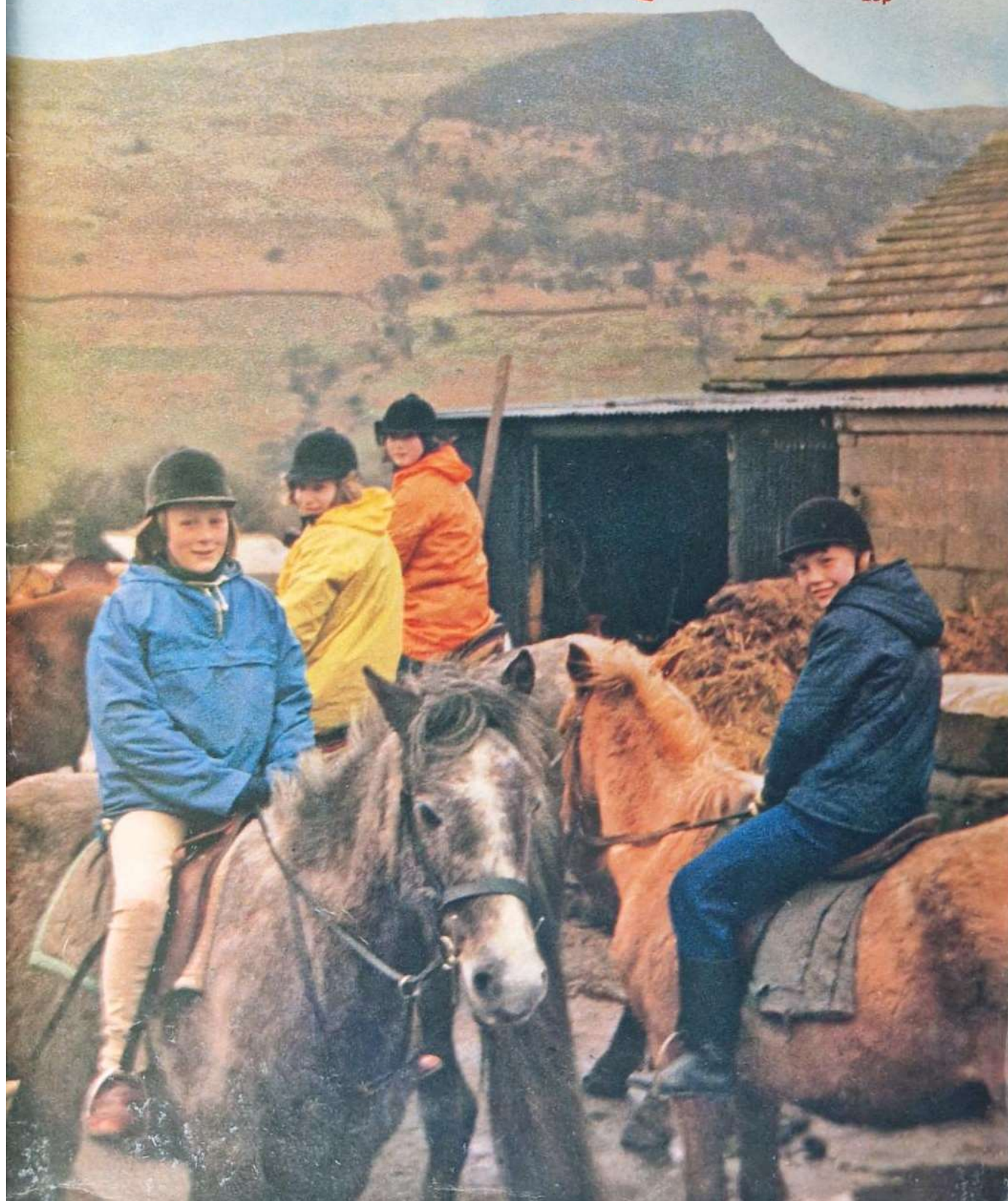


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"It all seemed so impossible"

There we were at the back end of last year planning this years programme for the Company. "We can only afford a weeks local camp this year" were the despondent words of our Guider, "and even then we shall have to find more of our own money than usual."

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Glenbrook

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Cover

Guides from the 1st Pittsford and Clipston Coys prepare to set off on a Pony Trekking expedition during their stay at Glenbrook. Photograph by Susan Birtwistle. We are grateful to Webb Ivory for sponsoring this month's cover.

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GUIDING ROUNDAABOUT



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Mrs G. Warwick-Haller (above left), County Commissioner for Hampshire West, presents Miss L. Spencer (left), Brownie Guider 6th Sholing Pack, and Miss Ann Lawrence, Brownie Guider, 1st Sholing Pack, with the Hampshire Rose Brooch on their retirement. The 1st East Barnet Guides and Brownies (above) commemorated their Diamond Jubilee in style with a celebration tea at which the present Guide and Brownie Guiders were honorary cake-cutters, helped by the youngest Brownie and oldest Guide. Monkseaton North Brownies (left) had fun in the Whitley Bay 'Guiderama' last year. Colour Parties are seen (below) with the South West Region Standard and the Division Standard for Sarum at the Wiltshire South County AGM last year.



M. H. H. H.



John Carter

These three rats look like coming to a sticky end in the panto 'Dick Whittington' produced by over 170 Rangers, Guides and Brownies from the Llandudno area (below left). The North West Ranger Diamond Jubilee service was held in Liverpool Cathedral last December. Pictured (below right) with the 'St George' Flag are Mrs O. Ashmore, Chief Commissioner for North West England, Mrs J. McCloud, North West Ranger Adviser, and two Guides who acted as escorts.



Norrie Waters Weekly News



Joan Davies



Evening News, Edinburg

S. Frensholt



Guides and Brownies of the Bristol North West 5 District (above) add tablespoons of soil to a Silver Maple Tree planted in honour of the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

The girls of the 6th Pericuk Coy come to grips with an army assault course at Glencorse Barracks (above). It was the result of a wish week, and the assault course was what they wanted. Well, it takes 'assaults' to make a world! Two Brownies (below) representing the Brownies and Guides of Brook Green, London, look at some of the £55 worth of reference books donated to Hammersmith Children's Library by Brook Green Division.



Leeds Wingerby



John L. Hughes

'Wood' you believe it? Pat Taylor, the Ranger Guider with S.A.D. Ravens Joint Unit, is presented with an enormous Scout Wood badge (left) by Geoff Rawson, Assistant County Commissioner Venture Scouts, Manchester East, after attending a basic Training Course for Ranger Guiders and Venture Scouters. Bath SW and North Districts held a Thinking Day party (below left) for 200 Rangers, Guides and Brownies. Mrs Beryl Shepherdson, the retiring Lees District Commissioner, was lured to St Barnabas Parish Hall, Clarksfield, in the expectation of judging an art competition. Once there she found herself the centre of a retirement party (below right), and was presented with a water colour as a farewell gift. Pictured left to right are Mrs Shepherdson, Mrs Joyce Pearson, her successor, and Mrs Eileen Batley, the Lees District's longest serving Brownie Guider.



Bath Evening Chronicle



Gloucester Evening Chronicle

Snowscene

From The Scotsman of April 15th comes this story of a novel experience for the Brownies from the 1st Wick Pack, when they found themselves cut off by snow from the outside world while on Pack Holiday this Spring.

They fared so well, and kept so cheerful, that when the story was broadcast on the radio, listeners were advised not to venture out, 'unless, of course, you are a Wick Brownie!'

DEEP IN THE FOREST

Something stirred. It was the 1st Wick Pack of Brownies, all 17 of them, and their leaders. The forest was Rumster in Caithness, in the heart of which is an outdoor centre. To this centre the glorious 1st had made its way, on Thursday, April 6, to carry out a six-day exercise. Last weekend snow began to fall on the county and on Sunday a police rescue force in a Land-Rover fought its way through to the beleaguered Brownies. The Mounties may always catch their man in the icy wastes of the Canadian north, but the resolute and intrepid policemen from Wick failed to catch their Brownies. When they made contact with the 1st Wick Pack, the 17 Brownies refused point blank to accept a police escort out of the forest. They were having a marvellous time and they intended to see out their six-day exercise to the last minute.

There is no indication that the Wick police were met with a barrage of snowballs and were driven out of the forest by mobile Brownie columns. Brownie tactics are far too subtle to tolerate rough stuff. Wily creatures of the forest that they are, the Wick Brownies undoubtedly proved that they merit the badges for wood lore, snow craft, and forest management, adorning their uniforms. One can imagine them stealthily and silently stealing from tree to tree, skilfully simulating the footprints of lambs or small deer, and occasionally chirruping or croaking like some forest animal, until the Robin Patrol and the Beaver Patrol had converged to surround the rescue force.

What a tale those 17 magnificent Brownies must have had to tell when, having completed their six-day exercise, they returned to their homes in Wick. It is a tale to stir the imagination and to raise spirits everywhere. Even the setting, Rumster forest, is endowed with romantic improbability in a county commonly regarded as bare and treeless. But Rumster forest undoubtedly exists, a few miles to the northwest of Lybster, and rises to a height of 589 feet. Caithness is, or was, a nursery for bards. There is possibly a bard, or at least, a potential bard, of Rumster, and one must trust that already he, or she, is transmuting into imperishable verse the story of the 17 invincible Brownies of Wick and their unanimous refusal to be rescued by the Wick police from a snowy plight which they found so superbly delectable. Fifty, sixty, seventy years from now in many a Caithness home imploring little voices will be heard uttering the words, "please tell us, grannie, what it was like when you were one of the 17 Brownies trapped in the snow at Rumster forest".

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The Meaning Of LOYALTY

by
Audrey Bickersteth
Chief Commissioner, Anglia

This is the first in a series on the Guide Law, contributed by countries and regions of the United Kingdom.

'A GUIDE is loyal.' No, I haven't forgotten the rest, but our first Guide Law embodies two such important concepts that there will be an article on the second half next month.

A dictionary definition of loyal is: 'True, faithful to duty, love, or obligation; faithful in allegiance to sovereign or country.' A loyal person will be trustworthy, indeed her code of behaviour will include the whole Promise, but this is not obvious to a Guide, who needs to consider each law separately, before gradually discovering their interaction.

Guides learn that they should be loyal to God. Serving the Queen means loyalty to her and to our country, and then there are parents, teachers, those over them, also their friends, and those under them, perhaps younger members of the family or Patrol.

In past decades most children found the idea of loyalty fairly simple, and only realised its complications as they grew up, because, when young, they were secure in the belief that all the adults in their sphere had the same standards. If a teacher said that something was wrong, it was fairly certain that a child's parents, Guider, Vicar, Minister, or anyone else responsible for them would agree.

Now it is not unheard of for a parent to attack a teacher who has punished or even reprimanded a child. A parent or a teacher may be unduly permissive and may have little or no religious faith. Conflicting loyalties have always been a problem for the Ranger or Guider, but now they are likely to concern girls of a younger age group.

How can we help the Brownies, Guides and Rangers of today to understand and practise loyalty?

Although the word is not in the Brownie Guide law, it is implicit in the Promise, and if duty to God is central to our Programme, lesser loyalties are likely to be seen in proportion and fall into place.

The Patrol system can be a training in loyalty, through the wise choosing of leaders, supporting them, and standing by a majority decision, whether made in a Pow-Wow ring, a Patrol in Council or a Ranger Committee.

A leader may feel that someone who disagrees with her is disloyal. It should be explained that this is not so, but that it is disloyal to criticise her behind her back, or to opt out of the collective responsibility for a decision made by the group.

The Eight Point Programme is full of

THE GUIDE LAW



1. A Guide is loyal and can be trusted.
2. A Guide is helpful.
3. A Guide is polite and considerate.
4. A Guide is friendly and a sister to all Guides.
5. A Guide is kind to animals and respects all living things.
6. A Guide is obedient.
7. A Guide has courage and is cheerful in all difficulties.
8. A Guide makes good use of her time.
9. A Guide takes care of her own possessions and those of other people.
10. A Guide is self-controlled in all she thinks, says, and does.

opportunities for the practice of loyalty. Enjoyment of the out-of-doors leads to praise of God for the wonders of his creation. Keeping fit, training the mind, and character development are means of preparing for whatever tasks life may bring. Creative ability, homecraft skills and readiness to help others can all be used for the glory of God, while relationships with people are what loyalty is all about.

Faithfulness to duty and to obligation can be shown by attending a meeting, or making a promised visit, when an attractive invitation or a favourite TV programme offers a tempting alternative.

Guides' ideas on the laws are enlightening, as their interpretation may

bathing caps?

As a young Guider I owed much to the loyalty of a Patrol Leader who had held a village Company together for nearly a year without a Guider. The Commissioner invited them to tea once a month and read them a story, but that was all! The Patrol Leader had been urged by her family and friends to join an excellent Company at her grammar school, but had refused because the others would have left if she had.

Sometimes we lack faith in the girls. Last year when talking to a Guider responsible for organising a Ranger Diamond Jubilee event, for which applications were coming in slowly, I hoped that enough Rangers would support it. 'Oh', she said, 'they'll turn



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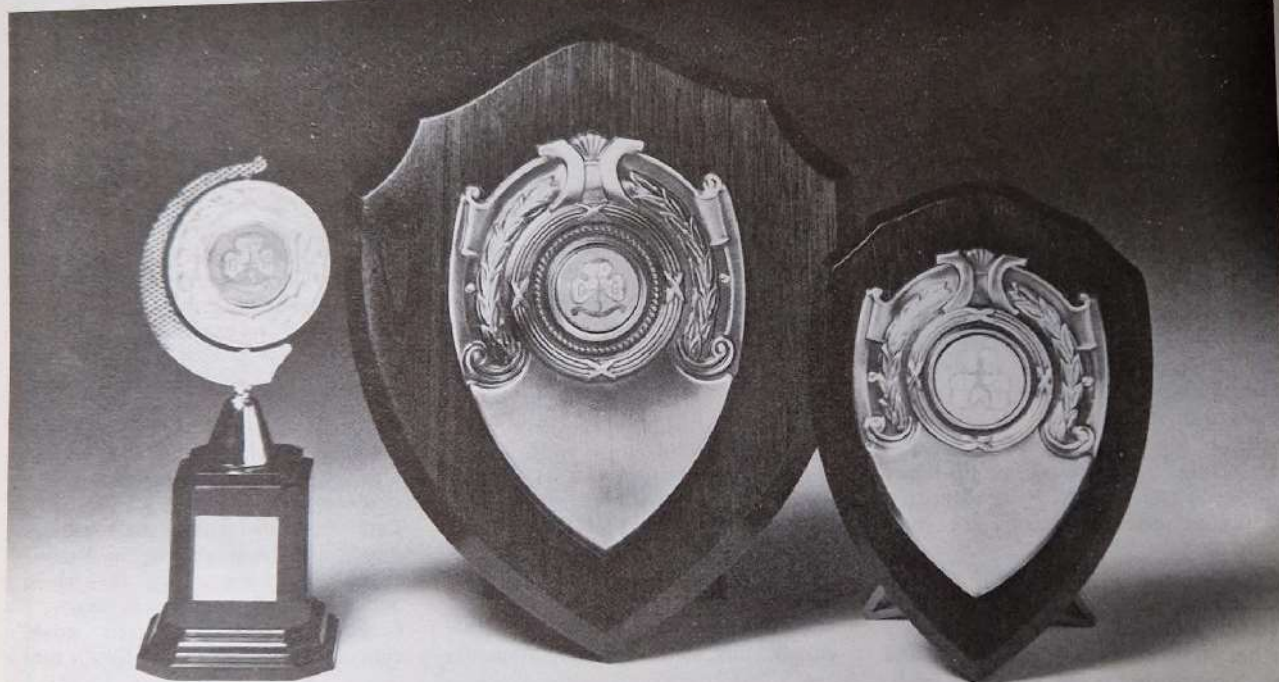
not strike an adult. I once saw a touching example of loyalty to a friend in Camp when a Guide arrived with her head infested. Rather than send her home the First Aider treated it, but this meant the girl in question had to wear a bathing cap for several hours. The next mealtime might have been embarrassing had not two of her Patrol also come in

up trumps; they always do.' How right she was! The response exceeded all expectations.

In these days of unreliability we might all do well to emulate the man described in the Psalms as 'He that sweareth unto his neighbour and disappointeth him not; though it were to his own hindrance.'

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HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!

Mrs Joan Davies, manageress of the Liverpool shop, shows the County Log Book to the Lord Mayor.



Left to Right, Mrs Little, the ex-County Commissioner and now Vice-President with Mrs C Wood, Merseyside County Commissioner and Mrs Joan Fish, General Secretary (NW)



Miss Kinn McIntosh, left, Chairman of the Finance Committee stands with Mrs Sheila Ashmore, Chief Commissioner (NW).



Left to Right, Mrs Ashmore again, cutting the cake with Miss McIntosh, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Paul Orr, and Mrs Joan Davies.



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

WHEN DELEGATES met in Parad, Hungary, in May 1928 for the 5th International Conference, World Guiding was becoming established and from the ideas previously discussed, it was decided to set up a new definitely International body. This International body, to be known as The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Founder members were the Girl Guide/Girl Scout National Associations of: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia (no longer a member), Denmark, Estonia (no longer a member), Finland, France, Hungary (no longer a member), Iceland, India (covering an area known today as Bangladesh, India and Pakistan), Japan* (with a break in full membership between 1939-1960), Latvia (no longer a member), Liberia (break in full membership between 1931-1975), Lithuania (no longer a member), Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland (no longer a member), South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia (no longer a member).

Cambridge, the Founder said: 'Our teaching is largely by example; let us in this Conference of "elder sisters" show how fully we are influenced by the Guide spirit. We are here not to uphold the rights or aims of one country against another, but on the contrary to bring

with a gold chain bracelet of 26 links symbolising the 26 Countries represented. These links and the good of the whole were all realised in the new World body.



Dame Katharine Furse, GBE, the first Director of the World Bureau, with the Founder and World Chief Guide in Holland at the Boy Scout World Jamboree in 1937. On the left, Hubert Martin, Director of the International Bureau.



The rally in Budapest on May 8th, 1928, during the 5th World Conference. On the balcony (right) Sir Robert Baden-Powell takes the salute; with him (R to L) are Lady Baden-Powell, Madame Horthy, Admiral Horthy, Miss Lindenmeyer and Archduke Joseph.

about the greater good of the whole'. At the close of that Conference, Lady Baden-Powell was presented

Also in 1922 Lady Baden-Powell enrolled in to Girl Guiding Dame Katharine Furse. 'I am glad to have got her as a Guide at last, as she is a fine woman,' wrote the Chief Guide. Dame Katharine was Assistant Chief Commissioner in this Association before she became the first director of the World Association. She worked extremely hard for the new Association and was largely responsible for drafting its constitution.

In July of 1928 our Association had a special meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss the new World Association, its relations with us and our responsibilities to it. Earlier that month the International Council met for the last time and 'wound themselves up' (see February GUIDER).

Our Association's responsibilities to the World Association are:

- to participate in World Conferences, thus helping to formulate the policy of the World Association. This responsibility implies a thorough preparation of all delegates attending the World Conferences;
- to observe all the requirements for membership as stated in the Constitution of W.A.G.G.G.S.;
- to support W.A.G.G.G.S. by encouraging contributions to the Thinking Day Fund;
- to endeavour to make the membership of W.A.G.G.G.S. real to all members and promote the International aspect of Guiding.

This month, 50 years after that special meeting, our present Executive Committee at its meeting will be considering the Agenda for the Golden Jubilee World Conference in September. The executive will, on our behalf, be fulfilling the Association's responsibility of considering the papers carefully and discussing them with the Association's delegation to the 23rd World Conference. (After 1928 International Conferences became known as World Conferences.)

Patience Baden-Powell,
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Fund Raising Report to the Executive Committee

(For the year 1st October 1976-15th October 1977)

THROUGHOUT the past year the Fund Raising Committee has continued to search for ideas that would increase the flow of funds to the Association, in addition to the usual 'following-up' process to firms who have previously contributed. I am most grateful to the members of the Committee for giving so much of their time and expertise to the Association.

A most fruitful meeting was held with Country/Region Chief Commissioners and members of the Fund Raising Committee. It became apparent that there was much uncertainty about the exact interpretation of the Fund Raising policy of the Association as laid down in POR. The Executive Committee therefore decided to set up an ad hoc Committee to review the Fund Raising policy and make recommendations.

The most exciting and important Fund Raising event of this year has been the Royal European Premiere of the Walt Disney cartoon, 'The Rescuers'. This event took place on 13th

October, 1977 in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret. A special Premiere Committee was set up under the able chairmanship of Dame Ann Parker Bowles, and the event was a great success, resulting in a considerable increase in the Central Training Centres' Fund, together with

excellent publicity for the Association. We are most grateful to Walt Disney Productions Ltd and to the Rank Organisation for their generosity and helpfulness.

Other special events are under consideration, including:

A Gala Performance of the London Festival Ballet. Discussions on the possibility of a joint Gala were continuing, but as the Festival Ballet's programme for next year was still unsettled, it had been decided to postpone any decision on an event until a later date.

Following their success at Chartwell last year, London and South East England had supplied Rangers and Young Leaders for stewarding duties during performances of **Son et Lumière at Dover Castle**. This had been much enjoyed by those taking part.

Ranger Guides Diamond Jubilee 1977 — It had been hoped to send a party of Rangers to Canada as part of the celebrations. However, although some sponsorship had been arranged, it had proved impossible to find a sponsor for the air fares and the project had to be cancelled.

Central Training Centres' Fund — Some success had resulted from approaches to firms for discount on purchases, or actual gifts of goods, required by the Training Centres.

Webb Ivory — In addition to their continuing sponsorship of the Tennis Tournament, Webb Ivory had most generously contributed £500 for the purchase of chairs at Waddow.

The possibility of producing a 'Picture Book of Guiding' as a fund raising effort was still being considered.

A new approach letter to firms has been drawn up by a member of the Fund Raising Committee. This will be sent out before Christmas and it is hoped that an increase in donations and covenants will result.

Penelope Stratton
Chairman
Fund-Raising Committee

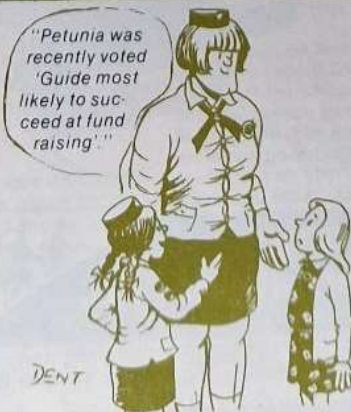


HRH Princess Margaret and Dame Ann Parker Bowles at the Premiere

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The Thanksgiving Service For Dame Anstice Gibbs, DCVO, CBE

At the thanksgiving service at St Martin-in-the-Fields on April 12th for the life and work of Dame Anstice Gibbs, a former Commonwealth Chief Commissioner and a Vice President, the President of the Girl Guides Association, HRH The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by the Hon Mrs Wills.

Among the large congregation from many parts of the country were Dorothea, Lady Goodenough (sister), Mr Raymond Gibbs, Mr Bernard Gibbs, Mr Andrew Gibbs (brothers) and other members of the family, the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, Vice-Presidents of the Girl Guides Association, past and present members of the Council, former Chief and Deputy Chief Commissioners, Country/Regional Chief Commissioners, Lady Price, Chairman of the World Committee, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, the Earl and Countess of Selkirk (Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship), Lord Maclean, a former Chief Scout for the Commonwealth, Mr K H Stevens (representing the Chief Scout), Major Sir Marc Noble (representing the Scout Association) and many other members of the Guide Movement, the Victoria League and friends.

The lesson from 1 Corinthians XIII was read by Mr Bernard Gibbs (Dame Anstice's twin) and the service was conducted by Prebendary Austin Williams. In his address the Reverend William Gilbert Gibbs, Vicar of Gillsborough, said:

"Power: what a fine word that is when used in connection with holy and honourable things. It is an unselfish word because it is concerned with things spiritual and the welfare of others."

A little while before Anstice died, or to give her full honours so richly deserved, Dame Anstice Gibbs, Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Order of the British Empire, she said: "I want any service there may be to express the power of love." She knew she was dying... and she wanted as many people as possible to hear or read about the astonishing power of love that had so impressed her during her life. She knew this power as one that could literally redeem awkward situations, overcome ugly circumstances or put to flight angry feelings.

To be given the Vice Presidency and then the Deputy Presidency of the Victoria League and, in the world of Girl Guides, to become the Chief Commissioner of the Commonwealth must tell its own story. Anstice was no ordinary person: she had those characteristics of leadership, understanding, friendliness, wisdom, laughter, all of which were steeped in love. These attributes became apparent all the way through, either as Chairman at a World Conference or as the one who had so much to do in keeping things going during the war.

Just after the war her Commonwealth contacts started when, in Canada, she was the trusted and good friend of Lady Alexander, to whom she was Lady-in-Waiting while Lord Alexander was Governor General.

At home in the parish of Aldermaston Anstice was Secretary to the Parish Church Council and from tributes given by the people of that parish she must be sorely missed for her spiritual insight, practical ability and friendship. Even during the last days of her life she was concerned with a heavenly mixture of prayer, groceries and gardening.

From this very inadequate address there should emerge a picture of a person who had broad horizons, varying from remote parts of the Commonwealth to her local parish and who saw them all linked by the miraculous power of love.

It was Anstice who also became Secretary of the Communities' Guild, a Guild of Guide members who, having entered religious communities, wish to support the Movement through regular prayer. She produced and circulated Guide prayers to some sixty communities in this country and to ten overseas countries.

The power of love. The power of prayer. These Anstice knew about and they resulted in the power of example. Her example is well described by one of her former Deputy Chief Commissioners: "It is hard to realise that we shall not see again that beautiful face, her carefully dressed silver hair and quick smile, nor enjoy reading in her elegant handwriting her clear style of English with characteristically amusing similes, or answer any more that light touch of sound leadership or hear the laugh which studded her conversations. But the Guide Movement all over the world, and the Victoria League, and her countless friends will continue to feel the blessing of her influence and of her sustained and joyful service."

There is one last and perhaps most important thing that can be passed on to you who are here and to you who will read this: remembering that Anstice wanted this service to fulfil a purpose a little while before dying she said: "I have had a wonderfully happy life and I know I have much to look forward to."

Thank God for Anstice's life and thank God for the resurrection."

In Memoriam

Anne de Fonblanque, who died in a car accident on April 14th near her home in Suffolk, was well known and much loved over many years both in Essex and Suffolk, as a Guide, Diploma'd Trainer, Division Camp Adviser and County Training Adviser.

Her professional work in education was outstanding, and she brought to her later specialisation in remedial education that concentrated, caring attention which she gave to all that she touched. Her vivid personal faith, and her tremendous sense of humour, endeared her to all of us, and those who have known her are the better for it.

Anne will be remembered not least as a superb QM, which was typical of her whole-hearted and cheerful service to others. We in Suffolk feel her loss keenly — Anne has gone home, but the inspiration of her warm and generous spirit lives on, her outlook summed up in Dag Hammarskjöld's 'For what has been — Thank! To what is to come — Yes!'

SS

Last year, we were saddened by the death of our World Chief Guide, Glave Baden-Powell, but we were also led to give thanks

for a life spent in spreading Guiding throughout the world. With the death of Ida Dunkley, we in Southend feel ourselves to be in much the same position locally, for Mrs Dunkley started the first Guide company in the Southend area in the year 1915.

As the first Guide Captain, and subsequently as District and then Division Commissioner, it was she who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically for the growth of the movement locally. Many of us still active in Guiding recall the way in which she led the revival of Guiding in the war years.

The Southend Divisions have a perpetual reminder of Mrs Dunkley's foresight and much work, in our beautiful campsite, "Guideacres" at Thundersley, for it was during her years of leadership in the Division that this land was purchased and set in order for the enjoyment of generations of Guides, Rangers and Brownies.

We shall miss her, but must rejoice that she has now been called to a higher service, in the closer presence of Our Lord, unhampered by a human body which had caused her pain and frustration, albeit borne with courage and good humour.

KFB

HERE AT CHQ

It WAS good to start the year with one of our CHQ senior staff receiving the MBE for her many years of service to Guiding and to the Community. We were so happy to honour Miss Mitchell with a small party and to have her close friends and relatives with us on this occasion. Only a little while before this she had celebrated 20 years at CHQ, first as Overseas Secretary and then as Deputy General Secretary.

How sad it is to lose some of our senior staff who, for diverse and acceptable reasons, and due to circumstances which affect many of us in different ways, will be leaving as this goes to press. Changes create tensions and unease for departments so we are all hoping that new staff appointees will stay for a long time and be as friendly and co-operative to work with as those who are leaving us.

We have achieved the nearly impossible during the last few months as we have given the fourth floor a face lift and the rear entrance now presents a much more attractive aspect. The rear entrance is so well used that we felt it should not be neglected.

Another training for Commissioners has taken place, and two County Commissioners have brought their Executive Committees to lunch and to tour the building. Anglia held its first Executive Committee meeting of the year in the Council Chamber at CHQ — this is becoming a tradition, and it's one we

welcome.

The National Council for Voluntary Youth Services, of which we are in membership as an early founding member, at the Chief Scout's own wish, held a very large meeting at CHQ to hear the Under-Secretary of State, Miss Margaret Jackson, speak about aspects of education. This was followed by a reception, and we were pleased that The Chief Commissioner could welcome the delegates. NCVYS also held its Annual General Meeting here in May, and these two meetings provided a unique opportunity for our colleagues in other voluntary organisations to see us 'at home'.



Mrs M. Kennedy, General Secretary for Ulster, talks to Mrs J. Rogers, Wales' General Secretary, during a meeting of the Country/Region General Secretaries in the Council Chamber at CHQ.

Public Relations Advisers came to tea with us before their Conference in March this year, and toured the building before going on to Baden-Powell House.

On April 12th, after a very beautiful Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, our staff helped to host 300 friends of Dame Anstice Gibbs, whose passing has left such a gap for those who had the privilege of working under her inspiring leadership.

In the same week we said goodbye to our caretaker of many years, Bob Crocker, and Lorraine, his wife, who has so ably assisted us in my department. They have found a little home in Andover where we know they will continue to be as busy as ever.

Once again we have had enormous numbers of visits during the holidays,

from the young members of the Movement who bring such vitality to our building and through the shop from end to end. Because we have a little unallocated space on the rear ground floor, we are able to offer 452 members a place to sit, their lunches on one day, and 270 on another. What a blessing to be able to provide such accommodation during cold and rainy weather we have had so long.

Nearly everyone was so well-behaved and well turned out but I'd like to ask the very young, through their Guiders, not to scrape their hands along our partitioned walls on the first floor — it makes a screeching vibration that goes through us all! One super Brownie Guide group was dressed in yellow cagoules while a Guide Unit recently visited us wearing blue capes which the Guider, her Local Association and the local Trefoil Guide had made for them.

No need to be embarrassed when our Catering Manageress asks if a Unit wishes to sing or say Grace — those of us who will be lunching will respect them for doing so, and for remembering that our thanks to God are given daily for the bread we eat.

The summer holidays are almost upon us, so I must again remind Guiders to count all the heads, wherever they are, when on a group outing. London is already becoming crowded with tourists as I write this column.

One very small Brownie said to another, on passing my door recently, 'That's the General Secretary'. A pause and then the other said 'Ooh, doesn't she look lonely!' Not when you all come to see us and, as I couldn't explain, my Patrol was just across the passage.

All the staff look forward to many more thousands of young visitors this year, and we hope all those busy Guiders who are preparing for Pack Holidays and Camps have a really splendid summer.

Lynne Whitaker
General Secretary, CHQ

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PLs' Praise

We have just returned from a delightful Pack Holiday weekend, and I feel that I must pay tribute to our two Pack Leaders, aged twelve and fourteen. They threw themselves into the Venture with enthusiasm; shared the chores with the Guiders, besides having their own special duties of doing elevenuses, bedtime drinks, Guiders' coffees, tuck tin, sale of souvenirs. They were always quietly in the background, playing games with the Brownies, helping with Badge work, etc, and they completely organised an efficient shower system which was hugely enjoyed by the sixteen Bluebells, Tadpoles and Ladybirds!

I would like to see a special badge introduced for service on Pack Holiday. What do other Brownie Guiders think?

I know Pack Leaders are having a holiday too, and that Guides can earn Service flashes — but a Guide can earn a Service flash merely by attending the necessary number of Meetings, without ever helping at a Pack Holiday. The latter is surely a far bigger undertaking, and deserves recognition in its own right?

Brownie Guider,
High Wycombe,
Bucks.

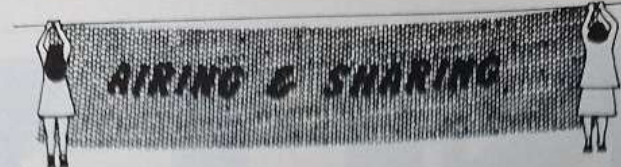
It is good to hear of Pack Leaders playing their part so well, but we must continue to encourage young people to do things for the fun they get out of them and the fun they give to others. They would probably be more thrilled with a special card from the Pack or a gift made by the Brownies rather than receiving a badge.

Programme Adviser, CHQ.

What do you Think?

One problem about Pack Holidays which I feel must bother many GUIDER readers, is that of the Kit List. I get writer's cramp every year, adding items which I feel should have been on the list!

I have been interested in the comments about the warmth of our uniforms. As you point out, trousers may be worn by both Guides and Brownies, and brown skirts may now be worn with Brownie uniform. However, we suffer from the problem of finding the Brownie uniform too hot for many of the children in summer. I found that during the hot summer of 1976 several otherwise keen Brownies were missing Meetings because they couldn't



face 'putting on that hot uniform'. I would suggest that the basic uniform would be a brown tunic to which the badges are attached. There would be optional matching trousers and it would be worn with either a yellow polo-necked jumper, a white blouse or nothing at all.

One final thing — about the Home Safety Badge. None of my Brownies has even seen an oil heater; they find it very difficult to appreciate the dangers of something they have never seen, and I do not possess one to show them. I think the clause re: oil heaters should read 'If it is in use in her own home'. I also think the clause giving three ways in which accidents in the home can be avoided should be deleted, since this rests on the parents' efforts, not the Brownies'. Those Brownies from non-safety-conscious homes must find this a terrible stumbling block, and surely these are the very Brownies we should be encouraging to take the Badge. Instead, they could show they can use scissors safely, know the dangers of household bleaches, detergents, etc, and perhaps know what to do in case of a house fire.

What do other Guiders think about the possibility of introducing a Road Safety Badge on similar lines?

Miss June Shaw,
Brownie Guider,
2nd Linslade Pack, Beds.

'One Man's Meat'...

I was most interested to read in February's GUIDER of the Brownies' disgruntlement with their small pennant, and of their persistent pleas that it be replaced by a larger flag.

Here in Singapore we, too, have problems over the Brownie Pennant, but of a different kind. We simply cannot get them. I have asked in our Guide shop, without success.

We started this Pack in August 1977, and hoped to be able to do things properly — and we do feel the lack of a Brownie Pennant when we turn out for Church Parade.

May I, then, appeal to any Brownie Guider in the UK, whose Pack no longer wants its Pennant, to send it out to us in Singapore, where it will be given a very good home!

We have a pole, and only need the Pennant itself. As this Pack comes from a home for orphaned and deprived children, funds are limited, but we are willing to refund postage costs, if this is required.

I do hope someone can help us, as the Brownies here are so very keen and hard-working, and they send 'a sunny Brownie Smile' from Singapore.

Pearl C Woodford (Major)
Superintendent and Brownie Guider,
350-2, Pasir Panjang Road,
Singapore 5.

Ski-High Standards!

This Easter I went ski-ing in Scotland for the third time, and decided to have a go at the Ranger Skier Badge. I took the syllabus with me, and showed it to the ski-ing instructors — who were astonished at the standard of ski-ing expected of 14-18-year-old girls for the test. I have done three weeks of ski-ing, and have got my bronze and silver awards for under 18s, yet I am still nowhere near the standard required for the Ranger Skier Badge. How was this syllabus formulated? According to the instructors at Aviemore ski school, the standard expected was higher than in the normal ski tests applied to the Ranger age group. The syllabus is not covered by these tests (junior Alpine ski tests — National Ski Federation of Great Britain), therefore it would seem that the majority of Rangers would be unable to do the badge. The instructors also said that much of the information we needed to have in order to be able to pass the test, was irrelevant.

I realise that Ranger badges are supposed to be more challenging than Guide Badges, but I do think that this one is really outside the capabilities of most Rangers.

Miss Hilary Dennis,
Bletchley Division
Ranger Unit.

'Handicapped' — Misnomer?

The article entitled 'Extensions' (March GUIDER) left me profoundly distressed that the Executive has decided to do away with the name Extension without full consultation with all those who work with and for Extension

sions in the Guide Movement. Who are those who 'widely welcomed' the change? I drew the attention of my County Executive to this article, and without exception the members felt that 'Extension' was a much better title than 'handicapped'. 'Extensions' is an excellent expression.

Surely the best time for thrashing this out would have been at the Conference to be held in September, when the County Advisers could bring the opinions of their County Executive and Guiders of Extension Units, and of those with handicapped children in their Units, to decide for themselves whether they wish to retain or change the title. May I suggest that the order in POR be rescinded until this conference?

There are a lot of pitfalls ahead if we are not careful; eg, the County's Adviser might easily become known as the 'Handicapped Adviser'.

My Brownie Pack would think I had taken leave of my senses if the children discovered that their Pack was a 'Unit for the handicapped'; — they happen to be ESN children.

We're getting awfully long-winded in the Guide Movement — instead of Tawny Owls, officially we have the mouthful 'Assistant Brownie Guider' — and it looks as though we are heading for another mouthful with our old Extensions.

The Scout Association seems perfectly happy with Extensions; incidentally they also still have Sea Scouts. Would it not be lovely to have our Sea Rangers back again?

Mrs A M Tinne,
County Adviser for
Handicapped
Members
(alias County Extension
Adviser)
also Brownie Guider
(alias Brown Owl)
to a Unit for the Handicapped
(alias Extension Unit)

It is anticipated that by dropping the term 'Extension' special Units, as all others, will be known simply by their District title without any addition, even in brackets! For some time past, these Units have not been listed separately, but included in District totals.

Any details of handicap should only appear on the special Census forms distributed through the County Advisers. Thus the girls themselves are not 'labelled'; they are like all members of the Movement — Guides. **MAG**
Adviser for handicapped Members.

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DEAR Guiders,

It may seem odd to read about our 1977 Christmas Good Turn Projects in July, but this is the first opportunity I have of telling you about the presentations which took place in April at Commonwealth Headquarters, at Dawn House School in Nottinghamshire and at Cherington House in Warwickshire.

It was especially nice to be able to share these very special occasions with Rangers, Guides and Brownies from areas outside London.

At Commonwealth Headquarters on April 18th, cheques were presented to the Home Farm Trust for two of their Homes — the Lydiat in the Wirral which is now in the hands of the builders, and Frocester Manor in Gloucestershire; to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council to aid their research programme into the cause of Still's Disease and other forms of arthritis in children, and to the Invalid Children's Aid Association for their pre-school play centres and Toy Library.

At the ICAA's Dawn House School on April 27th a separate cheque was presented to the Matron to provide playground equipment and audio-visual aids for the classrooms, and at the Cherington House on the April 21st a separate cheque was presented to the Home Farm Trust to provide the small tractor and attachments.

The letters we have already received show how very much our help has been appreciated:

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council: The Rt Hon Baroness Hornsby-Smith, DBE, wrote 'May I confirm the deep

appreciation of the Council for the splendid contribution of £3,574 donated by the Girl Guide Friendship Fund for research into arthritis in children. This is a magnificent effort by your young members and I was tremendously impressed by the ingenuity of some of their activities and the time and care they had given to this charitable exercise. My most grateful thanks to the young and their supporting parents, and to all your staff and officers who directed this project'.

Invalid Children's Aid Association: The Director of the ICAA, Miss Mary Coubrough, MA, wrote 'We are absolutely delighted with the cheque for £2,831. It is most generous of the Girl Guides and we would be most grateful if you would pass on our thanks to everyone concerned, because we know it meant a great deal of work. Also we are delighted to know that a further cheque (£1,000) will be coming to us at Dawn House School'.

And now on to news of our summer project. Each year we choose projects from the Mutual Aid list which is compiled by the World Bureau; you may remember that in 1977 we were able to provide tents and other camping equipment for a number of overseas countries. This year we want to help Malaysia, Peru, and Kenya.

Malaysia needs help with the publishing of a camping handbook in Malay. At present all their books are in English and very many of their Guiders cannot read or understand English. It is not much use having tents if there are no books to refer to for guidance in the art

of camping!

Kenya needs tents — at the moment Kenyan Guiders are still obliged to hire from the Scouts.

Peru has another problem — in trying to publish its first handbooks. At the moment there is no written programme for Rangers, Guides or Brownies which can be used by Guiders, and they know how important it is to try to maintain a uniform standard of Guiding throughout the country.

There is so much we take for granted, quickly complaining if there is the slightest delay in getting what we want, when we want it, that it is often difficult to imagine how we would cope today without our range of handbooks, reference books, tents, badges, uniforms etc. But this is a situation which constantly faces many overseas Guiders, and through the GGFF we could help Malaysia, Peru and Kenya.

As you prepare for Camp or Pack Holiday, please will you keep our summer project in mind and see if there is some way in which you could help?

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by Thora Wallis Myers, C.H.Q. Archivist

WHEN YOU emerge today from the throngs at Oxford Circus underground, wait impatiently for the traffic lights to change, and battle your way to a shop, can you imagine Oxford Circus as the ideal meeting place for the start of a week's hike or 'pilgrimage'?

Yet here, on April 10th, 1917, 26 'Officers' from all parts of the country met and took the omnibus to Croydon, walked to Purley, trained to Tadworth, and walked to Walton on the first day of this Training Week for members of the Girl Guide Officers' Training School. A brief announcement in the March 1917 *Girl Guides' Gazette* read: 'O.T.S. 8 Kinnerton Street, London, will go on a pilgrimage from London to Compton, Surrey, starting April 10th. Cost will be about £1 per head. Members should get Chesterton's *Life of Watts*, price 1s., and send their names to Miss Emily Gumpert.'

Mrs Blyth, who started the first Girl Guide Officers' Training School (nick-named 'the Goats') in Kinnerton Street Mews, London, was the 'indefatigable leader, counsellor and general helper' on this expedition, and the Officers were Captains of Companies in private schools and elementary schools, in towns and villages, and one ran a YWCA Company, and another ran one for girls working in munitions factories.

The object of this pilgrimage was:

- (1) to give Officers the opportunity of seeing other Companies at work
- (2) to help solve difficulties for Captains of the visited Companies
- (3) to learn Guide occupations like woodcraft, drill, catering and organisation
- (4) to have the opportunity of organising on days set apart for their Patrols. (There were 6 Patrols: Robins, Owls, Tomtits, Kingfishers, Ducks and Peacocks.)

Perhaps you are wondering why one of the items in those rucksacks (together

Symbol of the Goats (Girl Guide Officers' Training School).



with mackintoshes folded over the left shoulder and the water bottle slung on the right!) contained a 1s. copy of G. K. Chesterton's *Life of Watts*? Compton, a Surrey village off the Hog's Back, was visited on the 4th day and the Officers were shown the pictures in the Watts Collection by Mrs Watts.

Of course on this seven-day expedition there were amusing mishaps. By a 'slight misunderstanding', Mrs Blyth and five out of the six 'Patrol Leaders' missed the train to Witley, but the 6th PL, Miss Tildesley, nobly stepped into the breach and gave a splendid talk about the Movement in Chiddingfold parish room. When it rained the



Miss Gwen Manning whose village Guides in Walton, Surrey, played games with the Guide 'Officers' on the 1917 'pilgrimage', 'acquitting themselves particularly well in criticising games invented on the spur of the moment by the Officers'. (Miss Manning helped to train at the G.G.O.T.S. School in London.)

equipment festooned about their persons — what people we have and hold within our ranks! Agatha Blyth's enthusiasm was unbounded, and merely to be in her company for the smallest



The Guide 'Officers' on the 1918 'pilgrimage' played the game of 'hot penny' with wounded soldiers, billeted in the Chailey Heritage Boys' School in Sussex. In a cricket match on the common with the soldiers the Officers lost by 23 runs.

'pilgrims' clung to the maxim that 'stout hearts and stout boots can face any vagaries of climate'. (Perhaps this philosophy would be useful in 1978!)

The wearers of the boots took the 34-mile expedition in their stride, remembering that 'if anyone is ill she must fall out and go home' as the organiser only had simple remedies in her charge for slight ailments! All voted this week 'an amusing, inspiring and unforgettable episode full of fun and good fellowship'.

In 1918 there was another G.G. O.T.S. 'Pilgrimage' in April, and this included a visit to Little Mynthurst Farm near Horley where the Founder and Chief Guide were then living. Two miles from their destination the 'pilgrims' stopped to make themselves neat and to practise an impromptu parody of the Girl Guide song for their host and hostess.

Alas! no photographs exist, but the Chief Guide described the occasion: 'a cheery band of hikers, led by Mrs Blyth, strode down the lane to the small home we then had, packs on their backs,

moment would lift you out of yourself and set you on your way, fired anew and encouraged to face any new task. In summer time they camped at Mrs Blyth's own home at Windy Sayles, at Boxmoor, in Hertfordshire, and gradually the other wider aspect of Guiding grew upon them — camping, nature study, hiking, campfires and song, and bit by bit all the joyousness and wit and infectious humour of their leader gained ground, and the comradeship of 'Fellow Goats' widened as the picture opened up before them of what Guiding really was.'

Lunch at Gomshall before walking 6 miles to Guildford on April 12th, 1917.



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'Unity is Strength. All for One and One for All'

THIS SWISS saying aptly fits our theme for the training page this month. The strength of a rope depends on how tightly its strands are woven together. Think of your District as a length of rope,

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with all its strands needing to be woven together. How can you, as the District Commissioner, achieve this? Start at the District meeting when discussing future

events with which the Units are going to be involved. Do they all go their own way? Or are they concerned and interested in what is happening to other Units?

What would be the reaction of the Warranted Guiders in your District if, during the next term you suggested that they each went for one Unit meeting as an assistant to a Guider of a Unit of a different age-range from that with which they normally work? Would they throw up their hands in horror? Or doubtfully consider it? Or say 'what a good idea'? After all, we are all working for the same eight point programme, with just a different interpretation to suit our particular age-range. Ideally this interchange would make the District self-sufficient, as much as, should any Unit in an emergency need help, a Guider from a different section could offer to stand in, and feel capable of coping. This would also give the girls the feeling that all the Guiders in the District know and care about their Unit, and would make them realise that their Unit was not just a single strand, but part of one rope.

Consider the opportunities for inter-Unit co-operation in outdoor activities. Has your Pack Holiday house suitable surroundings to allow a Patrol Camp to be held at the same time as a Pack Holiday?

Could any of your Brownie Guiders act as QM's or First Aiders for a Guide Camp? Likewise, could any Guide Guider help on a Pack Holiday?

Why not a Pack visit to a Guide Camp? It can be one of the most exciting days of the Brownies' year.

Within your District do your Young Leaders have the opportunities to help with Units other than the ones to which they are attached?

Could PLs and Rangers get together to plan an International evening?

Are older Guides encouraged to visit a Ranger meeting to find out what Rangers do?

As you see, the possibilities for working together are endless, but your Guiders will need your help and enthusiasm to weave all these many 'strands' into a secure rope.

M Walker

The Interwoven Programme for Brownies

A MINOR operation undergone by our Assistant Leader led the Pack into a Hospital Venture. On hearing the Guider was in hospital the Brownies wished to send her flowers. A message was composed in Pow-Wow and someone suggested we send a picture with it, but the question of who would do this picture met with silence. Each Six was given a supply of paper, pencils and crayons and the Brownies went off to their 'homes' to see what they could produce. The result was an ample supply of pictures — and a look at the Artist Badge syllabus with a Brownie whose picture showed talent.

The idea for the Venture came when the flowers were delivered and we discovered that there was a shortage of vases. Coffee jars were collected, neutral coloured 'Contact' purchased and put on them, and, over a period, each Brownie Six visited the hospital with a Guider and delivered a carton of the resulting 'vases'. One consignment was taken to the children's ward and the Brownies recognised the need for toys

to amuse the children in a limited space, or when confined to bed. Now the Brownies on the Footpath journey were challenged to 'make things'.

We looked through a book giving ideas and instructions for making toys and soon a group were busy producing Miniature Skittles and an open-sided dolls' house with matchbox furniture.

Two scrap books were also made, the Brownies all contributing pictures and three or four Brownies arranging them in an interesting way — helpful experience and training towards the Toymaker Badge. When young Brownies wish to help sticking pictures into a scrapbook each one needs guidance and a watchful eye! This is an excellent opportunity for Brownies on the Road to 'Lend a Hand'.

It was clearly the Hospital Venture which inspired one of the Brownies 'Doing her Best' on the Highway to make up, write and illustrate a prayer for people in hospital and the nurses and doctors who looked after them. Prayers of thanks for healthy bodies were now

said with deeper feeling. Some of the older Brownies worked for their First Aider badge.

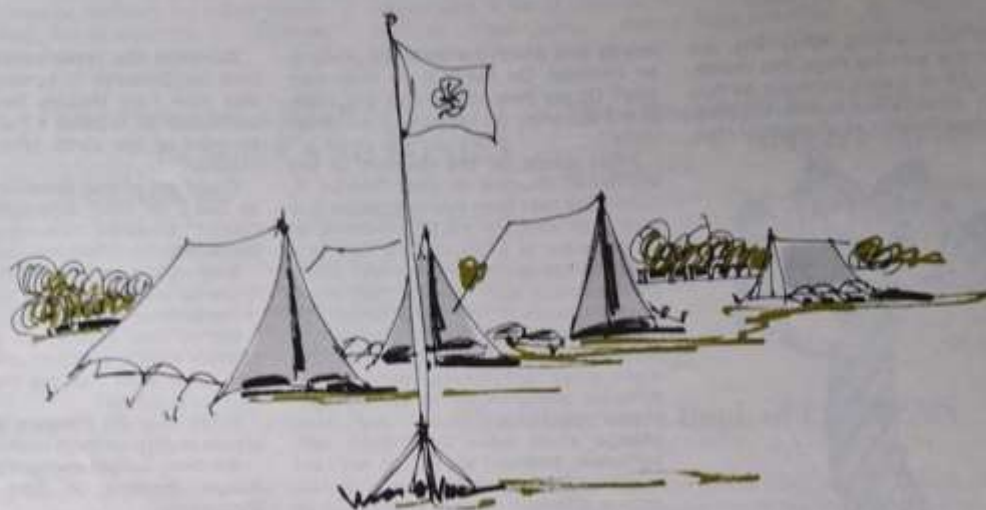
In the course of the Pack Venture, progress on Brownie Journeys had been made and special interests and talents had emerged which could lead to the achievement of special interest badges.

Mildred Leeson



DISTRICT and BROWNIE training

The Program



INTEREST BADGES

JOURNEYS

VENTURES

ACTIVITIES - Patrol purpose plans
Patrol Plans

Each strand of the rope is composed of 8 fibres representing the 8 Programme. Just as the strength of a rope depends on the way in which the Programme of each section depends on the way in which the are interwoven

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The Programme is One— Guide Section

'HOW'S THAT new Patrol Leader of yours getting on?'

'Oh, you mean Mandy and the Chaffinch Patrol. A bit lost at first but they're doing quite well now.'

'Mandy's young for a PL, isn't she? Is she twelve yet?'

'Yes, just, but being young doesn't mean she hasn't any ideas. She just needs more help in carrying them out.'

'But how did the Patrol get started?'

'They sat looking at their Handbooks during the first Patrol Time with Mandy as Leader. She and her Second have been in the Company, and that Patrol, for more than a year and have Yellow Eight-Point Badges, but three haven't been up from Brownies for long. The problem lay in deciding where to begin. The Patrol Purpose Plans seemed to need more knowledge and planning than Mandy could manage yet, so I suggested that they should start by looking at some Self-Training Schemes. It was not long after Easter, and as we had a week-end camp planned, they decided to work on the out-of-doors section.'

'That would be a good starting place



Jean de Lemos

for the ex-Brownies wouldn't it? Their Brownie Guider does a lot of nature activities with them.'

'Yes — they brought some things they had made in Brownies and Mandy could see they'd enjoyed doing them. Two decided to start collecting rocks and stones and the other, to make a miniature garden for a friend who's been ill. Mandy and her Second planned to go Bird-Watching at the week-end.'

'Did they do what they'd planned?'

'More or less. The following week they were trying to identify some rocks using a Ladybird Book when I thought of Mrs Parker — she has some really beautiful stones, and as some of the others were interested, we arranged for her to come to talk and to bring her collection. There's at least one Collector's Badge being prepared — oh, and the P.S. is thinking of doing the Bird-Watcher Badge.'

'How about the Company Camp?'

'Oh, after the first few weeks they were doing those things at home and camp skills 'took over'. The Chaffinches and the Robins decided to try the Camp Preparation Pennant. Our Young Leader is a good camper and showed Mandy the parts she wasn't sure about. They had a lot of fun. We managed an evening cook-out in June, and they're really working as a Patrol now — not perfect, but improving.'

'It sounds as though they've probably made progress in several of the eight points as well.'

Joan Willoughby

The Programme is One (Rangers)

THE STRENGTH of our programme depends on the way in which we incorporate the eight points and carry them out. Hopefully the Rangers plan their own, with the Guider in the background ready to give help and advice. The programme should be flexible using all eight points as guidelines, allowing each to enhance the others, for they are not an end in themselves but are intended to build and be built upon.

There is value in the Rangers pursuing their own interests, but at the same time having the opportunity to challenge themselves. Thus they may try new activities whilst progressing at their own speed within the limits of age and ability. By taking part in Unit activities knowledge and experiences can be shared, each girl learning and growing from the interchange of ideas and skills.

There are times when we can enlist the services of experts and take advantage of specialist activities. Recently some of us enjoyed a walking/camping weekend which was discussed over many cups of coffee. All those who were able to go had a marvellous time, moving with safety in the hills. How the nights spent pitching tents and lighting stoves served them well! That weekend Claire

was helping at her brother's party and making a cake like the one Mrs Smith had demonstrated; Jane is a Sunday School teacher so she said that it was not possible for her to go. Not unexpectedly there was a spin-off.

Apart from the tales to tell, Janice took up ornithology having seen so many birds.

We vary from short-lived pursuits to the more complex, adult projects lasting a considerable time. It is true that not everything we undertake is successful. Occasionally inventiveness has to work overtime to solve a last-minute problem.

We are finding that loyalties can clash in the most complicated ways. Every Wednesday several girls help at the handicapped swimming club, others work for their Young Leader's certificates, and some are working for their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. All are interwoven within the context of the programme.

Planning our activities involves decisions. Decisions can be difficult, they can be painful, but the ability to make a good decision for good reasons must surely be a step in the right direction. By using the whole programme our aim should be to equip our Rangers to be competent, responsible, decisive adults.

Tonight I heard a girl say to her friend 'Shall we join Rangers? It sounds fun.'

Carole Hughes



Jean de Lemos

GUIDE and RANGER training

Let's add more LINKs

'LINK keeps young adults in touch with the Movement, and gives opportunities for service to the community' reads the caption relating to a photo of two happy, healthy and obviously enthusiastic young members, which was reproduced in last year's Annual Report. Surely, then, such a spirit as LINK engenders should be fostered and encouraged in today's highly pressured society, which can be so stressful, and sometimes damaging to the young?

But what is happening to this excellent and much needed section of the Movement? — take a look at some facts and figures.

There are approximately 90 counties in Great Britain, for which the total Ranger population is some 20,000 or

so; this number has remained fairly steady for several years.

Several thousand of these Rangers reach the age of 18 each year and then leave; some become Guiders, but the majority cannot do so for a wide variety of reasons; this is where LINK should come in, but *does it?*

Of the 90 Guide counties, only eight have a LINK Unit (of which four are in adjoining counties in South West England and two in South Wales) — these must represent a tiny percentage of the thousands of ex Rangers and Venture Scouts who have done what many more would like to do, given sufficient information, help and encouragement from their Guiders, Commissioners and Trefoil Guilds.

In every one of these eight Links a large proportion of the members are also working in Guide Companies and Brownie Packs, so it is obvious that there is a huge, untapped source of enthusiastic young people around the country who would seize the opportunity for continued connections with the Guide Movement through LINK, were such LINK groups open to them in their own areas.

It is difficult to understand what is holding back a much more rapid build-up of units; no Guiders are needed, no Trainers wanted — the key people are the Link Advisers — and just one of these at Division or even County level is sufficient. The job is a vital one, but takes up very little precious time.

This age group is impatient of delays and eager to get going, so sensible answers to enquiries, help and advice on the correct procedures are what it needs; once started they run their own affairs, and very capably too!

Why is there this ostrich attitude and lack of enthusiasm; is everyone in those other 80 counties too stuck in their respective ruts to try something fresh and exciting? What about 'looking wide and when you have looked wide, looking wider still' — or have you forgotten how to do it?

Rosamund Willoughby,
Link Adviser for South West England

Pack Venture Days

'**HURRY UP**, or you won't get it finished'. 'Let me do it for you'. 'No, sorry, I can't watch you skip sixty times backwards; it's nearly home-time'. Do you find yourself saying this kind of thing to your Brownies? How about trying a Pack Day?

We have held these at different times of the year and in different places, sometimes on a Sunday following Church Parade (you'd be surprised at the increased attendance).

Really, the idea is to have an extended Brownie meeting, with time to talk and play, to make things 'all in one meeting', to spend a day together.

You might like to have the meeting in your own hall, especially if you have some outside play space, but a neighbouring Pack's hall would perhaps be more interesting. If facilities are available you could make a small charge and provide a cooked lunch; Brownies could bring or make sandwiches and snacks, and you could provide hot soup.

Some successful days have included a 'Getting ready for Thinking Day' when we made Danish hats and flags and practised our Thinking Day ceremony, and 'A Summer Pack Day', when

two Brownies made their Promise, we sat in the sun in a friend's large garden, and some Brownies were tested for their Agility and Athlete Badges. We have also held an 'Advent Day' when we made Christmas decorations and when some Brownies prepared to take their Jester Badge at the Christmas party.

These 'days' provide more time for Brownies to do simple cookery, and the slower child is enabled



to work at her own pace.

A Pack Venture Day, unlike an outing, can be a release from worries about the weather or the cost of coach fares; and our announcement that our next Meeting will be from 11 am to 5 pm is greeted with delight.

It's lovely to be able to say 'I'll help you' instead of 'I'll do it', and to say 'Yes, I will watch you skip'.

Have a lovely Pack Venture Day.

Jo Shelton



A visit to the reconstruction Iron Age settlement which was the subject of a recent BBC documentary. 'Living in the past' was much enjoyed by members of New Forest Link. (This photograph appeared in our 1977 Annual Report.)

more about LINK over ►

Link News

WHITE HORSE Link in Wiltshire were hosts for the Easter 1978 'Link Up' which was well attended by South West Links who visited Longleat, took part in a skittles tournament, tried archery, foil fencing, horse riding and canoeing, and all survived the cold and wet very happily indeed. Lady Alport and Lady Willoughby joined them on the Sunday.

New Forest Link are to be the hosts for the August Bank Holiday weekend 'Link Up' — a camp at Foxlease. It will be self-catering, but the Saturday evening meal is to be provided by the host Link. The programme includes sailing (with experienced helmsmen), canoeing (with optional instruction in canoe rolling), a treasure hunt in the New Forest, and a tour of the mediaeval parts of the city of Southampton. The price is expected to be £2 per head — surely excellent value?

New Forest Link members worked hard at building rope bridges at Foxlease in May for the 'Guide Fun Day', as well as helping there all day.

They are also organising a 'Quiz Trail' at Winchester this month, when 300 Rangers are converging for a Ranger and Young Leaders' Convention weekend.

General Secretary for Ulster Retires

MISS Peggy Smyth, MBE, retired in April after serving for 16 years as General Secretary of the Ulster Girl Guides Association. Many friends in Ulster expressed their good wishes for a happy 'retirement' at a supper party at Lorne, attended by the Chief Commissioner, Mrs T A Dickson, but a much wider circle of friends will want to add their message of goodwill through **GUIDER**.

Peggy Smyth joined the Movement as a Brownie and was a Guide and a Ranger before serving as a Guider with Brownie and Guide Units in many areas of Belfast. Awarded a Training Diploma 20 years ago, she held appointments in Ulster as Training Adviser and Adviser for Brownies.

Many friends will remember her cheerfulness and courage, sometimes under difficult and hazardous conditions, others have paid tribute to Peggy Smyth's sympathetic understanding of children and her imaginative approach to training, and everyone was delighted when she was awarded the MBE for outstanding service in the 1975 New Year's Honours.

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- A. A Guide is according to the first Guide Law. (5)
- B. Spoken tradition. (4)
- C. Saved for this day. (5)
- D. Unfeeling. (4)
- E. Very badly. (7)
- F. Grind saw. (Anag.) (8)
- G. He may work in an office. (8)
- H. It's tough when head and tail replace each other. (5)
- I. Ogden and John. (4)
- J. Binds in gratitude. (7)
- K. A radioactive metallic element discovered in 1898. (6)
- L. "The inenarrable godhead of ———?" Rupert Brooke. (7)
- M. Seen in churches. (6, 5)
- N. Important in works of art. (5, 3, 5)
- O. Unyielding. (7)
- P. This area is important to reservoir and school, alike. (9)
- Q. A little of this can be dangerous. (9)
- R. The bar found spanning the sky. (5, 3)
- S. A good or bad sign? (4)
- T. Are they smoking jackets? (7)
- U. The Queen's is seen and handled regularly. (6)

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Acrostic: Brenda Hughes

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Solution to Double Acrostic No. 5 (p.256, June GUIDER)

The stable clock struck quarter past. The dog Balthasar stretched and looked up at his master. The thistledown no longer moved. The dog placed his chin over the sunlit foot. It did not stir. The dog withdrew his chin quickly, rose and leaped on Old Jotyon's lap.....

The Forsyte Saga. J. Galsworthy.

Solve the clues and write the answers in the numbered grid top 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.

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	20-27 Young Leaders'	29-5 North West England Arts Workshop (by allocation)		14-21 *Patrol Leaders Camp Pioneering Plus	
	31-7 Arts Workshop (by invitation)				
Aug	10-17 Patrol Week (by invitation)	12-19 Patrol Week (by invitation)		4-11 *Patrol Leaders Week (by invitation)	
	31-3 Out and About (A weekend for Guiders using the environment around Foxlease for various activities which can be carried out with your Unit)	23-2 † Holiday Week (Guiders, Trefoil, Guild members, their friends and mothers)		4-11 *Patrol Leaders Camp Pioneering Plus	
Sept	8-10 Planning Ahead (Part 1) (For Guiders of all sections who have held a warrant for at least three years)	8-10 Planning Ahead (Part 1) (For Guiders of all sections who have held a warrant for at least three years)		18-20 *Patrol Leaders	
	15-17 Kent East County	15-17 West Yorkshire South County		*Applications for Patrol Leaders training/camps will be accepted after 15th April.	
	22-24 1. New to the Job (Guide Guiders working for their Adult Leaders Certificate)	22-24 Midlands (by allocation)		1-3 Outdoor week-end for Guiders of all sections — Hill walking	
		29-1 County Durham and South Tyne		8-10 County Arts Advisers	
	29-1 General Training (Brownie and Guide Guiders)			15-17 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Dundee)	
Oct	6-8 Kent Weald	6-8 Lancashire East		22-24 Brownie and Guide Guiders	
	13-15 Young Players	13-15 Greater Manchester West		29-1 Trainers	
	20-22 Guiders of all Sections (World Guiding, Crafts and Music)	20-22 Midlands (by allocation)			
	27-29 London & South East England (by allocation)	27-29 Manchester		6-8 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Newcastle)	
Nov	3-5 General Training	3-5 General Training		13-15 Guide and Ranger Guiders	
	10-12 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)	10-12 West Lancashire		20-22 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Ayrshire South)	
	17-19 South West England (by allocation)	17-19 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)		27-29 District Commissioners	
	24-26 General Training	24-26 Greater Manchester North			
Dec	1-3 1. Campfire Leaders and Prospectives	29-3 † New Year Houseparty		3-5 Brownie, Guide and Ranger — for experienced Guiders	
	29-7 † 2. Campfire Training for Guiders	January 1979		10-12 Brownie and Guide Guiders	
	January 1979			17-19 Districts	
				24-26 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Glasgow South Division)	
				1-3 Ranger Guiders	
				8-10 Prospective Certificated Trainers and new Trainers	

BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE

For full details of how to apply, and who is eligible for Bursaries, District Commissioners should write to the Training Secretary, C.H.Q. (Scottish Commissioners should apply to Scottish Headquarters). Applications must reach C.H.Q. at least two weeks before the date of the Training; Bursaries cannot be issued in retrospect.

The Fee Bursary entitles the Guider to £3.00 for a two-day weekend and £1 for each additional day. This is deducted from the fees at the Training Centre.

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. This is paid at the Training Centre.

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

HOW TO APPLY

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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.e. 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.

CALENDAR

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Llandinam, Mont, Powys SY17 5DE
Tel: Caersws 204

LORNE
Craigavad, Co Down,
Ulster. Tel: Holywood 0231 72112

Glenbrook may also be booked for week-ends or mid-week periods by self-catering groups.

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| 1 | Friends of Broneirion |
| 2 | Conference for Welsh Commissioners and Trainers |
| 7-9 | General Training (<i>Places reserved for Stafford County</i>) |
| 15 | Conference for Welsh County Personnel |
| 21-26 | Looking towards Rangers (<i>A course for 14+ girls</i>) |
| 31-4 Aug | Young Leaders' week |

- 16-23 Adventure Week for Guides aged 12-14 years (*Hillwalking and other activities, e.g. pony trekking*)

- 8-13 Patrol in Action (*Groups of not less than four Guides from a Patrol*)
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Fees at Glenbrook:

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Fees at Broneirion

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Initials — what they mean, by Harriette Lewis. *Initials Pocket Dictionary Ltd*, 95p.

Today we have an era of initial mania, and according to the author, this pocket guide is designed to soothe the temper of everyone who suffers from feeling shut out by a barrier of initials. As with many such works, intended purely for reference, it actually makes fascinating reading. What, for instance, is CHARM? Not what you might think! You can also find out the meanings of WINGO, QUANGO, and ONG, cosily grouped together under NGO. If this has whetted your appetite, here is the book to accompany you on a boring train journey, and it will fit into the tiniest handbag.

Further editions are contemplated, and the author would welcome new entries. WAGGGS is already there (also listed under WAGGS), and GGA slots neatly between GG (Grenadier Guards) and GGL (Guild of Guide Lecturers).

JVR (not listed)

Africa Overland, Finlay & Sheppard, Angus & Robertson, £5.95.

This is the story of a four-month journey by an Australian family of two adults, both journalists, and two children, a boy of 8 and a girl of 9, from Durban via Cape Town to Cairo, using public transport, lorries and even tractors. The early pages are mainly concerned with the politics of South Africa. Throughout the book there are long verbatim reports of talks with the many people the family met on their travels. Crossing Ethiopia proves a hazardous journey, and coincides with the capture of an English family by bandits. All members of the family are ill at some stage of the journey. One admires their pluck and persistence, but feels that the reporter has come to the fore and that the magic of Africa has been missed. There is no index.

EMC

Vicious Circles and Infinity, by Patrick Hughes and George Brecht. *Penguin*, 90p. For seekers after less straightforward fields of knowledge, this anthology of paradoxes can guarantee a few sleepless nights. What,

for instance, would you do about a notice which reads 'please ignore this notice'? To do as it says, you must not have done as it says. If a grain of millet falling makes no sound, how can a bushel falling make a sound? What happens to your fist when you open your hand? If these seem trivial questions, reflect on Wilde's comment that seriousness is the only refuge of the shallow.

The visual arguments in the book are even more tantalising: several examples of the paradox of the realistic painter, where the easel is part of the canvas, are joined by examples of paradox in everyday life, such as a circle of people in which everyone is sitting in the lap of the person behind; a perfect example of an amiable vicious circle. The ultimate paradox of all, the snake with its tail in its mouth, forms the cover of this disturbing book.

JVR

Science and Archaeology, Wilson, Penguin, £1.25.

This is a Penguin reprint of a book by the BBC's Science Correspondent which appeared originally under the title *Atoms of Time Past*. The new title is certainly apt. There are seventeen chapters which, although linked, are absorbing essays in themselves, so that anyone with an interest in the past will find this book informative and at times exciting (eg. tracing the origin of maize). In it are contained numerous examples of profitable co-operation between disciplines, and the value of the book is enhanced by a useful bibliography and a good index.

EMC

HELP, First Aid for everyday emergencies (with foreword by Sir Hedley Atkins, KBE) *Collins*, 95p.

One's first reaction to 'Help' is, 'What, not another book about First Aid'. Comparing it with recently published books on the subject, there are clearly certain pros and cons. The cons are as follows:

(a) It does not bear the hall-mark of any of the Voluntary First Aid Societies.

(b) In view of (a) it is unlikely to be used for authorised first aid classes in industry, by Education

authorities, motorists, or even by housewives in their homes.

(c) No authorised certificate of proficiency is based on the contents.

(d) The diagrams are in black and white and not in contrasting colours.

The pros are:

(1) A clear readable text.

(2) A comprehensive chapter on Poisons, which appears to be omitted by many other First Aid manuals. This chapter would benefit from additional descriptions of some of the common plant poisons such as foxglove, laburnum, deadly nightshade, and monkshood.

(3) The diagrams are clear but would be improved by colour.

On balance, however, it is a useful addition to the library shelves of the more advanced First Aider.

JMJ

The Escape of the Giant Hogweed, Felice Holman, *Abelard-Schuman*, £1.95 (HB) 55p (PB).

Anthony Wilson-Brown is a failure. His younger cousin, Lawrence, is a bit of a failure as well really, but the two of them combine to achieve a rather surprising fame by discovering the Giant Hogweed plant in the Caucasus. Which is when the trouble really starts, as Hogweeds begin to sweep Great Britain, attacking helpless passers-by and covering everyone they touch in an irritating rash. The tale



of how the bumbling Anthony W-B and his young cousin finally beat the Hogweed threat is told in a very entertaining and amusing way, and is the type of story that should appeal to most age

groups, particularly children, who will enjoy and sympathise with the blundering mis-adventures of the two heroic characters.

TWH

Book of Plans, B J Badland, *Mechanical Services Ltd*, Belmont Rd, Bolton, 60p by post.

This is a handbook of plans for building trailers of various kinds. It includes trailers for transporting boats and canoes, and also camping and light goods trailers. The handbook is produced by Mechanical Services Ltd, manufacturers of trailer parts, and with each plan is a list of the parts required, and a price list is also given. Such a book would be useful for any member of an organisation who was considering making a trailer as a project. Assembly would, however, need the help of persons competent to install the electrical equipment, to check the mechanical roadworthiness of the trailer, and in some designs, to weld the parts.

The Observer's Book of Wild Flowers, by Francis Rose, *Warne*, £1.25.

It seems almost unnecessary to review this famous handbook, which has been well known to nature lovers ever since it was first published in 1937. However, this third edition just published, has been completely revised, reset and reillustrated, so it is in effect an entirely new book. The aim of the new edition is to provide a handy pocket guide to the wild flowers most likely to be seen on country walks, on roadsides and waste land, and even as 'weeds' in gardens. As we all know, a weed is simply a plant growing in the wrong place.

There are full descriptions, each with a detailed colour illustration, of 160 plants plus brief notes on more than 70 other related species, covering western continental Europe and the British Isles. There is a glossary of botanical terms. This book is not intended to compete with more exhaustive botanical works, but it is hoped that it will arouse or increase the ordinary reader's interest in an area of study which can be pursued in town or country.

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Royal Maundy in Carlisle

BELOW are the descriptions given by a Ranger, two Brownies and a Guide who were able to see Her Majesty The Queen on her visit to Carlisle on Maundy Thursday this year; an exciting and memorable experience for all of them.

Based on an account by Catherine Bowman (a Ranger Guide with the 24th Carlisle Ranger Unit).

On a cold and windy Maundy Thursday morning Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II came to Carlisle Cathedral to distribute the traditional Maundy Money to 104 pensioners who have given a lifetime of service to Church and community.

A fortnight previously, I had been chosen as the Ranger Guide representative for Carlisle. Representatives of the Guide Movement had been allocated six seats in the nave.

Feeling a little nervous, I met the other members of our Movement at the North door at 10.15 am. The atmosphere inside the Cathedral was difficult to describe; but something very special was in the air. There was an atmosphere of restrained excitement as we took our places in the nave. Within a few minutes, the organ music began, and the clergy and the Yeomen of the Guard (the latter resplendent in their dashing red uniforms), proceeded up the aisle at a solemn pace.

From outside came the sound of cheering, as the assembled crowd caught sight of the Queen and Prince Philip drawing up at the South Door of our Cathedral. Some minutes later (though to us inside the cathedral it felt like very much more) they were inside the cathedral; the Queen was wearing a beautiful maize yellow coat and

matching hat; she was smaller than I had imagined.

The hymns had been well chosen; they fitted the occasion perfectly.

From where I was sitting, I was able to see what was happening in the Chancel, where the main part of the service took place; I caught a glimpse of Prince Philip as he went to read the lesson, and I was able to see part of the actual distribution of the Maundy Money by the Queen.

The service lasted for an hour, and at the end we all stood to sing two verses of the National Anthem. Although the words were so very familiar, this time they held a special significance for me, since I knew that the Monarch for whom we sang those words was with us not only in spirit, but in reality.

The Queen left the Cathedral, and again there rose a great cheer from the crowd gathered outside.

This year, for me, Maundy Thursday had been very special.

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Above, HM The Queen, Accompanied by the Mayor of Carlisle, Mr Jim Long, talks to Guides lining the route after the service. Left, the Royal Party leaves the cathedral.



Photos: Cumberland Newspapers Ltd

From Sarah Alves, 31st Carlisle (St Luke's) Brownies

'I went to the Maundy service at Carlisle Cathedral with Miss Burn, a District Commissioner. At the Cathedral we had to show our tickets, and we were then shown to our seats. Another lady had saved two seats at the front of the centre nave for the Guide and me, and we had a good view of the Yeomen of the Guard (Beefeaters) and of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. I also saw the Mayor and Mayoress of Carlisle. There were lots of ladies in fur coats, and lots of men with medals on. The service lasted for an hour, and the Duke read the first lesson.

When the Queen gave out the Maundy money, the choir sang short anthems.

At the end of the service, everyone sang 'God Save the Queen', and after the Queen and Prince Philip had left the Cathedral, everyone could take their ticket and programme and leave the Cathedral.'

From Anne Liverick (Guide of 16th Carlisle (Upperby) Coy):

'I arrived at the Cathedral at 9.45 am and met the other five members of the party. The Brownie and I were given seats in the centre nave front row. We had a very good view of the Queen throughout the service. I was nervous at first, but I soon got over it. She looked really lovely, although smaller than I had thought she would be. I enjoyed the service very much, and wouldn't have missed it for the world.'

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Royal Maundy *cont'd*

... and from another Brownie, Joanne Richardson, aged eight years (14th Carlisle (St Aidans) Pack)

'We were all very excited when Brown Owl told us at the Pack Meeting the week before that we could go as a Pack to see the Queen.

On Thursday, 23rd March, 1978 I got out of bed very early, as this was the day that the Queen was coming. I put on my Brownie uniform, with warm clothes underneath, as it was very cold. Mummy took my friend and I to the Guide Headquarters where we met Brown Owl and lots of other Brownies and Guides. We then walked to the railway station where we all stood near to the station entrance. We had to stand for quite a long time — lots of people were starting to gather all around us, and a very nice police lady stood near to us. There were lots of policemen looking after the crowds.

First of all, the band appeared, and then the soldiers. Everyone became very excited, and at last the Queen and Prince Philip came from the station and all of us cheered. She looked lovely, wearing a yellow

coat and hat. She stood on a platform and we all sang 'God Save The Queen', and then she inspected the Guard of Honour and went to a waiting car which took her to the Cathedral where she gave out the Maundy money. After the Queen had left the station, we all went home for lunch.

At 1.30 pm, we all met at the Guide Headquarters and walked to the Civic centre where a very nice policeman had saved us a place right beside the door where the Queen went in to sign the visitors' book.

The Queen and Prince Philip arrived in a big car and we all cheered again. As she came out of the Civic Centre, she spoke to some

people in the crowd. Then she got into her car and was taken to the airport to catch her plane to London.

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We reproduce, by kind permission of *Ideal Home Magazine* (May, 1978) this accolade for Rosalie Brown, one of our regular contributors to *THE BROWNIE* and *TODAY'S GUIDE*. Many of the ideas in Rosalie's books were originally used in the Guiding magazines, and were put into book form following many requests for such a book.

Discovering Rosalie Brown

I FIRST fell in love with the work of Rosalie Brown when I chanced upon her little craft books making a rare appearance in my local branch of W H Smith. Her books, intended for Brownies and Girl Guides, and distributed mainly through them, are not widely stocked by commercial booksellers.

Each page illustrates a project — model making, weaving, plaiting, printing, collage, painting on glass and eggs, stencil and paper-cutting, and so on. The illustrations and the instructions are simple and clear, requiring the minimum of skill... but the results in-

dicated by the inspired outlines of Miss Brown's pen are often quite sophisticated.

Who is Rosalie Brown, I wondered? So, I wrote to her publisher, John Goodchild, himself a one-man country business. I learned that Miss Brown, a supposedly shy lady in her sixties, living quietly in Oxford, has recently sold her 200,000th book. As Mr Goodchild said: 'A signal achievement for any author.' Her only fault, he added, was modesty; however, Rosalie Brown was persuaded to talk to me on the telephone, although she seldom gives interviews.

She told me she had built up her craft work on the foundation of the teaching she received at her own little church school, St. Barnabus in Oxford, many years ago. 'I was very stupid at school' because I was deaf as a child and I couldn't hear the teachers speaking. But

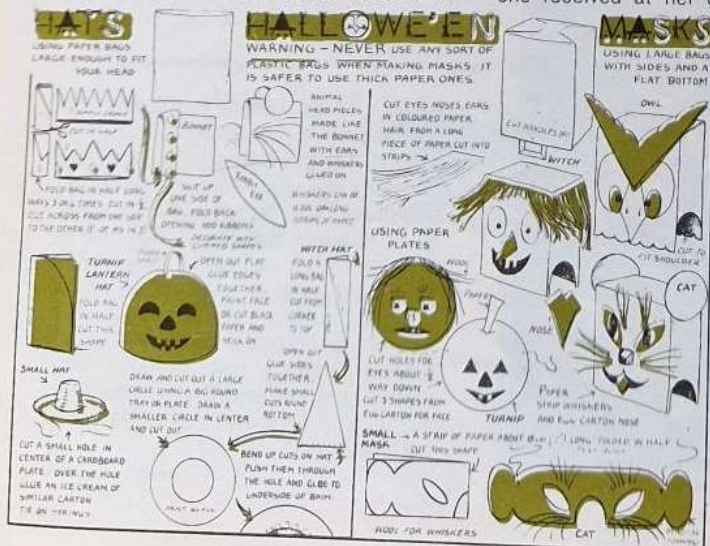
I found my own little world in my models and my art. That's where I learned my basic patterns, but of course I've added lots of my own little bits through the years, and I've also learned a lot from the children I've worked with.'

She joined one of Oxford's first Brownie packs in 1918 at the age of seven, later becoming a Brown Owl. From School, she won a scholarship to Oxford School of Art. During and after the war, when she moved to Scotland to work with the Women's Land Army, she became an instructor for Girl Guide handcraft teachers.

Illuminated lettering has always been her speciality and there are two examples of her beautifully illustrated hand-lettered books in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Her little craft books are a joy to keep or to give as presents. There are four booklets in her *Brownies Make Things* series and four more in her *Handicrafts for all Seasons* series.

Each booklet costs 30p and you can buy them direct from John Goodchild, 70 Carrington Crescent, Wendover, Buckinghamshire, who charges 15p post and packing for each two booklets. These booklets are also available from Guide shops. Mr Goodchild has also collected the most popular of Rosalie's ideas and published them in two hard-backed editions: *Things to Make* and *More Things to Make*, each £2.25 (postage 22p per title).



Left, a centre spread by Rosalie Brown for last Halloween's issue of *THE BROWNIE*.

HQ NOTICES

CHQ Awards

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Commissioner for Canada.

Beaver

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missioner for the British
Solomon Islands Pro-
tectorate.

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missioner for Bermuda.

Laurel Award

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ing Adviser for Leicester-
shire.

Miss K E V Frazer, District
Commissioner for Belize
South.

Mrs J Gray, Chairman, Train-
ing Committee British Guides
in Germany.

Mrs F P Tyson, Assistant
County Commissioner for
Nottinghamshire.

Mrs J M Walthew, Lately
County Commissioner for
Cheshire Border.

Mrs H P Williams, District
Commissioner, The Hague,
British Guides in The Nether-
lands.

Meritorious Conduct Star of Merit

Lynne Brady, Guide aged 12,
46th City of Dundee Com-
pany.

Lynne has suffered a great
deal of pain and unpleasant-
ness over a number of years.
Although she is considerably
restricted in her movements,
Lynne took part in a remark-
able number of activities as a
Brownie and has always
shown a great will and deter-
mination to do her best.
Lynne is now a regular
attender at the Company
meetings. Having gained
many badges she is working
for the Service Flash with
younger children in Sunday
School. Her courage under
suffering and her keenness to
help others is much admired
by those with whom she
comes into contact.

Bridie Brogan, Patrol Leader
aged 14, 1st Heckington
Company.

Despite the surgery she had
to undergo, Bridie remained
cheerful and courageous. She
is an enthusiastic Patrol
Leader and takes a full part in
all Company activities, only
missing meetings when she
has to return to hospital for
treatment. Bridie has
accepted her condition and
refuses to let it get the better

of her and has a cheerful and
positive attitude towards life
and work. At school, Bridie
joins in all the functions
ignoring her handicap and
accepts without any fuss the
help the other girls in her
form offer her.

Certificate of Merit

Katherine Sandow, Patrol
Leader aged 14, 2nd
Keynsham Company, Avon
South.

We regret to report that
Katherine died before
receiving her Award.

Rachel Utting, Guide aged 11,
1st Upshire Company, Essex
West.

Training Diploma Award

Miss Rosemary Davis,
Worcestershire, Training
Diploma (Guide).

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Our Chalet

The following are the booking dates for 1978/1979:

Winter:

December 23rd - January 3rd
January 3rd - March 10th
March 10th - 27th

April 8th - 18th

Summer:

June 3rd - 14th

June 17th - 28th
July 1st - 12th
July 15th - July 26th

July 29th - August 9th
August 12th - 23rd
August 26th - Sept 6th
September 9th - 20th

Sept 23rd - October 4th

Our Chalet will be closed for three periods: March 28th - April
7th; April 18th - June 3rd; and October 4th - December 22nd,
1979.

Our Cabaña

Sessions during 1978 and 1979

1978

September 21st - 30th
October 27th - November 6th
November 9 - 19th

Programme Workshop 1978
Christmas in Mexico

1979

February 27th - March 8th
March 13th - 22nd
October 30th - November 8th
November 12th-21st

Music and the Folk Arts
50th Anniversary Fiesta

Other Sessions

September 4th - 11th 1978
January 5th - 12th 1979
February 16th - 23rd 1979
March 30th - April 6th 1979
April 9th - 16th 1979
April 18th - 25th 1979
May 24th - 31st 1979.

Sangam

Sessions during 1978 and 1979

1978

October 25th - November 4th
November 5th - 30th

Festival Time in Indian Folklore
Adventuring In India

1979

January 3rd - 20th
February 1st - 22nd

India's Ancient Heritage
Exploring and Trekking
in India

May 1st - 10th
& May 15th - 25th

Holiday Camp, opportunity for
Guide members to help on staff
of camps for local girls

August 1st - 15th
September 15th - 30th

Craft Fare
Festival Time in Indian
Folklore (tentative)
The Three Worlds
of the Child

Nov 15th - Dec 7th

Further details about the sessions at the World Centres can be
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gramme Secretary.

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Youth Leaders conference,
led by Mr Norman Parker of
the Methodist Division of
Education and Youth, on
Sunday, November 26th, 1978
at Upminster Methodist
Church, from 2.15-5 pm.
Further details — see to Mrs
M Pain, 51 Tawny Avenue, Up-
minster, Essex.

We are anxious that the
conference should be pub-
licised to all who might be in-
terested.

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HQ NOTICES



WE SEND our best wishes to everyone who is going abroad this month to various events.

Six girls from Berkshire, Clwyd, City of Dundee, Cleveland, Lancashire West and Belfast, and a leader, Miss Janet Smith from Worcestershire, will be attending the Diamond Jubilee International Camp in Barbados.

A Ranger from Sussex East and one from Cambridgeshire East will be spending over three weeks in the province of Saskatchewan as part of Canada's In Travel Project 1978.

Two Guides and a young Guider from Ulster will be guests of the l'ère compagne Notre-Dame de Celles at their summer camp in the province in Liège.

Four Rangers/Young Leaders/Young Guiders from Derbyshire, South Antrim, Northamptonshire and Belfast will be attending the International Service Camp in The Netherlands as Gilwell St Walrick, their national training centre near Nijmegen.

A group of 10 Rangers from Midlands under the leadership of Miss Yvonne Patterson, Derbyshire, and Miss Jill Bennett will be taking part in the 13th International Sea Rover/Ranger Camp in The Netherlands.

Ten Guides and Rangers from Pembrokeshire, Devon, Caernarvonshire, West Glamorgan, Breconshire, Avon North, Gloucestershire and Somerset, and two leaders Miss Valerie Williams, Caernarvonshire, and Miss Catherine Dodd, Cardiff and East Glamorgan, will be attending the 1978 Bundeslager Camp in Germany.

Thirteen Guides and Rangers from Surrey East, Surrey West, Sussex East, Greater London Kent, Greater London West, Middlesex West, Sussex West, Middlesex East, Somerset, Avon South, Wiltshire South and Gloucestershire under the leadership of Miss Gillian Wotton, Surrey East, Miss Susan Cranmer, Middlesex West, and Miss Jill Chesterfield, Devon, will be attending the International Jamboree in Austria.

Twenty-one girls from various parts of the United Kingdom under the leadership of Mrs Kate Roberts, Leicestershire, Miss Barbara Sparke, Wirral, Mrs Naomi Benson, Middlesex West, and Mrs Julie North will be attending the Israel International Camp to be held in the forests of Mount Carmel. Half of the group will be going on a tour of Israel after the camp and a short period of home hospitality.

Four Guides/Rangers from London South West, Middlesex East, Kent East and London-over-the-Border together with two Guides from British Guides in Foreign Countries in Portugal will be going to the 2nd National Camp in Portugal to be held at Bombarral. The Leader will be Mrs Barbara Schlusser from Lincolnshire South.

A number of camps will be held in Sweden which will be attended by the following groups:

Swedish National Camp '78 — Leaders Mrs P Kim Main, and Miss Christine King, both from North Yorkshire North East and Guides/Rangers/Young Leaders from Lancashire West, North Yorkshire North East, Humberside North, Stockport, North Yorkshire West, Lancashire East, Cheshire Forest, Cleveland, West Yorkshire West, and Merseyside South.

Almó '78 — Leaders Miss Ruth Sara, Avon South, Miss Sarah Jenkins, Avon North, and Guides/Rangers/Young Leaders from Nottinghamshire, London South East, London-over-the-Border, Berkshire, Avon North, Shropshire, Middlesex East, Birmingham, Wiltshire South, Surrey East.

Lufflagret, Nidingstorp, Sweden — Leaders Miss Alison Torr, Greater London West, and Miss Veronica George, Sussex West, and Guides/Rangers/Young Leaders from London North East, Kent West, North Humberside, Kent East, Greater London Kent, West Yorkshire South, Greater London West, Leeds, South Yorkshire, Kent Weald.

Kronoberg, Lessebo — Leaders Mrs Hazel Jenkins, Stockport, and Miss Jean Priestley, West Lancashire, and Guides/Young Leaders from Cambridgeshire West, Sefton,

North Down, Stockport, Wirral, and Belfast.

Four Guides/Rangers from Scotland — City of Aberdeen, Kincardine and Deeside, Forth Valley, and Banff and Buchan will be joining a Guide company in Switzerland for their summer camp in the Bernese Jura.

Two Rangers from Greater Manchester North and Cheshire Forest will be attending the National Training Camp to be held in Switzerland at their National Training Centre, Cauco.

Two Rangers, Kay Tranter, from Buckinghamshire and Deborah Cliffe from Humberside North, have been selected to attend the Arkansas Wing Ding event to take place at Little Rock Air Force Base and organised by the Ouachita Girl Scout Council, U.S.A.

Friends Of Blackland Open Day September 9th, 1978

Friends are invited to arrive from noon onwards and asked to bring a picnic lunch. Drinks will be provided.

The Meeting will be in Barkly Cottage, Blackland Camp Site, at 2 pm.

We do hope that you will come and have an enjoyable day out.

Please reply by August 25th, to:—

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Posthorn Lane,
Forest Row,
Sussex

If you are able to come.

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The Nine Bronze Tripods. Martyn, Cassell (Australia), price £2.50.

This book, with illustrations and calligraphy by Chinese artists, has been written for children by an Australian, Norma Martyn, who has travelled through and studied in many Asian countries. It tells, in a series of stories, the tale of a boy who became an Emperor and a girl, an orphan and a slave, who became his wife in the time of the Shang Dynasty 3500 years ago. The book, with its mystic undertones, is not easy reading and is more suitable for a teenager than for a younger child. There is a chronological table to show the rulers of China from the Age of the Five Rulers to the present day, but one could plunge into the tale without realising that there is a necessary (and very interesting) glossary of nine pages at the back. There are also two pages of pronunciation spelling of the calligraphy at the head of each story. The book, printed in Singapore, is very well bound.

EMC

Walks in the Yorkshire Dales. Wade, Spurbooks, 75p.

Armed with this pocket size book and supported by the appropriate O.S. maps one can take advantage of the 20 walks of up to some 13 miles classed as 'very easy' to 'very strenuous'. The directions

given for each walk are good but the sketch maps are limited, and as map references are given from time to time the O.S. sheets as necessary. There is a most important final chapter on Walking in the Wild which should be read closely. It would, in fact, be better to make it the opening chapter. One important point is omitted from it. If you are going to walk in wild and often lonely places tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to be back.

EMC

Understanding Maps. Ladybird Books, 30p.

This seems to be a very comprehensive book, giving an outline explanation of all kinds of maps. At 30p, it represents excellent value for an introductory work. All the details given seem to be correct, apart from 'setting your Map' page 14, paragraph 3. The map should be turned so that the compass needle points to magnetic North as indicated on the map (adjusted for the variation since the date of issue of the map) — and not to the top of the map, which is true north.

'Understanding Maps' does not go into great detail, but it does give enough information to provide an introduction to mapping in simple terms, and should be useful for the younger Guide.

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Liquafuta herbal cough medicine, Halex toothbrushes.

The eight-man team was led by Chris Bonington; other team members were Pete Boardman, Paul Braithwaite, Jim Duff, Nick Estcourt, Tony Riley, Doug Scott and Joe Tasker.

STOP PRESS

We were so sorry to hear after "passing for press", that Nick Estcourt has died on K2 and the expedition has been abandoned.

Save and Recycle



If you find yourself irritated by the number of superfluous packaging materials around wholly essential domestic goods, you will find the magazine 'Save and Recycle'... a guide to voluntary waste collection interesting and thought-provoking reading. The magazine is wholly printed on recycled paper, and gives step-by-step instructions on how you can set about undertaking your own 'war on waste'; whether it be of paper, glass, plastics, metal or of any other recyclable material. 'Save and Recycle' also issues lists of addresses of Waste Merchants throughout the country; it's up to the reader to check on the minimum quantities which they will be prepared to collect.

Ecology projects involving the collection of say, waste paper are ideal for those who work with large groups, because in their nature, such projects have to be ambitious; few merchants will accept small quantities of any commodity for recycling; it's just not worth their while. Some councils have their own schemes for making separate collections of say, newspaper, and it's up to the individual to attempt to badger a recalcitrant council into instigating such a scheme in his/her own area.

'Save and Recycle' is a free magazine — write for copies to: National Anti-Waste Programme, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria St., London SW1 (No need to send a sae.)

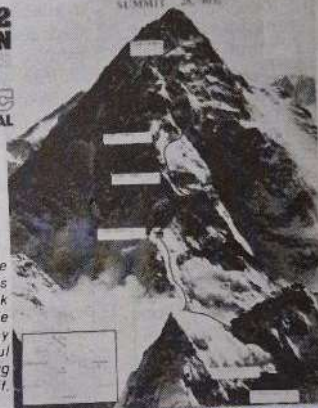


BRITISH K2 EXPEDITION

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Left (from the top, l to r): Chris Bonington, Nick Estcourt, Pete Boardman, Tony Riley, Paul Braithwaite, Doug Scott, Jim Duff, Joe Tasker.



The British Naturalists' Association

An organisation which would surely be of interest to many readers is the British Naturalists' Association, not to be confused with Naturists (nudists!). The organisation is a registered charity, founded in 1905 to encourage practical nature study and the dissemination of information about wildlife and other natural phenomena. The Association has branches in sixteen English counties, all of which organise regular field and indoor meetings throughout the year. Guiders, Guides and Brownies are always welcome to attend, and by attending BNA meetings, they could pick up useful hints and ideas for their nature and conservation Interest badges, etc. The Association also publishes its own magazine, 'Country-Side', a bulletin of branch activities, as well as a series of special 'How to begin the study of...' leaflets on such topics as birds, wild flowers, fungi, insects, spiders, reptiles and amphibians, and so forth, all of them specifically designed to help the beginner. Further details of membership, including Pack affiliation, may be obtained from the BNA's Membership Secretary, Mrs Y Griffiths, 23 Oak Hill Close, Woodford Green, Essex, (stamped addressed envelope, please).

It's their World, too

The world's oceans provide us with 40% of the oxygen and with over 35% of man's protein needs. Our present heedless treatment of the seas and their inhabitants (by overfishing, callously materialistic whaling, seal and dolphin-hunting and so on) might well leave us with an earth where the balance of nature has been disturbed, with disastrous effects for future generations.

180,000 helpless Harp seal pups were slaughtered off Newfoundland early this year, and in February 1,000 dolphins (perhaps the world's most intelligent mammal, bar man) were slaughtered by Japanese fishermen in February. Disasters such as the wrecking of the *Amoco Cadiz* oil tanker, and that of *Eleni V* only add to the destruction and suffering deliberately caused to wildlife throughout the world — but routine destruction seldom makes headlines.

To help the World Wildlife Fund, members of the Wildlife Youth service will be holding sponsored spell-ins and marine life quizzes throughout the country. Proceeds will go towards the establishment of whale sanctuaries and towards the WWF's continuing efforts to dissuade the Canadian Government from carrying out its annual gigantic cull of Harp seals.

Any funds raised by schoolchildren are strictly earmarked for conservation (ie with no deduction for salaries and rent, etc) — so all the money the children raise goes directly towards conservation.

Guides and Rangers should complete the form below and post it to the address given. They will then receive as many forms as they require, and marine life quiz leaflets/answer sheets or marine life spell-in leaflets. Full details are given of how the quizzes should be carried out.

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WHAT'S ON

Exhibitions

The National Railway Museum: Grand Hotels

About the same time that railways were beginning to expand in a big way in the 19th century, hotels were experiencing a similar growth. The origins of modern hotel practice are entwined with the



development of the railways, and the large collection of hotel and catering artefacts kept by the National Railway Museum and not normally on show.

bears witness to this.

A special exhibition to mark the centenary of the local Royal Station Hotel, and featuring some of the best items from the collection, is at present running at the Museum in Leeman Road, York. The main visual attraction is the extensive display of silver plate, china and glass, much of it dating from the days of the private railway companies.

The exhibition will run until the Autumn, and Museum hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 am-6 pm, Sundays 2.30 pm-6 pm. Admission to the Museum and exhibition is free.

Rose '78

Rose '78 — the Rose Festival and National Rose Show will take place at Chiswell Green, St Albans, on Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th July this year.

One of the new strains of rose to be seen at this year's show is a tribute to this country's first female telecaster; it's called 'Angela Rippon'.

To reach the show by road, be sure to follow the AA signs. A one way system

will be in operation; Chiswell Green is approximately three miles south of St Albans, off the A412.

Opening times: July 8th (Sat) 10am-7pm
July 9th (Sun) 10am-5pm

Admission prices are £1 or 80p on application to the office. Children under 15 are admitted free of charge. Party rates are available.

The Story of Everest

On the 29th May, 1953, an expedition led by Colonel, now Lord, Hunt became the first climbing party successfully to climb Mount Everest. A quarter of a century later, the story of how Everest was conquered has become a legend, and the subject of an interesting exhibition in Gallery 65 of the Science Museum, London.



A bid for the summit of Everest on 6th June, 1924.

There are 100 photographs on display, ranging from the early 1920's expedition photographs to the spectacular colour

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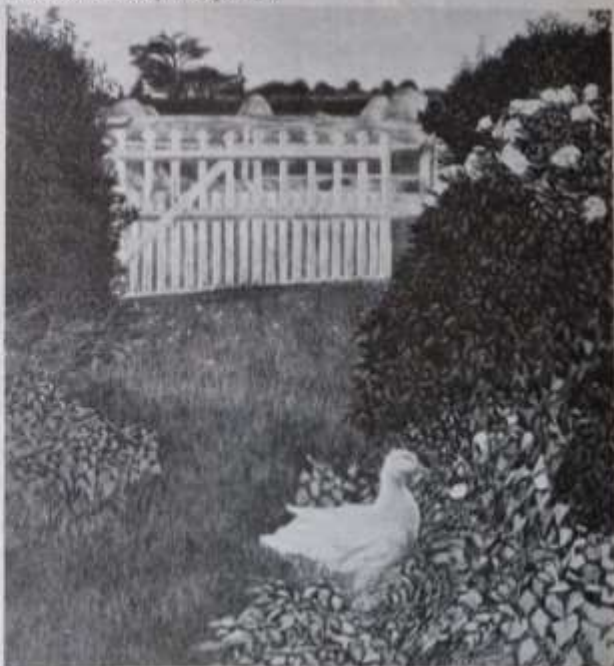
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Royal Academy Summer Exhibition

The 210th Summer Exhibition is currently running at the Royal Academy in Piccadilly, London. Artists of all nationalities and ages are invited to submit work every year towards this mammoth exhibition, which attracts an amazing variety of media and styles. There are sculptures, drawings, paintings, architectural submissions, models and miniatures etc., some from artists who are well known but many from amateurs who hope to become well known. Most of the work on show is for sale, and the exhibition affords the unique opportunity to visitors to view and acquire the original works of practising artists.

The exhibition runs until August 13, and is open daily 10am-6pm. Admission is 90p, Sundays until 1.45pm. 45p.

'The White Gate' by Carolyn Trant.



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views of the successful 1975 climb. Also on show are many examples of the items actually used on the 1953 expedition, and models of many famous climbers who have shaped the pattern of the various expeditions over the years.

The exhibition runs throughout 1978 and is open to the public Monday-Saturday, 10.00 am-6.00 pm, Sunday 2.30 pm-6.00 pm. Admission is free. **TH**

Coventry Mystery Plays

Mystery Plays were an essentially medieval dramatic entertainment, performed in the more flourishing towns by the Craft Guilds. The Plays were Biblical stories, produced out of doors on movable stages, and were full of power, spectacle and considerable humour.



View from the east of the old and new Cathedrals.

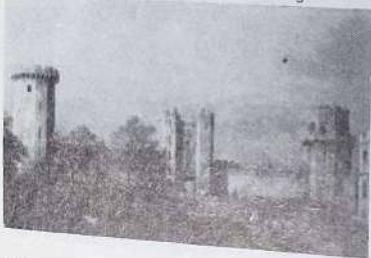
The last original performance of Coventry's Plays was in 1580, but the Belgrade Theatre Company, in association with Coventry Cathedral, is reviving them in the beautiful setting of the old Coventry Cathedral from August 1-12. Two of the original Plays are included, and the rest have been pieced together by research and from other towns' Plays. The first performance is at 8.30 pm on August 1 and 3.00 pm and 8.30 pm daily after that. There is no performance on August 7. Tickets are priced £1.50 adults, 75p children, and there is one free seat for every ten bought — adult prices only. Booking information from the Box Office, Belgrade Theatre, Corporation Street, Coventry CV1 1GS. Ring (0203) 20205.

Save this Canaletto

The National Gallery is supporting Birmingham City Museums and Art Gallery in their financial appeal to stop the export of a painting of Warwick Castle by Canaletto.

The pair of Canalettos, depicting Warwick Castle — one of them has already been saved, are on view in the Board Room of the National Gallery until July 10. Admission is free, but donations are very welcome, since another £77,500 is needed before July 11th to stop the second painting leaving the country. Over £275,000 was raised to buy the first painting, and £197,500 is the amount raised so far towards the second.

£77,500 is needed to save this painting.



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Films

Warlords of Atlantis

Adventures under the sea, however improbable, have fascinated generations of cinemagoers. Being largely unexplored, all types of curious and frightening sea-monsters can be invented with impunity to try the patience of heroic mariners. The heroic mariners in this case are played by Peter Gilmore and Doug McClure, in a story set at the end of the nineteenth century.



The guardian of Atlantis makes a social call on the 'Texas Rose'.

The *Texas Rose* is a square rigger on a mission to discover the lost city of Atlantis. With the aid of a diving bell the city is discovered, and the trouble starts. The crew is captured by a giant octopus and deposited on the deserted beach of Atlantis — under the sea. They are captured by the hostile inhabitants who hail from Mars, and are working on a plan to return. In a desperate battle to escape, the crew of the *Texas Rose* encounter all sorts of weird monsters, including a giant mutant millipede.

All escapist nonsense at its best, and a film the kids are sure to enjoy. The special effects are numerous and well done and the heroes are muscular, hero-like and easy to identify with. The film is due for release in mid-July with an 'A' Certificate.

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Leopard in the Snow

The eternal triangle forms the perpetually engrossing theme of *Leopard in the Snow*, due for release this month under an 'A' certificate.

Leopard in the Snow, based on a Mills & Boon novel by Anne Mather, tells the story of Helen, a wealthy young girl whose future life and husband has been decided for her by her family, much to her chagrin, yet who finds herself 'out of the frying pan and into the fire' when she becomes involved with a bitter and misogynistic former world-class racing driver who represents the antithesis of Helen's family's hopes for their daughter.

Like all good Mills & Boon novels, the story ends happily, and there's scarcely the flutter of an eyelash throughout the film, to warrant its 'A' certificate.

The best acting in the film probably comes from Gordon Thomson, who plays Michael Framley, the 'suitable' boyfriend who loses Helen's love. He copes well with the rather corny lines given him. Susan Penhaligon's performance as the heroine, Helen, is less impressive, even wooden at times.



Helen with her 'suitable' boyfriend.

Kenneth More and Billie Whitelaw have small but effective parts in the film, as Helen's parents, and Keir Dullea, who plays Dominic Lyall, the racing driver, does his best with a fatuous script.

Strictly for the soft-hearted and sentimental, *Leopard in the Snow* is an innocuous film, to which nobody could take offence. Take the film as you find it; enjoy it for what it is — a charming story of a 'poor little rich girl'.

Those readers who prefer films to be set in the real world won't enjoy this one.

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Other Events

Here is the News

For crying out loud! Chester was a bit slow in appointing its new Town Crier: the last crier, William Ratcliffe, ceased duty 168 years ago. The new man is 6 ft 2 in, 18-stone Ian Clarkson, who dresses in full early nineteenth century crier's regalia, complete with tricorn hat, knee breeches, coat, bell and scroll, befitting his position as Britain's only daily Town Crier. You can see him every day, 12.00 noon and 4.00 pm, at the Cross, Chester. Eat your heart out, Angela Rippon!

Stop Press

The Royal Opera House regrets that further changes have had to be made to the advertised programme of the Royal Ballet during July. *Anastasia* and the triple-bill programme originally planned for 17 and 20 July have been reversed, and matinée and evening performances of *The Firebird* on 22 July have been replaced by *Four Schumann Pieces*. The rest of the programme, *The Divertissements* and *Elite Syncopations* remain as announced.

The change in this programme has been made to accommodate revised plans from the Television companies involved in the transmission in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America.

In Brief

Bury — 30th July, Steam Locomotives in steam, Bury Transport Museum, Castlecroft Road, Lancs. 11 am-5 pm.

Clapham — 9th July, Walk with a National Park Warden (approx 2 hours). Starting point Clapham National Park Centre, N. Yorks, 2 pm.

Dales — 1st July-8th October, Dales Rail Service, Sats & Suns. Stations in Yorkshire Dales National Park.

London — Until 27th August, British Museum Heraldry Exhibition, Admission Free (Weekdays 10-5, Sundays 2.30-6).

London — 19th July-5th August, Children's Books of the Year Exhibition, National Book League.

Preston — 8th July, 'Everybody's' Dog Show, Chingle Hall, Goosnargh.

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