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The following telegram was sent to Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her birthday:
On the occasion of your Majesty's birthday, all members of the Girl Guides Association in the United Kingdom send their greetings and best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

Sheila Walker
Chief Commissioner

Her Majesty's reply:

I thank you and all members of the Girl Guides Association in the United Kingdom most sincerely for your kind congratulations on my birthday.

Elizabeth R

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Cover

The setting for this month's cover is the State Room in Windsor Castle. Her Majesty wears an orchid mauve satin dress embroidered with pearls and rhinestones, and a diamond and pearl tiara with matching necklace, ear-rings and ring. She also wears the Garter Sash and Star with Family Orders. Prince Philip wears the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, with decorations, Garter Sash and Star.

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GUIDING ROUNDABOUT



Brian Duff

Left, pleased as Punch at being presented with a 'Thanks Badge' is Mr Brian Duff, a photographer who regularly supplies us with photos for GUIDER, and who has given stalwart service and support to the Guide Movement for many years.

Listen to the band ... the audience was held spellbound by a tambourine display by Hull Brownies at the North Humberside GGA Gala Day last autumn.



Hull Daily Mail

Fleet Air Arm Press

Their Brownie badges will forever after shine like stars after such polishing practice! The helicopter clean-up formed part of the 1st Weston (Portland) Brownies' Jubilee Sparkle venture.



At the annual Carnival at Farndon a cloudburst failed to dampen the spirits of these bathing belles on the winning (Guide) float, left.



The Luton News

Right, a Brownie is a friend to animals, and getting along like a house on fire with guinea-pig Sandy and a friendly pigeon (who prefers to remain anonymous) is Brownie Guide Elizabeth Gamble, of Luton.



O Dealey

Above, a money raising effort to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Penny Bar (Birmingham) Guides division resulted in the purchase of a slide projector screen which was presented to a Birmingham library.

'Getting the boot' ... is this Wigan team of Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts, below. Winning the award involved a 15-mile hike in the Peak District, and over thirty teams took part.



Wigan Observer



I KNOW that Guiders throughout the United Kingdom will wish to join me in sending our loyal greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee. Her Majesty's lifelong interest in the Guide Movement is well known and appreciated by all of us, from the time she was enrolled as a Guide in the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company on 13th December, 1937, to the present day when she remains our valued Patron. She gave her own interpretation of the Promise and Law when, as Princess Elizabeth, she spoke at a Ranger Guiders' Conference in 1950: 'The Promise and Laws are simple and anyone can understand them. This does not by any means make them easy to fulfil . . . they are very difficult, for they demand of us faith, honesty, self control and love for our neighbour'.

In the twenty-five years of her reign, the Queen has undoubtedly lived by her Promise, and I ask every member of our Movement to pray for Her Majesty particularly during her Jubilee Year and to give thanks for her wonderful example to us all.

Sheila Walker.
Chief Commissioner.

Her Majesty the Queen was a Guide and Ranger...

Dear Princess Elizabeth

I want to thank Your Royal Highness
for so kindly asking the
Chief Guide about my health.

Although I am not quite
so sprightly
as



Guides
← and
Brownies,
still

I am
getting on
fairly well for an
Old Scout →



I am so glad to hear that
you are enjoying Guiding,
and that your Company
has already made itself so smart.

Wishing you "Good Camping"

Yours very sincerely Basil Sovell

A facsimile of a letter from B.-P. to Princess Elizabeth, July, 1938.

Washing-up in camp at Windsor in July, 1944, right (L to R) Members of SRS Duke of York, Iris Woods, Muriel Murray-Brown and Princess Elizabeth.



Princess Elizabeth at the helm of Windstar with Sir Philip Hunloke in July, 1946, when her Sea Ranger Crew, SRS Duke of York, was training at Dartmouth on board MTB 630.



Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret with the pigeon which flew from Windsor to London with a Thinking Day greeting for the World Chief Guide on February 20th, 1943. Every county in the UK sent greetings by pigeon at the close of fund-raising for the B. P. Memorial Fund.



Below, a Coronation postcard depicting Her Majesty as a Guide, left.



And her interest in Guiding continues



A Coronation Tribute envelope. From February to June, 1953, Guides all over the United Kingdom and in the Commonwealth offered service to their countries as a tribute of love and loyalty to H.M. The Queen. Representative cards were taken to Buckingham Palace by Brownies, Guides, Rangers and a Cadet on July 16th for the Queen to see.



A Brownie in Jamaica presents a bouquet to HM The Queen during her tour in 1953.



At Calabar, Nigeria, on 8th February, 1956: two Guides watch the Queen lay a wreath on the grave of Mary Slessor in the Mission Hill Cemetery.

Below, a warm greeting for the World Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell when HM The Queen opened Baden-Powell House on 12th July, 1961.



The Queen receives Thinking Day greetings in 1954 from Guides in Tasmania, presented by Susanna and Karina Cross, daughters of HE Sir Ronald Cross, Governor of Tasmania, and Lady Cross.



HM The Queen visits the B.-P. Centenary Camp in Windsor Great Park on Sunday, 4th August, 1957, attended by 4000 Guides and Girl Scouts from 64 countries. Above the Stanhope Group Camp hangs a cradle, symbol of B.-P.'s birthplace at 6 Stanhope St. London.



Isle of Wight Guides and Brownies and other members of youth organisations greet the Queen at Yarmouth on 27th July, 1965.



Where were you on

"Thank you" to all the readers who took up the challenge in the February 1977 *GUIDER* that they should tell us the highlights of their 2nd June, 1953 – the Queen's Coronation Day, 24 years ago.

At the Earl Marshal's Office

With one other Ranger from SRS *Warrior* I had the unique experience of working in the Earl Marshal's Office for the week preceding the Coronation. It was an exciting time and I will remember delivering invitations to HRH Princess Margaret and HRH Prince Charles. We drove in a taxi straight through the gates of Buckingham Palace in front of quite a large crowd.

A few days later I received this letter from the Duke of Norfolk.



A S Parker

(District Commissioner, Little Bookham, Surrey)

Outside Buckingham Palace

On 30th May, 22 Guides and I left Cheshire for London en route to Blacklands to the Coronation Camp. A night packed like sardines followed on 1st June before we took up our places outside Buckingham Palace.

The splendour of the Coronation procession is still vivid in my memory as I hope it is in the Guides'. Before returning to camp I made the acquaintance of an old friend of Fife's – Miss Betty Beveridge – but not in the best circumstances. She had to 'hold' the bus for Blacklands while I searched all floors at CHQ for my Guides!

P D McFarlan

(County Commissioner, Fife)



Blacklands or camping outside Buckingham Palace! (a double exposure). Doreen Nicholson from Dumfries and Eliza McFarlan from Cheshire.

(344 Guides and Guiders were in camp at Blacklands, 238 from the United Kingdom and 106 from 30 different countries overseas. For a five-day camp the cost was £5 each.)

In Parliament Square

Reveille at 3.45 am at Girl Guide Headquarters on

Coronation Day was worth every groan it raised!! By 6 am we were part of the excited crowds in Parliament Square.

First came members of government, state and royalty from all over the globe – a blaze of colour! Next, our own royalty. Then the Queen and Duke in the golden coach – a spectacular sight! Loudspeakers relayed the Service from Westminster Abbey – we missed nothing!

The processions returned. In spite of rain, a perfect day. Thanks to God and the Guide organisation, I have such wonderful memories to carry all my life.

Rose Anderson, Kilconquhar
(a Guide in the 1st Colinsburgh Coy)

Perched on Admiralty Arch

After waiting all night I watched the Coronation procession, standing on a three-inch ledge, five feet up on Admiralty Arch. I shall never forget the colourful uniforms, the horses and the VIPs in their coaches – Queen Salote of Tonga symbolising the happiness of the occasion. Deafening cheering heralded the Queen, looking radiant, with Prince Philip by her side in the state coach.

Lunch, and everyone listening to a wireless: What a stirring broadcast of the Coronation. Up on my ledge again to watch the spectacular procession return, the Queen wearing the Imperial Crown and holding the Orb and Sceptre. Truly, a memorable day.

Joan Welch

(1st Littleham Guide Guider, Exmouth)



The state coach taken from a 3rd foothold on Admiralty Arch. Photo: Joan Welch.

Back at Blacklands

What was I doing on 2nd June, 1953? You may well ask! I was trying to keep the tents up at Blacklands. Oh, how it rained! I think there were about ten of us left behind to keep the tents for over 300 standing.

We did have odd moments when we dripped into the cottage to watch the telly – then back to the guylines and mallets.

Late that night all the campers, some of them from Commonwealth countries, would be returning, cold and wet. "What are we to give them?" I am sure someone said: "Porridge".

"How many cupfuls of porridge do you need for over 300?"

In the event not everyone returned, some preferring a night on the floor at HQ in London. At least it was dry there!

Sue Blades, Guide Guider
(2nd Chailey Heritage Coy., Lewes Priory District, E. Sussex)

Coronation day?



Celebrations in Towns and Villages

'I was a ten-year-old Brownie and was chosen by the Pack to be their Brownie Queen and my retinue was chosen from younger Brownies. Everyone had a part to play. There were songs, dances and parts to learn and visits to the dressmaker.

Brown Owl, Tawny Owl, Guides and Rangers, mums and dads put many hours of hard work into our entertainment. We had songs, dances, plays and poems in the first half then, after the interval of tea and biscuits, the stage had a throne set upon it, all decorated with flowers. My mum being a florist made us all a posy and my cushion bearer carried my crown on a satin cushion.

In June 1953, Coronation year, I was crowned Queen Coronation of the 105th Sheffield Brownie Pack. I was a mere ten-year-old. I remember feeling frightened but so very happy and proud. How did our present Queen feel, maybe she felt the same?

Sandra Ward
(62nd Rotherham Brownie Pack)

In Hartlepool – a 'Glorious Do'

June 2nd, '53

Was a busy day for little me.
Out of bed at crack of dawn,
Dressed myself in Guide Uniform.
Watched the T.V. from ten 'till four
With fifty others on the sitting room floor.
My friend's Dad had killed a pig,
So, eat pork sandwiches was what we did.
Smartened ourselves up for the Village Parade,
Cancelled – because of the rain, I'm afraid.

In the evening, went to the Celebration Whist Drive,
On to the dance – we were late to arrive,
Danced and danced from ten 'till two,
My! but it was a 'Glorious Do'.

Mary Ann Carberry
(1st Castle Eden Guide Coy., Co. Durham)

With our Friends from Norway

I was a Ranger in '53,
And spent the day watching T.V.
With me a Ranger from over the sea.
She was from Norway actually.
A party of ten in Arnold did stay,
And thoroughly enjoyed that special day.
We started the week at a camp site nearby,
But with cold and rain, we could not keep dry,
We abandoned camp, at our friends' request,
And took them home to have some rest.
We took them around lots of places to see
And enjoyed many parties, and cups of tea.
After they left us to London they went
And met Lady B.P. in her Apartment.

Pat Briggs
(1st North Petherton Guide Coy., Somerset)

A Street Party

Twenty-four years seems such a long time to think back, and yet it seems like yesterday that magical week in June, excitement filling the air, the Union Jack waving out of every window.

I remember joining in the country dancing in the Market Place with the school. For the Street Party we made a cake, in a pudding basin, iced it in red then made it into a crown

with gold paper and jelly sweets for jewels.

My happiest memory is with the Guides pulling Boadicea's chariot around the recreation ground. This was 1st Thetford's contribution to the procession of floats.

Cynthia Royle
(4th Thetford Guide Coy., Norfolk)

A Twelve-Year-Old's Impressions

What do I remember of the Coronation? Rain – it rained all day. We had a party in a marquee with lots of ice cream and fizzy pop (which lasted what seemed like years!). There were commemorative cups, saucers and plates.

I dressed up as a Hawaiian girl and when we toured in the double decker bus it broke the banner across the road.

Strangely enough, I remember little of the Queen and her Coronation. Perhaps it shows what is important to a twelve-year-old!

Rita Hunter
(1st Lutterworth Guide Coy.)

At Wilhelmshaven, Northern Germany

After weeks of practising, at last the day had arrived. Guides, Rangers, Sea Cadets and others, all in various uniforms, were excitedly climbing in coaches. We were boarders at Prince Rupert School, Wilhelmshaven, Northern Germany, and were to take part in the Coronation Parade with the armed forces at the RAF Station, Oldenburg.

As the band played we marched proudly across the parade ground and past the saluting base. Our shoes squelched and we were very wet, but soon it was time for refreshments, a gift of a specially-stamped propelling pencil, then the return journey back to school for the Coronation dance in Churchill Hall, appropriately decorated in red, white and blue.

A memorable day.

Ingrid Hitchens



Air Rangers at the Prince Rupert School, Wilhelmshaven, practising for the Coronation Parade. Photo: I. G. Hitchens

The Coronation Tribute Symbol

An enthusiastic young art student, toying with a copy of *The Guider* while a kettle boiled, saw that a design was needed for a Coronation tribute symbol. Before the kettle boiled the design was done. To my surprise it won the competition and was used throughout the Commonwealth. (illustrated in this article's heading)

Golly, was it really all those years ago? **Elizabeth Towner**

Where we were . . .



C. Royle

Queen Beadicea and the 1st Thetford Guides.

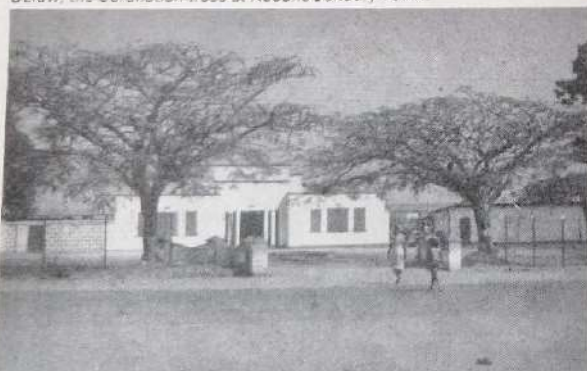
Below, Rangers from Norway who visited Arnold, Notts. for the Coronation celebrations:



P. Bligge

Right, a Guide plants a Coronation tree for a Kakuri Company at Kaduna on 2nd June, 1953.

Below, the Coronation trees at Kaduna January 1977.



Ministry of Information, Kaduna

The Scottish contingent for the Coronation Camp at Blacklands.



A Brownie presents blankets to Miss Lucy for a leper settlement for a Coronation tribute. (Mrs E. B. White is shown on the left)



M. B. White

In Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, West Indies

'That the sun holds us back in the West Indies four hours behind England did all the good as the radio broadcast came as a sunrise greeting - that Princess Elizabeth was being crowned Queen in Westminster Abbey.

I spent Coronation Day with family friends in the capital where we watched the national parade, which included Port-of-Spain Guides and Scouts, in Queen's Park.

Listening to the speeches from London I joined in spirit towards our Chief Ranger.

May Endora Christian
(ex-Guider, Roseau, Dominica)



At Kaduna, Northern Nigeria

'I was a Guider and District Commissioner in Kaduna. Guides and Brownies planted a tree at the new Community Centre, each saluting and saying 'I plant this tree as a tribute to Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of my Company (or Pack)'.

About two dozen trees were planted and I heard in January this year from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Kaduna that 'the trees are now grown up to the sky and provide restful shade during hot days.' (For some years the Community Centre was used as a vocational training centre for the blind).

Guides and Brownies rode on a float in a local procession. They also made scrap-books and knitted blankets for a leper settlement for their Coronation Tribute.

Margaret White
(Trefoil Guild Chairman, N.E. England)

Guides and Rangers from Cheshire smarten up at Blacklands, below.



TODAY'S GUIDE Silver Jubilee Project Competition . . .

Coronations Through The Ages

GUIDE Guiders — are your Patrols busy with their models, collages, pageants, scrapbooks for the *TODAY'S GUIDE* Queen's Silver Jubilee Project Competition? If not, there is still time (but only just) for them to become involved in this most exciting project.

Full details were in March *GUIDER*, but just to refresh your memory, the four projects making up the competition are as follows: **March:** *Jubilees Through the Ages*; **April:** *The Queen as a Guide and Ranger*; **May:** *Twenty-five years of the Queen's Reign*; **June:** *Coronations Through the Ages*. Each theme can be developed in any way the Patrol chooses, and an article on each theme to start them off is in the relevant issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE* for the month concerned.

The Jubilee Pack available from our P.R. dept. contains perfect material for your project (see H.Q. notices).

Whatever your Patrol decides to do, it must be recorded in a Project Book to be sent up to CHQ for preliminary judging not later than 15th July. The ten best Patrols will be invited to come to CHQ on Wednesday, 24th August, bringing with them any models, etc., for final judging. Expenses will be paid by the sponsors, Polycell Products Ltd, and remember too that Polycell or Polyfilla must be used in at least two of the four projects.

Entry form, and instructions for sending in entries, will be in the July issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE*, and mean-

Right, St Edward's Crown with which the sovereign is crowned. Crown Copyright: reproduced by kind permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

while I hope you are all encouraging your Patrols with their research and work on this most fascinating of subjects.

In the June issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE*, there are two pages of interesting facts about Coronations. (Did you know, for instance, that from Norman times onwards the ceremony began and ended in Westminster Hall, but the Coronation of George IV was so ruinously expensive that his successor William IV confined the celebrations to the religious ceremony in Westminster Abbey, and so it has remained ever since? Did you know that St Edward's Crown, weighing nearly 5 lb., is only used for the actual act of crowning, and the lighter Imperial State Crown is worn for the rest of the time? Did you know that Coronation Souvenirs have been sold in this country since the 17th Century, but that King Edward VII started the custom of giving souvenir mugs to school children?) Also in the June *TODAY'S GUIDE* is an article about the Stone of Scone and the part it has played in our coronations since 1296.

Not everyone is able to visit London, but for those lucky enough to do so there is the special exhibition of Coronation robes and regalia at the Museum of London. Also, of course, the permanent exhibition of the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London. Both are especially worth a visit in Jubilee Year, but of course there are likely to be many hundreds of people with the same idea. See 'What's On' elsewhere in this issue for details of this month's celebrations throughout the country.

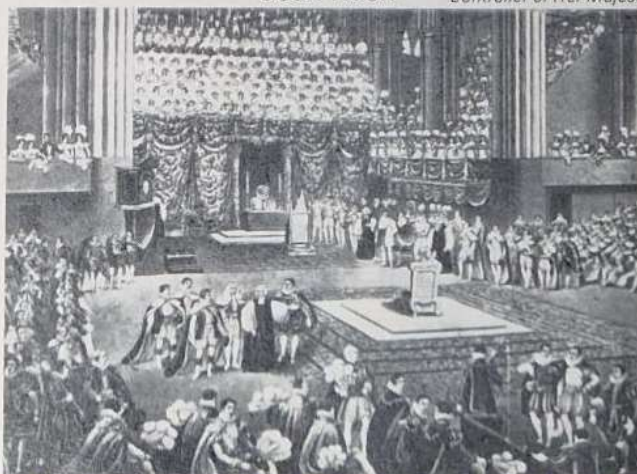
Jean Rush



Above, the crowning of St Edmund of East Anglia in 856. From a 12th century manuscript from the Abbey of St Edmund. Crown Copyright: reproduced by kind permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office.



Above, this dress was worn by Princess Margaret at the Coronation of George VI in 1937. Museum of London.



This detail, left, from an aquatint by Dubourg shows the Coronation of George IV in 1821. Museum of London.

COMMONWEALTH WEEK 12th - 17th JUNE, 1977



June 1975 Jamaica Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference

Throughout the United Kingdom people are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, with many of the national events taking place this month. We should also remember that the Queen has another important and unique role - as Head of the Commonwealth, which position she has held for 25 years. Commonwealth Heads of Government have acknowledged this by choosing to hold their two-yearly meeting in London this month, an event which will attract national press, radio and television attention.

This event is a golden opportunity to focus attention on the Commonwealth and its 36 member countries and with this in mind the Royal Commonwealth Society, backed by the Commonwealth Institute, has designated June 12th - 17th 1977 as Commonwealth Week. Voluntary societies and organisations throughout the country have been asked to celebrate Commonwealth Week and you may have seen in this month's issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE* that the suggestion has been made to Guides that their meeting during that week could have a 'Commonwealth flavour'. Will you give them your support and encouragement?

The contemporary Commonwealth has been part of our lives for so long that we should have little difficulty in achieving a basic understanding of it. The Commonwealth is not a political arrangement, there are no membership fees, and although legal and education systems may be similar for historical reasons, each country is free to choose its own systems.

'We inherited basic institutions and concepts of government and society. We understand each other better than any other group do. We use the same diction and concepts. It does not mean that we all stay put. We are all evolving and discovering our own personalities.... 1973: Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore.'

Almost every race and religion, every type of national economy, many styles of government and many political systems are presented among the 36 countries and nearly 1000 million people who, in every continent and ocean, make up the contemporary Commonwealth.

'We have rich nations and poor; our politics range from the libertarian through the authoritarian to the incredible - though you will understand that protocol prevents a specific identification of the last. 1974: Michael Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica.'

These countries were brought together in two main phases. One was of emigration from Britain in search of greater freedom and prosperity, to

the seventeenth century, accounts for the membership of Canada, Australia and New Zealand which, with Britain, are now the wealthiest and most industrialised members of the Commonwealth community. Originating mainly from British stock owing allegiance to the British Crown, the peoples of these countries moved fairly naturally and easily towards an equal partnership with the British, in a process which started in the middle of the nineteenth century and evolved over the next hundred years.

The other main phase started in the sixteenth century, rising to a peak in the nineteenth century when most of the countries of Europe vied together to explore and to dominate much of the rest of the world in search of wealth and of raw materials, and to protect their trade routes. This phase involved the British, as a major sea power, in the Caribbean, Asia, Africa, the Pacific and the Mediterranean, but in quite a different way from their involvement in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. This was not so much colonisation by settlement as domination by expatriate traders and developers, soldiers and administrators, of existing civilisations and socio-economic systems, some of them of great antiquity.

The evolution among these countries of an equal partnership with Britain as the erstwhile Imperial power was a much more difficult - ironically in the end a much quicker - process. It came about partly because the British, more than any other imperial power, had from the nineteenth century adopted a serious policy of encouraging the dependent territories to move towards self-government. It came about fairly peacefully because, following the upheavals of the 1939-45 war, the pace accelerated far beyond anything that the British had ever contemplated and much closer to the aspirations of the politically-conscious leaders in the dependent countries.

The critical point was when India and Pakistan*, becoming independent on the dissolution of the Indian Empire in 1947, opted to remain within the Commonwealth while severing their connections with the British Crown, and this was accepted by Britain and the other independent members of the Commonwealth - which at that time included South Africa* as well as Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The pattern of the future was set whereby the British Monarch was recognised as the figure-head of the free association of independent member nations. Queen Elizabeth II is now Queen of eleven out of the 36 member countries of the Commonwealth.

What makes the Commonwealth so remarkable is that it has changed from an empire based on inequality of race and economic opportunity into a voluntary equal partnership concerned increasingly with the attainment of a new and more just economic order in the world as a whole. What makes it so useful is the ease and informality with which, from Heads of Government downwards, its people communicate through a common working language against a shared administrative, legal and educational background.

'It is through the Commonwealth that we have come to know our friends in the Caribbean and in Africa. We have reinforced our ties with traditional friends in Europe and North America, and we have added a new dimension to our partnership with our Commonwealth neighbours in the South Pacific and Asia... We represent almost every region and almost every stage of national development. We cut across all the old inhibiting barriers. And we have a background of shared interests. If we cannot reach understanding, who can? 1975: W E Rowling, Prime Minister of New Zealand.'

A common mistake still made today is to refer to the 'British' Commonwealth. Britain is now one of the 36 member countries which together make up the Commonwealth of Nations. Although our Queen is recognised as Head of the Commonwealth she has no administrative powers. Obviously someone has to organise the two-yearly meetings of Heads of Government, conferences etc, and in 1965 the Commonwealth Secretariat was established, responsible to all member governments. The staff is drawn widely from within the Commonwealth, and the headquarters of the Secretariat is Marlborough House, which was given by the Queen as a Commonwealth centre.

Publications to help you to find out more about this new-style Commonwealth are listed in a new leaflet published by the Commonwealth Institute entitled 'You and the Commonwealth', and a copy of this leaflet has been sent to all county Commonwealth and International Advisers.

*South Africa left the Commonwealth in 1961, Pakistan in 1972. We are grateful to the Royal Commonwealth Society for their assistance in supplying information.



Anwar Hussain

Above, Her Majesty the Queen chatting to Guides and Brownies from New Zealand in March this year, during her Silver Jubilee tour of Australasia and the Pacific.

explore and to exploit vast, sparsely-populated areas of the world with enormous potential for development. This phase, starting as far back as

Commonwealth Day Message 1977

From Her Majesty the Queen Head of the Commonwealth

I AM GLAD that the new date for the observance of Commonwealth Day should have been introduced in my Silver Jubilee year. It will be an important reaffirmation of our faith in the Commonwealth if the peoples of such diverse countries and traditions are able to join, on the same day every year, in remembering the objectives which we all share.

Twenty-five years ago, I became Head of the Commonwealth. During those years, I have been able to see more of those countries than most people. I have made countless friends and I have learned much from the rich variety of their life.

The complex tapestry of the Commonwealth has many threads. In June, the Heads of Government will hold their conference, and it is an encouraging sign of the importance attached by member countries to the Commonwealth that this conference takes place every two years. I was especially pleased that it was decided to hold the 1977 conference in London at the time of my Silver Jubilee.

In between these conferences, officials meet to discuss common problems and ways of co-operation and a tremendous amount of valuable work is done by the Commonwealth Secretariat. Equally significant is the work of organisations which are independent of Governments. With the encouragement of the Commonwealth Foundation, professional bodies exchange personnel, pool ideas and experience and strive to raise their standards even higher. Valuable contributions are also made by Associations concerned with young people, welfare, the arts, sport and many other activities.

Contacts between Governments will always be of great importance, but only when they are reinforced by friendship and the exchange of ideas between individuals and organisations with common interests can we make the Commonwealth link both strong enough, and sufficiently flexible, to meet successfully the problems we today must face together.

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How We're Celebrating The Queen's Silver Jubilee

Celebrations in LONDON and environs

AT THE Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, an exhibition entitled *The Queen's Pictures* is now showing and will continue throughout Jubilee Year. The earliest works on view are portraits of Henry V and Richard III, and there are also portraits of Mary, Queen of Scots, Elizabeth I, Louis XII of France and Charles I.

Many of the pictures in the exhibition have never before been on public display.

At the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank, A Queen is Crowned (U) is showing on 4th and 5th June at 3.00 pm.

This technicolour record of the Coronation is accompanied by a commentary by Sir Laurence Olivier, written by Christopher Fry. It is preceded by another film, *Change at the Tower* (U). Tickets are £1.25, £1.00 and 75p. Orders by post to the Box Office, Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 8XX, and should be accompanied by an s.a.e. Cheques/p.o.'s should be crossed and made payable to The Greater London Council.

From 6th-9th June at 3 pm, a technicolour film entitled '25 Years' will be showing also at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The film is impressions of Her Majesty's reign, and tickets are 75p and 50p. Details of booking as above.

Sir John Betjeman's Jubilee Hymn, right, made up of five stanzas and a chorus, should be sung to the music of Malcolm Williamson, Master of The Queen's Music.



In days of disillusion,
However low we've been
To fire us and inspire us
God gave to us our Queen.

She acceded young and dutiful
to a much loved father's throne;
serene and kind and beautiful,
she holds us as her own.

And twenty-five years later
so sure her reign has been
That our great events are greater
for the presence of our Queen.

Hers the grace the church has
prayed for

Ours the joy that she is here.
let the bells do what they're
made for!

Ring our thanks both loud and
clear.

From that look of dedication
In those eyes profoundly blue
We know her Coronation
As a sacrament and true.

Chorus

*For our Monarch and her people
United yet and free
Let the bells from every steeple
Ring out loud The Jubilee.*

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Some Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in and around London

On 6th JUNE, the first of a chain of bonfires throughout the kingdom will be lit by Her Majesty the Queen at WINDSOR.

Also on 6th June at Windsor: a *Safari Park Open Day*.

From 6th-19th June **The Bubble Theatre Company** will be putting on productions in London Fields, HACKNEY, including *The Beggar's Opera* and *The Silver Jubilee Show*. The theatre will be touring various London boroughs until September. For further information tel: (01) 485-3420.

7th JUNE, the Silver Jubilee Bank Holiday, sees the Queen's Jubilee broadcast to the Commonwealth.

7th JUNE: Carriage Procession to St Paul's Cathedral for a *Thanksgiving Service*, 11.30 am.

9th JUNE, the Queen leaves **Greenwich Pier**, 10.05 am for a *River Progress* to Lambeth. There'll be a River Pageant in the evening (see p.253).

On 11th JUNE will be the *Queen's Birthday Parade* and *RAF fly past*. Horse Guards parade.

At Wembley on 11th JUNE a Pop Festival will be held.

26th JUNE **Apollo Society**. Garland for the Queen with poetry - **WIGMORE HALL**.

For information on Jubilee events in London, where no phone number is supplied in this list, phone The London Tourist Board Information Service on 01-730 0791.

This Brilliant Year, Queen Victoria's Jubilee of 1887

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W.1.

An exhibition of great, royal Victorian paintings fills the private rooms of the Royal Academy, until 10th July, as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations. The exhibition

includes about 100 paintings as well as statuary, rare Victorian jubilee souvenirs, and memorabilia of all kinds. The exhibition captures the public spirit and intense emotion inspired by the first Jubilee of modern times - that of Queen Victoria's 50 years' reign.

Also on display are Queen Victoria's paint box, her own writings 'Leaves from a Journal in the Highlands', and the original sailor suit made for the Prince of Wales. The title of the exhibition is a quotation from Queen Victoria's personal journal of that year.

This Brilliant Year is open 10 am to 6 pm seven days a week. Admission is 60p, or 30p for students, pensioners and groups of ten or more. The price is 30p for everyone on Mondays, and on Sunday mornings before 1.45 pm. **JVR**

Happy and Glorious



George V on a royal visit to Sunderland. See 'Happy and Glorious' exhibition review, p. 291.

This Brilliant Year



Above, one of the portraits on view at the exhibition 'This Brilliant Year'; Prince Alfred, by Winterhalter.

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... and some events Nationwide

From 31st MAY to 4th JUNE, members of the Canadian 'Mounties' will be at the **Royal Bath and West Show** at **SHEPTON MALLET, Somerset**. On 7th June, they'll be taking part in the Silver Jubilee parade through the streets of London, and on 9th, 10th and 11th June will be at the *South of England Agricultural Show* in Ardingly, Sussex.

On Saturday, 4th JUNE, in **NORWICH**, is the *Lord Mayor's Jubilee parade*, which will take place at 7.00 pm. Bob Brister, the town's Leisure Officer, can supply you with further information. Tel. Norwich 22233, Ext. 586.

On Saturday, 4th JUNE at **CAMBRIDGE** is the *Cambridge Regatta* (venue: Stourbridge Common). The regatta is an all-day event, for further details tel. Cambridge 58977.

From 4th-11th June at **Kessingland Sea Sailing Club, Kessingland, LOWESTOFT, Suffolk** is the *Silver Jubilee Rally 'Mirror Class' national event*. For further details tel. Lowestoft 65989.

At **HELMSLEY, Yorkshire** on 5th JUNE at 3.00 pm in Helmsley Market Place, an *open air service and concert* will take place.

On 5th JUNE at **COLCHESTER** is a *Sports Festival with Jubilee Fair* to be held at the **Sports Centre and Shrub End Sports Ground** (just off the by-pass). Ring Colchester 46379 if you require further information.

From 5th-7th JUNE is a show: the *City of Worcester Royal Jubilee Year Show*, at **PERDISWELL, WORCESTER**. The show includes show jumping, veteran car rally, grass track racing, fair and family entertainment. Commencing at 9.30 am, and running to 6.00 pm, for further information: Tel. Worcester 23471.

On 6th JUNE will be a *Fair on the Green*, **HYTHE, Kent**. For further information, tel. Hythe 66152.

On Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th JUNE at **Earlham Park, NORWICH**, a *Gigantic Jubilee Fete* will be held. This is the holiday period (6th June is a Bank Holiday, and 7th June is the official day's holiday awarded to us all to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee). The fete continues through both days up to 11.00 pm. For further information telephone Bob Brister, Norwich's Leisure Officer, on Norwich 22233, Ext. 586.

THREE
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Some Nationwide Celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee

On 6th JUNE *Silver Jubilee Cricket Match* at Woodvale, BELFAST.

7th JUNE *Silver Jubilee Cricket Match* at WARINGS-TOWN, County Armagh.

On 7th JUNE there will be a *Royal Silver Jubilee Gala and Firework Display* at the Recreation Grounds, Portrush, County Armagh, starting at 2 pm.

7th JUNE, *Silver Jubilee Open Day* at Craigavon Lakes, County Armagh. Events include water sports and displays. 1-8 pm.

7th JUNE *Street Fair* at Hollywood, County Down starting at 10 am.

11th JUNE sees an *Enterprise Youth National Event* to be held in Charlotte Square, EDINBURGH. For further information, ring the Scottish Tourist Board, tel. 01-589 2218 (London Headquarters number).

There will be a *National Tug of War Competition* at Cannon Hill Park, BIRMINGHAM, West Midlands, on 11th June. (Ring the Chief Publicity Officer, City of Birmingham Publicity Section, Council House, Birmingham on 021-235 3411/2 for further information).

On 18th and 19th JUNE, a *Mediaeval Fair* will be held at Dodington, nr. CHIPPING SODBURY, Avon, with Ox-roast, mediaeval-style stalls, jousting and other events of the period. Further information is available on Chipping Sodbury 31899.

On 20th JUNE at Bighold Park, KIRKWALL, will be *displays by youth organisations and schools, bands and various exhibitions*.

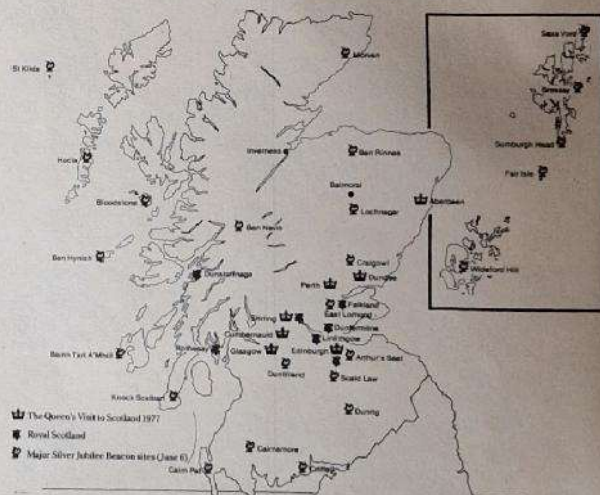
The Imperial War Museum is making a considerable contribution to the Jubilee celebrations of the town of DUXFORD, in Cambridgeshire. Duxford Jubilee '77 will be held at Duxford Airfield on Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th June. The major flying display will take place on the 19th June, though a smaller display will also be held on the 18th. Some planes from the 1930's ('Swordfish', 'Gladiator' and a German 'Sieseler Storch') will be in the display, so families with small boys should not miss the occasion if they live in the area. The Imperial War Museum London will be able to help with further information should you require it. (Tel. 01-735-8922). The Red Arrows will be

giving a display on the Sunday, weather permitting. Prices are: (Saturday) 50p per person and £4 per carload (no extra charges), (Sunday) £5 per carload inclusive, £1 per person. 'Battle of Britain' flights of Lancasters, Spitfires and Hurricanes will take place on both days and you can witness the ascent of a hot air balloon. Duxford can be reached on the A505 (it's on the Newmarket-Royston road).

23rd JUNE sees an *open-air opera* at the Merseyway Precinct, Stockport, GREATER MANCHESTER. The opera is by local education advisers. Further information from Stockport Town Hall, tel: 061-480 4949.

On Friday, 24th JUNE, Her Majesty the Queen will be in LLANDAFF, attending a *National Service of Thanksgiving*, at Llandaff Cathedral at 11.15 am, and that afternoon the royal couple will attend a Festival for Young People and Schoolchildren at Caerphilly Castle. For further information, tel: Cardiff 567701.

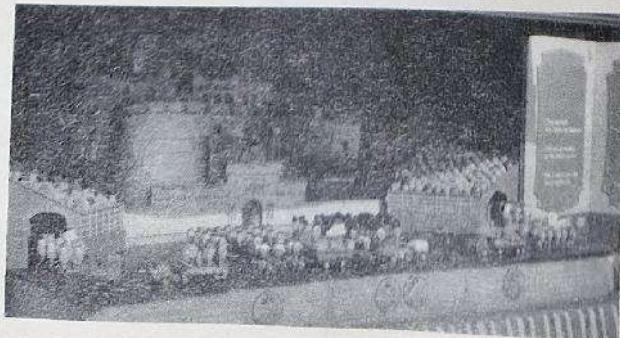
The Queen's Visit to Scotland, 1977



We hope this list is completely accurate. However, cancellations and changes in events are always possible, so double-check before turning up at any of the events in the list above. GUIDER accepts no responsibility for inaccuracies contained therein.

You may recall 'The Edinburgh Military Potatoo' - the Potato Marketing Board's eye-catching display on view at The Ideal Home Exhibition, Olympia, this year. Or perhaps you saw an excerpt from it on the television news some time ago. If you'd like a chance to see the amusing and ingenious Potatoo for yourself, it will be on view at the Royal Highland Show, EDINBURGH, from 20th-24th JUNE.

The EDINBURGH MILITARY POTATTOO



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Floating Boaters . . .

The GGA's part in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Pageant

THE QUEEN'S Silver Jubilee Pageant of the River Thames will be on Thursday, 9th June.

There will be hundreds of decorated Barges, Floats and Launches starting from Greenwich at 18.20 hours to progress up the river, passing Westminster from 19.15 hours and Vauxhall from 19.30 hours, where they will turn and reassemble to progress back down the river, illuminated and with bands playing. Her Majesty The Queen will be on the balcony of County Hall, Westminster, to watch, and the leading boat will pass her at about 20.35 hours. As darkness falls there will be celebration firework displays from Alexandra Palace, Crystal Palace, Greenwich, Isle

of Dogs and mid-river at the South Bank; and The Queen will watch these from the top of the Shell Building.

The Girl Guides Association is taking part with 200 Guides, Brownies and Rangers on board an 80-foot long passenger launch, representing all the members of the Movement in the United Kingdom. The boat will be specially decorated with very large golden trefoil badges along the sides and dressed over all* with burgees of the blue and gold badge of The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. *(That means triangular flags will fly in a string from the bow, over the mast and all the way to the stern of the boat.)

The Guides, Brownies and Rangers in their very smartest uniforms, will line the deck along the sides of the boat to salute The Queen and some of them will hold up moveable banners (like huge lollipops with letters on one side) which they will turn round to spell out a message for The Queen, our Patron, who was herself a Guide and Ranger. They will be singing Guide and Brownie songs, amplified enough for everyone watching from the river banks to hear.

The theme of The River Thames Pageant is 'A Tribute, Salute and Thanks to Her Majesty The Queen for the First Twenty-Five Years of Her Reign.'

Patricia Banks

◆◆◆ Royal Maundy, 1977 ◆◆◆

MANY OF us will have read about the Royal Maundy on Thursday in Holy Week but this year it had a special significance for us all because a Brownie Guider, Miss Alice Loe, had the privilege, with 50 other women and 51 men, of receiving the Alms from Her Majesty the Queen in Westminster Abbey.

Deriving its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, a commandment, the opening words have always been 'A new commandment give I unto you.' The Maundy Ceremony can be traced back in England to the 12th century and from the beginning of the 15th century recipients of the Royal Maundy have numbered as many men

and women as the Sovereign is years of age. (Many years ago the men and women received clothing and provisions but now they receive money instead).

The Chapel Royal Choir, with a history going back to Agincourt, and the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard, the oldest Royal Bodyguard, take part in the service. From 1890 to 1952 the service was usually in Westminster Abby, but in Queen Elizabeth's reign it has been held in other places, and for the last five years it was in Tewkesbury, York, Salisbury, Peterborough and Hereford.

A Guide in Burgess Hill, Sussex,

Miss Alice Loe was a member of CHQ staff in the Equipment Department for over 20 years and she has served in the St John Ambulance Brigade for 43 years. After the Maundy Service she lunched at CHQ with old friends (whose total years of service at CHQ numbered 156) and her brother and his wife. I am sure the Brownies in Miss Loe's Pack, the 7th Anerley, were among the first to enjoy seeing those little green, red and white purses with the Maundy coins inside.

Thora Wallis Myers



Miss Editha Mitchell, Deputy General Secretary, looks at the Maundy gifts, presented to Miss Alice Loe by HM the Queen, in the restaurant at CHQ.

At lunch at CHQ on Maundy Thursday, Miss Loe (seated, centre) shows the Royal Maundy to Miss Mitchell (right) and a young member of staff from Cyprus, Dasa Lazarou. Other members of CHQ staff include (l to r) Miss Homewood, Miss Taylor, Miss Parsons, Miss White and Mrs Ford.



book reviews

Majesty, Elizabeth II and the House of Windsor, by Robert Lacey, Hutchinson, £5.45.

A vast amount of research must have been made to produce a book so full of detail – one might say there is perhaps an unnecessary amount of detail about the health and character weaknesses of our Queen's ancestors. However, this does indeed emphasise the stability of Queen Elizabeth II, her husband and family, her parents and grandparents which fills her peoples in this and the other eleven Commonwealth countries with proud affection, respect and loyalty.

Not born to be Queen, married with two very young children, she plunged immediately on the death of her beloved father into a maelstrom of work which would daunt anyone less dedicated to duty.

Drawn from many and varied sources are homely snippets about the Queen and her immediate family. These strengthen the conviction that they are all intensely human in their love of fun and, moreover, their selfless consideration of other people. More than once the Queen is described as 'ordinary' – surely a very inapt description!

'Majesty' is a well-presented book with over 50 photographs. It will be widely read in this country and many others in which people will envy us our Head of the Commonwealth. God bless Her.

EMB

Happy and Glorious, edited by Colin Ford, Angus and Robertson, £4.50.

Published in conjunction with the **Happy and Glorious** exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery in London, the book illustrates six reigns of Royal Photography.

It is not generally realised that Queen Victoria compiled 44 albums of portraits of her family and noted in her diary on 6th March 1842, 'Albert sat yesterday next to a man who makes photographic likenesses'.

Seven well-known writers on royalty or photography, including Cecil Beaton and Elizabeth Longford, have contributed the text to accompany the 200 photographs, many of which are reproduced here for the first time. Official portraits, less informal newspaper shots, the Royal Family on film and pictures from Royal Family

albums will ensure this book's popularity and not only for readers in Silver Jubilee Year, for it will be treasured as an historical reference for many years to come.

AMM

Victoria & Albert, by Joanna Richardson, Dent, £5.95.

More than any other sovereign in our past, Queen Victoria epitomises the greatness of the British Empire. The adjective Victorian has often in the past been applied to that which is narrow minded, stuffy and bigoted – most unfairly as it happens, for Queen Victoria was known to be a person of great warmth and gaiety, and both art and commerce progressed during her reign as never before. The idyllic marriage of Victoria and Albert, cut short after 21 years by the premature death of the Prince Consort, is one of the most misunderstood romances in history.

The author writes about this royal marriage in such a way that we see such achievements as the Great Exhibition of 1851, educational reform, and the increased security of the monarchy all stemming from the fulfilment of the royal couple's happy marriage. The Queen's profound grief, which led her to withdraw from public life for forty years of widowhood, have served to leave us with the image of her as a bleak and forbidding old lady. In this book, however, we see her as a lively and affectionate young wife, and Albert as the undoubted power behind the throne.

JVR



This portrait by Winterhalter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert with their family, shows a happier aspect of her life than is usually depicted. The portrait is on loan from the Queen's personal collection, and can be seen in the current exhibition about Queen Victoria's Jubilee, at the Royal Academy of Arts (see page 251). Reproduced by Gracious Permission of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Good News Bible, Collins, £2.95 hardback, £1.50 paperback.

Whether you read the Bible as a chronicle of historical events, a collection of adventure or love stories, a revelation of divine truths, or an aid to private devotion, this version must surely have a popular appeal.

Its simple illustrations, cross references, word list, charts and maps are additional aids to those dipping into its pages.

Written in the language of 'everyman' with its dust jacket introduction to each Book, the clear and telling headings, to each section within the chapters, are all facets that surely must spur the reader to read more and in so doing discover for the first time, or afresh, the great truths it contains.

This version is indeed Good News and is recommended as a 'must' to have on the book shelves of any home.

EGM

Girl Guides – The Edinburgh Story, compiled and edited by Joan Warrack and Peggy Greening, County of the City of Edinburgh Girl Guides, £1.95.

Said one twelve-year-old, secure in one year's seniority, to a very new eleven-year-old at an Edinburgh Boarding School: 'Will you join Guides? The best people do.' I was enrolled in the school company in 1915 so read *The Edinburgh Story* with great interest.

Honour has been paid to many who helped to make Guiding in that city what it was, what it is and, increasingly, what it will be. Indeed their influence spreads far beyond Scotland's capital to girls and women who look back on their Guiding days with pleasure and appreciation.

The Edinburgh Story is not told chronologically nor is it exactly divided into branches or activities – how can it be – all intermingle, and therein lies the strength of Guide training. No book can describe all that Guides do – it would be more easy to say what they don't do.

With a foreword by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the book is well written and has photographs which will revive memories for many members of the movement. It will be enjoyed by many readers far beyond Edinburgh. (The book is obtainable from 'The Edinburgh Story' Secretary, 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7JF. Don't forget to en-

close 47p for postage when ordering your copy.)

EMB

The Book Of Brownie Skills, Purnell, £1.35.

This book, though small in size, is packed with information, practical hints and ideas on all kinds of Brownie interests and activities, and would be a most useful book for a Pack to own. The Brownies will enjoy its lively illustrations and its clear diagrams, while the Brownie Guider will be delighted to find in it, instructions on cleaning brass and silver, bedmaking, First Aid, ideas for gifts, embroidery stitches clearly shown and a host of other Brownie skills. Some of the older Brownies could in some instances work from the book unaided and this would be a great help to a busy Brownie Guider.

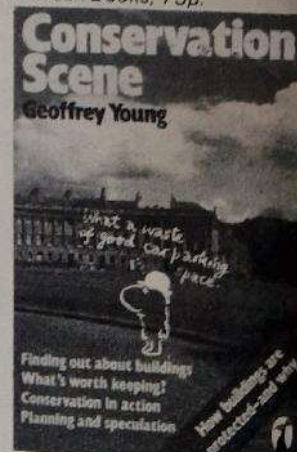
Two-thirds of the book is devoted to indoor activities and the remaining third to those connected with the out-of-doors. There are useful hints on the use of the compass, the care of pets, looking after a bicycle and Road Safety. One could have wished that Astrology had not been included as a Brownie skill!

This will be a very useful book for the Brownie Library as a reference book, to which both Guiders and Brownies can turn. It is available from

Trading Services (plus 30p small order charge), Atlantic Street, Broadheath, or through Guide Shops.

LW

Conservation Scene, Young, Peacock Books, 75p.



This is a meaty book of 150 pages full of examples, illustrations, information and subjects for discussion. It is difficult to give a true picture of it in a necessarily brief review. The author works from the premise that we know too little about our buildings and care even less. He sets out to correct these omissions and has produced a very readable

volume. The numerous photographs are very well chosen. The story of Fred and his aspiration to own a country cottage should be read by all who have ideas of buying one. Two chapters, 'Close-up on Beverley' and 'Good Ideas for Tomorrow', are particularly interesting and the Conservation Key, a mixture of glossary and directory, is valuable. It is a pity that this last section is in such small print. **EC**

A Vicarage Family, by Noel Streatfeild. Published by Lions Books, 65p.



Noel Streatfeild was born and grew up during a fascinating period in this country's history, and all her childhood was spent in the brief, idyllic period (for the middle and upper classes) immediately prior to the First World War.

As a vicar's daughter, she frequently rebelled at her strict and austere upbringing (one result was her expulsion from school at the age of twelve). The biography is full of anecdotes of voluntary privations undergone by her family in its attempts to witness to the faith.

I liked the account of a birthday party the children attended during Lent (a rare concession) — on the understanding that they would forego all the sugary sweet things eaten by the other children, and stick to plain bread and butter. The youngest child, Louise, separated from her sisters, finding a large piece of birthday cake placed under her nose, eats a pink sugar rose, and then, overcome by anguished sobs of remorse, tells Mrs Sedman, the hostess, 'I think I've sinned against the Holy Ghost'.

'A Vicarage Family' provides a fascinating glimpse of turn-of-the-century England, and of the slightly ambiguous position of the family itself: genteel yet impoverished by middle-class standards; 'high church and low living'. The biography finishes at the commencement of the First World War, when the author is fifteen. **LMH**

Bird Count, Dobinson, Peacock Books, 75p. This 190-page volume, sub-

titled 'A practical guide to bird surveys', is a very good book indeed and can be thoroughly recommended to all interested to any degree in birds. Its aim is to help people to find out 'more about our wild birds in a methodical and thorough way' and it does just that. It not only informs. It encourages and it prods. Go out and record nest sites, make nesting boxes (they need not be perfect examples of the carpenter's craft), record migration dates, try watching for birds against the moon, make surveys of roosting sites, take censuses, study habitats, collect and examine pellets, and so forth. The author has been successful in encouraging an interest in ornithology in two schools (one with a club of over 120 pupils engaged in active field work) and it is pleasing to see acknowledgement of the work of pupils and examples of what they have done. **EC**

Help! by Barbara Paterson. Peacock, £1.

Are you just about to embark on the sea of life, in other words leave home for the first time? This paperback is designed for all those who are starting out on their own. It tells you clearly and simply how to get yourself a doctor or dentist, what your legal rights are, how to manage your money, how to go about meeting people, mend a fuse, iron a shirt, take your bike abroad, buy a car, or rent a TV.

Help! is intended as a handy reference book, and although it doesn't claim to make you a fantastic cook, a famous interior designer or the life and soul of every party, it can set you on the right lines. Where else could you find nearly 400 pages of sound practical advice, illustrated with line drawings where necessary, to help you with the complicated business of coping with modern society? I doubt if this book could be improved upon for offering practical advice in a light-hearted, attractive way. **JVR**

Oscar Wilde, by Sheridan Morley. Wiedenfeld and Nicolson, £4.95 net.

In 'Oscar Wilde' Sheridan Morley unfolds in an absorbing way not only the life of an outstanding writer, but also the times through which he lived.

Oscar Wilde was an enigma in the Victorian age even to his friends but, with Mr Morley's guidance a certain amount of understanding emerges until in the final chapters a degree of empathy with Oscar Wilde is reached.

Lovers of the theatre will find delight in the lavish illustrations, including programmes, posters, and

costume designs from many of the original productions, ie, 'An Ideal Husband', 'The Importance of Being Earnest', etc. With this book Mr Morley, biographer and theatre critic, succeeds in revealing the complex and compelling character of Oscar Wilde. **JMH**

Make-up, costumes and masks, Oak Tree Press, £3.50.

The book well illustrated with photographs and diagrams is ideal for any group of young people wishing to put on a production. Information regarding make-up is superb but I would have preferred this section to be in colour. A list of basic equipment for a make-up kit is given which includes nose putty capable of producing remarkable effects rendering a face beyond recognition and adding a touch of professionalism. It helps by suggesting inexpensive household items such as burnt cork for creating dark shadows and black lines. It gives a variety of costumes many of which are simple to make and economical. The section devoted to masks is excellent and the imagination is stimulated to their infinite use. A little on the expensive side for individual purchase but a **must** for every school library. **JE**

Just William, by Richmal Crompton. Armada, 45p.

Hot on the heels of the successful television series, is a re-issue in paperback of the classic William books. Other favourites re-issued in the same series include *William — the Detective*, *William — the Bold*, and several more. Richmal Crompton was, in the opinion of this reviewer, one of the most underestimated authors of her day, her work usually dismissed as stories for children when in fact they were originally written for adults, about children. In the 1920's Richmal Crompton was a school teacher writing occasional short stories for magazines; out of these William was born and from then on his creator spent her

life turning out one book of William adventures after another until her comparatively recent death. During half a century, William remained an enquiring, adventurous and enterprising eleven-year-old. His middle-class background with its secure family life did not blend well with present-day themes; William's vintage years were the thirties, and the books written during that decade can be read and re-read with constant delight. The characterisations of the adult characters, their lives constantly cast into turmoil by William's well-meaning interference, are brilliantly drawn and the atmosphere of the twenties and thirties is beautifully portrayed. Thomas Henry's original drawings, perfectly 'in period', have thankfully been preserved in the new paperbacks. **JVR**

The English Language, by C L Wrenn. Methuen, £1.55.

Since its first publication in hardback in 1949, this book has been the standard text for all students of English. The introduction of a paperback edition is worthy of note for all those with a serious interest in our language, its origins and idiom.

Language, as the author says, is the expression of human personality in words ... the universal medium for conveying the common facts and feelings of everyday life and the philosophers' searching after truth, and all that lies between. It is the key to everything, and the study of the development of modern English via the influences of Latin, Greek, French, Germanic and other European influences is intriguing. This book traces the development in detail, and also outlines the influence of individuals such as Shakespeare and Milton, and of the Bible, in the making of modern English. A superb reference work. **JVR**

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Camping in

I HAVE already been asked the date of our next summer camp. The enquiry came in November. *When will camp be?* Not 'Will there be a camp', nor 'Where will it be?' It never occurs to anyone that, after the Patrol Camps, the Camper Badge Tests and the Permit weekends, there will not be a Company Camp, for a fortnight, or that it will be any place other than a Hebridean island. For the past twenty years I have taken more than two hundred and fifty campers to one or other of the islands and the summer holiday is part of a loved way of life, an inheritance each new member of my Company feels she has a right to expect.

Camping on isolated shores of these remote islands is only for those who know the Hebrides and their people very well indeed. The shores, though unsurpassed throughout the world, are exposed to the Atlantic gales, there are no trees to provide shade in hot sun, the nearest shop is often twelve miles away, we have no car and there is no bus service, solid shelter is inadequate, boats are infrequent and it is a two-day journey home.

But Margaret (my sister), Hazel Belsey (our Division Commissioner) and I have learned to cope and have now learned many things which could be valuable to other Guiders even though they may not be wandering so far off the beaten track.

We have had to cut down the cost of our annual journey to the very minimum. Almost every child wants to come with us every year from joining Guides at the age of ten to the time she is ready to go to College or to embark on a career. It is not a once in a Guide-lifetime adventure but is something our Guides look forward to every year. Often three members of the same family want to come at once, occasionally even four. We reduce the cost for large families and the ordinary fee last year, on Harris, reached an all-time high of £23. There were forty-six juveniles under eighteen and four adults.

I wonder if it is common knowledge that train travel can be both cheap and comfortable? All under eighteen travel party rate/half fare and one adult goes free for every fifteen juveniles. What's more, for every adult we can send 100 pounds of equipment in advance, and for every juvenile, 50 pounds.

About one ton of tents, kitchen utensils and canteen-sized tins of food is packed into six wicker skips, to leave Yorkshire two weeks in advance of the party. Tent poles travel securely in fibre-glass sacks. The bliss of having a breathing space between packing equipment and actually setting off, of being able to pack one's own rucksack at leisure, will be appreciated by every camping Guider. The wicker skips hold up to three cwt, and are invaluable when our destination is reached. They were bought very cheaply from a general junk dealer.

Many companies which travel long distances find it very expensive to buy meals en route. Our solution to this was to abandon completely the idea of *bought* meals. Healthy Guides will survive two days of sandwich meals, but they are much happier if they *can* eat properly. We solved our problem of having to cater for between forty and fifty en route by the purchase of more than a hundred, completely stacking, light and fairly deep plastic plates.

With the skill of much practice we dish up meals on trains, moving buses and boats which would rival those in the restaurant car or dining saloon. We serve everything on individual plates. The fun of preparing and serving and the joy of eating entertains us on a long journey.

Many Companies now have swimming as a camp activity. We have long wished for an opportunity to pass on an idea for the most useful piece of shore equipment. We do not trust the sea, no matter how calm and inviting it appears. We know that, when bathing, Guides can not hear a warning that they are dangerously far out. Therefore we limit the depth and distance to which they may go with an anchored line of floats.

Below, Tokavaig Bay, Sleat, Skye. Picture by John Woolverton.



The cheapest way is to string a dozen or more empty plastic gallon containers on to 25 yards of rope. Anchor each end float with a bag of sand or pebbles on about 4 feet of rope and pass another 25 yards of rope to two holders on the shore. This admirably encloses a large enough swimming area to keep everybody happy. No one objects to the safety restriction. They have seen a beach ball leap over the rope and be carried out to sea in a remarkably short time, and know that, without this precaution, it just might have been one of them. In the knowledge that the Guides are swimming in relative safety, we, the lifesavers on the shore, no longer find swimming times a great strain on the nervous system!

We have experienced the joy of camping on sand and urge all those who seek camp sites in lonely places, with inadequate shelter, to seek *grass covered* sand. With sand underfoot and waterproof tents above we are impervious to rain. We are not bothered by mud, or worn and slippery grass at the entrances to tents, in the store and in the dining tent. Sand absorbs every drop of rain hungrily, yet remains solid and dry. It can hold tent pegs in high winds, lats can be dug deeply in five minutes, washing up can be done in the dining tent if there is a downpour outside, and water can even be spilt on a sleeping tent floor without harm being done.

Have you ever tried pitching your dining tent as an extension of your kitchen tent? Or two tents end to end for the Guiders, one to serve as a sleeping tent, the other a bathroom? When we do this, we use tents all of the same type: white Icelandic tents chiefly.

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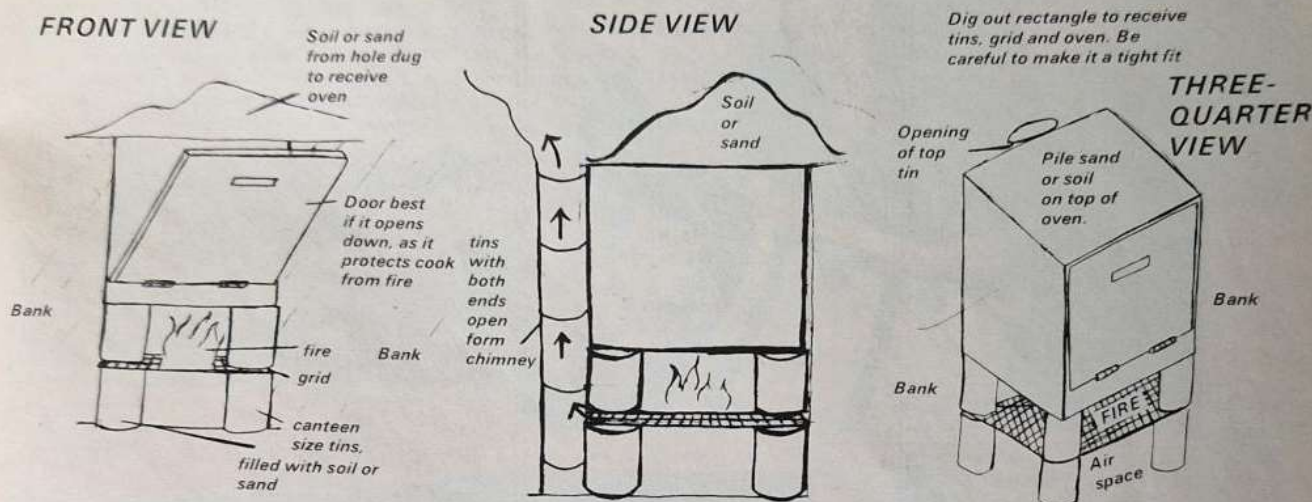


the Hebrides

since only white can be seen in near-impenetrable island darkness. We pitch four Icelandic tents in a line to serve as an extension to our kitchen. In wet or cold weather meals can be prepared, served and cleared with only the cooks having to brave the elements. I would no more consider pitching my dining tent separate from the kitchen than I would think of building a modern house with a loo at the bottom of the garden.

Nor would we dream of going to camp without an oven. Ours is a

fruit tarts, shepherd's pies and fruit crumbles can all be made and left in the store tent until half an hour before dinner. The oven heats very quickly and there is no greater joy than walking down the dining tent between a double row of a hundred bare feet, carrying an enormous shepherd's pie, crispy with grated cheese and gay with tomatoes and noisy with bubbling gravy. There is always a chorus of 'Oooohs' and 'Aaaahs' and three cheers for the cook Patrol.



strong tin box 2 ft x 1 ft 6 in x 1 ft 6 in. We use it almost every day and there is nothing in the cook-book we cannot make. We install it in the banking on the first morning of camp and feed the fire with driftwood and peat. We supplement it with a large open fire, but never use bottled gas for cooking anything more imaginative than the Guiders' early morning tea. We do use a small bottled gas fire on evenings when it is too cold to light a campfire on the shore.

The construction of our oven is simple. Meat and potato pies,

I recommend that you train your leaders and encourage them to take Patrol camp permits, — but for goodness sake *don't* abandon the Company Camp where all cook and eat together. There is no greater joy. *Do* use an oven. It brings adventure and excitement to cooking, widens the menu, is exceptionally quick and ridiculously cheap.

Try out some of these ideas in your next camp and see if they work for you as well as they do for us.

Jean Brown

Wayfaring

To commemorate the William Younger World Orienteering Championships held in Scotland this year, thirty permanent wayfaring courses are being opened. These are being established by the British Orienteering Federation in conjunction with local authorities, the Forestry Commission and other landowners throughout Great Britain.

Two are already open at Hampstead Heath in London and Hainault Forest near Chigwell, the remainder will be opening during this autumn. They are for use by the general public, schools, youth groups, Scouts, Guides and other interested groups.

The enterprising Watford Borough Council, in conjunction with the local Happy Herts. Orienteering Club, are opening a course in Whippendell Woods, Watford, on the 13th November, 1976. This will enable all to enjoy the facilities of the woods and perhaps discover areas not previously visited or features never seen. Free maps, showing much more detail than the Ordnance Survey maps on which they are based, together with instruction sheet, will be available at various localities in the area.

Wayfaring is an exciting new form of countryside recreation. Instead of following a pre-marked route, as in Forest trails, you choose your own route and the places you visit en route. The choice of route enables you to pick terrain which suits you and your family. Choose a route based on paths and level when taking the youngest member in the pushchair, or a hilly route through the undergrowth when out for a strenuous walk or observing natural history.

To ensure that you are following the route of your choice and gaining the satisfaction that your navigation is correct, a series of fairly unobtrusive markers can be located. These control points will be marked by red and white symbols fixed to posts or stakes. By studying the map, small ponds, areas of marsh and natural

features like depressions and fissures, due to the strata of the area, can be observed together with man-made features of the forest necessary in the preservation of cultivation.

Wayfaring is an ideal way to explore the countryside. Many of the courses have been designed to take in scenic attractions of the area, including waterfalls, lakes and streams. Visits can be made to as many controls as desired — or none at all — and several trips can be made on the same map using different routes. A useful feature of the maps is that should you stray from your chosen route, there is all the detail necessary to prevent aimless wandering and wasted effort in getting back to your start point.

The children can help choose the features to be visited on the route, and can get a great deal of enjoyment in discovering the control markers. Where they exist, seats and tables and picnic sites are indicated on the maps, so a picnic can be enjoyed along the way.

For the more athletic, wayfaring serves as an introduction to the competitive sport of orienteering. The Wayfaring Course can be used as a permanent orienteering course by using map and compass to complete the course in the shortest possible time. The course can be used by Youth Groups, Schools and other clubs, including senior citizens, for their own local fun or serious competitions. The more serious and dedicated sport minded competitors will pass on to orienteering for a wider range of events, venues and competitive standard.

Further details of Wayfaring and Orienteering can be obtained from: Tony Walker, Professional Officer, British Orienteering Federation, Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire. Tel. No. Dephick 561. OR Cliff Birch, 20 Tudor Drive, Watford, Herts. Tel. No. Watford 43724., who can also give details of where to obtain maps and instruction sheets for Whippendell Woods, Watford.

MAINLY FOR RANGERS

Off to a flying start

Ranger Guides Cindy Harrison (Northumberland) and Jane Wood (North Tyneside) with the Newcastle Airport Manager before he took them up for twenty minutes in his Piper Comanche so that the signed Ranger Diamond Jubilee scroll – designed and hand-painted by Val Wheeler (Northumberland) could be

handed over – 1,977 feet up! – above the border between our two most northerly counties. This took place on the 6th February, at the start of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year. The scroll will be bound with other North East England scrolls into a special book.



Flagging enthusiasm



The photograph below shows Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts from Rombalds District, Burdale Unit, Menston Ravens and Baildon District with their Leaders. Mrs Betty Ford JP, County Commissioner for West Yorkshire West, and Mrs J Heckingbottom, Woodhead District Commissioner, also took part.

Our walk had three starting points and each group carried one part of a flagpole. We joined together at Reva Reservoir, which is the Wharfedale Scout Sailing Centre. We hoisted the World Flag and Mrs Ford invested two Rangers, Penny Schofield and Rosemary Garrett and two Ranger Guiders, Mrs E P Webb and Mrs D Chappell. An investiture to remember.

June Boardman (Mrs),
Ranger Guider,
Menston Ravens,
West Yorks.

Taking to the slopes



Remember the cover of December's *GUIDER*, which showed the 1st Airdrie Ranger Unit learning to ski at Glenshee? That expedition was highly successful, and those Rangers went in for more skiing practice that winter. The photos below were taken at Aviemore, and the group on this occasion included several young Guiders.



Several girls all in the traverse position, about to play 'follow my leader' down the slope.

An instructor and a Ranger who has lost control of her skis! Stocks should nearly always be behind you and the knees not tight together, nor should one lean backwards.



Some of the Airdrie Rangers.



Slightly better! The instructor is making the point that the tips of the Ranger's skis should be together for this exercise.

More about the Ranger Diamond Jubilee

The Middlesex West Ranger Guides considered the National '77 walk as a County and decided that we should all walk towards the highest point in the county from different directions. Accordingly, all Units made their separate plans to walk to Harrow on the Hill to arrive at 3.17 pm. I am glad to say that they all achieved this and gathered at the War Memorial forecourt (surrounded by Harrow School) at the appointed hour. It was most encouraging that we were well supported by Commissioners and the County Commissioner, Assistant County Commissioner, Division and District Commissioners enthusiastically greeting the girls. Harrow on the Hill is an historic area and to encourage the Rangers to see all the places of interest and notoriety they then engaged in a 'Seek and Find' which introduced them to the plaque commemorating the scene of the first motor car accident, to the tombstone of the gentleman who had his legs severed by 'the railway train,' to the incongruous shop 'The Old Etonian' and other gems of interest. The County Commissioner invested six Rangers, and to mark the occasion each Ranger who participated in the walk (including one in a wheelchair) was presented with a felt badge, their first Diamond Jubilee souvenir.

J M Artingstall,

Chairman, Ranger Guiders' Council.



Gorleston and Southtown Ranger Guides made a gift of a sundial to Great Yarmouth Borough Council, to mark the Ranger Jubilee.

Key Factor

The Ranger song, 'Sunshine' (p.211, MFR May), should have a key signature of F sharp and C sharp.



Above, some members of the Gorleston and Southtown Ranger Unit as they set out from St Nicholas Church, Gt. Yarmouth for their Diamond Jubilee Walk.

Lightweight Camping, part five

FOOD could be one of the biggest items in your pack when you set out – but it is one which will dwindle as the trip progresses. Food provides our bodies with calories which are a source of energy, these are 'burned up' during exercise, so high calorie food is a great asset to the camper, mountaineer or hiker. If the going gets tough, too, enjoyable and tasty food can be a great morale-booster. Lack of food could cause tiredness and even affect mental awareness – possibly leading to errors of judgement.

Menu planning is therefore a very important point, which of course, must be allied to the ever-present enemy of the backpacker – **weight**. There are three choices open to the backpacker for the carrying of food – fresh food, tinned food and **AFD** (Accelerated Freeze-dried food). Fresh food is good for the first day or two and for daily purchase if possible, but can be heavy with moisture. Tins are of course very heavy, and therefore only a few can be carried comfortably in the camper's pack. The lightest food, in terms of weight, is AFD. In these, all the liquid has been taken out, and must therefore be replaced in preparation. This may be time-consuming, but the dehydrated food can be placed in a container with the water and soaked during the afternoon in readiness for the evening meal. Very often the food is tastier for longer soaking than that recommended on the pack. Dried foods can be expensive, but many supermarkets

now sell packs of dried vegetables such as peas, beans, carrots, powdered potato, etc, and with thought one can achieve varied and interesting menus without giving way to excessive bulk and weight. Some manufacturers, too, cater for the lightweight camper, and offer handy packs of jams, salt and so on. A browse round your local campstore and health food shop will be an eye-opener as to just how appetising dehydrated foods can be. Pre-packed dried foods such as curries, spaghetti, bolognese and so on are also easy meals for the backpacker.

Menus should be planned bearing in mind the route – for instance, if you're likely to be out of touch with civilisation for a few days, you'll have to exist on what you carry in your pack, and fresh food such as meat can be bought on the third or fourth day. It is a good plan to work out the menus before setting off. Divide the food intended to be each day's supply off in to separate polythene bags, with all the component parts of the various meals similarly divided within the bag. Mark each bag Day One, Day Two and so on. A backpacker's day should be planned around three main meals – breakfast, lunch and supper. Never set out on an energetic hike without a good, wholesome breakfast. Incidentally, most dieticians will argue that this is good advice for healthy living, not just for hiking holidays! The next meal, lunch, should be nourishing but not too heavy, otherwise you could

feel sluggish and lethargic during the early afternoon. The day should end with a filling, warming evening meal and a hot milky drink at bedtime.

Breakfast can consist of muesli, AFD scrambled eggs, bacon, bread substitutes like Ry-King or Ryvita, marmalade and a hot drink. For lunch hot soup, with cheese, hardboiled eggs, smoked sausage or crackers and cold meat should be sufficient, followed by fruit.

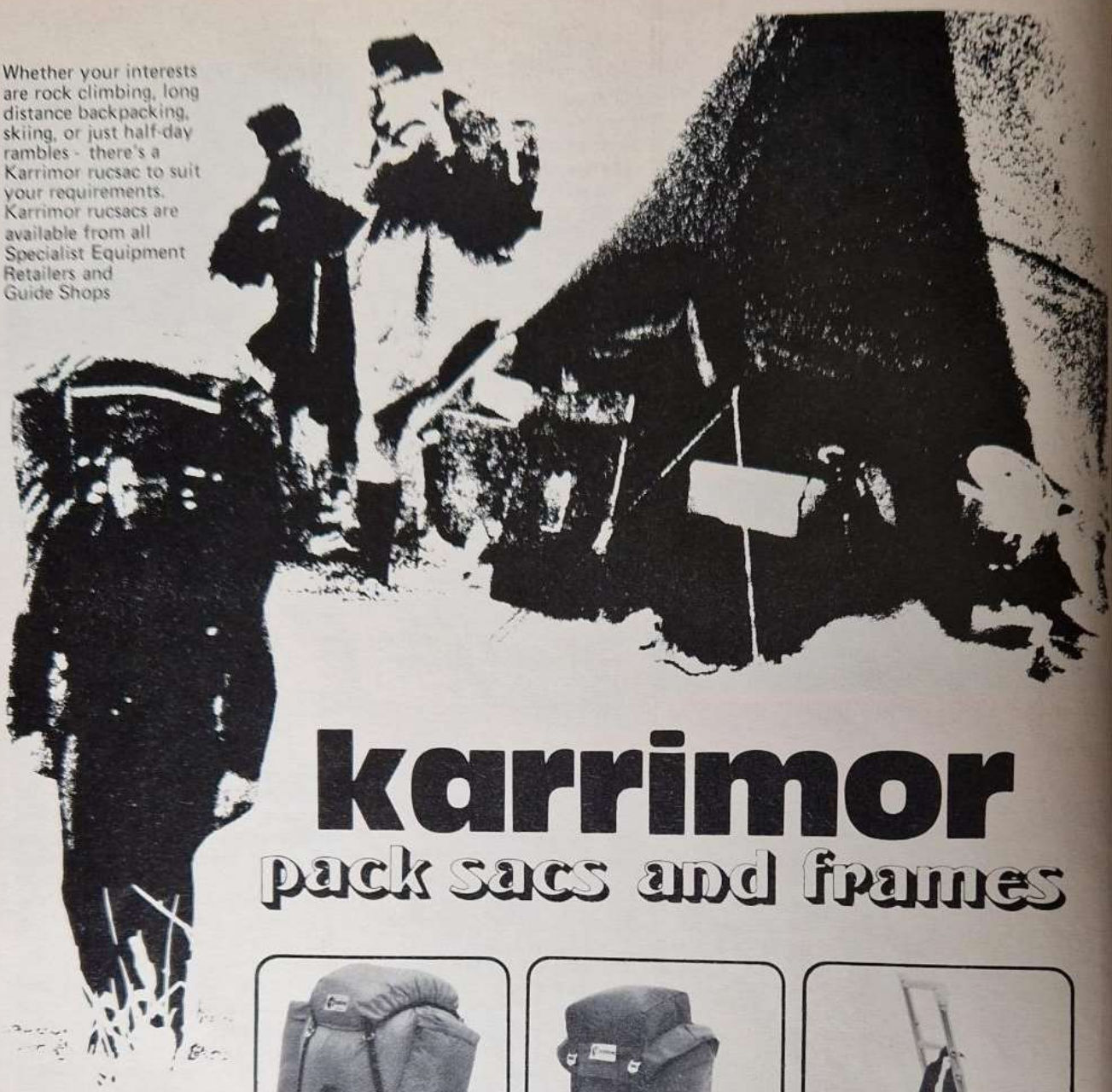
As for beverages, tea and coffee bags (carried separately unless you want a hybrid drink!) are ideal – tea probably being the more thirst quenching of the two. A small amount of cocoa is a nice luxury for the bedtime drink.

If possible, try out menu ideas prior to your trip; it is disheartening to look forward to a nice meal, only for it to turn out disappointingly tasteless. Snacks like Mars bars, fruit bars or chocolate biscuits are good standbys for mid-morning or afternoon breaks and replenish the energy.

Containers for food carrying need to be carefully picked – they should be unbreakable, and of varying sizes for maximum convenience. The planning of food for a backpacking expedition is an acquired skill and with experience you will build up your own 'backpackers' Recipe Book', built around your own likes and dislikes. It should perhaps be stated here that one should not need to spend too much time on food preparation at the end of a long and tiring trek; a simple but appetising meal is more acceptable than a culinary delight which takes a lot of time and fiddly preparation. By all means plan your meals to be tasty, but also plan for convenience.

Kim Taylor

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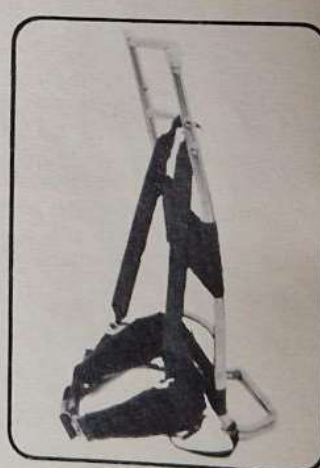
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Auditioning for FOLK FEST 8



THE FOLK FEST WORKSHOP AND AUDITIONS held at Baden-Powell House over the weekend on 2nd/3rd April, provided much enjoyment and experience for those who took part. Approximately 30 groups were given auditions for the Royal Albert Hall, and a further 20 sent tapes for consideration. The auditioning was undertaken by Ian Grant, producer and director of Folk Fest; David Epps, BBC Producer, Further Education, and Susan Stevens, Assistant Music Consultant.

During the weekend, a number of sessions were held on stage management and lighting; presentation; folk dance; swap shop; microphone and sound techniques; song publishing; sound effects, and radiophysics. In particular, the sessions given by Roger Limb, of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop, gave an interesting insight into the world of broadcast sound, and everyone was thrilled to see Rolf Harris in action 'live', to absorb his hints on presentation, and to enjoy his humour.

On Saturday evening a large contingent went to Cecil Sharp House for an enjoyable evening of folk dancing, and on Sunday morning the day began with a meditation on the festivals of the Passover and Palm Sunday. On Sunday afternoon the participants went home, full of the experiences of the weekend, and hoping that they would be among those chosen to be part of Folk Fest 8 — a show which promises to live up to all the expectation of Jubilee Year.



Above, the Norwood Morris Men gave a display on the Sunday morning at Baden Powell House. In the background are: L to R, Dr D Epps, Sue Stevens and Ian Grant.



Above, one of the singing groups who hoped to take part in the Folk Fest. This group accompanied themselves with guitar and tambourine.



Eileen Afar demonstrates the use of stage make-up.



A welcome break for refreshments; all that singing makes for thirst!



Rolf Harris chatting to the audience on the Sunday afternoon.

Gary McDowell, left,

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Letters.....

Thank You

At the beginning of October last, the Ulster Girl Guides launched an appeal to Guides, Brownies, Rangers and ex-Guides to raise £25,000 for the restoration of their Training Centre at Lorne, Craigavad.

With a deadline, 31st March, 1977 it seemed an impossible task, but thanks to the enthusiasm which all those concerned put into the effort we are delighted with the result. With the rising cost of material and labour, our target had to be increased to £30,000 and by the end of March this even higher target had been reached. Any further money coming in will be used to replace furniture and furnishings at Lorne.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to our success. To the Girls and their Leaders, to the Local Associations, to the ex-Members and their friends, and to the Press, who have very sympathetically given us so much publicity, we would like to express our gratitude.

Evelyn Belford (Mrs),
Press & Public
Relations Officer,
119 Haypark Avenue,
Belfast BT7 3FG.

Brainy Birds

My niece has a healthy respect for the Movement and those who work within it, as is apparent from the following conversation which took place between us recently:
(Niece) "You are very clever, aren't you?"

(Self) "No. - just ordinary clever."
(Niece) - looking extremely shocked "BUT YOU'RE A BROWN OWL!"

(Name and Address supplied),
Cambridge.

The Poem below was sent to us by Mrs I McDonald, Guide/Guides of the 1st Brodick Guides. It was composed by the Robin Patrol in her Company.

Thinking Day Poem

Think of the Guides all over the world,
In Italy, Spain or France
Lord Baden-Powell started the Scouts and Cubs
And gave us girls a chance.
The Guides soon spread across the land
Then came something new
The little sisters came along
So Brownies started, too.
Remember all the other Guides
Across the whole world wide
And every time you think of them
Be glad that you're a Guide.

Robin Patrol,
1st Brodick Guides,
Isle of Arran,
Scotland.



From a letter received from an Ulster Adviser

so you might be interested in this. Yesterday we had one of those awful 'Ulster' days which make us despair. Being two hours late getting home because of traffic diversions due to bombs and hoaxes did not improve my temper, and I wished that I did not have to set out again for Guides.

However, there they were, - practising hymns for Church Service on Sunday and Old Folk's party on Monday next, allocating the money they had raised to Lorne, special Church Appeal, Spastics and Guatemala, planning which Patrols could go swimming (as we can use the minibus this week), and reminiscing over last weekend's 'Fair' which was part of their money raising efforts. This is what Ulster can be - a completely mixed group which happens to meet in a church. The evening was normal for any Guides, but the stark reality of their life here in Ulster makes me so angry, when the chat, as they go about their business, includes telling about a Requiem Mass for one of their school mates who was shot, and the funeral of the aunt of one of our past members who suffered the same fate. One such incident came from each of the 'sides' - and both events had occurred in the same week! God grant that the day will come soon when this violence is eradicated. The spark is there in these Guides and all such in Ulster. We must ensure that it can grow into a great light. Once again they changed my depressed mood into a fresh determination to kindle their love and see it spread over all our land.

The Poem below was sent by Mrs Iris Jackson, CCIA for Wirral, and was intended to put the CCIA's work, in a light-hearted way, before the County at Wirral's AGM.

Did you know that in your County you have got a CCIA
To help you know that Guiding is not just for the UK?
We belong to the WAGG and GS,
Whose tentacles are global - more or less.
That is not a riddle, but sort of explanation
That we as Guides belong to a World Association.
I can't help it if our lingo doesn't make it very clear
And it comes out like an advert for a Double Diamond beer.
All over this 'ere globe of ours in North, South, East and West
There's Brownies getting spruced up for a challenge or a test.
When she's learnt her promise, each with eagerness untold
Asks in Urdu or in Spanish "When can I be enrolled?"
There's Guides in little islands and in each great continent
Each savouring the pleasures of living in a tent.
They learn that other Guides are all their sisters and not strangers
Scouts are just their brothers, 'till they grow up to be Rangers.
Some get to be Queens Guides and can say with all impunity
That they know what is meant by the Commonwealth Community.
There's Protectorates and Member States, Dominions and Colonies.
There's Monarchies, and Territories, Republics and Dependencies.
It really can astound you what the modern Girl Guide knows.
She knows where there are islands called "The Gilbert" and
"The Cocos".
On maps, she'll point out Zambia, Sri Lanka and Mauritius,
She also knows the Virgin Isles are not just there for Misses!
CCAs encourage you to seek such information
They aim to help you, give you forms, and sometimes information.
To help you go abroad and learn about the world outside
As the Founder said "A Girl Guide must endeavour to Look Wide"
And just in case you see in that a reason for great mirth,
He referred to wide horizons - not your girth!

The Three G's by Sheila Graber



ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

A personal communication to all Guiders and Parents of Guides.
From Lady Lothian, The Order of Christian Unity, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1.

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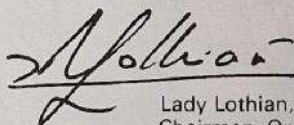
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Please pay to Williams & Glyn's Bank, Westlegate, Norwich (162630) for the credit of the account East reference the Order of Christian Unity the sum of pounds (£.....-00) being made up of my/our membership subscription of £1-00 each and a further £1-00 for literature (please delete as necessary). This total sum of £..... pounds (£.....-00) should be paid to the Order of Christian Unity at this date and every 1st May thereafter.

Signed

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Outdoor Activities

by Margaret Banks

For most Guiders who have been in the Movement as girls, outdoor programmes are relatively easy to contemplate. For the new Guider the thought of the 'out of doors' can create sheer panic. You, the Commissioner, are at the other end of the telephone. How do you help?



The requirements of the Adult Leader's Certificate make daunting reading, don't they? 'Give the support and guidance needed to enable your Unit to carry out an outdoor activity which they have chosen.' There's the crunch — 'which they have chosen' — and your Guiders might now be facing everything from a Brownie demand for instant picnics to a Ranger decision to have an autumn pony trekking holiday! How are they to give support and guidance when they feel at a complete loss?

An inexperienced Guider needs to be reassured that she is not expected to know everything. If an orienteering expedition has been proposed it would be helpful if the Guiders at least knew how to use a Silva Compass and had looked at a few Ordnance Survey maps, but she needn't be an expert orienteer. Among Youth Service leaders, D of E Award Scheme leaders, Scouters, Camp and Outdoor Activity Advisers, and fellow Guiders there are experts, and often one of these would be prepared to help with training the girls, organising the course and checking the girls' performances. Often, of course, all she needs is to be given the telephone number of a member of the team either at District, Division or County level. That's the purpose of the Adviser.

It is frightening for some people to have to 'phone strangers, and the Guider may need encouragement. She needs to be helped to realise that the need to call an expert is not a confession of failure. Her job in running her Unit is an expert job in itself. Being a General Practitioner is an expert job; but the GP calls in the Consultant when he needs the opinion of a specialist. A Unit Guider is in some ways like that of a GP, and quite rightly she calls for expert advice when it is needed. On the other hand, she ought to know one end of a tent peg from the other, so encouraging your Guiders might necessarily involve teaching basic skills to create confidence.

Often, however, the problem facing the Guider as she contemplates an 'out of doors' activity is how to plan the whole thing. 'Let's have a trip to the Zoo,' chorused by twenty eager Brownies cannot be answered by 'Yes, we'll

go on Saturday.' The whole activity has to be divided up into its various parts: communications with parents, obtaining helpers, sorting out transport, finance, catering, the day's programme: unless the Guider wants a repetition of *The Lion and Albert* — with her Brownies as Albert! Perhaps what is needed here is to help the Guider clarify her thinking and jot down a list of the most important points for the day's outing.

The Commissioner herself, of course, isn't expected to have all the answers, but she should know where to find them. She should first turn to the teams at Division and County level, but one can also make use of the Youth Service and experts in the Scout Movement.

However, out of doors programmes are not confined to camping, hiking and visits. Many districts now have conservation areas, and enterprising Commissioners can often find very helpful contacts among local naturalists. Similarly, local historians are often a mine of information which can be turned into everything from an exciting hunt for curiosities in town or village to a fantasy re-enactment of local battles on the hummocks of the battlefield pasture. There must be few areas where the Commissioner can't find someone prepared to help in this way. Information of this kind, announced enthusiastically at a District meeting, can be the beginning of many a successful outdoor programme.

Hilarious outdoor activities are often connected with acts of Service. Brownies can have great fun collecting rubbish in a local beauty spot and Rangers can greatly enjoy clearing out a pond or stream. Taking out the wheelchair patients from the local nursing home gives pleasure to young and old. A Commissioner who has a contact with the local authority and the local Community Health Council can often put useful and enjoyable projects before her Guiders.

We are all busy people and Commissioners, like their



Illustrations: Jean de Lemos

Guiders, have to make time these days for reading, but perhaps the best resource for planning outdoor programmes is your own, or someone else's, bookshelf. It's quite difficult to identify birds from bird books, but outdoor programmes to find out about everything from flowers and trees to clouds and stars can have their basis in one or other of the handy, relatively cheap, books now available. Any Guider preparing for a Pack Holiday or Camp would be wise to take a little 'library' with her.

As you read this article on a warm June evening, have you time to change the venue of your next District meeting to . . . out of doors?

Have you tried:

1. Challenging all your Units to meet out of doors for a month?
2. Putting 15 minutes aside at your District meeting for all to share their outdoor programme ideas?
3. Having a speaker from the local library at a District meeting to explain what books are available for outdoor programme planning?
4. Having a 'Kaleidoscope Evening' where all contribute an out of doors skill and share it with others?
5. Asking your District Secretary to compile a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of people or groups prepared to help on outdoor activities for circulation to all your Guiders?

Despite the pop, plastic, colour TV age we live in, girls are still drawn by the magic of the out of doors. Any Unit that doesn't have outdoor activities in its regular programme has a vital ingredient missing. Baden-Powell saw woodcraft as the key activity in true Scouting, and it ought still to be a distinctive feature of Guiding today.

COMMISSIONER training

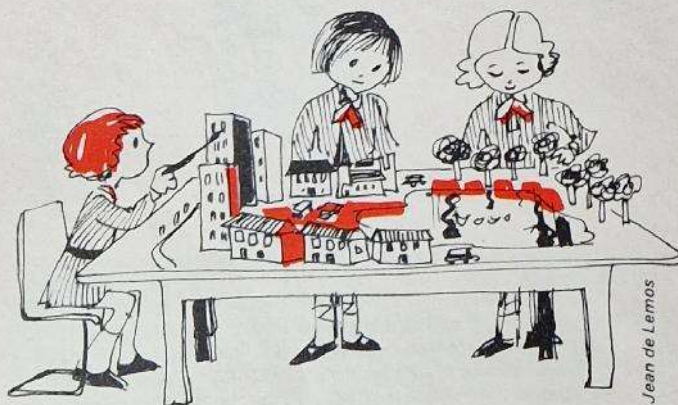
Knowing your Neighbourhood

by Jo Shelton

Do you and your Brownies *really* know your neighbourhood? Who lives and works there? Have you an old people's home, children's home, hospital or playgroup? Have you trees and open spaces within a mile of your meeting place? How far is a mile and how long would it take to walk that distance?

Lots of questions – how can we help our Brownies to find some of the answers? Can the Pack plan an interesting walk for a visitor to the area? This could include practical things, including the siting of the nearest phone box, toilets, chemist and Post Office. Is there a good café or shelter near the bus stop.

You could make a model of your neighbourhood as a Pack venture, using boxes and waste materials. You could include road crossings, parks and gardens, using natural materials, grass and twigs. Many Brownies have model houses, cars and animals they would be willing to lend. Years ago the church used to be the highest building in a town or village. Do your Brownies know why, and is it still the highest building? You might have to go and take another look. In which direction is your Town Hall? All these things could be included in your model. Perhaps the Brownies could produce a simple guide to the neighbourhood to use when showing their model at an open evening.



Younger Brownies on the Footpath Journey, especially those living in a city centre, could make an observation of an old wall. You can usually find around six plants or creatures living on the wall if you look very carefully.

Have you tried rubbings (using a wax crayon) of bricks, stones and gratings? You could make a notice for your model using rubbings of signposts, if you or the Brownies can reach them.

How about an expedition to find out where the blackberries are likely to be? Could you plan a Venture to pick blackberries for making jam – either to sell at your next money-raising effort or to take home for the family.



How do these ideas fit into the Brownie Programme? Your Footpath travellers would meet challenges for *Fun out of Doors* and *Make Things*. Your roadway Brownies could do any one of the things suggested in the handbook for the Wideawake challenge and certainly help younger Brownies in the Lend a Hand challenge. Scope too for the older Brownies on their Highway Journey. Everyone can take part in these activities at their own level. They could provide starters too for Interest Badges, Pathfinder, Discoverer, Collector. How about some well-made picture scrap books for the local playgroup, a start on Toymaker Badge, the model as a start for Craft Badge, and so it all ties up.

How about a Venture to let the neighbourhood know you? An open evening, not just for parents. Could we ask people from the local community to visit? A fireman, policeman, the crossing lady or the local shopkeeper, for example.

Would someone from your local school, playgroup, hospital or old people's home come and talk about his or her job and what we can do to help them in their work? Let them know that we are there, ready to be useful and helpful, that we want to know our neighbourhood and also want our neighbourhood to know us.

Have You tried:

A collage of your area using natural materials?

Making a scarecrow for a local farmer?

Preserving flowers and leaves for Christmas decorations?

Keeping stick insects?

Out and About With The Patrol

by Hilary Boon

Out and About With The Patrol

Guides are 'get-away girls' whenever possible, says the Guide Handbook. 'Get-away' can be hundreds of miles from home and meeting place, but more often be just around the corner a mile or so down the road. Whether we live in the depths of the countryside, in the suburbs of a city, or anywhere in between, the opportunities are there – so let's get our Patrols out to explore!

How do we get started, I wonder? Have you got a picture somewhere of what your village or town used to look like? Can you take something you have found growing locally to a Unit meeting – or would the old lady down the road who has lived in the area most of her life, have some interesting stories to tell a visiting Patrol? Your own involvement in your surroundings rubs off on to the Guides – so let it show.

Perhaps you need a more direct challenge. Why not challenge your Patrols to produce a Guide Book of your local area to interest a foreign visitor? Let the Patrols discuss what might go into the book and what their Patrol could offer. At the Patrol Leaders' Council PL's could sort out who does what and perhaps a Young Leader could act as Editor.

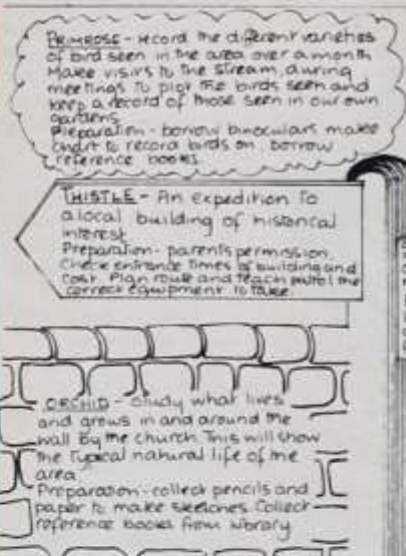
Do your Patrol Leaders have the necessary skills and information to carry out these plans or will you need to have a Patrol Leaders' Training first? What will they want help with, I wonder – mapping, planning an expedition route, the equipment to take, contacts with the Vicar and the people at the historic building, reference books from the Unit and Library . . . ?

consider how this relates to the Eight Point Programme and how they have progressed. Has their knowledge of their surroundings increased, have they learnt a new skill, eg mapping; have they found a new interest which might lead them to an Interest Badge, eg Local History, Hiker or perhaps the Patrol Explorer Pennant?

Using The Experience

When the Guides get out and discover their neighbourhood will they see things which will excite them? Could the Snowdrops visit the bell tower? Are there possibilities of bell-ringing? Could the Thistles take along a camera to record their expedition? Perhaps someone's father would teach them something about photography and perhaps teach them to develop their own films? The lichens that the Orchids may find growing on their wall could be used to dye wool collected from the hedgerows and then spun – (see Guide Handbook pages 123 and 124). When the Guides begin to learn what a mine of Historical interest a church is, might they not want to go further? Brass rubbing might be enjoyed, or would they like to do something for the church? Church kneelers can make a very welcome gift to many churches, and instructions for making them are easily found.

How well do you know the people in your area? Have you got any craftsmen or women near you? You may be lucky and have a basketmaker, weaver or blacksmith, in which case encourage the Guides to become interested in their traditional crafts. You may be just as lucky in the people who live around you. Near most of us there are



At the end of the Project the information will have to be put together and presented in a pleasing way. Discussion may bring forth a suggestion of where the book might be kept, and how it could be used. Patrols will need to

people who have interesting hobbies such as pottery, candlemaking, knitting, crochet, painting etc. Have you ever asked any of these people to share their interest with the Guides? Don't let us miss the things on our doorstep.

Have you tried: making things from natural materials? For instance, flower and leaf pictures made from a wide variety of leaves and flowers you may have collected and pressed are always popular. Other things to be made include maize leaf dolls, place mats woven from dried rushes, delicately shaded dyed tee-shirts from boiled onion skins, hips and haws, blackberries and a host of other materials. Sets of men can be made for playing draughts or backgammon. These can be cut from yew branches (not more than 3 cms in diameter), rubbed smooth, one set stained and then both polished with petroleum jelly. Also chessmen can be whittled from branches of yew, pine, hazel etc.

The possibilities are endless and the results give immense satisfaction. Books from the library, such as 'County Treasures', a Mills and Boon publication, will give details of how to set about any of these crafts.

GUIDE training

Knowing Your Surroundings

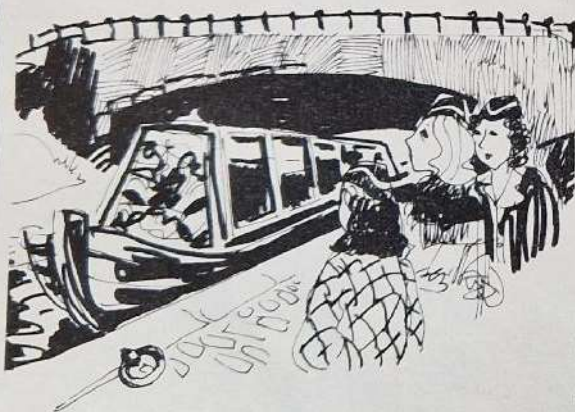
by Hilary Pickup

How often are we amazed at a Ranger's lack of knowledge of her neighbourhood, her community, her surroundings? It is up to us to encourage a knowledge of and a care for our surroundings through the programme of activities chosen by the Unit and, perhaps, through the Challenge '77.

It is perhaps easiest for those units living close to hills, moors, or mountains to develop a love of their surroundings. It is a challenge in itself to be properly trained and equipped to cope in such surroundings, to obtain mountain leadership certificates, and so on. Once trained, there is a great opportunity for service in assisting with rescue work.

Units situated near the sea or by some of our lovely rivers should have a knowledge of the water. Accepting the responsibility of training and learning about safety can lead Rangers to use their ability and knowledge in rescue work, beach guarding, teaching Brownies to swim, supervising Guides in the water. A love of the water can bring them to care about pollution and its effect on the fish and other life and to offer their help to other organisations taking an active interest in the problem of pollution.

But what about those Units in cities, towns and villages? Are they all 'indoor types'? Or do they ignore their own surroundings as they rush off to the nearest 'wild' country to camp, walk, climb or go boating? How can we develop their awareness of their own neighbourhood?



A canal offers a unique chance to explore our neighbourhood from a different viewpoint, even where it runs through an industrial part of the town. Which factories were originally sited there to enable materials and goods to be transported by barge? How old is the canal? How much is it still used? What about the locks and the different designs of

bridges? If your Unit has learnt to canoe, perhaps you could take a day trip on the canal? (You will need to apply for a permit.)



A 50 mile cycle expedition could help you explore local villages, discovering their sizes, the ages of their churches, local organisations and so on.

A trip to climb the highest building in the area could be an exercise in recognising all the buildings in view and studying the zoning of the town. This could be followed up by a look at the planning and development of the area, with a visit to the area planning office.

Are there any old crafts practised in the area which the Rangers might learn or learn about? Apart from handcrafts such as lacemaking or tatting, we could look for thatching, dry-stone wall building, hedging and ditching.

Those who live in towns will, we hope, grow to care about their surroundings, and once caring will want to help their community. Does the local park need trees to be planted to replace diseased elms? Do any old people's homes or children's homes need more roses or bushes for their gardens? Is there an adventure playground that could use extra help in the school holidays? Have you walked the pavements checking on overhanging trees and hedges that could give a nasty shock to the blind and, politely, pointed them out to their owners?

Caring about our surroundings, not least in an industrial area, should lead us to play our part in improving the community in which we live.

Have you tried

. . . . Making your own dyes from onions, berries, etc. for tie-dying?

. . . . Collecting sheep's wool, washing, spinning and knitting an article?

. . . . Whittling your own cutlery and eating a meal with it?

RANGER training

The Guild is Growing

(sequel to Where Are They?
GUIDER, September, 1976)

It is fair to say that most Guiders who have a Trefoil Guild within reach know that a request for help will never go unanswered.

As the Movement grows so do its needs: therefore the Trefoil Guild should grow too or its members will be stretched to the limit.

If a Guild already exists some might join this, or it could be that a Guild which meets in the morning would suit young mothers better. I know of at least one Guild which does this, bringing toddlers along too. They love it and everyone has soup before going home!



So this time we are asking YOU to help US.

You may remember reading in GUIDER last September, an article entitled "Where Are They?". This described how one guild successfully helped the Guides to find a Guider so that a new company could be started.

We are now making an invitation to Guiders to co-operate with us in a search for some of the countless thousands of women in our midst who, at some moment in their lives, made the Threefold Promise.

It is obvious that many of these women are the mothers and aunts – yes – grandmothers too – of our Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and it is only through you Guiders, and, with the aid of the children, that we can make contact with them, and invite them to join us.

To help in this search there are now available some leaflets which are intended to be taken home by any Guide, and handed to her Mum if she knows that Mum has been in Guiding. The leaflets give information about the Trefoil Guild and an invitation to the "ex-Guide" to rejoin the family of Guiding. There is a cut-out form which anyone who is interested can complete.

These leaflets are free! However, the supply is limited, so if you are willing to help us in our search, please apply soon to your own Commissioner for some of the leaflets, which are available from County and Regional offices.

If there is a good response it will be for the Division Commissioner, in consultation with the County Chairman of the Trefoil Guild to decide on the next step, which could well be the formation of a new Guild.



by The Lady Alport

Every Guild is different and each is organised by its own members to suit the needs of the majority and the interests of all.

During the autumn and winter months we intend through GUIDER, to give readers some idea of the wide scope of interest and service open to members of the Trefoil Guild. The care we have for our own less fortunate members as well as for our neighbours outside Guiding; the friendship between members of the Guide family of which we are part, and the fellowship with like-minded men and women in many other countries. All this is open to any woman over 18 who has made the Guide or Scout Promise.

The bigger our membership the greater our service – will you help us to grow?

News from LINK

THE CHRISTMAS and New Year period was celebrated in fine style by Crosby Link. It began with a visit to the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool, to attend the Spinners' Christmas concert. New Year was welcomed cheerfully at Hornchurch where two members had moved after their marriage, another couple of days were spent in Essex with sightseeing and shopping in London and Epping Forest before moving on to Nazeing.

In February, a weekend visit was made to the Guides Activity Centre in Skipton. There had been a burst pipe in another part of the building, so no water was to be found at first. However, one tap was found, which was supplied from the adjoining Convent, so the plight was not too desperate. Saturday was spent leisurely, being rounded off with a four-course meal, cooked a la LINK, on the premises. Sunday was the day set for a hike, which was shorter than planned due to bad weather.

The annual Pancake Party took place on Shrove Tuesday at the home of one of the members. No pancakes were left on the ceiling, and no cases of food poisoning were reported.

Several members took part in the Guide Annual Thinking Day Service. All units, including LINK, were asked to light one of 50 candles (to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Thinking Day) and send their greetings to other members all over the world.

A mystery hike, led by Stuart, was the first event in March. He led us up into Lancashire on a circular tour up and around Longridge Fell, covering about fifteen miles.

The following week, several of the local Rangers and Venture Scouts were our guests for an evening at the Skating Rink. Some were a little icy, but at least one beginner felt quite confident and adventurous before the time came to wend our way home.

Still in a sporting frame of mind, Link members paid a visit to the Bowling Alley at the end of the month. Although the skill and scores of members showed great variance, everyone enjoyed it.

Carol Williams,
Secretary, Crosby Link.



Think For LINK (Comp)

LINK needs a good slogan for publicity purposes, something based on the four initials L.I.N.K.

Make it short and to the point, even set it to music if you feel like it!

Send your entries to:

The LINK Organiser,

South West England,

The Girl Guides Association,

Ladywell,

The Close,

Salisbury, Wilts.

The closing date is September 1st, 1977, and there is no entry fee. You could win a Jubilee tankard, and £1 (to help fill it for the celebration?).

TRAINING

	FOXLEASE Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DG Tel: (Lyndhurst) 042-128 2638.	WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 3LD Tel: (Clitheroe) 0200 23186.	BRONEIRION Llandinam, Mont. Powys SY17 5D Tel: Caersws 204
June	3-11 Family Week (8. Hol.) 17-19 General Training 24-26 1) General Training 2) Heraldry Side Group *(see note below)	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
July	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)
Aug	9-16† Holiday periods (Guiders with 17-24† their 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
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Nov	4-6 South West England (by invitation) 11-13 Hampshire East County 18-20 General Training 25-27 London and South East England (by invitation)	4-6 Lancashire East County 11-13 General Training 18-20 West Yorkshire West County 25-27 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)	22 Welsh Trainers and Com- missioners Conference 25-30 West Glamorgan Patrol Leaders
Dec	2-4 Trainers' Training (by invitation)		4-6 International Weekend 11-13 General Training 25-27 International Weekend 2-4 Christmas Arts Weekend.

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow:
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.

These prices are for members of
the Girl Guides and Scout
Associations only. For a full week
prices are subject to a 15% dis-
count.

Fees at Broneirion
Shared room, per day £3.00
Double room, per day £3.25
Single room, per day £3.50
Deposit £1.00

announcements

Heraldry Side Group

This opportunity is of particular interest
to those with some experience of Heraldry;
it has arisen as a result of a very success-
ful '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.

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

Designed for the Guider who is pre-
pared 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.

Camps & Holidays

Foxlease Camp-sites

Application for sites should be
addressed to the Secretary and the
envelope marked 'Camp'.

A 50p deposit 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 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'. A 50p deposit
and a foolscap sae should be enclosed.

outdoor activities

Waddow Cottage and Caravan

Both are available for bookings through-
out 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 recommenda-
tion from the Guider's CA or Pack Holiday
Adviser and a foolscap sae enclosed.

Netherurd Camp-sites, Brownie House and Holiday Caravan

Applications for Camp-sites and the
Brownie House will be taken now.
During Scottish school holiday periods
priority will be given to Scottish Packs.

A 3-berth holiday caravan is also avail-
able.

CALENDAR

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

GLENBROOK Bamford, Nr. Sheffield, S30 2AL
Tel: (Bamford) 043 34 567

10-12 Edinburgh South West Division Trefoil
Guild

June

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

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

Aug

26-29 Ranger Jubilee Celebration Camp

Sept

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

Nov

11-13 Leadership in the hills.

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

5-12 Patrol Leaders' Week (by invitation)
5-12 Patrol Leaders' Camp - Pioneering Plus
19-21 Patrol Leaders

9-11 Brownie and Guide Guiders
(including booking from City of
Aberdeen)

16-18 Brownie and Guide Guiders
(including booking from Fife)

23-25 Brownie and Guide Guiders

30-2 Outdoor Activities weekend for
Guiders, Camp Advisers etc.

GENERAL TRAININGS AT ALL CENTRES ARE FOR BROWNIE AND GUIDE GUIDERS

Fees at Netherurd	
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.

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 fee. 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.

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).

camping

Broneirion Camp-site & Brownie House
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 Rangers, mixed groups, or Guides over 13, with suitably qualified Guider. Write c/o Broneirion.

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

Ynysgair, Criccieth, North Wales

Applications should be made to: Mrs Griffith, Swn-y-Gwynt, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, enclosing a foolscap sae.

Lorne Camp-sites

Applications should be sent to Mrs F Hartley, 1 Station View, Caralea, 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.

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Letter of

Commendation

Jane Keacey, Patrol Leader,
2nd St. Budeaux Company,
Devon.

Post Box

Please note that the Post Box
will be closed for the month of
June as so far this year a great
number of requests for pen-
friends have been received,
many of which are still waiting
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mately £30 which includes
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Cardiff Welcomes The Queen

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Erratum

In April's *GUIDER*, the Wad-
dow Jubilee article (p 152)
was incorrectly credited.
Apologies to Joyce Boucher,
who we are now informed was
the author of the article. Future
contributors please note: it
helps greatly if you sign your
name clearly at the end of any
article for possible acceptance
in the magazines, particularly if
your contribution is submitted
on your behalf by another
Member of the Movement.

Carol Singing.

Trafalgar Square

GGA carol singing will take
place in Trafalgar Square on
21st December this year, not
22nd.

Reminders

As stated in Amendments to
POR all Bank Accounts held
on behalf of the Guide Move-
ment must bear two
signatures. Please ensure that
cheques presented for pay-
ment bear two signatures, as a

number of cheques are being
rejected by the Banks because
of only having one signature.

Also, when visiting our
shops to purchase registered
goods, please remember to
take your warrant, as goods
cannot be supplied without it.

International Scout and Guide Club

Meetings take place every
Monday, 7.45 pm at Baden-
Powell House, Queen's Gate,
London. All visitors are
welcome. Programmes for
June include: 13th, Fletcher's
Follies; 20th, Dutch Evening;
27th, Midsummer Dance.

Southwark Catholic Guide Guild Parade

This parade and folk mass will
be held on Sunday, 26th June,
1977 at St George's
Cathedral, Southwark, SE1
at 3 pm.

Brownie Guides assemble
in Cathedral car park at 2.15
pm. Guides and Rangers
assemble at back of Cathedral
near car park 2.15 pm.

Rehearsals: Readers,
Colours, Folk Music, County
Standards at 1.30 pm,
Sunday, 26th June. Also
Stewards.

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New Religious series

Granada Television have been filming at the British Museum for sequences in the forthcoming documentary series **The Christians**, which will be ready for transmission on Independent Television later this Summer.

Film units have been working in more than 30 countries around the world: across Europe, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa.

A documentary in thirteen parts, Programme One will take the story from Jesus Christ to the acceptance of the Christian Faith by the Roman Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century AD.

Programme Two will illustrate the gradual acceptance of Christianity to the life of Byzantium (today's Istanbul).

Programme Three takes the story up to the death of Charlemagne.

Sir Denis Forman, chairman of Granada Television, said about the series: 'The Christians will be . . . of international scope and appeal, but British-made. We believe it will be enthralling because it is about men — the proper study of mankind.'

Aid for the Disabled

The Disabled Living Foundation has just launched a new publication entitled **Dressing for Disabled People — A manual for Nurses and others**. There is very little training material available for students or qualified nursing staff which deals with this subject. The line drawings of Mrs Brenda Naylor form an important part of the book, which was produced under the aegis of the Clothing Advisory Panel. Such vital matters as the most suitable types of clothing for the disabled and the management of clothing when using the toilet, are dealt with.

This book could prove invaluable to those Guiders who face the prospect of caring for an elderly and

disabled relative in the near future. Edited by Mrs Rosemary Ruston, it is published by the **Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, London W14 8NS**. The price is £2, and the book is obtainable at bookshops or (cash with order) from the Disabled Living Foundation.

The Mighty Mouse

Have you got a mouse in your house? If so the Wildlife Youth Service would very much like to hear from you, for they are conducting a survey to establish where the House Mouse is living in Britain.

In the British Isles, the House Mouse is one of four native mice species. We also have two species of rat and of dormouse (which, incidentally, are not true mice).

It is believed that the House Mouse may have arrived in this country in Neolithic times (four or five thousand years ago). It was certainly present in Roman times. All this means that the House Mouse was established in Britain many centuries before his cousins the rats. Despite his name and



the fact that he does occupy houses, factories, warehouses, shops, out-buildings and barns etc, he may also be found living in hedgerows, banks, walls and corn-ricks, usually close to human habitation.

Although it is so widespread and numerous the House Mouse is one of the least recorded of all our British wild animals and its official distribution map is largely blank. This is where you can help! If you have made any positive sightings of this furry rodent please send any details to: **Project House Mouse, Wildlife, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0DN**. Alternatively, if you and your Brownies or Guides wish to make a concerted study of the House Mouse write to the above address enclosing a large sae and ask for copies of the *Project House Mouse Report Sheet*.

Getting Value for your Money

Are you satisfied with the quality of the goods you buy these days? How can you judge if they will be durable and safe? Do you know your legal rights as a shopper when things go wrong? Can an ordinary consumer influence the way in which a product is designed?

These are just some of the questions which will be dealt with by an expert panel of consumer advisers at a series of public meetings in the North-East of England organised by the **British Standards Institution** this month, as part of a three-week campaign to prove that 'everyone needs standards'. The Director-General of Fair Trading, Mr Gordon Borrie, will be speaking at two of the meetings — in Newcastle (YMCA, Ellison Place) and Durham (Appleby Lecture Theatre, Durham University) on 21 and 22 April. The Mayor of Durham will be opening the third meeting. The first meeting, on Wednesday 20 April, will take place in the town centre at Thornaby Pavilion. The meetings begin at 7.00 pm, admission is free and all are welcome.

Further details from Joan Horrocks, Consumer PRO, at BSI headquarters. (Tel: (01)629 9000 ext 44).

In Memoriam

Miss Jill Elgar, who died in Norfolk on 19th March, will be remembered with appreciation by many members of the Movement in this country and from overseas who stayed at the Guide Club in the 50's, 60's and early 70's. 'B-P Centenary Year' and the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of the Girl Guides Association brought many visitors to London and to the Guide Club and at every event, big or small, they always found a friendly atmosphere and a genuine concern for their welfare.

Before she was appointed Secretary of the Guide Club in 1952 Jill Elgar had served in the ATS. One of her Service friends recalled her as a 'Terrier' in 1938 and, in 1942, her excellent talks as an Instructor at the Senior Officers' School at Bagshot Park. Other friends remember Jill's kindness, high standards and her gift of getting to know people, all qualities she needed

as Deputy Director, Northern Command, and in her later service for Guiding.

TWM

(Friends may like to know that donations in Jill Elgar's memory may be sent to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ or to The Dogs Home, Battersea, 4 Battersea Park Road, London S.W.8).

Lambeth South Division was shocked by the sudden death of **Stella Prince** (née Ellis) on April 7th. Stella had enjoyed being a Guide herself and later had given loyal service to the Guide Movement for over 20 years as a Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guider and as District Commissioner for East Brixton. Stella was the Brownie Guider of 6th East Brixton

Pack at the time of her death and it was her work with the children that she loved most of all. She will be remembered by us all for her understanding, care and willingness to help whenever the need arose. Many Guiders past and present attended the funeral, at which Miss Eileen Hardy, who had been Stella's own Guide Captain, read the lesson.

PS

It will be a great sadness to all our Guiders to learn that Mr Derek Parker Bowles, husband of our former Chief Commissioner, died suddenly at their home on 4th February. Our loving sympathy is with Dame Ann and all her family.

Mums and Dads



Please foster
a child

The London fostering campaign, known as **Mums and Dads**, launched a year ago, has reported encouraging results. London has about 19,000 children in care, many more of whom could be fostered but for the severe shortage of foster homes. At least 60 children have been found homes as a direct result of the Campaign and **Mums and Dads** invite interested people to ring a central number for further details (01-278 8039 - until 30th June) or to contact their local Social Services Department, who can supply you with details about fostering.

Economy and Safety

To help people to make a safe job of wiring their own plugs and replacing fuses, and also to keep their electricity bills down by using appliances economically, **The Electrical Association for Women** arrange one-day courses, mainly at their London Showroom but also in selected parts of the country. As well as giving a basic explanation of how electricity works in the home the course (duration: approximately four hours) provides ample opportunity for practical work under supervision. The fee for the course is £2 (coffee and a snack lunch included). Further details may be obtained by writing to: **Miss N Riddington, Services Administrator, The Electrical Association for Women, 25 Foubert's Place, London W1V 2AL**. Please quote **GUIDER**.

Metric English?

Let's hope that in our anxiety to 'go metric' we won't metricate some of our well-known English sayings, or we could be landed with... Peter Piper picked 8.81 litres of

pickled pepper corns
It hit me like 907 kilograms of bricks
I beat him to within 2.54 centimetres of his life.
Give him 2.54 centimetres and he takes 1.609 kilometres.
(With acknowledgements to 'CSA and the consumer', published by the Canadian Standards Association).

Fresh SSAGO

Pete Dowson is the new Secretary of **SSAGO** (his predecessor was Dave Russell). Pete wrote to us earlier this year, asking us to publish the names and addresses of **SSAGO's** new Executive. So here they are: (term time addresses only),
Chairman -
Geoff Lund
33, Southgrove Road,
Sheffield, S10 2 NP

Secretary -
Pete Dowson
Hugh Stewart Hall,
University Park,
Nottingham University,
Nottingham NG7 2RD

Treasurer -
Steve Lewitt,
Hertford College,
Oxford.

GUIDER Crossword No. 6

by Brenda Hughes

A small prize will be awarded for the first correct entry opened each month. Send entries to: The Editor, **GUIDER**, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Across

1. This is done before the sovereign at the Coronation. (5)
2. It's above the orb. (5)
12. These convulsions—in Bar. (5)
13. A type of column. (5)
14. A striped insect, curtailed. (2)
15. The Queen has this. (7)
16. Pharaoh said this at last. (2)
17. Is the Sword of State double?
19. The Britannia is a royal one. (5)
21. Rural Dean. (2)
22. Its possessive in the royal family. (3)
23. Behold. (2)
26. This celebration is argent. (6, 7)
28. Pardon? (2)
30. A royal murderer? (3)
31. Half an em, in print. (2)
33. Part of the real derby, bears catkins. (5)
36. A walking stick, a circle and a roundabout. (5)
38. The G & S Constabulary wouldn't. (2)
39. One would hope one's balance sheet would not show it. (7)
40. You get little thanks like this. (2)
41. 'This shall be ——— unto you' (1, 4)
43. This post either goes up in the middle or is at the top or bottom. (5)
45. You need to sort out the steer. (5)
46. An operative Peter has his tail removed. (5)

Down

1. Used for the Coronation. (5)
2. 'Tell me, where is fancy ———' (Shakespeare). (4)
3. A very helpful organisation. (2)
4. Dice are six and an octagon is eight. (5)
5. Dine a girl. (4)
6. There is a winter and summer variety. (6, 7)
7. Does it need a cathedral? (4)
8. The Queen is. (5)
9. Reverse the negative for this. (2)
10. Often an expression of sadness. (4)
11. They object to being confused with whisky. (5)
18. You may be cooked whilst
20. being questioned. (7)
24. Sounds like a young fish. (7)
24. Royal male. (3)
25. This tide can be very dangerous (3)
27. One of Abraham's wives. (5)
29. Quick set as a boundary. (5)
31. 'A'reet'. (anagram). (5)
32. A series of notes — on a fish. (5)
34. The sole does not win. (4)
35. Do you pay it for a tear? (4)
36. In forming a pot you get a dynasty. (4)
37. On the programme. (4)
42. In mist not snow and fish not fowl. (2)
44. Women's Institute.

Crossword No. 5 solution



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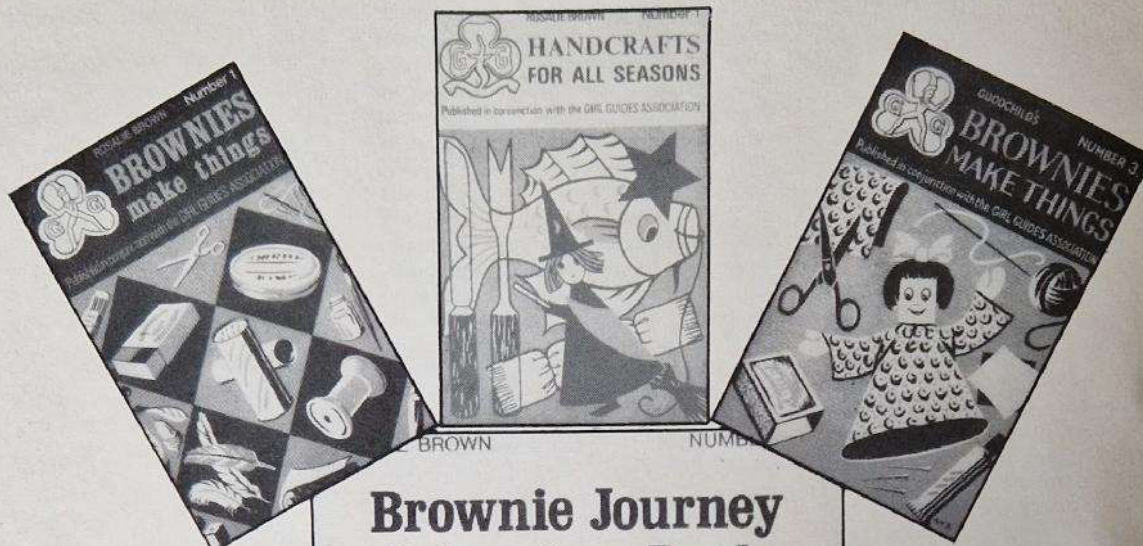
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Guide Parties Visiting London

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E. Joyce Hay

Japanese Girl Scouts and their leaders who visited CHQ on 25th March during a European Tour.

several thousand United Kingdom Brownies, Guides and Rangers. It is bound to be a record year in London with all the Jubilee festivities and we look forward to many more visitors during the summer.



E. Joyce Hay

Above, the Leader of the Japanese delegation of Girl Scouts and Adult Leaders presented Mrs L. Whiteaker, MBE, General Secretary, with a gift of Cloisonné spoons during the March visit to CHQ.

Because you are seen in the city, visiting places of interest and coming to tour your Commonwealth Headquarters, you will want to look smart and remember your Guide Laws on these occasions.

Do you . . . put all your litter in a bag and then in a litter bin? . . . Make sure that chewing gum is not ground into carpets and floors? . . . Leave room for passers-by when queueing on pavements? . . . All wear your hats? . . . Hold head counts so that no-one is lost? . . . Say or sing your Grace when you eat in our restaurant? . . . Stop your young ones shouting up and down corridors? . . . Ask the young to show manners on trains and buses and in public places?

After writing the foregoing, I received from our Shop Manageress, Miss Barbara Barrowclough, the following letter which made me very sad and which I hope you will all note:

"Dear Guiders,

We in the CHQ Shop were very pleased to see you and your Guides and Brownies on Saturday, 19th February, when we celebrated Thinking Day, and we thank you for your support.

We were, however, very disappointed with the state in which *SOME* of you left our shop fittings and stock. We realise that there was very little room and we did our best to make things easier for you, but the damage to goods was very extensive and quite unnecessary; cellophane packs broken open and scattered over the floor, writing pads and message pads scribbled on and quite unusable, books torn up or written in, food and 'coke' cans, some of which were half full, pushed under fixtures, toys broken, etc. . . .

Our staff work very hard to make *your* shop a pleasant place to visit. Now they must start over again so that your sister Guides may still enjoy visits to their Headquarters.

The shop and goods are financed by your own efforts, so when we have to "write off" goods in this way, everyone is victimised for the thoughtlessness of the few.

We realise that your girls may not have been responsible, but when you see this sort of thing happening please let someone know so that we may deal with the trouble straight away and not feel that all our efforts are in vain.

We look forward to seeing all our tidy, well mannered Guides and Brownies in the near future.

Most of our young members are a credit to the Movement. Could the other 10% be exemplary too? I do believe they can be!"

Lost Property

Perhaps due to this record number of visitors we have collected a strange assortment of lost property, some of which will be surprisingly costly to replace. If you or any of the children you have brought to CHQ have missed gloves, umbrellas, bags etc on your return, please contact our Receptionist to check whether it has been handed in.

The Story of the Girl Guides

A visitor we were especially pleased to welcome was Mrs Alix Liddell,



E. Joyce Hay

The Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, JP with Mr P C Barnett, The Association's Treasurer, and Mrs Alix Liddell, OBE, when she autographed copies of 'The Story of the Girl Guides' and 'Briefly it's Guides' in the CHQ shop.

author of 'The Story of the Girl Guides'. A small reception on 2nd February to mark its publication was attended by the Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, and some of Mrs Liddell's closest friends and associates who assisted her in compiling and checking the material for this revised and up-dated official history of the Movement. On 22nd and 23rd February Mrs Liddell attended the CHQ Shop to autograph copies of the book and also of 'Briefly it's Guides', a shorter outline history of Guiding which she wrote for younger members in 1976.



E. Joyce Hay

Dame Anstice Gibbs, Mrs Alix Liddell, OBE, and Mr Philip Boughen, representative of T & A Constable Ltd, Printers of *The Story of the Girl Guides* at a Reception held by the Chief Commissioner to mark its publication on 2nd February 1977.

The Queen's Silver Jubilee

Many visitors to CHQ have asked about the additional flag flying along-

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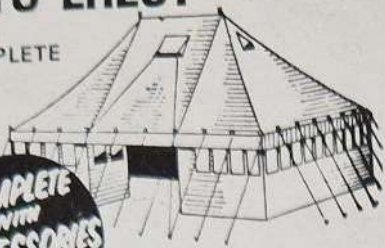
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THE Mutual Aid scheme – what is it? What does it mean? What does it do? Very briefly it is one way of helping to promote international friendship and co-operation among members of our World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The World Bureau compiles a list giving the most urgent needs of the Guide Association in the developing countries and the least well off countries who have sent in their requests for help. The Mutual Aid Scheme suggests that perhaps the better-off countries might like to offer financial help. Ever since the Scheme started some years ago Britain has supported it through the Girl Guide Friendship Fund. Early in the year when the list is available we select certain projects, choosing those we feel will appeal to our Guides and Brownies and for those countries we specially want to help.

Being summer time when this appeal goes out and hoping for a summer like last year so that a great many of our Guides and Rangers will be camping and many of you, hard-working Guiders (!), are already planning your camps, – we decided to choose **CAMPING** projects. All the world over Guides seem to enjoy camping, but in some of the poorer countries they cannot afford to buy tents or equipment and so are denied the fun, the happy companionship and the good training camp life has to offer. So it is **TENTS** we are asking for, or rather the money to pay for them. All donations during June, July and August will be devoted to this and the countries we would like to help are these:

MADAGASCAR – an independent republic off the south-east coast of Africa and an Associate Member of the WAGGGS with more than 2,000 Guides and Brownies. Four or five patrol tents. **MAURITIUS** – an island in the Indian Ocean and an Associate Member of the WAGGGS. Some 700 keen Guides and Brownies who have asked for camp equipment.

Please do remember that Guides in all these other countries do their best themselves to raise money but on small islands and in Third World countries the scope is very limited.

BOLIVIA – also an Associate Member of the WAGGGS in South America with about 2,000 Guide membership. They want ten tents, so we would like to provide three of these.

PARAGUAY – there are only about 300 Guides and Brownies in this small country in South America and a gift of three tents will thrill them greatly.

URUGUAY – the smallest of the South American republics but here, too, there are Guides and they urgently need equipment for camping and cooking. The above two countries are both Associate members of the WAGGGS.



The 1st Hove Brownie Guide Pack who have helped the GGFF greatly in raising money to buy guide dogs for the blind.

RUANDA – a small republic in Central Africa not yet a member of WAGGGS but keenly working towards member-



Nepal Guides with the duplicator purchased by the money given by the Girl Guide Friendship Fund through its 1976 Mutual Aid Project.

ship and carrying out their Guiding programme to the very best of their ability and slender means. £300 will provide them, so they say, with ten small tents which they need most of all.

Finally **LESOTHO** – though an independent sovereign state in southern Africa, the Guide Association is still in the care of our Guide Headquarters. There are some 4,000 Guides and Brownies. Good tents are essential for safe camping for it gets extremely hot. Here again £300 will be a tremendous help and provide at least four tents.

This all adds up to £2,000, not a vast sum when it means a great deal of happiness and better Guiding for a great many of our young Guide friends and their Leaders in so many different parts of the world and all members of our great world family.

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So you see, it is enormously worthwhile helping in this way, spreading Guide friendship and Guide spirit to the four corners of the earth.

Will you talk with your Guides and Brownies about all this? We know you all need funds for your own camps, for the quota, for equipment, books, badges, etc. – but how much more readily do our children work to raise funds, and do outside friends give, when they know those funds are not **ENTIRELY** for themselves? Can we not try to share what we have, what we get? And in giving – what a great reward we reap!

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A Second Glance . . .

THE CHIEF GUIDE'S TALK (from The Guider, May 1937)

I am writing this at sea, steaming steadily towards England. With us on the ship are many visitors from the Dominions and Colonies coming to celebrate the coronation of their King, and our thoughts are with King George and Queen Elizabeth, wishing them happiness and strength through the time of their Coronation and in the years to come.

Just as I was leaving India I received a cable from Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan bringing me the glad news that our Queen (*Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother*) had graciously consented to become Patroness of the Girl Guides Association. Before her marriage Her

Majesty was a Guider in Scotland, and it is a matter of great pride and joy to us all to have her as our Patroness.

I have had a quite wonderful two months' tour in India, and though every tour we make overseas has its own delight and value, this last tour has, to me, been perhaps the most worthwhile of all.

It is sixteen years since we visited India last, and in that time much has taken place, in the Guides and in the country itself, for in this short space of time all the epoch-making moves have been made for giving India her self-government.

It is a momentous period for that great country, and nobody can foretell what

may come from this vital step being taken at this moment in her history.

... the Guides Association in India is filled with a moving population, and no sooner does our teacher Guider in a school get well started with her Company, than she is transferred to another part of the Province. Likewise with the Commissioner, who may be the wife of a railway official or a Government employee. When she has just got into her stride, is forming her Local Association and is getting Companies going, then off she goes too, moved on and up to another station.

... the Movement may still be small compared with the huge population, but thanks

to the valiant work of the Guiders of all ranks it is doing what it sets out to do, and its influence is spreading probably much farther than we know. To thousands in India, it has opened a magic door and may we not suppose that as the West went out to the East in the bygone days to search for jewels and for wealth, to seek for art and culture, to gain poetry and even to find its religion, so perhaps now repaying the debt it owes, it is giving back to the East something that is even more precious than gold.

Below, The Chief Guide inspecting a Guides' Guard of Honour during a visit to Bombay in 1937.

Positive Recruitment in Northumberland

In Northumberland, we now have a continuous Adult Recruitment Campaign, due to a Public Relations exercise in 1971 which grew into a successful campaign in the Hexham Division. At that time, the Division was a rural area covering 900 square miles. The Commissioners had vast areas to cover and in villages without Units, development work was practically nil. It was decided that the PR rep should be responsible for finding prospective Guiders to run new Units.

To bring this about, a system of public meetings backed up by press coverage, exhibitions and posters was established. The public meetings proved successful and the programme began to mushroom. Guiders and Commissioners soon began to adopt a more positive approach. Suddenly everyone was 'into PR' and new Guiders were joining us from every corner. By 1974, the number of Units had almost doubled and the number of Guiders had more than doubled. We then split the Division off into three more manageable areas.

Since then, we have been using the same approach throughout the County. So far we have tried our methods in all but three of our eleven Divisions and are now attempting to ensure that all Units have at least two uniformed leaders, as recommended in POR.

In our experience, the following basic ideas are helpful,

and may be of use to other areas with leader shortage problems.

1. Take a positive approach to recruiting. It's possible in every area to find leaders where there are enough children to form a Unit.
2. Recruiting needs to be a permanent function within the Division - There is generally an on-going need for new leaders, so we find it especially useful to appoint an experienced Guider, preferably with some 'Guiding PR' experience, to act as a Division Recruiter. She is then responsible to the Commissioners for finding prospective leaders.
3. Be clear about your requirements from the start; tell people in plain English, not GGA jargon, exactly what the job entails. Explain fully the real time spent running a Unit plus going to District meetings and trainings - It's really no good giving the old 1½ hours a week routine. Prospective Guiders will never blossom into the real thing that way.
4. Consider the changing role of women. Don't make assumptions about young married women with families not having



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time for Guiding. Be prepared to accept shorter contracts with new leaders. Why not have a Brownie's mother as a Guider for 3-4 years while her daughter is a Brownie; if that's what she wants. Life contracts can put off skilled leaders who would offer 3-4 years of Guiding to all the Unit.

5. Always recruit three people to start new Units - It's easier to persuade three people to take on the job in the first place and it eases the load of running the Unit.

M P D Lawrence

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Commissioners

Your correspondence on Commissioners prompts me to voice another aspect of the situation altogether. Far from being promotions, Commissioners of all ranks are appointed from above and are, in my experience, a mixed bunch. At no time as a Guide Guider have I ever been asked whether I approved of the appointment of the latest Commissioner.

Compare this with the advice I have been given in the running of my Unit: Never appoint PLs and Seconds. The girls should vote among themselves. Introduce prospective Helpers to the Guides and get their reactions before making a definite appointment. Discuss all aspects of the running of the Unit with the Guides and get their opinions before making a final decision. (This is Unit policy, and the girls expect it).

How does the Guide Movement equate this very democratic system with the present method of appointing Commissioners? Could Guiders not be given a short list of prospective Commissioners, and be asked to vote? Could we not be asked to submit our own candidates to the list? Could we not, at least, be kept in the picture vis à vis the appointment of new Commissioners? In fact, why have Commissioners at all? The Guiders in the District could elect one of their number to be their representative for a year, and the Division Commissioner could be elected from among these by the representatives themselves. If the appointment were only for a year, busy people would not object, and in the case of the inefficient, not much damage can be done in a year. The Guiders would be all the more careful in the following year's voting.

As a final thought – as a Head Teacher of ten years' standing – I often think that if I treated my teachers as the Association treats its Guiders, they would all walk out. And teachers are paid!

Miss T M Johnson,
2nd Hampton Hill Coy.

Promotion

There is muddled thinking in the letter of Mrs Jean C S Miller on promotion (January GUIDER).

When a Guider becomes a District Commissioner she takes on responsibility for larger and larger sections of the Movement.

Teams, even nowadays, have captains who co-ordinate the individuals and in the last resort may have to take decisions. So there is progression of a sort.

If anyone is led by her position to think herself a person superior to others in the Movement, whatever her responsibility, she will be a failure.

(Mrs) Eve Machin,
District Commissioner,
Devizes.

Jubilee Badge



We agree with the General Secretary, CHQ that the quality of the Queen's Silver Jubilee badges is good and we think they are most attractive. We also appreciate fully the reasons for the delay in supplies, and in view of this, we would like to suggest that the period for wearing them with uniform be extended, perhaps until the anniversary of the Coronation, June 1978. This would help to offset the very natural disappointment which is felt in all sections of the Movement.

M Tomlin (Mrs)
E R Tomlin (Miss)
Guide Guiders, Malvern,
Worcs.

We are happy to say that the badges may now be worn until the 7th June, 1978.

General Secretary, CHQ.

Why not us?

I and the other members of our Company think it is stupid that other organisations have National Appeals and we do not. We would like to have an annual Job Week, as do the Scouts. Why don't we? I Like reading TODAY'S GUIDE and am very interested in the

articles about the Queen just now.

Fiona Weighand,
Swallow Patrol,
1st Livingston Company
(St Paul's).

We do not make national appeals for ourselves but we do support many other projects through the Girl Guide Friendship Fund at local level. This year the Association will be giving its profit from the sale for the metal Queen's Jubilee Badges to Her Majesty's Appeal Fund.

For insurance and safety reasons, young members do not carry out Bob-a-Jobs or hold Job Weeks. There are many interesting ways of raising money and the periodicals carry very good articles about fund-raising from time to time.

General Secretary.

Worldly Wisdom

I am an English person now living in Canada and I am a Brown Owl out here. I have the BROWNIE magazine sent out to me every week and I find it most useful and interesting. Some time ago, you ran a series on Australian Brownies, including all their sixes and six songs. I found this very informative and one evening, to demonstrate Brownies Round the World, I used this in my Pack. We were Australian Brownies (using the Six emblems instead of our own) and singing the appropriate Six songs. We also used the Law, Promise and Motto and played Australian games and sang their songs. The whole Pack thoroughly enjoyed it and have asked me if we could do it again sometime, basing the 'game' around another country this time. (I have 'done' England, of course.)

Australian Brownie



Perhaps some time in the near future you could do a

series on another country (names of Sixes, songs etc).

Anne Harriman (Mrs)
Ontario, Canada

We are planning another series in the New Year. Editor.

Invalid Tricycles

My wife, who is disabled and a Guider with the 9th Dunstable Company, drew to my attention the item on page 97 of your March 1977 issue regarding the mobility problems of the disabled. I am sure many members of the Girl Guides Association are concerned about the phasing-out of the invalid tricycle and the totally inadequate alternatives, and I do hope they will feel able to support the campaign now being run by the Disabled Drivers' Association and the Disabled Drivers' Motor Club.

We organised a Mass Lobby of Parliament on 17th May 1977 to express our views on this issue.

Douglas Campbell, ACA,
Joint Chairman,
Disabled Drivers' Joint Liaison
Committee,
Disabled Drivers' Association,
Ashwellthorpe,
Norwich NR16 1EX.

Tied in knots

I would be very interested to know whether or not there is a correct way to wear the Guide tie. In the past our Company has assumed that as the Brownie tie is impossible to wear incorrectly the Guide tie should be worn left over right. As far as I can see there is no written information either in the Guide handbook or POR for the correct wearing of the tie. However, in the March 1977 TODAY'S GUIDE on page 7, quite definitely the right side goes over the left, then on pages 18 and 19 quite definitely the left goes over the right.

If there is a correct method of wearing the uniform tie, I would very much like to know.

N D'Albon (Miss),
Guide Guider,
Croydon, Surrey.

This is one of many queries received about Guide ties. The tie should be pinned Right over Left following the same direction that the Guide blouse fastens. This will be made quite clear in the subsequent reprints of our publications.

Training Dept, CHQ.

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side our own World Flag this summer. It is the London special Jubilee Flag showing a crown and St. Paul's Cathedral in blue on a white ground which will be flown on many London buildings this year.

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Lynia Whitaker
General Secretary, CHQ

One of the The Ranger Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Covers being franked with the Thinking Day meter slogan in CHQ. L to R Mrs B Marshall, Mrs P Aleandri, and Mrs A Kennedy

The 1976 Annual Report

DO YOU know the latest census figures? The number of Guides and Rangers who have travelled to other countries during the past year or attended international camps and seminars? How many overseas visitors have been invited to events in the United Kingdom? Have you heard of new developments on the Arts side of the Guide programme? Of the national trainings and conferences that have been held? Who was helped by The Girl Guide Friendship Fund? What new books and cassettes were published and which are the kindred societies with whom we had the closest co-operation?

All this and many other interesting facts are contained in the 1976 Annual Report presented last month at the Annual General Meeting and now available from Guide shops and the Girl Guides Trading Service, Atlantic Street, Broadheath, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 5EQ, and Press and Public Relations Department at Commonwealth Headquarters, price 15p per copy plus 11p postage and packing.

The Annual Report of any organisation is the prime source of up-to-date information and ours is no exception. With its bright lively cover and containing over a dozen of the best and most representative photographs of Guiding during 1976, it is the best

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FROM GOOSE QUILL TO COMPUTER

HATFIELD HOUSE, Hertfordshire, home of the Marquess of Salisbury, is the setting of this unusual exhibition. The Rt Hon Harold Macmillan, who performed the opening ceremony, reminded the audience that throughout the



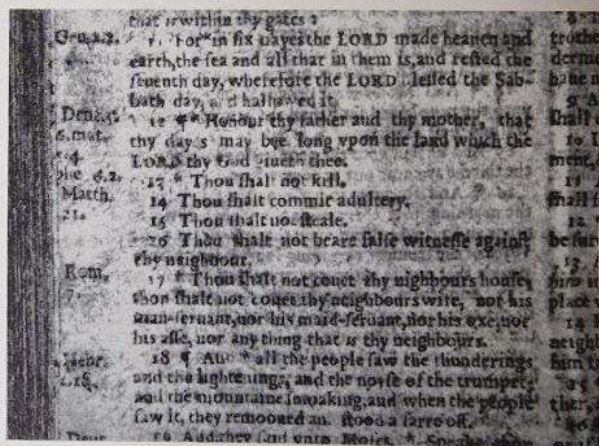
Sir Harold Macmillan, above, admires an ancient printing press.

history of this planet, the ability to communicate by means of words has distinguished mankind from the rest of the animal species. Speech began some 20,000 years ago, to be followed some thousands of years later by the formation of an alphabet, making possible the recording of speech by the written word. However, it is only in recent history – over the past 500 years – that mechanical means of reproducing words have made reading material available to all. From William Caxton's printing machine, based on the principles of a wine press, printing techniques developed, via the first rotary press in 1814 (based on the design of a mangle), to the computerised photographic techniques which are today rapidly replacing traditional printing, and which are used to produce all three Guiding magazines.

This exhibition, mounted by stage designer and artist Jane Kingshill, traces the complex path from Caxton to computers in such an attractive way that it will capture the interest of all, from the smallest child to the most mechanically inquisitive adult. Through peepholes in a huge Tree of Knowledge, one can see the methods of communication before movable type was invented, ie calligraphy, singing, preaching, and even embroidering (the Bayeux tapestries). Adam and Eve conversing – representing the first exchange of knowledge – will be seen through a central knot hole. Moving on, one can see set pieces explaining the development of printing methods and incorporating examples of early printing presses. The whole exhibition is staged within a set representing an Elizabethan garden, with alleys of yew and box hedge interspersed with beds 'flowering' with well-known type faces, all of which you will recognise if you are a regular reader of this magazine. There is a fountain which 'sprays' a mixture of typefaces, and nearby a lifesize model of the 25-year-old Elizabeth Tudor, holding a psalter open at

Psalm 118, reminding visitors that when the news of her accession reached her at Hatfield in November 1558, she is said to have given spontaneous thanks in the words of the psalm's 23rd verse: 'This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes'.

There are a number of rare books and documents in the exhibition from the archives of Hatfield House, and some rare books on loan from other sources, including one of the few copies in existence of the so-called 'Wicked Bible', owned by the British and Foreign Bible Society. This was published in 1631 and was full of 'gross errors', the most startling being the omission of the word 'not' from the seventh commandment, perhaps the most famous printer's error of all time!

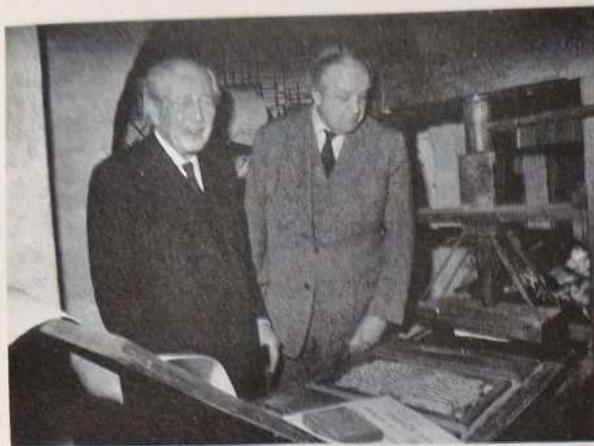


Above, the extract with the disastrous error in the 'Wicked' Bible!

The most valuable exhibit in the exhibition is England's finest 15th Century book, the Missal printed in 1500 for the Archbishop of Canterbury and on loan from the library of Pusey House, Oxford.

There could be few more appropriate occasions than the Silver Jubilee of Elizabeth II, on which to visit Hatfield House with its many links with the accession of Queen Elizabeth I. One can visit the spot in the gardens where, sitting under a tree, Elizabeth I is said to have received the news of her accession. There is also the surviving wing of the Royal Palace of Hatfield (1497) where Elizabeth spent much of her girlhood, and where she held her first Council of State in 1558. Hatfield House itself is Jacobean and has been the home of the Cecils ever since it was built.

The Goodly Prynting Exhibition is in the Old Riding School, and will run until 7th October. The entrance charge for the house (where the State Rooms are open to the public), park, gardens and exhibition is £1 for adults and 45p for children, with party rates (20 or more booked in advance) of 85p for adults and 40p for children. It is possible to see the house and not the exhibition, or the exhibition and not the house, for a slightly smaller charge, but once there it's an ideal opportunity to see everything and have a really superb day out.



The Guardian

British Rail is offering a special inclusive ticket covering the return fare London to Hatfield, and all entrance fees, for only 90p per child and £1.80 per adult, for parties of 20 or more booked in advance. This is really a bargain, and the gates of Hatfield House are immediately opposite the railway station.

From now until 7th October, Hatfield House and the Exhibition are open daily. For further details of opening times and rates, apply to the **Administration Office, Hatfield House, Herts. (Hatfield 62823)**. For more information on the British Rail offer apply to **British Rail, Kings Cross (01-837-4200 extension 4960)**.

Jean Rush

WHAT'S ON in Jubilee month

Leeds Castle

Visitors to **Leeds Castle**, near Maidstone, will find many links with royalty going back more than a thousand years. The castle was named after Led, Chief Minister of Ethelbert IV, King of Kent, and the Royal Dynasties of England have owned and added to the castle throughout the ages. Now owned by the nation, Leeds Castle is open to the public every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday until the end of September. The splendid castle set in its beautiful grounds, which include a ten-acre lake, are made particularly interesting by the collection of rare swans, geese

and ducks in the Duckery, and a rare collection of cockatoos and brilliantly coloured parakeets in the aviaries, and a wild Wood Garden is an added attraction. Admission for adults is Grounds 60p, Castle 60p, children and OAPs half price. For information about special party rates telephone the Organising Secretary at Hollingbourne (062-780) 456.

The Castle and grounds are also open on bank holidays, and for those who are elderly or infirm there is a tractor-drawn trailer to take them from the car park to the gatehouse of the Castle.

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Leeds Castle



Art in Action

At least forty professional artists and craftsmen will demonstrate their skills and techniques at 'Art in Action', to



Augustine Studios

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'Figure of a Boy'
(bronze,
30 x 8)

be held in the beautiful grounds of Waterperry House, near Wheatley, Oxfordshire, on Saturday to Monday of the Silver Jubilee weekend (4th-6th June). There will be demonstrations of painting in oils, tempera and water-colour; pottery in stoneware and in clay and terracotta modelling; calligraphy and illumination of manuscripts; sculpture to include wood carving, stone carving, modelling in clay and casting. Etching, engraving,

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Bignor Roman Villa and Museum

Discovered in 1811, this Roman Villa is one of the largest in the country, and its 4th Century mosaics rank amongst the finest in the world. The Museum contains models of the villa and a selection of artefacts found during excavation. Situated near Pulborough, Sussex, the Villa is open daily until the end of October (closed Mondays except Bank Holidays). Admission for coach parties is adults 14p, children under 16 5p.

British Heritage Exhibition

This exhibition, opened in 1974, is now a leading tourist attraction. The 19th Century recreation of a Chester

shopping street, and an audio-visual presentation introducing people to the city, are high spots of the exhibition.

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Art In Action

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woodcuts and aquatint, woodwork, and jewellery, are some of the crafts on display, and working with fabrics will include dyeing, spinning, silk weaving, batik, lace-making and embroidery.

Waterperry, with its beautiful grounds is an ideal setting for an event of this kind. The house, a majestic Palladian mansion, is 3½ miles from the M40 and nine miles north-east of Oxford.

Admission to Art in Action is £1 for adults and 50p for children under 14 (under six free). Parking is free, and party rates for 15 or more are adults 80p, children 40p.

For those who want to participate rather than merely watch the demonstrations, master classes will be held in the mornings in clay modelling and



Porcelain Stem Cup by William Mehornay

Venessa Stamford

in violin playing. There will also be afternoon concerts in the church (beside the house) at an extra charge of 80p for adults and 40p for children.

Hayward Gallery

Appropriately in Jubilee Year, the Hayward Annual 1977 exhibition is of current British art. Open from 10 am to 8 pm Monday to Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday 12 pm to 6 pm, the Hayward Gallery is part of London's South Bank arts complex which incorporates the Royal Festival Hall, the National Theatre and the National Film Theatre. This exhibition is open until 4th September.

Science Museum

Special exhibitions at the Science Museum this month include the history of aviation over the past 30 years, prepared by Kodak Ltd (until 3rd July).

Another attraction at the Museum

is a series of talks given in the Star Dome (small planetarium) from Monday to Friday at 11.30 am. Following the talk, if the weather is clear, a demonstration of the Astronomical Observatory on the roof of the museum is available. Special arrangements may be made for groups.

Admission is free at the Science Museum, which is open 10 to 6 on weekdays and 2.30 to 6 on Sundays.

Jubilee Festival of British Drama

The Prospect Theatre Company will be appearing at the Old Vic throughout June with a repertory of British plays for Jubilee year: Shaw's *St Joan*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and *Antony and Cleopatra*, Dryden's *All for Love*, and a major new work *War Music*, an adaptation of Homer's *Iliad* by Christopher Logue. A heroic musical, emphasising the timeless brutality of war, it uses a contemporary score and choreography by the distinguished black American dancer William Louther.

Under the Prospect company's new Superticket Scheme, you save £1 by booking for two productions, £2 for three productions, £3 for four productions, and £5 for five productions. More details from Prospect Theatre Company, The Old Vic Annexe, 83 The Cut, London SE1, tel. 01-928-4774.



John Curry at the Palladium

For those who missed the John Curry Theatre of Skating at the Cambridge last winter, here is a chance to see an entirely new show, on a larger stage, with a larger company and full orchestra. John Curry has transformed skating into an art form, and here you have the opportunity to see how his art has developed in the few short

Royal Ballet

The Royal Ballet is dancing at Covent Garden throughout June, after which they will be giving a special season in Battersea Park from 4th to 16th July as part of the London Celebrations of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The company will be performing in the specially erected 'Big Top', and this is a golden opportunity to see all the most famous Royal Ballet dancers at much less than Opera House prices. Ticket prices range from £1 to £4, and the Box Office of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2, is now taking bookings.

Those who have seen the Royal Ballet in its Big Top, either in Battersea Park or elsewhere in the country, will know that there is a very special atmosphere about the performances, and to see one of the world's greatest ballet companies performing in such surroundings is an unforgettable experience. The repertory will include *La Fille mal Gardée*, *Swan Lake*, and some triple bills of a number of ballets, including *La Bayadère*, *Les Sylphides*, and *Elite Syncopations* (to Scott Joplin music). Telephone at once (01-240-1911) for tickets, as bookings are bound to be heavy.

Meanwhile, the touring company, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, will be at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, for the week ending 4th June, and the New Theatre, Cardiff, for week ending 11th June. JVR

Royal Ballet



Members of The Royal Ballet in *La Bayadère*.

months since he turned professional. It is interesting to note that, although this is the first ice show staged at the London Palladium since it opened in 1910, it stands on the site of the 1895 ice rink called the National Skating Palace.

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John Curry At the Palladium

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Special advance booking arrangements have been made, so that if you book before Saturday, 11th June, you will receive a discount of £1 per seat for all performances Monday to Friday throughout the season, which runs from 9th July to 3rd September. Better still, party bookings of ten or more booked before 11th June can book for a flat rate of £2.50 per seat. Write for details to the Box Office Manager, London Palladium, Argyll Street, London W1. (See ad., p. 288)



John Curry

Exhibition

Happy and Glorious – 130 years of Royal photographs, National Portrait Gallery, London, until 2nd October, 1977. Monday to Friday, 10 am–5 pm, Saturday 10 am–6 pm, Sunday 2 pm–6 pm, 30p adults, 10p children, students and pensioners.

AS ITS contribution to the 1977 celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, the National Portrait Gallery has launched an outstanding exhibition of 130 years of Royal Photographs.

The exhibition starts with five drawings which show before the age of photography, how Monarchs were represented on coins and effigies. The earliest photos of royalty feature Prince Albert (1848) and framed pictures of the second castle built by Queen Victoria and her Consort, Balmoral.

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Films

Richard Harris as Gulliver being fed by the Lilliputians in the latest film version of *Gulliver's Travels*, in London this month and nationwide from July onwards. For this new film, released by EMI, the entire land of Lilliput

was constructed in minute detail with buildings, streets and gardens covering the largest stage at Pinewood Studios. The cartoon characters were drawn and photographed over the live action – the first time this technique has been used for an entire film.

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Guildford June 11–July 9, Jubilee Exhibition, Guildford House, 155 High Street, Guildford, Surrey, 1030–1700, Mon–Sat.
Norfolk June 29 and 30, Agricultural Show: Royal Norfolk Show, Showground, Norwich, Norfolk.

Salop June 4, Shrewsbury Regatta. River Severn by Pengwern Boat Club, Shrewsbury, Salop.

Wood Green, London June 18 1977 Golden Jubilee Horse Show (novice only) at Wood Green District Scout Park, Gordons Road, Bounds Green, London N11. Entries to: P J Boundy, Show Secretary, 7 Ashley Crescent, Wood Green, London N22.

Yorkshire June 1–3, International Festival '77, Scarborough, Whitby and Filey, N. Yorks.

Albert, Prince Consort of Queen Victoria



National Portrait Gallery

exhibits graciously loaned by Her Majesty the Queen and there is also a display of Commemorative China.

Featuring six Reigns of Royal Photography, the exhibition is the first of its kind and I would strongly recommend that visitors allow themselves

plenty of time to wander round. The designs, by Richard Buckle, include a huge triumphal arch of colour transparencies and the BBC/ITV film *Royal Family* will be screened continuously each day on a giant TV screen.

*See book review on page 254.

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Queen Victoria, 1815–1901, with Prince Edward of York (later Edward VIII and Duke of Windsor)

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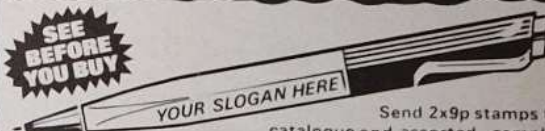
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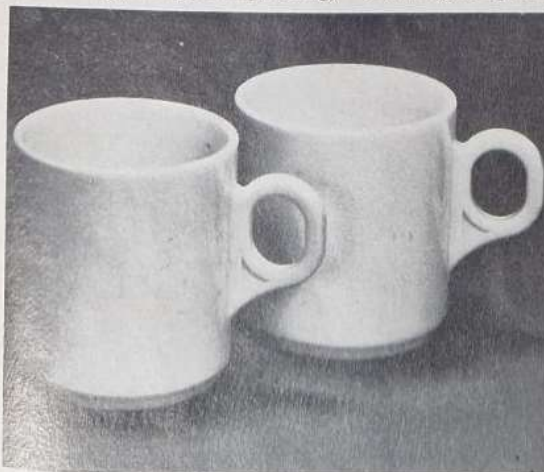
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Towards The Coronation . . .

Compiled by Lorna Hanwell



WHEN His Majesty King George VI died, there being no male heir, his elder daughter, Princess Elizabeth, then aged twenty-six, was next in the line of succession. The entire nation had been saddened by the King's death, of cancer, at the relatively early age of fifty-six.

In the March 1952 issue of *THE GUIDER*, the then Chief Commissioner at Imperial Headquarters (now CHQ) wrote:

'... we have all been shocked by the sad news of the death of our beloved King, and our love and sympathy go out to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Queen and members of the Royal Family.'

It seems to me that this is the moment when we should call to mind that memorable message of dedication broadcast to the Empire by the Queen from Capetown on her twenty-first birthday: 'There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors - a noble motto, 'I serve'. Those words were an inspiration to many bygone heirs to the throne when they made their knightly dedication as they came to manhood...

'I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening. I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

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'God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.'

We as Guides can all respond to that moving appeal with which the message ends and we shall all feel it our great pride and solemn duty to give ourselves afresh to the service of our country - and in personal and loving loyalty to our new Queen.

The nation's sadness at the loss of a beloved King was partly alleviated by the knowledge that the country's next ruler, Princess Elizabeth, evinced every prospect of becoming an efficient and progressive Queen to a changing Empire. In the Guide Movement, a concerted countrywide campaign of 'Tributes' was instigated which involved the carrying out of Service projects as a mark of honour and respect for the future Queen. The following are extracts from an article entitled 'The Guide Coronation Tribute' found in the May, 1953 *GUIDER*:

'The Tribute Scheme has given the Rangers a completely fresh outlook; they were very apathetic before, and most irregular in attendance. Now nothing keeps them away; they are devoted to the old people they have adopted, nothing seems too much trouble, and I really believe they have made friends for life.'

That came from a Ranger Guider who had been most depressed about her company. From a Lancashire Brown Owl comes: 'The Brownies are simply thrilled to be sending the things they are making out to the Brownies in Mauritius. They have suddenly realised that there are real Brownies like themselves in other countries.'

It needs Brownies to think of things like this! 'And we'll go round the village and cut the toe-nails of all the poor old ladies, Brown Owl, 'cos you see it's an awfully long way down to your feet when you're old and can't bend much.' Unfortunately Commissioner feared there might be too many amputations and the doctors might complain, so these ardent and original Brownies have had their energies

diverted into other channels!

(Many Brownies and Guides throughout Great Britain prepared Royal Scrapbooks for children in the colonies, so that they, too, could share some of the excitement of the forthcoming Royal event.)

... And from the various Colonies, the Islands in the Pacific, the British West Indies and so on, come letters all saying how thrilled and delighted will be the Guides to receive the Royal Scrapbooks, and the Equipment Boxes and other gifts from the Guides and Brownies of Great Britain.

A humorous article in the Coronation issue of *THE GUIDER* (June 1953) entitled 'How to Behave in London on 2nd June' offered these suggestions for those would-be spectators of the Procession who feared that the only spectacle they were likely to see was that of a milling throng of gubby necks of other would-be spectators...

'Can you direct me?'



This cartoon accompanied this article in the June 1953 issue of *GUIDER*.

The 'Excuse me, Officer' Method (of reaching the front of the crowd), choose a disguise, as suitable as possible for your age, size and shape. Suggestions are: Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, Chief Constable, Officer of the Household Cavalry, a film star, a peeress (in robe and coronet). Carry the disguise in a small handcase and don it as the procession approaches. (Everyone will be far too busy trying to see it to spare you a lifted eyebrow.) When disguised, push yourself purposefully towards the nearest policeman and indulge in suitable dialogue such as: 'I say, Officer, I'm most awfully sorry, but I got up late and missed the start. Thought I could catch up with 'em here, so I came across country - quite a gallop - and, by Jove, there they are'. (Household Cavalry), or 'Too stupid of me, Officer, but I just cannot quite remember where the Abbey is. Could you direct me? (Peeress). If you adopt the film star disguise - that is if you adopt it successfully - no dialogue will be necessary.

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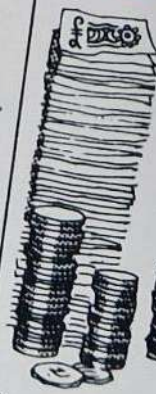
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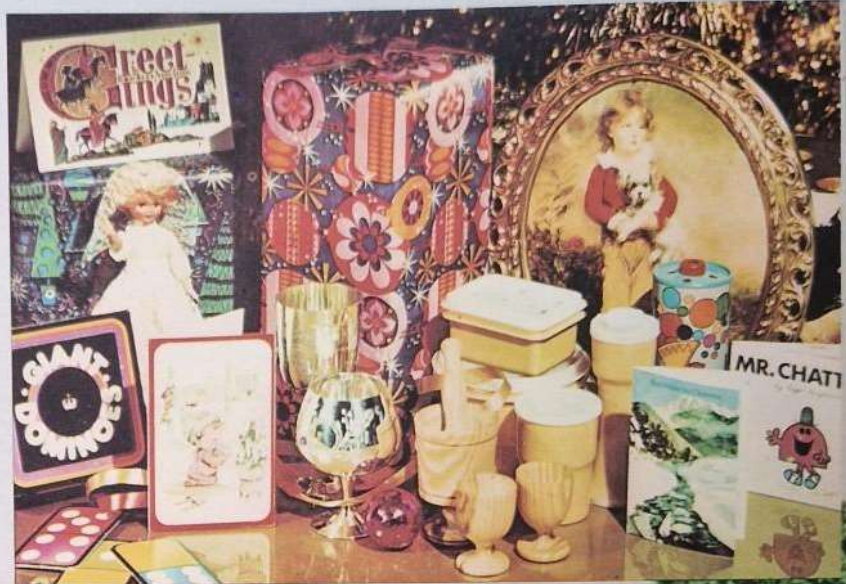
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