services, have made these Championships into the major event they are today.

The other seven finalists:

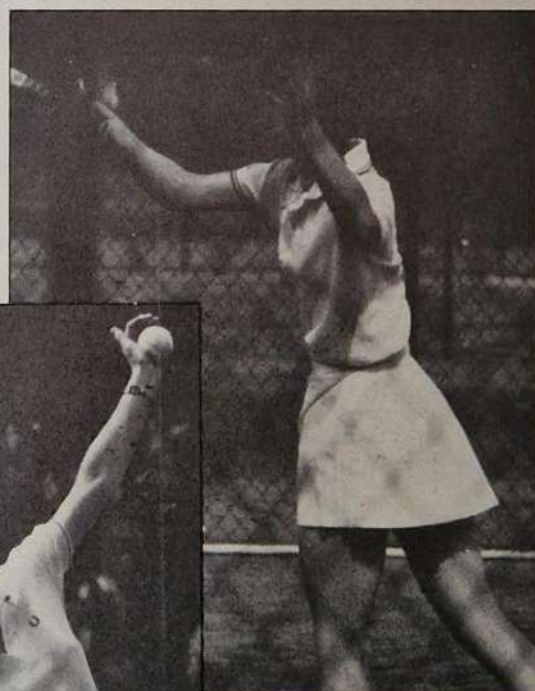
London and SE England:	Claire Wallis (14)	18th Ilford Company
Midlands:	Dina Bisson (17)	Greyfriars Ranger Guide Unit
South West England:	Sarah-Jane Hart (14)	2nd Fleet Company
Anglia:	Gillian Brooks (15)	7th High Wycombe (Union Baptist) Ranger Guide Unit
North East England:	Janice Lascelles (15)	6th Beverley Company
Swansea:	Clare Mort (14)	4th Sketty Wesley Company
Scotland:	Judith McVean (17)	1st Aberlour Company

Next year's Webb Ivory Championships will take place on Friday, 22nd July, 1977.

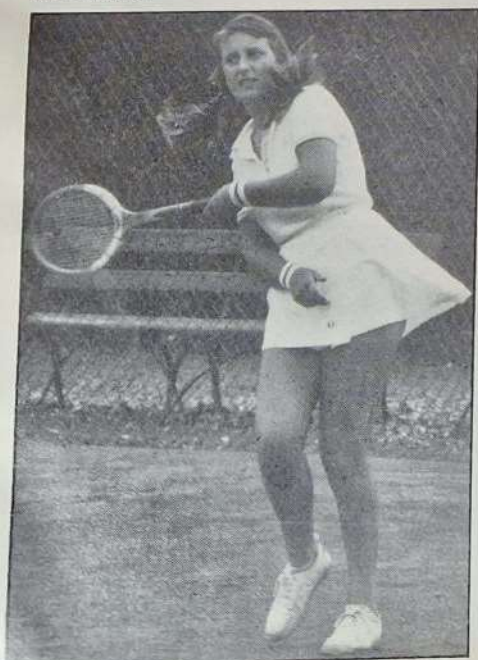


Above left, Gillian Brooks, 7th High Wycombe Ranger Unit, Anglia. Above right, Dina Bisson, Greyfriars Ranger Unit, Midlands. Left, Sarah-Jane Hart, 2nd Fleet Coy, SW England.

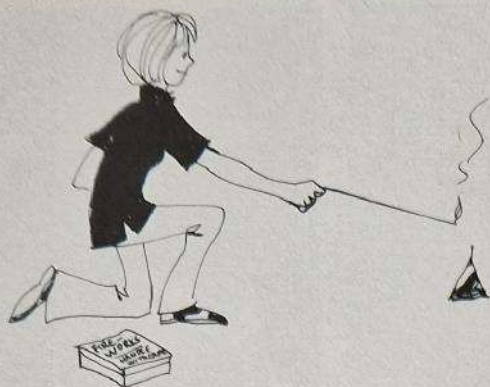
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Below, Janice Lascelles, 6th Beverley Coy, NE England.



Above, Judith Danher, the winner, in action. She overcame her early match nerves to show us some superb tennis on her way to victory. Left, the runner-up, Catherine Vallance-Owen. She fought hard, only tiring at the end, and finally conceded the match. These well matched opponents made it an exciting final.



Do's and Don'ts



THE DEPARTMENT of Prices and Consumer Protection and the Central Office of Information have prepared a pamphlet which should prove to be an extremely useful and informative code of guidance to anyone who is organising, or involved in organising a firework display. It sets out to give advice on the many aspects of public safety and good organisation and is entitled *Guidance on Organised Firework Displays* (your local library or Citizens' Advice Bureau should have copies). Included within its covers is information about site size and location. Reminders are given that there should be a minimum distance between spectators and the firing site of 100 feet for large displays; that the firing site and fall out area should be far away from trees, buildings, parked cars or any combustible material; that undergrowth on the site should be cleared and the grass cut short in the

vicinity of the display area. The pamphlet emphasises the need for informing the local authorities and emergency services when planning a display, and that adequate fire-fighting arrangements should be made. Owing to stringent measures and public warnings, firework injuries in 1975 were the lowest since records were first kept in 1962, the number of people requiring hospital treatment in England and Wales being 739, 18 per cent lower than the previous year. The Government has since taken further steps to strengthen firework control by introducing the 'Age of Purchase Bill', which became law in August. Under this Act, young people under the age of sixteen are no longer allowed to buy fireworks, and shopkeepers who sell fireworks to children under the age limit could be fined up to £200. There will also be similar penalties for anyone who lets off fire-

works in a street or any other public place. Other measures were agreed between the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, the firework manufacturers, and the Wholesalers and Retailers' Association, notably the phasing out of the 'flyabout' or helicopter types of fireworks; reducing the number of 'bangers' over the next two years to half the 1975 output; limiting the period when fireworks are available in the shops to three weeks before 5th November and a few days afterwards, and having nearly all the fireworks sold in ready-made boxed selections. These measures should help protect the general public, but we must make sure that all our Brownies, Guides and Rangers know the Firework Code so that we can have a safe and pleasurable Guy Fawkes Night.

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Living History

by Daphne P Turner

WHEN WE COMMENCED looking into the last fifty years of the Company's history we were approached and asked if we knew that there had been a 1st Ruislip Company prior to the present Company. When we made enquiries to Headquarters we were told that the 1st Ruislip was on record in 1914, but they were not sure when it actually started, and unfortunately it was disbanded in 1922 and the new Company started in 1926. We actually traced the family who started the Company in 1912, plus about a dozen of the 'original Guides', as we affectionately called them, and they were thrilled to be included in our festivities.

That of course is past history and nothing to do with the present Company. We were able to trace a good number of Guides from the early days mainly because one of the 1926 Guides was willing to 'lend a hand' as she knew the old Ruislip families, and in those days Ruislip was a very closely knit village, not the suburb of London it is today. Also present were many Captains, Lieutenants, District and Division Commissioners who had been or are involved with the Company. We had Company Log Books dating back to 1929 but not for the very early days, and there are many gaps in the records, but we did learn how the Company Colour was bought with money earned by the Guides in 1926 by 'trading'. We also found out that these colours

were the ones in use right up until our Anniversary, when the Ruislip Methodist Church presented us with new ones.

We had a very interesting weekend with messages from ex-members of the Company from America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Switzerland. The Saturday took the form of a Reunion, which we feel could have gone on for two or three days, and everyone looked so happy to be there. On the Sunday we had a special Church Parade which included the last use of the old colours and the dedication and first use of the new ones.



The 1st Ruislip Company, past and present!

Ideas Unlimited

by Jean Rush

EVERY DAY the Editor's post contains at least one letter from a Brownie Guider or a Guide Guider asking for more practical ideas for meeting activities. On investigation we usually find that, in spite of endless articles on the subject, these Guiders are unaware that we have THREE Guiding magazines. We must be making *some* headway, because our sales graphs show a very healthy upward swing while most other magazines and newspapers are going in the opposite direction. From January to June 1976, *GUIDER* sales went up by five per cent, *TODAY'S GUIDE* by 10.9 per cent, and the updated *BROWNIE* by no less than 22.7 per cent, but even so it seems there are still pockets of resistance. It appears that converts stay converted, but those who have never seen the magazines for themselves are unaware of what a Pandora's Box is each and every issue!

Brownie Guiders — did you know,

SAINT FRANCIS

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI IS REMEMBERED AS THE SAINT WHO LOVED ANIMALS AND PLANTS. HE SAID THAT THEY WERE GOD'S CREATURES.

JUST AS PEOPLE WERE AND HE EVEN PREACHED TO THEM AND CALLED THEM HIS 'BROTHERS' AND 'SISTERS'. HE SPECIALLY ENJOYED TALKING TO THE BIRDS AND GETTING THEM TO SING GOD'S PRAISES FOR ALL HIS GIFTS. BUT IT WASN'T ONLY THE BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS THAT HE LOVED, FOR ALL LIVING THINGS WERE GOD'S WORK AND SHARED HIS AFFECTION. AT ONE TIME HE AMAZED HIS FOLLOWERS BY BEFRIENDING A SAVAGE WOLF.



This and lots more in the animals issue of THE BROWNIE, on 13th October.

for instance, that from now until Christmas each issue is packed with ideas for Christmas entertainments, games, gifts and cards — all early enough for Brownies to work several weeks on each project? The two centre pages of *THE BROWNIE* are really special; 6th October has the first double-page feature on simple gifts to make for all the family. 13th October is our animal lovers' issue, with a double-page centre spread about St Francis of Assisi, a full-page picture of birds to paint, handcraft strip of how to make a bird table, and announcement of the Brownies' own annual pet show, as well as other animal features and the first of a series on Animal Lover Badge. 20th October centre pages have the first of a series by Sue Stevens, 'Songs to Learn for Christmas', and the same issue has a Wizwam the Wizard Poetry Competition. This leads on to 27th October, our Hallowe'en issue.

Even more exciting projects are lined up for November, including the Brownies' own Advent Calendar, for them to make and colour and an Xmas Fairy Collage Competition from Burbank Toys.

Meanwhile, Guide Guiders, don't forget that *TODAY'S GUIDE* is published in the middle of the month preceding the date of publication, so the October issue should have been in your newsagent's hands on 15th September. This month and next we have two short plays to be performed for Christmas, and a three-part series 'Your Christmas Show' starts in October. Our highly popular illustrated series on Cyclist Badge continues, and we have the usual ideas and recipes for Hallowe'en. Part Three of Toymaker Badge and Part Two of Needlewoman are both appropriate to the season's activities, not forgetting our useful fully illustrated Self Training Schemes.

Patrol Leaders, as usual, have an eight-page pull-out supplement, the centre pages devoted all this year to the Leap Year Challenge, with a half-

page of PL's letters elsewhere telling of the Challenges they have completed. This month's Patrol Pennant article is Part One of Emergency Team Pennant.

Remembering that Guides have the same interests as other girls of their age, every issue contains articles on grooming and fashion, recipes, puzzles, competitions, book and film reviews. We know from our readers' letters how popular this mixture has become; if your Unit hasn't been introduced to the delights of *TODAY'S GUIDE*, now is the time to buy your first copy.

THE BROWNIE (6p every Wednesday) and *TODAY'S GUIDE* (17p monthly) are obtainable on order from your newsagent. Don't take 'no' for an answer, he *can* obtain it for you! If you are prepared to pay the postage, you can receive your copy by post direct from the printer. Further details, back issues etc., are obtainable from Periodicals Department, CHQ.



October *TODAY'S GUIDE* sees the second of the highly seasonal Toymaker Badge charts.

MAINLY FOR RANGERS



A Dutch Programme

This party of Dutch Extension Rangers and their helpers spent 12 days in England. They had been planning their tour for two years. Their programme included visits to Longleat, Stonehenge, Bath, Windsor, and the Greenwich Museum, as well as being visited by the Mayor of Croydon. They toured London on a double-decker bus, travelled to the Isle of Wight by hovercraft, attended a service in Westminster Abbey, and visited Speakers Corner and the Theatre. A surprise arranged by their Leader was to see the Changing of the Guard, and a visit to CHQ, where they had lunch and were shown around the building. The afternoon was spent shopping in Oxford Street. Their programme would have been daunting for most of us, but wherever they went they arrived smiling and singing.



More Ranging Please

I WOULD like to offer my congratulations to Heather Cahill and her friends. (Mainly for Rangers, July GUIDER). My term as a Ranger is now coming to an end, and with all due respect, I have not found GUIDER very helpful. What I need to see in the Training sections are articles such as a Which type report on cooking stoves, tents, rucksacks, boots and so forth, so that Unit DM's are guided to buying the most useful equipment for the job they have in hand. Moreover, GUIDER is the only magazine on the bookshelves catering for Rangers, and therefore in our pages, I would suggest that only articles dealing specifically with Rangers and for Rangers should be included. I hope my criticisms seem constructive.

Teresa Hughes,
London.

The above remarks about the contents of GUIDER were noted with interest. However, it would be virtually impossible for GUIDER to undertake consumer surveys. The magazine is produced on a very limited budget, in addition to which we have neither the facilities nor the staff to effect such a project, which would necessarily involve an enormous amount of administration. Nevertheless, we are always ready to consider suggestions for improvement, and welcome all constructive criticism.

Editor

Uniform Modifications

IN REPLY to the letter, Constructive Criticism, in the July GUIDER (Mainly for Rangers), we in the Southfields Ranger Guides would like to agree with the

Rawtenstall Rangers on their comments, particularly the comments about fashion. May we suggest, as regards uniform, that trousers, for example in Trevira, be added to the winter uniform, the hat be discarded and a white polo-necked jumper - which is both fashionable and smart, be worn under the blouse. Nearly everyone possesses such a jumper and it could also be worn at other times. We find the uniform expensive, and because of this, suggest that you might consider holding a competition to include the material, price and design of a winter uniform.

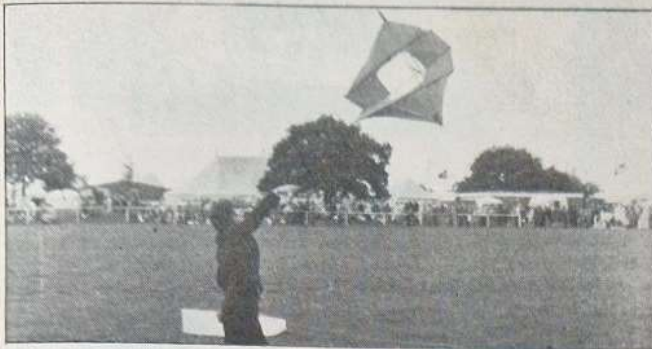
Janette Vinton, Jayne Bull
and Ruth Painter

Digging for LINK

IN THE NEW FOREST LINK UNIT we try to help the Scouts as well as the Guides, in an attempt to interest the Scouts further in Link Units. One weekend in May we used our brawn in helping to lay drains at the new Hampshire Scout Centre at Ferry-crofts near Lyndhurst. Armed with pick-axes, forks and shovels we dug/excavated a manhole and dug trenches for drains. The manhole involved digging out the hole shown in the picture and then mixing about twelve barrow-loads of concrete and pouring them in. It was back-breaking work but very good for the figure. The following day we helped with a 'Fun Day' at Foxlease, for about 150 Guides from the New Forest area. The Guides tried craftwork, cooking, firefighting, pioneering and some 'unusual' sports! There were no prizes as everything was for fun. We put on a demonstration of three pioneering projects, all of which involved the theme of

crossing an obstacle. The first was a simple tarzan type swing, the next was a commando bridge, the third project consisted of building a monkey bridge. The next day saw us helping the Scouts again. We ran a compass and estimation incident for the New Forest (East) Scouts, which was part of a 15-mile hike with six incidents. For one reason or another (mainly work and exam commitments) we are unable to offer regular service to a particular Troop or Company. However, three main objectives were achieved; firstly, the contact kept with the Scout and Guide movements, secondly, it's valuable publicity for Link and thirdly, the main reason, it's fun.





Lorraine Farr, Haverhill Ranger Guider, demonstrating an aerobatic kite, left, known as the Dunford Flying Machine, at the Suffolk County Show.

MAINLY FOR RANGERS

Aids to Baking

Have you ever experienced 'that sinking feeling' on taking out of the oven a flat sponge cake? Or a similar culinary disaster when baking? If you are already nodding your head in recognition of the situation, you will be vastly relieved to know that help is at hand, in the shape

of a recently introduced **Home Baking Advisory Service** from **Homepride**. For their free advice on all aspects of baking, write to **The Homepride Kitchen, Old Change House, 4-6 Cannon Street, London EC4M 6XB**. Better still, help yourself to their new booklet, *The Flour Grader's Guide to Better Baking* (the recipes on this page are an example of the contents); fill in the coupon on this page, and enclose a



stamped (11p) addressed envelope (9½" x 7½"), and then not only will you have flour at your fingertips, but also the knowledge of the experts!



APPLE DUMPLINGS

For pastry: 8 oz finely graded plain flour
½ level teasp salt
2 oz lard
2 tblsp cold water
2 oz butter

For dumplings:

4 medium sized cooking apples, peeled and cored
2 oz soft brown sugar
4 cloves

For glaze:

1 egg white, lightly whisked
1 oz caster sugar.

To prepare pastry: combine flour and salt in bowl and rub in fats until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add water and, using a round bladed knife, mix to form a dough. Knead lightly with fingertips until smooth. Divide dough into four and quickly knead each piece into a ball; then roll into a round about twice the diameter of an apple. Brush each round with egg white.

To make dumplings: heat oven to 400 deg F, 200 deg C, Gas Mark 6. Stand an apple in the centre of each pastry round. Fill apple centres with sugar and press a clove into each. Gather pastry edges together around each apple so that fruit is completely enclosed and brush joins with egg white. Place, with seam side underneath, in ovenproof dish. Brush pastry with egg white, sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake at 400 deg F, 200 deg C, Gas Mark 6, for about 30 minutes, until tender (test with fine skewer). Serve hot or cold with fresh cream.



APPLE AND GINGER LATTICE FLAN

(as illustrated above)

For pastry: 8 oz finely graded plain flour
2 tsps ground ginger
5 oz soft margarine
2 tblsp cold water

For filling: 1½ lb cooking apples
juice and grated rind of ½ lemon
2 oz caster sugar

For glaze: milk or egg with milk

To prepare pastry: heat oven to 400 deg F, 200 deg C, Gas Mark 6. Combine flour and ginger. Add margarine and water and, using a fork, mix to form a stiff dough. Knead lightly on floured surface, roll out and use to line an eight-inch fluted flan ring, reserving pastry trimmings for lattice. Line flan with foil and baking beans and bake 'blind' at 400 deg F, 200 deg C, Gas Mark 6, for 15 minutes. Remove baking beans and foil and bake for further 5 minutes.

To prepare filling: Peel, core and slice apples. Toss in lemon juice, grated rind and sugar.

To make up flan: arrange apples in partially

baked flan case. Roll out remaining pastry and cut into ¼-inch strips. Arrange pastry strips in lattice pattern on top of flan. Brush lattice with milk or egg. Bake at 190 deg F, 35 deg C, Gas Mark 5, for 25 to 30 minutes until pastry is golden brown. Serve hot or cold with fresh cream. Serves 4 to 6.

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HOME & AWAY

Noting the Environment

The Conservation Trust exists to promote greater environmental awareness among people of all ages, and to this end the Trust regularly produces books, pamphlets and study notes on aspects of conservation. Among the most recent publications is *Environmental Miscellany*, a loose-leaf folder of short plays, songs and reading matter on environmental themes. This would prove an ideal way to provoke thought and discussion at a Guide meeting, at a low cost of 50p plus 12p p&p, and is obtainable from Peter S Berry, The Conservation Trust, 246 London Road, Earley, Reading RG6 1AJ. He would also be glad to help with any enquiries about the Trust and supply a full list of its publications.

The Churchill Trust

Any British citizen is eligible for a Travelling Fellowship from The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, and, to give everyone an equal chance, awards are offered in different categories each year. Those relating to 1977 are as follows: women in industry; tourist and travel agents (anyone concerned with improving services in the tourist trade); management and teaching in large mixed schools; institutional and medical dieticians and catering workers; landscape and environmental reclamation workers; restorers and custodians of historic buildings; communication between management and employees in industry; workers in forestry and tree surgery; prevention of vandalism; and sport and adventure. In addition, a limited number of awards will be made for outstanding or unusual projects not covered by the list. Applications for 1977 must reach the Trust Office by 1st November, 1976, and further information is obtainable from The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR (01-584-9315).

Have Wheels, Will Travel

Twelve million bicycles are in current use on Britain's roads, and over one million cycles are sold every year. But despite the fact that bicycles are now

expensive, and deaths and injuries to cyclists remain tragically high, cyclists still do not seem to pay proper attention to cycle maintenance. To attempt to improve on this situation, Williams Superslim of Wolverhampton have recently introduced a comprehensive cyclists' tool kit, which is designed to make regular cycle maintenance easy and effective. The kit costs £4.95 and includes, among the tools supplied, a crescent wrench, three tyre levers and a puncture repair



outfit. On the reverse of the card that holds all the tools, is a cycle maintenance chart to encourage correct use of the tools. For further information contact Williams Superslim Ltd, PO Box 45, Hickman Avenue, Wolverhampton WV1 2BU.

If you have found the previous paragraph of no use as you do not own a bicycle, but find yourself at times longing to pedal down a country lane, or visit a friend, you can find all the information you need on hiring in *Cycle Hire: A Practical Guide*. This is a Countryside Commission publication, and gives advice on all aspects of the subject, such as types of bicycle and accessories, labour and maintenance, and, of course, the financial side of cycle hire. Copies can be obtained free of charge from the Countryside Commission, John Dower House, Crescent Place, Cheltenham, Glos GL50 3RA.

News on the Pill

In response to demand, The Responsible Society has reprinted the booklet *Safety and the Pill*. It contains a medical assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of oral

contraceptives. In March, *The Practitioner* suggested that this booklet should be made available to every teenage girl, so that even those who did not study biology at school would be persuaded that to opt for a life on the pill is not an act to be undertaken lightly. *Safety and the Pill*, price 20p, is now available through W H Smith's bookshops and from The Responsible Society, Publications Department, The Old Rectory, The Green, Hilton, Huntingdon, Cambs.

Play Day

In September, TV personality John Alderton broadcast an appeal on behalf of the Toy Libraries Association. This Association, whose concern is largely for the handicapped child at play, is holding various interesting events over the coming months. A one-day course, *Play It By Ear*, on 22nd October at the Toy Libraries Association, Sunley House, Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RW, will concentrate on toys for deaf children, and from 15th-19th November the Association is holding a conference on running a toy library, at the Wirral, Cheshire.

There will also be two informal meetings for anyone interested in becoming a toy library organiser for the non-handicapped, that is, for such groups as the socially deprived, child minders and foster parents, on the 6th October in Coventry, and the 7th October in London. Please address enquiries about any of these events to the Association's London base, as given above.

Adult Education

Currently celebrating one hundred years of university adult education is the University of London Extra-Mural Studies, which is holding a series of Centenary Celebrity Lectures in October. Details are included in their booklet *New Horizons*, the primary function of which is to supply details of all the courses organised by the University, and copies may be obtained free from University of London, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AD (01-636-8000).

In Memoriam

The death of Miss Regina Beard on 27th February, 1976, after a long and painful illness, was a great loss to the Southampton North District Guiding Movement and also to the North District LA.

Regina (Reggy) Beard was in her late 60's and had been connected with the Guiding Movement for over forty years with both Brownies and Guides. At one time in the mid 1960's she was running three Brownie Packs! She had also run several Guide Companies and Brownie Packs in the Southampton area - in fact too many to list individually. Her wealth of knowledge and experience of the Movement has been an inspiration to all of us - she was always willing to help and pass on her knowledge. After retirement as a Church Worker at South Stoneham Church, she returned to the Movement for over a year to run a Brownie Pack at South Stoneham - and this

she was still connected with right up to the time of her death, and was also still a member of the local LA.

Her fingers were never idle - they were nimble and inventive; she made dolls and toys of every description for the local LA and other charities. She was loved and respected by us all and will be greatly missed. PT

The sudden death of Joyce Dunsheath on 30th July after a short illness is a loss to the Girl Guides Association of one of its great personalities. Throughout her life, Joyce had the art of making even the most difficult things seem simple. Those who had the privilege of camping and climbing with her found themselves doing more than they thought possible because the impossible was made to seem so ordinary.

During the war Joyce found time to be a District Commissioner in Poplar and then in Surrey, where she also ran a Brownie Pack. Later she became Division Commissioner for Streatham in London South West, where she

also chaired their Training Committee. However, her Guiding interests and friends were stretched around the world, and there was always a welcome in her Surrey home for her many overseas acquaintances. Likewise she helped many British Guiders, by her touring-camps in France, to take their own parties overseas.

After leading the 'Abinger-Himalayan' Expedition in 1956, Joyce went on to be the first woman to climb Europe's highest peak, in the Caucasus, and also to climb in Afghanistan, in the Andes and other ranges before leading the first Indian Women's Expedition to the Himalayas in 1964.

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(On behalf of the Commonwealth Circle, a donation has been sent to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund at Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2. Donations from friends in memory of Mrs Dunsheath will be gratefully received for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.)

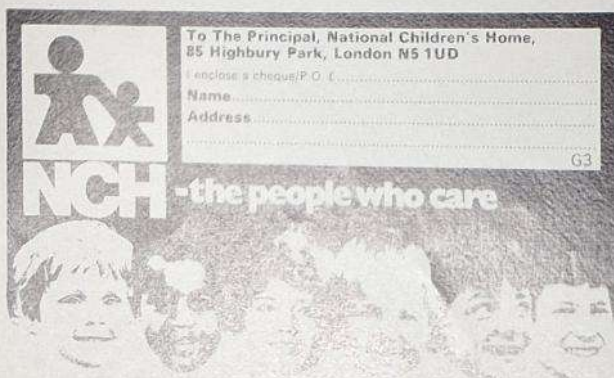
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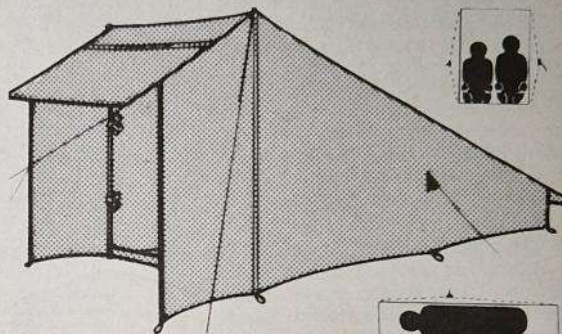
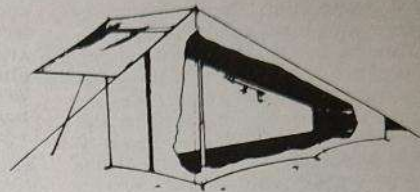
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THE GIRL GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

WHAT GOOD NEWS we were all given recently when CHQ announced that the number of Guides and Brownies in the United Kingdom had again shown a substantial increase, making the overall total the best ever. Yet one meets people frequently who say: 'Girl Guides? Oh, they died years ago!' Far from dying we are very much alive, 'with it' and on the spot. More Guides and Brownies means more Leaders – more of you! And this means that some of you have never heard about the **Girl Guide Friendship Fund**. We have produced an Information Sheet which tells you all about it – what it is, what it does, what it has done and what the 'Christmas Good Turn' is all about. For the price of a postage stamp anyone can send for copies of this, and the four Information Sheets, which describe in detail the four good causes we are asking your Guides and Brownies to help this winter. Please do send for these. There is also a small poster and GGFF stickers to advertise the Fund, useful for notice boards, windows, etc. All available free!

Grateful thanks from Israel: extract from a letter from the International Commissioner Girl Scouts in Tel Aviv:

'... How delighted we were to know that the UK Girl Guides have managed to contribute to our request in the Mutual Aid Fund. This request came from a very special scout group of young people (boys and girls) who devote a full year of their life to live in a deprived settlement in a remote area of the country. Your help to this group is actually sharing with their efforts to bring some hope and progress to the young generation on these settlements... Let me thank you on behalf of my Movement.'

and thanks from Mexico:

'... The fabulous news of the very generous gift of £1,000 from the GGFF has reached us. I wish I were more fluent in English to express our thanks properly. It will be a rare experience to be able to acquire a quite decent little car for our teacher to carry out his work in Atapec. Please convey from Guías de México and the children of Atapec our warmest thanks for your kind help towards the centre.'

This is from a letter from the International Commissioner, Guías de México.

Very grateful thanks also came from the **Association Nacional de Muchachas Guías Guatemala** for our first gift of £500 for the Earthquake Victims Relief Fund, and specifically for the relief work carried out by the Guides.



This guide dog, above, has helped enormously to increase the mobility of its owner – here they are boarding a bus together.

Reminder for Christmas!

The FOUR Good Causes 1976

Winged Fellowship Trust – to help to build a 'Guide Friendship Room' in a new Holiday Home for the Disabled in Nottingham.

Children's Kidney Research – to provide certain vital items of equipment for the Children's Research Units and so help to save the lives of children with kidney failure.

Age Concern – to provide extra fuel, food and clothing for elderly people in real need of these essentials in the winter and help towards Day Centres where they can get a hot meal and have the companionship of others.

Guide Dogs for the Blind – to pay for a Guide Dog for a blind person. This is specially for Brownies' contributions as the Guide Dog is to be named 'Brownie'.

Please discuss these immensely worthwhile causes with your Guides and Brownies and if they seem interested, please do send for the Information Sheets, etc, which we will gladly send you. The children have been so wonderfully generous in the past, we do so want our 1976 Christmas giving to bring pleasure and happiness to as many disabled, elderly, blind and sick people as possible. All correspondence and donations should be sent to: **The Girl Guide Friendship Fund, Girl Guides Association, 17 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.**



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Programme

Planning in October

by Susan Guy

OCTOBER — mists and clear autumn days, leaves turning, nights drawing in, bonfires, St Francis, Trafalgar Day, Halloween. All these and many more spring to mind when thinking of October and all can be a source of ideas for our Brownie meetings. With the prospect of dark evenings before the end of the month we shall want to make the most of the out-of-doors.

What can you do with a leaf? Pass a leaf around the Pow-Wow ring. Each Brownie in turn suggests a different thing you could do with a leaf: make leaf prints, spatter prints, cards and notebook covers using clear fabric, collect dandelion leaves for someone's rabbit, clear the leaves from the church porch, from old peoples' drives, make a nature collection, make cards of different leaves for pack equipment... Which shall we do?

The idea **Colour Quiz** (Games with a point P59) can be adapted as a Six activity within the meeting. Could you spend an evening going on an **expedition to collect leaves**, or berries to make jelly, or acorns, beechnuts and conkers to plant. What will you do with your seedling trees? Could you do up a parcel of beechnuts, acorns and chestnuts to give to a city Pack, as

suggested in the *Brownie Handbook*? Have you ever felt the velvet inside of a newly fallen beech husk, or opened a beechnut to see how cleverly the seed leaves are folded up within it? Before the end of the month the time will have changed and dark evenings will be with us but we can still get out to admire the stars. **Kim's Game with Constellations** could spark off an interest. Equipment needed: sheets of dark paper, gold or silver stars. On one sheet of dark paper stick the stars in the shape of a constellation (The Guide Handbook is useful if you are not an expert). Brownies look at the paper for half a minute, then return to their own Six and reproduce it as best they can with stars on their own sheet of paper. Follow up by going outside to find the constellation. We have several sets, ranging from easy to quite difficult, and use this as a Pack activity, with small groups and with individual Brownies.

Bulbs need to be planted now if they are to be in flower for Christmas. More decision making for the Pack! Who buys the bulbs? what sort? how much will it cost? could someone's father come and show us how to plant bulbs? where do we keep them? who shall we give them to?

A **story of Saint Francis** could be the start of an animal evening or an animal venture. Have you had a Brownie Pet Show? Could different Brownies demonstrate feeding and grooming their own pets? Could you invite someone to come, with their Guide Dog, to your meeting? Could you collect wild seeds and berries to make into bird pudding to feed the wild birds in the winter? (See *THE BROWNIE*, 13th October, Editor.)

Trafalgar Day could inspire a sea evening — knots, flags, semaphore, paper boats, compass... With **Bonfire Night** so early in November our October programme should include something about Safety in the Home and First Aid. My Home Safety Book and My Secondary Home Safety Book (Published by ROSPA and obtainable from Guide Mail) are a good source of ideas for activities. Have you tried **Kim's Safety Game**? Put a collection of 'hazards' on a tray, eg a bottle of pills, broken glass, box of matches, firework (the box of matches could be

empty and the firework a dummy) etc. etc. The Brownies look at the articles on the tray for a few minutes, then the tray is removed and they write down a list of articles from memory and alongside the Safety Rule connected with it.

Matching pairs. Safety Rules are written on pieces of card and cut in



half, eg. always light fireworks with a taper not a match. Each Brownie has a piece of card and has to find her partner and mime the rule. The same equipment can be used with a small group playing 'pairs'. Both these activities must be followed up by discussion in Pow-Wow. At the end of the month Halloween could be the occasion for a Pack party. A Venture? It could be the opportunity for the Brownies who joined the Pack in September to take part fully in a Venture. There will be plenty for the Pack to decide. A party for themselves, or will they invite the children on the waiting list, or the old people? We often think of the old at Christmas, and many other people organise things for them. Invitations could be witch shaped. What activities? Would the old enjoy ducking for apples? Perhaps dropping a fork to spear an apple might be more appropriate. Would we want masks and witches' hats? Decorations? Turnip Lanterns? Food? A present to take home? Toffee? Fudge? Gingerbread men? Which journey Challenges would we cover? Perhaps these will have given you some ideas for your October Programme or better still, sparked off ideas of your own. Either way we must remember **The Pack exists for the Brownies**, so they should have a large share in planning the Programme.



From the Library

Decisions, Decisions!

by Isabel Anderson

HOW WILL THE PRIMROSES use Patrol time next week? Should Annabel get her green eight-point badge? Is Mirabel ready for Home-maker? Which stall should the Guides man at the Church Fair? Who will write to thank the visitor who showed Kenyan slides last week? When will there be time for everyone to see the Shamrock's collection of berries? Which carol will each Patrol sing at the hospital? What about Christabel's suggestion that we put up subs in order to pay for copies of *TODAY'S GUIDE*? Rosabel has moved house, who will lead the Daffodils now?

Questions are being asked and answered all the time in a Guide Company. In yours, who would decide for each of the above situations? Our job as Guiders is to ensure that, whenever possible, the Guides decide things for themselves, and sometimes the decision is theirs alone. For example, the Primroses are responsible for their own Patrol time and no-one else has any say in it... unless they wish to turn out the lights, or take over the kitchen, or go on for an extra half hour this week... in which cases they'll need to fit their plans with those of other Patrols, etc.

The method by which a body of Guides in a Company decides things which affect it is a representative one, that goes under the title of the Patrol Leaders' Council. The agenda is discussed by Patrol groups, each then sends its thinking via a representative to a meeting of representatives with the Guiders. Here consensus is reached or votes are taken, and thus collective decisions made on behalf of the whole Company. The representatives then report back to their Patrols what the decisions were and why they were made. It is democracy in miniature, enabling girls to decide their own girl-sized affairs. Some Guiders don't use this method for a variety of reasons (can't find time for the meeting, or to take a vote from the whole

Company, quicker for adults to decide, don't like the formality described in the Handbook, process from suggestion to decision could take four meetings and the method isn't that important anyway... let's be honest, many of us act like this!) So... let's try to do something about it.

In Guiding we are trying to help girls grow and develop, it is a training Movement – yes? Therefore, we should help them to participate in responsible discussion on group issues, and to use their vote wisely – yes? We have the opportunity to train them to make wise decisions on behalf of others in a larger group – yes? Well... let's get on with it... How?

Why not have a series of short PL Councils during the meeting? Things can then be decided as they occur, for the Patrol Seconds can take charge for a short while.

Why not have a meeting of Patrol representatives (to decide some planning or financial matter) in front of the whole Company. Patrols discuss first, then the representative sits in front of her group, and speaks on its behalf. Everyone else listens to all the ideas and comments. If necessary a representative can refer back to her group for further thoughts, and then the decision is made by the representatives. This process removes the need for reporting back as everyone has already heard it all. This method is not suitable for all the PL's Council business. Which of the subjects at the beginning might be possible this way?

Why not let the Guide who suggests the idea be the representative at the Council meeting? It doesn't always have to be the one with the stripes? For example surely the candidate for Hostess badge could represent the Patrol when the party is being planned.

Decisions need to be recorded in some way – perhaps in a list for the noticeboard – perhaps on a calendar-type chart when the month's Programme has been agreed – perhaps in

a book with the date of decision, when a Guide has been recommended for a camp permit. A summary of the reasons for a decision might be of future use, but there is no need for a verbatim account of the discussion. Our secretaries are young, and often not used to making notes so it may be helpful to agree the wording and get it recorded immediately it is made.

The vital principle is that the girls decide as much as possible to do with the running of their Unit, and for the Guide section this involves some form of representation and deciding on behalf of others. I wonder if we can also ensure that District meetings of Guiders consult the Guides before things of direct concern to them are finalised, and that Unit money is only spent after permission has been obtained from that governing body of the Company, the Patrol Leaders' Council!



GUIDE

training

The Promise in a World of Stress

by Netta Willsheer

I WONDER how many of us, as adult Guiders, find our Promises under stress at times in this present world. Do we cope? How do we cope? If we can answer these two questions adequately and honestly, then we just might be able to help our young people when they are in a similar position.

Possibly, for them, the greatest thing under stress is not the actual Promise but that they have committed themselves to it. Many of the young people today are constantly in a state of flux, never prepared to commit themselves positively to anything. They are apt to criticise those who will and look upon them as the odd set. In this day

and age, to be considered odd is the last thing youngsters want. They must be accepted.

It would be well to examine some of these stresses that assail the average youngster.

For some, it is purely the stress of adolescence and all that it brings, the uncertainty, the lack of confidence, the need to be accepted, the questioning of authority, the desire to be able to decide for oneself and yet wanting guidance, the sudden rises to the heights and the equally sudden drops. This would seem to be enough to cope with, wouldn't you think? But they have more.

If they were Rangers, meeting only Rangers, they would not have to cope with outside stresses and the effect on their commitment to their Promise, but what poor products they would be as people.

Possibly, the part of the Promise most often under stress is the first part. This is an age when among a section of people it is not the done thing to believe in God or to go to church. Even adults have problems here and it is no use dismissing it and saying, 'If you can't accept the Promise in its entirety then we can't accept you.' Is this really what Guiding is about? Surely, what we as adults need to do is to lend a listening ear to what Rangers feel and fear about their Promise; let them know that we, too, have problems at times and what we are searching for is the presence of God in everything in life, not just at church or when at prayer.

Responsibility to our country. We have young people in our Ranger Units who are on the threshold of maturity, maturity that brings with it the responsibility to be able to vote and take an active part in the affairs of the country. This part of the Promise is probably more difficult for those at work, what with Union meetings, being encouraged to do as little as possible for as much as possible, for what does it

matter if production sinks and with it the country as long as 'I'm alright, Jack'?

Ranger meetings happen one evening a week, with the possibility of some weekend activities; school or work happens five days a week; five days where one wants and needs to belong. This is where a Ranger will rub shoulders with people who have very different interests from herself, different standards. This is where, possibly, she might be encouraged to do things alien to her, things she knows are wrong according to the standards by which she has lived, but wholly acceptable to those with whom she comes into contact. Remember it is her own standards she is trying to strengthen and we hope we, as adults, can help by listening and encouraging, helping her to do her best to hold fast to her own standards and at the same time to understand why other people's are different.

I think, possibly, service to others is less under stress as many young people of this age are interested in and engaged upon various service projects. However, I think trying to be a responsible member of the community, which is the basis of the Guide Law, does at times present difficulties. Again, I think it is a question of standards, standards that are being questioned both from outside and by the Rangers themselves. There are so many things which put their Promise at risk; things which make demands upon their time; the media and all they blast out, encouraging demanding, suggesting that this, that and the other should be done. Their difficulty here lies in sorting out their priorities.

We hope they will turn to us and discuss things but we have to be there, always the same, prepared to sit back and listen while they talk to each other and pray that, when the opportunity arises and we are asked to help, we will be given the wisdom and understanding we shall need.



Jean de Lemos

Guide Patrols Rediscovered

by Elizabeth Smith

THINK OF A GUIDE PATROL you know. Or better still, go and observe a number of Patrols. Watch them at work, see them taking part in games, hear them as they plan an activity together. Then stop and consider what you have seen and heard...

What is a Guide Patrol?

What is the value of the Patrol System?

How is a Guide Patrol composed?

Jean de Lemos



Why do we have Patrols in the Guide Section?

How do Patrols fit in with the Guide Programme?

How do Patrols function?

These are some of the questions that I would like you to consider in your musings about the Guide Patrol. For I think we are on the edge of a great step forward for the Guide Section, all it needs is a little re-thinking and the real Guide Patrol will be re-discovered.

What is a Guide Patrol? It is a small group of girls who have chosen to be together in that Patrol. Sometimes, I fear, they are together just to make the numbers even in the various Patrols. A Guide Patrol is not like any other Patrol, and can be proud of its individuality.

How is a Guide Patrol composed? The composition will vary from Patrol to Patrol – it could be one of the following:

1. five girls of the same age
2. one girl of 12 years and three of ten years
3. one girl of 15 years, two of 13 years and two of 11 years
4. four girls of 13 years and two of ten years

or any other combination that seems to suit the wishes of the girls themselves, and the needs of the Unit at that particular time.

How do Patrols function? Patrols function as a group, making

plans and carrying out activities together. There will be arguments in the lively Patrol, until a plan can be agreed upon. As their chosen activity progresses, different girls will emerge as the 'expert' for a variety of skills. All this adds spice to the life of the Patrol. After the activity, the Patrol needs to be able to evaluate the activity, and their own progress in carrying it through. Clearly, there is much room for adult help in all this – help, but not direction! The group needs to generate its own life, with help only when it is really needed.

How do Patrols fit in with the Guide Programme? The Guide Guiders' Handbook is very clear on this particular point; p 36: 'The Patrols' own affairs are the more important part of the Company's Programme'. The Programme should be planned round the activities that the Patrols want to pursue, or planned with the aim of giving the Patrols ideas of things that they could try on their own. We have all met the Patrol with no ideas!

Why do we have Patrols in the Guide Section? and what is the value of the Patrol System? These are really the most important questions to ponder on at

this stage. For if we all can begin to understand, and believe in, the value of the Guide Patrol then we will be far more likely to see that the girls in the Guide Section have the chance really to experience what a Patrol can offer. Within the Patrol, as it plans, works and evaluates together, each girl is given the opportunity to learn to live and work with other people. Think what a good preparation this experience is for later adult life. How often are we in the position of working with a group?

Can you and the Guide Guiders in your District/Division/County re-discover the Guide Patrol? The emphasis is on the group of girls, agreeing on a plan, working it through and evaluating it before going on to the next activity.

You may notice that I have not mentioned the Patrol Leader – but I do not think the Patrol must sink or swim on the quality of the Leader. It is the group, and the workings of that unique group that is important. Let us move our emphasis away from the Leader and on to the Group. In this way, the Guide Patrol will be rediscovered and the Programme for the Guide Section will indeed take a great step forward.

DISTRICT

training

From Durham to Cookstown

by Joyce Murphy

OCTOBER 1975 - Evaluation meeting - conclusions relayed by Training Adviser for Ulster. Much showing of photographs and log-

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books. The cry goes up - "Couldn't we have a Unit Guiders' Conference in Ulster? Why not? Margaret Ferguson says 'Come to Cookstown' where luckily she teaches in the Secondary School. Conference Planning Committee appointed - hereafter known as CPC. Date set for Saturday, 5th June, 1976.

DECEMBER 1975 - CPC meets. How can we have all of Durham in one day! We can't - but plan a day's Programme which we feel would help Ulster Guiders to get the flavour of Durham. Publicity planned. Main speakers invited. Cookstown is already alert - Trefoil Guild and Local Association will do coffee and afternoon tea. Canteen of school will do lunch and high tea. Menu to hand. Education Board and Youth Officer of same pledge support and grant use of school.

JANUARY 1976 - CPC reports back to Durham 22 (the name bestowed on twenty-two Ulster Guiders in retrospect). After initial setbacks re speakers we all rejoice that Miss Ryrie is free to come and Rev David Lapsley will speak on the Promise. Durham 22 undertake jobs as Discussion Group Leaders, Talking Point Leaders, Stewards, Registration

Secretary, etc. Publicity launched in Ulster News Sheet: Now You Know.

FEBRUARY 1976 - CPC makes perilous journey to Cookstown in the depths of a winter's night - some hair-raising adventures. Ulster roads not the safest for night-time travelling. Headmaster shows CPC round the school and makes all facilities readily available.

MARCH 1976 - Draft Programme sent to applicants. Conference symbol designed by Cecilia Gilbert. Numbers start creeping up. Can we reach our target of 200?

APRIL 1976 - Briefing for Discussion Group Leaders held at Lorne. Durham 22 assisted by all Guide Branch trainers.

MAY 1976 - We reach our target and think longingly of the efficiency of the Training Department, CHQ, but our Training Secretary, Mrs Maeve Kennedy, nearly puts the typewriter through the floor in a marvellous effort to emulate them. Maps of how to get to Cookstown and where things will be in the school are sent out with a timetable and homework re discussion questions. Cookstown deep freezes are all full of bread and scones and cakes as TG and LA prepare. The whole town may become vegetarian as a result! Last minute visit to Cookstown by Chairman of CPC and Training Secretary.

JUNE 5th, 1976 - All roads lead to Cookstown as Ulster's Guide Guiders come from all over the Province to prove that their Unit is on the Guiding Map. The Durham 22 are at the ready at 9.00 am with all last-minute preparation done. Guiders succeed in getting through the tight security surrounding the town in spite of the fact that it is market day and the roads are crowded with farmers. Everyone delighted to see the local Guides acting as signposts in Guide blue

through the town and up to the school. Two smiling Guides greeted everyone on the steps with a surprise gift bag of souvenirs. The bag proved



most useful especially for those who made large purchases at the Guide Shop, now inaccessible to many country Guiders.

Conference Opened by Mrs T A Dickson, Chief Commissioner, who said she was delighted to see so many Ulster Guiders who had put their Units on the Guiding Map - the theme of the Conference. Miss A J Kirkwood, Programme/Training Adviser, outlined the plan of the day and scope of the Conference. What a thrill to have Miss Ryrie as our link with Durham as she Surveyed the Scene and Set the Map for our day's deliberations. All went smoothly through the day with good discussion, lovely coffee and fresh scones, super lunch and tea in the canteen, lively Talking Points, thought-provoking address on the Promise when we considered if we were 'properly oriented'. £300 taken in the Guide Shop and the Durham 22 bringing the day to a close by leading the Act of Worship. CPC and Durham 22 heaved a sigh of relief at 9.00 pm and all motored home feeling a little bit of Durham *did* come to Cookstown.

Their conclusion was that the Guiding Map is basically right but it must be properly set for each Patrol so that every Unit in Ulster can enjoy all that the map offers.

TRAINING

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Jan	7-9 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders) 14-16 Wiltshire South 21-23 General Training 28-30 Anglia (by allocation)	7-9 General Training 14-16 North West England Camp Advisers 21-23 Ranger Guiders/Venture Scout Leaders Conference 28-30 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)	Trainings marked 'General' are Fees at Foxlease and Waddow: Shared room, per day £3.00 Double room, per day £3.50 Single room, per day £4.00 Deposit £1.00 cheque or postal order only. † Subject to VAT
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March	4-6 Oxfordshire 11-13 1. Exploring the Forest 2. Art and Crafts for the Company 18-20 South West England (by allocation) 25-27 Greater London Kent	4-6 Leeds 11-13 Pack Holiday and Camp Training 18-20 West Mercia 25-27 General Training	Intermediary/Advanced Instructor Dinghy Sailing Course
April	7-11 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Course (Easter) (Girls and Boys)	1-3 North Yorkshire West 6-13 Young Leaders' Week (Easter)	A block booking has been made for members of the Scout Association and the Girl Guides Association to attend a course at the National Sailing Centre at Cowes, from 9th-16th April, 1977. This course will give the opportunity to obtain training for all three standards or for assessment at Intermediate or Advanced level. The cost will be £52.00 (including VAT), which is considerably below that for a single booking. This cost has been guaranteed, and there will be no increases to the stated price. Grants are available from the Outdoor Activities Bursary Fund; please apply through your country/region Headquarters. Applicants should be above the Elementary Day Boat Standard, and at least 17 years of age. Application forms can be obtained from the Training Departments of either Association. The closing date for applications will be 17th December, 1976.

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.

BURSARIES: Full details of the conditions of issue and how to apply are available from the Training Secretary, CHQ.

The Fee Bursary entitles a Guider to a grant of £2 for a two-day weekend and 70p for each additional day.

The Fare Bursary (available only for travel to the nearest Training Centre) carries a rebate of a Guider's travel expenses in excess of £3.00.

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

No application form is necessary. District Commissioners should apply on behalf of their Guiders, after they have been accepted for the Training, direct to the Training Secretary, CHQ. Scottish Commissioners should write to Scottish Headquarters.

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

announcements

Intermediary/Advanced Instructor Dinghy Sailing Course

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Camps & Holidays Foxlease Camp-sites

Application for sites next year should reach Foxlease by 4th January, 1977, and will be considered during the week commencing 11th January. They should

CALENDAR

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22-24 Rangers
29-31 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including
Gordon)

5-7 Ranger Guiders and County Leadership
Advisers
12-14 District Commissioners
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26-28 Ski Weekend

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10-12 Trainers

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SUGGESTED COURSES FOR 1977

Apr 15-17 Course A/77 All or Nothing (Ranger Guides)

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training for Canoeing Charge Permit/BCU Proficiency (Inland) Certificate.
2 Caving - for those wishing to gain experience and knowledge of local caves.
3 Climbing - for those wishing to gain experience and knowledge of local climbs.

June 24-26 Course C/77 Adventure Course for Guides (aged 12 to 14 inclusive)

Aug 26-29 Course D/77 Adventure Camp for Rangers

Sept 16-18 Course E/77 Adventure Course for Ranger Guides/Venture Scouts

For information, and details of fees, write to the Secretary, enclosing foolscap sae

for Brownie and Guide Guiders.

Guiders applying for trainings in 1977 are asked to note that owing to increasing costs we are regretfully forced to raise the prices at both Foxlease and Waddow from 1st January, 1977. Fees from that date will be as follows: deposit

£2.00, all fees increased by 50p per day.

Fees at Broneirion

Shared room, per day	£2.25
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Deposit	£1.00

Fees at Netherurd

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Double room, per day	£3.25
Single room, per day	£3.50
Deposit	£1.00
Training fee for non-residents 50p per weekend.	

— outdoor activities — camping — courses

be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated, and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any weekday.

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

Beaverbrook Lodge

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease giving alternative dates and enclosing an initial deposit of £1.00 (which is non-returnable) and a foolscap sae. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st April 1977-30th September 1977 will be accepted now.

Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites next year will be considered during the first week of January, 1977. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. It is preferred that Camps begin on Saturday.

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

Waddow Cottage and Caravan

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

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1977 will be considered on and after 15th November 1976 and should be sent to the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's CA or Pack Holiday Adviser and a foolscap sae enclosed.

Netherurd Camp-sites, Brownie House and Holiday Caravan

Applications for Camp-sites will be taken from 1st January 1977.

Applications for the Brownie House will be taken on 1st December 1976 (form of application available from 1st November). During Scottish School holiday periods (Easter, July, half August) priority will be given to Scottish Packs.

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Broneirion Camp-site and Brownie House

Applications for Camp-site and Brownie House will be considered from 31st December, 1976, and should be sent to: Miss P. Lynch, 3C Pentwyn Court, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF4 7BY enclosing sae.

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Brownsea Island

Camp Fee

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Programme Notes

October, 1976 – May, 1977

General Training Weekends

These weekends at the Training Centres are always the most popular, as they set out to give Guiders valuable help in running their Units and in carrying out the Programme of their particular Section. There is always something for both new and experienced Guiders; skills and activities to be talked over and tried out; sessions on such aspects of Guiding as World Guiding, the Promise in the Programme or the links in the chain from the Brownie Pack, through the Guide Company to Rangers, Young Leaders, etc. When you apply you will find that you can list the topics on which you would most like help during the training, so do please list these and return the form promptly, so as to give your trainers as much time as possible to plan a Programme taking in all the requests they have received. They will include as much as they can, but as most of them have jobs, or homes to run, they have to plan well in advance of the weekend – so help them by sending in your requests quickly.

Those weekends with a special emphasis are listed separately, and are always especially noted in the 'Training Calendar'.

At Both Centres

Camp and Pack Holiday Trainings

Foxlease, 4th-6th February, Pack Holidays.

Waddow, 11th-13th March, Camps and Pack Holidays.

So many Guiders have been disappointed at not being able to get into previous weekends, and we hope that these two opportunities at the Training Centres may help those who have had the necessary experience and who hope to run a Camp or Pack Holiday in 1977 and take their Camp or Pack Holiday Licence. The Programme is geared towards giving them the opportunity to pick up ideas and tips for the smooth running and organisation of the Camp or Pack Holiday so that they can carry out their plans with extra knowledge and confidence behind them.

The Arts in Packs and Companies

Foxlease, 4th-6th February, Crafts for the Pack, 11th-13th March, Art and Crafts for the Company.

Waddow, 25th-27th February, Creative Activities for Packs and Companies

How many times have you wished you could have learned more, or finished what you had begun just when you were getting interested and picking up new ideas? These groups are offered to Guide and Brownie Guiders with the idea of giving you all the time that a whole weekend allows. As you will see from the dates, sometimes they are taking place alongside the Camp and Pack Holiday Trainings – so what about two Guiders going together and making the best of the two subjects offered to pass on to your Unit?

At Foxlease

22nd-24th October, Ranger Guiders

Many Ranger Guides welcomed the special trainings arranged for them at the Training Centres this year, and as members of this Section do not often have the chance to meet in larger numbers, we are again giving more of you an opportunity to get together for a weekend. Your Programme will include training sessions for both new and experienced Guiders, but will also give you all a chance to confer on matters of common interest and concern. Do make use of this weekend which is especially for you.

26th-28th November, Helping the Young Leader

Similar weekends held during the year seem to have been helpful to Guiders, Commissioners and County Leadership Advisers, whether they are just interested in knowing more about this now well-established scheme, or are actively engaged in helping the girls working for their Young Leaders Certificate.

Guide Section Trainers, 3rd-5th December.

As part of the special opportunities to help those working with the Guide Section, following on from the Guide Guiders' Conference in Durham last year, this special weekend is offered to any Guide Section trainer – whether a Certificate or Diploma holder – to get together with others doing the same job. Miss Isabel Anderson, who is Guide Consultant to the Programme/Training Adviser, will be leading this training weekend.

New Year Houseparty, 28th December-4th January 1977

This year's event at Foxlease has been planned with a distinct flavour of Gilbert and Sullivan, and should lead to an entertaining time for all those taking part. Do come along – you don't need to be a member of the D'Oyly Carte Company to join this happy band of players!

Exploring the Forest, 11th-13th March.

'Down in the forest something stirred – and we hope that it will be not only the sound of birdsong but other aspects of the out-of-doors which Guide Guiders will enjoy, using the lovely background of the countryside around Foxlease as the scene for various activities which can be used later in the year with your Guide Companies.

At Waddow

Building the Training Team, 29th-31st October.

This is the weekend we promised would be held at Waddow following that held earlier at Foxlease. It is especially geared to help toward the building-up of the County training team, and County Training Advisers are invited to bring their prospective trainers and those trainers who act as 'links'. Help and ideas for the back-up support needed to help and encourage prospective trainers will be discussed, as well as ways in which the team can be built up from existing talents, and plans made for the future.

The Choice is Yours, 30th December-4th January 1977.

This New Year training can be taken at a more leisurely pace and is divided up in different groups offering Guiders of all Sections a chance to learn and practise skills and ideas to put into action with their Units. To groups for campfire and guitar, folk dance, or crafts for all sections, is added a group for those with an interest in Heraldry in Guiding. Many of our lovely flags and standards are designed and embroidered by Rangers and Guiders, and here is a chance to learn something of the symbols and rules which are used in Heraldry. Please state to which group you would like to go when writing to Waddow for an application form.

At Glenbrook

All or Nothing (Ranger Guides), 15th-17th April

This weekend provides Ranger Guides with an opportunity to taste or gain experience in a number of different activities which could include hill-walking, canoeing, climbing, caving, pony-trekking, archery, pioneering, swimming, visiting the Blue John Mines.

Canoeing – Caving – Climbing Skills, 13th-15th May

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The Daily Record

The Golden Fiddler

Yla Steven was given the use of the Joseph Rocca
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the Movement in Perthshire. She returned the violin
in 1970, and just six years later was granted the
Daily Record's Golden Fiddle Award 1976. Here
she is, above, being congratulated by Mrs Mary
Vickers (on the right), wife of the *Daily Record* Editor,
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Noting the renewed interest in Scotland's
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it is the custom for our
instruments to have names
and at the request of Mrs
Owen-Hughes these
instruments are to be
known as the Whateley
flutes in honour of Dame
Leslie Whateley, who was
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numbers from 2¼ million in
thirty-two countries to well
over five million in sixty-
seven countries. She visited
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there are Guides and Girl
Scouts. The Whateley
flutes and the violin

'Margie' (see May
GUIDER), together with
other CHQ Musical Instru-
ments, have been allocated
to Guides and Rangers for
the next two years, but the
following are now available,
applications for which will
be considered in December.

WILLIAM

This is a new acquisition
loaned to the Association
by Miss K Dongworth, Arts
Adviser to the Association
from 1970-1975, and is
suitable for a beginner or a
player with little experience.

HELEN

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should have reached Grade
IV or above.

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reached Grade V or VI.

ESTHER

A viola made by William
Forster. Applicants should
have reached Grade V.

JOANNA

A new trumpet purchased
with donations made to the
Association in memory of
Joanna Babbedge, a Guide
from Gloucestershire who
died early this year. Appli-
cants should be beginners
or those with little
experience.

MELISSA

A trumpet on loan to the
Association. Applications
from beginners will be con-
sidered.

Application forms are
obtainable from the Pro-
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Guides Association, 17-
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0PT, and the completed
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KIRO Training

A KIRO Training will be
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9th October, and Sunday,
10th October, 1976. All
Roman Catholic Guiders
welcome. For details please
contact Mrs Hanlon, 49
The Drive, Crossgates
(Phone Leeds 604403).

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Scout and Guide Clubs in Universities and Colleges

THOSE OF YOU starting at University or College this October may be interested in Scout and Guide Clubs which are to be found at many places around the country (you may have read about them in last month's issue). All Clubs welcome students from any college in their city but are usually based at a particular institution. Clubs are linked together in the Student Scout and Guide Organisation (SSAGO) which encourages these links and co-ordinates national events. Look out for Clubs at your own Freshers' Fairs, etc!

Recognised Clubs:

For details of a specific Club contact them via the address given.

Birmingham – Aston University; c/o Scout and Guide Club, Students Union, Gosta Green, Birmingham.
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Bristol – University; c/o Scout and Guide Club, Students Union, Bristol University, Bristol.

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Egham – Royal Holloway College; c/o Scout and Guide Club, Royal Holloway College (London University), Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey.

Exeter – University; c/o Anthea Venning, 16 Edgar Road, Winchester, Hants.

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– see also under **Potential Clubs**.

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Nottingham – University; c/o Nigel Hutton, Scout and Guide Club, Society P/H's, Portland Building, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RN.

Oxford – University; c/o Geoff Horton, Keble College, Oxford.

Reading – University; c/o Outdoor Activities Club, Reading University, Students Union, Reading.

Ripon – College of Ripon and St Johns, Ripon Campus; c/o Christine Booley, The College, Ripon, N Yorks.

Salisbury – Sarum St Michael College of Education; c/o Rae McKeand, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts.

Sheffield – City College of Education (believed to be merging with the Poly, and we hope there will be a club at the new establishment).

– University; c/o Judith Rice, 42 Stanley Road, Hoylake, Wirral, Merseyside.

Southampton – University; c/o Chris Renault, Scout and Guide Club, The Union, The University, Highfield, Southampton.

Winchester – King Alfreds College; c/o Elliot Cowton, Scout and Guide Club, JCR, King Alfreds College, Winchester.

York – College of Ripon and York St Johns; c/o Ruth Harrison, 27 Bridge Road, Bishopsthorpe, York.

Wales

Bangor – University College; Keith Garbutt, c/o Scout and Guide Club, Students Union, Deniol Road, Bangor, Gwynedd.

Scotland

St Andrews – University; c/o Scout and Guide Club, Students Union, St Mary's Place, St Andrews, Fife.

Potential Clubs

The following are still being formed – please contact them if you are interested or can help at all.

Aberystwyth – Guild of Students; c/o Keith Richmond, 13 Glebelands, Pulborough, W Sussex.

Bradford – University and Colleges; c/o Patricia Graham, 70 Lansdowne Crescent, Carlisle, CA3 9EP.

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Cardiff – University College; c/o Sue Daniels, 1 School House, Champion Road, Sydenham, London SE26.

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Lancaster – St Martins College; c/o Geoff Boulton, Senior Common Room, St Martins College, Lancaster LA1 3TD.

Portsmouth – Poly, c/o Ian Castledine, 31 Paignton Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth PO3 6LL.

Any further queries can be answered by Dave Russell, SSAGO Secretary, 93 Upton Way, Broadstone, Dorset BH18 9LX.

Are We Covered by Insurance?

THIS IS A QUESTION which crops up quite often in letters received at CHQ and is very often accompanied by an 'if...if...if my Guide Company is too big' - 'if some of my Brownies are under-age' - 'if my Rangers are camping for a weekend with the Venture Scouts and no Guider is present'. In other words usually it means 'if we are not observing the POR ruling in this particular matter'.

Sometimes the writer goes on to tell us that special permission has been obtained because of particular circumstances and it is obvious that everyone concerned has been consulted and is satisfied that this exception to normal rules is right and proper. All well and good, but in other instances the Guider simply wants us to tell her whether she is covered by our insurance or should take out additional cover privately. Some others do not even ask us, but when things go wrong will send in an insurance claim which on investigation reveals a clear disregard of the Association's rules.

As every insurance claim that is made is scrutinised carefully at CHQ and must be supported by the Association when forwarded to our insurance brokers, where rules have not been observed, this puts us into a very difficult position.

An Association of our size and scope has an obvious duty to safeguard the children and the leaders that come within its aegis. The first of these safeguards is a set of rules, the most important of which are designed for just this purpose. The back-up to the rules is insurance cover which allows for the inevitability of occasional accidents and for human error. Our Public Liability insurance therefore protects the child and the Guider against the results of folly or negligence whether committed knowingly or in ignorance.

Insurance cover is not a big stick to be brandished as a means of compelling Guiders to keep to the rules. Every Guider before being appointed has to undertake to adhere to the policy and rules of the Association and is thereafter bound to do so. The question 'if I don't keep to the rules' should not need to be asked, but if it does the questioner would do well to consider the further implications. In the event of a serious accident the matter may not rest between the Association and its insurers but be decided in a court of law. Today's public is very insurance conscious and in some instances only too ready to capitalise to the greatest extent possible. A look at the daily press indicates the kind of damages that can be awarded where negligence can be proved. Disregard of the rules could cost both the Guider and the Association very highly.

So when you ask 'are we covered?' the answer will nearly always be 'Yes', but unless all Guiders understand their responsibility to adhere loyally to the rules, that cover may in the future cost every member a great deal more.

Please think twice before you put children at risk or jeopardise our current favourable insurance situation.

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HQ NOTICES

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Folk Fest 8

The next National Scout and Guide Folk Festival will be held at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, 29th October 1977. The Auditions Workshop will be held over the weekend of 2nd/3rd April 1977. Further details will be announced in *GUIDER*.

Brownie Berets

Trading Service wish to remind Guiders that they no longer supply Brownie berets. Brown knitted caps are now official uniform and

these are supplied by the Trading Service.

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High Drama

by Joan L Richards

Arts Adviser

MANY GROUP 'ARTS' ACTIVITIES have a catalytic effect in that they can and do unite in the fullest possible sense the most varied of groups. The Drama group at Trefoil House, Birmingham, for the weekend of 11th/13th June under Brian Cook's brilliant leadership was a fine example of this magical property. It consisted of as wide a cross-section of GGA society as one could find, running the

everyone was carried along in his train of thought, working through the project under his guidance, absorbing his philosophy of approach, and perceiving every stage of development in this form of drama for one's self. Moreover, this weekend could not have taken place without the help of the Programme/Training Department at CHQ in dealing with all the routine clerical matters, a load shouldered

chose and worked on accounts of events which had particularly moved and impressed them. A necessary unifying effect, by the addition of movement and simple narration taken verbatim from source, linked the presentation, and the final production was both moving and satisfying to performers and by all accounts to the small but appreciative audience.



Scenes from a dramatic presentation at the Arts Weekend.

gamut of age, experience and type of contribution to the Movement, but by the end of the course had coalesced imperceptibly into one working whole.

Obviously the most fortunate circumstance was in obtaining the services of Brian Cook as tutor. From the first session on Friday evening

willingly and efficiently, sparing the 'amateurs' many hours of work.

The end product of the weekend's work was a series of episodes based on our own impressions, after close study of source material on the sailing of the 'Mayflower' and the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Small groups then

Why not extend horizons still further by seeing one of our great theatre companies at work? Both the **National** and the **Royal Shakespeare** have much that is new and experimental as well as the standard classical repertory. Both have, through GUIDER, extended their Student Standby Schemes to all members of the Guide Movement of all ages. Those whose interest in the arts is born and nurtured in a school environment (as in Guiding it so often is), may overlook the wider aspects of the vast area of which their activities form a part. Visits to the theatre, to a concert or gallery must inevitably enrich their own experience and broaden their approach. See **What's On**, page 446. — Editor.





The Trefoil Tree

by Gwen Mettrick



SINCE THE EARLY DAYS of the Scout and Guide Movement, many people in different countries, unable to continue their training in Troops and Companies, still wished for a close link with old friends and to feel they had some part in the Association to which they had belonged and from which they had derived so much benefit.

From 1933 discussions at international level started, with a view to some association being formed.

The lead first came from Denmark in 1934. In Great Britain the Trefoil Guild was formed in 1943, the BP Scout Guild being formed five years later.

Other countries followed. At the end of the second World War, when the thoughts of many men and women turned towards means of helping to prevent another conflict, it was natural that there should arise a desire among those who had been Scouts and Guides to come together on an international basis. After considerable discussions both world Movements approved the formation of an International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides. All Guild members automatically belong to this.

An inaugural meeting was held in Lucerne in October 1953; two years later the first General Assembly took place in Denmark attended by delegates from 17 countries. At the last General Assembly, held once more in Denmark, 28 countries were represented.

Together with the BP Scout Guild we maintain contact with IFOFSAG HQ in Brussels through our Joint National Committee.

In 1965, at the Durham General Assembly, it was agreed that 24th October should be kept as Fellowship Day for all member countries. All over the United Kingdom on that day Guilds hold church services or special meetings of an international character.

Trefoil Guilds in Britain have their own Fellowship Day Fund. This is to give practical help to Guiding in other countries. Through the World Bureau Mutual Aid Scheme projects are chosen each year by the Council and announced so that everyone knows what they are working for. In recent years money has been sent to Swaziland for the printing of Guide Handbooks, to Botswana for sewing machines and to India for typewriters. We are at present helping Panama to put a new roof on their Guide Headquarters.

Two Bursaries are given each year to enable members who have not yet done so to attend a General Assembly (held every other year) or one of the Regional Gatherings which are held in the intervening years. The British Guilds held one of these Gatherings in 1973 at Leicester University.

Many members attend these meetings repeatedly, sharing their experiences with their Guilds afterwards and firing others with the urge to go. Lasting friendships are made, as so often happens in Guiding and Scouting, and in some cases the next generation benefits, too, as whole families are invited back for visits.



Mrs Gwen Mettrick, UK Trefoil Guild International Secretary, talking to Margie Sornaretnam from Sri Lanka, and Neils Chr Jorgensen of Denmark, at the get-together near Odense.

The private hospitality given to us after the Assembly in Denmark gave us a great insight into the lives and customs of the Danish people. But the high spot of the occasion was when we planted a forest; it was a wonderful sight to see 500 members of all nationalities planting a tree in a given spot under their national flags. This will be known as 'The Guild Forest'.

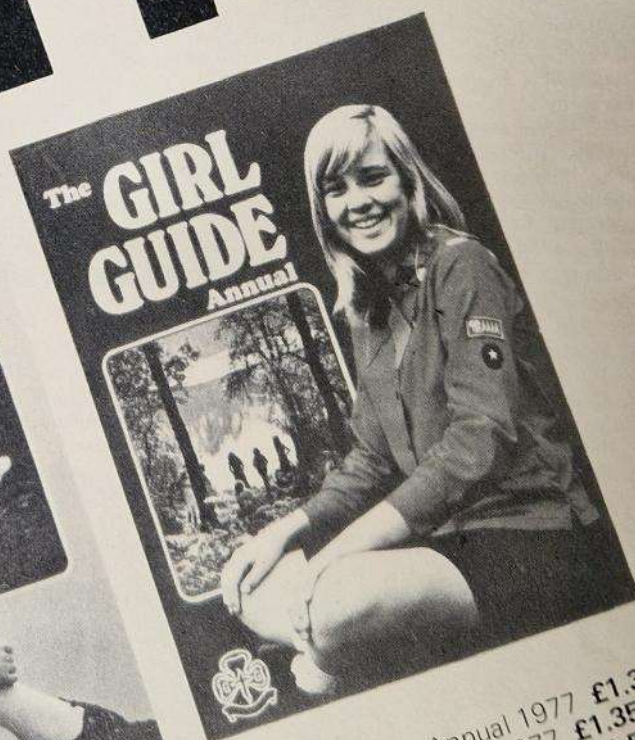
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The Three G's

by Sheila Graber



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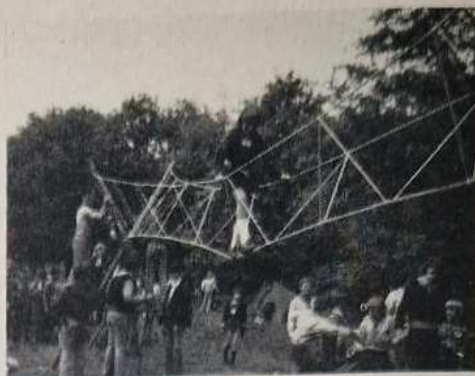
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International Guiding, In Berlin

by Maureen Edgington



A taut moment for a British Brownie in Berlin!

EIGHT BRITISH BROWNIE PACKS and two Berlin Guide Companies recently took part in a unique International Meeting organised by the German Scout Movement in the City of Berlin. Early one Sunday morning in May, over 1,000 boys and girls of four nationalities, German, French, American and British, met on the edge of the Grunewald (Greenforest) and were divided into mixed groups. The tasks for the day were to collect leaves and name them, teach each other a song from their country and to see the beauty of the forest by removing as much litter as they could find. Everyone set off, following a map, by various trails through the forest, and all eventually arrived at a cleared flat area where a hearty lunch was enjoyed. In the afternoon each country set up a National Exhibition; British Brownies had an Eight Point Union Flag and each Pack had illustrated a Point (how lucky to have eight Packs). The British Guides pitched their brand new tents and displayed hand-made toys. The French Louveteaux (Cubs) love to sing, so they did just that, and we all joined in whether we knew the words or not. The German tents intrigued us, they are normally black and have a hole at the top; each Scout or Cub carries a piece of the tent as part of

his camping equipment and then it is made into a whole at the camp site. The Americans had a rope bridge and lassoing lessons as well as an exhibition of American Girl and Brownie Scout uniforms. British Scouts and Cubs organised novelty races which were much enjoyed.

The closing ceremony found us surrounded by friends of the four nations as the World Scout and Guide flags were lowered to the strains of 'Glory, Glory Hallelujah' and a thousand happily tired but rather dishevelled children returned to their homes in the four Sectors of Berlin.

We are particularly lucky here in Berlin to have so many opportunities of meeting with other nationalities in the Movement and we trust that the memories of friendship gained here will remain as a constant reminder that we belong to the worldwide family of Guides and Scouts. An anecdote related by one of the British Guiders illustrates this so clearly; she says 'I have lived in Berlin for a considerable number of years, having married a Berliner, but never in all that time have other Berliners with whom I meet socially spoken to me in the familiar form 'du'; but here in 'our family' this affectionate address is given and received in the true Scouting/Guiding spirit.'

. . . . and in Hong Kong

by Tessa Davies

WE LANDED at Kai Tak airport, Hong Kong, at 3.30 pm local time, twenty-three hours after we had left London. Coming through customs we met up with two Guiders from Thailand and we were all met by some local Guiders. They whisked us off to our hotel and by 6.30 that evening we were meeting the other delegates, 150 people in all, from all over the world.

Next morning we assembled in the hotel foyer at 8.00 for a tour of the New Territories. This started with a visit to the South Sea Textile mills where we saw the full process of cloth-making, after which we were taken to a famous temple called Ching Chung Koon where we were shown round both the temple and the old peoples' home attached to it. We then went to the town of Yuen Long where we were greeted by a party of Rangers and Young Leaders.

At 6.15, the delegation leaders re-

assembled to go to a reception given by the Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee at his home. Words are not sufficient to describe his house, the décor was sumptuous and absolutely breathtaking.

On Good Friday we travelled to camp, by coach, train and finally boat! We were accommodated in stone cottages, blissfully cool after the 85° outside. We spent the whole of Easter in camp and we were able to try out a number of activities while we were there, for example, Ribbon-Flower-Making, Chinese Cooking, Chinese Calligraphy, Archery, Chinese Shadow Boxing, Kite-Making and many others.

Tuesday came round all too quickly and it was time to say goodbye to all the friends we had made in camp, and return to Hong Kong.

On Friday we had a tour round Hong Kong Island and a visit to the Girl Guide Headquarters where we were able to buy and post Diamond

Jubilee first day covers. The Leaders were invited to a reception given by His Excellency the Governor in the delightful grounds of Government House. In the evening everyone was invited to a farewell party at the hotel. Thus ended the official Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and most of the delegates returned home on the Saturday or Sunday, although the United Kingdom delegation stayed on for another week with local residents. This gave us all the chance to visit some of the Guide Company meetings in Kowloon and Hong Kong Island. Most of the Guide Units are attached to schools and the majority of Guiders are recruited from the teachers in those schools.

During the flight home, we talked of the things we had done and the people we had met and all agreed that it had been a wonderful experience and one that we would remember and treasure all our lives.

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REVIEWS

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KCT

When the Queen was Crowned by Brian Barker, OBE, Routledge and Kegan Paul, £4.95.

Brian Barker was appointed Gold Staff Commander and member of the Departmental Coronation Committee so was well qualified to write about the preparations for and the ceremony of the Coronation of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. His responsibilities included providing facilities for press, radio and TV people at home and abroad.

Mr Barker is to be congratulated on his vivid descriptions and his sensitive treatment of the affection in the Royal family, so wonderfully interwoven with their dignity and sense of duty to their peoples and to protocol.

Every page has details, some forgotten and some never known by members of the public. The book is beautifully presented with 53 illustrations in colour and in black and white, and is one which everyone will want to keep and also to give away.

EMB

Life in Elizabethan London, by Peggy Millar, Methuen, £2.75.

History books are often dry, factual accounts of political events or, at the other end of the spectrum, romantic, almost mythological accounts of the lives of Kings and Queens. **Life in**

Elizabethan London avoids these traps and presents a lively picture of London and Londoners when it was still little larger than a market town (although even then it was the most affluent city in the western world).

It is, perhaps, the small things that make history. Did you know, for instance, that Queen Elizabeth I had rotten teeth and that this was considered very English because of our ancestors' over-consumption of sugar? Or that the timber-framed Tudor houses so admired today were in fact built in this way rather than in stone because they were cheaper and quicker for builders to erect?

This book is an excellent introduction to 'social' history. The more serious student will be helped by the excellent book-list at the back, but the general reader should enjoy the text and illustrations, which together bring an enthralling age to life.

ACM

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KCT

Catering, by Charles King, Blackie and Son, £1.55.

Catering is one of a series of books aimed at the school-leaver. Although at this present time the emphasis

for the academically underqualified is on getting a job of any sort, these books will be of use to the girl in her final year at school and to the Ranger as a basis for discussion. The book sets out the basic requirements for people within the catering industry, both in terms of examinations and of personality, and describes the jobs from page boy to head chef. There are also sections on industrial catering and welfare work. It is possible that the author's enthusiasm communicates itself a little too readily. I would suggest that as an antidote the reader should also try Wesker's *The Kitchen*.

ACM

The Nature Trail Book of Wild Flowers, by Sue Tarsky. Birdwatching and Seashore Life, by Malcolm Hart and Sue Swallow. Both Usborne Publishing books. 75p each.

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BB

Shops and Markets, by W Farnworth, London, by Jeanne Streatfield. Mills and Boon, Hardback, £1.50, Limp 90p.

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(See **Wizwam Poetry Competition in THE BROWNIE**, 20th October. Editor)

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SEB

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SEB

WHAT'S ON

Film

No Deposit, No Return is the latest Walt Disney offering, timed as usual to coincide with the half-term holidays. This hilarious comedy follows the misadventures of two children who, rather than spend the school holidays with a testy grandfather, fake their own kidnapping. David Niven as the reluctant grandfather gives a fine show of

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unconcern at the fate of the two precocious infants. Charlie Martin Smith, as a detective fresh from Police College strong on theory but decidedly weak in the head, has the wittiest dialogue in this highly entertaining film. If you are looking for something to appeal to all the family, of all ages, this is it.

Opera

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English National Opera performances at the London Coliseum in October include *Salome*, *Don Giovanni* and *Rigoletto*. The party booking scheme for the winter season constitutes large reductions: parties of twenty or more students, young people under eighteen and senior citizens qualify for reduced tickets at £1.00 per head, and all applications concerned should be addressed to Party Bookings, The Box Office, English National Opera, London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4ES. The party booking dates are as follows: *Salome* (1, 6, 8 Oct); *Don Giovanni* (2, 5, 13, 19, 22); *Rigoletto* (7, 9, 12, 15, 21, 23, 28); and *Rigoletto* (16, 27, 30).

In this centenary year of the first performance of Wagner's *Der Ring des Niebelungen* in Bayreuth, The Royal Opera's 1976/77 season opens with a new production of *Götterdämmerung*, to be performed on the 1st and 9th October at Covent Garden. The Royal Opera will be performing a complete cycle of the Ring in the first week of October, for details of which, please write to Royal Opera House, PO Box No 6, London WC2E 7QA.

Theatre

Howard Brenton's *Weapons of Happiness*, the first new play to be presented in the new National Theatre, stars Frank Finlay, Julie Covington and Michael Medwin in a work that, in the words of Michael Billington from *The Guardian* is 'alive, articulate and passionately concerned about the dynamics of change'. A particular incentive to go to see this play and the others in the repertoire (*Blithe Spirit*, *The Playboy of the Western World*, *Plunder*, *Watch It Come Down*), is the financial con-

cession that allows members of the Girl Guides Association and other Youth Groups £1.00 seats (75p midweek matinee seats) anywhere in the house, subject to availability. These may be bought one hour before the performance begins. Apply to the Box Office in person, or ask a friend or relative to do so on your behalf. If in difficulties, you can reach the Box Office on 01-928-2252 between 8.30 am and 8 pm.

Ballet

The Royal Ballet on Tour will be visiting the Opera House in Manchester (25th October-6th November), where they will perform such old favourites as *Coppelia*, *Sleeping Beauty Act III* and *La Fille Mal Gardée*. There will also be a chance to see the *Rashomon*, which is Lynn Seymour's first work for the Royal Ballet. Tickets are available from the Box Office, Opera House, Quay Street, Manchester. Party Bookings are available for a limited number of tickets to groups of twenty or more people. From Manchester the Company moves on to the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton (15th-20th November). During their short stay they will perform a slightly smaller repertory than in Manchester but it will still include many favourites. Tickets are available from the Box Office, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, and the Arts Shop, City Arcade, Birmingham. Concurrently, the Royal Ballet's season at Covent Garden will include Kenneth MacMillan's full-length ballet *Anastasia*. The Company will also perform an all-MacMillan triple bill, consisting of his latest ballet *Rituals*, *Elite Syncopations* and *The Invitation*.

London Festival Ballet



A costume design, above, by Peter Docherty for *The Nutcracker* to be performed by the Festival Ballet in Liverpool, Leeds, Newcastle, Birmingham and at the Royal Festival Hall, in November and December. This new production is sponsored by the National Westminster Bank. Details available from the London Festival Ballet, 48 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7HE.

Exhibitions

The Human Clay. An exhibition selected by R B Kitaj (Haymarket Gallery). The important contemporary artist Kitaj was given a free hand in assembling this exhibition (by borrowing and by purchasing) for the Arts Council Collection 1975/76. All the work is concerned with the human form but is extremely varied in its approach. The first town lucky enough to house this uncomplicated but exciting exhibition will be Brighton (Gardner Centre 28th September-28th October). We will let you know the other venues and dates in future issues.



'Das Wunderkind' doll with interchangeable heads, circa 1905, from the Gauder-Anka Stuttgart Collection Unknown Dolls, showing at the Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, E2, until 31st October (admission free). Well worth a visit.

Nationwide

Chatham. Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway Exhibition, Town Hall, The Brook (1-2).
Chelmsford. 'Ballet for All' with dancers from the Royal Ballet, Civic Theatre (5-9).
Cheltenham. CBSO Concert, Town Hall (19).
Chester. Flower Arrangers' Association Exhibition and Competition (22).
Colchester. Arts Society Sponsored Exhibition, The Minories, High Street (1-10).
Dover. Exhibition of costumes from the TV series 'The Six Wives of Henry VIII', Dover Castle (1-31).
Exeter. Autumn Book Fair, Barnfield Theatre (28-30).
Hatfield. Lewis Carroll Exhibition, Hatfield House (1-7).
Leeds. Music Festival, Grand Theatre (9-23).
Lincoln. Concert, Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, City School (25).
Manchester. The Royal Ballet, Opera House (25-6 Nov).
Norwich. Exhibition of English Art, Castle Museum (4-13 Nov).
Nottingham. National Scouts' Regatta, National Water Sports Centre (9-10).
Oundle (Northants). World Conker Championships, The Green, Ashton (10).
Stratford-upon-Avon. Mop Fair (12).
Windsor. Festival (1-31).
Wolverhampton. The Royal Ballet, Grand Theatre (20-15 Nov).
Worthing. Exhibition. 'Craftsmen in Textiles', Museum and Art Gallery (16-20 Nov).

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