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## Cover

Mr. and Mrs. Thair pictured on our cover with their dogs Una and Clinton, accepted a cheque for £6,060 on behalf of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in February. The sum was raised through donations to the Girl Guide Friendship Fund. Mrs. Thair, the Regional Organiser of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, is herself blind, as is her husband. The golden labrador retriever at her feet is called Una, and is three years old, and her husband's dog, Clinton, is six. As a gesture of thanks for the GGFF cheque, the Girl Guides Association was given a beautiful replica of a guide dog, which now stands in the Council Chamber at CHQ. For the full story of the GGFF's successful 1976 fund raising effort, see the article on page 155. Photo: Ken Rush.



# GUIDING ROUNDOABOUT



Left, cutting the tape at the opening of the new £12,000 Atherstone South District Guide Headquarters is Warwickshire County Commissioner, Miss Brenda Smith.



Conington Chronicle

I'll let one of the Brownies explain the event pictured above, in her own words.

## The New Headquarters (Buglawton)

'On Saturday, the 27th November the Brownie Headquarters was opened and over 200 people came. The Brownies and Guides, Scouts and Cubs couldn't go in so we had a magic show in a tent while the Mums and Dads were in the Headquarters listening to people speaking. The magic man was very funny, after that we had refreshments. (sic) When all the Mums and Dads came in the tent we sang some songs. Then we all went home after an enjoyable afternoon.' (Kim Austen, 1st Buglawton Brownies).

Above, PL Jill Mason about to hand the key to the official openers.

Evening Tribune, Nuneaton



The Citizen, Gloucester

Left, pictured outside Gloucester Cathedral are some of the 29th Belfast Guide Company with members of the 1st Churchdown and Staverton Guide Coys. All three Companies later went to camp for a week at Williton, near Minehead. Perhaps other Guide Companies from mainland Britain will follow suit, since Guides from Northern Ireland seldom get the opportunity to camp.



Watford Evening Echo

A new Guide and Scout Centre was opened at Roestock playing fields, Colney Heath, near St Albans, earlier this year, the result of a four year fund-raising effort by parents, Bank managers, civil servants and others supporting the project turned their hands to carpentry and building, with remarkable success. The Fund-raising secretary commented, 'I am sure some of them were remembering things they had learnt years ago, in their Scouting and Guiding days.' Above, a Cub, Scouts and Brownies at the Centre's opening ceremony, with the Mayor of St. Albans.



Miss M Branch

Left, St Augustines Church Hall Beckenham was transformed into a colourful 'World Globe' for an international evening on Tuesday, 22nd February, when organised by the 9th Beckenham Guides and Brownies to commemorate Thinking Day.





Lewisham Borough Council

Tree-planting for Jubilee Year in the gloomy days of winter were these Forest Hill North Guides, left. They have now, as a further celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, also planted some bulbs.

Reflecting on twenty-one successful years is Miss Tina Mountford, below, who founded the 2nd Adel (Yorks) Methodist Guides in 1955. To mark their 'twenty-first', the Company presented Adel Methodist Church with 21 rose trees, and Miss Mountford received a silver tray.



Yorkshire Evening Post

Silence was golden for these 1st Wool Brownies, below left, who held a sponsored silence to raise funds for the Swanage lifeboat. Haley Gilmore is seen here presenting a cheque for sixty-four pounds to lifeboat coxswain Ron Hardy.



Donner Evening Echo

At the Finals of the Woman's Realm Junior Cook of the Realm competition held in February, Claire Baker, a Guide of the 6th Northwood Emanuel Coy, emerged as the winner. The contestants were asked to devise a nourishing, economical dish, using ingredients from a specified list. It was Chicken au Macaroni which won Claire the title, and she is pictured below, receiving the winner's cup with (l. to r.) Tony Cleave of Quaker Oats, Woman's Realm editor, Mrs Monica Tyson, and TV personality and author, Tony Bastable.



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Above, not a band of Roman Centurions, but members of the 3rd Newton St Peter's Guide Coy on a visit to a Fire Station at Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside, gaining background knowledge to help them in their work towards gaining the Fire Fighter's Interest Badge.



East Anglian Daily Times

Following their seventy-seven minute walk to Framlington Castle to mark 1977 as their Diamond Jubilee Year, these Suffolk Rangers attended a Thanksgiving and Rededication service at Framlington Parish Church. The County Commissioner, Mrs A Dunford (left) and Mrs A Richardson, the County Liaison Officer, are pictured above with some of the Ranger Guides outside the castle.

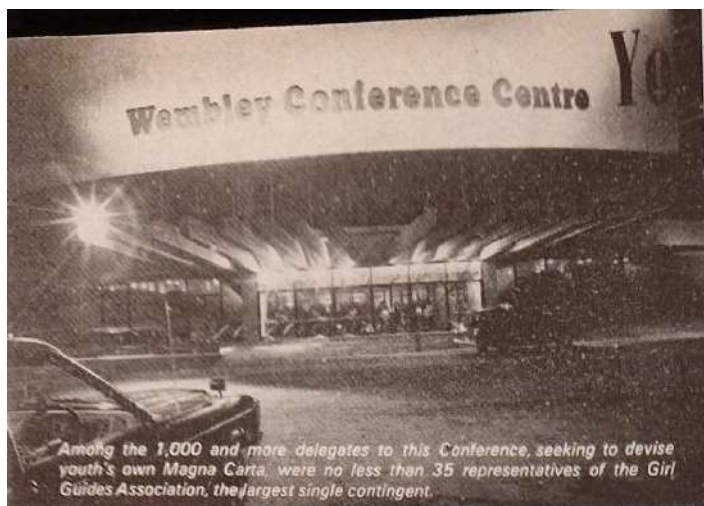
Mrs Sheila Berkery Smith (below), is the new President of Middlesex East Girl Guides, covering the boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Enfield and Haringey.



Mrs Mary Coulter

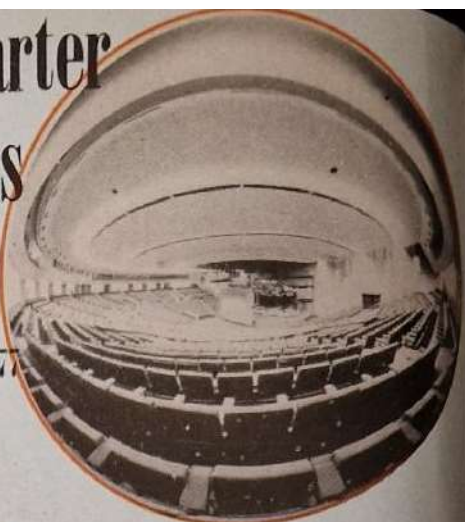






# Youth Charter Towards 2,000

Jan - 4 Feb 1977



Among the 1,000 and more delegates to this Conference, seeking to devise youth's own Magna Carta, were no less than 35 representatives of the Girl Guides Association, the largest single contingent.

## Background to the Conference

**H**ow did the Conference come about? A meeting of Youth Service representatives in 1973 thought of a joint conference on the needs of young people and the youth service, and formed a steering group to take the idea further. The result was this week-long conference attended equally by young people and those who work with them, either professionally or voluntarily, covering between them thirty areas of research and study.

The opulent new Wembley Conference Centre made an impressive setting, and a conference for youth made a fitting opening event. The auditorium seats 2,700 and is equipped with the most modern audio visual techniques.

### First Day

The Centre and the Conference were officially opened on Monday, 31st January by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent. While waiting for the platform party to arrive, we were entertained by the 'big band sound' of the Chase Cross School Dance Band, seven of whose seventeen musicians are girls between 14 and 16.

In the Duke's opening address, the foundations for the conference were at once firmly laid, and its aims made clear: 'to take a penetrating and wide sweeping look at the needs of young people, and how the responsibilities are to be shared between young people and those who work with them, either professionally or voluntarily.'

One very useful feature of the presentation throughout the conference was the back projection of each speaker on a large TV screen so that even those at the back of the huge auditorium could see facial expression. In our picture you can see H.R.H. making his opening address, and being simultaneously shown on the Big Screen.

The Conference Chairman, Alan Haselhurst, opening the first session of the Conference, made special reference to the early days of youth organisations and in particular to the Scout and Guide movements, which he referred to as the most successful youth organisations in history. Then followed '100 years of youth'. Half a dozen young people, aided by film, gave a dramatic presentation of youth in the 20th century. They took us from the very beginnings of awareness of the special needs of youth, through the first World War, to the General Strike when fathers and sons automatically took the same side. In the thirties, with the growth of university education, came the birth of opposition to parental viewpoints, resulting for some in rebellion to the point of fighting in the Spanish Civil War. After the Second World War were shown the beginnings of youth service as a profession with appropriate training, followed in the 50's by economic recession reflected in youth, and resulting in boredom and 'aggro' as we know it today. The 60's saw the coming together of youth as a group, the youth explosion and the start of pop culture. The final message of the presentation: 'What is required is an imaginative appreciation of the outlook of young people today.'

In the afternoon John Garnett, Director of the Industrial Society, was the first of the conference's long list of distinguished guest speakers. He spoke of the need of youth for participation and involvement, and how essential it is for them to know why they are asked to do a particular task, and what the end result is to be, so that then they will become involved rather than merely participating.

JVR

### Second Day

Education was the theme on the second day. Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education, the

guest speaker at the plenary session, gave delegates much food for thought when she raised such fundamental questions as 'is education playing its proper part in our society, producing future participants in a democracy - and, perhaps more important, how do we achieve a balance between the right education for the individual and the education of the young for future roles in industry?' The panel of six experts who held informal talk-ins later in the day, agreed with Mrs Williams that strict vocational training should not be the main function of education although it would be useful for 15 and 16 year olds to undergo some kind of day release training while still at school.

One of the other crucial points raised was the question of educational equality for girls. The widespread use of contraception means that women have fewer children and therefore more become available for work. However, girls are still locked out of the growth areas of industry and technology. Employers must become more open minded and produce more day release and industrial training opportunities for girls - at present they have fewer than one quarter of the opportunities available for boys.

The major problem in our schools and colleges today, according to Mrs Williams, is the 'profound divorce' between those concerned with education and those concerned with industry. This is a fundamental division within our society which must be overcome if we are not to waste our country's greatest source of wealth - its young people.

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### Third Day

The Rt Hon Mr Edward Heath, MBE, MP, was the principal speaker for this session on 'what kind of world for the young?' and he spoke of the changing world in which we now live. He stressed that peace does depend on the security of the Western World. Britain has shown that she can be influential in the EEC and a hopeful note has come from the youth of Britain. 'You've broken down barriers of nationality, dress, even culture,' said Mr Heath and he emphasised that young people of today are the first to experience what is going on all over the world at the time it happens, thanks to the media.

One of the major problems facing the youth of today is how to achieve stability and full employment. World attitudes are changing and Mr Heath summed up: 'What I ask from you all is action - constructive work, don't lapse into apathy, to achieve a better world in the year 2,000.'

There were six talk-ins each day developing themes from the morning's plenary session. Wednesday's talk-in with Lord Caradon on 'the break up of the Commonwealth' brought forth many questions which are troubling young people. For example, 'are there enough opportunities for western youth to come together and discuss



mutual problems?' 'Is the Commonwealth more, or less important now that Britain is a member of the EEC?' 'How can young people of the Commonwealth help the young of Rhodesia?' 'Before sending financial aid to other countries, should we first put our own house in order?' 'Has our joining the EEC weakened our links with the West Indies?'

Lord Caradon summed up by saying that he thought the title of the talk-in was provocative. 'The Commonwealth,' he said, 'is one of the best things in a bad world. It has not broken up, on the contrary it has steadily become more significant, more hopeful, more effective and more united.'

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#### Fourth Day

The speaker on the 4th day was the Rt Hon Sir Harold Wilson, MP, and the overall theme of the day was 'Work and Leisure'. Sir Harold spoke of his experiences in 10 Downing Street and of the necessity in a demanding job, for self-discipline. He claimed that his only real source of leisure during his time at No 10, was sleep (which fortunately came easily to him) and the reading of newspapers; though the latter was not 'true' leisure; rather a busman's holiday. Mr Len Murray, OBE, caused some amusement with his accusation that Sir Harold had never, as he claimed, worked a 100-hour week; that those who were as involved in and fascinated by their work, as Sir Harold was, did not share the experience of the average worker. To the majority, work was, almost by definition, unpleasant: 'That which one does not enjoy doing.' There was more laughter when Mr Murray claimed that all those on the rostrum were - with the possible exception of himself - grossly overpaid. One Panel member put forward the view that it was perhaps unrealistic for most people to aspire to enjoy work; in the past, work had never been regarded as other than a means of earning one's daily bread.

At Plenary Session 5, John Cassels, the Director of the Manpower Services Commission, spoke of 'The Great Divide' - the School/Work Transition. It was his view that the Work Experience Scheme in which many young people now participated, was of very great use in bridging the 'Great Divide', by easing schoolchildren gently into the world of work, and that schools could and should do considerably more to integrate into society as a whole; school was a small part of one's life, and should prepare one more fully for the greater part; employment. The Job Creation Scheme, too, though no panacea, was invaluable in its function of preventing the new school leaver from passing immediately to the dole queue. School leavers who remained on the dole over long periods were at risk of eventually becoming unemployable and of turning to vandalism to demonstrate their frustration at an uncaring society. LMH

#### Fifth Day

Mr Norman St John Stevas, MP chaired the final plenary session, on the theme 'youth and society'. One of his suggestions, that money should be allocated to pay for young people to do service in the community, received a mixed reception. He went on to explain that such service would be entirely voluntary, and that it would be a most valuable back-up to professional social service. Mr St John Stevas pointed out that in spite of today's unemployment figures

there are still many jobs in industrial management which young people reject. He pointed out that this is often from a mistaken sense of idealism. Many administrative jobs to which young people are attracted because they appear to offer opportunities for service, are ultimately less useful to the community than places in industry. He drew attention to the fact that social welfare depends entirely on industrial wealth, without which there are no funds with which to finance it.

The talk-ins on Friday included 'the police and young people', chaired by Commander Robert Bryan, of the Community Relations Branch at New Scotland Yard. After some hostility towards Commander Bryan during the plenary session, the talk-in started ominously with protests from some of those present, who did not wish to see the film with which Cdr Bryan intended to spark off discussion. After outlining very briefly his motives, Cdr Bryan put the matter to the vote and it was overwhelmingly in favour of seeing the film, 'Seven Green Bottles'. This brilliant film shows the progress of seven young delinquents from a London Borough, and though professionally made, its stars are the boys themselves, and the police who try to deal with them. Both viewpoints are shown with great compassion, and the film, coupled with Cdr Bryan's own quiet but compelling approach resulted in a complete swing of opinion so that the session (after over-running by half an hour) ended with enthusiastic applause. Mr Bryan can congratulate himself that this group of young people, at least, went away with a new perspective on the attitudes of the police and the law. There are a few copies of 'Seven Green Bottles' available on free loan, and it should be seen by everyone concerned with the welfare of young people. One member of the audience suggested that it should be shown on all three TV channels; let us hope that someone takes up the idea.

#### In Conclusion

The final session of the conference was a summing-up of the week's work by the young people who had chaired the various workshops during the conference. This provided a platform for a number of minority groups to put forward their views yet again, and it is important that any conference of this kind should have the flexibility to allow (within reason) for side issues to be raised.

One fundamental issue, however, was raised by several of the delegates - the need to return to spiritual values - and the enthusiastic response of the majority was one of the most encouraging factors of the Conference.

#### Magna Carta of Youth?

There was no evidence that the conference had moved perceptibly closer to the formulation of their Magna Carta, but in closing the conference Alan Haselhurst said that the Steering Committee would be meeting again in the near future, to act on reports of the conference, with added representatives from the conference itself. Meanwhile, there is every probability that local discussion groups will be set up. This is perhaps as much as one can expect, and there is no doubt that all those present gained a great deal from the exchange of ideas, as the following delegate's-eye view will show. Meanwhile, there is every probability that local discussion groups will be set up.

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The Conference was covered for GUIDER by Jean Rush, Ann Martin, Lorna Hanwell and Carol Ward.

Mr Alan Haselhurst, the Conference Chairman.

A workshop chairman speaks at the final session (see 'In Conclusion' p. 209)

Below, HRH the Duke of Kent, who opened the Conference.





## Youth Charter Towards 2,000

# Away from the kitchen sink for a week! – One Delegate's view

I was thrilled to be invited to join the Girl Guides Association's delegation at this Conference. It was a huge challenge to go out into the world of professional, highly skilled and experienced youth workers and to pit my wits against theirs.

Among my relaxations, which are so necessary to keep me sane while going about my never ending boring chores of making beds, cleaning the house and cooking the meals is reading *THE TIMES* from cover to cover every day and then mentally solving the world's problems. Here was a chance to prove a few theories, or perhaps to have them blown to bits.

Nothing is ever perfect. I left school at sixteen after an education of sorts. I had vaguely learnt a bit of history, geography, scripture, verse speaking and Greek dancing. I had never even heard of science, biology, scripture, physics, politics or economics. It appeared that armed with this knowledge I was supposed to get married. Luckily, no obliging gentleman was then forthcoming. I was therefore thrown back on my own resources, to make my own way in the world. As you may imagine, my younger siblings thought I was Victorian, an image which I tried hard to deserve. My Victorian principles have served me very well. Never have I valued them more than at this Conference.

The people my heart really bleeds for are all those disillusioned socialists of the sixties. The Conference seemed to belong to this group. But before I go any further, let me say how much I think we owe them, for they removed a lot of the humbug from our society, laughed at our dated attitudes, used their imagination in all sorts of ways and forced the community to look at itself in a much more critical light.

The problem that faces these people who are now in their thirties is what to do

now. They have achieved a social revolution and they still have half their lives left. They therefore decide to build a structure, a beautiful plan, a Youth Charter into which all will merge in perfect harmony. But I was fascinated to discover that no one I met or talked to – except the organisers themselves – actually wanted anything to do with a formal structure or set plan. They all believed in self-help; that change and innovation should come from the bottom.

It was really marvellous to get the chance to hear so many of the country's top brains putting their own points of view. I was impressed by all the politicians I heard. I enjoyed Sir Harold Wilson, though many thought that he was 'talking down' to them. I thought that some of his advice was very much to the point, 'write your own speeches and if you have nothing to say, don't say it,' 'meals are for eating, and not for working through unless you have to,' 'Go to bed to sleep, and solve your problems in the morning.' His theme was 'Work hard at everything you do.'

After the main speaker each morning we were divided into six Talk-in Seminars and addressed by leaders of industry, Trades Unionists, Professors and others who had reached the top of their respective trees. These sessions were well organised and extremely interesting; anyone was able to ask any question they wished. I was very impressed by the good manners of every one taking part; no one was made to look foolish and people with totally opposing viewpoints had rational and sensible discussions.

We spent each afternoon in a workshop trying to find out what exactly our common aims were, and how they could be realized. It was certainly an amazing

experience. Imagine sitting down with twelve complete strangers, who apparently have absolutely nothing in common, to try to work out a Youth Charter into which everyone might be snugly slotted! The first day seemed to consist of seeing how far you could go before you shocked the others, so we all took one look at each other and set about it. Luckily I had 'Youth and Community Involvement' as a subject. I do not think I would have found it nearly so funny, had I had 'Alternative Lifestyles'. After three days, we were confident enough to have a row about education. After four days of being together we all understood each other's points of view, and the group was able to produce a statement with which we all agreed, excepting one dissident who said it was so idealistic that it would never work (perhaps he was right!). We could not as a group have gone on and decided how we were going to put it into practice, since an argument about politics would have developed.

So how can we achieve our idealistic goals? Some people seem to hanker after more and more state provision, turning a blind eye to the fact that if the State provides, it has a right to know how its money is being spent, and to intervene if it's being wasted.

I believe that a growing number are coming to think that self help is the way out of the mess we as a country seem to have got ourselves into.

Self-reliance is something we have a duty to teach our children, and we must give them the stability and moral values which are so essential a background to everything we do in later life. This is, I believe, basically what the young people at the Conference were searching for.

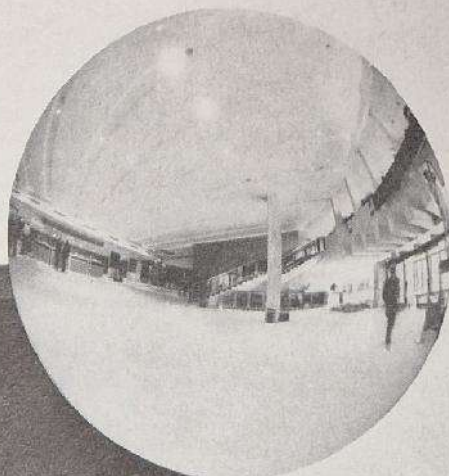
**Elizabeth Brackenbury**

## A Young Delegate's View of the Conference

I had no preconceived ideas at all about the Conference, 'Youth Charter, Towards 2000'. All I knew was that I had undergone a rigorous selection programme, somewhat akin to Magnus Magnusson and Mastermind, and hoped the Conference would be less nerve-racking. It proved to be extremely informative, inspirational, enthusiastic and initially confusing in that it was not only myself who was unsure of the intentions for the week but everyone else too, or so it seemed! From this 'muddle' the Conference came together, and by working together we became involved, in the words of the opening speech by John Garnett, Director of the Industrial Society, as opposed to merely participating.

Our Guide Delegation found themselves among people of varying views and values and from differing walks of life. Many people were brought together under one roof because of their common interest in youth and young people and it was this

Right, a fish-eye view of the main foyer at the Wembley Conference Centre.



Left, Mr. Edward Heath, speaking on the theme 'International Youth'.



that gave the Conference such a sense of purpose and made it an exhilarating experience.

The 'Youth Charter' day was divided into plenary sessions in the mornings in which delegates were addressed by main speakers on themes such as Education, with Mrs Shirley Williams, MP, Internationalism with Edward Heath, MP, Work and Leisure with Sir Harold Wilson, MP, and Youth and Society with Norman St John Stevas, MP. From these speeches 'Talk-in' sessions took place on a less formal basis conducted by the panelists from the plenary sessions. During the afternoon, delegates joined over thirty different workshops concerned with subjects such as 'Youth in new towns', 'Young people and handicap', and 'Young people and the Arts'. At the end of the week these Workshops submitted recommendations to be published in the 'Youth Charter' report. During the evening 'Forum' sessions took place in which delegates were able to make their own short presentations: here the GGA, I feel, missed an ideal opportunity. As part of the evening social activities, during the week, musical, dramatic and film nights took place.

The 'Youth' of the GGA delegation spent the week at CHQ, Buckingham Palace Road, on the top floor overlooking the Queen's back garden. We had great fun, despite the early rising, lateness in bedding-down, and temporary lack of bath or shower (we all smelt pretty ripe by Friday!). The food cannot go unmentioned, either, for we all believed ourselves to be in the best five star Hotel - we were all catered for so well. The fact that we were all together living, sleeping and eating sparked off healthy discussion and an exchange of ideas which proved invaluable.

During his introductory speech at the Conference, the Chairman, Alan Haselhurst, highlighted the targets of the week-long conference. He stated that young people needed the chance to express their needs in 'contemporary and compelling terms'. Some believed however, that the opportunity was not wholly there. There were unrepresented or at least, under-represented groups such as women, ethnic

minority groups, and of the delegates, only 40% were young people under 25. Most of all, a large section of the *real* youth was absent; the kids who play in the street. Were we truly and honestly voicing their opinion?

However, as this was only the first Conference of its kind and the first of many leading towards the year 2000, mistakes will inevitably be made.

All the speakers, with the possible exception of Sir Harold Wilson, whose address was humorous but shallow - gave much worthwhile and considered advice to young people. Mrs Shirley Williams recognized that the sheer rate of change brought 'colossal pressure' on the young, and Mr St John Stevas saw that an evaluation of the roles and status of young people was required. He continued that young people were looking for 'recognition, not money', and needed responsibilities in order to feel valued members of society. The Rt Hon Edward Heath, MP, suggested that we were the first 'International Youth', and having broken the barriers of nationalities, race, colour and even dress, could now achieve much more than preceding generations.

As part of the Guide Delegation I felt an awareness of the need for constructive

action as a result of the atmosphere of enthusiasm at the week's Conference. The Conference had, I think, given hope and inspiration to many.

In his opening speech the Chairman had said that he hoped the Conference would catch and hold the attention of the public with regard to the needs of young people. It is now up to us to implement the best ideas raised at the Conference, joining forces with other youth organisations - bringing a younger voice into decision-making.

For some time I have wondered about the Guide Movement's usefulness in today's society, but since the Conference I am convinced it has a definite place. The public needs to be more aware of the modern Guide Movement; for many of the recommendations put forward at the Conference have been the policy of the Guide Movement for years! The Movement must look outward and relate with other youth organisations. A concerted and co-ordinated effort by the young and the not so young is needed to make the Conference work throughout the Movement and the whole of the British Isles.

**R. Hannah Cervenka**

## The Conference in a nutshell

The 35 strong Guide delegation at the Conference represented all the Countries/Regions of the United Kingdom and consisted of Rangers, Young Leaders, Guiders of all Sections, Commissioners, two Regional General Secretaries, a full-time trainer and me. After a short preliminary 'getting to know each other' and 'briefing' session at Olave House, we soon found ourselves swept into the busy and varied life of the Conference; contributing to small group discussion; weighing up experiences, opinions and predictions of the extremely eminent speakers; using to the full the opportunities we had for meeting and talking with representatives of what seemed to be every conceivable organisation, educational body or informal group working in the Youth field today.

It was a challenging experience for us all. We found ourselves looking back and re-examining some of the weaknesses of the past, forward to a constantly changing and, in some ways, unimaginable future. Guiding was misunderstood, it was criticised, it was applauded; our advice was sought, it was considered too specialised, too narrowly based; we were asked to play a more active role in local youth affairs. . . . Moods changed, the pendulum swung, but your Guide representatives were on the spot and playing an integral part at the very nerve centre of the 1977 Youth debate. Furthermore, we are committed to

sharing in whatever results from this Conference.

I am, in fact, writing this in early February one day after the ending of the Conference and the subsequent re-assembling of the Guide delegation and it is not easy, at this stage, to see where and how we should all go from here. One certain factor is that we must, as a Movement, be fully involved in the follow-up work nationally and locally. Reports must be studied, local discussion groups supported, attention paid to what the young voice is saying both within and outside Guiding, and careful thought given to our contribution to the next Conference in about 18 months time, the aim of which is to produce a Charter for Youth.

The Guide delegation to the first Conference has started to ball rolling and will do all it can to keep it moving. We ask everybody to support the efforts that, hopefully, will be made in the coming months to determine what shape and form the Youth Charter should take. It is important that our 852,439 membership is fully and wisely represented.

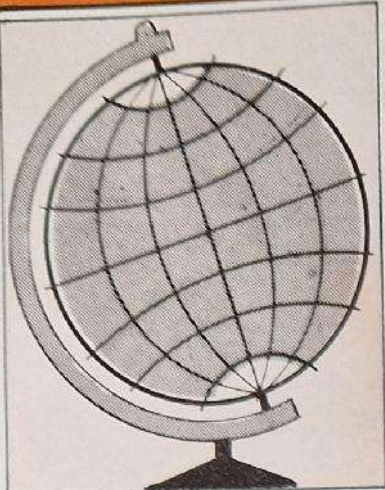
Please watch *GU'DER* and the various youth publications, and keep an ear open for developments locally.

**Barbara M. Ryrie**  
**Delegation Leader**



Above, some of the GGA representatives. Miss Ryrie (see summary) is seated, centre front.





## The World Association— What Is It?

by Rosemary Cawkell

This month the Council Chamber at Commonwealth Headquarters will be the venue for meetings of the World Committee, the executive body appointed by the World Conference. This Committee meets at least once each year between 1920 and 1928 it organised five International Conferences, the forerunners of the World Conference. Its chief concern was to ensure that Guiding was conducted on the lines laid down by the Founder.

Kingdom. Should you be visiting or perhaps lunching at headquarters between 28th April and 5th May you may have an opportunity of seeing members of the Committee.

What do you know about the World Association? Could you explain it to a new Guider? Do you have any idea of the responsibilities of members of the World Committee? You may consider these are ridiculous questions to ask, but random enquiries have shown that very many Guiders, and Commissioners too, have very little knowledge of the World Association, what it is or what it means. Why not put it to the test at the next District or Division meeting!

There are several publications which explain the World Association, and these will be listed, but it may be helpful to consider very generally how it started, and its prime responsibility.

The need to establish a link between the countries which had active Girl Guides or Girl Scouts was already apparent by 1919 and in February of that year Lady Baden-Powell, wife of the Founder, formed the International Council. This was a purely advisory body and consisted of ladies, each of whom undertook to correspond with the country in which she was particularly interested. They were with few exceptions, British. The Council did very good work and between 1920 and 1928 it organised five International Conferences, the forerunners of the World Conference. Its chief concern was to ensure that Guiding was conducted on the lines laid down by the Founder.

It was at the 1928 International Conference held at Parad, Hungary, that a decision was taken to form a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts which would be a more international and more authoritative body than the International Council. Although Guiding originated in England it was quickly taken up by a number of countries overseas and obviously they wished to have a say in the establishment of a world-wide policy for the Movement. This had the full support of the Founder and the World Association was formed. Twenty-eight countries became Founder Members in 1928 though sadly some of those original members have since been lost — countries such as Hungary and Poland.

Once this decision was taken it became necessary to draw up a constitution setting out the aims and objects of the World Association, and the requirements for membership. The Constitution was finally adopted at the 9th World Conference held in Sweden in 1936.

This constitution sets the pattern which all member countries must accept; no matter how they interpret Guiding programmes and activities they must observe the

fundamental principles expressed in the original Promise and Law laid down by the Founder.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts may, then, be described as a world-wide body consisting of 94 countries which have vowed to adhere to the Founder's aims, to promote and encourage friendship among girls of all nations, to provide girls with opportunities for self-training in the development of character, responsible citizenship and service to the community, and to be free of any political control. (There have been a few instances when members for the World Association have had to withdraw their membership because of changes in their government's policies towards youth organisations, for instance Burma and Zaire.)

The World Association meets in Conference every three years and each member country is represented by two delegates. The authority of the World Association is exercised by these delegates and the term 'World Conference' is used to signify a policy-making body. Between the triennial Conferences a Committee is appointed by the World Conference to act as its executive body, and implement decisions taken at the Conference, and this is known as the World Committee.

Members of this Committee are nominated by member countries and appointed at a World Conference, but the persons elected do not represent their country on the World Committee: they are chosen because they are either outstanding personalities or for their personal experience which can be used for the benefit of the world-wide Movement. The twelve members of the Committee are elected for a term of nine years.

The United Kingdom has supplied a number of members over the years and in 1972 The Hon Beryl Cozens-Hardy, one time Chief Commissioner for England, was Chairman of the World Committee. The present Chairman is Lady Price, OBE, formerly Chief Commissioner for Australia, and one of the members is Dr Helen Laird, from Scotland. The Chairman serves for three years. It is because of this world body that we have maintained the links which Lady Baden-Powell foresaw as a necessity in 1919; why we can communicate with our Guide and Girl Scout sisters throughout the world; why we all have so much in common whenever we meet. Though our uniforms, programmes and designs of badges may differ our principles and aims are the same.

**Next month: The Work of the World Committee.**

### Book List

WAGGGS publications available from CHQ and Branch Shops:  
BASICS (updated version of the Blue Pamphlet)  
The Essential Elements of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting  
Looking Wider (Pamphlet)  
World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts (Pamphlet)  
Trefoil Round the World  
Story of the Four World Centres  
WAGGGS publications obtainable on request through Country/Region Headquarters

World Bureau Newsletter  
Council Fire



# Ranger Diamond Jubilee Year— National Camps



Jean de Lemos

**C**hairmen/Women/Persons are for carrying cans, holding babies, and putting in the cart! This, then, is a picture of me. I took the decision to cancel the National Camps on the advice of the people directly concerned, the Camp Commandants and the Camp Committees.

There were several reasons. Not enough people to staff them; not enough counties taking up their full quota of places; numerous counter-attractions and not enough MONEY. Time was against us from the start and it was impossible to 'shop around' for free or cheap sites which provided enough solid shelter, loos, etc (not easy at the best of times). The result was two very expensive sites and extra facilities such as porterloos, marquees, effluent disposal and transport, needing further sums of money. This would have been the money not only of Rangers, but, indirectly, of Guides and Brownies, had a large deficit been incurred. And these difficulties were in no way helped by today's big bogey-man, Mr Inflation!

Camps have always been self-supporting and naturally enough Commonwealth Headquarters was not prepared to underwrite our National Ranger Camps. The

alternative then would have been to put the fees up beyond everyone's means. We therefore cancelled at once in order to give people lots of time to make other plans and to ensure that good things could come out of this great disappointment.

Alternative plans include the following:

The weekend Adventure Camp at Glenbrook from 26th August – 29th August, has been re-named Ranger Celebration '77. Applications to be addressed to **The Secretary, Glenbrook, Bamford, Nr. Sheffield S30 2A1.**

The following Camps have also been arranged within the United Kingdom. All have extended limited invitations to Rangers from other Countries/Regions on a first come, first served, basis. For further information apply direct to the appropriate Country/Region General Secretaries as given below:

**Anglia** – Buckinghamshire, 31st July-8th August (Mrs H Trew, 200a Perne Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, CB1 3NX).

**London & South East** – Blackland Camp-site, E Grinstead, Sussex, 31st July-8th August (Mrs I Harlow, 14 Barclay Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 3LQ).

**North East England** – Gosforth Park, Newcastle, 22nd August-30th August (Miss L Hanson, 106 Heworth Green, York, YO3 7TQ).

**North West England** – Gt Towers Camp, Windermere, Cumbria, 6th August-13th August (Mrs J Fish, 1 Ribblesdale Place, Preston, Lancs, PR1 3NA).

**Ulster** – Tollymore Forest Park, Nr Newcastle, Co Down, 30th July-6th August (Miss M Smyth, Room 304, Bryson House, 28 Bedford Street, Belfast, 2).

**Wales** – *Welsh Ranger Guides Camp* – DIAMWNT, Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys, 24th August-30th August *Welsh Scout Jamboree*, Llanover, Abergavenny, Gwent, 26th July-5th August (Miss J Rogers, Guides Cymru, 209 City Road, Cardiff, CF2 3XX).

In the case of *Scotland* apply to Miss I Halliday, 6 Southview Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow.

Ranger Guides Diamond Jubilee Scottish Camp, Netherurd House, Peeblesshire, 23rd July-30th July.

**Mary Birkbeck**



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# Waddow Golden

Just over a THOUSAND years ago, in 978, Ethelred came to the throne of England. During his reign, there was a famous chieftain called Wade, who is said to have made his camp at Waddow - the Hill of Wade. In the badge right, Wade is represented by the Anglo-Saxon helmet, and the arrows and the anvil stand for his two sons - Eigel, the Archer, and Weland, the Smith.



FIVE HUNDRED years ago, the Wars of the Roses were being fought by the Houses of York and Lancaster. Waddow, standing as it does on the Lancashire/Yorkshire border - actually on the Yorkshire side of the River Ribble - was, ironically, almost involved in the Wars when in 1464 Henry VI, a Yorkist, was captured at Brungerley - adjacent to Waddow - near where the bridge now spans the river. In the bottom half of the badge, the blue waves with a green background represent the River Ribble and nearby Pendle Hill. A house had already been built at Waddow, and some of the oak-beamed bedrooms in the Hall today date back to this period.

Almost ONE HUNDRED years ago, the house was acquired by the Garnett family. Still recognisably the Jacobean structure which had partly replaced the Tudor Dower House, it appears in this form, as it still stands today, on the badge.

FIFTY years ago, the Girl Guides Association established the Hall as a Training Centre for Guiders with a view to purchasing the estate, should all go well. On 1st October, 1927 HRH the Princess Royal, then President of the Association, officially opened the Centre with a golden key. After a year which proved that Waddow would be invaluable for training, the estate of 157 acres, including the Hall and five cottages, was acquired for the sum of £9,000! And so, for fifty years (with a break during the war when it became an emergency hospital for children), Waddow has been primarily a place where Guiders can learn. The 'Faith, Courage, Joy' of its Motto and that golden key all seem to be justified in this year of 1977. In addition to the Hall itself, there is a Pack Holiday House and six main Camp Sites in superb surroundings. One of these, Wades Hill, takes us back in imagination not fifty but one thousand years to Waddow's beginnings.

The new dining room, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs.





# Jubilee

1927 - 1977

'Faith, Courage, Joy' seems an appropriate motto, not only for Waddow, but for the celebrations planned for this year. Faith in what Waddow seeks to do and joy in fellowship should be easily apparent throughout. Faith in God, as the basis of all, will be given specific form in the Thanksgiving Service. It must be admitted that courage has been needed to plan so many outdoor activities - Waddow's record in this respect has not been ideal on celebratory occasions. However, even if the promised third wonderful summer does not materialise, marquees and indoor alternatives are being provided! To remind you, then, of what is to come.

June 10th - 12th - Weekend for Friends of Waddow

'Friends of Waddow', initiated in 1962, have been instrumental in providing all kinds of extra comforts.

June 17th - 18th - Patrol Camping

Many activities for Patrols from the 41 counties that Waddow serves.

June 17th - 18th - Handicapped Rangers (in the Brownie House). Opportunities to share in the Patrol activities.

July 29th - August 7th - Theatre Workshop culminating in:-

August 5th and 6th - 'Fantasy of Waddow'

The 'Fantasy' will be performed on the terraces in front of the Hall (but there will be wet-weather accommodation).

Silver and Gold will be linked in this production, remembering the national significance of 1977.

September 9th - 11th - Flower Festival in the Hall

## Guiders in Camp

This weekend will provide the opportunity for Guiders to meet their friends, to see the Hall enhanced by the beauty of flowers, sing at a great camp-fire and to take part in:-

September 11th - The Thanksgiving Service.



Waddow Hall, seen across the River Ribble.

How does one begin to try to describe fifty years of Waddow? An account of the variety of Trainings held? A glance at any Training Calendar in *GUIDER* will show you that. Notes on the personalities over the years? That would be unfair to those who were not included. A list of the important events? Somehow, I think that, for most Guiders, the mention of 'Waddow' conjures up not the grand occasions themselves, but a host of varied memories - some frivolous, some serious. Perhaps this is the best way - a few personal reminiscences might spark off memories for those who know and love Waddow and might give those who have never been a taste of its atmosphere.

The mention of the house itself always evokes for me the entrance Hall, and particularly the staircase with its splendid curved and polished surfaces. The staircase struck me first, thirty years ago, at a cadet weekend - all rather self-conscious in our white ties and good behaviour. And then there is afternoon tea in the Hall or Drawing-room - always that delightful aura of gracious living - even if you know you will be doing the washing-up shortly! I remember so many delicious meals and the polished tables of the dining-room and the terror of a new trainer when she realised she had to serve.

Outside the house, there is the pleasure of emerging from the car-park-door-in-the-wall and seeing - snow covered terraces with a blue sky above; in June the roses made more brilliant by the backcloth of the side of the house; the grounds shimmering under the heat of 1975 and the weir sounding eternal in the background; only two months later, mud and torrential rain on an October day - but on that same Saturday, laughter, plastic macs, snatches of conversation, steaming urns in a marquee on the front lawn - and hundreds of people everywhere - so many familiar faces, so many friendly greetings.

There are so many memories with people: walking in a large group, round and round the training hut, many years ago, urged on to be straight and lively to the increasingly breathless strains of

'She was tall and slim and fair

And her hair was a delicate shade of ginger'

Outdoor drama with Chaucer's pilgrims setting off to Canterbury and the sound of the jingling harness of the horses; and, of course, laughter - that same cadet weekend with the cadet who was so overcome by the august atmosphere that she went to bed in her suspender belt.

And finally, there are the sounds of Waddow; the calls to meals; Albert in the Lion's cage; singing; Guiders' Own and then the quiet thoughtful words of the Guider-in-Charge; the sound of hymns on a mellow summer's evening as we sang outside the House; most of all, perhaps, the sounds of words of welcome and fellowship at Waddow.

**Moir E. Walker**



A view of Waddow Hall showing the 'new' extension, opened in 1975.



# Letters.....

## Jubilee Metal Badge

During the first two months of this year I have replied, on behalf of The Association, to a number of Guiders, Brownies and Guides who have asked for reasons behind the choice of a metal badge to celebrate our Queen's Silver Jubilee. There has also been criticism of delay in obtaining badges.

May I explain that the metal badge, agreed with The Scout Association (which has produced a cloth badge), is one which may be worn by all those connected with Guiding, both in and out of uniform, during 1977. How delightful it is to know that members of the Trefoil Guild, our supporters and helpers, may wear this badge, which is small, well-made and a lasting souvenir.

When we celebrated our Association's Diamond Jubilee with a particular badge, it was not fully supported. The Association sustained a considerable loss because uniformed members did not buy them in the quantities which were envisaged as being, possibly, one per member.

Our Executive Committee of The Council, in its wisdom remembering both this lack of support and the limited support of those special badges worn during World Conference Year in 1975, decided to allow only a minimum initial order of 200,000.

Unexpectedly we have waiting orders far in excess of supplies! All orders should be filled by Spring, which is when Her Majesty will begin her United Kingdom engagements.

Our profits will go, jointly with The Scout Association profits, to Her Majesty's Appeal for Youth. The Scout Association's cloth badge is most attractive for blankets, bags, anoraks and as souvenirs.

One further point is that any metal badge - which at 30p is a most reasonable one in today's world of inflation - could only be sold at this low figure because we did not incur the enormous expense of adding other colours. Metal and cloth badges become extremely expensive when extra colours are added.

Lysia Whiteaker,  
General Secretary, CHQ.

## Portrait of a Lady

I have an item of news from the Totnes District of Devon, which I'm sure you will agree deserves a place in *GUIDER*.

Miss N M Cranch, of Oak House, South Brent, Devon has been the Brownie Guider of the 2nd South Brent Pack for fifty years. She was warranted on January 12th, 1927. She's a wonderful person and a great example to us all - we are very proud of her.

Betty Webb,  
District Commissioner, Totnes.

## Putting things right

Please convey our thanks to the Editor for her help in obtaining copies of the Guiding publications. I am sure you will all be glad to know that since the beginning of this month I can now obtain *BROWNIE*, *TODAY'S GUIDE* and *GUIDER* at our local shop. It means that our Pack can buy two copies of *BROWNIE* for the price of one postal subscription. I am also encouraging the Brownies to get their own copies. Many thanks for your help.

Mrs R Forbes,  
Brownie Guider,  
The Western Isles.  
*Thank you for your kind letter, Mrs Forbes. We're pleased to hear that you can now obtain copies of our magazines direct from your newsagent. You see, writing direct to CHQ can help!*  
Editor.

## Life's a Circle

I thought you might be amused at the following definition of a Ranger given in Pow-Wow by one of my Brownies this week.

'Brown Owl, what is a Ranger?'

Brownie, (after much thought): 'She's a sort of Brownie after she has been a Guide.'

I thought this rather lovely.  
Mary Taylor-Jones,  
Guider, 1st Tunstall Pack.

## After the event

We are waiting at the bus stop after our seventy-seven minute walk. We set off at two o'clock and walked from Guiseley to Burley in Wharfedale, arriving at Robin Hole, our country campsite, at 3.15 pm. This gave us two minutes to find a suitable spot and to prepare ourselves for the investiture. At exactly the seventy-seventh minute we were invested as

Rangers. (We'd like to know if any other Rangers were invested at this exact time in 1977.)

We think it was a good idea to give a set time for the walk, because it gave us a reason to get out and do something. It also gave us a time for our investiture that we will never forget.

Lynne Cardwell,  
Janet Driver,  
Julie Waite,  
Lorna Girt,  
Carol Midgley,

4th Yeadon Methodist  
Rangers.

## Brownie Rebels

'You should write and tell the *GUIDER*,' said my Commissioner. 'They'd think I'd made it up,' I said. But maybe you won't, so here goes.

There she stood, tiny, and rather cute. 'Can she join?' asked dad. 'How old is she?' I asked. 'Er, seven.' 'Yes,' I said. 'What's your name?' (this very gently). 'Lisa,' came the firm reply. 'And do you know anyone here?' (still very gently). She gave a calm, unhurried stare around the Brownies. 'I know THAT one, and THAT one. And THAT one,' she said, pointing. I opened my mouth to say, 'Well, you three, look after her,' but I stopped myself. 'Something tells me you're not going to need looking after,' I thought. And she didn't.

Well, the weeks went by, with occasional incidents, such as the night she looked me in the eye and said, 'YOU ought to get a Brownie dress, then YOU'll be a Brownie.' 'THIS is my uniform,' I answered. 'Oh,' she said, looking most unimpressed. Or the time Pack Leader came for the first time - a tall girl. Lisa beamed up at her. 'Are you just starting, too?' But I was really caught off guard when she looked severely at me during the paying of subs and asked, 'have YOU paid?'

Eventually, she'd been through all the preliminaries, and was - or so I thought - ready to be enrolled. She was word-perfect in both Promise and Law the previous week. We began to prepare for Brownie Ring, when Alison decided to go to the toilet. She

came straight back, without going via the kitchen. 'Alison, wash your hands,' I said. 'Huh?' 'Wash your hands. Brownies always wash their hands when they've been to the toilet.' She obeyed, quite amiably. Eventually we were all gathered in our ring, and Lisa stood before me, cherubic smile shining up at me. 'Now can you say the Brownie Guide Law for me?' I asked. 'Yes,' she said, loudly and clearly. 'A Brownie Guide washes her hands when she's been to the toilet.' (Stified giggles from the Brownies, and a strangled explosion from my helper.)



Jean de Lemos

'No,' I said gently, fighting for composure.

Somehow I then managed to say, 'Well, perhaps we'll enrol you NEXT week, when you've had a bit more practice!' and that is what we did, without further incident.

Now, I don't gamble, but if I did I'd back her chances of whizzing up the ranks to be the youngest Commissioner ever. I'll let you know in about fourteen years time - if I survive the next three!

(Miss) Pamela Craven,  
(Brownie Guider),  
70th Hull Pack.

*Below is part of the opening address delivered by Division Commissioner Mrs Elizabeth Mills at an open-air service following the Rangers seventy-seven minute walk on 6th February.*

We are a tiny part of a large family  
Gathered to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee.

Miles may separate us today  
But we rejoice in the same way  
To thank all those who from the start

Knew that Rangers would play their part.

The Promise and Law to keep each day

At school, at home, at work and play

And now Rangers are pledged to do

Their best to help all others too.

And as the daily tasks we share  
Let us go forward with a prayer

That God will help us all without fear

Go forward to another Ranger Year.

sent in by Jennifer E Price,  
Norton District Girl Guides  
(Hayley Division).



# **THE GIRL GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND**

The money raised from the Christmas appeal was given to the four good causes we are helping this year on Friday, 18th February at C.H.Q. Representatives came from all four organisations to receive the cheques which were handed to them in each case by a Brownie and a Guide who represented the many thousands of Brownies, Guides and Rangers throughout the country who have so wonderfully and generously supported our appeal.

The result was an all-time record for a Christmas appeal, and was as follows:

Children's Kidney Failure Research Units - £7,270.

Winged Fellowship Trust Holiday Home for the Disabled - £4,042.

Age Concern - £2,250.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association - £6,060 = 24 Guide Dogs!

Though every donation has been received with thanks, we do want YOU Guiders to know how tremendously grateful we are for the splendid support, the interest and the enthusiasm of so many of your Brownies, Guides and Rangers. It has been a revelation to us to realise the profound interest taken - not only by the older girls but by Brownies as well - in the Children's Kidney Research. So many seem to know of a child or a grown up on a kidney machine and this personal contact made them all the keener to



E Joyce Hay

Chatting to Mrs Owen Walker, above, are a group of Brownies representing those who worked so hard to present the magnificent sum of £7,270 to the Children's Kidney Failure Research Fund. Looking on is Dr Cyril Chantler, a Consultant Paediatrician at Guy's Hospital London, whose specialty is Renal Medicine.

help this cause. A great many Brownies have met or seen a Guide-dog with its blind owner; many Packs were visited by a blind owner and the fact that we can now be sure that twenty-four blind people who have waited patiently will now be able to have a Guide dog this year is a great thrill.

Age Concern did not receive as much support as the other causes; the reason for this, I am sure, is because in many towns Guide and Brownie Units do support their local branch and help many old people in this way. £4,000 towards the new Holiday Home for the Disabled now being built in Nottingham will, we hope, be of real help and we hope that local Units may be invited to see the Home when it is completed, and perhaps some Rangers may offer to help when the handicapped people are there for a longed-for holiday.

There was an amazingly wide variety of money-raising efforts. There were sponsored sucks, skips, swims, silences, sit-ins and sing-ins; carol singing ranged from the Brownie with her recorder and small brother aged 4½ who raised £2, to larger parties who

collected anything up to £20 or more. Two little girls had a jumble sale in Dad's garage and made £4; three Brownies do shopping every Saturday for some elderly people and when given money as a reward they said 'because we are Brownies we must not keep it for ourselves' so sent it for the Children's Kidney fund. One Brownie Pack in Kent sent in £250 and so have a Guide dog all of their own! And Guides and Brownies of one District in Bristol raised £500 and so have two Guide dogs! A sponsored silence by a Gloucestershire Pack raised £90, while one District in Hertfordshire sent £100 towards the Kidney fund.

So it was all the time - small amounts and large amounts, the money just rolled in, proving beyond the shadow of doubt that children LOVE TO GIVE. They like to know what they are giving to, and with these four worthwhile good causes they do know exactly how their money will be used and how valuable and helpful their own contribution, be it small or large, has been.



E Joyce Hay

Above centre, Mrs Vera Armstrong ('VA' of our Girl Guide Friendship Fund articles), listens attentively to Dr Chantler's speech. Mrs Owen Walker is on the right of the picture.

The thanks of the four organisations concerned will be published next month. And next month we will also be telling you more about how we shall use any monies sent in to the GGFF during April and May. Briefly, we may need the help of our Guides and Brownies towards the printing of Handbooks for the Guides and Brownies of the Islands in the Pacific. These will be written specially for those children with essential adaptations. As a Jubilee gift to the Islands we wish to be able to help to 'pay the bill' and so ensure that every Guide and Brownie has a Handbook, just as our own children have theirs here at home.

An up to date Information sheet about the Girl Guide Friendship Fund is now ready, also an information sheet about the Islands of the Pacific. When sending for these, and for GGFF stickers, please send a postage stamp, or an SAE to take folded foolscap sheets. Thank you so much.

VA

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Mrs Thair with 'Una', and Brownie representatives who presented the cheque to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.



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# My Jubilee

by Kathleen Flewelen

1977 – Jubilee Year. No; not the one you're thinking of – it's my Golden Jubilee of Guiding. Not very active Guiding these days, but what is it we used to say – 'Once a Guide, always a Guide'? Flash back to 1927, and a vision of me getting ready for Guides.

Felt hat like a cart wheel, which must have its brim pressed with a wet cloth and a hot flat iron in a cloud of pungent steam until it stood out stiff and straight above my eyebrows. Dark navy knee-length uniform to be starched and pressed, working the iron carefully around the sewn-on Blackbird emblem and down the long empty sleeves which I longed to fill with proficiency badges; bright yellow triangular tie which I was ready and willing to snatch off and use as a sling for all those broken arms which I hoped, ghoulishly (and in vain) would come my way. First it must be ironed out flat, then carefully folded with the point inside until it was exactly the right width; then doubled and tied in a knot, which I found fiendishly difficult, and adjusted so that when worn its lower edge came to three fingers' breadth of my belt. Then the final hazard – one end round each side of the neck under the uniform collar, and 'right over left, left over right' by feel alone, and hope that the public disgrace of last week's granny has not been repeated.

The strong leather three-piece belt, joined by metal rings at each side to hold knife and compass (and, for exalted PLs and Seconds, a whistle) must be rubbed with wax polish and a soft duster until it gleamed, and the buckle burnished with metal polish and an old tooth brush. Long black stockings, disappearing under navy-blue knickers with elastic at the legs. Memories of that Commissioner who was famed for making the entire Company touch its toes while she walked round behind them, searching out illicit pink or white lock-knit!

Black shoes, well polished, even under the instep, and last of all, the badge. That precious Enrolment badge, polished and rubbed until it shone like gold, until over the years the embossed parts became blurred and finally worn flat.

Last of all, did I say? But what about those pockets? Each uniform boasted two breast pockets with splendid gussets, and when they were stocked we were prepared for all emergencies. A clean handkerchief; a piece of cord with neatly whipped ends; a pencil; a notebook; a clean envelope (it might come in handy to turn inside out and cover a wound); pennies for subs, emergency phone calls or to make a pressure pad; a small needlecase with thread and thimble; a test card and knotting leaflet; and, glory of glories, a tin stocked as a first-aid kit, complete with finger bandage, lint, safety pins and iodine pencil. When fully accoutred, my flat eleven-year-old chest took on the contours of a Hollywood starlet.

Fifty years have brought many changes, but when I see our Church Company today, with their unfussy clothes and neatly shaped hats on their shining hair, I believe that their Guiding means every bit as much to them as it did to me.

## Games from Fifty Years Ago.

### COLOUR GAME

Patrols stand in files, number off from the front. Each number is a different colour. Guider calls names of some objects eg 'Ripe Banana'. 'Yellows' runs to chair in front, pick up bean bag, run to back of hall and place bean bag on another chair; return to place. First back gains point. Next colour called has to remember to fetch bean bag from the back, and take it to front.

*Preparation.* Two chairs and one bean bag (or duster etc) for each Patrol. List of objects drawn up beforehand. Sample list might be:

Green	Blue	Brown
Grass	Summer	Cocoa
Unripe	sky	2p piece
banana	Speedwell	Chocolate
Holly leaves	6½p stamp	etc.
8½p stamp	Guide	
etc	uniform	
	etc	

Similarly for red, white, black, yellow, and as many as needed.

*Trains:* Observation and alertness.

*Points to Remember:* Each Guide should have an equal number of 'turns'. Guider should call objects at random, even the same colour twice following occasionally. Bean bag must be placed on chair seat – no throwing from a distance!

### COIN DROPPING

Patrols in files. Wait for complete silence. First person in each Patrol closes her eyes. Guider drops a coin, which is allowed to roll until it settles. Number Ones' still with eyes closed, go to where they think the coin has stopped, and stand still. Nearest to the coin wins the point. Number ones to back of Patrol; Number Twos' close eyes; repeat.

*Preparation:* None.

*Trains:* Hearing, concentration and honesty!

*Points to Remember:* Can't be played on a fitted carpet! A Guide opening her eyes is disqualified for that turn. Blindfolding is too time-wasting; make a point of putting Guides on trust.

**MEMORY SQUARES.** A kind of Kim's Game.

Each Patrol is given a fairly large sheet of paper, marked out in 25 squares. Guider has a similar sheet of paper for herself. Each Patrol has five 1p or 2p coins, also Guider. Hidden from the Company, the Guider places her own five coins, at random on her squared paper. One Guide from each Patrol runs up, studies the position of coins for, say, 15 seconds; returns to Patrol and repeats pattern on own paper. One mark for each correctly placed coin.

*Preparation:* Squared papers; sufficient sets of coins.

*Trains:* Observation and memory.

*Points to Remember:* Have an obvious top and bottom to the papers, to avoid complications. This game can be played with counters, beans, or similar small objects. As the Guides become proficient, make more difficult by using different coloured counters, or different value coins.

### Arriving for camp in the middle 20's.





# MAINLY FOR RANGERS

## A Life on the Ocean Wave



I had been waiting for about eighteen months to go on a Sail Training Association cruise. But at last the day came: I went to Southampton by train and when I arrived I met some other girls who were going on the other schooner, *Malcolml Miller*. We were taken to our schooner and once on board, introduced to the Captain. We handed in passports and other valuables and then changed into our rig of the day: blue jeans and *Sir Winston Churchill* jumpers. We were given Brasso and told to clean the brass, others had to scrub the decks. This was our first taste of the very hard work to come!

There were 55 crew on board: five permanent crewmembers, a Captain, First Officer, Engineer, Chef and Bosun, 39 trainees and the rest of the crew were volunteers. The trainees were divided into three watches: Fore, Main and Mizzen. I was in Fore watch. Our duty was to hoist the jib topsail, the inner and outer jibs and the fore staysail. Each time we changed tack

we had to re-set the sails onto the opposite side, whereas the main and mizzen sails were on runners and changed sides by themselves.

We also had to go out on the bowsprit to tie down the jibs when not in use. Two of us went out when it was rough and some of the sail-ties fell into the sea. If the First Officer had found out he probably would have made us dive in after them!

Each morning we had a 'Happy Hour', the watches took it in turns to do this. We had to clean down below from stem to stern — including the officers' quarters. When 'Happy Hour' had finished (it usually took most of the morning) the First Officer came to inspect — he brought a torch with him and looked in the smallest cracks for dust. One day he said that we had not cleaned some glass — he said 'I should know — I put that mark there yesterday!' At the end of the cruise he warned us not to go round our houses with a torch because we would not be very popular. He gave us

his dead torch batteries as a souvenir.

We all climbed the rigging on the first day and we had to go through the crow's nest. Later in the cruise I had to go on the upper yard to stow sails. There was a great view from that height. When we went back into Southampton after the two weeks' cruise, members of the Main and Mizzen watches had to stand on the yards until we docked. This was done because it was traditional — and it looked very effective.

We sailed to St Malo and stayed there for one night. The *Malcolml Miller* (nick-named Micky Mouse) came in later and moored up alongside. The next day some of us went to have a look at her. We had been told that she had been built with girls in mind. We thought that it was more luxurious down below; some of the girls even had hair rollers — that was a great joke amongst us! Since there was a great rivalry between the two schooners we had to get up on deck at 6.30 am instead of 7.30 am because our First Officer wanted to be 'One up'. We left St Malo that evening and sailed to Alderney, where we moored up against a Naval mine-sweeper. We were shown around it by the sailors. I was given a brass shell by one of them.

The next evening we left for the Scilly Isles. It was the Captain's fourth attempt that season and three days later we got there. We were coming back from shore leave and a wave drowned our tender. We were forced into the sea and had to cling onto the inch of boat which was above the water. The Bosun (who was the only permanent crewmember with us) sent up a distress flare and within twenty minutes a lifeboat came and rescued us.

The food on board was superb — eg we had turkey, pork and chicken. Each trainee had a day as a 'Galley Rat'. This meant being in the galley at 6.30 am and helping lay tables for breakfast — then washing up for 55 people! But this work was light relief from being on deck hoisting sails, or being on bridge duty.

On the last evening the Captain held a cocktail party. We had to put up the awning and clear the after deck, the schooner was transformed from a seafaring vessel to a floating cocktail bar for that evening.

The day of departure came very quickly and we all signed off, just as we had signed on two weeks previously. In January a reunion was held and all old friends met at Lloyds of London. It was hard work but well worth the long wait.

Jane Mundin,  
Park Avenue Ranger Unit,  
Northampton

## The Art of the Matter

The Jersey Ranger Guide Unit held Arts and Crafts Competitions for Brownies and Guides on the 28th January, 1977.

The photograph below is of the two group winning entries.

The Jersey Farm House today and 60 years ago was the winning entry for Brownies, by the Helvitia Pack. The Camp Site, which was constructed on the shape of the Island, was won by the Swallow Patrol of St Mary's and St Peter's Guides. The Brownies took 'Diamond Jubilee Year' as their theme. Overall there were 150 individual entries.

The Rangers are: left to right, Gillian Peters, Yvonne George, Mrs Ann Bailhache (Guider), Caroline Greier and Gilliam Rive.

As a matter of interest, inside the tent was a tiny sleeping bag and groundsheet, haversack and nightie.

P Ann Bailhache (Mrs),  
Jersey Ranger Guider.



Lynn Photographers





## Lightweight Camping, part three

# Backpacking

by  
**Kim Taylor**

You may have heard of the term 'Backpacking' and of its exponents 'Backpackers', but, you may ask, 'What is Backpacking?' Backpacking is a relatively new 'craft' to this country, though it has had a great many followers in the United States and Canada. Over the last few years it has gained a large following in this country. It would be fair to say that 'Backpacking' is the modern method of hiking – but the emphasis is on ultra lightweight equipment.

The main item of equipment is the 'Backpack', this differs from the traditional rucksack in a number of ways –

- i. The actual sack is usually of nylon or terylene instead of 'duck' or canvas.
- ii. The frame is rectangular (see photo on page 59 of February 1977 *GUIDER*) instead of triangular; and lighter.
- iii. The backpack is designed to carry the weight high up, either on the shoulders or pelvic girdle – this avoids the 'drag' of dead-weight associated with the more usual rucksack.
- iv. It is much lighter.
- v. All backpacks have a waist strap, which makes for comfort, and assists in easing the 'drag'.

The ideal backpack, besides being light, will also have plenty of pocket space on the outside to enable easy access to equipment which might be needed while on the move or when stopping for meals or a breather. Colour is another consideration when choosing a backpack. What is your aim in getting away from it all? – if hill or fell walking, orange or red would be the choice so that you may be seen, if bird watching or wildlife photography then a fresh green would be better.

Having acquired your backpack, let us fill it, but hold on! Before you rush off to pack all your usual weekend gear – consider the weight! Weight is the backpacker's principal enemy. When preparing to fill your pack or buying new equipment, obtain two small spring balances from a fishing tackle shop, one reading 0–4 lbs calibrated in ounces, the other 0–25 lbs in  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs; with these two handy aids it is very easy to weigh every item before it is packed or purchased to ensure that the great enemy, weight, does not have a chance to creep in. You should aim for a total weight carried of not more than about 25 lbs (for a weekend) (this should include the weight of your clothes). Obviously, food will increase this weight by a few pounds. Your aim should be to get the best equipment possible, price-wise and lightweight-wise. When going on a long journey, in order to cut the weight down you could send some

items of food on ahead to be picked up 'poste restante' mid-week.

A word about what to take with you on your travels. Decide what you want to take and then list it under these headings – Essentials, Utilities and Luxuries. You could find yourself with a list like the one below:

**Essentials** Emergency shelter, Food, Footwear, Insulation, Survival items, Knife, Shoulder bag, Basic toiletries, salt.

**Utilities** Bedding, Tentage, Portable fire, Cooking equipment, Specialist waterproof wear, Backframe or rucksack, Extra clothing, First-aid kit, Alternative footwear, Extra toiletries, Maps, Water carrier, Cordage.

**Luxuries** Washing bowl, Airbed, Writing paper etc, Reading matter, Radio, Swimwear, Fire grid, Reflector oven, Food goodies and canned goods, Camera, binoculars etc, Musical instrument, Small saw or axe.

The items listed under essentials are all that is really necessary if you intend to go Youth Hostelling for a weekend; having your meals supplied at the hostels. Add to the list a YHA sheet sleeping bag and all your kit will fit into the shoulder bag, with small changes of clothing, the weight will be about 10 lbs at most. The weight will depend on what the various items consist of, your emergency shelter could consist of a heavy duty polythene sheet that could be used as a bivouac or a cagoule and over-trousers.

Change the shoulder bag to your backpack and frame, add the essentials to utilities and you have your basic kit for longer trips. Some of the items listed we shall be dealing with in more detail later on in the series. I have only scratched the surface of this vast subject, but if you wish to know more I can recommend 'The Backpacker' Handbook by Derrick Booth (it is being reprinted at present).

I would like to make a few comments, if I may, regarding 'Pack up your troubles'... (February *GUIDER*). How right to state that, initially, kitting out is a costly business. One way of avoiding 'expensive mistakes' is to go to a SPECIALIST camp shop.

Although the equipment sold in these specialist shops may seem expensive, it will not let you down.

Selecting a pack frame is important, as Kim Taylor says. To get the correct size, measure from the prominent bone at the base of the neck down as far as the waist. This is the only way to get a correct fit for a frame.

Karrimor can supply an extra harness attachment bar at small cost to enable a frame to be used by different sized

people. These bars are adjustable on the 'Totem' and 'K2' frames, but should not be moved more than once, so the extra bar is useful, particularly when a frame has to be used by more than one person.

Regarding sleeping bags, I doubt very much if the average Ranger would be able to afford a down sleeping bag. On making enquiries after reading Kim Taylor's article, the cheapest down bag available was a Daimor 'Monch' at £35, and this bag was not an 'All year' bag. Most of the down bags were in the £40–£50 bracket, for three season use. All year bags cost much more than this. There are now a number

of good substitutes, slightly heavier and bulkier than down, but adequately warm for most of the year. These bags retail at around £28. A good summer weight terylene bag costs about £14 from YHA. This is a traditional shaped bag, with no zips to let in the cold.

A very good guide to choosing a sleeping bag was published in 'Climber and Rambler' last October, and although some of the 'Classifications for use' were criticised by the manufacturers, the bags listed for Three Season and Summer only seem to be correctly assessed, although the prices

are now hopelessly out of date. The Daimor 'Monch' mentioned above is listed as an All year bag, but Daimor say in their letter to 'Climber and Rambler' in the December issue that it is a three season bag.

Finally, our region organises equipment-making trainings, where Guiders can learn how to economise by making their own equipment. Kits for equipment making can now be purchased, too. (See Kitline advert in last November's *GUIDER*.) My own Unit has a home-made tent, three rucksacks and two feather/down summer weight bags, the latter being used by 'first time campers' before they can get their own.

Hazel Constance (Mrs),  
Ranger Guider, Purley  
(E&W) Ranger Unit.

## Feedback

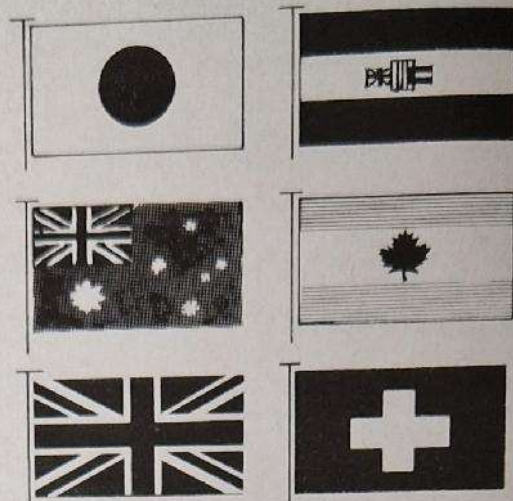




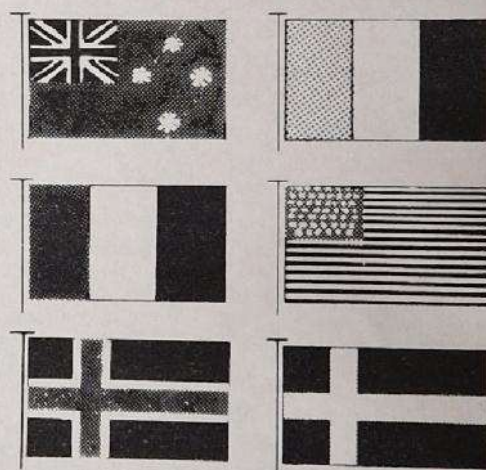
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# Ranger Guides



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As Guides, Rangers promise to do their duty to God, to serve The Queen and to help other people; they also accept the additional responsibility of serving the community. Ranger Guides help with the care of the young, the sick and handicapped and many are actively concerned with conservation and the environment.

Interest in widely differing and adventurous activities led to the formation at different stages of separate sections in the Ranger Branch: Sea Rangers in 1927, Air Rangers in 1945 and Land Rangers in 1949. In 1968 with the introduction of a new programme the need for separate specialist sections ceased, and all Ranger sections were amalgamated into one Ranger Guide Section sharing a common programme, uniform and aims but allowing individual units to follow their own interests. As part of their programme many Ranger Guides work for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

The 20,000 Ranger Guides in the United Kingdom today co-operate with members of many other organisations, including the Scout Association. They have widened the scope of their activities to include sports like skin diving, canoeing, rock climbing, potholing and parascending but still find time to take a lively interest in the arts and home management.

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1917 - 1977



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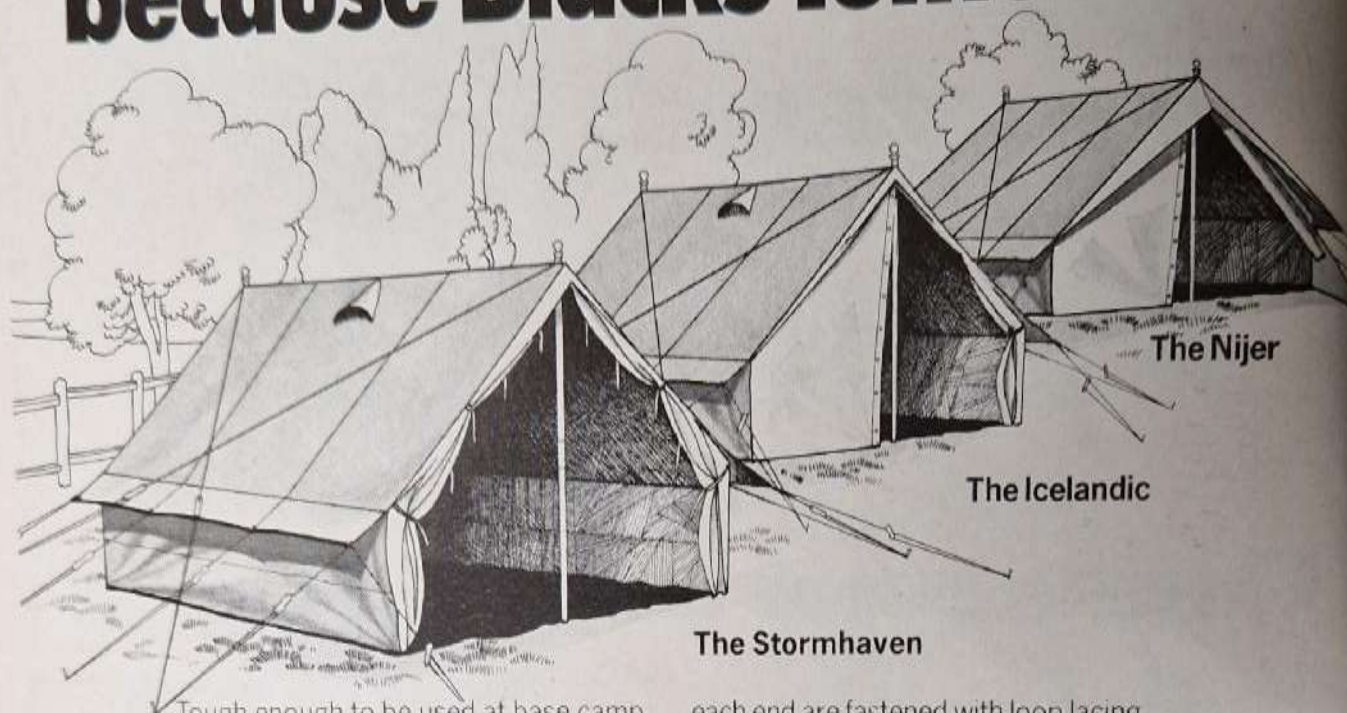
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Miss D Slyfield, Guide Guider, 6th Cheam Company, Greater London West.

## Meritorious Conduct

### Star of Merit

Helen Boness, Guide, 1st Willington Company, Bedfordshire. We regret to report that Helen has died since the award was presented.

### Certificate of Merit

Jennifer Whitham, Brownie Guide, 4th Nunhead (St Thomas the Apostle) Pack, London South East.

## National Scout & Guide

### Orchestral Course

28th December 1977-

2nd January 1978

If you read in last month's *GUIDER* about the National Scout and Guide Orchestral Course, you may like to draw the attention of members of your Unit to the next course. It will again be an orchestral course with a difference, providing not only tuition by professionals and the opportunity of playing in a final concert in London, but also a wide range of activities including riding, skating, canoeing, crafts and amateur radio. Acceptance for the course will be subject to selection, and applicants will need to have reached a good standard of playing and to have had Orchestral experience. They must be between the ages of 13 and 22 by 31st December, 1977. The course fee will be approximately £30 which includes residential fees, tuition fees

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## Folk Fest 8

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Since our notice in the December *GUIDER* regarding the Short Term Investment Service, many Guiders have been making enquiries and more Units and Local Associations are finding this an excellent way to ensure the best return on their savings.

If you missed the article we give below the interest rates paid in 1976 by the Short Term Investment Service and the banks:

1976	S.T.I.S. rate	Clearing bank deposit rate
January	9.25%	6.5%
February	8.22%	5.66%
March	7.425%	5.5%
April	7.687%	5.5%
May	9.156%	5.75%
June	9.75%	6.5%
July	10.156%	6.5%
August	9.8%	6.5%
September	10.875%	8.5%
October	13.25%	8.5%-11.5%
November	14.25%	11.0%
December	14.22%	11.0%

## International Scout and Guide Club

Meetings take place every Monday, 7.45 p.m. at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London. All visitors are welcome. Programmes for April include: 4th, Films on Scouting; 11th, Easter Weekend in Holland; 18th, Folk Dance; 25th, German Evening.

application form for the performance at the Royal Albert Hall, on Saturday 29th October, 1977 at 7 p.m. There will only be one performance this year and as this follows the Ranger Guide Diamond Jubilee Service to be held at St Paul's Cathedral in the afternoon, there has been much interest in this year's Folk Fest. To avoid disappointment, don't delay sending off your ticket application.

## Our Chalet

### CHQ Summer Holiday Party, 1977

Dates: 10th-23rd September, 1977 inclusive of travel. Cost: Travel and insurance - allow £95.00 approx. Accommodation - £50.00-£70.00 approx. (depending on requirements).

Closing application date: 15th July, 1977.

For application and/or further information on Our Chalet contact your County International Adviser or Country/Region HQ.

## Jewish Service

A Jewish Guide and Brownie Annual Service to be held in London on Sunday, 8th May, 1977. All Jewish children in open units particularly welcome. Hospitality can be provided. Will all Guiders wishing to attend please contact Mrs Susan Garcia, 6 Belmore, Elstree, Herts, for further details.

## Glittering Offer

December *GUIDER's* glittering offer is now closed, and annual *GUIDER* subscriptions are as follows: British Isles £4.08, Overseas £3.84 (both incl. postage).

## Royal Commonwealth Society

### Essay Competition

The following girls have won book prizes and their essays have been forwarded to the Royal Commonwealth Society for entry in the National Competition.

### Class C

Miss Andrea McLean, 15 Eildon Drive, Barrhead, G78 2EB, Scotland. Date of birth: 22.2.63. 5th Barrhead Company.

Miss Sarah Wyles, Stanton House, Stanton Street, Bernard, Nr. Marlborough, Wilts. Date of birth: 22.3.65. 4th Devizes Company.

Miss Kathleen Caskie, 631 Clarkston Road, Glasgow, G44 3QD, Scotland. Date of birth: 2.11.65. 1st Netherlee Company.

Miss Sally Thompson, 50 South Road, Norton, Stockton, Cleveland, TS20 2SZ. Date of birth: 28.2.63. 4th Norton Company.

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Dates: 21st-30th September 1977.

Fee: US \$12.00 daily plus US \$25.00 for programme expenses.

Age: Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

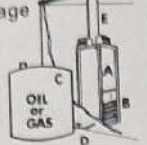
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# Camping and the Commissioner

by June Callaghan

'Hang it on a peg, dear!' I called as the slamming of the front door was followed by the thud of training shoes being dropped in the hall, and I knew the coat was about to take its accustomed place on the cloakroom floor. One teenage daughter had arrived home from school.

'Hallo, what have we here?' she asked, as her books were deposited on the storage heater. 'We're wearing our Guiding hat this afternoon, I see.' This remark was prompted by the fact that I was sitting at the kitchen table surrounded by my faithful handbooks.

'What interesting little play are we engaged in this time? Commissioners' Calendar for Camping. Good gracious! You're not thinking of taking to the canvas all year round, are you?'

I realised that she was in an affable mood and prepared to listen. 'The kettle is almost boiling,' I said, 'and the chocolate biscuits are hiding in a tin marked custard. You make a pot of tea and I'll talk.'

It all started yesterday when I was coming home on the bus. There were two young things sitting in front of me, and I recognised one of them as a Guide from the 34th; her Patrol did an amusing sketch at their last Parents' Night. The other girl was chatting

enthusiastically about the fun she'd had at Camp, and then I heard my Guide say, 'You're lucky, our Company doesn't go to Camp.' That made me think. She's in my District and up to that moment I hadn't given any thought to the Companies and Packs that don't go to Camp or on holiday. In fact I hadn't given much thought to those that do either, because when I took over the District last year they all seemed well organised, so I just signed the form and that was that. Anyway, when I got home yesterday I decided to take a look at what my handbook said about camping, and I soon realised that I wasn't facing up to my responsibilities as a DC at all. Fortunately the book said: - your great ally is your local Camp Adviser - and as I hadn't a clue just how I was going to tackle the job I decided to ring up said ally. You know, I could feel her smiling at the other end of the telephone. She was obviously delighted that at last I'd surfaced as far as camping was concerned, and was more than willing to help me get things sorted out. She came for lunch today and this Camp Calendar is the result of our working together over cheese on toast. It isn't perfect and it will have to be flexible because, for example, we feel it

should all have started in September and now it's already April, but at least it will act as a guideline for the future. You see, camping is one of the most valuable parts of the Guide programme and certainly the most popular and .... what are you grinning at?'

'You, you're quoting your handbook at me and waxing all enthusiastic again and I had a mental picture of you and the CA striding down the main street with a banner proclaiming - Camps and Holidays for all.'

'Oh dear, I'm going to have to be careful. I can hear my poor Guiders remarking that camping is my "thing", and I'd hate to put their backs up. Relationships, they certainly come into everything and I ...'

'Next hobby horse coming up. All right, Sweetness and Light, I'm sure you'll manage beautifully but my relationships will be decidedly strained at school tomorrow if I don't do some work. These history notes will be dryer than ever now,' she said, and removing her books from the heater she retired to her bedroom.

'Sweetness and Light indeed!' I thought as I carefully stuck my new calendar into the front of my handbook.

## COMMISSIONER'S CALENDAR FOR CAMPING

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Read Commissioners' Handbook Chapter 6. Send out agenda for District Meeting. Leave time for Guiders to talk about their camps and holidays - perhaps show photographs and slides.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Invite Pack Holiday Adviser and Camp Adviser to District Meeting to discuss needs and problems of Guiders.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>JANUARY</b>	Read P.O.R. rules 47, 48, 49, also latest leaflets on Camps, Holidays, Insurance. Have these for District Meeting. Make chart showing all types of forms. Discuss Staffing.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	Meet P.H.A. and C.A. and licence holders to plan trainings.
<b>APRIL MAY</b>	Trainings as required - week-end/day/evening QM, Programme Planning, Camp Skills - what else do they need? HAVE FORMS FOR GUIDERS.
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>JULY AUGUST</b>	Visit Units camping or on holiday if possible. Take non-camping Guiders along too if willing!



Jean de Lemos

Why did I say 'Yes', when asked to be the new DC? I didn't know what was involved till they explained to me That Brownies, Guides and Rangers all come within my care. And if I went to visit them their knowledge I would share. District Commissioner (or DC) will not get very far Unless she turns for help, they said, to a book called POR. Press On Regardless, did this mean? That surely can't be right, Then Policy, Organisation and Rules was put within my sight, By a Dip within my District, but not the party kind. She is a Diploma'd Trainer and she helped me to find

The meaning of initials like WAGGGS and CHQ (The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts too) And Commonwealth Headquarters where people can be found, Who help me get an LA and a TG off the ground By sending me the leaflets that tell me what to do When the local Association and Trefoil Guild are new. I find I have Extensions - not the ladder or house kind, But children who are handicapped in body or mind. Sing hey for terminology, sing ho for jargon used. We hope by our philology you will not be confused.

## COMMISSIONER training



# Pack Holiday Planning starts here

## by O. Talbot

Pack Holidays give the Brownie unlimited opportunity to put the Journey Challenges into practice. But best of all she gains experience of the give and take required when a group of children live together for a period of time.

### April

1. Recruit staff
2. Decide on cost
3. Preliminary parents meeting and PH notice forms
4. Decide how much pocket money

### May

1. Pow-wow to choose theme
2. Plan outline programme
3. Prepare first aid box
4. Fill in CII and post

### June

1. Send out kit list
2. Prepare charts
3. Plan menu
4. Write to Vicar in holiday area
5. Collect programme material

### July

1. Send out health forms
2. Order food
3. Arrange transport
4. Parents meeting
5. Collect all permission forms and money

### preparation already made

1. Discuss holiday with D.C.
2. Check with C.A. or P.H.A. if there are new registrations
3. Book Holiday House
4. Read C.H.Q. insurance leaflet
5. Buy C.H.Q. publication 'Pack Holidays'. Read Safety Rules

Jean de Lemos



Jean de Lemos



I went to see a Brownie Pack within a village hall  
And studied all the coloured charts they'd pinned up on the wall.  
I found they went on Journeys and wondered what this meant  
Until the Brownie Guider explained with good intent,  
That Footpath, Road and Highway challenged each and everyone  
To make a little progress and have a lot of fun.  
The Brownies had a Pow-Wow where each expressed her view  
About forthcoming meetings and what they wished to do.  
They sat round in a circle and took their turns to speak,  
Discussing their finances and what to bring next week.  
Two Brownies both had brainwaves and they inspired the rest,  
So then a vote was needed to see which one was best,  
This idea developed and into a Venture grew.  
And every single Brownie had a special job to do.  
Some GCU's were called for and began to sweep the floor,  
But when the VW's came, I couldn't take much more,  
I learnt Good Clearer-Uppers are needed everywhere,  
And that Willing Workers called upon will always do their share,  
Sing hey for terminology, sing ho for jargon used,  
We hope by our philology you will not be confused.

Jargon is defined in the dictionary as unintelligible gibberish. So a short list of Pack Holiday jargon may be helpful.  
P.H.A. - Pack Holiday Adviser  
C.A. - Camp Adviser  
CII - Pack Holiday permission form  
Safety Rules - A leaflet published by C.H.Q.  
Theme - The background story round which pack holiday is planned.

Further information will be gladly given by your Pack Holiday Adviser.



# Camping with the Company

## by M. Dibble

Which is the leaky tent?

Who borrowed the larder?  
Do we know a life-saver?

Have we any pot-holders?

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE ? !

PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL - SECRETARY.		
ITEM : SUMMER CAMP		
<b>AGENDA 1.</b> Suitable dates. Possible sites. Type of camp. Transport. Arrange checking of equipment.	<b>AGENDA 2.</b> Reports from patrols about camp activity requests. Camp experience of patrol members. Cost.	<b>AGENDA 3.</b> Help needed with camp skills. Discuss camp worship. Final arrangements for travel etc.

### GUIDER'S CHECK LIST

- Discuss camp with D.C.
- Check qualifications and number of staff needed.
- Book camp site
- Discuss arrangements with Q.M. and First Aider.
- Work out cost of camp fee.
- Visit parents of new campers.
- Check menu and ordering with Q.M.
- Check First Aid equipment with First Aider
- Consult D.C. about qualified help with adventurous activities
- Visit Site with P.L.s.
- Organize transport.



### PATROL LEADERS' NOTES SUMMER PROGRAMME

#### APRIL

- Practise knots for gadgets
- Organize tree game - identify burning woods
- Discuss patrol and personal equipment for camp.
- Make pot holders and Cutlery bags.

#### MAY

- Start working for Camp Preparation pennant.
- Take patrol on cooking hike.
- Learn how to make gadgets
- Ask expert to show how to use axe and saw correctly.

#### JUNE

- Teach the correct way to pack a rucksack and tie up bedding.
- Finish pennant.
- Check patrol camp equipment
- Learn songs and graces.

I visited the Guides in camp and lunched with the CA. Who told me they would pitch a tent if I desired to stay. I looked round for the tar and brush and didn't like to ask. Just who this CA person was, and how she'd do the task. My luck was in - a Guider came and said 'This is Miss Wright. She is the Camp Adviser and will show you round the site'. She talked of guys and dollies and I looked round to see if any Guides had boyfriends they'd invited in to tea. She must have seen my worry, and called some Guides to show. The quickest way to pitch a tent - that's put it up, you know. I found that wooden dollies sat upon each upright pole. To keep the main guys in their place was their especial role. The guys were ropes which kept the tent standing and secure.

When tightened these would keep the walls the right height from the floor. I began to feel much wiser until I heard them mention 'Strike'. The thought of Guiders stopping work I really did not like. But when they pointed out to me that strike meant taking down. I felt that all was well, and I could leave without a frown. Sing hey for terminology, sing ho for jargon used. We hope by our philology you will not be confused.



# Camping and the Rangers

by Helen Boyd

Spring has come and the Rangers' thoughts turn towards the out-of-doors and camping.

Perhaps it starts over a cup of coffee after the Unit meeting - 'Why don't we try to clear up the overgrown path at the park?'

'Oh yes, we could camp out there for the weekend.'

So the idea goes onto the agenda for the next Unit committee meeting. It is accepted and the planning begins.

The time between then and arriving at the campsite seems for the Rangers just a time to be crossed off on the calendar and so it is essential that the Guider emphasises the importance of proper planning by asking a few pertinent questions to help them think and consider carefully what they are planning - a sort of 'prodding from behind'.

After the initial idea has been put on the agenda it is a good time to

have a word with your District Commissioner and Camp Adviser to seek their permission and advice, and also to acquaint yourself with the relevant safety rules (ie. Safety Rules of the Girl Guides Association, including Safety Rules for Joint Adventurous activities).

The following chart might be the road to the camp-site, stopping at various fields, the Guider remaining at the 'gate' while the Rangers go in.



## SAFETY

Guider: Is it necessary to have someone in charge of the tent?

Link: Yes, we can be responsible for what we are doing. We can do our first aid course for our first aid and we could do our camp first aid course while at camp.

## COMFORT

Guider: What condition are the lightweight tents in that the Vikings are lending you?

Link: Perhaps the Vikings could show us how to pitch them. The week after next, when if there are any repairs needed we will have plenty of time to do them.

## COUNTRY CODE

Guider: Did you know that the polythene bags so invaluable to light weight campers can kill a pig?

Link: Perhaps we should brush up on our Country Code and my Uncle says he will lend us the spades etc. to clear the path but he says we must learn how to use and care for them before we go.

## CONVENIENCE

Which type report on different types of stove and also try out dried food and cooking utensils.

## OUTSIDE HELP

Link: I haven't a clue how I am going to get everything into my rucksack!

Guider: We can invite an expert from the Youth Service or the C.A. to come along one night and give us the benefit of their experience in packing a rucksack. The correct equipment to bring if you like.



Jean de Lemos

I visited the Rangers, and was most surprised to find. That they too talked of Ventures, but of quite a different kind. Their Ventures were the local Scouts, sixteen to twenty-one. They'd found that joint activities were often much more fun. They asked me for my signature to make their Unit Joint. Upon the registration form when I had checked each point. The leaders got on very well as I was pleased to hear. They let the young folk make their plans and did not interfere. When D of E was mentioned, I was very glad to find That I had read the Handbooks, so, Prince Philip came to mind.

Some older Rangers came to me and asked me about Link. Posing yet another question which made me stop and think. I called to mind a leaflet and remembered that I'd read. That Link was for young people who an active life had led. Within their Guide/Scout Unit, and wished they could remain. With those who were like-minded, and fellowship retain. Mixed Units weren't my problem, for I'd had it pointed out. That a girl in Venture uniform made her Promise as a Scout. Sing hey for terminology, sing ho for jargon used. We hope by our philology you are no more confused.

**RANGER training**



# Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Party at Foxlease

A party was held at the Barn, Foxlease on 11th December, 1976. Out of fifty Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award winners since the scheme started in Hampshire West, twenty-four attended with husbands, parents and friends. Apologies and best wishes were sent by most of the others who were unable to attend.

Each winner there gave a brief résumé of what they had been doing since gaining the award, and most of them were still helping in some way with Youth and community work. Slides of activities were also shown.

The two latest badges were presented during the evening — one to Wendy-Ann Luck of Lymington, and the other to Janet Bradford of Southampton. Wendy-Ann's badge was presented by the County Commissioner, Mrs W Warwick-Haller and Janet's badge by Dr K E Everett, the Vice-

Principal of Southampton College of Technology. The girls were congratulated on their achievement.

Members of the Itchen Ranger Unit devised and presented a short entertainment which was much enjoyed by all, and they were also responsible for serving the refreshments. Their Guider, Mrs Christine Horsley, was present. Mrs Horsley was the No 1 recipient of the Gold Award in the County in 1960.

Mrs Warwick-Haller thanked Mrs Eileen Howlett, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Adviser for the County for all the hard work she had put into encouraging the girls to enter for the Award and for arranging the very enjoyable party.

Also present was Miss Barbara Pinchin, Mrs Howlett's predecessor, who had helped to get the Scheme off the ground in the County in the early days.

Contributor: Mrs G S Waters,  
PR Adviser,  
Hampshire West

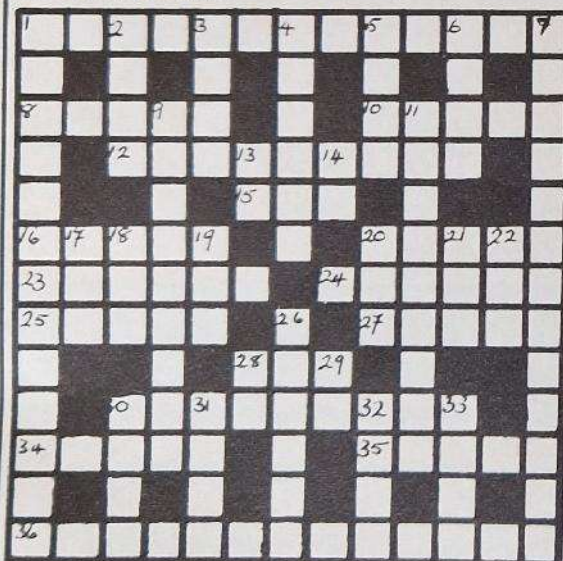


Members of the Itchen Ranger Unit, above, thoroughly enjoying their dramatic entertainment.

(Below), Award winners No 1, 49 and 50, cutting the celebration cake.

## GUIDER Crossword No. 4

by Brenda Hughes



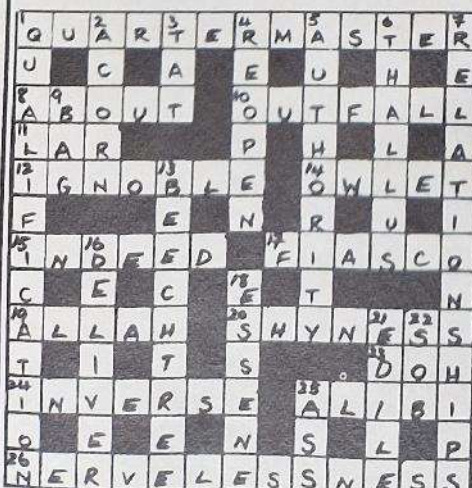
### Clues Across

1. A Guiding Plan. (6, 7)
8. It helps to make the money in your pocket. (5)
10. An eyot. (5)
12. This helper has a lamp. (9)
15. Contracted evening. (3)
16. A Guide should be. (5)
20. "The ----- of heraldry, the pomp of power." Gray. (5)
23. Before this is found in the renowned city. (3, 3)
24. Cloaks worn by ancient Greeks. (6)
25. In the pale west you will find this town. (5)
27. Given the Sultan's mark, this edict becomes irrevocable. (5)
28. An afternoon turned round a reader for an Interest badge. (3)
30. A club's ace gives this. (9)
34. Young Montague. (5)
35. Gwaihir took Bilbo and company to his. (5)
36. ----- of the District. (6, 3, 4)

### Clues Down

1. A rectangle is one. (13)
2. There's never enough of this. (4)
3. An S-shaped curve. (4)
4. Tents need to be this. (6)
5. Useful for a horsewoman. (4)
6. But just. (4)
7. Given to gain some badges. (13)
9. Pervasion of the universe. (9)
11. Horsy call of a student. (9)
13. Comes before me. (2)
14. The average width of a letter. (2)
17. Half of a score. (3)
18. Robin Hood's tree? (3)
19. Praise. (3)
20. Expression of disgust. (3)
21. A high tone. (3)
22. It's twisted. (3)
26. Three for Portia. (6)
28. Greek letter. (2)
29. A Maori fort for Father. (2)
30. Malay frenzy. (4)
31. To fabricate. (4)
32. A pillow case. (4)
33. Therefore. (4)

## Crossword No. 3 solution



Above, Musical entertainment from Itchen Ranger Unit.

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<b>May</b>	6-8 Division Commissioners with up to three of their District Commissioners 13-15 Cardiff and East Glamorganshire County 20-22 General Training 27-29 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)	6-8 Birmingham County 13-15 General Training 20-22 1. Ranger Guiders 2. Guide Section Trainers 27-29 General Training	13-15 General Training (Places for Montgomeryshire) 18 Friends of Broneirion 20-22 Welsh County Personnel Conferences 27-29 General Training
<b>June</b>	3-11 Family Week (B. Hol.) 17-19 General Training 24-26 1) General Training (see note on p. 173) 2) Heraldry Side Group	3-7 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award (B. Hol.) Course (Girls only) 10-12 Friends of Waddow 24-26 Sefton County	5-10 Patrol Leaders under 14 years (Open) 17-19 General Training (Places for Central Glamorgan) 25 Welsh L.A. Conference
<b>July</b>	1-3 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders) 8-10 1. Music Specialist Trainers and Prospectives (by invitation) 2. Campfire Leaders and Prospectives 15-17 Friends of Foxlease 18-25† Holiday week (Guiders and Trefoil Guild Members, their friends and mothers) 28-6 AUGUST Patrol Leaders' Week	1-3 General Training 8-10 South Yorkshire County 14-24† Holiday Weeks (Guiders with their Guides/Rangers)	1-3 Young Leaders 8-10 Commissioners (Places for Shropshire) 15-17 Brownie Guiders - Music in the Pack 24-30 Family Week (Guiders with their husbands and children)
<b>Aug</b>	9-16† Holiday Periods (Guiders with their 17-24 Guides/Rangers) 27-3 SEPT. Guider Holiday Week (B. Hol.)	13-20 Patrol Leaders' Week 25-4† Holiday Weeks (Guiders, Trefoil Guild SEPT. Members, their friends and mothers) (B. Hol.)	3-9 Holiday Period (Unit Guiders with up to nine of their Guides or Rangers) 24-30 Diemwnt 77 Welsh Ranger Event
<b>Fees at Foxlease and Waddow:</b> Shared room, per day £3.50 Double room, per day £4.00 Single room, per day £4.50 Deposit: £2.00 cheque or postal order only. † Subject to VAT.		<b>Fees at Broneirion</b> Shared room, per day £3.00 Double room, per day £3.25 Single room, per day £3.50 Deposit £1.00	
These prices are for members of the Girl Guides and Scout Associations only. For a full week prices are subject to a 15% discount.		<b>Fees at Netherurd</b> Shared room, per day £3.00 Double room, per day £3.25 Single room, per day £3.50 Deposit £1.00 Training fee for non-residents 50p per weekend.	

## announcements

### Guider Holiday Week, Foxlease 27th August/3rd September.

Designed for the Guider who is prepared to give up some of her Holiday for training purposes, Foxlease is planning this special week. Training sessions will take place most mornings and the remainder of the day will be free so that Guiders can have the time to appreciate the beauty of the New Forest and the surrounding Countryside and Coastline.

#### Camp Activity Advisers

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

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

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

friends, working together, are most welcome!

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

### Camps & Holidays

#### Foxlease Camp-sites

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

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

Foxlease Annexe makes an ideal centre for Rangers. Available Easter, Spring Holiday and periods in the summer. For details apply to The Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, enclosing a sae.

#### 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

## outdoor activities

foolscap sae. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st October, 1977-31st March, 1978 will be accepted now.

#### Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. 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 should be sent to the Secretary and must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's CA or Pack Holiday Adviser and a foolscap sae enclosed.

Foxlease Holiday Periods August 9th-16th; 17th-24th.



# CALENDAR

NETHERURD HOUSE  
Blyth Bridge, West Linton,  
Peeblesshire, Tel: 096 88 208

- 1-3 General Training
- 7-11 D of E Award Residential Course
- 15-17 General Training
- 22-24 District Training
- 29-1 MAY General Training

## GENERAL TRAININGS AT ALL CENTRES ARE FOR BROWNIE AND GUIDE GUIDERS

- 6-8 Lightweight Camping - for Ranger Guiders and their Rangers.
- 13-15 Let's Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee
- 20-22 General Training (including West Lothian)
- 27-29 Brownie and Guide Guiders - enjoying the out-of-doors

- 10-12 Edinburgh, South West Division, Trefoil Guild

- 1-5 Patrol Leaders
- 8-11 Patrol Leaders
- 15-22 Patrol Leaders' Week (by invitation)
- 15-22 Patrol Leaders' Camp -
- Pioneering Plus
- 5-12 Patrol Leaders' Week (by invitation)
- 5-12 Patrol Leaders' Camp -
- Pioneering Plus
- 19-21 Patrol Leaders

NOTE: Applications for Patrol Leaders' events will be accepted after 18th April.

### BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE

No application form is required. District Commissioners should apply to Training Dept., C.H.Q. (Scottish Commissioners to S.H.Q.) on behalf of their Guiders for further details.

The Fee Bursary entitles a Guider to a grant of £3.00 for a two-day weekend and £1.00 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).

## GLENBROOK Bamford, Nr. Sheffield, S30 2AL COURSES FOR 1977\*

<b>Apr</b>	15-17 Course A/77 All or Nothing (Ranger Guides)
<b>May</b>	13-15 Course B/77 Skills Courses for Guiders/Rangers of 16 or over 1 Canoeing - holders of Canoeist Permit or equivalent to gain experience/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.
<b>June</b>	24-26 Course C/77 Adventure Course for Guides (aged 12 to 14 inclusive)
<b>Aug</b>	26-29 Ranger Jubilee Celebration Camp
<b>Sept</b>	16-18 Course E/77 Adventure Course for Ranger Guides/Venture Scouts
<b>Nov</b>	11-13 Leadership in the hills. * Subject to confirmation For information, and details of fees, write to the Secretary, enclosing foolscap sae

### HOW TO APPLY

Any Guider may herself apply to attend a training course at the Centres, provided she has reached the 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 sae. 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 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 able to stay over until Monday to enjoy the surrounding country and other amenities of the Centre are welcome to do so.

## camping

### Waddow Holiday Weeks July 14th-24th.

This is a golden opportunity for Guiders wishing to take up to nine Guiders or Rangers for a Holiday at either the Training Centre in the New Forest or on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors. Planning your Programme during your holiday will be entirely your or your girls' responsibility.

At Foxlease there are opportunities for forest walking, deer stalking, bird and animal watching, fossil hunting, visits to a Cathedral City or Brownsea Island where the Founder held the experimental camp for boys in 1907.

At Waddow you could walk over the hills, and vales, explore the Witch Country and many fascinating villages,, visit Abbeys, Castles and Roman remains, go bird watching or fossil hunting by the river, or follow nature trails.

Guiders need not hold a Holiday Permit as qualified experienced Guiders will be present to comply with POR regulations. However you need the consent of your own Commissioner before applying.

For full details please write to the Guider-in-Charge of the Training Centre you wish to visit.

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

Applications for Camp-sites will be taken now.

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

A 3-berth holiday caravan is also available.

### Broneirion Camp-site & Brownie House

Only one small camp site equipped for 24, which number cannot be exceeded. Applications for camp site and Brownie House should be sent to: Miss P Lynch, 3c Pentryn Court, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 7BY, enclosing sae.

Bookings for Brownie House outside school holidays should be sent to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys, SY17 5DE.

### Highgate Centre, Broneirion

This cottage will sleep 15 (no beds). Available for bookings from 1st March, for Rangers, mixed groups, or Guides over 13,

## courses

with suitably qualified Guider. Address: Welsh Girl Guides Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Highgate, Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys, SY17 5DE.

May be used for Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions provided the booking is made by either the assessor or supervising adult.

### Ynysgain, Criccieth, North Wales

Applications for the use of two un-equipped Sites within a few minutes of the sea can be made to: Mrs Griffith, Swn-y-Gwynt, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. Please enclose a foolscap sae for Site Information Sheet.

### Lorne Camp-sites

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

### Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage, Lorne

A cottage available for Ranger holiday. For details apply to Miss Hilda Hirst, 119 Haypark Avenue, Belfast 9, enclosing sae.

See page 173 for continuation of Training Calendar information.



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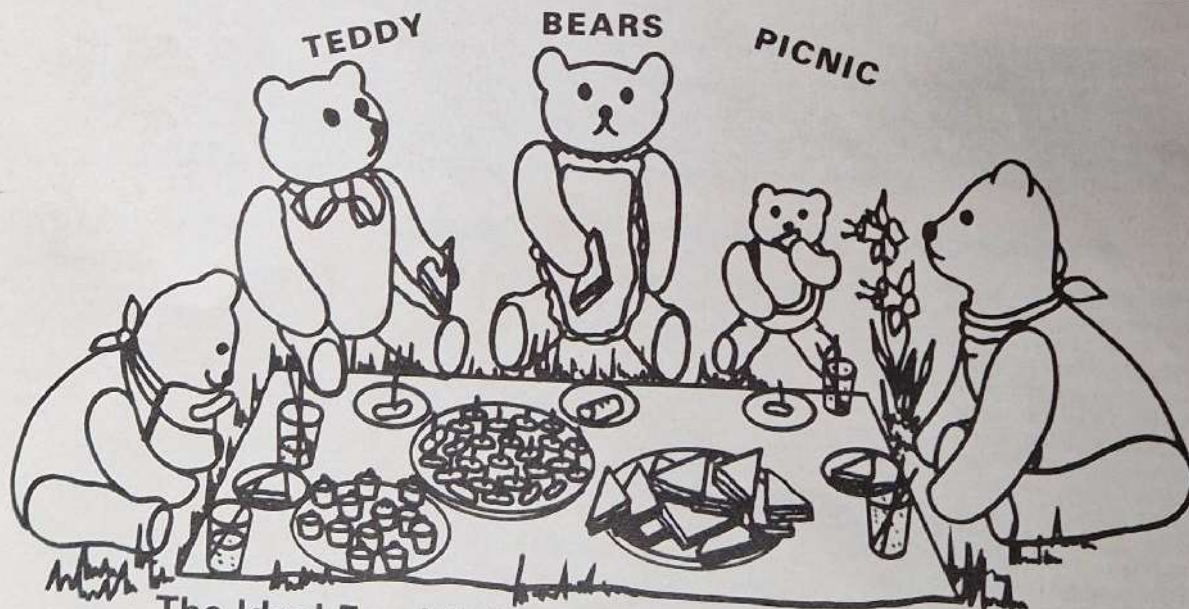
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## TRAINING CALENDAR continued

Ulster Camp-sites,  
Glen Road (near Lorne)

Fully equipped for 40 campers (one large and two small Camps). Excellent hut for solid shelter and Calor gas. Bookings should be sent to Mrs F R Lee, 45 Gortland Park, Belfast BT5 7NU enclosing s.a.e.

### Magilligan Camp-sites

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

### Acorn Camps

The National Trust needs people aged 16+ years to help with conservation projects at camps on their property in England and Wales.

Each lasts a week, and tasks include countering erosion, landscape projects, clearing overgrown scrub, restoring footpaths, basic forestry, and so on.

You pay only the cost of your keep (£6.50) plus travel to and from the camp.

For further details please write to:

Eric Crofts, Projects Officer, The National Trust Junior Division, The Old Grape House, Cliveden, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 0H2.

Blackland Farm,  
East Grinstead, Sussex

Equipped or unequipped camp sites. Restop a furnished bungalow for 25 persons. Barkley Ranger Cottage equipped for 16 persons. Facilities for swimming, climbing, pioneering, assault course (equipment can be borrowed). Also two fully equipped caravans which can be hired for summer weekends. For details contact The Warden enclosing an s.a.e.

### Brownsea Island

Camp-sites (for Guides and Scouts) are available. Apply to Mrs B B Dyke, Holm Oak, Tinneys Lane, Sherbourne, Dorset, enclosing foolscap s.a.e.

### Mountain Training at Plas-y-Brenin

A course has been arranged by The Scout Association which is open to members of the GGA aged 18 and over. The cost will be £42.90 (plus VAT). Details and application forms can be obtained from The Training Department, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW.

### M.1. Mountaineering/Hillwalking

7th-14th May.

A course for Leaders contemplating

walks or expeditions from a summer campsite in the hills.

### Heraldry Side Group

Foxlease, 24th/26th June

This opportunity is of particular interest to those with some experience of Heraldry; it has arisen as a result of a very successful 'Introduction to Heraldry' weekend held in 1976. Write to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease as soon as possible to secure a place at the weekend.

### Inland Cruising Opportunities:

The National School Sailing Association - of which all Guide Units are Associate Members - has launched an INLAND WATERWAYS YEAR for 1977 to promote the educational and recreational use of rivers and canals.

A pamphlet on 'Organising a Canal Cruise' is available from the NSSA Secretary, Commander Bill Smith at Foxglove House, Shawfield Road, Wade Court, Havant, Hants.

Of special interest to groups may be a service run in conjunction with the NSSA for booking canal and river cruises, and in particular one along the Rivers Wey and Thames for groups of up to 30 + 2 leaders where costs will be from £11 for a long weekend, £21 for 5 days (lower out of season). Details from the NSSA Secretary.



## AIRING & SHARING



### Guild Uniforms

I have been an Associate member of the Trefoil Guild almost since its inception (Gillingham), and later this year - all being well - will become a 'full' member when I retire from active service as a Brownie Guider.

I believe that the Trefoil Guild's strong links with the Movement justify their wearing a uniform of some kind - at least for Church Parades and certain other events.

I must admit I have always been proud to wear my uniform - and shall regret not being able to wear it.

I, too, have seen 'elderly' Scouters in uniform at events like St George's Day Parades. I have also known a Scout DC given the honour of wearing that uniform after retirement, and a number of other Scouters (two ladies - Akelas) - given that honour. My views about uniforms and the Trefoil Guild are shared by many of my friends.

Mrs R Silk,  
Gillingham.

### Too old at 18?

I'd like to agree wholeheartedly with Miss C C Ryder (Jan issue) on the question of the Ranger age limit.

Being a very active Ranger at

the age of eighteen, I did not wish to give up Rangering when I started Teacher Training College. My College had no Scout and Guide Club, LINK had not been started and I was unable to find a Company or Pack in which to help, so I attended my Ranger Unit during the college holidays. I even went to Switzerland with Rangers during my first summer at college.

Becoming a student in my 2nd year meant I could go to Rangers more often, every week, work permitting - but I was told that I must leave, as the age limit had just been changed.

What could I do? Helping with a Pack was impossible (due to travelling, I wouldn't be home in time to go to meetings) - whereas I could have attended the Ranger meetings, which didn't start until 8.00 pm. I tried helping with a Guide Company and even started my adult leadership Certificate, but after three months' teaching practice intervened. There were also frequent play rehearsals (I was a drama student), and, of course, work for the exams could not be neglected.

On leaving college, I got in touch with the local Association and began helping with a Guide Company.

I now have a Brownie Pack, but find myself in the position of being nearly 23 with no Warrant, having worked for my Adult Leadership Certificate in two different counties for almost four years, not knowing how permanent my role as Brownie Guider will be.

I hope to take my Warrant soon, but feel that it would have been much easier and a lot more satisfying if I could have stayed in Rangers until I had finished college.

I enjoyed my Ranger life to the full, and would like to thank my Unit for making Rangering so enjoyable. I still keep in touch with my Unit, and we have an Old Rangers' Association, but this would not have been necessary if most of us had not had to leave, due to 'old age'.

Sally Cadle,  
2nd West Hampstead Brownie Pack.

### Brownie excesses

I must write and say how much I disagree with Mrs Parsons and Mrs Colman when they suggest that we accept up to 36 Brownies in our Packs; how a Guider and an Assistant Guider could treat 36 Brownies as individuals during the whole of their Brownie Meeting I just do not know. I enjoy working with 18 Brownies because we feel we do get to know them, and a little about their home backgrounds; even with 24 Brownies I am not able to give each Brownie as much time and attention as I would like to, and I know that Tawny feels the same. Surely the whole point of Guiding is that each person, regardless of age, is treated as an individual.

It is a number of years since I was a Guide Guider, but I presume that 36 members in a Guide Company works because Guides need less assistance from the Guiders than do Brownies.

Mrs M Hughes,  
4th Smethwick Pack.

### 'Commissioner' Promotion?

I fully agree with Mrs Miller (Airing and Sharing, Jan '77) that there should not be any idea of upwards promotion between the various roles of Guiders and Commissioners but there are several reasons why, in practice, this idea does still persist quite widely.

A general movement from District through to County appointments is evident both in the service records of many Guiders and in the overall age distribution; eg young County Commissioners tend to be less young than young District Commissioners. There is a clear analogy with the structure of many professions where some people move increasingly towards administration as they get older.

The structure of the Association and its channels of communication can appear too hierarchical. The very name *Commissioner* can even seem reminiscent of the distinction between officers and NCOs! Names do affect our public relations. Why not refer to District Guiders and County Guiders as readily as Brownie Guiders and Ranger Guiders?

A C Bloomer,  
Cambridge.



# DOVER

## Country Cousins

A full colour chart entitled 'The Hedgerow' has been produced by *Scouting* magazine (see illustration). The information it contains about this country's most prolific source of wild-life would be invaluable to those Guiders who are teachers, to Guides preparing for their Bird-Watcher badges, or Rangers working towards their naturalist certificates.

An illustrated 12-page booklet has

also been produced to accompany the chart, with detailed descriptions of each of the 135 species depicted there. The chart costs 80p, and the booklet 40p, and both can be obtained from *Scouting* (Dept C), Baden Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7 5JS. 20p p&p should be added for orders of one to five charts and booklets, 30p for six to ten, and 47p for eleven to fifteen, cheques or postal orders made payable to *Scouting*.

## Away from it all



Laleham Abbey

Many of the sisters of Laleham Abbey, a C of E establishment at Laleham, a riverside village near Staines, have close ties with the Guide Movement; some have been Guiders, and others are members of the Trafoil Guild. The original community at Laleham was composed of the monks of Westminster Abbey, but after the Reformation a country house was built on the site, and this became the Sisters' home in 1932. The Abbey accepts lady guests or priests who wish to make retreats or to pass holidays there. Those interested should write to: Revd Mother SSP, Laleham Abbey, Laleham Park, Staines, Middlesex. (Tel Staines 52287). If you require a copy of the booklet above, then please enclose a large sae when you write.

## The Hedgerow



The Hedgerow  
Scouting magazine's  
new chart.

## Giving It a Plug

A short feature in March's *Home and Away* dealt with a new Worldwide Plug and Socket system which may be introduced. Guiders who have strong views on the matter will have a chance to air their views at an open meeting being organised by the British Standards Institution, in collaboration with the Institute of Electrical Engineers, on Monday, 4th April, at 2 pm in the main Lecture Theatre of the IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2. There will be a panel of speakers well qualified to deal with all aspects of the subject. Free tickets of admission are available from Miss M Catran at the IEE. (For address, see above, or ring 01-240 1871.)

changed since the brochure was published?

- 2) When does the guarantee come into force – when you book or when you have paid the invoice?
- 3) Is there any small print qualifying the guarantees offered?
- 4) Do the booking conditions conflict with the terms of the guarantee? Remember the booking conditions may include clauses which state that all prices are subject to amendment without notice and that the customer will undertake to pay any additional charges.

## Farm Safety

The process of growing up is a precarious one, and a child unmarked by a single bump or bruise is rare indeed. However, some risks taken by children are sadly fatal; it is particularly tragic when an accident occurs which was wholly avoidable. A well-known example is the child badly burned after fooling with fireworks; but it is less widely known that approximately a quarter of all fatal accidents on farms in Britain are to children under sixteen. Three-quarters of these accidents involve machinery. Many involve children under thirteen years of age riding on and falling from tractors or being run over by farm machines.

During the week 1 – 8 May, a special effort is being made, particularly in rural areas, to publicise

child safety on farms. Of particular interest to Guiders will be the projected new short film about accidents to children involving agricultural machinery, for showing in schools, clubs, at meetings, etc. Talks will also be given by Agricultural Safety Inspectors to interested groups.

For further information, write to: Health and Safety Executive, Eagle House, 90-96 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6HT.

## In Memoriam

Cambridgeshire West has lost a much loved friend by the death of their President, Mrs F G Mitchell, after a short illness.

For nearly thirty years Mrs Mitchell took a very active part in the county's Guiding. As District Commissioner for Fletton District, where the Rangers – an age group in which she had special interest – met at her home at Norman Cross, she joined the county team in the old Huntingdonshire. She became County Secretary and County Badge Secretary, and was involved in numerous and varied fund-raising events held often at her new home at Clopton, where Guide camps also enjoyed the peaceful and beautiful surroundings.

She was awarded the Oak Leaf for all her help and work, and on amalgamation of Huntingdon and Peterborough she became County President and also President of the Norman Cross LA, continuing in these appointments – in the renamed county of Cambridgeshire West – until her death.

Her particular delight was when Brownie Revels were held at Clopton – as they frequently were – and where small girls were often seen beside her quietly watching water birds on the moat.

Mrs Mitchell's interests in life and living things were boundless: her outlook international, and she will long be remembered for her kindness, help and encouragement at home and abroad.

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## Checking the Guarantees

Because so many variations have been found in the price guarantees offered by holiday tour operators, the Office of Fair Trading advises prospective customers to check exactly what they are being offered before committing themselves.

The OFT's Director of Consumer Affairs has studied the guarantees offered by major tour operators in their Summer 1977 brochures. There are many welcome benefits for consumers, but there are also great variations in the type and extent of the guarantees offered.

Would-be tourists should look out for the following points:

- 1) Has the price guarantee been



# British Horizon Group: a Visit to the U.S.A.

by Susan E. Shaw

**H**ow was your trip to America?

'Oh, it was great!' Then I pause. What exactly was great? O'Hare – the world's busiest airport. Sears building – the tallest all-electric building in the world. The Mississippi – part of the world's longest river. The biggest, tallest, largest and best. No, these are the things you mention when desperately trying to placate the curious. They were magnificent but there is something else less tangible which is more memorable. That something is the warmth and hospitality of the mid-West. To travel over three thousand miles and be accepted as part of a family. At first the only common bond was an interest in Guiding and Scouting but other links were rapidly discovered, new interests awakened and friendships made.

I arrived at Singing Bird Lodge, travel weary and past caring. Surely all the travelling was over but no, I still had a forty-nine minute drive before I could finally rest – at the home of Bob and June Schuster, De Witt, Iowa – my home for a month. Immediately I was plunged into a rush of activities. The re-dedication of the Old Capitol in Iowa City was that same day. And by one o'clock my bright Guide smile was a fixed grin – not another photograph! Then and on other occasions I was aware that most Americans hold a reverence for the past. They are so proud of the progress they have made.

The Fourth of July started early with a kidnap breakfast. Before 6 am some Girl Scouts awoke me and drove me to Westbrook City Park in De Witt. There I found several other Girl Scouts as well as Barbara and Anne sitting at picnic tables, most of them, like me, still in their nightclothes. June was cooking scrambled egg and bacon over a grill. She, of course, knew all about my 'kidnap' and, as Adviser, had ensured that all the younger girls' parents also knew. However enjoyable at the time, this is one tradition which I do not intend to introduce into British Guiding. I am not at my most sociable at 6 am on a Sunday when sitting on a wooden bench in a city park wearing only my nightclothes!

As the Girl Scouts were on holiday from school a few activities were arranged for us. At Calamus we had a foil meal followed by a swim and there was also the City-Wide Hike from De Witt to Crystal Lake. During the walk a strong wind blew up, storm clouds gathered, thunder and lightning surrounded us and the girls told us that last time a hurricane had blown up and they were forced to run through corn-fields and over barbed-wire fences to seek safety in a ditch. Not a cheerful tale! But we were lucky, the storm blew over and not a drop of rain fell. We had an hilarious time eating water melons. I had juice up to my elbows and a mouthful of seeds! Of course, we finished off the evening with a campfire and five of us performed our sword dance.

And then there was the week spent at Camp Conestoga. I had already heard tales of snakes, mosquitoes, poison ivy and ticks and when I saw our tents huddled together under the trees, a mile from the dining room I thought the horror story was complete. But as the reasoning behind the camp rules and routine became obvious we soon caught the highly infectious enthusiasm of Camp Conestoga. We joined in the riotous singing sessions after meals, went canoeing on the lake (met some ticks on the way!), swimming every afternoon and stretching ourselves on the ropes course.

For three weeks I was immersed in the life of a mid-West town – the gossip, swapping of recipes and 'visiting with' people. How many times did I hear the words, 'I would like for you to meet our little English girl?'. I visited the premises of the Schwab advertising agency whose billboards I had seen by the highways. However, the constant interruption of television programmes by advertisements so frustrated me that I stopped watching TV. Thank goodness restrictions in the UK permit only six minutes in the hour. I was also interested in the wildlife and was astonished by the lack of interest shown in the plants and animals by the Americans. On my first evening I was delighted by the lightning bugs glowing in the darkness.

The din created at dusk by locusts, crickets, and bull frogs I found less amusing and I did not appreciate the many and varied insects or the humid weather in which they thrived.

But I will remember the ground squirrels, robins as big as thrushes, enormous Monarch butterflies and the blue gills. I managed to catch two of these fish during my last evening at Crystal Lake but then, as on previous occasions, the worms were eaten by turtles. I never saw a turtle but I know that they were well fed!

Often I made comparisons with home. They just didn't think that things could be different, but could you get a camera, sunglasses and headsquare in your purse? Even the language is different. I am quite used to walking but in the USA life is dominated by cars. On one occasion I did walk for fifteen minutes meeting no-one else and found footpaths ending abruptly so that it was necessary to tiptoe over front lawns. Americans will certainly become the first people to lose the use of their legs!

Although activities were varied in De Witt I was glad to experience the faster pace of life in Davenport where I spent a few days with Kathy Murphy and met others of my own age. Students are the same the world over – always playing pranks. And I had many 'firsts' here – ate waffles, drank a Tom Collins and American beer, went to a Christian Scientists' meeting and Uncle Sams, swam at midnight and went to a drive-in movie – Peter Pan. Although based in De Witt, I did some sightseeing – going to the Amana Colonies, West Branch to Herbert Hoover's birthplace, the Cody Homestead, a circus in Clinton, The Capitol in Des Moines and the longest trip – to Dixieville in Wisconsin. Here a grotto has been made from shells, rocks and valuable minerals all set into cement – very frustrating for a compulsive collector like me! There was also a whistle-stop tour of Chicago.

By then I had realised that the standard of living is much higher in America – they eat more meat, most families have two cars, they live in large air-conditioned houses with every type of electrical appliance and they eat out more often – even for breakfast. But I did see another less obvious side of life on a 'Mobile meals' run. There are many poor, sick and lonely people, even in a small town like De Witt.

There were a few days which I spent quietly at home; writing letters, watching June bake cakes and decorate them with butter icing, washing up (this was greatly appreciated!), making a macrame belt and, of course, we talked. Then and during the evenings when Bob came home from work I felt a sense of belonging. I had been totally involved in this large family. During the five weeks of the trip I had got to know Guides, Rangers and Guiders from Durham and Cleveland Counties as well as Girl Scouts and had made some firm friends. I had flown for the first time, experienced a different way of life in another country and certainly my horizons were broadened.





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## AMENDMENTS TO P.O.R. 1976

### 23. The Association's Appointments

- 3 *Delete* No specified term of appointment *and substitute* For term of appointment see 25, 1.

### 26, 1 The Warrant

*Delete* (a) *and substitute*: A warrant confirms an appointment made by a representative of the Association on its behalf. It may be held only by an enrolled member of the Association who has attained the age of 18 and is under 65. It is issued for a specific appointment, is not transferable, and is returned for cancellation when the holder relinquishes the appointment.

The warrant is the property of the Association which has the right, through its representative, to demand the return and cancellation of a warrant without giving the reason.

### 37. The Ranger Guide Section

- 3(b) *Delete*: may register as a Young Leader and work *and substitute*: registers as a Young Leader and works.

### 48. Camps/Holidays with Special Conditions Attached

#### 1 Camping Without a Qualification

- (a)(i) *Delete*: Patrol Leaders/Seconds/Rangers *and substitute*: Guides/Ranger Guides.

#### 3. Camps/Holidays for Handicapped Members of the Movement whether members of Extension or Ordinary Units

- (a) *Delete 1st sentence and substitute*: Before any handicapped Guide attends a camp or holiday her parent or Guardian must complete an Association health form and, where it is deemed necessary, Form C21 stating that she is fit to do so.

- (c) *After* County Extension Adviser *delete remainder of clause*.

- (d) 1st sentence: *After* holiday *delete remainder of clause and substitute*: for the physically handicapped.

*Insert new clause:*

#### 8 Youth Hostelling

Rangers who are members of the Youth Hostels Association may, without further qualification, take part in Youth Hostelling in the United Kingdom as a Ranger activity, unaccompanied by an adult, provided they have the permission of their parents and Unit Guide to do so.

*and re-number succeeding clauses*

#### 9. (now 10) Joint Camping with Boys

*After 2nd paragraph add:*

For joint Ranger Guide/Venture Scout camps lasting less than five nights the licence holder need notify only the District Commissioner and C.A.

#### Conditions

*Delete and substitute*

The Guide or Venture Scout Leader or Assistant in charge must have had experience of running camps authorised by his or her own Association, and must have organised other joint activities.

#### 49. The Camping Qualifications

##### 1. The Camper's Licence

*Where relevant: after she insert /he; after her insert /his.*

1st sentence: *after* Guide *insert* or a Venture Scout Leader or Assistant

2nd sentence: *after* holder *insert*, if a Guide,

*Add new paragraph* The holder, if a Venture Scout Leader or Assistant, may take charge of a joint camp or holiday for Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts.

Present 2nd paragraph: *Delete* the holder of *and substitute* a Guide holding

#### Requirements

- (i) *Add* or, in the case of a Ranger Guide or Venture Scout Leader or Assistant, 21 years.

- (ii) *After* Camp Adviser *insert* or, in the case of a Venture Scout Leader or Assistant, by the Assistant County Commissioner (Venture Scouts).

*After* candidate has *insert* attended a G.G.A. camp training course and

Last paragraph: *Delete* of lightweight camping *and substitute* or Venture Scout Leader or Assistant of lightweight, standing, and mobile camps.

#### Conditions

- (i) *After* 18 years *insert* or, for joint camps, 21 years

2nd and 3rd sentences: *Delete* C.C.A. *and substitute* C.A.

*After* Movement *insert* other than a Scouter holding a warrant.

#### Test

*At end of 1st paragraph add* and the Ranger Guide or Venture Scout Leader or Assistant must have a minimum of five Ranger Guides/Venture Scouts in camp.

2nd paragraph: *After* holding the Camper's Licence. *insert* When the candidate is a Venture Scout Leader or Assistant, there should be a tester from each Association, both approved and appointed by the C.C.A. and the A.C.C. (Venture Scouts).

Last paragraph: *Delete* Guides in camp *and substitute* campers (excluding staff).

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parations and an 'ofrenda' was set up at the Cabaña and an explanation of this tradition given by one of the staff members. Programme activities for both sessions were basically the same - wide game; discussion groups; posada and Mexican fiesta; paper-cutting; international night; service projects; campfires; fiesta; and visits to Taxco, Toluca, Cuernavaca,

based on a sharing of proven programme skills by participants. Evaluations from participants were very positive, indicating that a workshop of this kind could be a valuable addition to the annual Cabaña calendar. Another Programme Workshop has been scheduled for 21st to 30th September, 1977, see HQ Notices this month.

A group of Australian Guides and leaders attended a regular session from 6th to 13th December. This was the first time that the Cabaña has received a group from the Asian-Pacific Area. Hopefully, more groups from that region of the world will now be encouraged to join sessions at Our Cabaña.

December saw the beginning of toy sorting and candy packing, and our first delivery of Christmas sacks. Santa Claus Contests were lots of fun, and the joy of sharing Christmas with children in nearby low income communities was a delight for everyone.

We are looking forward excitedly to our Juliette Low Gathering for Rangers and Seniors in January. The title of the Event is 'Where Do We Stand in Guiding Today? - and where are we going?'



much higher - 55 ladies from Barbados, Canada, Mexico and the U.S.A. The highlight of the first session was the celebration of the tradition of the Day of the Dead. A visit was made to the Cuernavaca market to observe pre-

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Bowls is one of the most popular sports in the United Kingdom and the National Association of Visually Handicapped Bowlers encourages green bowling and has links with clubs throughout England and Wales and with the English Bowls Association and the British Association for Sporting and Recreational Activities of the Blind. The National Association of Visually Handicapped Bowlers has a large number of members. Bowls has considerable therapeutic value associated with orientation and mobility, and for this reason as well as for enjoyment it is an activity which are incorporated into our rehabilitation courses conducted in Torquay and Nottingham. You may be interested to know that the National Association of Visually Handicapped Bowlers was formed with considerable assistance from R.N.I.B.

Sailing training courses are conducted by the Royal Yachting Association Seamanship Foundation. A number of boats and associated equipment have been made available by the R.Y.A. We are of course in contact with the Royal Yachting Association and have produced for them a number of embossed maps for use by students during the training course.

Mountaineering, scrambling and rock climbing are very popular activities and have become increasingly so in recent years. Many of Britain's highest peaks have been scaled by members of a mountaineering club known as 'Milton Mountaineers'.

Adapted cricket is played by several teams of blind adults in the London area who use plastic footballs containing dried peas or shot and a wicket rather like a fence instead of separate stumps. In spite of the adaptations the teams have interested a number of

sighted people to play against them. The game is played on a normal pitch and follows the pattern of conventional cricket.

Tandem cycling is also popular at our Rehabilitation Centres and indeed some of the schools. This is obviously an activity which enables a blind person to enjoy the pleasures of cycling in company with a sighted colleague.

Amongst the more sedentary games enjoyed by blind people are dominoes, cards, scrabble and a wide range of other table games including chess and draughts. Chess is very popular in Britain and there is a Braille chess association which promotes the playing of chess amongst blind people, mainly by correspondence but also across the board. Regular tournaments are held.



Gardening is a very popular pastime activity for many blind people and there is no reason why a person who has been interested in gardening should not continue this hobby after becoming blind. Many books have been produced on gardening including a manual for blind gardeners and there is a bi-monthly magazine produced in braille on recorded tape and in print. This contains advice and general information on all aspects of horticulture and describes methods and techniques which blind people have developed themselves. For many years R.N.I.B. has conducted the Guild of Blind Gardeners through which blind gardeners are assisted to meet the cost of tools, fertilizers and other garden requisites.

Athletics has proved to be highly successful in recent years. Blind people have shown ability in both Track and Field events and now compete regularly in Blind and Multi-Disabled Games at national and international level. In the 1976 Multi-Disabled Olympics at Toronto, blind competitors in the U.K. team brought back a total of 12 medals.

Swimming, Water Skiing and Sub-Aqua are all enjoyed by blind people and swimming is often used as a rehabilitative activity. In competition blind swimmers have enjoyed much success in national and International Games and did particularly well in Toronto 1976 in bringing back a total of six medals.

Skiing has also been taken up recently by the visually handicapped, and blind skiers did particularly well in the Nordic (Cross-Country) events of the 1976 Multi-Disabled Games in Sweden.



# the Blind

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## book reviews

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The age range covered is from First/Primary, when simple nutrition and the value of food is taught, through middle school, the shopping basket and meal planning to Senior when the accent is on information required when feeding a family. This is linked with shopping, meal planning, practical cookery and utilisation of energy. There is an excellent bibliography and Guiders will find many

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**CG**

**Brownie Journey Colouring Books No's 1-4, by Rosalie Brown. Published by John Goodchild, 45p each, and obtainable at Guide shops.**

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**AMM**

**The Fund Raising Handbook, by Redmond Mullin. Mowbrays, £5.00.**

This is a most comprehensive and interesting survey

of fund raising methods in present day society. I feel the advice is particularly applicable for Counties or Regions who wish to plan a long term fund raising project for a specific item, e.g. headquarters, camp-site, etc. However, anyone planning any sort of money raising effort would find items of interest, not least the emphasis placed on the importance of meticulous early planning and subsequent record keeping. There is also useful advice on how to sustain and

develop interest in a project within the community, and how to avoid boring and offending through over-exposure to the cause.

The presentation is simple and practical, with an excellent index. There are easily understood diagrams illustrating various points. I would recommend anyone who is involved with fund raising for any cause to study this book, particularly before embarking on a large scale project.

**BB**

### CHQ Books

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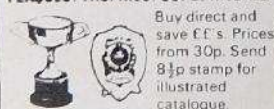
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# You and Insurance

## INSURANCE FOR PARTIES TRAVELLING ABROAD

At its meeting on 3rd February The Executive Committee agreed that a minimum of risks to be covered by insurance for all members of the Movement going abroad should be accepted as below -

- A. For Europe: £2,000 medical expenses, £150 cancellation, £150 baggage, £50 money.
- B. World Wide: £3,000 medical expenses, £500 cancellation, £200 baggage, £100 money.

It was further agreed that these minima should come into effect from 1st June 1977, except in the case of arrangements for visits abroad which are already made.

This has become necessary due to the rapid inflation world wide in recent years and the recent sharp falls in the value of sterling.

## NEW TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS

You will have read above of the decision of the Executive Committee to lay down minimum requirements for Medical Expenses and other necessary covers for parties travelling abroad. We have recently revised the travel insurance which we can arrange for members with Lloyds and full details of the new policies are given below. These incorporate the new requirements laid down by the Executive Committee. We would remind members that no cover is provided for cancellations, baggage or money under the normal HQ insurances, and by combining the cover for these with the medical expenses cover into 'package' policies it has been possible to obtain favourable premium rates. For those members going on Pack Holidays in the UK, a separate package has been designed to provide the baggage, money and cancellation covers without medical expenses.

Party leaders requiring cover under these arrangements are requested to contact the Insurance Department at

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We would emphasise that so far as medical expenses and cancellations are concerned policies described below make up the cover under the existing CHQ policies to the amounts stated and that therefore like the basic policies, they can only apply to Members of the Movement travelling on organised Guiding parties and to voluntary helpers accompanying such parties. When non-members are accompanying parties other than as voluntary helpers special insurance arrangements will have to be made and we can arrange this and quote the premiums payable on receipt of full details.

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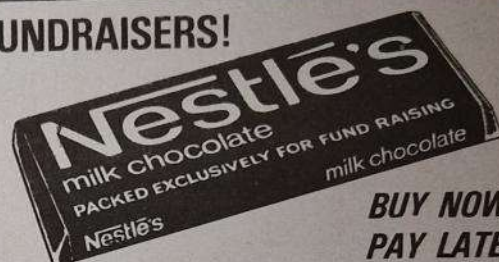
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## INSURANCE

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### PACKAGE 3 (for journeys abroad, outside Europe)

Medical

Expenses £3,000

Cancellation £500

Baggage £200

Money £100

£5.30 £6.25 £7.20 £8.20 £6.25

\* NB: 'Europe' includes Madeira, The Canary Islands and those parts of countries bordering the Mediterranean north of lat 30°N.

The following is a summary of the policy cover and conditions applicable to the new 'travel packages'.

#### SECTION 1 - CANCELLATION

To pay up to the amount specified for loss of travel and accommodation expenses paid in advance or for which there is a contractual liability consequent upon the cancellation or proportionately for the curtailment of a holiday or period of travel caused by:-

- (i) the Insured Person sustaining accidental bodily injury or becoming ill.
- (ii) the death, injury or illness of the Insured Person's fiancée, business colleague, or 'close relative' (as defined below), or of a person with whom he had arranged to travel, or of the 'close relative' of another Insured Person. ('Close relative' shall mean wife, husband, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, child, brother or sister, and shall also include any other relative whose death, injury or illness necessitates the presence of the Insured Person in the UK.)
- (iii) compulsory quarantine, jury service or witness call of any named Insured Person or any person with whom the Insured Person had arranged to travel.
- (iv) cancellation or curtailment of scheduled public transport services consequent upon strikes, riots or civil commotions provided the announcement or outbreak of the strike occurs after the insurance is effected.
- (v) Hi-jack.

#### SECTION 2 - EXPENSES

- (a) To pay medical, hospital and treatment expenses and additional hotel and repatriation costs necessarily incurred as the result of the Insured Person being hi-jacked, becoming ill or sustaining bodily injury during the period of insurance including pregnancy but not within two months of the estimated date of delivery, and compulsory quarantine. Insured Persons over 70 years of age are required to bear the first £10 of claims under this sub-section.
- (b) To pay reasonable travel and hotel expenses of a relative or friend not necessarily an Insured Person who is required to travel to, remain with or escort a severely incapacitated Insured Person.
- (c) To pay additional repatriation expenses necessarily incurred by the Insured Person consequent upon the death, sudden illness or injury within the United Kingdom of the Insured Person's fiancée, business colleague, or 'close relative' (as defined above).
- (d) To pay additional travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the Insured Person consequent upon the cancellation or curtailment of scheduled public transport services caused by Hi-jacks, avalanches, land-slides, riots, strikes or civil commotions provided that these occur or commence during the period of insurance.

- (e) To pay the cost of funeral expenses and/or of transporting the remains or ashes of an Insured Person to former place of residence in the United Kingdom.

The cover under sub-sections (b) to (f) shall not exceed in all the Sum Insured and each Insured Person shall be deemed a separate insurance. Nevertheless in the event that the illness or injury of an Insured Person should involve other Insured Persons named hereunder in the forfeiture of commitments for travel and accommodation and/or necessary additional expenses for travel and accommodation, the Underwriters will also pay for such loss and expenses reasonably incurred up to the limit of the respective sums insured of the other named Insured Persons.

- (f) To pay up to £1,000 for the charter of an air ambulance or special use of air transport including qualified attendants certified by a doctor to be necessary for the repatriation or treatment of a seriously ill or injured Person.
- (g) To pay legal expenses up to £1,000 incurred by or on behalf of an Insured Person in the pursuit of a claim against a Third Party who has caused bodily injury to or illness or death of the Insured Person.

#### SECTION 3 - BAGGAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS INCLUDING CAMPING EQUIPMENT

To pay for accidental loss of or damage to property of the Insured Person or for which he is responsible occurring during the period of insurance. Cover is limited to £100 any one unspecified item, but items of higher value up to £250 each will be accepted provided they are separately specified.

**NB** It is most important that the Sum Insured should represent the full value of all the property including clothing worn on person, watches, jewellery, cameras, furs, sports equipment and tents and camping equipment, otherwise claims can be met on a proportionate basis only.

#### SECTION 4 - MONEY AND TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES

To pay for loss of money, travellers' cheques, passports, green card, petrol coupons and travel tickets including expenses directly consequent upon such loss, subject to the loss being reported to the Police within 24 hours of discovery. Cover commences from time of collection from bank or 72 hours prior to commencement of journey whichever is the later.

#### IMPORTANT EXCLUSIONS

- a) The cover under Section 1 and sub-sections a), b) and c) of Section 2 will not apply to any illness or injury arising out of physical defects existing at the time of booking or at the commencement of the journey if the journey is booked or commenced against medical advice.
- b) Any claim caused by an infectious disease with which an Insured Person is known or suspected to have been in contact within 21 days of the commencement of a holiday is excluded.
- c) Cancellation cover will not operate in respect of any person who, at the time of making the Booking, is aware of any reason why the holiday might have to be cancelled.

If the journey for which this insurance is effected is not completed within the period of insurance due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the Insured Person's control the insurance will be continued until such completion without additional premium up to a maximum of thirty days.



# WHAT'S ON

## Exhibitions

The **Wealth of the Roman World** is the subject of an exhibition at **The British Museum** commencing April 1, which will continue until 1st October, 1977.

The exhibition covers the years AD 300 - 700, and the 600 or so exhibits will include medals, cups, plates and jewellery. Mysterious stories and tales of political intrigue are attached to many of the exhibits, such as the 7th Century silver 'David plates', which depict the scene of a Roman Emperor who personally fought and killed his opponent, and was heralded as a 'second David'. Another exhibit, the Chalice of Antioch, was thought by some to be the Holy Grail - the cup used by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper.

Admission to 'Wealth of the Roman World' is 50p for adults, 20p for children under fourteen and for Senior Citizens.

The Easter exhibition at the **National Gallery, Trafalgar Square**, is **Late Gothic Art from Cologne**.

Opening on 5th April, the exhibition constitutes the largest loan of Ancient German Art to be made from Germany to this country in recent years, and is backed up by loans from British collections.

The art of the Cologne-school over the period 1400 - 1500 is covered, and the paintings are characterised by their use of gold, rich colour and pattern, and though the subject matter is religious, their artists took a wholly secular pleasure in their representations of fantastic costumes and elaborate hairstyles. The end of the Middle Ages is seen through their work as a time of Fairy-tale splendour. The most famous artist of the period, some of whose work is on display at the exhibition, is Stephan Lochner.

Admission is free: but don't go on Good Friday, 8th April when the Gallery will be closed.

## Jubilee Celebration: Good Tastes

Throughout the year there will be a series of small exhibitions of contemporary crafts organised by the **Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7** in conjunction with the Crafts Advisory Committee. The aim is to represent the work of the present generation of craftsmen. The first display will be of simulated cakes, jellies and ices made to special jubilee recipes.

The **Kellogg's National Exhibition of Children's Art** goes to the West Country this month; from 5th-30th April the exhibits will be on view at **Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street**. (Tel: 0392-56724). Admission is free, and the Museum's opening hours are 10.00am-5.30 pm, Tuesday-Saturday inclusive.



This entry, by Ryan Craig Beadle, of Cranborne Infants' School, Potters Bar, was Highly Commended.

## Wildlife

**Kilverston Hall Wildlife Park, Thetford, Norfolk** offers a comprehensive selection of birds and mammals, mainly from North and South America, in attractive surroundings. The estate dates back to the time of Edward the Confessor though the present hall was built in 1620. Times of opening: 10 am to 6.30 pm during summer; 10 am to 5 pm during winter.

## London Festival Ballet

The spring season of this company will be as usual at the **London Coliseum** from 26th April to 2nd July. We know how popular this company is with our readers, as we hear all about the many coach parties which enjoy their performances both in the regions and in London. There are greatly reduced rates for party bookings; groups of 20 or more young people under 18 can book for only £1.25 per seat, which is a really wonderful saving when the full price of the seat is as much as £4.60. Apply to the Box Office, **London Festival Ballet, London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4ES**, marking the envelope 'party booking'.

For the first week, the company will be presenting the exciting two act ballet *The Golden Cockerel*, and the second week their beautiful and lavish production of *Nureyev's Sleeping Beauty*. Week commencing 9th May,

the greatest of all romantic ballets, *Les Sylphides* will be revived by the great ballerina **Dame Alicia Markova**, who will reproduce the work exactly as taught to her many years ago by its choreographer, **Michel Fokine**.



Dame  
Alicia  
Markova

Monday to Wednesday, this ballet will share the bill with the ever-popular *Prodigal Son* in ragtime, to **Scott Joplin's** music - a perfectly balanced programme which gives the newcomer some idea of two greatly contrasting styles which are still classical ballet. **JVR**

## Cinema



Ben-hur  
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If you missed this 3½ hour epic the first time round I would strongly recommend that you see it now. A basically religious tale, **Charlton Heston** stars as **Judah Ben-hur** who refuses to bow under the might of Rome. Watch for **Stephen Boyd** as **Messala**, Ben-hur's boyhood friend who becomes his deadly rival, responsible for the five year imprisonment and subsequent leprosy of Hur's mother and sister. Now on general release. **AMM**

## In Brief

**Birmingham** 23 April, **Birmingham Cathedral**: **Birmingham Bach Society**: **Bach and Vivaldi** - Concertos for two and four harpsichords.

**Durham** April 16 and 17: **Horse Trial**: **Beamish Horse Driving Trial**, **Beamish Museum**, **Beamish Hall**, **Stanley, Durham**. All day (Both days).

**Glossop** April 3, 10, 17 & 24: **Steam Engines**: **Steaming at Dinting Railway Centre**, **Dinting Lane**, **Glossop, Derbys**. 11.00 - 17.00.

**Lichfield** April 23: **Old Custom**: **St George's Day Court**, **Guildhall**, **Bore Street, Lichfield, Staffs**. 12.00.

**Mansfield** 1-9: **Exhibition**: **Mansfield and District Photographic Society** annual exhibition, **Museum and Art Gallery**, **Leeming Street, Mansfield, Notts**. 10.00 - 18.00 Mon-Fri, 10.00 - 17.00 Sat.

**Welwyn Garden City** April 1 & 2: **Play**: **The Turn of the Screw**, by **Mervyn Lloyd**, **Barn Theatre**, **Handside Lane, Welwyn**. 20.00.



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