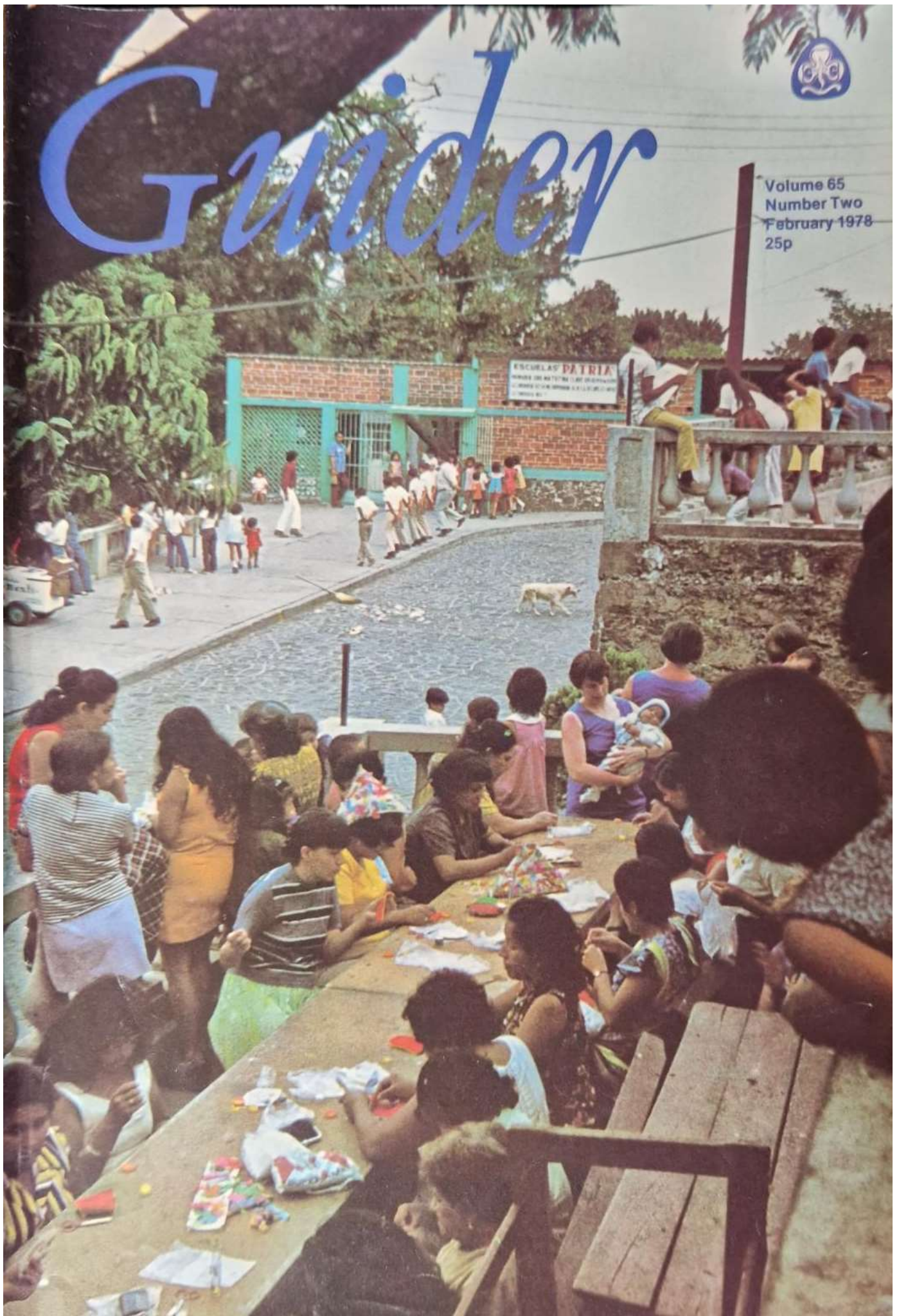




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"Six months ago it all seemed just a dream"



The thoughts of a ski-ing holiday in the Swiss Alps filled us with excitement, but none of us really expected that the idea would ever get beyond just pleasant thoughts. But our pleasant thoughts did turn into reality — and in a very short space of time.

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THIS YEAR Thinking Day will have a special significance to every Guider, and inevitably our thoughts will turn with love and gratitude to the memory of the World Chief Guide on the birthday that she shared with her husband, Lord Baden-Powell.

Let us all use this day as she would wish, spreading the warmth of Guiding and remembering all the members of our great family throughout the world, many of whom are keeping their Guiding lights burning under tremendous difficulties.

My own thoughts will be with you all and I send you my admiring and affectionate greetings for Thinking Day.

Sheila Walker.

the Chief Commissioner

Hearliest congratulations to Miss Editha Mitchell, Deputy General Secretary at Commonwealth Headquarters since 1968, who was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours.

A Brownie and a Guide, Miss Mitchell has served as a Guide and Cadet Guider and a District Commissioner and for over ten years gave invaluable service as the Overseas Secretary at C.H.Q. In 1965 she was awarded a King George VI Memorial Bursary when she visited Bermuda, the West Indies, Trinidad, Guyana, Jamaica, Bahamas, Turks Island, Belize, Mexico, the U.S.A. and Canada.



E. Joyce Hay

Cover

This month's cover depicts the work of the Gualupita Parish Project, Mexico (see 'Full Circle Round', pages 62, 63). Photograph by Hettie G Smith.

GUIDING ROUNDAABOUT



Yorkshire Gazette & Herald

Wordsworth would be proud of them... these Brownies and Guides bought about five hundred daffodil bulbs to plant on the grassy slopes beside York's Roman city wall as a Jubilee memento.



Windsor, Slough & Eton Express

Above is the Pegasus Ranger Unit of Slough South District, some members of which helped with stewarding at last year's Thinking Day Service at Westminster Abbey, along with members of CHQ staff.

Beaming smiles from Mrs Carter (left), former Regional Chief Commissioner, North West England and Mrs W Berry, Deputy Chief Commissioner at their Retirement presentations in November last year.



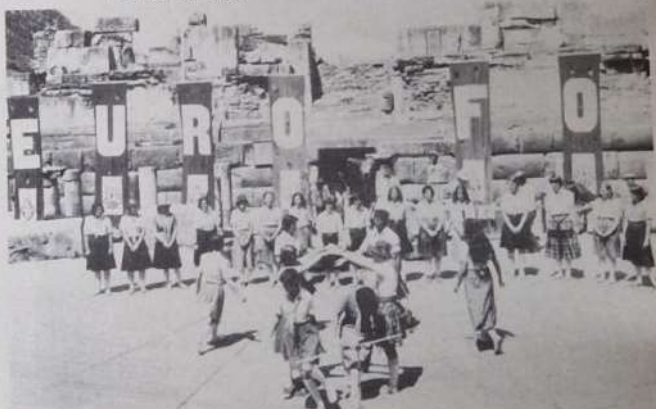
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Andrew G Taylor

At Banff and Buchan GGA's Annual General Meeting last year, a presentation was made to Mrs Yvonne Morrison (centre) who retired after ten years as County Commissioner for Banff/Buchan area. Presenting the retirement gifts is District Commissioner Mrs D I Hogg (left).

Turkish Rangers demonstrated their own version of 'Oranges and Lemons' at Eurofolk '77 in Turkey last year (see November GUIDER, p. 508).



No, this isn't the sad tale of a Ranger who went wrong; it's just that Ranger Sarah James chose an off-beat location for her Investiture. Sarah, whose father, Mr Douglas James, is an inspector in the special Constabulary at Hove, Sussex, chose Hove police cells as the site for the great occasion.





Left, Over one hundred years' work for Guiding was represented in the persons of Mrs P Jones, Mrs P Hales and Miss S Lawrence in Shirley District, Southampton. The photograph was taken at a dinner dance to celebrate their achievement.

The War Memorial at Buxton is likely to be the cleanest in the country after the efforts of these local Brownies (who learnt the meaning of 'elbow grease').



Before the great escape... hundreds of balloons were released from the village hall at Long Ashton, near Bristol last year, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Thinking Day.



No marks for guessing the occasion at which this photograph was taken: Thinking Day last year, when Brownies from 3rd Alderney and 4th Alderney (St Philip's) Packs joined together to make the occasion a really memorable one.



Something fishy going on... Sampling a West African dish of fish and rice were parents, friends and members of the 3rd Tiverton Brownie Pack at their Thinking Day party last year.



Getting a little sand between their toes are some of the Brownies from eleven different Brownie Packs which joined together for an outing to Sheringham beach last year to take part in sandcastle building and other competitions.





Golden Jubilee of W.A.G.G.G.S.



THIS year sees the Golden Jubilee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. On 9th May, 1928 when the Founder gave the opening address at the fifth International Conference in Parad, Hungary, I wonder if even he could imagine what was to grow from that meeting.

Girl Guiding started in this Country in 1910, but had not become established everywhere before the World War of 1914-1918. As the war ended contacts became possible and news began arriving of Guiding starting in other Countries. News came too of the advancement made by the Girl Scouts of the USA, and their 'Founder' Juliette Low was one of the first members of the International Council.

Lady Baden-Powell entered Guiding in 1916 and became Chief Commissioner. She had the task of organising the Counties of the UK, finding and appointing Commissioners, Committees and Councils, and in addition was asked to 'deal' with the letters and business that came from overseas.

She set up two Councils in 1919, the Imperial Council, which concerned itself with the British Dominions and Colonies, the forerunner of the overseas committee and department (now part of Commonwealth and International Committee and department), and the International Council, concerning itself with the 'foreign' Countries, the forerunner of the World Association.

Members of the Councils took on being correspondents with a Country. In some cases they were women of different nationalities who could naturally speak to and for their own Country, but for other



Scenes from the 1st World Camp at Foxlease, 1924. Miss Parry (top), a despatch rider, and (right) the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell talks with Mrs Mark Kerr (on the right), International Commissioner.



The Imperial and International Delegates with the Founder and Chief Guide at the World conference at Foxlease in 1924.

Countries it was necessary to get someone living in England who could attend meetings. They would be chosen for their knowledge of that Country and understanding of its conditions, and it would be for



Mrs Juliette Low plants a tree on behalf of the Girl Scouts of the USA at the World Camp in 1924.

them to write personally to the Guiders to offer advice and encouragement and show a real interest in all their doings.

Mrs Mark Kerr with her great interest in International Guiding was a prominent member of the International Council and became the first Commissioner for Tenderfoot, now called Associate, members. Other members were Miss Agnes Maynard (Carpenter) and Cynthia Lady Sandys, CCIA for Worcestershire until last year.

In 1920 two Leaders from each Country were invited to meet with British County Commissioners in Oxford. This became known as the 1st International Conference. The 1st World Camp and 3rd International Conference were held at Foxlease in 1924. The 4th International Conference was held at Camp Edith Macy, USA in 1926, where suggestions were made for making 'a new definitely International body'.

Patience Baden-Powell,
International Commissioner



Mrs Grindrod (above), Chief of Stores, ladies put the Milk at the World Camp, whilst some of the girls at the Camp try early morning PT (below).



Meet The World Committee

The 57th Meeting of the World Committee took place in London between 27th November and 4th December 1977. During this meeting the main emphasis was on plans for the 1978 World Conference in Iran, in WAGGGS Golden Jubilee Year. There was, however, time for one very happy tea party when the World Committee was delighted to entertain Mrs. Owen Walker with members of the Executive Committee and staff of The Girl Guides Association. L. J.



L to r: Lady Baden Powell (International Commissioner), Mrs J Keppie (Treasurer, WAGGGS) and Mrs K Joughi (Chairman, Finance Committee, WAGGGS) at the World Committee tea at CHQ.



L to r: Miss M Blasban (Iran, Hostess Planning Committee) and Mrs F Hartoulari (Greece) at the World Committee tea at CHQ.

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The World at a glance . . .



World Committee members (back row): Dr H Laird (UK), Mrs R Oku-Ampofo (Ghana), Mrs M Ittmann (USA), Mrs K Joughi (Chairman, Finance Committee) (WAGGGS), Miss L Joynt (Director) (World Bureau) (WAGGGS), Mrs J Keppie (Treasurer) (WAGGGS). Middle row: Mrs F Hartoulari (Greece), Sra C Lodoli (Italy), Mrs M Wijesinha (Sri Lanka), Miss T Fram (Brazil), Mme S. Raphael (Lebanon), Dr F Chatagnier (France).

Front row: Sra N de Pieres (Argentina), (Vice Chairman) (World Committee), Lady Price (Australia), (Chairman) (World Committee), Mrs Owen Walker (United Kingdom), (Chief Commissioner), Mrs L Navaratnam (Malaysia), (Vice Chairman) (World Committee).



L to r: Miss T Fram (Brazil), Mme S Raphael (Lebanon), Mrs S Szabo (World Bureau) and Miss G Wohlermann (World Bureau) chatting at the World Committee tea at CHQ.



L to r: Mrs R Oku-Ampofo (Ghana), Mrs M Wijesinha (Sri Lanka) and Miss Siromo Rodrigo (World Bureau) at the World Committee tea at CHQ.

Mum and Dad

by Betty Clay



Lord and Lady Baden-Powell on board RMS 'Orduna' during the 'Scouters' and Guiders' cruise to Iceland, Norway, Denmark and Belgium in August, 1938. Heather Baden-Powell, now the Hon. Mrs King (elder daughter of the Founder and the World Chief Guide) was Secretary of the Cruise Committee.

On February 22nd we think of two special people who shared a birthday on that day: you call them 'The Founder' and 'The World Chief Guide', or 'the B-Ps', but we call them 'Mum and Dad'. People often ask 'What's it like to be the children of such famous parents?' and the answer is usually 'Oh, they were just like any other parents.' That is how they were to us as children, and only when we grew up did we realise how lucky we were to have such a large share of their attention, their concern, their talents, and their love. In spite of all their commitments, they never let us feel neglected, and we were privileged to share in so much of what they were doing.

Living with them was such fun: Mum amused us so much with her 'sagas' about people and happenings, and Dad was so amusing with jokes and funny songs, and the activities he did with us. In one way they were

different from most parents, and that was in the great gap between their ages: when they married, Mum was 23 and Dad was 55. But to us, there seemed no difference, because they shared the same opinion on every subject. We could never play off one against the other, for if we sought a decision from Dad he would say 'ask Mum', and if we asked Mum, she would say 'Let's go and ask Dad, shall we?' No doubt they got from their children much the same anxieties and disappointments that most parents have at one time or another, but my main recollection is of the encouraging praise they gave us when we made a success of anything we tried.

All Dad's original ideas and inspirations for Scouting had been based on his contacts with other people's children, which were of necessity brief and inconclusive. It must have made quite a difference when he had children of his own, living with them, knowing them so well, and being able to see how his ideas worked with them. Perhaps it was lucky for the Scout and Guide Movement that they had children of their own — and such *ordinary* children — for no doubt they based many of their decisions about the progress of the Movement on their experiences with their own children.

It can be given to very few families to be loved by millions of people of many nations. Many of you have written 'Thank you for sharing them with us over all these years', but on the contrary, it is to us a matter of deep and humble pride that we have had the privilege of sharing these two wonderful people with all of you. In sharing them, we have received back an abundance of your affection, and for this, we would like to thank YOU.

The Chief Guide and the Founder with their family at Gilwell, Epping, Essex, the Scout Training Centre. L to R: Heather Baden-Powell, (now the Hon. Mrs King), Betty Baden-Powell (now the Hon. Mrs Clay) and Peter Baden-Powell (the 2nd Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, who died in 1962).



Full Circle

How often we hear the remark . . . 'Well, if I hadn't done this, that or the other, I wouldn't be doing what I am now!' and trite though it is, I probably made this observation many times during the spring of 1977, because for me it was a case of coming full-circle round.

In 1971, the year before the Festival of Song, I decided to take six months' leave-of-absence from full-time training and, with a friend, go to Canada, where we had the promise of a comfortable basement as a temporary home. As we had left behind an English spring, and had no intention of settling down for the rest of a Canadian winter, we bought an old car, so old that without the sturdy carpet on its floor we would have seen the road roll away beneath our feet as we set off, driving speedily through the United States to Mexico. Of that journey I have enough memories to brighten up a ripe old age, such as driving through Dallas in the rush hour or, on leaving our motel at 5 a.m. to avoid heavy traffic, finding absolutely none in the outskirts of St Louis. Had there been a plague or mass evacuation? No, normal people were still in bed, but we, happily ignorant of US time-changes, were travelling alone through the dawn!

How hard our guardian angels must have worked as we encouraged our car through mountain roads which could hide livestock, animals and children in their rocky shadows, all seeking escape from the tremendous heat, but creating hazards for the unsuspecting motorist! What a contrast awaited us when we arrived at Our Cabaña. Our first impressions were of the welcome we received from Maria Laura Avina, the Guider-in-Charge, and her staff, and then the sight of plushy green, wide-



bladed grass surrounded by brilliantly coloured flowers; distant mountains of utter peace.

Our stay was short as we had gate-crashed on a Conference of young Guiders and Girl Scout Leaders from all over the world, but immediately we planned to return, and this we did the following year. By now our Mexican experience was one we wanted to share with other UK Guiders so, once back in England, we made our plans.

Two years later, after dozens of briefing letters had been written and all the cheapest means of travel had been explored, twenty of us descended on Ticalli, the attractive Guide Hostel in Mexico City, for eight thrilling days and from thence to Our Cabaña. Here, in one crowded week we explored the silver-mining town of Taxco; bargained in Cuernavaca market for everything from hammocks to handbags; made our own bark paintings; danced to Mariachi bands and generally widened our horizons.

At the end of our two weeks we all hoped we would return to that 'City of Eternal Spring' as Cuernavaca is styled and for me that came about in February '77, when I became one of the seasonal helpers at Our Cabaña. A prerequisite for doing this job is to be over



Round

Words and pictures
by Hettie G Smith

twenty-one (no problem here for me!) but I would add '... must be sound in wind and limb', as the beautiful bungalow-type buildings are so well spaced out in the terraced grounds that it is possible to run many kilometres in the course of an average day.



My most treasured memories from my three months on the staff are probably these: the regular Service Project which is carried out in the nearby parish of Gualupita, where hundreds of children are unbelievably friendly and well-behaved, as Rangers/Seniors teach them crafts, dances and games; the joy of the occupants of the Girls' Home, where, on Sunday afternoons (their only free time in the week) they welcome everyone from Our Cabaña to play volley-ball, dance, sew or just offer and receive affection; lastly the opportunities I had to exchange ideas with Girl Scouts and their Leaders.

Possibly my greatest joy was to be on the welcoming side of the door when, in my last week, a UK party from the S. West arrived, led by three Guiders from our original pioneer group ... we had come full-circle round.

If you have read this far maybe you are saying, 'But isn't this very expensive?' Of course it is. All the people I have known who have made the effort to go have had to save over a long period, do extra jobs and literally count every cent, penny and peso. Is it worth the work,



the saving and scraping? In terms of deepening our understanding of others, making international friendships and having an exhilarating experience, there is no doubt in my mind. Shall I be going back? Most certainly. Shall I see you there one day? I hope so.



Caribbean Assignment

Anguilla, Montserrat, St Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, St Vincent, St Lucia, Grenada, Antigua, The British Virgin Islands.

A LIST of away-from-it-all dream holidays from a travel agent? Maybe — but these Islands of the Leewards and Windwards are also ten of the Branch Associations mentioned in the article in last month's GUIDER.

Although they are all at different stages of attaining nationhood and are locally administered, they are as yet still an integral part of our Association and are very much 'one of the family'.

As Commissioner for Branch Associations they are my responsibility, and so it was, that last Autumn I set out with great joy to spend a month travelling in those Islands — renewing old friendships, making new ones, and taking with me the affectionate greetings of Guides and Brownies in the UK.

My direct flight to Antigua meant a few hours' stop-over before proceeding to Montserrat — where Mrs Rodgers, Commissioner for Antigua, was at the airport with her husband to whisk me away for a cup of tea and a break before I set off on the next stage of the journey.



Outside the partly-built Guide and Scout HQ, Montserrat.

Montserrat is known as the Emerald Isle and it was indeed green and lovely. Unseasonably late rains had affected nearly all the Islands and later on, down in the Windwards, I saw some material results of the inclement weather. When it rains in the Caribbean it really rains!

Every Island had arranged a slightly different programme for my few days' visit to them, but in Montserrat the pattern was set for most of my visits — calling on Ministers, meeting the Council and Executive, doing a TV or radio interview and ideally, being able to meet as many Guides and Brownies as possible. In Montserrat, where there are about a hundred Guides, Rangers and Brownies, we met at the new Scout and Guide Headquarters (which was not then completed). Everywhere the Islands are struggling to start or finish a Headquarters which is so needed as a 'home' for Guides and Brownies. Fund raising is not easy in a small place where the same generous people are called

upon to help with everything.

St Kitts is only a short hop from Montserrat, and the airstrip is in the flat area near Basssterre the Capital, where sugar is now grown again. I was lucky here to have a lovely evening with a Brownie Pack followed by a combined Campfire, as well as to meet many Guiders and old friends of Guiding. At St Kitts, a lovely new Headquarters is now in use.



The new Commissioner for Nevis and her Deputy with Guides outside Nelson's Church in Nevis.

From St Kitts I flew to **Nevis**, only a few minutes away by air. It was a Saturday morning and everyone seemed to be in Charlestown. I soon met the new Commissioner, her Deputy (with whom I stayed), and Mrs Byron who has kept Guiding going in Nevis, as well as managing to run one of the loveliest hotels in the Caribbean.

On Sunday, Mrs Walters, the new Commissioner, received her warrant at a Church Parade in the very same church where Admiral, Lord Nelson had been married.

Last summer, a party of Girl Scouts from America came to Nevis to help to start building a Headquarters for the Guides. They worked very hard clearing scrub land and actually doing some building, under the instruction of a local builder.

My next stop was **Anguilla**, and as I touched down in St Kitts en route, there were Guide friends again to see that I was all right! This happened many times on my trip and it really made me realise what a marvellous Movement ours is.

Anguilla has the most lovely coral sandy beaches and here I managed to bathe — at 6.30 am! It was the only time that could be spared from my previous few hours 'flying visit', when the Commissioner took me right round the Island, to visit all the Companies and Packs.

Words and Pictures by Vivienne Vaughan-Cox, Commissioner for Branch Associations

In Tortola (the **British Virgin Islands**), the Queen's visit was only a few days away. So all was busy preparation. (During my tour I just missed seeing the Queen in the British Virgin Islands, Antigua and Barbados (where I called twice), — but I did see the 'Britannia' at sea on the horizon, as we went to early morning Church Parade in St Vincent. While I was in Tortola there was a public holiday, for it was St Ursula's Day. (St Ursula is the Patron Saint of Virgins). That day, I went with the Guides and Brownies in buses to a lovely beach where we picknicked and bathed.

Aircraft strikes had made it very difficult for me to keep to my tight schedule, but by a miracle I somehow managed to get to the next island, so that people waiting were not disappointed.

Because of the strike I had to get to **Dominica** by way of the American Virgin Islands; it was a long, hot trip with many 'ups' and 'downs', taking in some of the islands I'd already been to — in Antigua once more a Guide friend came to greet me as I passed through.

Dominica's countryside is very lush with an abundance of fruit and beautiful tropical flowers. Here I attended the enrolments at the opening of a new Brownie Pack — Brownies in Dominica wear attractive little local straw hats and I was glad that they had on something so practical that morning under the blazing tropical sun.

There had been Dengue fever in Dominica (a sort of 'flu) and the Commissioner, Miss Elwin, developed it the day after I arrived. But like a true Guide, she kept on her feet as long as I was with them.

St Lucia was a short flight away. I was looking

A group picture at Anguilla.



forward to being there again, as two years ago I had spent a week or two there for St Lucia's Golden Guide Jubilee. So it was almost a homecoming, and time was all too short to renew old friendships. The Minister of Education gave leave of absence to all teachers who were Guiders, during the mornings of my stay, and so in Custries, the capital, I was able to meet a great many young Guiders as well as District Commissioners.

Although the weather was not too kind in **St Vincent**, it did not stop Mrs Russell, the Commissioner, from driving me to every district; we spent the Saturday touring the island. On Sunday there was a Church Parade in St George's Cathedral, where the Bishop of the Windward Islands has his seat and where they were preparing to celebrate the centenary of the Diocese; clergy from all over the Caribbean were expected to attend. After a lunch party given for me by a member of the Council at her lovely beachside home I was taken to the airport for the short flight to Grenada. At the airport I was told that as the aircraft would be late it would fly over Grenada and go direct to Trinidad! In spite of every effort on the part of my St Vincentian friends, there seemed no way that I could possibly reach Grenada that day. I was thinking sadly of the Guiders and Guides waiting for me when, out of the blue (literally!) came a small 'Islander' aircraft for Grenada. It was only on the ground for a very short while, but when it took off I and my suitcases were safely aboard (I was the only passenger) and we had a lovely flight, low over the Grenadine Islands which stretch from St Vincent.

Grenada is a beautiful island which seems to have some facets of all the other islands in its make up. But the recent rain had taken its toll of the roads and on our journey from the airport to St George's there were detours and landslides. Although it was Sunday, volunteers were helping to clear the debris left by the storms. I stayed at Government House, which overlooks the deep harbour and lovely old town, of which the old Georgian buildings are still in use.

Although (as in other Islands) the Guides and Brownies had come to Georgetown from all over the Island to gather for the Memorial Service to the Chief Guide, not long before my visit, they had made another great effort and were in town for a Rally and display of really lovely handwork. As I dashed from the radio station to the rally I achieved another lightning dip in the marvellous blue sea from the famous Grand Asne beach, just outside Georgetown.

So on to **Antigua**, my last stop; here an extra day's rest before catching the flight home, gave me the chance to fight off the Dengue, which had caught up with me.

The Headquarters of the Association in Antigua is centrally situated in St John's, and is in very good order. I was able to attend Council and Executive meetings, and to meet some of their Guiders.

English Town Harbour, which was such a refuge to Nelson and his Fleet, has been most beautifully restored and it was in this historic place that I had my last meal with Guide friends in the Caribbean. All too soon, it was time to catch the plane for home, where I arrived on a beautiful mild autumn day.

My visit had passed in a flash; there had scarcely been time even to think of home. I became, for that memorable month, a Guide of the Caribbean.

Jambo (greetings) from Kenya

It is now Saturday, 12th November, 1977 and half way through the short rainy season here. It rains for a few hours and then the skies clear and the sun shines brilliantly. This is the African version of winter, when most Kenyans walk around with jumpers and overcoats whereas I am used to the English climate and find the weather quite hot!

Today I went to Thomas Barnardo's Kenya Christian Home just outside Nairobi where I met members of the Nairobi Girls' High School Ranger Unit. They had gone to the home to sew, clean and generally help with the running of the orphanage as part of their challenge.

They have been Rangers for almost one year and two weeks ago they were all officially invested with their lanyards and badges. They recited the Promise and sung the Kenyan National Anthem under the unfurled Kenyan Flag. Mrs Wachira (the geography teacher of their boarding school; she's also their Guider) officiated with the Commissioner.

The Rangers are all between the ages of 14 and 16 and have been Brownies and Guides in various parts of Nairobi. Their meetings are held on Thursday evenings and last for around an hour. The Ranger Unit plays a large part in the running of the school. Some of the Rangers might read the lesson in morning prayers, for example, and they generally try to set an example to the other children.

During their visit to the orphanage, the girls sang traditional songs and taught the children some



Singing and dancing to traditional songs.



One of the young residents receives attention.



Suzan Momanyi, Wangiru Muya and Elizabeth Manyonge look after the babies.



'We (nearly) all fall down!'

new games. They quickly made friends with the orphans and got on with their various tasks. Suzan Momanyi (14), Wangiru Muya (15) and Elizabeth Manyonge (14) looked after the babies while the others helped with feeding, sewing and cleaning. (Lucy Njubi (15), Fad-hia Jasho (16), Janet Mido (15), Faith Muturi (15) and Nyambura Kinyanjui (14)). Grace Kiragu and Florence

Kanyingi helped to sort out the clothing and put the clean items away in the cupboard.

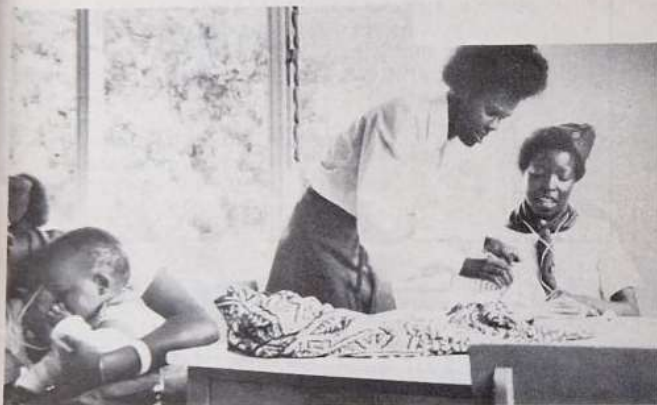
The Rangers' help was much appreciated, and they all thoroughly enjoyed the day.

So, as they say in Kenya, Kwahiri toot onana tena. (Goodbye until we meet again.)

Stephen Charles Griffiths



Grace Kiragu and Florence Kanyingi help with laundry work.



Instruction and help from Mrs Wachira, above.



Our contributor, Stephen Griffiths, with Rangers and children from the orphanage.

Letters.....

Thanks to Telford

May I thank all the Guiders in Shropshire who made me so welcome when I arrived from Germany. I did not have time to say many goodbyes with only seven weeks' warning for posting to SHAPE, Belgium, and would now like to take the opportunity to acknowledge publicly the debt I owe to the Guiders of Telford South, who gave me marvellous support for the eighteen months that I was their Divisional Commissioner. To amalgamate a New Town with rural Districts is a problem facing many areas of England, with the new town people coming from overspill areas such as Birmingham and Glasgow. Telford was raising Units almost before the houses were being built. The rural children were showing their skills at camp and the 'townies' took up the challenge and we could not stop them camping. When I think of the Div Camp Adviser being 'conned' into the job eight years ago with a few Units in a rural district, and having an umbrella camp for six Districts with all its Units camping, I have to take my hat off, for standards were consistently high.

To the 'grass roots' Guider I explained to once, that her job was of more value than mine as an administrator. I hope she now believes me. Before being asked to take over the Division, I had been prepared to run the local Brownie Pack in Salop. The most important position in the Guide Movement is that where one is most needed.

To my Telford Guiders, a real Thank you. I shall not be allowed to forget you with that lovely easel on which to do my paintings. It is not hard to guess who inscribed the Trefoil and the wording on the copper plaque!

Mrs Dawn Goodson,
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Deaf Badge

I was so pleased to read in the November, 1977, *GUIDER*

the interesting feature "Link" to a silent world. As a deaf person myself, I have found it very rewarding to be asked to test Guides for their Friend to the Deaf Badge. I was greatly impressed by the thoroughness and understanding with which they had studied their subject. If Guiders could encourage their Guides to work for this badge it would be a real step forward in helping the one in six people in this country who suffer from some form of deafness.

Mrs Margaret Southgate
Sevenoaks, Kent

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Thanksgiving Service

We have just attended a thanksgiving service for Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, and it was a very happy service in a beautiful Hall. The colours were perfect: blue curtains and carpets blending with the different uniforms of Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Guiders and friends. The choir sang tunefully with the help of a most talented solo singer, and the service finished with a moving Trumpet solo of the Last Post. I was proud to have taken part, and am sure that all the people who attended will remember it always.

Joan Wood
Brownie Guider
198a Birmingham Pack.

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Help!

Please can any of you help me? Many moons ago I started to make a wall map of County badges, then I lost my sight and so was forced to give up active Guiding.

A few days ago this map came to light, and sadly there are so many empty spaces on it.

I had the Counties all marked out in the old boundary lines. I would very much like to get this completed and wonder if any of you still have some of the old County Badges to hand and would be willing to let me have them?

Thinking Day Prayer

Please bow your heads and say a prayer
For all in our Movement everywhere,
For young and old, for sick or poor,
That today they may be sure —
We think of them.

For those who suffer famine and floods,
And fire which destroys their worldly goods,
We ask relief from fear and pain
That their spirit may rise again,
And so today they may be sure —
We think of them.

Lift up your hearts to the coming year
Spring and Summer will soon be here,
Be prepared and do your best
Strive to succeed whatever the test.
Lift up your hearts to God this day
Bless our Founders on this their day
That today they may be sure —
We think of them.

Susan Elizabeth Rothwell
Ranger (Young Leader),
Whitley Bay Division.

My list of 'blanks' is too long to list here, but Rutland, Cumberland etc are the type needed.

I will reply to all letters

received and will pay for the badges, if this is required.

Miss L E Baxter,
28 Riga terrace,
Laira, Plymouth, Devon.



"FOR THE LAST TIME, YOU ARE ~~NOT~~ HAVING AN ELEPHANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY."

Recipe for a World Centre

Recipe For A World Centre

Ingredients

a medium-sized house in Central London.

a modern sitting room, comfortably furnished.

a compact dining room.

a T.V. room, with colour T.V.!

enough beds for 46

a well-stocked souvenir shop

friendly and helpful staff of 6

Method

Mix all well, sprinkle liberally with International spice, top with a warm welcome, turn out into 45 Longridge Road; then go with your friends to add to the flavour.

The proof of this pudding is not in the eating, but in the staying!

THIS is obviously a well-tried and much-loved recipe, as Olave House has been the World Centre in London for many years, catering mainly for short visits by International guests. Surprisingly, many visitors do not realise that it is run by W.A.G.G.G.S., and not by the United Kingdom Association. For this reason it has an International, but English-speaking, staff.

As well as guests who stay only one or two nights, there are some long-term residents who stay for periods of up to a year. Some of these are working in London, some studying and more recently, many have come from abroad to learn English. At the time of going to press, bed and breakfast cost £2.50 (in a shared room), but cheaper, mid-week bargains are available during the winter for groups of four and over. The guests are asked to help with some of the household duties (such as washing up), but the House is run in such a friendly manner that no one minds.

The income from the fees for the rooms is sufficient to cover the day to day needs of Olave House, but the World Association sometimes provides money for major expenses. The Friends of Olave House also give some financial support and the

small profit from the Souvenir Shop is used to supplement funds. Souvenirs are often given to the House in thanks for an enjoyable stay, and whilst these are greatly appreciated for the display cabinets, gifts such as tea towels or donations to buy household articles would be more useful to future guests... perhaps Olave House could benefit from *your* next Good Turn!

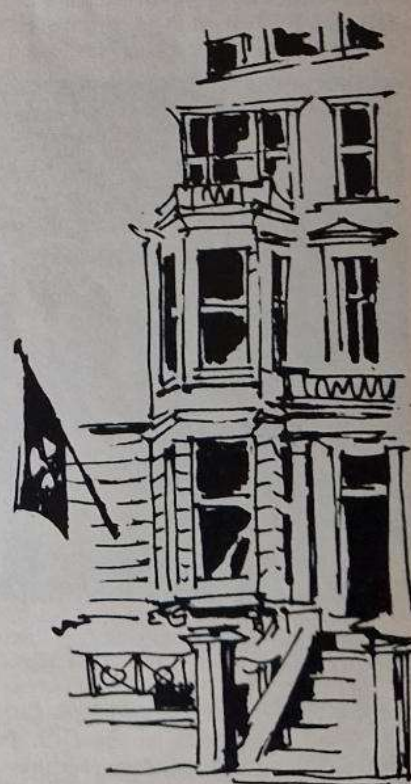
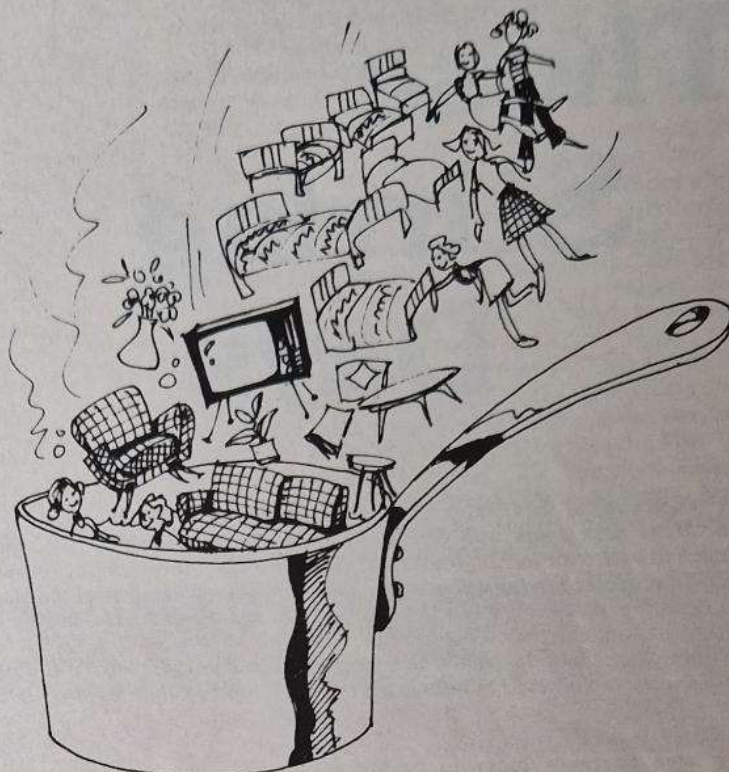
Considering this is a World Centre on our doorstep, relatively few groups from the United Kingdom seem to have taken advantage of it. Tours of the House can be easily arranged, and although it is often fully booked during the summer months, many more could be accommodated in the slacker periods during the winter. Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Guiders and their friends are all welcome, although at present men cannot be accommodated (but this does not exclude them from entering the House, as is sometimes thought!). Some special events are planned during the year, and a visit for the Thinking Day celebrations in particular is well worth the effort.

Further details about Olave House or how to become a Friend of Olave House can be obtained from *The Guider in Charge, 45 Longridge*

Road, London SW5 9SD. (Please enclose sae for reply.)

**See ad. on page 88.*

**Ann Walker
Helen Ryan**



Those Stirring Days



I don't expect any of the Guiders who troop across to the Royal Mews with their Brownies and Guides, after visiting CHQ, know that the Mews have a link with Guiding. It was here, in February, 1945, that the 2nd Guide International Service team had permission to pack their lorries, trucks and ambulances before embarking for relief work in Holland.

GUIDER readers of today will be interested to know that members of the Movement throughout the UK and in some Commonwealth countries raised over £168,980 to send trained teams of Guiders for relief work in Egypt, Greece, The Netherlands, Germany and Malaysia from 1944-1952.

A member of the hospital team which went to Holland in 1945, Miss M E Bindloss, who had served earlier in the war as a nurse, kept a diary and in the next 3 months extracts from it will be published in GUIDER.

Thora Wallis Myers
(Headquarters' Archivist)

'We were extremely lucky to be allowed to keep our vehicles in the Royal Mews, so handy for packing in the equipment, where the policemen, coachmen and doorkeepers were always friendly and helpful. I wondered whether the Mews had ever before seen such a sight as the team stowing the gear into the lorry, ambulances and trucks. Fifty beds, mattresses, bolsters, pillows and linen for fifty beds is a mass in itself, and when cooking utensils for a hospital and for a Mess kitchen are added, plus petrol stoves, ovens, soyer boilers, medical and surgical panniers, chairs, tents, twenty-seven kit bags, tin trunks, camp beds, bedding rolls and ruck-sacks, the mass becomes a mountain.'

On February 15th the team had the honour of being received by HM the Queen (now HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) at Buckingham Palace. The March GUIDER



A royal occasion for the GIS Hospital team: before it left for Holland in February, 1945, H.M. the Queen invited the members to Buckingham Palace. Centre left, Miss M E Bindloss, author of 'Those Stirring Days'.

records: 'Her Majesty greeted Lady Somers, who introduced Miss Ward, Chairman of the GIS. Perhaps some of the volunteers felt a little nervous, but they could not have done so for long, for who could be shy with such a smiling,

gracious lady who held out her left hand in the Guide greeting? Miss Ward presented the leader of the party, Dr Meredith Ross, of Melbourne, who, in turn presented Dr Croft, Leader of the Mobile Laboratory, and the rest of the team and the Scouters attached to it. Her Majesty talked to everyone, inquiring about the particular job the volunteer had in the team, where she or he had come from and what they had been doing before joining the GIS. After about 20 minutes the Queen suggested that they should all go out on to the terrace to be photographed with her, and the volunteers were very touched at Her Majesty's anxiety that nobody should be left out.'

A month later Betty Bindloss continues the story when the medical GIS team was established in the wing of a boys' seminary in a monastery which had been in German hands for four years. 'There is a wonderful atmosphere in this place — a feeling of great happiness and calm and peace and friendliness, and the building and grounds are beautiful. The Brothers are getting the vegetable gardens back into good order. The Headmaster, Father Van Dongan, speaks perfect English and has been kindness itself to us — made us feel really welcome in spite of what must to him and all the Fathers and boys be a difficult situation, to have twenty-two women living actually inside their college; not one of whom is of the same denomination or country. Once, under the noses of the Luftwaffe billeted in the College, an Australian airman who had baled out of a damaged 'plane on to farmland near by was smuggled into the College farm adjoining the grounds and cared for by the Fathers until plans for his escape by underground methods were ready. The Father, who is teaching us Dutch, was once shot by the Germans in occupied Holland. He was taken to hospital, believed to be dying, but escaped across the Rhine and the Maas by boat and here he is, looking none the worse.

'When we have time we shall hear many more such stories, but the day is so full of work — scrubbing, opening crates and bales of linen and blankets which are hanging up to air on lines slung between the apple trees — putting up beds, and helping with the routine orderly work that little time is left for social contacts, though we have made friends with a family of Guides. The mother is a Brown Owl — the eldest girl is a Ranger, the next a Patrol leader and the youngest a Guide — all very keen and friendly.

Liberated Holland has been en fete these last few days, because Queen Wilhelmina has come back. We heard she was visiting this town through Bill and Gerald, the two Dutch Scouts who have done so much to help us, and our friendly Guide family, but were sworn to secrecy for security reasons. Then the Army invited Dr Ross to come and be presented with other officials, so we had a great morning getting her pressed and brushed and dressed in her best uniform. Down in the Square outside the Town Hall, packed with people, the team was asked to help the local police and Scouts keep back the crowds, and because of this an amusing incident happened. A Dutch girl in the crowd had a bunch of flowers that she wanted to present to the Queen, but was not allowed through by the police, so she thrust them into Hopkins' hands and with gestures demonstrated what she wanted, whereupon Hopkins, nothing daunted, marched across the Square, curtsied and presented the bouquet with a short speech to the Queen and marched back again. Certainly one never knows in a GIS team what one is going to be asked to do next.

'We are 'open' long before we ought to be — from sheer necessity! The Salvation Army team, which has been working in a village riddled with scabies cases, landed on us a girl of 18 covered with septic sores. The next day Civil Affairs sent us their Belgian interpreter with tonsillitis and that night a suspected Dutch collaborator was brought in with his head

shaved and covered with impetigo. In spite of the hospital being still in the throes of repairs, alterations and additions, we popped the patients into bed, drew the huge green tarpaulin curtain dividing the hospital into two wards and set to.

'At last I'm nursing again but it's really funny working in this muddle and improvisation. Everything is piled on tables and in boxes and it's a day's work ferreting about for a calomel or a glass for a gargle.'

Volunteers in the Hospital Team in Holland included: Dr Meredith Ross, Leader, (Victoria, Australia), Miss Betty Ballantyne (Edinburgh), Miss Jessica Bebb (Herefordshire), Miss Audrey Bickersteth, Dr Phyllis Croft (Hertfordshire), Miss Barbara Hughes (Devon), Miss Barbara Blathwayt (Wiltshire), Miss Zoe Braby (Herefordshire), Miss Marjorie Brindley (Derbyshire), Miss Vera Carter, Dr Margery Davies, Miss Molly Walter (Sussex), Miss Freda Fryer (London), Miss Peggy Gosling (Worcestershire), Miss Maud Harvey (Buckinghamshire), Miss Jessie Hopkins, Miss Fifi Kortright (Leicestershire), Miss Kathleen Hutchin, Miss Valerie Marchbank (Essex), Miss Joan Jordan, Miss Alison Macpherson (Surrey), Miss Doreen Mills (Oxfordshire), Miss Rosie O'Brien (Hampshire & Surrey), Dr Margaret Thompson (Birmingham), Mr Laurie Barker, Mr Alan Fuller, Mr Phil Glasscock, Mr Bob Graves, Mr John Hofmeyr, Capt. Alan Maclean, Mr Chris Perkins (Scouters).

The Guide Club

TO THE great regret of many people, the Guide Club closed at Christmas 1976, and a number of members now meet as fellow members of the VAD Ladies' Club at 44 Great Cumberland Place, London W1H 8BS.

The Club was founded in 1948 by a committee under the Chairmanship of Miss Rosa Ward, ex-Chief Commissioner for Wales, holder of a Chief's Diploma as a Guide Trainer, and Chairman of the Guide International Service. A team of GIS members, home again after completing their service with Relief Teams in Greece, the Netherlands and Germany, moved in to a very scruffy, bomb-shaken 46 Belgrave Square and started the work of bringing it up to Grosvenor Estate post-war standards and making it capable of attracting a viable membership from amongst the adults of the Guide world. This was achieved, and for over 28 years, week by week, members came from the U.K. and Overseas often accompanied by their husbands or children.

For many there was a special pleasure in having a 'home from home' in such a fine London square, back to back, almost, with Buckingham Palace, and very handy, too, for CHQ and the World Bureau.

The evidence of numerous letters shows that many members were conscious of a special, and welcome, atmosphere associated perhaps with 'Guide Houses' in various parts of the world. Credit for this must go to the Guide spirit of friendship and to many people who served on the Committee and Staff of the Club over the years. They are too numerous to mention individually, but a great many members will think with special gratitude of Miss Maynard, Miss Elgar and her Assistant Secretary, Miss Elliston, who worked together for 18 years. More recently Miss Gibson and Miss Paul ('the Beryls' to a good many people) saw the Club through the rather difficult last few years.

Ever rising costs made many difficulties and, in particular, it became impossible for a Club of modest means to meet the costs of living in Belgrave Square. Whereas for a time the plan was to re-house the Club, eventually it was decided that even the sum likely to be realised by the sale of the lease would be insufficient to establish the Club again and run it at a cost which would be acceptable to members.

Reluctantly, therefore, the Chairman, Mrs Notley, and the Club Committee, in consultation with The Chief Commissioner and the Executive Committee, made the decision to close the Club.

The financial history of the Club is a great success story for The Girl Guides Association, and this was due in no small

measure to Dame Joan Marsham who, at the time when a lease of 46 Belgrave Square was acquired in 1947, was Chairman of the Executive Committee and also Treasurer of the Guide Club. From that time until her death in 1972 Dame Joan was the chief negotiator of a second, and long term, lease and she always realised the potential value of that lease to the Association in whose name the lease was bought. The intention was always that if and when it ceased to be possible for the Club to continue, the asset would be realised and used for some other purpose of the Association.

Negotiations for the sale of the lease have been very prolonged. One offer of £240,000 was received, only to be withdrawn, but a better offer was made and the deal concluded in October 1977. Further details will be published in the Association's Annual Report in May 1978.

After deductions connected with the sale and the care of the house since the Club closed, the Association will have at its disposal a very substantial sum of money which has come in return for a modest investment. A loan of £9,000 was made for the purchase of the lease (originally paid from the GIS Fund), and the Association allocated £10,000 from the Chief's Memorial Fund for furnishing and equipment. The £9,000 was subsequently repaid to the Association's general account from the Club funds. Contributions were made from the general funds of the Association for some original major repairs to the house and again in the year before the Club closed, but otherwise the Club was self-supporting.

The Guide Club will, I think, be remembered as having made a pleasant and useful contribution to the Guide world. Two very special occasions were the visits made by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and The Princess Royal. Apart from use by members of the ordinary Club facilities, a great many parties were held there, including those for christenings, weddings and other family celebrations and the 'back drawing-room' was in constant demand for meetings. In Guide Jubilee years, and at the time of the 1975 World Conference, there were campbeds everywhere and the house was overflowing with people.

The Executive Committee has decided that the money realised shall be used only for exceptional non-recurring projects of a capital nature, and Club members will, I know, look forward to hearing in due course that the money realised has provided something worthwhile for Guiding in the future.

Anstice Gibbs,
Chairman, Guide Club Committee 1970-1975

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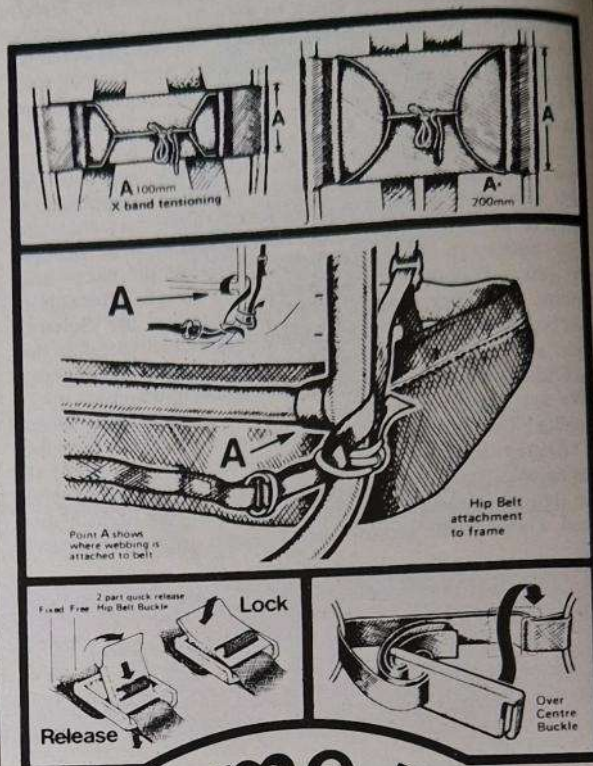
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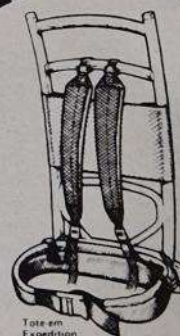
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There has been growing need, because of the increased use of hip belts, for a buckle which gives a 'parachute' release. Used on: Tote-em Backpacker, Tote-em Expedition Frames.

COLOURS

All frame fittings in beige with brown stripe to match trim on Pack Sacs.

FRAME FEATURES

	Hip belt type	Hip belt Buckle	Sizing	joints	X band width	X band tensioning	Harness type	Harness clip
Tote-em Traveller	Non Padded	Single	50/55 only	Screw	100mm	Cord	Standard	New Adjustable
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Programme Notes

April 1978—September 1978

Foxlease, Waddow, Glenbrook

At Foxlease and Waddow

General Training (for Brownie and Guide Guiders.)

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

Guider Teams in the Units (Guiders and Assistants from linked Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units.)

Foxlease 14th/16th April

Waddow 5th/7th May

These weekends are planned for Unit Guiders, with their Assistant(s), from Brownie Packs and Guide Companies in the District (and if possible the Ranger Unit too). The programme will be a general training, but with obvious opportunities for joint sessions in the links between the Section programmes, the progress from one Section to the next, and the way in which the 'Guider Team' can work both in the Unit and between Units.

New to the Job

Foxlease 22nd/24th September (Groups for Commissioners and Guide Guiders working for their Adult Leaders' Certificate) Waddow 23rd/25th June (for Commissioners)

We hope that these gatherings of prospective Guiders linked to the same age group, and new Commissioners, will enable them to cover more ground than might otherwise be possible by devoting the whole programme to their "section" of Guiding.

Some may feel uneasy about attending a training where everyone else has had experience on the job; others may be new to the Movement and need help with unfamiliar terms, to say nothing of 'channels'. These weekends offer you all the opportunity of working with others just like you.

Planning Ahead — Part I (Brownie and Guide Guiders who have held a Warrant for at least three years.)

Foxlease 8th/10th September

Waddow 8th/10th September

These weekends are new opportunities for Brownie and Guide Guiders who have held a warrant for at least three years, and are aimed to give the experienced Guider special help with the planning of her unit programmes, the progress of the girls in her Pack or Company, and relating their needs through individual and group activities.

As you see this is Part I; those Guiders attending will be invited to come back for Part II of the training (to be held at both Centres in 1979) at which they will have the opportunity to assess the results of the plans they made and to share ideas and suggestions for the future.

At Foxlease

Family Week — 26th May/3rd June

We are again offering Brownie and Guide Guiders, and Commissioners, the opportunity to bring their husbands and families to Foxlease. There will be training sessions for Guiders in the morning, but the afternoon will be free for family activities; there will also be some optional activities and sessions for those who wish to join them.

Out and About — 31st August/3rd September

As the title suggests, this is a long weekend when the background to the training will be 'Out and About' in the forest, by the sea, or perhaps in places of local interest, providing an opportunity for Guiders both to enjoy the surrounding areas of Foxlease and to draw from the training sessions the way in which their activities can relate to the Programmes.

At Waddow

Opportunities for Trainers

Trainers who may have missed the following dates might like to make a note of them in their diaries:

- 21st/23rd April i) Diploma Candidates with their Tutors.
- ii) New Certificate Trainers and Prospectives.

16th/18th June Ranger Trainers.

After the successful Trainers' training in December last year and the tutoring conference, both held at Foxlease, Waddow now offers three special opportunities for experienced trainers tutoring Diploma Candidates, new and prospective Certificate trainers, and Ranger trainers. Don't leave your booking till too late.

At Glenbrook

Most weekend courses listed in *GUIDER* will have one or more activities covered by the fee for the weekend, which includes the necessary equipment. Other optional activities will also be offered for which the current fee will be charged (eg. pony-trekking, and gliding).

Leadership in the Hills

From time to time there will be special courses for Guiders only — so watch out for dates. These weekends will cover not only the personal skills involved, but also the wider aspects of the use of these skills in relation to the Programme.

Adventure Week for Guides (aged 12 years and over)

A week of fun and activities for Guides, at which the programme will vary from year to year. In addition to pioneering and similar activities at Glenbrook, there will be a choice of other more adventurous things to try, such as pony-trekking.



AIRING & SHARING



Brownie Pennants

I was very interested in the letter from Mrs Chris Eaton of Crawley in the November *GUIDER*.

I was a Brownie Guider when the pennants were first introduced, and even at the time, many Guiders thought them unsuitable.

Recently I was on holiday in Canada, and while there attended a Memorial Service for the World Chief Guide in the city of St Catharines in Ontario. I was most impressed by the flags carried by the Brownies there. They were small, bright yellow flags (about one metre long) with a brown toadstool in the centre, with a yellow maple leaf superimposed on it, and the name of the Pack in brown across the top of the flag. The pole was a lightweight aluminium one.

I took a colour photograph, and if Mrs Eaton would like a print I would be pleased to send her one.

Miss J E Williams,
County Chairman,
Trefoil Guild,
Ryde, Isle of Wight.

How pleased I was to read in the November *GUIDER* Mrs Chris Eaton's letter regarding the Brownie Pennant.

This has been a sore point within our Pack, where Brownies want to know why they cannot have a flag 'like the Cubs', and within our District where other Guiders I have spoken to feel a change from the small pennant to a flag is required.

Children grow up faster in these modern times and to see a tall Brownie of ten years or even younger carrying the pennant does not, I feel, promote an image of modern day Guiding.

Sandra Brendall,
Brownie Guider
1st Becontree Pack

May I second Mrs Eaton's statement (November *GUIDER*) that 'Brownies would like a flag?'

I have heard many quips and comments about the pennants since becoming a Guider, and when even the Brownies themselves feel very self-conscious about carrying their pennant amongst towering flags at Parade Services and start

asking 'why?' I think it is time changes were made. Please, HQ, re-think. I am sure you will receive a great deal of support.

Miss P Clark,
Leeds,
Yorkshire.

Oh, how I would like to endorse the views of your correspondent re Brownie Pennants; my Brownie Pack is forever asking 'Why can't we have a flag like the others?'

As our Brownies seem to be bigger than the average Cub Scout hereabouts, I fully sympathise when they say they 'feel stupid' carrying such a small pennant.

V Hoblin,
Brownie Guider,
3rd St Budeaux Pack,
Plymouth, Devon.

I am spurred into writing in support of Mrs Eaton's criticism of the Brownie Pennant by the number of queries and comments after November's Remembrance Day Church Parade, about why a Brownie was carrying such a 'silly' little triangle, when two small Cub Scouts easily managed to carry their Pack Colours. It is with great difficulty that I can persuade a Brownie to carry the Pennant at all in the face of the comments it receives from brothers and friends!

Could *GUIDER* please publish the name of the person or committee to whom representations could be made for the replacement of the pennant by a reasonably sized flag?

Mrs Sheila Booth,
Brownie Guider,
Reading,
Berkshire.

'Representations' should be made at a District meeting, and if other Guiders agree, a recommendation can be made to the Division. In turn they may wish to support it and will recommend it to the county. In this way, by the time it reaches the appropriate committee at CHQ, it will have gathered the support of a large number of people in the county.

Programme and Training
Department CHQ

Unit Finances

I feel compelled to reply to Mrs Barnacle's letter (November *Airing and Sharing*) so that she, and others in the Midlands may

be assured that at 'regional administration level' we are always very concerned about the finances of the Units.

There is hardly an Executive Meeting goes by at which this subject is not discussed for some reason or another, and at the March Meeting the rent of rooms in some areas, the cost of lighting and heating, etc, was discussed at great length. The advice given by Mrs Hartridge to the County Commissioners I feel sure will have been passed on to Commissioners and Guiders in the counties.

Our Midland Chief Commissioner has the Units' finances constantly in mind, as a result of which she recently had approved by the Finance Committee her recommendation that a surplus of income for 1976/77, totalling £1,500, be reimbursed to the Counties. This was done in September, and if Staffordshire have, since then, had a County Executive I am sure that the Commissioners will by now know of this.

At the time the Finance Committee need to determine the proportion of Membership Subscription to be retained by the Region and that allocated to Counties, we can no more know of rising costs than can a Unit Guider, and we must estimate to the best of our ability the budget for the ensuing year.

Do the Guiders of Beswick District understand that when the Membership Subscription increases so does the proportion retained by the Counties, which in most cases is reflected in the amounts returned to Divisions (and in many cases, down to Districts). Could Mrs Barnacle encourage her Guiders to think of the £1 per annum Membership Subscription as about 2½p per Guiding week from each Guide, which, even with the additional cost for badges, etc, is not very much.

Being part of the 'regional administration' to which Mrs Barnacle refers, I would also like to say in all sincerity and without rancour, that I and the office staff (all except one of whom are, or have been, Unit Guiders) support Mrs Hartridge to the full regarding finance, and exercise economy and thrift wherever possible, thus contributing to the surplus.

As Mrs Barnacle asked for the opinion of other Guiders, I write as the *Midlands General Secretary*, and as a *Unit Guider*.

Miss E E Cramp

I am in agreement with much that Mrs Barnacle says in her letter, and would like to bring forward a further point for discussion.

Recent experiences locally have made it obvious that our Association needs to take a look at the whole question of accommodation. As town centres become depopulated and Church Halls become unavailable, more and more units become dependent on the generosity of local schools and Community Centres. Three of our local Units have been moved out of a school with little or no notice. Now my own Unit must leave our hall for the last part of each meeting as the local Youth Club wishes to use the hall at this time.

We have not caused any damage to the centre, yet must give way as we have twenty-four children and the Youth Club has over forty.

Could individual Guiders draw on County and/or national support when having accommodation difficulties?

I might say, in closing, that I realise that our rather difficult position is nevertheless better than some.

Mrs D D Yates,
Unit Guider,
3rd Hartburn Pack,
Cleveland.

Thinking Day

For the past three years, at the Brownie meeting nearest to Thinking Day, we have made a symbolic award to one member of our Pack. The award is a gold cardboard fish, strung on a cord, chosen to remind us especially of our World Chief Guide, who, I understand, was the only holder of the Gold Fish.

The award is given at the start of the Pack meeting and the lucky Brownie has the honour of wearing the pendant for the whole evening. The qualification necessary to receive our award is that of a genuine infectious smile!

This, we feel, is an opportunity (perhaps the only one) for a Brownie to shine for one evening for simply being herself. Is this an idea which might be acceptable to other Packs? If so, would it be appropriate to launch it in 1978, the 60th anniversary of the World Chief Guide's personal award?

Also from the beginning of February each year, we have on display a candle money-box made out of an old cardboard cigar box (cylindrical

The British Small Animal Veterinary Association advises readers who are considering purchasing a pet to buy only from a recognised breeder. This should apply to all small animals, dogs and cats, as well as cage birds and fish. Names of recognised animal breeders can be obtained from any vet, specialist magazine or reference book on the subject.

Puppies and kittens should be introduced to their new, human family at eight weeks of age to begin house training early. Animals should always be selected from a single litter and not bought from 'animal supermarkets', where animals from various sources are mixed, and transmission of disease can result. Pet shops and street traders are best avoided.

The National Trust recently bought 450 acres of land on the Isle of Wight, with the help of a £26,750 Country Commission grant.

The land, known as Headon Warren and West High Down, links the Trust's existing properties of the Needles Headland and Tennyson Down. It stretches northward to Totland Bay, thus safeguarding the approaches to The Needles from further commercial development.

The Countryside Commission, National Trust Nature Conservancy Council and the local authorities have schemes to increase public enjoyment of the area, while carefully conserving its rare plant and wildlife.

Creative Play

Until Spring comes along, there are bound to be many dull, rainy days when fractious children have to stay indoors, and the plaintive cry goes up: 'I'm bored!'



Polycell have come up with a fairly inexpensive way of keeping kids creatively amused for long periods. Their craft cards (rather like large recipe cards) give clear instructions for handcraft activities such as papier maché work, modelling, fabric stiffening, decorating surfaces and so on. There are fourteen cards in a set for which the price is 50p. Like recipe cards, these 'Poly Craft Project Cards' come in clear plastic wallets, and they're easy to keep clean. There is a choice of two sets of fourteen cards; — the first is for youngsters aged four to six and the second set is for older children.

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Clothes and the Blind

120,000 blind people in the UK can read

braille, and of these, there are about 10,000 of school age. Sighted children are greatly helped in the identification of their own belongings by woven tapes on sports clothes, equipment etc.

Now, J & J Cash Ltd of Coventry, name tape manufacturers, have extended the scope of their trade so that blind people, too can buy their products, with braille spots woven on the tapes, to aid them in selecting their clothes. One problem for blind people is the likelihood of selecting odd socks, for example, when they are similar in 'feel', but different in colour. So, to eliminate this possibility, Cash's are also manufacturing braille tapes marked with the name of the colour. If the tape reads 'green' in braille, for instance, the spots on the tape are also in green, to enable a sighted parent or friend to sew the tape on a correct-coloured garment, if it is a sighted person who undertakes this job.

Following an exhibition in London last March, when the woven braille tapes won an award, blind institutes of 36 countries have written requesting samples and technical information.

The idea seems sure to 'catch on'; readers might only wonder why nobody had thought of it before.

The woven colour names (red, blue, black, green, brown, tan, white, grey, cream, turquoise, orange, purple, mauve, yellow) are available from the Royal National Institute For the Blind in London — any six packets for 45p.

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In Memoriam

Two acts of great courage by a London Guider during the second world war are recalled with pride by the announcement of **Miss Marie Monk's** death on November 19th. Miss Monk, a member of a British Red Cross Detachment, was off duty when a high explosive bomb exploded inside the John Bull Arch Shelter.

The sawdust in an adjoining shelter, hit by incendiaries, where children were sleeping was burning furiously. Without hesitation, Miss Monk and a Scouter forced their way in through a small hole and rescued four children. Miss Monk then got in touch with the Control Centre and opened an emergency First Aid Post. For her outstanding courage she was awarded the Bronze Cross in October, 1941.

On a second occasion Marie Monk was taking nurses to their shelters for duty when an ambulance was straddled by incendiaries and the fires around the shelter threatened to cut her off. Marie Monk, who had only had a few driving lessons, calmly got into the ambulance and

backed it out of danger. Meanwhile, a shelter had been hit and a delayed action bomb dropped. In spite of the risks Miss Monk endeavoured to rescue the nurses from the shelter but, tragically, they were already dead.

Miss Monk ran the 2nd Rotherhithe Brownie Pack for nearly twenty years and also served as a Guide Guider and Division Commissioner.

TWM

The death of Mrs Elizabeth Mowat on November 25th has left a big gap for many in Shropshire. She had been in Guiding all her life — a Guide and Cadet at school, a Guider and Extension Guider in Sheffield and Nottinghamshire, a District Commissioner in Nottinghamshire and Denbighshire. She had also held a number of Guiding appointments in Shropshire — Division Commissioner for Oswestry, Chairman of the Training Committee, Trefoil Guild Adviser for the County and, last, County Commissioner from 1967-1975. Mrs Mowat had also served

on the Council of the Girl Guides Association and for her services to Guiding she was given the Laurel Award in 1975. She had many interests outside Guiding including the League of Friends of the Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry and the NSPCC.

To her job as County Commissioner Mrs Mowat brought her enthusiasm, high standards, friendliness and sense of humour. She was always looking ahead and had the welfare of the young people in the Guide Movement very much at heart. Many sought her advice, many were helped by her. There are many aspects of Guiding in Shropshire which remain as a living memorial to her and the Guide movement owes her a deep debt of gratitude for all she did.

AMF

The Lord Rowallan, KT, KBE, MC, TD, LL D.

A member of the Council of the Girl Guides Association and a Vice-President

Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and

Empire from 1944-1959, died in Glasgow on November 30th, 1977. He joined the Scout Movement in 1922 and, like the Founder, used Scouting methods to train soldiers. Just before the outbreak of the 2nd world war Lord Rowallan raised a new battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, took his men to France in April, 1940, and extricated them from St Valery with the remnants of the 51st Division.

As Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan travelled extensively and in 1959 was appointed Governor of Tasmania. He served on the Council of the Girl Guides Association from 1945-1958 and was a Vice-President in 1959.

TWM

Ruth Sully, for 13 years a Brownie Guider of the 2nd Watchet Pack, brought a wide variety of talents to her Brownie work in the Wileton District of Somerset. Her dedication to the movement, and her faith, will long be remembered.

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Doesn't that reveal the sort of relationship that must gladden the heart of a Commissioner? But a Commissioner who from the very beginning has earned such moments of glory by first giving of herself; whose care for people, and whose awareness of their needs is far far stronger than her own apprehension about not knowing where/how/what/who/why.... This care is probably supplemented by her ever-growing list of those from all walks of the Movement who do know the answers or who listen and comment and help her find them herself! New Commissioners take heart! No-one expects you to be a personal expert, Guide mentor and adviser on bowlines, papier mâché masks, pitching tents below sea level or above the snow line, or how to apply for a grant to build your own HQ. But upholding you, and providing the strength to tackle each job as it appears is God, through your belief and faith in Him. (Do I detect a slight reaction in the region of your tummy muscles, or the furrows of your brow? It really is totally illogical that many of us would not include God — or by whatever other name your particular faith knows Him — in that list beginning bowlines... Just because we know we can't answer all the questions about Him we are too embarrassed to include Him in conversation and discussion).

When a Guider talks to a Brownie recruit about the Promise she must make sure that the girl realises that the Promise she is going to make is in three parts, and each has to be kept for a long time, until she renews it when she becomes a Guide.

It is easy when explaining about the Brownie Promise to a seven-year-old to relate to familiar things.

'..... help other people and keep the Brownie Guide Law.' Here the recruit has to understand that she always takes second place; 'she must think of others before herself' the Law says. No matter what she is doing or where she is other people come first. To keep her Promise she must do a good turn every day. This is, in fact, an extra challenge to encourage the Recruit to use her initiative.

'To serve the Queen' might cause a problem. The girl will say that she has never met the Queen, so how can she do things for her? The Guider should explain that the Queen tries to keep



This short article is concerned particularly with those of us who do not see ourselves as outspoken evangelists, but are nevertheless deeply touched and supported by, and I hope joyfully thankful for, a very personal and private faith. We hope it shows in our relationships, in our decision making, in our Church membership, in our tolerance, and in our generosity of spirit. We know these are infectious qualities, and this is our particular discipleship. Preachers urge us to be more actively evangelical, and maybe with prayer and time we may become so. Take heart, all you contracting-tummy-muscle....ers! There are ways of demonstrating that you are an active spiritual being. 'Just happen' to leave your latest book of prayers, or the thought-proving book or article on a prominent chair before a Guiders' meeting. Manage to say 'Did anyone read what Bishop.....' or perhaps 'I turned off..... programme....! And you can do remarkable things with eye-brows! I know one Guider whose boss now apologises every time he explodes 'Oh my God....' although she has never been brave enough to tackle him with words. Opening the door at the end of a meeting and stepping out into a starlit sky — 'ummm.... thank you Lord....' almost to yourself, will nevertheless leave no doubt as to your commitment. Towering above all other responsibilities is the Commissioner's need to make sure that before she recommends that a warrant is issued, the person concerned accepts, however self-effacingly, her responsibility as a disciple, and her need to put the first promise *actively* at the centre of her own Guiding. Bishop John Gloucester wrote recently in his letter to the diocese 'I believe that in quiet, largely unseen ways..... as well as in the more overt signs of charismatic renewal, our Church is being prepared for the eighties. And the great new thing about it will be that after almost a thousand years during which the Church has thought of its task as mainly "care and maintenance" in this country we shall be reinvigorated with a clear call to "Mission"; to proclaim the Christian way of life for people who will be making a deliberate choice between Christianity and other life-styles.'

One of the easiest preparations I know as a Christian for that vital conversation with a prospective Guider is to let it be known, however haltingly or subtly, that you yourself are a caring and active follower of *your* faith. This vital conversation needs just one human thing to get it started — that *you* care about the girls getting the inspiration and support, and the standards for life that our founders wanted, more than you care about your own inadequacy as a disciple. Yes — you must be prepared to stand up and be counted, and although you may stand quite quietly, *stand up you must*.

Note It will be appreciated that the author has written this article from the viewpoint of her own faith as a Christian, but she hopes that what she has written is relevant to Commissioners of all faiths and denominations.

D Whitehouse

Brownies' understanding of The Promise

by Elizabeth Hammond

our Country a nice place for us to live in and besides this she does good turns for us by visiting Hospitals, opening Parliament and entertaining foreign visitors. As the Queen does these things for us so we can do things to help her, for example keeping the streets and highways clean and respecting public property. Once these simple ideas have been introduced the Brownie will easily and enthusiastically think of other examples.

'To do my duty to God'. With the help of the Brownie Handbook the Guider can show the Brownie how God can be classed as a real friend. She can explain that the girl can talk to God, tell Him all sorts of things, including her secrets, and because He is a good friend he will try to help her.

The Brownie needs to understand that God says 'thank you' for taking care of His World. He does this by giving us new flowers every year and ensuring that the leaves reappear on the trees in the Spring. We must thank Him for these gifts and we do this through prayer. To make it clear what a Brownie's duty to God means, practical ideas can be introduced in the form of ventures; tidying the Churchyard, cleaning the Church brass. Children find it much easier to do something practical for their duty rather than talk about it.

The recruit will enjoy learning to understand the Brownie Promise if the Guider takes things slowly and simply, beginning with the most familiar — the girl herself.

DISTRICT and BROWNIE training

BROWNIE

Hear or read
Know how to
Know and understand
Attend meetings

A Brownie must wear her uniform until she makes her first

GUIDE

Finding out about Guiding.
Completing a challenge in each of the 8 points (Pre-Promise Challenge)
Understanding and making/renewing the Promise

A girl who has been a Brownie may wear her Guide uniform as soon as she comes into the unit, with her Brownie Promise badge until the day of her Promise Ceremony.

A girl who has not been a Brownie must wait until the day of her Promise Ceremony before she wears her uniform

THE PROMISE

Footnote: We have a promise centred programme in the Promise Ceremony at which a girl makes or renews her Guiding life. The word enrolment (if you accept the definition of the list of those belonging to the unit. Because we use the words 'enrolled' and 'enrolment' have been removed

WNIE

the story of the Brownies
wear uniform
understand the Promise
and Law
for at least four weeks

may not wear her
the day she
Promise

Illustrated
by Jean de Lemos

RANGER

Completing a challenge in each
of the 8 points (Pre-Investiture
challenge)

Gaining a more mature understanding of
the Promise before making/renewing it
Any girl may wear Ranger uniform as soon as
she enters the unit. There should be no
pressure put on her to make her Promise. Those
who have been Guides wear their Guide Promise
badge until their Investiture.

All girls can take a full part in the Ranger
programme (apart from the Ranger
challenge) before they are
invested.

volving commitment to God, Queen and other people.
her Promise is the most important event in her
ionary definition) merely means adding a name To
want to emphasize the importance of the Promise
ved from Guide publications

Where do we begin?

by Pauline Shaw

LISA, a Brownie, and Stella, an 11-year-old who has not been a Brownie, have chatted with their PL's and decided which Patrol family they would like to join in the Company.

At her very first Guide meeting, Jill has arranged that Lisa should be introduced to her own Patrol and also meet the PL's of the other Patrols as part of her 'Getting to know people' challenge. As Lisa knows quite a bit about Guides from the project work she did when completing the last part of her Pocket Book No 4 at Brownies, her Patrol decides to introduce her to the Guide Law which she has found in her new Guide Handbook. The PL has provided card, scissors and felt tip pens so that they can each choose a law and draw a pin men picture to illustrate its meaning. The pictures will then be tied together with a cover and some coloured wool to make a book for other new Guides to discuss.

Stella's Patrol, however, used the pictures on pp 14-16 in their Handbooks to try to show her a little bit about Guiding in general.

After that, both Patrols continued with their pre-arranged programmes. By the next meeting, both Lisa and Stella had filled in most of p 31 in their Handbooks and quickly completed it in Patrol time. The Patrols had agreed that deciding on Pre-Promise challenges was a 'must' this week if the new Guides were to gain a sense of purpose as Guides, and so everyone in each Patrol joined in the discussion to help Lisa and Stella find eight tasks that would be suitable challenges for their personalities and abilities. They used pp 35-37 in the Handbook as 'starters' but only one or two items mentioned seemed right so they chose other things. Lisa said that making her bed every morning for 'Homemaker' was no challenge for her as she always made it anyway! She finally agreed to clean the bathroom thoroughly at least once a week.



Each of the challenges was written down for Lisa and Stella on attractively decorated pieces of card previously prepared for them at a Patrol Leaders' Council. The new Guides took these home and worked on the challenges at their own pace with their PL's checking that progress was being made from time to time.

Stella's Patrol was worried that she had never been to church and she was having difficulty in discussing the 'duty to God' part of the Promise, so as well as helping her to take a small part in Company prayers when it was their Patrol's turn, they decided, with the permission of Stella's parents, to take her to church as a Patrol, but not go in uniform.

When the PL's were satisfied that each girl had completed her eight challenges satisfactorily, she reported to the Guider that her recruit was ready for the pre-Promise ceremony chat as Miss Cordle always made sure that the Guide understood the Promise that she was about to make, and still wished to make it.

Where do we begin?

by Sheila Jones

REMEMBER that —

- The Investiture is part of the Ranger programme and must, therefore, be seen to fit in to the Unit programming.
- It is usually the beginning of Rangering for the girl. Aims and standards should be set high. To-day's youth who enter voluntary organisations will not be satisfied with low standards.
- Somehow, through the Investiture challenges, the whole programme of Rangering begins to unfold. It is important to get variety and balance correct when deciding the challenges.
- It is also a good time to bring back the complete Unit programme to a balance of activities if it has become lopsided. Only by keeping the general programme wide and flexible can the Unit hope to attract and hold new girls and develop the potential of older members.
- The leaders and older members should work together to help those about to be invested. In this way new Rangers will quickly get the feeling of belonging.

Keeping these points in mind the Ranger Council, when planning their programme, can blend the Investiture work with general Ranger activities. Much variety can be obtained simply by altering the size of work groups, i.e. individual, pairs, small groups, whole unit.

Important

Challenges can be very simple. It is the quality of the work done which is important and the amount of effort required to extend the girls as they do it.

Once a Challenge has been decided upon, any member of the unit should feel free to join in with the activity. This may lead to a major activity involving the whole unit for a period of time.

Warning

Before embarking on activities which involve contact with

old people, children, handicapped, etc., it would be helpful to discuss thoroughly, perhaps after a talk with a Health Visitor or Social Worker, the implications of your help. One example comes to mind — that of the importance of old people keeping on the move as long as possible. If your Rangers are helping out with shopping, it would be better to take the old person to shop than to do it themselves.



The Rangers will benefit tremendously from thinking through their activities and leaders should not be too quick to give advice from their own experience. These sort of activities give rise to very fruitful discussions. One of the most important tasks of the Ranger movement is that of getting our young people's minds on the move. Once they begin to look around and to think together about their world, they will see so much to interest and excite them. How they choose to express their interest is up to them, but with encouragement and help if and when needed, their contribution to the healthy development of their community should be valuable.

This naturally takes us on to the gaining of a more mature understanding of the Promise before making or renewing it. With skill, leaders can focus attention, even for a moment, during an activity or discussion which helps individuals to think more deeply about life, the creation, man, God. This type of personal contemplation is most valuable if one is to come to a deeper understanding of love and life as God would have us do. It takes time to mature and so there can be no rush. God has given us a life-time to work out our salvation.

May your motto be — a little and often.

GUIDE and RANGER training

HQ NOTICES

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The doors will be opened as follows:—

- 9.30 a.m. St. Margaret's Church
- 10.00 a.m. Westminster Abbey

There will be the usual pre-service arrangements for singing and music in both The Abbey and St. Margaret's Church and the songs and hymns will be taken from:—

- When I needed a neighbour — Faith, Folk & Clarity
- Tomorrow
- A Song for Thinking Day — January 1977 Today's Guide
- It's a small world — Chalet Song Book

Do Lord, O do Lord
Quietly — Music time for Brownies

Lord of all Power — Tune: Slane

All night, all day — Music time for Brownies.

Allelu — Guide Song Book No. 2.

Go well and safely — Diamond Jubilee Song Book.

Kum Ba Yah — Diamond Jubilee Song Book.

Praise and Thanksgiving — Diamond Jubilee Song Book.

This little Guiding light of mine.

Shalom — Chalet Song Book.

Appreciation of Miss Maynard (please see p.89)

On a beautiful morning in bright sunshine members of 'The Carpenter's' family and a few of her oldest friends gathered at Guildford Crematorium to take part in a short and simple service. We were joined by the President and representatives of Surrey Girl Guides, by Miss Toft, General Secretary at Commonwealth Headquarters during Miss Maynard's later visits, and by Lady Baden-Powell, representing present-day Guiding.

Those of us who were privileged to be there were grateful to share the occasion with Miss Chilton Thomas, who has kept 'The Carpenter' in touch with the Movement and with the world through many years and has been her strong and faithful support to the end.

MLM

O Sinner Man — Youth Praise 1.

O come and go with me.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

O Worship the King — Tune: Hanover

Sing Hosannah — Tune: Traditional

There will be a retiring collection. This will be given towards the cost of the upkeep of the Abbey which is estimated to be at least 20p per visitor.

Thinking Day Fund

For the last two years the Girl Guides Association's contribution to the Thinking Day Fund has exceeded £20,000. The World Association is most appreciative of your gifts which enable Guiding to develop throughout the world. Contributions should be sent to:

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Camping for Kidney Patients

Following a broadcast in Women's Hour in August by Mrs Ward, President of the British Kidney Patient Association, and a paragraph in September Guider, we have received a number of enquiries regarding the possibility of kidney patient girls of Guide age camping in Guide Camps.

This is obviously a very valuable experience for the young people and we have been making various enquiries with regard to the arrangements that would need to be made.

At the present time very few purpose-built caravans containing the necessary facilities are available and one way in which everyone could help would be to raise money for the British Kidney Patients Association.

Apart from the need for a resident nurse from the girls own special Renal Unit and the specialised equipment which is necessary, there are a number of other requirements. It would seem that an ideal situation would, be where there was a permanent holiday house with electricity.

For further information please contact the Programme Secretary.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Joan Raikes, a former Transvaal Commissioner in South Africa, died on August 4th. At 24, Joan Hardy, as she was then, left England to teach in South Africa at Roedebeek, an offshoot of the school in Brighton.

After the death in 1955 of her husband, Humphrey Raikes, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersand, Joan Raikes quickly returned to her old love of teaching, first at St Mary's School for Girls in Waverley and then as Head of Roedebeek. Under a protective layer of brusqueness she had a broad humanity and through her wisdom and humility helped a

great number of people.

MWR

One of the pioneers of Guiding in Nottingham, Dorothy Helen Walker, died last year at the age of 92. She was a District Commissioner in the 1920s and later a Division Commissioner and Assistant County Commissioner. Her devotion to the service of youth in many fields was widely known, and she was a help and a counsellor to many. Nottingham Guides are grateful for having known her and for being influenced by her sterling character, wisdom and friendship for so many years.

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	10-12 General Training	10-12 General Training			
	24-26 London and South East England (by allocation)	24-26 Camp and Pack Holiday Training			
Mar	3-5 General Training (Emphasis on Brownie Ventures and Journeys; Guide Eight Point Badges)	3-5 1. New to the Job (Brownie Guiders working for their Adult Leader's Certificate)		17-19 1. Hillwalking, Climbing, Pony Trekking, Archery (optional) 2. Leadership in the Hills (Guiders only)	
	10-12 South West England (by allocation)	2. Campfire Training for Guide Guiders			
	17-19 Wiltshire North County	10-12 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)			
	23-27 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award (Easter) Course (open to boys and girls from any operating Authority)	17-19 Cheshire Border and Cheshire Forest Counties			
	31-2 Making the most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)	23-27 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Course (Rangers, Young Leaders, and girls outside the movement)			
	April	(Easter) General Training			
		31-2 April			
April	7-9 London over the Border County	7-9 West Lancashire County		14-16 Hillwalking, Canoeing Gliding, Caving (optional)	
	14-16 1. Guider Teams in the Units (Guiders and Assistants from linked Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units)	14-16 Wirral County			
	2. Music Specialist Trainers (By invitation)	21-23 1. Diploma Candidates with their Tutors			
	21-23 Suffolk County	2. New Certificate Trainers and Prospectives			
	28-30 General Training	28-30 Leicestershire County			
May	5-7 Middlesex East County	5-7 Guider Teams in the Units (Guiders and Assistants from linked Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units)		19-21 Hillwalking, Caving Pony Trekking (optional)	
	19-21 Avon South County	12-14 Brownie and Guide Guiders (working with Sixes and Patrols)			
	26-3 Family Week	19-21 1. Ranger Guiders			
	June (Bank Holiday)	2. Music in the Pack Certificate			
		26-30 Young Leaders (Bank Holiday)			
June	9-11 Hertfordshire County	2-4 General Training		16-18 1. Hillwalking, Climbing, Gliding (optional) 2. Leadership in the Hills (Guiders only)	
	16-18 General Training	9-11 Friends of Waddow			
	23-25 Gloucestershire County	16-18 1. Ranger Trainers			
	30-2 Essex East County	2. Music Specialist Trainers			
	July	23-25 New to the Job (Commissioners)			
		30-2 General Training			
July	7-9 † Friends of Foxlease	7-9 General Training			
	10-17 † Holiday Week (Guiders, Trefoil Guild members, their friends and mothers)	15-22 † Holiday Period (Guiders with their Guides or Rangers)			
	20-27 Young Leaders' week.	29-5 North West England Arts Workshop (by allocation)			
	31-7 Arts Workshop (by invitation)	Aug			
	Aug				
Aug	10-17 Patrol Week (by invitation)	12-19 Patrol Week (by invitation)		16-23 Adventure Week for Guides aged 12-14 years (Hillwalking and other activities, e.g. pony trekking)	
		23-2 † Holiday Week (Guiders, Trefoil, Guild members, their friends and mothers)			
		Sept			

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CALENDAR

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10-13 Ranger Guide and Venture Scout Gathering	3-5 The Promise Centred Programme 10-12 Division Commissioners 17-19 Brownie and Guide Guiders, (including preparation for Camps and Pack Holidays)	3-5 East Belfast 10-12 South Down County 17-19 'Something to Share' (District Nominations) 24-26 Arts
3-5 Commissioners 11-12 Pontypridd Division 17-19 General Training (Places reserved for Wrekin Division, Shropshire) 24-29 Patrol Leaders (under 14 years of age)	3-5 Brownie and Guide — for Roman Catholic Guiders 10-12 Prospective Certificated Trainers 17-19 Rangers and Young Leaders 23-27 Residential course — Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme 31-1 April Brownie and Guide Guiders	3-5 County Armagh 10-12 North Belfast 17-19 'Starting at the Centre'
7-9 General Training (Places reserved for Clwyd) 14-16 'Give, Share and Take' (by invitation) 18-19 Wales Local Association and Supporters' Group conference 21-23 General Training (Places reserved for Montgomeryshire) 28-1 Pack Leaders	7-9 District Commissioners 14-16 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Renfrewshire) 21-23 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Dunbartonshire) 28-30 Districts	7-9 Derry County 14-16 South Antrim County 21-23 Enjoying the Out of Doors (Ranger, Guide and Brownie Guiders)
5-7 Welsh Trefoil Guild Conference 12-14 General Training (Places reserved for Herefordshire) 19-21 General Training (Places reserved for Cambridgeshire East) 28-30 Guiders with their Patrol Leaders (West Glamorgan)	5-7 Training Conference follow up meeting (by invitation) 12-14 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from North Tyneside) 19-21 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from North Lanarkshire)	
2-4 General Training (Places reserved for Cardiff and East Glamorgan) 9-11 Ranger Guiders 16-18 General Training (Places reserved for Central Glamorgan)	2-4 Scottish Handcraft Circle 9-11 Scottish Training Committee	
1 Friends of Broneirion 2 Conference for Welsh Commissioners and Trainers 7-9 General Training (Places reserved for Stafford County) 15 Conference for Welsh County Personnel 31-4 Young Leaders' week	<p>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 s.a.s. 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.</p> <p>BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE No application form is required. District Commissioners should make enquiries to the Training Secretary, C.H.Q. (Scottish Commissioners to S.H.Q.), on behalf of their Guiders. 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).</p>	
8-13 Patrol in Action (Groups of not less than four Guiders from a Patrol) 17-20 Guiders with their Patrol Leaders (Stek Division, Central Glamorgan)		

Fees at Broneirion	
Shared room, per day	£3.00
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Fees at Lorne	
Per day (Ulster Guiders only)	£3.50
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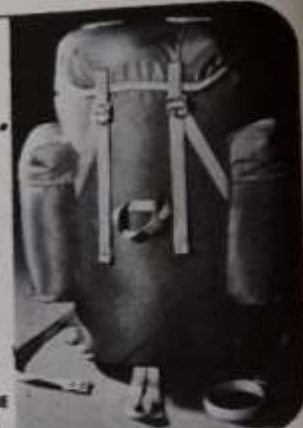
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Camp Activity Advisers are wanted for Foxlease, Waddow and Blacklands Farm during the peak camping periods, ie during the Spring Bank Holiday week from July to the end of August.

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

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

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

County Weekends 1979

Counties wishing to book a County Weekend at Foxlease or Waddow should apply to the Training Secretary, CHO, not later than 1st March. The programme for the whole of 1979 is drawn up after this date and once this is completed, no further applications can be considered.

Camps & Holidays

Glenbrook, near Sheffield

Accommodation available in the house for thirty, or in the flat upstairs for ten. Groups must be self catering, and must guarantee twenty in the house, or six in the flat. A number of activities are available, including canoeing, hill-walking, gliding, rock-climbing, etc. For details contact the Guide-in-Charge, enclosing a sae.

Beaverbrook Lodge

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease, giving alternative dates and enclosing an initial deposit of £1.00 (which is non-refundable) and a foolscap sae. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st April-30th September, 1978 are now being accepted.

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.

Foxlease Camp-sites

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

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

Waddow Cottage and Caravan

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

Waddow Camp-sites

Application for sites should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. It is

preferred that Camps begin on Saturday.

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

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays should be sent to the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guide's CA or pack Holiday Adviser and a foolscap sae enclosed.

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Applications for Camp-sites will be taken now.

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

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Broneirion Camp-site & Brownie House

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

Bookings for the Brownie House, outside school holidays, and for Guide and Ranger groups should be sent to the Guide-in-Charge, Broneirion.

Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys

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Lorne Camp-sites

Lorne offers fully equipped or un-equipped Camp-sites with solid shelter. Calor gas available. Applications should be sent to Mrs F Hartley, 1, Station View, Carnalea, Bangor, Co Down. Tel. Bangor 67088.

Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage, Lorne

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

Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex

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

Highgate Centre, Broneirion

This cottage will sleep 15 (no beds). Available for bookings from 1st March for Rangers, mixed groups, or Guides over 13, with suitably qualified Guide. Address: Welsh Girl Guides Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Highgate, Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys, SY17 5DE.

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

Ynysgarn, Criccieth, North Wales

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Brownsea Island

Eight sites are available for Guide and Scout Camps from Easter to October 1st. For full details apply to Mrs B Duffield, 16 Talbot Drive, Poole, Dorset BH12 5ED (enclosing foolscap sae).

Ulster Camp-sites (nr Lorne)

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Courses

Young Leader's Week

Anyone working on the Young Leader's Scheme will 'hear much to their advantage' if they are able to go to Foxlease from July 20th-27th.

Young Leaders will be living and working with others who have similar aims and outlook. They will enjoy themselves and also gain all sorts of ideas to help them in their work with units.

Family Week

This is open to Guiders of all Sections or Commissioners with their husbands and children (boys under 9 years).

1977 - The The



Year of Ranger

That year of special Grace, 1977 will, when we look back in years ahead, be crowded with memories. Firstly, we shall look back, not with anger, but with great affection and gratitude for the Silver Jubilee of our beloved Queen remembering how it pin-pointed the amazing devotion and service that she and her family give to us and to our vast Commonwealth family of nations. Then, methinks, we who are in Guiding will reflect with love and laughter upon Rangers. For 1977 was indeed the year of the Queen but it was also the year of the Ranger. Ranger Guides let me add, have always been people of rare quality and happily their Diamond Jubilee brought this fact to sparkling realisation in the eyes of many to whom it had perhaps not been sufficiently obvious before. It all began with a great walk on February 6th — thousands of Rangers walked for 77 minutes on the day of the Queen's accession — to signify their loyalty to Her Majesty and their enthusiasm for active participation. They walked up hill and down dale, beside the sea, through woods and forests and they walked to parties, to Church Services, to commemorative ceremonies — they walked to give

cheer to old and young, sometimes carrying gifts (77 bags of buns were delivered in 77 minutes to Glasgow pensioners!) always carrying infectious good humour. They arranged themselves shiningly in the Public eye. Ranger Diamond Jubilee Service projects were started, mostly involved with conservation and preservation, but all with an underlying purpose, Ponds and Canals were cleared, huts and houses renovated, gardens dug, planted and cherished, playgrounds maintained and even a Humber Sloop restored to its former reliability for the use of young people.

An aerial view of the United Kingdom in July and August of 1977 would have revealed groups of multicoloured tents all over the country with little aquamarine ant people, to-ing and fro-ing (for aquamarine was the "in" colour that year). Approaching a little closer one saw Rangers taking part in a great host of activities. Pony trekking — water skiing — rock climbing — pot-holing — parascending — canoeing — sleeping in survival bags — sailing — cooking — Driving make-shift Roman chariots — to name but a few. More sedentary interests were indulged in too; music making, macrame, screen printing, pottery, jewellery making, fretwork and the fashioning of corn dollies.

At their meetings Rangers could be seen rehearsing for Revues, for dramatic presentations and indulging in a series of demanding, if amusing, challenges — the end of which produced an amazing variety of original and attractive wall-hangings.



The long march... Kent Ranger Guides gathered at the Long Bridge Leisure Centre, Canterbury to celebrate their own Diamond Jubilee and the Queen's Silver Jubilee, after a 77-minute walk — part of a nationwide walk.



Above, Rangers enjoyed their 'Celebration Camp' for the reopening of Glenbrook.

Left, Miss Sheila Armstrong, a member of CHO training staff, tried an unorthodox method of eating porridge in an event called 'Whacky Games' that same weekend.



Full of bounce... a Ranger undergoing trampoline instruction by an Army Youth team at a Ranger Jubilee camp in September last year.

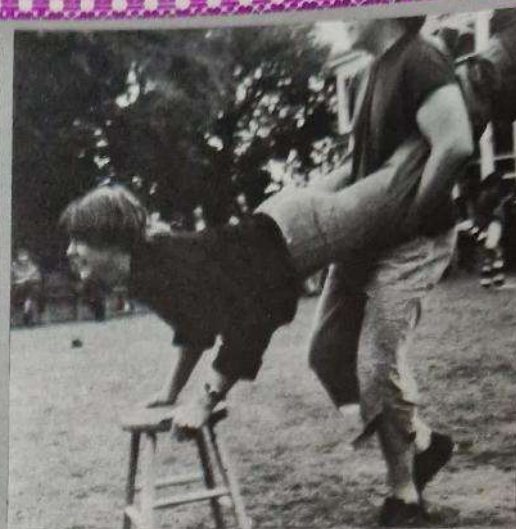
Part of their Ranger Challenge took the form of a genteel game of croquet on the vicarage lawn for the 1st Sharpness (St Andrews) Rangers and Ranger guests from Darsley and Wotton-Under-Edge.





Brian Duff

Holy Trinity and St Cuthberts Ranger Units, Burnley Division, decided to run for seventy seven minutes on Sunday, 6th February 1977 in a charity football match in aid of the NSPCC.



A four legged race (carrying stool!) proved quite a challenge to this Ranger and Venture Scout who took part in the 'Whacky games' at the reopening of Glenbrook last year.



Miss Simmonds

Left, Welsh Rangers were lucky enough to have the use of a boat for their Jubilee camp 'Diamwnt' at Broneirion.

Below, a Police Constable keeps an eye on the Ranger party lining the steps of St Paul's Cathedral, London prior to the Ranger Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Service there last October.



Sunday Telegraph

Then came October 29th — a never-to-be-forgotten day when all London seemed to be overflowing with Rangers, in becoming aquamarine again, highlighted by the late autumn sunshine. A unique occasion, when for the first time in history the two greatest Churches in the heart of the Commonwealth, St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, were filled by one organisation — and only one branch of it at that! Impeccable colour parties carrying embroidered standards and Unit flags, Union Flags and World Flags processed up the great aisles. Wonderful singing by Ranger choirs, beautiful readings by Rangers from all corners of the Kingdom, and once more a sea of aquamarine blue contributed to a lasting memory. And then thousands of smiling girls spilling out of the Abbey and Cathedral to enormous tea parties, with the Lord Mayors of London and Westminster, and in the City of London School for Girls — to perhaps the best tea of all supplied by the Trefoil Guilds of London and South East England.

A Chairman's eye view is perhaps more critical than most — and certainly self-critical for the things she should have done.



Edinburgh Evening News

Bringing in the firewood is this international group of Rangers (left to right) Bernadette Rawlings, Isle of Wight, Anne-Marie Delorey, Canada, Karen Jerome, Yorkshire, Synnove Forseth, Norway, Ellen Skullerud, Norway, Fiona Ward, Dublin, and Vicki Berry, Canada.

My reflections upon 1977 — my Ranging reflections on the many places I visited are all personal. I remember with happiness, visits to many camps and the friends I have made. I think of Susan from Stonehaven, Jenny from Wigtownshire; of April, Helen and Kate from Upminster, of Jane, Wendy and Joanne from Whitehead in Ulster, of Heather, Beth, Miriam and Jacqueline from Ballymena. Then of Catherine and Janet from Abingdon; of Barbara from Cleveland and Gail from the Isle of Man; Of Liz from Wells and another Liz from Radyr, of Julie from Blackpool and Judith from Cheshire now nursing in London. And all of those Rangers everywhere who welcomed me and let me share briefly in their activities. I remember with gratitude Rangers singing — perhaps most significantly, Sue Stevens 'Wandering Wind' — Glamorgan Rangers entertaining me for supper — a Scunthorpe Unit supplying lunch — Scottish Rangers showing me their 'Roman' camp site — Northern Ireland Rangers taking me round the Mountains of Mourne.

The Theme of the Cathedral Services was 'Hope for the Future' — it was very apt. If our Rangers and Young Leaders are, as indeed they are, the future, then the future is, I am convinced, full of hope for us all.

But it has to be a positive hope — a hope resulting in action. A Diamond Jubilee is analogous to the scaling of a summit. Now that this summit has been reached and the obvious achievement has become apparent to all — the great potential of our Ranger Guides shown to the world at large — it is up to us all to maintain the levels we have attained. The years ahead are unlikely to be easy for any of us, for our country, for Europe or for the world. Strength of character, moral courage and influence for real good are at a premium. All these qualities are inherent in Rangers of the United Kingdom. As you take your positions as leaders in the community, let us make sure they will stand it in good stead.

Mary Birkbeck



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The Carpenter

Agnes M Maynard, OBE 1877-1977

‘The Carpenter’ was a name given to Miss Maynard by the Founder because ‘she was always doing something, capably, with her hands’.)

Agnes Maynard and her four brothers were brought up to make their own amusements. On their country holidays they practised firelighting, stalking and observation of the wild life around them. They were Scouts before Scouting was invented.

In 1908, Agnes went to work in a children's home. She was distressed by the unhappiness of some of the children, the ‘difficult’ ones, and with only £100 to back her, she started a home of her own for them in a cottage in ideal surroundings. Money ran out and Agnes tried her hand at laundry and teaching German to make ends meet. Unfortunately they did not.

Something worried Agnes even more than her financial situation. The children were often apathetic and quarrelsome, destructive and unco-operative. She had constantly to organise some form of activity for them in spite of the fact that there were woods to explore, hills to climb and even a beautiful lake to bathe in. The atmosphere of trust and confidence she struggled hard to create was affected.

It was then that Agnes heard of ‘Scouting for Boys’ from an old Colonel who had seen for himself a miraculous change in the boys of his village once they had become Scouts. She read the book and wrote at once to the Founder, then Sir Robert. ‘May we have Scouts for Girls?’ Sir Robert agreed but added that he was sorry he was too busy to help them but that, if the idea came off, the girls had better be called Guides. What followed is described in Agnes’ own words:

‘We started in the same little cottage and the whole idea was different . . . I was their chosen leader because, after all, they didn’t have to come into it if they didn’t want to. I was wearing the same uniform. We had taken the same promise and it wasn’t a case of urging them and trying to make them stick at a job and do things. It was they who urged me. “When are you going to teach us to swim?” “May we make our fires this afternoon?”’

That was the beginning. Agnes had taken the first step towards becoming ‘The Carpenter’ by which name she is known to friends the world over. While all this was going on, an Australian uncle had offered her and her family a home in a house overlooking Wimbledon Common, a house that, as time passed, became on many occasions a training school for Guiders and a testing school for Trainers. Present day Trainers feel either relieved or disappointed (according to temperament) that they were not tested on Wimbledon Common lines.

From 1910 onward the scroll of honour has unrolled: Captain 1st Wimbledon Guides and later Wimbledon Division Commissioner; Head of London and SE Guiders’ Training School in Bryanston Square and frequently trainer at Our Chalet in Switzerland; holder of the Red Cord and Chief Guide Diplomas; Member of the first Guide International Council (with special responsibility for Switzerland because her eyes were gentian blue); District Commissioner for the famous Queen Mary’s Hospital for Children at Carshalton in Surrey; recipient of two Silver Fish; author of ‘Hiking and Light-weight Camping’, ‘The ABC of Guiding’ and of ‘Be Prepared’ (for many years our Guide handbook); doyenne of the Warren Beach Camp-site.

In 1957 came national recognition of her life’s work. The Carpenter went to Buckingham Palace to receive an OBE at the hands of a sister Guide — Her Majesty

the Queen. In 1960 she was made a Vice-President of the Association.

How can we best remember The Carpenter? She was a realist. Her geese were not swans. She recognised the weaknesses in the girls with whom she worked and studied to turn them into strengths. She trusted those who were untrustworthy. She encouraged the ambitious girl in her badge hunting. So close was she in her thinking to the Founder, who always acknowledged it, that had she been challenged, as he once was, by an earnest questioner who deprecated competition and badge hunting and asked if the girls should not work for the sake of working, her reply would probably have been this: ‘Well, you know, I wasn’t thinking of that sort of girl’.

The Carpenter understood the needs of a child and sought by all the means in her power to fulfil them through the medium of Guiding.

The Carpenter was inventive, ready to experiment with every possible form of handcraft and to engage in every type of imaginative activity. We are told in Mrs. Kerr’s ‘The Story of the Girl Guides’ that she designed a trek cart that looked rather like a large coffin and, in four minutes, could be turned into a chalet-type tent with two very comfortable bunks. Her Scouting games are still talked about. They did not always work out as either she or the players expected but, somehow, that was part of the fun. To work with The Carpenter was always fun.

The Carpenter was forward looking. She found it difficult to understand some of the more recent changes in the Guide programme but she was always eager to talk about them with those younger than herself and more in touch with current educational thinking. She never wavered, however, in her belief that in Scouting and Guiding we should be, to quote her own words, ‘out of doors doing child-like activities instead of filling our notebooks with psychological data’.

When The Carpenter received the OBE, the then Chief Commissioner, Dame Anstice Gibbs, wrote that she ‘sought to interpret the Founder’s own ideas about Scouting and Guiding and it does seem that she has done more than anyone else in this particular way’. To those of us who had the good fortune to know her and train with her, The Carpenter has always been and always will be outstanding.

Elizabeth Hartley

Miss A M Maynard on her hundredth birthday, showing the small rucksack she was given by West Surrey members of the Movement to the Matron and Sister of the nursing home at Hindhead, where she stayed.



Agnes Maynard Memorial Fund

Friends of Agnes Maynard (The Carpenter), may like to know it has been suggested that anyone wishing to mark appreciation of her contribution to Guiding is invited to send a contribution to the West Surrey Jubilee Camp Site Fund, c/o Midland Bank, Farnham, Surrey.

Amendments—Safety Rules for Joint Adventurous Activities— Boating and Canoeing

(Rules 59-64)

Rule 59 Delete first paragraph

Substitute:

"Guides/Scouts taking part in any boating activity must be able to demonstrate to a suitable person (eg Guider/Scouter) their ability to swim 50 metres in ordinary clothes, and keep afloat for 5 minutes. This clause may be relaxed at the discretion of the Guider/Scouter in charge when:..."

Rule 60 Delete: "his/her" (second line)
Substitute: "their"

Delete: "providing" (third line)
Substitute: "provided"

Third line: delete: "concerned ... to ... end of paragraph, substitute: "concerned is:

(i) wearing a lifejacket; (except when below decks or protected in larger vessels); and

(ii) in the charge of an adult; and

(iii) the only non-swimmer in the boat."

Last line: delete: "District Commissioner/Adviser"

Substitute: "Commissioner or Adviser."

Rule 62 Delete sentence

Substitute:

Knee or thigh boots, other than those designed specifically for boating, must not be worn in boats.

Rule 63 Delete (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)

Substitute:

(i) Lifejackets approved by the Department of the Environment or the British Standards Institute; buoyancy aids approved by the Ship and Boat Builders' National Federation must be provided for all Guides/Scouts in a crew, in accordance with the Chart (see facing page).

Note: If in any doubt, about the definition of craft, the Guider/Scouter should consult the appropriate Commissioner or Adviser.

(ii) a) Lifejackets are to be worn in all boats, in low visibility, rough weather or broken water;

Note: This rule may be relaxed at the discretion of the Guider/Scouter when canoe surfing, provided that an approved buoyancy aid is worn in place of a lifejacket;

b) lifejackets are to be worn at all times by crews of rescue boats which are relatively high-speed boats, to go to assist when required;

Note: This rule does not apply to safety boats which are displacement vessels, suitable for general escort duties;

c) where a buoyancy aid is specified, a lifejacket may be substituted;

d) the person in charge of all activities may at any time insist on stricter requirements than listed;

e) the wearing of lifejackets and buoyancy aids may be relaxed at the discretion of a Scouter holding an Instructor Charge Certificate for Class B2, B3 and A waters, or a Guider holding a Canoe Charge Permit (Sections 2 or 3) for activities in waters for which his or her qualifications are valid; (eg canoe surfing, when racing under British Canoe Union/Scottish Canoe Association rules; at canoe events where there are sufficient rescue facilities in the near vicinity)

(iii) Crash helmets and spray covers are to be worn by canoeists in white water, or in coastal surf.

(iv) In fully-decked craft, safety harnesses must be worn by all those on deck at night, but lifejackets need to be worn only when ordered by the person in charge of the craft.

Rule 64 Fifth line: Delete: "competent"
Substitute: "qualified".

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Lifejacket and Buoyancy Aid Chart

Girl Guide Classification	Non-classified	1	2a	2b	3	4	Non-swimmers
Scout Classification	C	B1	B2 (non-tidal)	B2 (tidal)	B3	A	Non-swimmers
Rowing	Not required			Lifejackets to be worn			Rule 60 applies
Pulling	Not required			Lifejackets to be carried	Lifejackets to be worn		
Sailing (Day boat)	Buoyancy aids to be worn			Lifejackets to be worn			
Sailing (Cruisers)	Lifejackets to be carried						
Canoes	Buoyancy aids to be worn			Lifejackets to be worn			
Powerboats (Cruising)	Buoyancy aids to be carried sufficient for a working crew			Lifejackets to be carried			
Powerboats (open displacement)	Lifejackets to be worn						
Powerboats (open displacement)	Not required			Lifejackets to be carried		Lifejackets to be worn	
Tender to another vessel	At the discretion of the parent vessel						

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The National Union of Ranger Campers (NURC) Summer Camp, 1977

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Claire Austin — Chipmunk
Celia Ruiz — Woodpecker
Frances Mayers

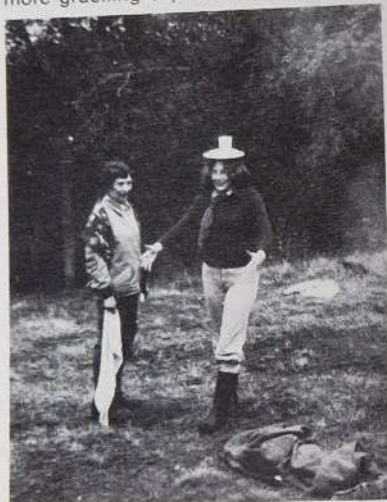
KORGis — Okapi
Caroline Kay — Chinchilla
Morag Ogg — Koala
Anita Ruiz — Stork
Druscilla Green

Once aboard, it was very windy and we could see several lighthouses. The sweeping light of one in particular hypnotized Caroline and she had to be dragged down below in order to disembark!

Lakeside Laughter Angers the Neighbours

Anita, Anne, Caroline, Frances and Morag made the mistake of coming to camp without camp names. At the time of the evening campfire, a few wavering songs were sung. Then the five were sent away, to be summoned one by one by a blast on the whistle.

Each victim was subjected to a couple more gruelling experiences before they

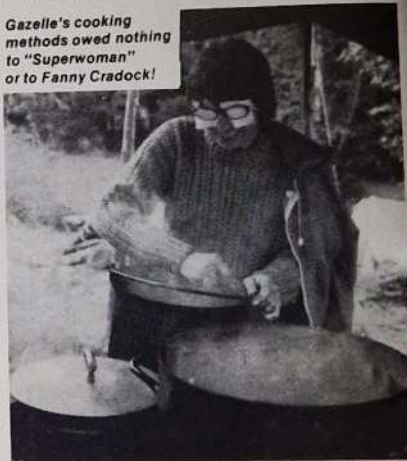


Interviewing the Inhabitants

Cuisine Sauvage

When looking for our own food, we saw a suspicious orange bucket up the flagpole, but did not know whether it contained our food or that of another group, so we ignored it. Our instructions were a series of compass bearings leading us round in circles. We were none of us particularly competent in compass work and this became apparent when we arrived at a certain fir tree and were supposed to see a path leading to a 'loo-rolled tree'. At first we could not find the path; then we could not find the tree. Eventually we gave up with the compass and inspected each tree in the area for any traces of the loo-roll, and so the tree was found. The last few bearings led us to our 'clue' back under the fir tree in the middle of the site. The clue? Rule Britannia! Yes, our food was in the orange bucket up the flagpole.

Gazelle's cooking methods owed nothing to "Superwoman" or to Fanny Cradock!



After the last remains of chocolate banana were licked off the tinfoil, water was boiled on our fire, for coffee or tea and we settled down in the drizzle to toast bread over our fires.

The last night of camp came all too soon ... it was pouring with rain and most of us were a little sad that camp was ending, so we celebrated with a 'banquet' at a real table with all of us on our best(?) behaviour to prepare us for our 're-entry' into society. The food was prepared on the fire up at camp then taken down to the little chalet to be eaten. We were wet and cold but we soon warmed up after a fire had been lit.

Report: North Oxford Ranger Unit



The Ranger campers, above. Back row, left to right: Woodpecker, Hamster, Rabbit, Chipmunk, Gazelle, Swazzi, Stark. Front row: Churchill, Okapi, Koala.

The NURC sitting around a triangular table writing the 'newspaper', extracts from which are published left; (everyone contributed)



Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Papua New Guinea

A group of four Rangers and myself represented the United Kingdom at the Golden Jubilee Camp held in Papua New Guinea in August.

It was arranged that we should spend a week in Brisbane, Queensland, and a week in Papua New Guinea before the ten day camp. To complete the tour there were to be three days in Port Moresby and a day back in Brisbane before returning home.

The flight to Australia began eventfully as our Jumbo Jet lost part of its undercarriage on take off. We had to make an emergency landing back at Heathrow, after spending 3½ hours circling the Channel to use fuel. Our second attempt at take-off was successful and we flew via Bahrain, Bombay, Singapore and Perth to Brisbane, where we were met by our hostess families.

My itinerary included tours of Brisbane, a Ranger meeting, a Guide District Garden Party, surfing at Surfers Paradise Beach, a trip to New South Wales, a

visit to Queensland Guide Headquarters and a visit to Parliament House where we met the Premier of Queensland, Mr Bjelke-Pedersen, and had morning coffee with the Speaker of the House in the Council Chamber.

The day we left Brisbane for Port Moresby I still did not know our destination in Papua New Guinea. Guides from Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the UK virtually took over the Qantas flight to Port Moresby and the crew were as amazed as we were at our welcome. The Army band, playing bagpipes, were lined up as guard of honour. After being introduced to various Guide Commissioners we were met by the Guides of Papua who had made garlands of flowers which they put over our heads. It was here at the airport that I was given the flight tickets to Wau, and told that the plane would leave in thirty minutes. Two hours later we took off in a tiny eight seater aeroplane, with three of the New Zealand group.

We arrived at a small village in the Eastern Highlands after a hair-raising descent over the jungle. We were met by the District Commissioner, Alicia Thompson, and some of the local Guides, and were introduced to our hostess families who would look after us for the next week. I stayed with Alicia who, with her husband, owned a Coffee Plantation.

I had a most fascinating week. Papua New Guinea has few roads, and none in Wau are tarmac'd, so to go anywhere we sat in the back of an open truck bumping along muddy tracks.

I was taken around the Coffee Plantation and then shown Wau. The local market was full of strange looking fruits and vegetables. The Papua New Guinea Ecology Institute is situated in Wau, and here were many live and preserved species of insect, snake, butterfly, moth, animal and bird. I enjoyed an entertaining evening at a local school for the children of missionaries, and later returned for a barbecue evening. Visiting a gold mine and wading knee deep through muddy gold fields, I finished up holding a £25,000 bar of gold. One of the highlights must be the morning we trudged through the jungle looking very David Attenborough-ish in search of the Birds of Paradise, and the excitement at seeing one high in the trees.

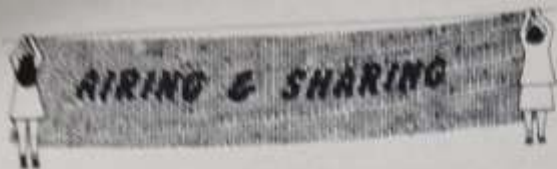
The local Guides were always in evidence and, after initially being very shy, they were as eager to learn from us as we were from them — however their Gay Gordons left much to be desired, as did our tribal dancing! We attended their Golden Jubilee Party where the Brownies, Guides and Scouts entertained. Here we met many of the parents and Guiders, most of whom were Papuans.

The whole life style of Papua New Guinea is so different that I was glad we were able to experience it before going to the camp.

To my horror when I arrived I discovered that not only was I the United Kingdom contingent leader but also the QM for my sub-camp. This involved cooking three meals a day on an open fire with only two dixies — until other equipment arrived mid-way through the camp. The basic problem was that I did not even recognise the food, let alone know how to cook it!

The camp was exhausting, mentally and physically. I was involved in all contingent events and also wanted to take part in everything. We had our problems including frogs in the loo; lizards in the stores; snakes amongst the wood; to say nothing of the heat, — but it was wonderful to be able to make new friends, learn a new way of life with new crafts, learn songs and dances, eat different foods, learn a new language, practise new skills. The days never seemed long enough, even though we rose at 5.30 am and were never in bed until after 11 pm. I have many memories of the camp

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types in which to collect our pennies towards the World Association funds.

Brownies enjoy making their contribution in this way and it is something which helps them to remember Thinking Day.

At our District Thinking Day Service our pennies (by this time in a plastic bag) are placed in yet another candle bearing the number of our Unit. One candle is provided for each Unit within the District. During the Service these are placed by a representative of each Unit on a specially-made cardboard cake.

Perhaps some of these ideas may be of use to you?

(Mrs) Mary Elliott,
Brownie Guider,
101st Huddersfield,
(St Francis).

Patrol Camping

The emphasis for camping these days appears to be on Patrol camping as opposed to Company camping, and after interesting discussions with people who have Patrol

camped and even visiting a Company which was Patrol camping, I am still not convinced that it has any more to offer than a Company camp.

In fact I have my doubts that it is good for the welfare of the girls, at least in a Company camp you know they have had a good meal if you have eaten it all together. I know the argument is that it is more like cooking for the family when they cook in smaller quantities and that Guides work better if they are doing the work for themselves. But surely most schools teach cooking for the family in Domestic Science, besides it is more fun cooking for 36, and in well organised camps QM does not do it all. I am sure there is a greater feeling of fellowship in the Company when the whole camp pulls together, and giving yourself for others is an important lesson to learn and one which Guiding can teach.

I could go on listing the pros and cons of this controversial subject, but I do feel very strongly that it should be left to the unit to decide what

to do, and that it should not be considered the 'thing' to do at the expense of the girls.

I would be interested to hear what other people think about this.

Mrs Lynette Field,
North Harrow

Badge Testing

On the subject of Badge testing, I have been thinking about a statement made on page 403 of September's *GUIDER*, which says that Badge Testers (should) understand that for an interest Badge the standard required is that set by the individual taking the badge — which means knowing that individual and her capabilities.

In many Districts we appoint an official panel of testers who sometimes live far from the Guides' locality and are usually strangers if they do live in the locality. They certainly have very little opportunity of knowing a Guide and her capabilities before the Badge Test.

Guiders give written permission for the Guide to be tested for the Badge and in so doing, in effect say that the Guide has the knowledge and skills required to take and pass the test. If carried to its logical conclusions, the result of this is that the Tester automatically passes

the Guide, acting more or less as a 'rubber stamp'.

I would like to suggest that Unit Guiders be given more freedom to find Testers who know the Guides concerned and who are more aware of their capabilities. I know some Guiders will murmur the old battle cry 'We must maintain our standards', but there is no standard save that set by the Guide herself, which means in any Company there will be as many standards as there are Guides.

We are constantly told that the most important badges our Guides receive are their 8 point Badges, yet it is the Guide's own Guider with the help of the Patrol Leaders' Council who is allowed to decide whether the Guide has attained a satisfactory standard within her capabilities to merit her receiving it.

Renée M McDonough,
Guider Guider,
6th Wimbledon Coy,
Greater London West

Help!

Please can anyone help with information on making own lightweight tents for Rangers, patterns, materials used and how they stood up to use.

Mrs J Medus,
Oaklands, Park Lane,
Aldershot,
Fordingbridge,
Hants.

Mainly for Rangers

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which I shall never forget — the camp fires, swimming amongst the coral, singing on the buses, the visit to a coastal village where we ate pig cooked in banana leaves on the sand, sports day, laughing faces.

Too soon the camp was over and everyone left to return home. Thankfully we were given three extra days in Port Moresby, which I spent mainly in sleep. We had problems with the visas re-entering Australia, but we finally overcame them and were met by the families we had lived with an age ago. They were longing to hear of our experiences. The next day we left for England and, travelling via Sydney, Hong Kong, Calcutta and Muscat, we arrived back in London. I felt as if I had been away for months as so much had happened to me. It was hectic and tiring, but a tremendous experience, and I am very grateful for the encouragement given to me by so many people beforehand.

Suzanne Bishop
Avon South Girl Guides.

A Flowery Gesture

As part of the Ranger Jubilee Year activities we approached our local council as to their willingness to lay out a civic flowerbed in the shape of the Jubilee Badge. We were encouraged in this by the knowledge that this had been done in 1970 and again for the Brownie Diamond Jubilee Year in 1974. The council agreed and, although we were disappointed that they did not

attempt to plant flowers in the correct colours (we think due to a fear that there might be a recurrence of the drought of 1976), we were pleased to be able to have photographs taken, and the event recorded in the local press.

Margaret Rickards,
Guider, 1st Colwyn Bay Ranger
Guide Unit, Clwyd.



Solve the clues and write the answers in the numbered grid to the right. Transfer the clues to the corresponding numbered squares in the grid below. When this is complete you will have a quotation taken from a book, the title and author of which will be found in the initial letters of the answers to the clues.

- A. For sore eyes? (5)
 B. Used to engage gears. (8)
 C. Are couth. (Anagram) (8)
 D. Heavenly? (9)
 E. These are turned to get revenge. (3, 6)
 F. A copy (9)
 G. To count off. (6)
 H. Hamlet's father? (5)
 I. A ball game. (5)
 J. It seems he needs sand. (7)
 K. To boil again. (6)
 L. '----- is the ring of words,' R L Stevenson. (6)
 M. A rare, protected bird in Britain. (6)
 N. A state of mind, some say. (5)
 O. April weather. (7)
 P. French vegetable. (6)
 Q. Found in the room itself. (4)
 R. Look again at the entertainment. (6)
 S. Seek him in ground warfare. (5)
 T. --- as it may. (2, 4)
 U. Played for or scattered or buried. (5)
 V. Chesterton's 'tattered outlaw'. (6)
 W. If it's white it's useless. (8)
 X. Non-existent trifle. (7)
 Y. If you bury the machinery does it grow? (5)
 Z. Serpentine marble. (6)
 a. A comic about a bone. (7)
 b. An ancient civilisation. (8)
 c. The Romans had it at home but not in the theatre. (6)
 d. To set fire to a wanton? (5)

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Brenda Hughes

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BOOK/RECORD REVIEWS

Highlights From The Last Night Of The Proms, 1974. BBC Records REH 290 Stereo. Price £2.35.

The 'Last Night', 1974 conducted by Sir Charles Groves with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Singers and Norma Proctor, marked the 80th Season of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts. The atmosphere of this unique British occasion has been faithfully captured by the BBC and the record includes Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music*, *Rule Britannia* (specially arranged by Sir Malcolm Sargent for contralto, choir and orchestra), *Jerusalem*, *Ballet Music from The Perfect Fool* and Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance No 1* (Land of Hope and Glory). The record ends with extracts from the closing speech of Sir Charles

Groves '...the greatest music festival in the world is at an end...'

The Promenade Concerts are now an institution and The Royal Albert Hall shook with the exuberance of 8,000 voices in 1974 as it will surely continue to shake on each and every occasion for many years to come. Let's hope that this 'greatest music festival in the world' never ends. **AMM**

New World Cookery Book, W Foulsham & Co Ltd, £4.50.

This is a unique cookery book in that until now it was only available to gas cooker customers. It was first published in 1927 and over three million housewives have used it over the years. Every one of the recipes in the book has been cooked under home conditions to ensure that they really work. Its step-by-step

approach tells how to boil an egg right through to preparing whole dinner menus. There are full-colour illustrations and this new edition has been brought right up to date with both Metric and Imperial measurements, and cooking times for natural gas, manufactured or bottled gas or electricity are included. **OMC**

Clothes Without Patterns, by Fay Morgan, Mills & Boon, £4.95. We are now free in the way we choose to dress today and clothes are now considered with regard to how practical they are for our work and our leisure activities. This is a book that will not only help to save on the cost of commercial paper patterns, but the layouts suggested make a most economical use of fabric. There are easy diagrams and detailed instructions for making coats, ponchos, smocks, tunics and many other simple basic garments. If you have longed to break away from the mass produced clothes, and find a style that is really your own, then this is the book for you. **OMC**

Fun With Fossils, by William Cartner, Kaye & Ward, £2.25. The excellent photographs, clear diagrams and concise text of this book, do indeed encourage the reader to enjoy Palaeontology (the study of fossils). There are sections on fossil recognition, preparations for fieldwork, mounting specimens, and understanding classification,

as well as topical pages about oil and micro-fossils. The reader's own discoveries and records are considered of prime importance, so buying this book might well prove to be the start of a fascinating out-door hobby. **RMH**

The Dustbin Raider's Model Book, by David and Ann Norris, Angus and Robertson, price £3.50.

If you are a natural hoarder this is definitely the book for you as the models are all made from cartons, tops and tubes etc. Interesting facts and pictures of fair-grounds, watermills, narrow-boats and houses, are followed by clear instructions for making first a simple, then a harder, model connected with each subject. It is sad that one model is decorated with 'live matches', but in other respects this book has much to offer any Guide who enjoys creating inexpensive toys for others. **RMH**

Songs of London Town, by Eleanor Farjeon, music by Mervyn Burtch, Robertson Publications, £1.

Songs of London Town consists of eleven unison songs for Children's voices. The writing is contemporary and lively, the accompaniment economical and apt. These songs stand well on their own, or would make an excellent basis for a pageant on London. A very attractive work and a good buy for a Guide or Brownie entertainment. **SS**

Our Chalet

YHA Travel, the Travel Department of the Youth Hostels Association (England & Wales), is pleased to announce that special low-cost travel (air or rail) and accommodation arrangements can now be offered enabling members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to visit 'Our Chalet' at Adelboden, either individually or in groups. These arrangements have been made with the co-operation and full approval of Commonwealth Headquarters in London and the Guider-in-Charge at Adelboden. Write or phone for our Adelboden leaflet.



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Music in Pictures, the National Gallery's first record. £3.50 from record shops and stores, or £4 including postage from the National Gallery London.

As so often happens, when this brilliant idea was announced one's first reaction was to wonder why nobody had ever thought of it before. Steve Race, the well-known musician and broadcaster, has made a selection of eleven paintings in the National Gallery's collection, all of which have strong musical connotations, and by careful research, in collaboration with Peter Holman, pieces of music have been selected which perfectly match the mood and period of the pictures. Beginning with Piero della Francesca's *Nativity* (circa 1439), the pictures span more than 400 years of art, ending with Degas' *Ballet Dancers* painted towards the end of the 19th century. Enormous care has been taken to find music which might have been the

actual piece played by the musicians in the paintings; for instance, to accompany Carmentelle's portrait of *Mozart with his Father and Sister*, it would have been obvious to choose one of Mozart's own early compositions. However, this painting depicts Mozart (aged 6) playing the piano accompaniment while his sister sings, and Mozart, although he

had composed a great deal by the age of 6, had written no choral music. The work was painted in Paris, and the music selected for this painting is from an opera by Rousseau, which was being performed in Paris at the time.

The record is supplied in the most beautiful double sleeve, bearing superb colour reproductions of all the paintings selected and described on the record, which has a commentary by Steve Race throughout. Better still, there is a set of slides in course of preparation which should be available by the time this review appears in print, and designed especially to be shown with the record.

It is difficult to imagine a more perfect introduction to art and music, spanning so many styles and eras, in the form of such an enthralling audio-visual presentation. For further information on the record and slides write to the **National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DN — or telephone 01-839 3321.**



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COMING EVENTS

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'Training for Co-educational Activities' A SAGGA workshop on Feb. 25/26 at Glenbrook. Sae for details: L Lesley, 70B Yew Tree Road, Liverpool 9.

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Exhibitions Guides and Dolls

Down through the ages, toys have always featured in the lives of children, and it is interesting to know that many of the designs of toys that were around in Egyptian, Greek and Roman days have survived in much the same form today. Most of the very early examples were found in ancient burial chambers, mounds and ruins by archaeologists excavating the sites.

After 1500, paintings, trade accounts, legends and songs started to take precedence over ancient writings in the part they played in recording games and play activities.

If the idea of taking a trip back into the past and experiencing the fascination of

ancient toys appeals to you, why not go along to the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, which houses one of the most important collections of historic toys, dolls and doll's houses in the country?

The museum, which is a branch of the Victoria and Albert Museum, has recently opened a new gallery which holds a remarkable collection of dolls, showing how they have developed from the mid eighteenth century to the present day. The dolls are categorised in the order of the materials that were used to make their heads. From this display, you can see how the social and industrial background of this country has affected the dolls' evolution.

The earliest doll's house on show in the museum dates back to 1673 and was made in Nuremberg. The most recent one is a typical twentieth century house. The history of interior decoration can be seen in miniature form, as each doll's house is perfect in every detail.

Indoor games and educational toys from the last 200 years can be seen in the toy section and for those who love model theatres and puppets a whole gallery has been devoted to them. You can also see an eighteenth century Venetian marionette theatre and a traditional Punch and Judy stand.

If you take your Brownies' or Guides along to the museum, you'll find that not only will you learn a lot about the past, but all of you will have tremendous fun at the same time.

Bethnal Green museum of Childhood is open from 10.00 am-6.00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and from 2.30 pm-6.00 pm on Sundays (closed Fridays). Admission is free.

KMR

Exploring Science

A fascinating and long running exhibition opened at the Science Museum, South Kensington on December 16th last year. Entitled 'Exploration', it is most likely to interest adult and teenage visitors, for it is highly technical in parts, although even the least scientifically minded person will find much of interest in the exhibition. I spent nearly two hours looking round, and particularly enjoyed the section explaining the fascinating technique of ultra sound; one use to which ultra sound is put is in monitoring the progress of a foetus in the womb from the time the foetus is eleven weeks old.

You will be able to see yourself in the form of a 'heat picture' on a television screen, with the variations in your body heat indicated by different colours; very hot hands, for instance, will appear a pale yellow colour on the screen; a warm neck may appear red; blue indicates that the temperature of the item picked up on the screen is only a couple of degrees above room temperature.



A large section is devoted to space exploration, and you can see film of the terrible and costly misadventures which occurred when space exploration was in its infancy, as well as film of astronauts demonstrating the effects of weightlessness, and of the ungainly and rather comical-looking vehicles they use to get about on the moon surface.

There's lots more, too, in this large exhibition which is planned to run for about three years.

LMH

Sickert

The Glasgow City Art Gallery is presenting an exhibition of the work of W R Sickert from February 11th-March 27th. Over sixty paintings and some sixty-two drawings and prints are on view, from the early paintings of Dieppe and the



Sickert's study for Ennui, drawn around 1914.

London music halls, through the scenes and portraits of Venice, to the Camden Town interiors and later pictures like the portraits of Churchill and Hugh Walpole. The Gallery is open Mon-Sat 10 am-5pm, Sundays 2pm-5pm, and admission is free.

The Exhibition then moves to Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery where it will be displayed from April 8th-May 21st.

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Dolly Mixture: one of the large collection of dolls on display at Bethnal Green Museum.

What's On Continued

Smoking Pipes of the North American Indian

This fascinating exhibition is currently running at the Museum of Mankind in Burlington Gardens, London, W1, until September 3rd this year. If you thought that all pipes looked alike, then be prepared for a shock, because some of the inventive and ingenious ideas that the



Northwest Coast pipe bowl in the form of a beaver.

North American Indians came up with in designing their pipes were quite staggering. There are exquisite stone pipes in the form of humans and animals, pipes and the shape of boats and tomahawks, and calumets, which are long wooden pipes with small stone bowls.

There are over 100 exhibits on display, and admission is free.

TWH

Scouts and Stamps

The Scout Stamps Collectors Club will be holding an exhibition of Scout and Guide stamps in the Library of Baden-Powell House on Saturday 18th February 1978 from 11 am to 5 pm. Twenty-four frames of Scout and Guide stamps and covers will be on show, and there will also be a sales counter with a variety of philatelic material available.



Pictures to Music

The National Gallery has started a scheme called 'Pictures to Music'. This is a series of audio-visual presentations which attempt to match the mood of pictures and music. Each presentation lasts for 25 minutes, and is a twin-screen programme (two slides are shown at the same time) with a sound track. It will be

shown at the Gallery several days a month in the Moving Picture Room, a small cinema situated near the Orange Street Entrance.

Concert

Shadows of the Past

Cliff Richard and the Shadows are back together again for two weeks at the London Palladium from February 27th. It's the first time that they have performed together — outside one charity

performance three years ago — for ten years. All the old numbers — 'Livin' on a Prayer', 'The Young Ones', 'Move it' etc. will be included in a show which marks the twentieth anniversary in showbusiness of Cliff and Shadows Bruce Welch and Hank Marvin.

The show begins at 7.30 pm on opening night, then at 8 pm nightly, with two shows on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6.15 pm and 8.45 pm. Seat prices are £2.50 to £6.00.



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