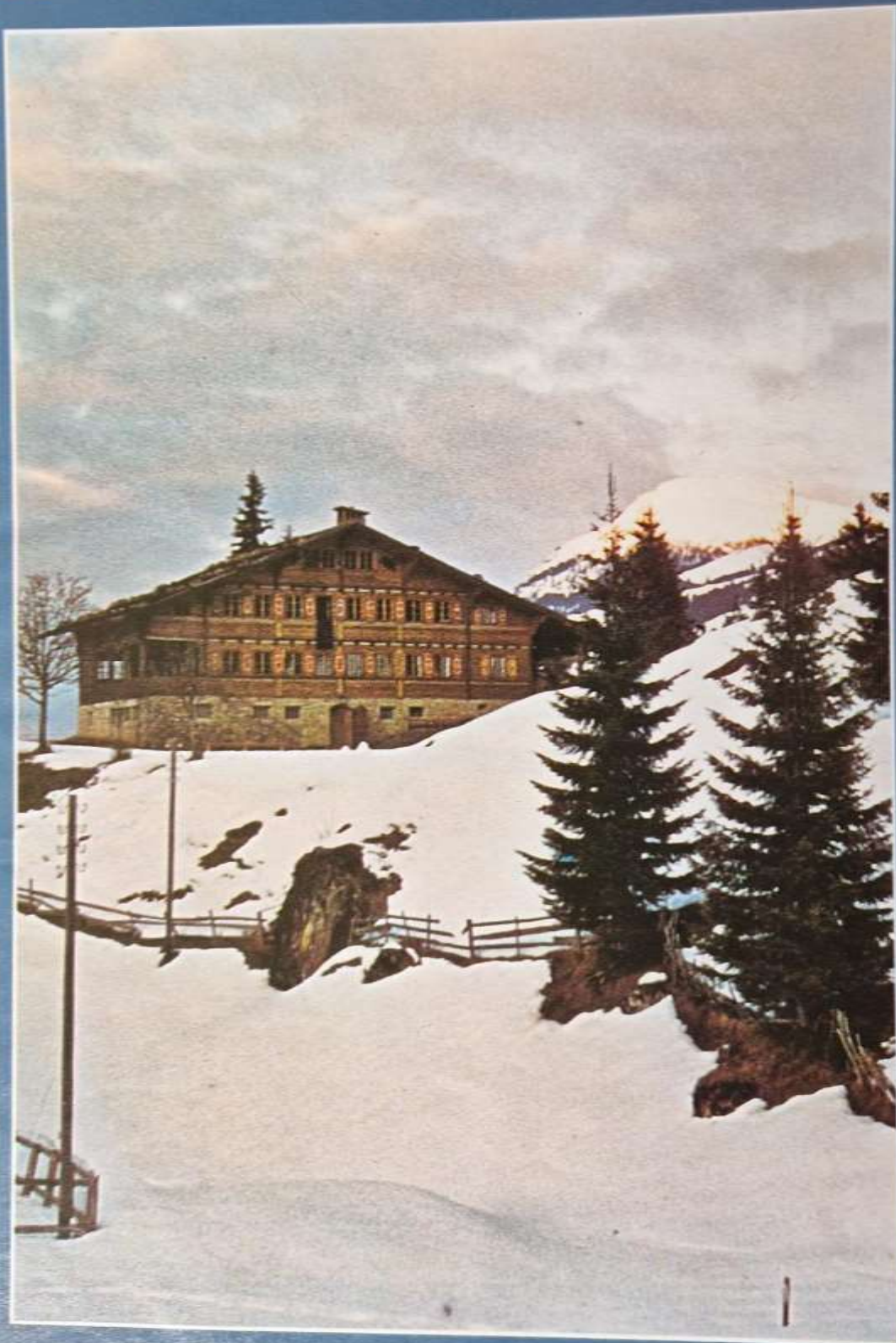




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# "Would we ever see the white waters of the Black Forest?"

"Canoeing had become something special in our Company and all our weekend outings started to revolve around finding exciting water for our kayak enthusiasts, to battle with the eddies, falls and currents. The trouble was, the more we went out the more money we needed, and our kayaks were costing more to maintain.

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## Christmas Greetings

*It has been a tremendous pleasure to meet hundreds of Guiders all over the United Kingdom, and with the British Guides in Germany, during the past year, and I have such happy memories of all of you as I write this Christmas message. The quality of Guiding has never been higher than it is today, despite the enormous increase in our numbers, and I know this is entirely due to your leadership and the way you maintain our standards, even when there are difficulties which you either overcome or accept cheerfully.*

*I send to each of you my warmest admiration with my best wishes for a very happy Christmas, and may the New Year bring you even greater happiness and success in your Guiding.*

*Sheila Walker*  
Chief Commissioner.

## Cover

A seasonal view of Our Chalet sets the scene for the Christmas period this year. Photograph by Miss C J Burton. We are grateful to Webb Ivory Limited for sponsoring this month's cover.

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# GUIDING ROUNDAABOUT



Kent and Sussex Courier

Does this photograph 'tickle' your fancy? Well, that's the fault of the 1st Staplecross Girl Guides who dressed as Diddymen to participate in the Ewhurst and Staplecross celebrations at which they raised almost £130 towards village projects.

## CHRISTMAS BELLES!



"Not so hard, Cynthia!"

Saying it 'with flowers' is Ranger Lynn Bowerman who presented a lovely bouquet to Mrs R. Rolf to celebrate a decade with her Ranger Unit, and 27 years within the Guide Movement. Assistant Ranger Guider Rosemary Forbes made the celebration complete with a goblet given to Mrs Rolf on behalf of the Rangers.



Miss M.F. Bailey



M. C. Davis

A proud moment for Mrs Joan Spriggs, Ranger Adviser, as she receives a County award at the AGM for services to the Movement within the County of Greater London West from Mrs Owen Walker, JP, Chief Commissioner.



Kent Evening Post

In festive mood is Brownie Guider Kathy Meyer, making sure there was someone under the hood to attend the 1st Cuxton Brownies' annual Christmas bazaar.

Playing Father Christmas are a group of Ranger Guides from Eastbourne and their friends who are delivering seasonal fare to the crew of the Beachy Head lighthouse. They filled a hamper with goods collected at various points throughout the town to brighten the crew's lonely Christmas.



Eastbourne Gazette





Mrs. E. Holwell



Weston Mercury

This young Guide from the 5th Aughton (St Michael's) Company, tries to put a mirror-shine on her shoes while on her summer camp holiday.

Many attended the Worle Guides' Local Association annual meeting in Weston-super-Mare where they were taken back 40 years when three present day Members paraded old uniforms. Our picture shows the County Commissioner Miss G Long with the girls in a 1938 Brownie uniform, a 1939 Guide uniform and a 1942 Ranger uniform (when the respective Units were begun in Worle).

Miss M Gibson



Pontefract and Castleford Express

'There's a hole in my bucket' says one Guide to Liza in a sketch at a concert and party the 1st Kirkpatrick-Juxta Guides held for the old people of their village.



Pictured here are the Whitley Bridge Rangers and Guides in their splendid costumes for their pantomime 'The Frog Prince' in a local Town Hall — perhaps it should have been 'Toad Hall'!

Horley Advertiser



Prince Philip obviously enjoyed watching (or smelling!) the frying of bacon by the two Rangers from the 6th Horley Unit, Surrey. Perhaps he was hoping for a free sample!



Grimsbey Evening Telegraph

These cheerful New Waltham Brownies were full of the Christmas spirit as they put on a show for their parents, dressed as various seasonal animals. Let's hope Santa Claus showed his appreciation on Christmas Eve!



Chatham Standard

What a way to dress for netball! But the parents of Brownie members in one of the oldest Packs in Chatham, Kent, played like this in a special fund raising St Trinian's style match. Every rule was broken, but they managed to raise £29 and end the match in a draw.



# Report of the 23rd (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) Held at the Olympic Village 1st-12th September 1979



Members of the UK Delegation to the World Conference. Left to right: Mrs Owen Walker, JP, Chief Commissioner, Miss Barbara Ryrie, Jean Hartridge, Joy Lyne, Vivienne Vaughan-Cox. (Front) Mary Birkbeck, The Lady Baden-Powell.

'In Iran, Yoghourt is the Remedy' ran a notice on the dining room door, and Lady Price, Chairman of the World Committee and of the 23rd World Conference, was heard to remark that the first three days of any conference were disrupted by internal problems of one form or another! This was no exception and, from the minute of arrival when it was clear to many delegates from the far flung corners of the world that their material comforts were not to be catered for in quite the manner to which they were accustomed, early camp training was needed to stand everyone in good stead.

Iranian Scouting in the form of young men and women met planes on arrival, in the dark, and treated delegates to very exciting drives, reminiscent of 'dodgems', to the Olympic Village. Here, after certain confusions over baggage, everyone found accommodation, arranged in many different blocks of 20-30 single rooms, according to delegations. Dozens of young Iranian Aides, supported by their leaders, provided a warm welcome in very limited English and continued to look after everyone to the very best of their ability throughout the Conference.

Added warmth was engendered by the very hot sunshine, temperatures in the nineties and a dry dusty atmosphere throughout. Registrations completed, day one of the Conference was somewhat marred by the very strict security measures necessary for the opening ceremony. The well air-conditioned Conference Hall being locked. Discussion Group Leaders and Recorders had to be briefed in any odd, available corner. Regional gatherings were cancelled and police and soldiers abounded. All of which resulted in a very long wait before HIM the Shahbanou of Iran arrived in Girl Scout uniform to perform the opening ceremony. Her speech in Farsi was later translated in written form and she remained on the platform throughout the formal presentations and adoption of Reports.

These were followed by a reception at which the Shahbanou shook hands with every member of the Conference, before cutting a vast cake to commemorate the occasion and mingling with the large gathering.



The Chief Commissioner is presented to the Shahbanou.

The presentation of the Theme — The Child: 'Lighting a Flame for Youth' was most beautifully enacted by Iranian Girl Scouts and 'Angels' (Brownies) under the sensitive directorship of Mrs Burbidge. This, followed by Group Discussions on the needs and rights of children throughout the World and continued next day by a presentation of Promotion of Guiding and Girl Scouting throughout the world, brought our minds back to the heart of the matters in hand. Miss Terezinha Fram, a World

Committee member from Brazil, made the problems of self-evaluation seem clearer by her excellent presentation, but the debate following the plenary session was long and arduous, although the acceptance of the procedure was carried by a large majority.

The closed session for electing new member countries was an extremely long one for all delegates, whilst visitors and observers anxiously awaited results. New Full Member countries, welcomed with a charming ceremony provided by Iranian Girl Scouts, were Bahamas, Bolivia, Cyprus, Jordan, Paraguay and Zambia, and new Associate Member countries were Hong Kong, Lesotho, Nepal, Netherlands Antilles and Papua New Guinea. The Chairman announced with regret that membership had been withdrawn from Vietnam and Zaire. At this stage in the Conference, by now in its third day, proceedings began to be much delayed due to all sessions running over the time allocated to them, and everyone growing increasingly tired. This situation was exacerbated by rumours of 'troubles' throughout Iran itself, and everyone being advised to stay within the confines of the Olympic Village.

Dr Helen Laird was responsible for the excellent paper on Categories of Membership, but it produced long hours of discussion. This was alleviated by a day off, when the whole Conference was taken in buses to lunch at the beautifully air-conditioned headquarters of Iranian Boy and Girl Scouting. Following this banquet was a visit to the vast camping area in the hills and trees of Manzarieh. Here hundreds of Iranian Rangers, Girl Scouts and Angels welcomed the 400 delegates to their day camp, and a very heartening and happy afternoon



World Conference delegates visiting a camp site at Manzarieh.

was spent watching games and activities of all kinds. The evening ended with a magnificent barbecue provided by the Friends of Iranian Scouting.

Much refreshed, work was resumed on Categories of Membership next morning, and after another long but interesting debate, and numerous amendments, a final vote was taken by secret ballot and carried in favour of retaining two categories. Mrs Grace MacNeil presented the paper on 'Girl Guide/Girl Scout and Boy Scout Relationships', followed by very useful discussion groups at which all members of the United Kingdom delegation were greatly helped by the Executive Committee's recent Statement of Policy.

Reports from Regional meetings ensued and it was noteworthy that every Region rejected the suggestion of a compulsory subscription to their Region Committees of Groups.

The Quota Study was so clearly and simply produced by Mrs Keppie, the World Association Treasurer, and her Chairman, Mrs Kata Jouhki, that it only resulted in warm applause and acceptance of the Alternative System (based on the United Nations method) to be adopted with effect from 1st October, 1979, and it was agreed that the payments would be increased by 10% both in October 1979 and October 1980. 'Such a small sum for so much fun' was the apt slogan. During discussion on plans for future World Conferences there was warm



# World Conference Guides and Girl Scouts)

Village, Tehran, Iran

September 1978

support for the inclusion of visitors in the delegations from Associate Member countries, so that there will be a slight increase, rather than a reduction, in numbers.

With the aid of slides, Miss Fanny Hartoulari encouraged us all to make more use of World Centres. This was followed by a moving Thinking Day presentation by Miss Lyn Joynt and Mrs Rosina Oku Ampofo, with the aid of Iranian 'Angels', stressing the vital need for publicity and support of the Thinking Day Fund, in order to make Promotion of Guiding possible throughout the world. The recommendation of the World Committee for the use of the World Chief Guide Memorial Fund to rehouse the World Bureau and, if possible, Olave House was accepted almost unanimously and, should this not prove possible, for (1) a World Centre in Africa (2) the furtherance of guiding, specially in less affluent countries and (3) an endowment fund for World Centres.

New members of the World Committee elected by delegates of Full Member countries were:—

Miss Doris Stockmann — Finland  
Mrs William MacLeod Ittmann — USA  
Dr Kimi Hara — Japan  
Sra Juliette de Carrington — Mexico.

Substitute members elected were:

Sra Rosa de Roca — Spain  
Miss Claudia Conte — Italy  
Miss Tehmina Barma — India  
Mrs Ena Collymore-Woodstock — Jamaica.

An additional pleasure for the United Kingdom was the appointment of Dr Helen Laird as First Vice Chairman of the World Committee, of Dr Kathryn Benson-Evans as Chairman of the Europe Committee, of Mrs Margaret Calvert as Treasurer, and the following as members of sub-committees of the World Committee:

Miss K McIntosh — Finance  
Lady Beevor — Olave House  
Mrs A J Lyne — Olave House  
Mrs M J Ronson — Sangam  
Miss Mary Ramsay — Our Chalet.

A final resolution proposed that the World Committee, before the next World Conference, should carry out a study allowing for a revision and definition of all ways of working of the World Conference, and the Conference then came to the conclusion of its business. At a simple ceremony provided by the Hostess Country, the French Delegation accepted the World Flag and the responsibility given to the Guides of their country by a large majority, for the hostessing of the 24th World Conference in 1981.



Above, Iranian 'Angels' dancing — not on this occasion, performing a ballet!

Finally, Iranian 'Angels', lighting candle flames for Youth while performing a delightful ballet, led the delegates from the Hall. And so this extraordinary 23rd World Conference was at an end. An extraordinary and a tremendous experience! When the 22nd World Conference so gladly accepted the invitation of



A display of dancing at the end of the Conference, performed by Iranian Rangers.

Iran to host the 23rd World Conference, who could have known of the difficulties that were to be experienced by the World Bureau, the World Committee and, most of all, the Hostess Country? Riots and severe demonstrations leading to Martial Law and a curfew from 9 pm until 5 am, even operating within the Olympic Village — the management of the village struggling to provide the facilities, cleanliness and redecorations it had promised — the fear that 400 women from over 90 countries, representing a westernised organisation for the emancipation of girls and women in contradiction to the stricter religious teaching of the country, might be in danger — and the total disruption of so many plans for outside hospitality.

Our Iranian hosts and hostesses were simply wonderful throughout, and they somehow managed to cope with cancellations of ballet and home visits, of post conference tours and of shopping expeditions. They provided amazing banquets while hosts, unable to entertain their guests at home, arrived with all their food to visit their guests — rushing home before curfew! Countless air tickets were changed, sleep was lost, new arrangements made and, always, with willing smiles and great patience.

It was nevertheless hard for everyone, long days and short nights, and many delegates were naturally often tempted to be more worried about how they were going to get home than how they should vote during the Conference. Social activities, so much a feature of the Sussex Conference, inevitably had to be abandoned, and evening parties were almost non-existent because of restrictions. But the warmth and friendship prevailed, and enormous sympathy was felt for Iranian Girl Scouting.

Enchanting Aides did their very best, even to the extent at the beginning of the period of serving enormous amounts of food while they were themselves prevented from eating because of Ramadan, the fast which ended with a holiday on the third day of the Conference. They fetched and carried, laughed and smiled and taught Farsi words, they took messages and made coffee, they danced and sang and gave us different presents every single day. Mostly raven-haired and dark-eyed and very beautiful, they were ably helped in the Conference Hall by a fair Ranger from Dundee and two blonde United States Girl Scouts. Together they all helped us to remember what real Guiding is about, and to direct our attention to the Theme so ably expressed by Miss Joynt in her closing address — The Child, The Girl, whose future is in our hands as ours is in hers.

This brief report, in a light vein, by no means includes everything and it will be followed by the full report from the World Bureau when it is available. And how marvellous were the World Bureau and its staff and all the members of the World Committee throughout the Conference, they had so much with which to contend and long, long hours of work. They too portrayed the true spirit of Guiding as we are lucky enough to know it.

We are indeed grateful to the Executive Committee for allowing us to partake in this unforgettable, for so many reasons, 23rd World Conference in Iran, 1978.

The UK delegation to the  
23rd World Conference.



# A Guide is Kind to Animals and Respects all Living Things

*The sixth in a series of articles on the Guide Law, contributed by the Countries and Regions of the United Kingdom. This month's article comes from Ulster.*

FROM the papers, radio and television we become only too familiar with major disasters responsible for the destruction of animal and plant life. The huge oil slicks which kill hundreds of sea-birds, depriving them of the power to fly and condemning them to a lingering death; the pollution of rivers by factory waste, which is ultimately responsible for the death of countless fish; the so-called humane killing of seal pups ostensibly to prevent the over-multiplication of the species, the horrors of myxomatosis and its effect on the rabbit population.

If we keep our eyes open, we may notice other things which have disastrous results for plant and animal life. The unnecessary destruction of hedges and woodland which removes the natural habitat of birds; the application of insecticides to farmland for pest control, used with gay abandon by some farmers who are quite unaware that they may be destroying numbers of innocent creatures which come into contact with it.

That's all very well, you may say, but what are we, as Guides, supposed to do about it? Is that not a job better left to the conservationists?

It is their concern, of course, but these things affect us, too, and touch our lives in all sorts of different ways. We can voice our objections either singly or in groups and we can help too, if we care enough and if we take the trouble to understand the part that all living things play in our lives. There is plenty going on right under our noses in our own homes and gardens if we only take the trouble to look.

On bitter frosty mornings a few breadcrumbs, a lump of fat or even a scattered handful of porridge meal will bring the birds to your window and help them to live through a bad time when food is scarce, only don't forget to put out a little warm water at the same time. You will be richly rewarded as they become tame and unafraid. Can you imagine what a dull life it would be without them, without the songs of thrush and blackbird, without the cheeky familiarity of robins, the impertinence of cockney sparrows or the chatter of argumentative starlings going to bed on town buildings, not to mention the countless other birds which give us pleasure.

Even the humble earthworm in our flower beds and vegetable garden has an important part to play; aerating the soil and breaking it down, so helping to encourage the growth of flowers for our delight and vegetables for us to eat.

The smallest garden can be an exciting place if a little thought is put into it. Have you ever seen a Buddleia bush in the summer and noticed how it attracts the butterflies? Gloriously coloured Red Admirals, Peacocks and Tortoiseshells sitting on the beautiful purple flowers, their wings outstretched to the warmth of the sun.

If you have a small pond, this, too, is the habitat of innumerable exciting and interesting things, frogs and toads, fish, beetles and snails, all coexisting comfortably, though the frogs are not above taking a slug or two for tea.

It is easy, perhaps, to love the attractive creatures, just as we love our dogs and cats and the farmyard animals we may be lucky enough to know, but what about the others, those unfortunates which are ugly or creepy or even repulsive to us but which nevertheless also have an important part to play in the scheme of things? Can we love them too, or at any rate respect them?



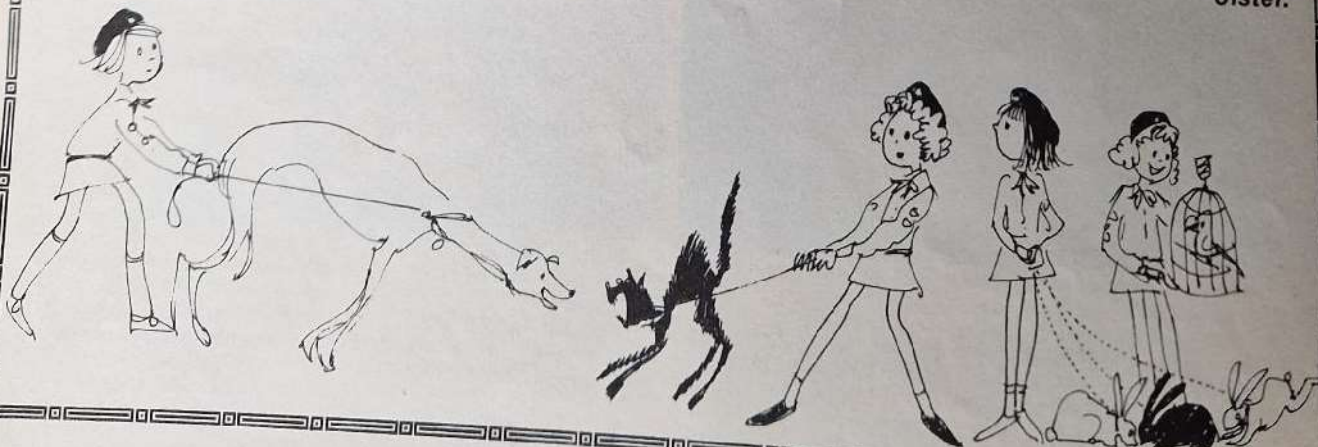
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The spiders on your walls help to keep the flies down, the grey crows and magpies, in spite of being the enemies of all gamekeepers, eat carrion and help to keep the countryside clean, as do also the rather disgusting blue-bottle maggots which live the first stage of their lives in the carcasses of dead animals.

In fact, as we think about it, we realise increasingly how dependent we are on all the animal and plant life that goes on around us, from the highest to the lowest, plants and animals are inter-dependent one with another.

So let's take a little care and use a little thought before wantonly destroying any form of life, before swatting that wasp or treading on that beetle. Above all, let us at all times avoid giving unnecessary suffering to any living thing.

**Margaret White,  
Ulster.**





# International Year of the Child 1979 International Year



## Children for Children



### INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD WHAT IS IT?

As you will have read in *GUIDER*, 1979 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year of the Child. During the year, organisations and children all over the world are uniting for action. Their main aims will be to increase awareness at all levels, from Governments to individuals, of the special needs of children, and to encourage specific activities which will benefit children.

### OUR PART IN IT

There is no set pattern for participation. Each organisation is encouraged to take part in its own way. The GGA felt that our major emphasis should be on helping our youngsters to become more aware of other children whose lives are different from theirs — to experience, as far as is possible, what it is like, for instance, to be a Guide in Rwanda, a Muslim Brownie in Bradford, a crofter's child in the Outer Hebrides, a blind child living in the next street. From this experience may come the desire to help in some way, but this is of secondary importance. What matters is that the youngsters have an increased awareness of others.

### HOW WILL THIS BE DONE?

During 1979 we shall be taking three themes. They will be presented through the Association's magazines as suggestions and programme ideas for Packs, for Patrols and for Rangers to carry out as part of the Unit's normal Programme. The articles will be written for the youngsters and printed in their magazines so that Brownies in Pow-wow, the Patrol in council and the Ranger committee can make up their own minds how they would like to participate.

### THE THREE THEMES

The first theme will be concerned with finding out about children in other countries. Ideas will be given in:

- 24th January issue of *THE BROWNIE*,
- February issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE*,
- and Mainly for Rangers in January *GUIDER*.

Units will be able, if they wish, to link the ideas with activities for Thinking Day.

The second theme involves becoming more aware of the way of life of children in our own country who live in places, situations or circumstances very different from our own. Ideas will be given in:

- 2nd May issue of *THE BROWNIE*,
- May issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE*
- and Mainly for Rangers in May *GUIDER*.

The third theme will encourage the youngsters to learn more about other children in the local community and could lead to a Christmas good turn. This will be given in:

- 26th September issue of *THE BROWNIE*,
- October issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE*,
- September *GUIDER*, Mainly for Rangers.

### THE GUIDER'S PART

You, as the Guider, can encourage the youngsters to participate by:

- looking out for articles in the magazines,
- bringing them to the notice of the Brownies, Guides and Rangers,

allowing time for the youngsters themselves to decide whether they wish to take part and in what ways.

If they decide they would like to take part you can help them by:

allowing time for the activities to be included in the Unit's Programme,

seeing the ideas and suggestions, not as something extra to be done, but as a different way of presenting the programme,

making sure that whenever possible the youngsters find out by meeting people rather than by using books.

This way the experience should be real and worthwhile. They will have become more aware of others and they, and possibly others, will have benefited.

Susan Guy

### The Child Facing Today's Changing World

*If a child lives with criticism  
he learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with hostility  
he learns to fight.*

*If a child lives with ridicule  
he learns to be shy.*

*If a child lives with shame  
he learns to feel guilty.*

*If a child lives with tolerance  
he learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with encouragement  
he learns confidence.*

*If a child lives with praise  
he learns to appreciate.*

*If a child lives with fairness  
he learns justice.*

*If a child lives with security  
he learns to have faith.*

*If a child lives with approval  
he learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with acceptance and friendship  
he learns to find love in the world.*

### CASTLEBAR'S 13th INTERNATIONAL FOUR DAYS' WALKS

**When:** 28th June-1st July 1979 (inclusive)

**Where:** The West of Ireland — Castlebar, County Mayo

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# MAINLY FOR RANGERS

## Rangers In National Fire Safety Quiz Final

A team from 1st Caerleon Ranger Guides, Caerleon reached the final of the National Fire Prevention Youth Quiz, which was held at the City University, London on Saturday, 4th November. Other finalists come from Uttroter, Barnsley, Tunbridge Wells and Enniskillen, and the Ranger Guides' team came fourth in the final, having achieved a total of thirty-nine points.

In the qualifying rounds of the competition over 7,000 young people from almost every county received fire safety training. Teams came from schools, Scout Troops and Guide Companies, youth clubs and other youth organisations. The competition was sponsored by the Central Fire Liaison Panel, and is run by local fire liaison panels in association with fire brigades. The competition is run annually to encourage young people to be more aware of the need for fire safety.



## Getting Their Oar In



THIS summer, Brightstone Rangers decided they wanted to be invested somewhere completely surrounded by water (in spite of living on an island).

The investiture was held on board the RNLI lifeboat in Yarmouth harbour on a lovely summer's evening.

The ceremony began with taped music (the introduction of 'Rule Britannia') and ended with 'Jerusalem'. Three Rangers were invested.

(Mrs) J Eskdale,  
Isle of Wight Assistant County  
Commissioner

## Rangers' Wet Weekend at Upton Warren, Worcestershire

A 'Wet Weekend' was held at Upton Warren from 1st to 3rd September, which any Ranger in the Midland Region was eligible to attend. About seventy Rangers attended, in the event; half chose sailing as their 'wet' activity; the other half, canoeing.

We all arrived at Upton Warren after six o'clock on Friday evening and erected our tents, as the weekend also involved lightweight camping. At 8.30 pm everyone assembled for films which showed us some aspects of sailing and canoeing which we would not be seeing in the course of the weekend. The subjects of the films were the Tall Ships Race and White Water Canoeing.

The next day, before starting on our respective courses, the 'sailors' among us were given a short talk about the basic essentials of water safety. Next, in twos, we went out in boats with our instructors, who showed us how to crew and steer and carry out elementary manoeuvres. During that day, each one of us was able to manage four hours' sailing.

Sunday started with more tuition in the morning, and then came a chance to put into practice the things we had learnt; — without the help of an instructor this time. Unfortunately, there just wasn't enough wind for us to attempt

Right and below, pond dipping was one of the activities chosen by these Rangers during the 'wet weekend'. Learning to sail (bottom picture).



anything ambitious; in fact the end of an attempted 'race' witnessed the sorry sight of our becalmed craft being paddled back to the shore!

In spite of this ignominy, for me, the course was a great success, inasmuch as we learnt how to handle a boat, and could now



**I**N September's *GUIDER*, details were published of a fashion design competition for Rangers, which entailed designing an attractive outfit which could be made up in Vivella Fabric, as well as a 'Fashion sense Quiz'. The response was good, and a Devon Ranger, Rachel Blackett (aged 15), from the 1st Ivybridge Ranger Unit, won first prize; a Frister & Rossman 'Beaver 2' electric sewing machine, worth almost £100. Rachel was also invited to London on 10th November from her home in Devon, to be measured for the outfit which she herself designed, and to choose an appropriately-patterned length of Vivella to set off her design.

Runners-up were:

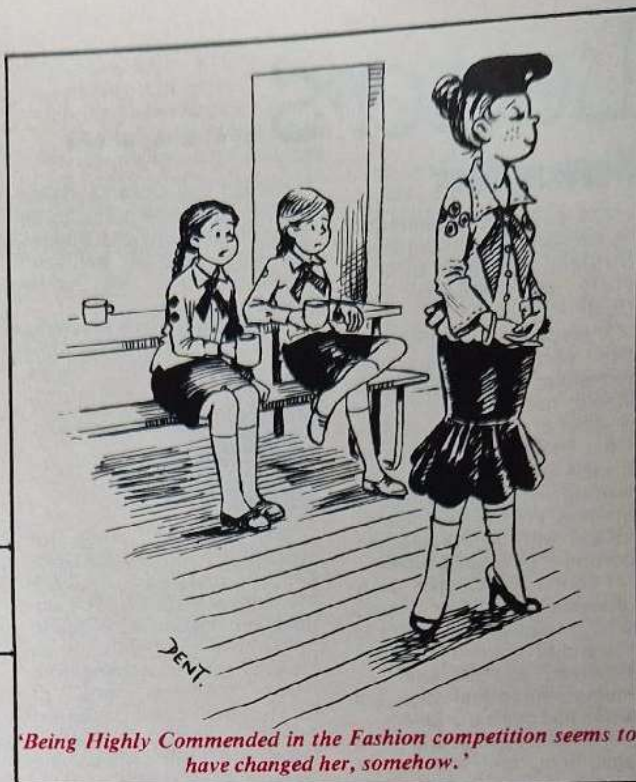
Judy Coleman (15) of Middlesex, Alison Roberts (15), Yorkshire, Susanna Lawry, Clwyd, Sheila Philips, Bucks, Susan Underwood (16), Gwynedd, Jane Hodgkinson (16), Cheshire, Elizabeth Lord (17), Yorkshire, and Gillian Simcock (16), Cheshire.

The solution to the fashion sense quiz was as follows:

- Top A + skirt X = 1 (wedding)
- Top B + skirt Y = 2 (job interview)
- Top C + culottes Z = 4 (barbecue)
- Top D + skirt W = 3 (informal dinner party).

Winner Rachel Blackett designed a separates outfit comprised of a casual shirt under a quilted waistcoat, accompanied by a pleated skirt.

**WATCH OUT  
MARY QUANT!**



progress and improve. The instruction was in stages, starting off with the simple moves and rules and gradually building up to the more complicated ones. The great advantage of this type of instruction lies in its continuity and the gradual accumulation of knowledge; which is far better than having, say, an hour's instruction every few weeks. The cost, too, was very reasonable. Eight hours' sailing tuition on a private basis would cost considerably more than the three pounds per head we paid for the weekend (and that included the campsite fees and the trip down the canal on a barge).

Altogether, the weekend was a great success. We all enjoyed ourselves and we all learnt something new. We can now go on and do more sailing on our own, or join clubs, perhaps, safe in the knowledge that we know at least *something* about it already.

I feel sure that if Ranger weekends of this type were laid on more frequently, they would be very well attended.

**C A Holt,**  
Ranger,  
Redditch,  
Worcs.



## Rangers and Young Leaders

### Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Courses

Foxlease. 22nd-27th August 1979 Waddow. 25th-29th May 1979.

Calling all Rangers and Young Leaders! Are you looking around for a residential course to finish off, or maybe begin, your Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award? Then come to Foxlease or Waddow, your Training Centres!

The course at Foxlease is open to both young men and young women, aged 16 or over and working on the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award; the course at Waddow is open to young women only. Both courses are open to people from outside the Movement, as well as our own members, and hope to provide a variety of activities which challenge those attending to learn something new, as well as helping them to qualify for the Residential section of the Award.

For details apply to the Guider-in-Charge, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Come to **Glenbrook on 25th-28th May** to share ideas, take part in some adventurous outdoor activities in the Peak District and have fun with other Young Leaders.

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Application forms from the

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## Big Noise in Wigan

**A**RANGERS' Kazoo and Bugle Band was formed in Wigan in June 1977. Eight months later, in February 1978, the band had become proficient enough to contemplate making its first public appearance, playing at the Thinking Day celebrations for the girls' own District. Two months after that, on St George's Day, 23rd April, the band made history in Wigan by being the first Ranger band to take part in the St George's Day Parade through the town.

In May, the band combined with the 1st Wigan Boys' Brigade band, and entertained at the local May Queen Festival.

Although forming a band proved an extremely expensive business, a good deal of help was received from Parents' Committee and the formation of the band has now become a sustaining interest for all the members of the Unit. (Mrs) L Parkinson, 11th Wigan East Ranger Unit, Lancs.



# Letters.....

## Nursery Pack

I was particularly interested in two articles in October's *GUIDER*, 'Starting a Brownie Pack' and 'Finding New Guiders'.

I started a Brownie Pack two years ago, and well remember worrying that there would not be a sufficient number of aspiring Brownies. I was most surprised to find myself with a full Pack and a waiting list within weeks of starting. We live in a country village with a sizeable proportion of girls under eleven.

I found our District Commissioner invaluable, always willing to help, and always at the end of a phone if needed. However, I was glad when two mums offered their help, but we all had one big problem.

We each have young sons, aged four, four and six, as well as daughters of Brownie or Guide age. As our husbands either work odd hours, or, in the case of one, are away in the Navy, we must take our boys along to Brownie Pack Meetings. At the moment, all three of them have their hearts set on the idea of joining Brownies when they reach the age of eight!

I think a lot more mums would come along to help, if they could bring younger children if necessary, especially as Brownies usually take place before 'Dad' comes home. I know that this sort of thing isn't really encouraged, but sometimes it is the only way to keep going.

(Mrs) Helena Taylor,  
Brownie Guider,  
Northallerton,  
N Yorks.

## Red enamel Badge

I was a member of the First Ranger Company in Hitchin many years ago now, and I kept all my Badges. However, my red enamel Enrolment Badge was taken one day by a 'light-fingered Guide' who visited my house.

I would so much like to get another, for sentimental reasons. I was a Brownie, some forty-odd years ago, then a Guide, Ranger, Guide Lieutenant, and Guide Helper, and am still a Local Association Member, so such a Badge would be greatly cared for, along with all my others, which I have kept. My own daughter has just been

awarded her Queen's Guide Badge, and would like to be able to keep my old Badges as well, with all her own collection. Can any reader help?

(Mrs) Joyce Fountain,  
Luton,  
Beds.

## An Island thank you

Thank you very much for printing my request for Guiding magazines in the September *GUIDER*. The immediate response is quite overwhelming, with such charming letters coming from many different parts of Britain, even one from an ex-Guider now aged 80! A great many of our Units will now be able to have copies of their appropriate magazines to keep, and bits can be cut out and used, which the Guiders can't do when the magazine has to be passed on.

About 750 miles, mainly sea, separate our most easterly and westerly Guide Companies. For many the canoe is their means of transport and they have never seen a motor car. The Guiders are so isolated and they will be thrilled when they start getting their magazines.

Once again, many thanks to your readers for all their help.

(Mrs) B A McNaughton,  
Commissioner for the  
Solomon Islands.

## Any ideas?

I am prompted to write this letter after reading the letter from Mrs McNaughton in September *GUIDER*'s Airing and Sharing (p 393).

I have many, many back copies of *GUIDER*, stretching back over the past twenty years, and quite a lot of *TODAY'S GUIDE*.

I recently moved to a smaller house, and so I must dispose of some of my files of magazines, books, etc. While it is not a practical proposition to send them all to the Solomon Islands, I wondered if you have any suggestions to save their fate of finishing their lives in the dustbin.

(Mrs) M Plackett,  
141 Cottingham Grove,  
Bletchley,  
Milton Keynes, MK3 5AJ.

## Disabled Archers

I have been handicapped since birth and was a Brownie, Guide, Cadet and Guider, before becoming Adviser for the Handicapped for Northants. My husband Bernard and I both drive invalid Tricycles and work full-time in offices in Northampton. We run our own bungalow and have varied interests, gardening and sport being the main ones. Northampton has its own Sports Club for the disabled; 'The Gladstone Gremlins'.

I have been an archer for about four years, and last winter I went to Stoke Mandeville Archery Training Group, based at the stadium in Aylesbury.

This summer at the National Paraplegic Sports I won a medal for the Short Metric Round and last September won a medal in the Western Round at Slough in the Buckinghamshire Archery Association Open Shoot. Archery is a sport in which the handicapped can compete very well with the able-bodied. Able-bodied Archers are usually very helpful in fetching arrows and stringing your bows; then it's all systems go.

Anyone interested in any sport for disabled people should contact the British Sports Association for the Disabled, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury, Bucks, who will give help and advice and details of local sports clubs for the disabled.

If you are interested just in archery, then contact Mr D Bray, Grand National Archery Society, Stoneleigh, Warwick, who will send information and addresses on request.

(Mrs) Valerie Williamson,  
Adviser for Handicapped  
Members, Northants.



The Editor reserves the right to cut and otherwise amend letters where appropriate. Opinions expressed on Letters and Airing & Sharing pages are not necessarily shared by the Editor.

## Lone Rangers

The Norfolk Lone Ranger Unit with a membership of thirteen would like to contact other Lone Rangers in the country to exchange Meeting letters and ideas.

(Miss) Susan Neale,  
Ranger Guider,  
4 Waters Avenue,  
Carlton Colville,  
Lowestoft,  
Suffolk.

## De-Coded!

I feel that the following cautionary tale may be of amusement to other Brownie Guiders:

Last week in Pow-wow I was making a list of children and costumes to be arranged for our forthcoming carnival float (the theme was to be the circus). Going round the circle I came to a very small and shy Brownie. 'What do you want to be, dear?' I asked. 'Don't know,' came the whispered reply. I suggested a few things, but nothing seemed to appeal until it was finally agreed that she should join the already large troupe of clowns. 'Now then,' I said, 'Can mummy help you to make a clown costume?'

'No,' came the whispered reply.

'Her Mum is always out at work,' someone else piped up.

'Well, I'll have to see what I can find for you out of my dressing up box,' I said, and made a note on my list. As I was just passing on to the next child, the bright spark sitting next to me leaned over my shoulder to read what I had written and said in a loud voice: 'Hey, Brown Owl's written "Hopeless, needs help"! Collapse of all parties! Moral, I must learn to write in code!'

Judith Green,  
Brownie Guider,  
Newton Poppleford  
Brownies,  
Sidmouth, Devon.

\*In the October *GUIDER*'s Letters page, under the heading 'Hearts ease' (p 446) a line of text was omitted, which gave a misleading impression. The 'Help Hearts ease' sponsored spell-in to which the letter referred resulted in the Sittingbourne RGU, Kent East emerging as winners in their section, while the winning Guides were members of the 1st Rainham Company, Kent West.



# Letters.....

## Acrostic Addict

As my copy of *GUIDER* comes by surface mail, I never get the opportunity of sending in the answers to that intriguing Double Acrostic for which I do most sincerely and heartily thank Miss Brenda Hughes. I have succeeded in solving four of them, which lie around with a pencil and paper at the ready, a constant temptation to put in another clue, rather than get on and do the next job. A double vote of thanks to Miss Hughes is occasioned by the fact that often when I am stuck, I turn over the pages for inspiration, and so am coming to read so much more of the magazine than I think I have time for, to the greater advantage of my Company. In Seychelles, there is a lot of waiting — for buses, appointments and such, so I carry *GUIDER* everywhere with me.

Thank you, too, for the article on copyright which is one of my soap boxes here, as I have quite a large share in the church publications and religious broadcasts, and have frequently to restrain my colleagues from quoting without permission. It is nice to be able to back up my

statements with the printed word.

More power to all your elbows, or do I mean the elbows of all the staff?

Sister Mary Stella,  
Mahé,  
Seychelles

## Link with Holland

I am spurred into writing by two things in October's *GUIDER*, which were of particular interest to me. One was the retirement of Mrs Banham, Post Box Secretary, and the second was 'Going Dutch', a letter from Miss V R Hird.

About sixteen years ago, Mrs Banham put my Brownie Pack into contact with a Dutch Brownie Pack. Many letters, scrapbooks and photographs were exchanged between our two Packs, and I joined in two Pack Holidays with the Dutch Brownies, while Nel, the Dutch Brownie Guider has made two visits to England, joining in a Pack Holiday here and visiting various camps, though now neither Nel nor myself have a Brownie Pack any longer.

Due to this link arranged by your former Post Box Secretary, I have travelled all over

Holland, and I went to Nel's wedding, and am now 'tante' (auntie) to her two children.

So thank you, Mrs Banham for arranging such a successful international friendship, and to Miss Hird may I say I hope she makes as many happy visits to Holland as I have done and hope to do in the future.

(Miss) Elizabeth Jones,  
Assistant Guide Guider,  
12th Chester (St Mark's) Coy,  
Cheshire.

## Granny in *GUIDER*

I am writing to you regarding the photograph on page 397 of the September *GUIDER*, taken at Abergale in 1915.

The Guide standing on the right is my grandmother, Minnie Gordon, who later became a Guide Guider in Leeds when she married.

She has two granddaughters, one is a Brownie Guider and the other, myself, a Guide Guider. Her great-granddaughter, my daughter, is a Guide.

(Mrs) B M Tomlison,  
Guide Guider,  
Leeds, Yorkshire.

## Reader 'Down Under'

I would like to thank you for the wonderful ideas and help I often get from *GUIDER*. I

am a Brownie Guider in a small country town in Australia, and although we are fairly close to Canberra, it is not always possible to attend Trainings etc, and I really appreciate the help the *GUIDER* brings.

I came from England as a twelve-year-old, having been in the Movement for five years, and at the time of emigrating was a Guide in the 10th Crewe (St Peter's) Company. As I remember, the Church had a Brownie Pack, Guide Company, Ranger Company and Scout and Rover crews, and we were a very happy group, and helped each other a lot. I well remember the Scouts taking our gear to Camp for us, and helping us to pitch camp before taking off to their own Camp, a mile or so away.

My name then was Judy Bedworth, and I emigrated in 1948. I'd love to hear from anyone connected with the 10th Crewe Coy around that time; I often wonder if my old Captain — Miss Ankers — is still alive; I expect she's a Trefoil Guild member now, as I am!

Mrs J Fobister,  
Station Master's House,  
Yass Junction, NSW 2582  
Aust.



## An Italian Christmas?



Jean de Lemos

Why not try this easy recipe for a 'Spicy Lasagne', that delicious, filling Italian dish which would satisfy a family of 4-6 people, or which could equally appropriately be served at an informal supper party.

### Bolognese sauce

2 oz (50 g) olive oil  
2 onions, peeled and finely chopped  
2 oz (50 g) bacon, finely diced  
1 lb (400 g) minced beef  
1 x 5 oz can tomato paste  
1 x 14 oz can tomatoes  
salt, pepper  
1 teaspoon oregano

### Cheese sauce

1½ oz (30 g) butter  
1½ oz (30 g) plain flour  
1 pt (575 ml) milk  
3 oz (75 g) grated Cheddar cheese  
2 teaspoons prepared French mustard  
salt, pepper  
6 oz (150 g) lasagne verdi

### To make the Bolognese sauce:

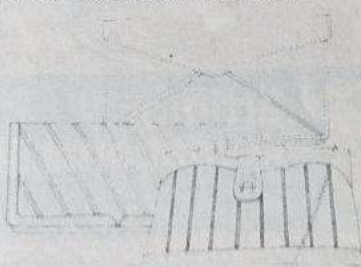
Heat oil in saucepan. Gently fry the onions and bacon until softened. Add

the beef and cook until just browned. Drain off fat. Reduce heat and stir in puree and tomatoes. Season to taste, cover and simmer for 40 minutes. Add oregano.

### To make cheese sauce:

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in flour. Cook for a minute. Remove from heat and gradually mix in the milk. Cook, stirring, until thick. Add half the cheese and mustard. Season to taste.

Cook the lasagne in lots of boiling water to which salt and one teaspoon oil have been added. Cook for 10 minutes, or until just soft. Drain carefully in colander. Rinse well then drain on kitchen paper. Grease oven proof dish. Line with the third of the lasagne, top with half the meat sauce and one third of the cheese sauce. Cover with half of the remaining lasagne, the rest of the meat sauce and one half of the remaining cheese sauce. Finish with the lasagne and cheese sauce. Sprinkle with the rest of the cheese. Cook in the oven at 350°F



(180°C) Gas Mark 4 for about 40 minutes. Serves 4-6.

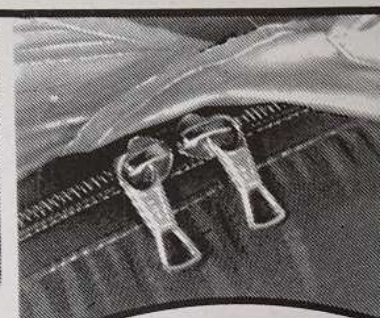
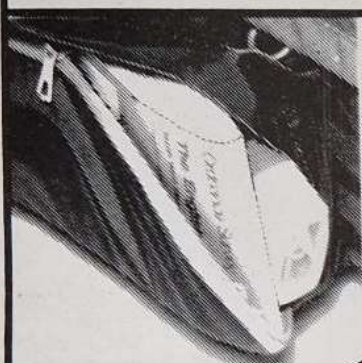
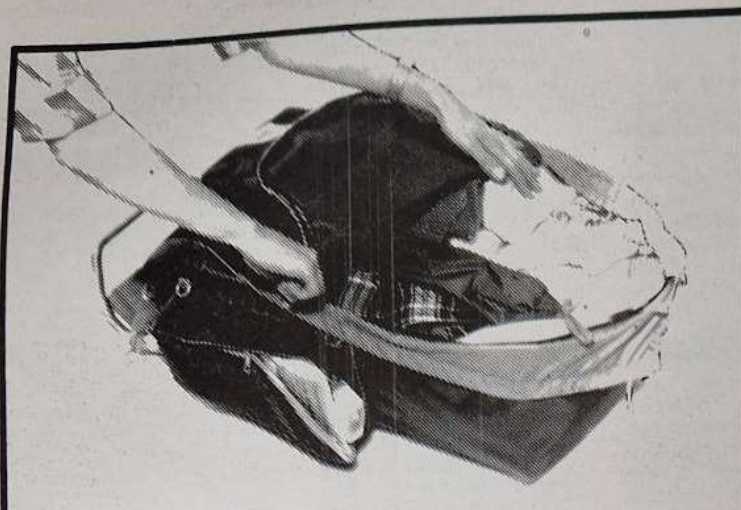
## Boots and Bags

Boots Fashion Department has come up with three elegant clutch bags this year — any one of which would make a fine present.

Top to bottom, the bags are as follows: leather envelope clutch bag with press stud fastening. Obtainable in burgundy, black, tan or natural, its price is £9.95. Next is a leather flap-over bag with an attractive diagonal design on the flap. In burgundy, black, tan or natural, this one is priced at £9.95. The third bag is in real snakeskin and leather; it's a clutch bag with a chain shoulder strap. Obtainable in burgundy, black or brown, £12.95.







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# Commonwealth Conference at Foxlease August 1978

FOXLEASE was once again the venue for the triennial Commonwealth Conference when Chief Commissioners of the independent Commonwealth Guide Associations, and the Branch Association Commissioners met during the last week of August. Once again, too, the weatherman favoured the Commonwealth Commissioners by predicting dry and sunny weather for the entire period of the Conference, which must have pleased the company and Patrol camps taking place in the grounds of Foxlease.

The Conference was Chaired by the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, JP, and the two guest speakers were Miss Margaret Brayton, Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth Nurses' Federation and Mr Derek Ingram, Managing Editor of Gemini News Service.

The theme of the Conference was 'Focus on the Commonwealth', and the important role of Girl Guide Associations as non-governmental organisations was discussed at length; in particular special attention was paid to the Heads of Commonwealth Governments Communiqué in 1977 in which it was stated that there was 'a need for greater efforts to increase information, understanding and appreciation of the Commonwealth and of the activities being undertaken within its framework...'. It was not all work and many of the Commissioners will probably never forget taking part in the first ever Foxlease Commonwealth Games. After the Opening Ceremony and the first contest held outside The Barn, the participants and audience moved inside for the remainder of the programme which soon reduced everyone to a state of helpless laughter.

But perhaps the greatest highlight was the opportunity for Guides in camp to invite Conference delegates to supper; in ones or twos the Commissioners were collected by the supper hostesses who



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A boatful of Chief Commissioners sets sail for Brownsea Island, above.



Mrs D Press

Setting off in a Landrover, right

seemed somewhat overawed by the importance of their guests, but it was quite a different story later that evening when they escorted their guests back to the house.

On the final night of the Conference a Camp Fire conducted by Miss Margaret Brotheridge was thoroughly enjoyed by Campers and Commissioners alike.

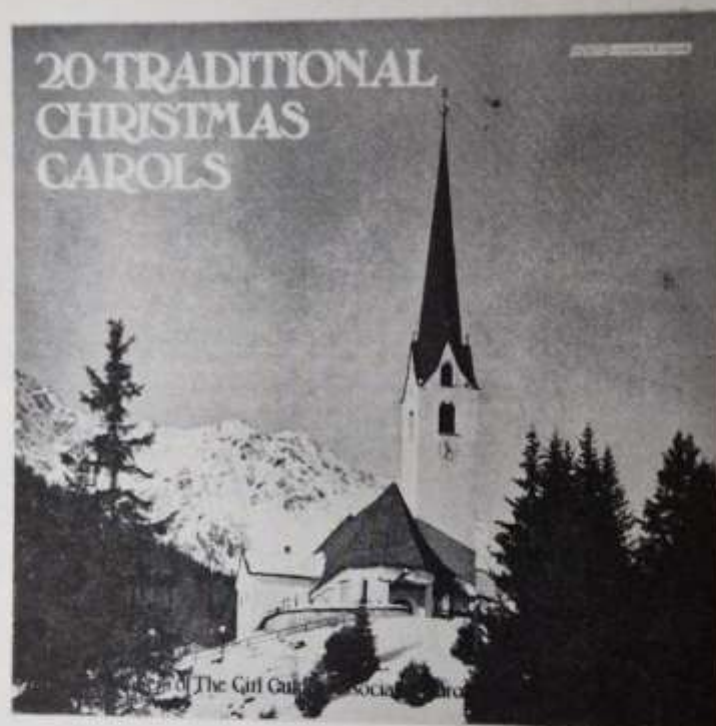
To round off a very happy Conference most of the delegates were able to accept an invitation to visit Brownsea Island before returning to London. It was a perfect day in every respect and our

thanks go to everyone who helped make the visit such a success.

RC



# 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'



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# Variations on a theme in Guiding . . .

## Running a Ranger Unit for the Mentally Handicapped

### by Connie Hazell

I MEET someone I've not seen for a long time. 'Are you still Guiding?' they ask. 'Yes,' I reply, 'I have a Ranger Unit for the Mentally Handicapped.' There is silence, which can be followed by one of a number of reactions. Sometimes it is a quick 'How interesting,' followed by a rapid change of subject. Other times a look of horror, which makes me cross, or admiration which makes me feel uncomfortable. How can I convey to my often disbelieving acquaintance that having such a Unit is enormous fun as well as being an enriching experience?

I picture them as they arrive for the Ranger meeting, keen, excited and bursting with news. Most come by mini-bus from the adult training centre, whilst a few arrive from the mentally handicapped school adjacent to where we meet. There are sixteen in all, several having other disabilities, two being in wheel chairs. One is severely deaf, one or two are epileptic, two have visual handicaps and others speech defects. They help to arrange the room, pay their subscription and we exchange items of news and interest. The meeting has begun.

We start with a team game designed to help coordination or memory as well as to teach the necessary lessons of fair play, waiting a turn and being a good loser. If we are fortunate enough to have extra help and Christmas or Easter is approaching we attempt very simple handicrafts. The pride with which the offerings are borne home is worth all the effort involved. There are no alternative tests for the handicapped, as used to be the case, but the Ranger Eight Points give plenty of scope for a varied programme in which each girl can be helped to reach her full potential. We place a great deal of emphasis on helping in the home and learning to become as independent as possible. Thus the meeting may include a session on table laying or bed making, a talk on elementary hygiene or an activity on crossing the road. As their power of concentration is limited, sessions are short and always accompanied by a visual aid of some kind. 'Learning by doing' is very much our motto. As most of them have a love of the bright and gaudy we sometimes include an activity on fashion and jewellery, or the care of the hair and nails. We have attempted simple first aid, which proved very popular, and stress the need for safety in the home. Although we may appear to 'borrow' from the Brownie and Guide Programmes, we always have in mind that they are, nevertheless, young adults. Courtesy and good manners are emphasised and expected, but we are generous in our praise. Disapproval is often expressed by the Rangers themselves when the behaviour of one of their number has fallen short of the ideal. Then we feel we have really achieved something! Progress is measured in a variety of ways and over a long period of time. Any potential Ranger must be able, given time and help, to understand the Promise. We are not in existence merely to amuse or pass the time.

They all love music and our percussion band, records and tape recorder are the Unit's prized possessions. Due to the varied physical disabilities our attempts at country dancing have not been too successful, although many mentally handicapped Units excel at this. Music, movement and mime

as well as singing games are greatly enjoyed with Camp Fire singing 'top of the pops'.

We join in District and Division events whenever possible and share an annual outing with the handicapped Trefoil Guild to which the Rangers go when they reach the age of 30. Thinking Day is marked with a party, Christmas with an open afternoon, and a local Ranger Unit joins us for our annual supper party at the Division camp site. Whilst being very enjoyable our social occasions provide opportunities for hostessing and a brushing up of table manners!

The Law and Promise are central to all our activities and being so often on the receiving end of kindness, the Rangers take great pleasure in any form of service to others. Used postage stamps and tin foil are collected for charity, and spare

Skittles is a popular game with handicapped Ranger Units, right. Below, keen Rangers anticipate the next activity.



Photos: Mrs J. Tupper, Bournemouth

coppers are put into a box for the Guide Friendship Fund. Two parcels are packed at Christmas for residents of a nearby old people's home, and our own simple service of Harvest Thanksgiving culminates in another parcel being taken to an elderly neighbour. Each meeting includes time for a 'pause for thought' when, with the aid of music and stories, we share thoughts on doing our 'duty to God'. Their religious knowledge may be sketchy but their belief is profound. They have few inhibitions, so the occasional extempore prayer by one of the Rangers is not unusual. One hopes the Almighty has a sense of humour!

Camp is the highlight of the year, when the Rangers have a chance to meet friends old and new, enjoy the out-of-doors and practise the skills they have been learning all year.

The Unit, like any other, whether handicapped or not, is a mixture of personalities, temperaments and backgrounds. Half the girls are 'in care', the others being at home, often with only one parent.

The medical profession chooses to label people such as these Rangers 'severely sub-normal'. Sharing their fun and laughter, their capacity for affection, I and Guiders like me, are glad to be part of a Movement which accepts and caters for them.





# BOOKS for CHRISTMAS

**Robert Morley's Book of Bricks.** Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.50.  
Here, just in time to make a really worthwhile Christmas gift, is one of the funniest books to be published for a long time. Better still, all royalties are being donated to the National Society for Autistic Children, so your purchase will help an excellent cause.

We all know the agony which quickly follows when one makes a *faux pas* on a social occasion, but when the brick is dropped by someone else it can be very amusing indeed to the onlooker. Not so funny perhaps for the lady who was asked by a party guest what had happened to the skinny blonde to whom her husband was once married. 'I dyed my hair' she replied. Many of the anecdotes have a theatrical flavour, which is understandable because many of the contributors are actors or musicians. I particularly like Yehudi Menuhin being asked if he liked music, and John Gielgud's remark after seeing Richard Burton playing Hamlet while suffering from a bad cold. 'I'll come back when you're better'.

Most hilarious of all is Robert Morley's preface to this superb anthology, which he has compiled specifically as a fund raiser and dedicated to autistic children all over the world. Writers, publishers, politicians and theologians have all contributed, leaving us with the comforting thought that bricks when dropped from a great height make even more impact. **JVR**

\*Readers wishing to order the card game, PECK! described in October's GUIDER, page 447, may order it from Catena Designs, PO Box 31, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5UH.

**Dear World, a collection of children's poems, stories and drawings,** edited by Richard and Helen Exley, Exley Publications (in association with Oxfam), £3.95

Although this book is composed primarily of children's writings and poems, I would

say it is a book which adults, rather than children, would enjoy. It is likely that it will remind children too much of English composition classes; although many children will appreciate the fact that its contributors are children from many countries around the world, with totally different backgrounds and cultures from their own.

It is a book to be dipped into, rather than read right through, and makes for a cheering read, since the main theme of the book, as indicated by its subtitle, is 'how I'd put the world right'. Many of the ideas, of course, are extremely naive; and for this reason, as well as being cheering, the contents are, in parts, amusing, even comical. Some suggestions, I feel, would not exactly turn the world upside down; one of the UK children who contribute to the book, for example, suggests 'a thing of which I am in favour is that Rugby should be made the National Sport of each country that way it would toughen up all of the weeds and weaklings who sit around during games'.

An ideal book for grandparents, this; or indeed, for anybody who does not regularly come into contact with children. Parents whose kitchen walls are already covered with the literary and artistic efforts of their offspring are less likely to be touched by 130-odd pages of children's writings. **LMH**

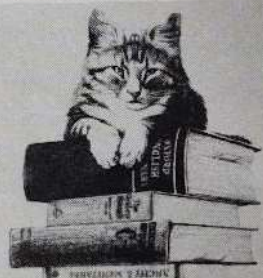
**Moonshine, by Gwen Ellis.** Colin Venton, 95p

Gwen Ellis was born and bred in Wiltshire and spent most of her married life being a 'farmer's wife', hence her knowledge of the Wiltshire dialect and this marvellous collection of amusing poems. The author has a great gift for telling stories and putting a joke across. She often composed poems for her grandchildren, but it is only in the last few years that she has got any 'into print'. It is sad that many local dialects are on the decline, and in order to revive an interest in them Gwen Ellis has written these poems in such a way that the spoken dialect can be under-

stood by the 'man in the street'. Not only are there humorous poems but also several of historical interest, such as Salisbury's *Medieval Clock*, *Poor Old Jim Crow* and *A Visit to the Opticians* I found particularly amusing. The colourful book is well illustrated by Rosalind Hooper, and is a must for young and old alike. **AGJ**

**Cat Chat, by Judy Gardiner.** Muller, £2.50

The world is sharply divided between people who dote on cats, and those who hate them. Cat people tend to know only too well how to care for their cats on a practical level, as cats have a way of conveying what they



want or need. This book is more of an anthology of facts, advice, history, and anecdotes to charm any cat lover; expensive at £2.50, but a delightful volume with lovely illustrations. **JVR**

**The Faber Popular Reciter,** edited by Kingsley Amis, Faber paperbacks, £2.95

Many parents must be surprised to learn that the kind of poems they had to learn by rote at school are often totally unknown to today's children. The same parents or grandparents are probably now only able to remember a couplet or two from these 'old favourites'. Such one-time well-known items as 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' and 'The Village Blacksmith', as well as 'Rule Britannia' and 'Land of Hope and Glory' are published in their entirety in this selection, which takes in poems from the seventeenth century up to the beginning of the First World War.

I would say that a book of this kind is a 'must' for most families; it's useful as a reference work, or purely to

'dip into' for pleasure. Be warned, however, long periods of reading from this selection are not recommended if you are in a depressed frame of mind, since a large proportion of the poems are real tear jerkers. **LMH**

**The Faber Book of Comic Verse,** edited by Michael Roberts, Faber paperbacks, £2.50

A good antidote, this, for the sentimentality of many of the poems in the selection given in the 'Popular Reciter', reviewed above.

All kinds of comic verse are included in this selection, from the limerick and the comic-epitaph to parodies of works by famous poets.

Again, it's a 'bookshelf' book, to be dipped into and returned to, time after time, and you should find it contains some comic rhymes which you had half-forgotten. One which I was pleased to find and to re-read was the following, by Harry Graham:

'Billy, in one of his nice new sashes  
fell in the fire and was burnt to ashes.  
Now, although the room grows chilly,  
I haven't the heart to poke poor Billy.'

**LMH**

**The Observer's Book of Insects of the British Isles.** E F Linssen. Frederick Warne, £1.25

Yet another excellent and very welcome addition to this fascinating and well thought out series of books. Indeed, this is something of a companion to the author's other volume in the Observer's series, *The Observer's Book of Common Insects and Spiders*.

The text is both clear and easy to follow, and the illustrations first class. A small section on spiders has been included at the back of the book 'because of the inter-relationship between them and the insects', writes the publisher.

Perhaps Mr Linssen could one day be tempted to devote a whole book to spiders, as the taster he gives in this work whets my appetite at least.

Well done, Observer's Books, and very well done, Mr Linssen! **TKM**

**The Observer's Book of Dogs.** Catherine G Sutton. Frederick Warne, £1.25

Catherine Sutton's book is a revised version of the former *Observer's Book of Dogs*, and lists 156 breeds and varieties, which are grouped according to type.

Clear black and white



photographs make identification very easy, and the text contains snippets of history and general points to observe in selecting good examples.

There is a glossary of technical terms comprising some six pages at the back of the book, together with lists of rather less important information.

My personal opinion is that this is not one of the best examples of an otherwise excellent series of Observer's Books, but probably still worth the £1.25 that it will cost you to purchase it. **TKM**

**Peter Pan, The Adventures of Pinocchio, The Wizard of Oz, and Alice in Wonderland, illustrated by Art Studium, Hodder and Stoughton, £1.95 each**

Excellent stocking fillers at only £1.95 each, the above four titles are published in full colour, with clear, easy-to-read text. Children of all ages love the 'old favourites' and this series will be read over and over again and treasured for years to come.

This edition of *Peter Pan* is part of J M Barrie's Peter Pan Gift. This means that Sir James Barrie's royalty on the book goes to help sick children at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London, to whom Sir James bequeathed the copyright of *Peter Pan*. **AMM**

**One Stitch Stitchery, Madeleine Appell, Little Craft Book Series, Oak Tree Press, £2.25**

Here is another title in this excellent series and comes at a time when there is a revival of handicrafts. Embroidery was a vital art in the ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece and the Orient, and ten of the most popular and commonly used stitches are introduced, together with many helpful illustrations. We are shown how to use them individually to create imaginative pictures. **OMC**

**Study Holidays: The Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges, Paperback 85p**

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country. It includes advice about travel, including Visas, Insurance, Medical Requirements etc, and gives details of exchange possibilities especially to teachers. An excellent buy at only 85p. **RC**

**Salt Sea Verse, By Charles Causley, Puffin, 90p**

This is a brand new original collection of poems for children compiled by one of our foremost poets. It is often hard to find exciting collections of poetry which will appeal to the imagination of children, but this outstandingly inventive selection is bound to satisfy any child or young adult. Charles Causley has spent nearly all his life near or on the sea and has compiled a far-ranging anthology of poems reflecting that 'many-faceted, many-voiced, many-natured element'. The poets included range from Homer and Plato to our modern poets. I particularly liked the chapter on 'Creatures of the Sea' with *The Shark, The Lemmings and Lobsters in the Window* as favourites. The book is charmingly illustrated by Antony Maitland and represents extremely good value for money. It would make a lovely present for any young person. **AGJ**

**Key to the Fishes of Northern Europe, Alwyne Wheeler, Frederick Warne, Cased £6.95, limp £4.95. Illustrations by Peter Stebbing**

Alwyne Wheeler's book is very much one of a descriptive nature, listing the descriptive features, colouration, size, biology and lifestyle of over 350 species of fish of Northern Europe. Some of them living a surprising 1000 metres under the sea (567 fathoms).

The illustrations are useful 'map keys' of areas of distribution, and black and white line drawings. Many of the specimens drawn are from the study collection at the British Museum (Natural History).

For those of you interested in the fishes of Northern Europe, this book is an important but rather pricey asset. **TKM**

**The Incredible Voyage, by Tristan Jones, The Bodley Head, Price £5.95**

Mr Jones brings the tang of the sea to all land lubbers who have an adventurous spirit but cannot get away to sea. This book will also appeal to those who love to tinker with and dream of far off climes. The language is robust as he covers the oceans from the Dead Sea to

Lake Titicaca, in Peru. His ambition was to complete the vertical sailing record of the world from the Dead Sea at 1,250 feet below sea level, to Lake Titicaca at 12,580 feet above sea level, a distance of nine thousand miles as the crow flies. This he accomplished and survived many thrilling adventures. The book should appeal to Rangers and older Guides and would make an exciting Christmas present. **JMJ**

**The Bazaar Stall, Monica Stuart, Gill Soper, Faber Paperback £2.50.**

Those of you who have been involved with a bazaar or fair know that attractive handmade goods sell best of all. Lively drawings illustrate how to make over a hundred very simple items. Many of them can be created from household odds and ends or inexpensive materials. Useful hints are given about packing and displaying the goods, and information about working with different glues and with leather. There is also a section on Plants, Produce and Food which gives ideas for organising and setting up this kind of stall. If you support fêtes and bazaars this is definitely a book for you. **OMC**

**Looking at Pictures with Rolf Harris, Phaidon Press, £3.95**

This children's introduction to famous paintings has been launched with perfect timing, so that young people receiving a copy for Christmas can then go out and explore a local art gallery in the school holidays. The popularity of the author as a TV star will help the young reader to get over the first hurdle of dismissing classical painting with the idea that it is dull or highbrow. Rolf



*Sketches of Animals and Landscapes (1521) by Albrecht Durer, pen and black ink.*

Harris has selected forty-six pictures from all over the world, and has introduced many of them by means of his own lively cartoons, in a way guaranteed to capture the interest and convince the reader of his introductory statement that 'pictures are fun'. Together with the recent policy of many art galleries to attract young viewers (see our regular features in 'What's On') this book will do

a lot to help young people enjoy the wealth of artistic experience that is freely available in this country as nowhere else in the world. **JVR**

**Riding to Jerusalem, by Evelyn Coquet, John Murray, £6.95**

This book relates the adventures of two sisters who completed a journey from Paris to Jerusalem on horseback. It was inspired by Godfrey de Boillon, that pioneer and Crusader, who took Jerusalem from the Infidel in 1099. The route which they undertook was long and tedious. Many vicissitudes had to be overcome and this required courage which they both possessed in plenty, like their hero. Their seven-month travels ended at the Holy Sepulchre, but what an anticlimax for their faith. The author comments, 'But how could one pray in the midst of all the commotion. My disappointment was so great that I couldn't summon up the least enthusiasm.' For animal lovers the tale is seen from a different angle. Man's best friend provided the success story to the pilgrimage, together with Pluto (Pataud). A horse, a dog — which is Man's best friend? A marvellous book for a Christmas gift to any young person. **JMJ**

**Wacky and his Fuddlejig, music by Donald Swann, Universal, £2.75**

This is a children's musical play, and can be staged simply or elaborately. The centrepiece is the mysterious 'fuddlejig' — an indication of the colourful fantasy works around 'Wacky', a lovable central character.

Musically it is quite straight-forward, the keyboard accompaniment being within the range of the average pianist. Most of the percussion instruments can be improvised, and the whole is suited to the 9-13 age group. **SS**

**More Ideas for Packs, Rosalie Brown, John Goodchild, 75p**

This is the latest book by a favourite author who has contributed to our magazines over many years, and has also written many books for the Association. It is packed with ideas for Brownie Guiders, and there is a special section showing how to help Packs who have handicapped Brownies. The drawings and illustrations are most attractive and helpful and at 75p every Pack should add this book to its library. **OMC**





Our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother talks to Brownies helping to Keep Britain Tidy at the Royal Windsor Rose Show. (Courtesy of Evening Mail, Slough).

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# DOUBLE BRENDA HUGHES

## Compiling The Double Acrostic

THE Double Acrostic which I have been compiling this year seems to be proving very popular. I have had many people ask me how I set about it, and the Editor has suggested that I explain.

Well, the first step is to decide on the book I shall use and find a quotation from it which includes all the letters of the title and author. I list all the letters which occur in the quotation and count how many there are of each.

I have made myself small letter tiles and from these I select the number of letters I require and arrange them, in vertical lines, in alphabetical order on a large tray. From these I take the letters I need to form the title and author and place them, in order, down the left side of the tray.

My next step is to sort all the letters into words beginning with the letters making up the title and author. Once this has been done I work out the clues for the words.

The last and most tedious job is to draw and number the grids trying to ensure

that no word which is a solution to a clue has in it more than one letter from any word in the quotation.

If all goes well I can produce a double acrostic in about four hours, but sometimes it takes considerably longer!

A small prize will be awarded for the first correct entry opened on the 20th of each month. Send entries to: 'Acrostic', The Editor, GUIDER, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1W 0PT. Please do not enclose anything with your entry.

A 1	C 2	A 3	L 4	S 5	D 6	H 7	F 8	M 9	Y 10	L 11	A 12	E 13	I 14	R 15	H 16	Q 17	C 18	D 19	L 20
D 21	U 22	M 23	I 24	B 25	F 26	N 27	P 28	V 29	E 30	O 31	R 32	E 33	A 34	H 35	Q 36	R 37	T 38	F 39	M 40
O 41	C 42	P 43	J 44	W 45	S 46	P 47	N 48	F 49	S 50	L 51	O 52	A 53	U 54	K 55	G 56	M 57	Q 58	P 59	D 60
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F 81	S 82	K 83	A 84	E 85	P 86	R 87	J 88	H 89	A 90	H 91	W 92	O 93	A 94	S 95	C 96	T 97	G 98	K 99	Y 100
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B	42	25	116	108	72		
C	18	96	2	114	140	42	
D	129	6	177	19	60	185	
E	33	13	150	144	30	184	85
F	49	120	81	172	39	8	154
G	178	103	65	56	115	98	
H	169	91	35	7	16	130	173
I	24	111	159	75	14		
J	110	88	44				
K	83	157	55	125	99	138	
L	11	4	51	164	20	133	141
M	151	135	57	182	9	23	161
N	48	149	73	68	170	27	
O	21	41	52	152	31	118	153
P	139	47	28	101	43	59	86
Q	155	58	175	17	36		
R	15	105	87	188	37	77	62
S	46	95	123	82	50	5	106
T	119	97	134	38			
U	67	121	126	22	54	107	174
V	168	70	104	29	66	189	145
W	117	61	92	158	45	179	137
X	147	122	64	102	186		
Y	183	160	69	100	132	76	10
Z	181	109	171	112	165	79	128
a	150	136	3	71	146	156	53

October GUIDER's winning entry (Acrostic No. 9) came from Mrs K Mitchell, of Bagshot, Surrey.

### Solution to Acrostic No. 10 (November)

Alice caught the baby with some difficulty as it was a queer shaped little creature and held out its arms and legs in all directions. 'just like a starfish' thought Alice. The poor little thing was snorting like a steam-engine when she caught it.

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.



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# The International Aspect

I SUPPOSE that whatever your own personal interest is, one thinks of as the most important part of Guiding. The International aspect excited me the most when I joined Girl Guiding, and it still does. That's all very well, you may be thinking, you are lucky enough to have travelled and to have met Guides from overseas.

I have recently been reminded that, although never a great reader as a child, my constant companion and delight was a book named 'The World's People and how they live'. I lived in a small town in the heart of Africa about the time of the end of the 1939-45 war, and travel was virtually unknown — certainly so far as my own family was concerned — but anyone can dream, and a little imagination can be a wonderful magic carpet.

The World Chief Guide often spoke of the Guide Movement being a vanguard for peace in the world, and I certainly agree, and think the only hope for peace in this world is through the better understanding of its people.

Each day, it seems, we see horrific scenes flashed across our television screens, until it all becomes somewhat meaningless, unless we happen to have a friend or interest in a country, and then what happens in that place becomes of importance. What could be more beneficial to our young people than to have the chance to attend an International camp or event. A good many of our members have had this opportunity during the summer and would like to talk of their experiences. Your County, Commonwealth and International Adviser could help you contact one of these participants.

There are several publications for sale in our shops, which can help on Guiding in other countries, Interest badges to stimulate the girls, travel books in libraries, and even cookery books can help.

At this time plans may well be beginning for celebrating our special International Day — Thinking Day, 22nd February.

If we enjoy our Guiding and value being a member of a world-wide movement, there is a way of helping to bring Guiding to more girls by contributing to the Thinking Day Fund.

Of the 706 million girls under the age of 15 in the world, more than 75% live in developing countries, and of these the majority live in rural areas. Taking Guiding to these girls and training their leaders is very costly. In urban areas, too, most girls spend their days in domestic work, and many of them are forced by poverty to become beggars or prostitutes at an early age. Few are given access to skilled training or education. Could the promotion of Guiding bring more to the lives of these girls?

Contributions can be made to the Thinking Day Fund at any time or, if you feel it has more meaning, on the 22nd February. Perhaps now is the time to start taking action to ensure a really huge contribution this next Thinking Day.

Let's celebrate being a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts by becoming more aware of our Sisters around the world.

**Patience Baden-Powell,**  
International Commissioner.

## Brownie Purse Pattern

**R**EMEMBER the knitted Brownie Purse which featured on page 505 of November's *GUIDER*, with pattern as explained to readers who own knitting machines?

Well, here are the instructions for hand-knitters, just in time for Christmas. The pattern is remarkably simple, so those who would normally quake at the idea of knitting a design in two colours need have no fears!

**Abbreviations:** K = Knit; CtY = Change to Yellow; CtB = Change to Brown.

Using no. 8 (4mm) needles cast on 40 stitches in brown;

Starting with a knit row stocking stitch 40 rows;

Next row — purl to end;

Starting with a purl row stocking stitch seven rows;

Continue in pattern as follows:—

**1st row**

K12, CtY K4, CtB K8, CtY K4, CtB K12.

**2nd row**

P11, CtY P6, CtB P6, CtY P6, CtB P11.

**3rd row**

K10, CtY K2, CtB K3, CtY K4, CtB K1, CtY K5, CtB K3, CtY K2, CtB K10.

**4th row**

P9, CtY P2, CtB P5, CtY P8, CtB P5, CtY P2, CtB P9.

**5th row**

K8, CtY K2, CtB K2, CtY K3, CtB K1, CtY K2, CtB K4, CtY K2, CtB K1, CtY K2, CtB K2, CtY K2, CtB K8.

**6th row**

P8, CtY P2, CtB P2, CtY P1, CtB P1, CtY P2, CtB P1, CtY P2, CtB P3, CtY P2, CtB P1, CtY P1, CtB P1, CtY P2, CtB P1, CtY P2, CtB P8.

**7th row**

K8, CtY K2, CtB K4, CtY K1, CtB K1, CtY K2, CtB K3, CtY K2, CtB K4, CtY K1, CtB K2, CtY K2, CtB K8.

**8th row**

P8, CtY P2, CtB P2, CtY P1, CtB P1, CtY P1, CtB P3, CtY P5, CtB P2, CtY P1, CtB P1, CtY P1, CtB P2, CtY P2, CtB P8.

**9th row**

K8, CtY K2, CtB K2, CtY K3, CtB K3, CtY K3, CtB K4, CtY K3, CtB K2, CtY K2, CtB K8.

**10th row**

P8, CtY P2, CtB P9, CtY P2, CtB P9, CtY P2, CtB P8.

**11th row**

K9, CtY K5, CtB K5, CtY K2, CtB K5, CtY K5, CtB K9.

**12th row**

P10, CtY P3, CtB P5, CtY P4, CtB P5, CtY P3, CtB P10.

**13th row**

K9, CtY K3, CtB K2, CtY K10, CtB K4, CtY K3, CtB K9.

**14th row**

P9, CtY P2, CtB P4, CtY P12, CtB P2, CtY P2, CtB P9.

**15th row**

K9, CtY K2, CtB K1, CtY K2; CtB K4, CtY K4, CtB K2, CtY K2, CtB K3, CtY K2, CtB K9.

**16th row**

P9, CtY P2, CtB P2, CtY P2, CtB P4, CtY P2, CtB P6, CtY P4, CtB P9.

**17th row**

K10, CtY K4, CtB K4, CtY K4, CtB K4, CtY K4, CtB K10.

**18th row**

P11, CtY P2, CtB P5, CtY P4, CtB P4, CtY P3, CtB P11.

**19th row**

K12, CtY K2, CtB K5, CtY K3, CtB K4, CtY K2, CtB K12.

**20th row**

P13, CtY P2, CtB P3, CtY P2, CtB P2, CtY P2, CtB P13.

**21st row**

K14, CtY K3, CtB K4, CtY K1, CtB K2, CtY K2, CtB K14.

**22nd row**

P15, CtY P10, CtB P15.

**23rd row**

K16 CtY K8, CtB K16.

Starting with a purl row and using brown only stocking stitch 10 rows — cast off.

It might be wise too, to make a lining for this purse; this will help it to keep its shape much better.





# '79 Guides need a '79 Letts Diary

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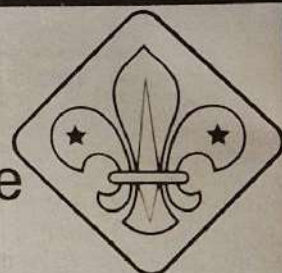
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## Partners in Guiding

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Mrs Manning, District Commissioner of West Andallthorpe, sat sipping tea and turning over in her mind the matters of her District Meeting which had just ended. She made jottings as she planned how she would tackle the tasks which needed her attention.

The County Commissioner had asked for suggestions for speakers for the County Meeting, but nothing had been forthcoming from the Guiders.

There seemed to be some demand for a tester for Friend to Animal Badge. No one had taken that badge since the death of Mr Bardolph, a local vet, who had given considerable help. Perhaps the new vet would be willing to help, like his predecessor.

St Swithin's Guiders seemed to be having a problem with the Vicar who wanted the Guides, in uniform, to collect for the Christmas Charity Project. Perhaps it would help if he had a visit or a 'phone call. There was also the matter of the time of St Swithin's Guide Coy Meeting overlapping with the Ladies' Guild by half an hour. Maybe the Guiders needed a chance to thrash out this problem. Pat, because of the baby, was finding it difficult to get to Guides before seven o'clock. The older ladies complained that they could not hear their speaker when the Guides in the Minor Hall above were moving around. Joan, the District Assistant, might be able to

help Pat and Sue with ideas for quieter activities, if they couldn't obtain permission for the Guides to use the hall another night ... but heating the hall was proving to be a costly business.

Tomorrow a report must be sent to the local paper about the Brownies' Womble Revels. The theme this year had made the Brownies very aware of litter and conservation.

Perhaps in the afternoon a visit could be fitted in to the Matron of the Old People's Home to see what form of Service Project the Rangers could undertake in that connection. Because of the problems of Becky's Grandfather, the Rangers had become very aware of the needs of the elderly. That, however, would have to be postponed because Zoë's children had to be collected from school. It was good meeting Zoë at school each day. She was always so full of anecdotes about her home, her children and their animals. Tomorrow was her RSPCA committee meeting. Now there was an idea — she *could* be the very person to test the Friend to Animals Badge; — and didn't she once say that the RSPCA would send a speaker with a film to a Meeting? Now *there* was a possibility for an interesting speaker to the Annual General Meeting!

Marjorie McMillan

## Brownies are Friendly

A local news item appealing for funds for the Riding for the disabled, read in Pow-Wow by Alison, sparked off concern for handicapped children, and a desire to help.

The feeling was not of friendship, exactly — that was to come; but being friendly surely means showing concern, and a desire to help one another. An example of such concern is the Recruit being helped by her Sixer to fill in the beginning of her Pocket Book, or the slow and shy Brownie in a keep fit Challenge, being helped and encouraged by her Six to cross the imaginary river on flower pots, even at the cost of one or two Members of the Six getting 'wet feet'!

As a result of the article read by Alison, Debbie and her Guider telephoned the 'Riding for the Disabled' Appeals Organiser and arranged a date for showing a film on the charity's work.

After the film further Pow-Wows were held, during which plans were made for setting up two stalls, selling comics, toys, sweets and cakes to be made by Brownies on 'Highway'. Posies of flowers in the tops of hair spray containers could be made by Brownies undertaking 'Road Challenge'. Brownies living outside the town were to do Good Turns for 5p or 10p a time, and hoped to accomplish Footpath and Road Challenges in the process.



Posters and invitations were made as part of the Footpath Challenge. Two garages belonging to Brownies' parents were willingly cleared (no doubt with fathers' help), and stalls set up. All this, too, was part of 'Road Challenge'. The Good Turn Brownies weren't left out; — they also wrote invitations, brought and helped sort out comics and toys.

The Riding for the Disabled Appeals Organiser returned in four weeks' time to receive £75.00, and invited the Brownies along to the opening of the

charity's new premises.

The joy of this Venture was in its outcome of the Brownies' own idea for a Christmas Good Turn, entertaining the handicapped children. A good deal of careful planning is needed in organising the games, and as in the Keep Fit Challenge, a great deal of fun will be had by both the Brownies concerned and by the handicapped children. At the end, each child is to be given a gift made by a Brownie.

No matter what Venture is undertaken by a Pack, the very fact of the Pack's being involved together should promote a happy and friendly relationship, and help each individual to carry out her

Promise, and meet several Challenges.

The Guider holds the key, for if we emanate friendliness, like a desirably contagious disease, it will infect all with whom we come into contact.

Anne Liddell

## DISTRICT and BROWNIE training





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Illustration by Jean de Lemos

LOVE BE YOURS AND LOVE BE MINE  
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## Guides Care About People . . .

The Guides had been racking their brains finding current sayings to summarise each Law. When Gillian remarked, 'It's all rather like *Love Thy Neighbour*, she had, thought Mrs B, hit the nail on the head. 'If only we could learn, do and teach that,' she reflected. So much was involved — sympathy, trust, generosity, courage . . . and an endless list besides.

Yet perhaps they weren't doing so badly. Last week, Mrs B, telling the PLs that Susan would be coming, had gently reminded them of the trials of first evenings. The Chaffinches had asked if Susan might join them, and tonight, when she had timidly entered, Maureen had rushed over, introduced herself and brought her to meet the Guiders. Now, within the hour, she was one of a 'happy, busy group'.

Maureen had shown her the Patrol Handbook, and presently all were chatting merrily together while making Christmas decorations.

In Patrol life they 'learned' relationships so well.

The Patrols were busy — parcels and decorations for the pensioners, items for the paraplegics' concert. Next weekend they were meeting in the PLs' homes to make Christmas Candles — how marvelously the mothers had responded to that suggestion. Indeed, Mrs B recalled, two of their Badge Testers had volunteered after similar home-sessions.



Illustrations: Jean de Lemos

At first the PLs had needed help in planning with their Patrols — learning and agreeing what everyone wanted to do hadn't always been easy.

During a PL Council, Mrs B read them Anglund's 'Love is a special way of feeling', and with her encouragement, the PLs book as back up, and the Handbook pages 200-1 and 279-287 they had begun.

Mrs B and her Assistant watched over the variety and balance, so that everyone might join in doing new things, meeting new people.

Now each Patrol kept a 'Who's Who', used *Today's Guide* for plays they might tackle together, and had undertaken some regular service (Churchyard

tidying, pensioners' gardens, pensioners' shopping, handicapped children, Church crèche . . .).

'What an impressionable and vulnerable age is 10-15 years,' sighed Mrs B 'so many new experiences — new schools, holiday jobs, trips abroad, boy-friends . . .'

A Guider had to be able to listen without prying, advise without lecturing, encourage without monopolising, set high standards without condemning.

Looking back over the year, she reckoned that they had all, herself included, learned something of 'Love Thy Neighbour'.

'Love is always leaving oneself to go towards others' (Michel Quoist.)

**D Anne Hamilton**

## Relationships

Several years ago, we had an Extraordinary Business Meeting of our Unit. To put it simply, Brenda who helps me, and I felt that the attendance was so bad that we wondered if there was really any point in the unit trying to continue.

Well, the Rangers were amazed . . . Imagine . . . No unit! . . . Yes, in future they would let us know if they weren't coming, they would tell us beforehand about rival attractions that were coming up. In short we established a much better working relationship with the Rangers simply by talking over the problem openly.

Teenagers can sometimes be in a dilemma — they are just beginning to realise for the first time that parents are not always perfect, that teachers, employers — and Guiders — are human and prey to all the imperfections that go along with that. They may be having doubts about God, questioning their faith and the basic ideas they have followed automatically from a very early age. Boy friends or the lack of them may be embarrassing and indeed they may be having difficulties in establishing any sort of steady relationships at all.

In Rangers each girl can learn to put forward her views, and by so doing, help to plan the Programme. By sharing jobs and working together on various projects, they learn to accept respon-

sibility. Through writing and talking to a wide variety of people in the planned activities, the Ranger learns to communicate with others from different backgrounds, age groups and cultures. Some girls chatter on endlessly amongst themselves, but faced with the task of talking to an old lady or an invalid for even a few minutes, how many of them could rise to the occasion without finding themselves without words through shyness or just the lack of a topic of mutual interest?

Debates can be very dull, but getting the Rangers to talk for 'Just a minute' on a random subject of which they have been given only five minutes' notice can be great fun, and it helps to loosen the tongue-tied. Practice of this sort could be extended to regular visiting of old folk, providing entertainment, or even

mounting some form of dramatic production. Singing is an even easier way to build relationships. Just see what happens if it gets around that the Unit sings. Invitations generally come regularly to 'sing for your supper' — and who knows — you might even be asked to sing at a District Carol Service. This can give the opportunity to meet other branches of the movement like Brownies, Guides, Commissioners, Trefoil Guild members and maybe even Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts.

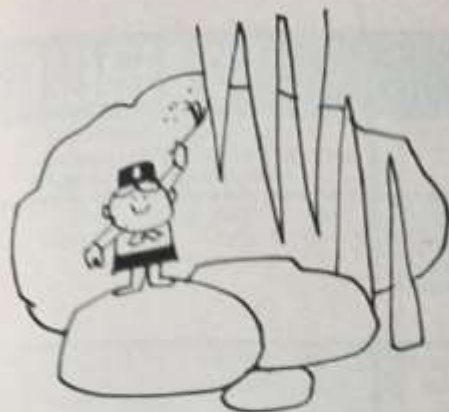
In short, the Rangers should learn that relationships have to be built up if life is to be lived to the full and enjoyed, and that the Ranger Unit can, through carefully planned activities, help to show even the most timid girl how to take the first vital steps in establishing a variety of rewarding relationships.

**Maureen Robinson**



## GUIDE and RANGER training





## Safe as Houses

HOME could be in a cave, a wigwam or a castle, but for many Guides it will be in a modest house and, as 54 per cent of the houses in Britain are owned by the people who live in them, it is quite probable that that house is being bought with the help of a Building Society loan. Included in the January issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE* (out 15th December) is a project competition about building societies which is not only interesting but also fun for Guides to enter. There are two generous prizes to be won, both for the Guides and their Companies. The competition is being sponsored by **The Building Societies Association**.

The projects can be attempted at indoor meetings, when it's cold or wet, or as a Christmas holiday exercise. So that every Guide in the Company can have an entry form, twelve extra forms will be enclosed with every additional copy of *TODAY'S GUIDE* purchased for 50p. Every Guide in the Company can enter the competition and we hope that, not only will they enjoy completing the projects, but they will learn a little about the part building societies play in helping people buy their own homes.

Right now, building societies are helping almost 5,000,000 families to buy their own homes. In 1977 alone, building societies lent £6,889,000,000 to 737,000 home-buyers, who came from all walks of life, and their ages and incomes varied widely. One-third of all mortgages went to people earning less than £80 per week. In addition, 48 per cent of all home-loans granted were to people buying houses or flats for the first time, and one-third of these were under the age of 25.

Building societies make special efforts to help young couples buy their first home as soon as possible after they get married. As house prices continue to increase and they need to get their feet on the housing ladder at an early stage. Two newly married couples out of every three now become owners with the help of a loan from a building society.

The amount of money involved in financing all this activity is enormous. By the end of 1977, building societies had £26,000,000,000 outstanding on loan to home-buyers, and this adds up to more than all the loans granted by the London and Scottish clearing banks to industry and commerce as well as private customers throughout Britain. Societies also held nearly £32,200,000,000 of savings, which had been put with them almost entirely by private individuals. At least one adult in three has a building society account,

and on average half of short-term savings of private individuals goes into the building societies every year.



Building societies are not just places for regular savers to build up their holdings. They act as convenient places to keep money to meet unexpected bills or to pay for holidays or just to buy 'something special'. Accounts can be opened with very small amounts and even the youngest Guide can put in a portion of her pocket money each week — if only to withdraw it the following week!

Obviously regular saving should be encouraged and all building societies offer attractive rates of interest to those who are prepared to commit themselves to investing a certain amount on a regular basis. Such a scheme is extremely suitable for anyone saving up for the deposit on a house. Although in some cases

building societies do offer 100 per cent loans, it is more common for them to offer 90 or 95 per cent loans, which means that the borrower has to find the remaining ten or five per cent. This isn't always easy and it can take a long time to accumulate the necessary funds. An early start helps. It is also helpful to know that building societies nearly always give priority for mortgage loans to their existing investors should funds be in short supply.

Building societies have taken 200 years to reach their present position as providers of 95 per cent of all the loans for house-purchase in the country. Their role is a vital one and every Guide should be aware of its importance in her own community, be it as a home for their savings or as a means of buying their own home at some time in the future.

Developing homecraft skills is part and parcel of being a Guide and, although jam-making, arranging flowers or knitting socks may be relevant even if the home is a tent in a field, it is more



likely that today's Guide, five years hence, will want to put those skills into practice in her own home. A knowledge of the services which are there to help the home-buyer could save her a lot of worry and heartache in the future.

Two booklets, which can be used for projects, *2,000 Years of Houses* and *10,000 Years of Money*, and a leaflet on home-buying, *Hints for Home-Buyers* are available free of charge from **The Building Societies Association**, 14 Park Street, London, W1Y 4AL.

*'Hands up the Guide who said she did not want to do First Aid tonight!'*





# TRAINING

	FOXLEASE Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DG Tel: (Lyndhurst) 042-128 2638.	WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 3LD Tel: (Clitheroe) 0200 23186.	NETHERURD HOUSE Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire. Tel: 096 88 208
<b>Dec</b>	1-3 1. Campfire Leaders and Prospectives 2. Campfire Training for Guiders 29-7+ New Year Houseparty January 1979	29-3+ January New Year Get-together (Crafts, 1979 Dance Music and Guitar)	1-3 Ranger Guiders 8-10 Prospective Certificated Trainers and new Trainers
<b>Jan '79</b>	12-14 1. General Training 2. Planning Ahead Part I. (Guiders of all sections who have held a warrant for three years.) This replaces 8th/10th September previously advertised. 19-21 Hampshire West 26-28 General Training (Brownie Guiders)	12-14 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders) 19-21 North West England (by allocation) 26-28 Planning Ahead Part II (Guiders of all Sections who have held a warrant for three years. Priority for those who attended Part I)	12-14 Patrol Leaders 19-21 Brownie and Guide Guiders including booking from Glasgow S.W. and S.S.W. Divisions 26-28 County Leadership Advisers
<b>Feb</b>	2-4 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders) 9-11 General Training (Guide Guiders) 16-18 London and South East England (by allocation)	2-4 Greater Manchester North 9-11 1. General Training (Guide Guiders) 2. Music in the Guide Company 16-18 Sefton	2-4 Commissioners and Trainers (working with small groups) 9-11 Brownie and Guide Guiders 16-18 Division Commissioners
<b>March</b>	2-4 1. Ranger Guiders 2. Movement and Dance Group (for Guiders of all sections) 9-11 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders) 16-18 South West England (by allocation) 23-25 General Training 30-1 Commissioners' Training	2-4 North East England (by allocation) 9-11 1. General Training (Brownie Guiders) 2. Music in the Brownie Pack 16-18 General Training 23-25 North Yorkshire West 30-1 West Mercia April	2-4 District Commissioners 9-11 Brownie and Guide Guiders 16-18 Prospective Certificate Trainers (by County invitation) 23-25 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Ayrshire North and Bute) 30-1 Rangers and Young Leaders April
<b>April</b>	6-8 1. Home Arts (by allocation) 2. Enjoying the Out-of-Doors 12-14 (Easter) Norfolk 19-22 Trainers' Workshop (Diploma'd Certificate and Specialist trainers) 27-29 1. General Training 2. Planning Ahead Part II (Guiders of all Sections who have held a warrant for at least three years)	6-8 Merseyside South 12-16 Young Leaders Week (Easter) 20-22 North Tyneside 27-29 Staffordshire	<b>Fees at Netherurd</b> Shared room, per day £3.00 Double room, per day £3.25 Single room, per day £3.50 Deposit £1.00 Training fee for non-residents per weekend. 50p
<b>May</b>	4th-6th Wiltshire South. 11th-13th Making the most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders). 18th-20th General Training — all sections (Places for Guiders with handicapped members in their units). 25th-1st June Family Week — (Guiders with their husbands and children aged 2-8 years)	4th-6th Birmingham. 11th-13th 1. Links and Tutors/ 2. Music Workshop (Guiders interested in obtaining or who have recently gained any of the music qualifications) 18th-20th Cardiff and East Glamorgan. 25th-29th Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course. (For Members and non-Members of the Movement)	<b>Fees at Foxlease and Waddow:</b> Shared room, per day £4.00 Double room, per day £4.50 Single room, per day £5.00 Deposit £2.00 cheque or postal order only. + Subject to VAT.

## 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

Any Guider may herself apply to attend a training course at the Centres, provided she has reached the age of 18 years. (At the discretion of the Commissioner a member aged 17½ who is working on the Adult Leader's Certificate may also apply for a Guider course.)

An application to attend a Guider Training Centre should be sent direct to the appropriate Guider-in-Charge, and must be accompanied by the correct amount of deposit and a s.a.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.

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



# CALENDAR

**BRONEIRION**  
Llindisfarne, Moel, Powys SY17 5DE  
Tel. Caerwys 204  
£12 Christmas Arts

**LORNE**  
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**Fees at Lorne**  
Per day (Ulster Gu  
Per day (others)

1-3 International  
8-10 Arts  
12-14 East Belfast  
19-21 County Co-ord  
26-28 Ranger Guid  
Co-ordinator

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

2-4 South Down  
16-18 Brownie Guid  
23-25 West Belfast

2-4-6 General Training (places reserved for Caernarvonshire)  
16-18 General Training (Places reserved for Wrekin Division)  
23-25 General Training (Places reserved for Wirral County)

2-4 County Arma  
9-11 Londonderry  
16-18 South Antrim  
23-25 South East B

8-10 General Training (Places reserved for Walsall East Division)  
12-17 Patrol Leaders (Open)  
Easter 28th Welsh County Personnel Day Conference

**Fees at Foxlease**  
**Glenbrook.** Guides training in 1979 are owing to increase regrettably forced to both Foxlease and 1st January 1979. Fe will be increased by supplement for no remains at £1.00 w £2.00.  
**Fees at Glenbro** unchanged.

4-7 Patrol Leaders (14 years and over)  
11-13 General Training (Places reserved for Clwyd)  
19th Welsh Public Relations Advisers' Day Conference  
20th Welsh County Commissioners' Day Conference.  
25th-30th (Bank Holiday)  
Patrol Leaders (Places reserved for West Glamorgan)

**County Weekends 1**  
Counties wishing t Weekend at Foxle should apply to Secretary, CHQ n March 1979. The p whole of 1980 is dr date, and once this further applicati considered.  
Owing to the number of reques year, priority will be applications from C not have a booking

## Camps And Holidays

### Beaverbrook Lodge

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease, giving alternative dates and enclosing an initial deposit of £1.00 (which is non-returnable) and a prospectus sse. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st April-30th September, 1979 will be accepted now.

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

### Foxlease Camp

Application for reach Foxlease by will be considered mencing 7th Jani addressed to the envelope marked dates with alternai numbers should b an equipped site is begin on any wee suitable for the har

A 50p deposit (w booking is cancell should be enclos

### Waddow Cottage

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## MO Moments



**SITTING** peacefully beside the shores of a tranquil Scottish loch, I can't help but compare two diametrically opposed holidays — last week, tremendously hectic as MO at Guide Summer Camp and this week, peaceful and relaxed in Scotland.

Initially, when invited to attend my first Summer Camp as MO I was told it was quite an easy job with nothing very much to do, which immediately conjured up in my mind just the odd scratch or burn to attend to, nothing very

much more. However, I was soon to find out that this was far from being the case. The very first day, unbelievable though it may seem, one Guide went down with Chicken Pox. I immediately thought we were in for an epidemic, and the tents were rearranged so that all the Guides who had previously had Chicken Pox were now with the Guide who had just burst forth in a rash. This sorted out, and the child creamed and powdered twice daily, immediately set the ball rolling for a multitude of

ailments — headaches, burns, stings, sickness, hay fever, asthma, scalds etc — and almost everybody produced a rash of some description or other — and each time I thought it was another Chicken Pox case! To top it all, the second day at camp, I myself, woke up with an eye like a golf ball — apparently, during the night, some unknown creature took a fancy to me and bit me on the eyelid. As cold water and cream treatment produced no abatement of the swelling and soreness there was no alternative but to seek professional advice. (Imagine the MO, of all people, having to go elsewhere for a cure!) However, pills and the magic touch of a *real* Doctor proved to be all that was necessary to reduce the eye to normal size again.

The daily queue at my Surgery never ceased, despite *reduced* Surgery Hours and a notice erected to this effect and that in 'Cases of Emergency Send Up Smoke Signals', and what with the other numerous daily duties at Summer Camp, including being 'Loo Lady', looking back now, I don't think I shall ever completely forget Summer Camp at Foxlease, 1978 and my very first official duty as MO cum Loo Lady and all the frustrations and fun that went with it.

PS... and one would never have guessed that I farmed my own son out to a relative that week because he was unwell!

**Pip Martin,**  
Unit Helper,  
Southwick,  
Sussex.

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### Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1979 will be considered on and after 13th November, 1978, and should be sent to the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guide's CA or Pack Holiday Adviser and a foolscap sae.

### Glenbrook, near Sheffield

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

### Glenbrook Camp-sites

Six camp-sites available, two suitable for handicapped members, situated in partly wooded grounds. All sites are un-equipped. For further information about camping and activities available, write to the Secretary, Glenbrook, enclosing a foolscap sae.

### Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex

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

### Brownsea Island

Eight sites are available for Guide and Scout Camps from Easter to 1st October. South Shore Lodge is now available, sleep 18 Rangers or Guides, plus Leaders. For full details apply to Mrs B Duffield, 16 Talbot Drive, Poole, Dorset BH12 5ED (enclosing foolscap sae).

### Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys

Holiday flats are available all the year round for family holidays or for parties of up to 12 Rangers with their Guider. Self catering, fully equipped, with metered electricity. Apply to Guider-in-Charge.

### Broneirion Camp-site and Brownie House

Applications for Camp-site and Brownie House will be considered from 31st December, 1978 and should be sent to: Miss P. Lynch, 3C Pentwyn Court, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF4 7BY (sae req).

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

### Ynsgain, Cricceth, North Wales

Applications for the use of two un-equipped sites within a few minutes of the sea can be made to: Mrs Griffith, Swyn-y-Gwynt, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, enclosing a foolscap sae for site information sheet.

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

Applications for camp-sites will be taken from 2nd January, 1979. One site is suitable for the handicapped.

Applications for the Brownie House will be taken on 1st December, 1978 (form of application available from 1st November). During Scottish School Holiday periods (Easter, July, half August) priority will be given to Scottish packs. This is suitable for the handicapped Brownies.

A three-berth caravan is also available.

### Holiday at Lorne

Lorne will be open as a holiday centre during July and August. In pleasant grounds with lovely views and quiet

surroundings on the shore of Belfast Lough. Lorne is only six miles from Belfast and is a good centre for sight-seeing tours.

Special terms for parties or Guides taking the house and wishing to do their own catering.

Full details from the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster.

### Lorne Camp Sites

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

### Glen Road (near Lorne)

Fully equipped for 40 Campers (one large and two small camps). Excellent hut for solid shelter with electricity. Bookings should be sent to Mrs F. R. Lee, 45 Gortland Park, Belfast BT5 7NU, enclosing sae.

### Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage, Lorne

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

### Magilligan Campsites

Three fully equipped sites with double calor gas stoves for 25-30 campers. Two miles of sands. Large three room hut with an open fireplace. For details apply to Mrs R. F. Scott, Derrymore House, Limavady, Co. Londonderry (send sae).

### Ulster Camp-sites (Nr Lorne)

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



## YOUTH HOSTELS

### First the Good News...

The Youth Hostels Association will not be increasing its membership fees for 1979. Fees remain at 65p (age 5 to 15), £1.50 (16 to 20) and £2.50 (21 and over).

### ... And now the Bad

Overnight and meal charges have had to be put up. The cost of bed, breakfast and evening meal at a standard hostel will be £2.55, £2.70 and £2.95 according to age.

Enrolment forms and full details of 1979 charges may be obtained from: **The Youth Hostels Association, Trevelyan House, St Albans, Herts.**

### Christmas Phone-In

As in previous years, London Telephones are providing a series of Christmas stories for youngsters. Those in the London 01 telephone area can hear them by ringing 246 8020. Children elsewhere should ring 01-246 8020.

The stories, by BBC radio personalities Mike Sparrow and Tom Vernon, deal with Santa and his friends' home life, and their exploits and adventures in preparing for Christmas.

For a week from Monday, 11th December, and from Monday, 18th December to Boxing Day, there will be a different story each day.

**Miss Sydney Foott**, who died on 4th August, came to England in the '40s from Melbourne, Australia, where she had served as Assistant Commissioner for Extensions (Post Section) from 1939-1944. At the end of 1944 she was chosen as a member of the Red Cross Relief Unit going to Greece for work with UNRRA. For the last ten years of her life Sydney was Editor for the Disabled Living Foundation and she was the leader of a team which wrote 'The Disabled School Child' and 'Kitchen Sense for Disabled or Elderly People'. Before this appointment she had served as Education Officer to the Design Council.

For several years Sydney was a Guider in London NE and was always a willing helper at London swimming galas for Guides. A loyal outspoken friend, she had an intuitive sympathy for disabled people of any age and was ready with practical help. In Queensland she had served as a Guider with the Auchenflower Company from 1926-1935. **TWM**

So many Guide Club members and Guiders from overseas will remember with gratitude **Miss Gabriel Maynard**, the first Secretary of the Guide Club, who died in St Mary Abbot's Hospital, London, on 26th August. The first Guide Club chairman, Marjorie Lady Oaksey, pays tribute to Gay's cheerfulness and perseverance and her friendly leadership of the team which lived at 46 Belgrave Square in the discomfort, noise and dust of the pre-opening days of the Guide Club. Miss Maynard dealt devotedly with the many prob-

lems which abounded in those early days and willingly turned her hand to many jobs far beyond the duties of a Club Secretary.

Gay Maynard worked at the Club in the busy days of 1950 when many delegates from overseas stayed at the Guide Club before the 13th World Conference in Oxford, and 1953, Coronation year, again found the Club happily busy. She served in the ATS from 1939-1946 and as a Senior Commander was concerned with training others. In the 1946 Birthday Honours Miss Maynard was awarded the OBE for her service.

In Guiding Gay Maynard served in the West Country as a Guider for the 1st Milverton Guide Company and as a District Commissioner and District Secretary for Duiverton. When she resigned as Secretary of the Guide Club Gay helped with fund raising for King's College Hospital in a scheme which later grew into the Friends of King's College Hospital. **TWM**

### Animal Welfare

A national Petition for the Protection of Animals is now being signed. The petition, which will be presented to Parliament when a total of five million signatures has been achieved, is intended to demonstrate the widely-held feeling among members of the public that the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876 should be reformed so as to prevent unnecessary

suffering of large numbers of laboratory animals in scientific experiments where the use of such animals is not absolutely essential.

It is suggested that readers could help achieve this end by one or all of these three tactics:

Write a brief letter on the following lines to your local papers:

'May I appeal to the general public to sign the National Petition for the Protection of Animals. This petition needs at least five million signatures if it is to "bear any weight" when it is presented to Parliament. (Expand as necessary.)

Please write to NPPA c/o **Bill Brown, 60 Wellington Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG11 7LD** for forms and get your neighbours and friends to join in.'

Secondly, readers should write to their MPs, voicing their feelings on the matter, and thirdly, they should make sure that they themselves obtain copies of petition forms from the above address, to sign and send back with signatures. (Each form has room for fifty signatures.)

### For Knight Owls and Brownies?

Copydex has produced a new classroom craft worksheet, available to teachers.

## In Memoriam

**Brownies** In 1962, during a 'home' posting, she became District Commissioner for the Melbourn District of Nottingham Guide Company and also helped with the 4th West Bridgford (Methodist). From 1963-66 she was in Germany, where she ran the 1st Rheindahlen Pack and the 1st Mönchen Gladbach Company, as well as being Commissioner for the Mönchen Gladbach District of British Guides in Germany. For these services she was awarded the Laurel Leaf in April, 1966. On her return to England she became District Commissioner for West Bridgford (Central) District and retired at the end of her ten year spell in 1976.

Her courage and cheerfulness in the face of a long and painful illness were an inspiration to all who knew her. **MJE**

The sudden death on 6th September of **Miss Pauline Richards** was a shock to her family and friends and a loss to Guiding.

She gave many years of valuable service to Guiding in Welling, Kent as a Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guider and was awarded the Oak Leaf in 1966. In 1972 she received the County Scroll of 'Good Service'.

Since moving to Uplymore five years ago and until the time of her death she was the 6th Devon Lone Guide Guider.

Pauline was much loved and will be greatly missed, but her courage and cheerfulness in the face of adversity and suffering was and will continue to be an inspiration to all who knew her.

**DGH**

**Miss Patricia Richards**, who died in hospital on 13th August after a short illness, had given devoted service to Guiding. Of her contribution in India, the Chief Commissioner for India in the '30s, Mrs Carey Morgan, writes: 'In India, where we first met in Guiding, she did most valuable and enduring work and her qualities of selflessness, rectitude and efficiency have surely left their mark. If ever there was a true Guide on all points of the law it was Pat. She was a faithful and affectionate friend who will be most happily remembered.'

Another friend, Rosalie Hagon, writes: 'When Pat lived in India with her father, who was a judge in what was then the United Provinces, she helped with the local Bluebird Flocks and Guide Companies and later on, after some training in England, she was sent out by the Girl Guides Association to help organise newly started Companies.'

Of her Guiding in Cornwall, Mrs Bowen writes: 'Pat Richards took over as County Commissioner for Cornwall in 1949 when Guiding was beginning to get organised after the war years. Petrol was still rationed and with so many isolated villages it was no easy job: her knowledge and completely unselfish service at a most difficult time were a great inspiration to the county. Somehow she kept in touch with Companies and Packs, visiting whenever possible and using her cottage for small camps and tests.'

(Other readers, including some



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in South Africa, will remember Pat Richards as Provincial Commissioner for the Transvaal, and those who served on the Imperial Council, started by the Chief Guide in 1919, will remember her as the representative for India. In 1927 she was awarded the Silver Fish.) Headquarters' Archivist.

## Miss Helen McSwiney, OBE



Miss McSwiney (right, seated) at Britain's Panorama Camp fire, July 1962, when the World Chief Guide was the Guest of Honour.

Members of the Movement at home and abroad will be saddened to learn of the death of **Helen McSwiney** on 10th October. She was able to attend the Sangam Committee in November, 1977, but unfortunately the effort resulted in her having to spend time in hospital in India.

An East End Company without a Guider first drew Helen McSwiney into Guiding in 1922. Several years later she took a Social Science Certificate at London University in order to understand better the needs of

the children with whom she was working, and she continued in various capacities in London until 1951, when she became County Commissioner for Middlesex East. Her service to Guiding included five years as Deputy Chief Commissioner for Overseas Territories and Chairmanship of the Headquarters Public Relations Committee. She also represented the Movement on the World Assembly of Youth. In 1953 she was awarded the Silver Fish for 'outstanding service to the Girl Guides Association'.

Helen McSwiney's activities were not confined to Guiding. She worked actively with the YWCA, and was a National Vice-President. She was an intrepid traveller, frequently including Guide events in her private visits, and she accompanied the World Chief Guide on three tours, twice to Asia and once to the West Indies.

To her manifold activities in all branches of the Movement Helen brought gaiety and wonderful friendliness together with continual hospitality. She had a remarkable sense of duty which frequently led her, often at considerable sacrifice, to fulfil apparently impossible time-tables.

Helen never lost touch with children, and Guides of all nations continued to be her chief interest. **MLM**

*Anyone wishing to give a gift in Helen McSwiney's memory and in appreciation of her life and work is invited to forward it for the Thinking Day Fund to her own National Headquarters.*

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- 6 rashers streaky bacon
- 4 oz chicken livers
- 8 oz pig's liver
- 10 oz belly pork
- 6 oz bacon fat
- 4 oz minced beef
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 level teaspoons mixed herbs
- 1 ½ level teaspoons salt
- 1 level teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 6 Spanish stuffed green olives
- A few lettuce leaves for serving.



Serves 8-10.

1. Remove the rind from the bacon, spread the rashers with a round-bladed knife to stretch them. Use the bacon rashers to line a 1 lb loaf tin.
2. Mince the chicken livers, pig's liver, belly pork and bacon fat. Add beef, garlic, herbs, salt, pepper, egg and olives. Beat well.
3. Press the mixture into the prepared tin. Stand the tin in a roasting pan with 1 inch of water in the bottom.
4. Cook in a slow oven (300 deg. F Gas no. 2) for 2 hours. Remove from the water bath and leave to cool.
5. Turn the pâté out of the tin when quite cold and serve on a bed of lettuce.



## Garlic Olives

- 10 oz (275 gr) jar Spanish stuffed green olives
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See p 573 for method



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## Meritorious Conduct

### Star Of Merit

Helen Gaunt, Guide aged 15, 75th Nottingham (Chequers) Company, Nottinghamshire.

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## The Olave Baden-Powell Fund

The Chief Guide asked that any Fund in her memory should be used for the 'Furtherance of Guiding for the Girl in the United Kingdom'. Over £25,000 has been received to date, and details of how the money is to be used will be announced soon.

Have you sent in your donation yet?

The Fund will close on 31st December, 1978, and cheques payable to 'The Olave Baden-Powell Fund' should be sent to:

*The Chief Accountant,  
The Girl Guides Association,  
17-19 Buckingham Palace Rd,  
London SW1W 0PT.*

Please ensure that the name of the donor (ie, unit or individual) is given together with the address to which the receipt should be forwarded.

## Erratum

(Executive Committee Meeting Report, page 443, October *GUIDER*.) Under the heading 'Post Box Secretary', part of the item should have read 'Mrs Banham... had linked over 2,000 pen-friends during the last year. During her 26 years as secretary she has linked some 46,000 pen friends.'

## Thinking Day Service Saturday, 24th February, 1979 at 11 am

The Thinking Day Service will again be held in both Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church, Westminster (next door to The Abbey). Although we cannot guarantee everyone wishing to attend these Services will get a seat, we hope, as this year, everyone will get into one or other of the Services.

It is expected that the doors will be opened as follows:

9.30 am. St Margaret's Church.

10.30 am. Westminster Abbey.

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

All night, all day  
A Song for Thinking Day  
Do Lord, O do Lord  
Go well and safely  
It's a small world  
Praise and Thanksgiving  
O come and go with me  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Praise the Lord, ye Heavens  
adore Him — Tune Abbots  
Leigh

Let us sing to the God of Salvation — Tune Hosannah

Let all the world in every corner sing — Tune Luckington

Take my life and let it be consecrated

Lord to Thee — Tune Nottingham

## CHQ Musical Instruments

A trumpet is now available for loan for a period of two years. Application forms may be obtained from the Programme Secretary, CHQ.

## Carol Singing

A choir of Members of the Association will be singing carols in Trafalgar Square on Thursday, 21st December, 1978 between 4.00 and 5.00 pm.

The carols, which will be announced, will be mainly traditional and the choir will be using the Bethlehem Carol Sheets, 25th Edition. Many churches use this particular carol sheet but in case of difficulty it can be obtained from *The Bible Lands Society, High Wycombe, Bucks*, 6p a sheet plus postage.

If you intend to bring your Unit to Trafalgar Square it would be helpful to have copies of the above Carol Sheet.

Please make sure Members are warmly dressed and there is a sufficient number of adults to children in your party.

## Isle of Man Millennium Celebrations

The organisers of the 'Youth Jamboree 1979' celebration took a paid advertisement in September's *GUIDER*, stating a week had been set aside for Guides who might like to attend their international camp.

This Girl Guides Association declined to run an international camp for Guides on the island, and we are asked to let interested Guiders know that this is not a GGA camp, and that most Isle of Man Guiders and Guides will be away from the island at that time.

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## CHQ Re-opening

Following the Christmas break, Commonwealth Headquarters will re-open on 27th December, 1978.

Broadheath, Birmingham will remain closed during 27th, 28th, and 29th December, re-opening on 2nd January.

## Family Week

At Foxlease — 25th May-1st June

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

## 'A Course For You!'

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If you are interested and would like advance information, write to the Training Secretary, CHQ.

## The Royal Institute of Navigation

### Annual Competition for Young Navigators

A meeting will take place at 14.30 on 19th December, 1978 in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 (tel: 01-589 5021). The meeting is open to young people interested in the competition.

## Rural Society Course

A course entitled 'the Lincoln Consultation on Rural Society' will be held at the Centre for the Study of Rural Society, Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln from 10th-14th September, 1979.

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## Uniform reply

May I reply to recent correspondence about Brownie Uniform? In my opinion, the suggestion about Brownie skirts (September *GUIDER* Airing and Sharing) is not a practicable one, for the following reasons:

Not all Brownies' parents could afford them. Length and style would vary considerably. How would they use their pockets?

The Brownie dresses (used to be called overalls) — if worn over everything else are quite warm enough for most of the year — and do look uniform!

In my opinion, the current arrangement whereby brown trousers may be worn under the dress in winter, is an excellent compromise.

Parents will buy them as they are used for Pack Holiday and can be used out of uniform, too. They are more practical for all activities.

Dress pockets still useful. All of a uniform length, and very neat — and warm. Trousers are appreciated by older Brownies who are growing out of their dresses.

(Miss) Dora Matthews,  
Brownie Guider,  
Dartford West District.

## Skirting around!

With regard to Mrs Spray's letter (September *GUIDER* Airing and Sharing), concerning Brownie Uniform, may I say I heartily agree with her suggestion of permanently pleated brown skirts for Brownie Guides.

During the summer, Brownies find the long sleeves of the current Brownie dress too hot, and in the winter the dress is too thin for cosiness.

Please, please, can the Brownie uniform be reconsidered? The Brownie Tee shirts seem to be gaining in popularity — and these could be worn with the brown skirt in summer.

Pat Hall,  
Brownie Guider,  
Chester,  
Cheshire.

## Weathered uniform

If Mrs Spray (September *GUIDER*) and the many others who bemoan the unsuitability of Brownie uniform in winter consult the



recent issue of *POR*, they will find that girls are allowed to wear brown trousers under their uniforms in cold weather. These, plus a T-shirt or cardigan under the dress, should effectively eliminate the shivers.

It's very difficult to design a uniform suitable for all weathers at a reasonable price. I think our uniform is a fair compromise, although most mums would appreciate a more generous hem.

(Mrs) J Cawdell,  
Brownie Guider,  
1st Adeyfield Pack,  
Herts.

## Pockets of dissent

I was interested to read the letter from Mrs Frankie Spray regarding Brownie uniform (September *GUIDER*). Skirts with uniform may be alright in theory, but would be a dead loss in practice. Pockets on our current uniforms are below waist level of the skirt, and therefore the Brownies' pockets would be out of use during winter-time! Is it not better for those children who suffer from the cold (my daughter never did!) to wear something more substantial than just 'pants' underneath?

Mrs Gaynor Richardson,  
Brownie Guider,  
Burton-on-Trent,  
Staffs.

## Pick-pockets please!

I would like to call attention to a problem experienced, I am sure, by many other Rangers besides myself, and this is the lack of pockets in the Ranger blouse. Most girls of my age do not carry handbags everywhere we go, and I feel a breast pocket would be a valuable addition to the blouse. Both the Guides and the Brownies have pockets in their uniforms, and I feel the Ranger uniform should be changed so that it has one too.

I would, however, like to hear other opinions.

(Miss) Jackie Goodliffe,  
Chairman, Soyuz (Farnham  
and Hedgerley) Ranger Unit,  
Bucks.

## A little badgered

I read with interest the Changes of Badge Syllabus in my September *GUIDER*.

Having now got a 3rd Edition Handbook, I see that the Agility Badge which was to be made easier, in order to come within the capabilities of younger Guides, still has the same syllabus, and that the Athlete's Badge which was to have been simplified in order that many more girls could attempt to achieve it, has in fact now become more difficult.

For example, where a thirteen-year-old Guide was expected to run 100 metres in 15.9 seconds, she now has to do it in 14.6 seconds.

As a number of my Guides tried to gain this Badge last year and were disappointed, — only one girl managing to complete the syllabus, and most just missing it, — I thought they would be able to try it again under the new syllabus, — but I'm afraid that these higher standards just put the Badge even further out of the reach of the rather less athletic or younger Guides. Is there any reason for this change?

(Mrs) Jean M Cameron,  
Guider,  
1st 'B' Balloch Guide Coy,  
Dumbartonshire.

We have received other letters in a similar vein and are looking into the matter with the experts who were consulted at the time of the Badge review. In the meantime, Guides are reminded that the syllabus in the second edition of the Guide Handbook may continue to be used, until the 31st March, 1979.

A further announcement will be made in *GUIDER* about the athlete syllabus as soon as the necessary research has been completed.

Programme & Training Dept.  
CHQ.

## Nautical camp

This year, 28 Guides and Rangers from Goffs Oak camped at the National Scout Boating centre at Marlow.

The site is on several acres on the bank of the Thames, and on an island in the river. There are toilets and showers on the site with plenty of hot water.

The girls went sailing, canoeing, rowing and power-boating. There were plenty of instructors who took the girls on courses at 50p a time.

All the boats were available for use free of charge, and all we had to pay for were the site fees and 10p per day for lifejackets.

The safety precautions were excellent, with a manned boat nearby at all times in case anyone got into difficulties.

All the girls enjoyed themselves, and we hope to go again.

Elizabeth James,  
Guider,  
4th Goffs Oak Coy,  
Herts.

## Law on alcohol sales

I had drawn to my attention the item in your October issue concerning a Private Member's Bill, which it is said will legalise a common but illegal practice. I wonder whether the information you published is really an accurate statement of the law? It is an offence to sell intoxicating liquor by retail without the authority of a justices' licence. The various people who have used subterfuge to sell by retail without a licence have indeed been successfully prosecuted over the years. The most common probably is the sale of a ticket for a cheese and wine party, the price of which includes intoxicating liquor. I am not aware that it has ever been suggested that a lottery is in reality a sale by retail. There was a case in 1884 (*Seager v White*) which involved a raffle for intoxicating liquor but the particular facts of that case seem to make it quite plain that that raffle was no raffle at all but an outright sale.

Thomas Law,  
Clerk to the Justices,  
East Leigh, Hants.

Mr Law queries if liquor as a prize in a draw or game of chance constitutes a sale, and thereby requires a Justices' Licence; it is because of the doubt which exists in present law that I endeavoured to clarify the law with my Liquor Prize Bill.

Unfortunately I was unsuccessful. The 1964 Licensing Act requires a Justices' Licence for the sale of liquor and the 1893 Sale of Goods Act implies that a prize in a draw constitutes such a sale.

The police authorities, while not looking for prosecutions, are of the view that 'if intoxicating liquor is offered as a prize in a draw, it is unlawful inasmuch as it constitutes a sale'. If their advice on the matter is sought, then they will state the law as it appears to them.

As someone who is keen to see the continuation of charitable activities, I still feel that the law requires clarification on this point.

John Hannam, MP



# Classified.....

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He parked his sleigh elsewhere (perhaps in nearby Green Park, where his reindeer would have had room to graze), but he came complete with his full complement of presents for the delighted Brownie visitors. This year, Father Christmas visits CHQ shop on 2nd, 9th and 16th December.

## A 'Claus' to Consider



Father Christmas is a lot of fun!

**AS** always, this time of year will be one of excited anticipation for children, and one of nervous exhaustion for their parents, friends and relations, as they all wrack their brains for novel Christmas present ideas. Galt Toys, however, have introduced a 'new look' for their retail division, and put special emphasis on the re-packaging and re-design of some of their existing 200 annual favourites adding a selection of new items such as the 'zig-zag number dragon' at 75p. If you prefer toys with a more educational bias, Galt have re-designed their Chinese-checkers game, in which up to six players compete (so the whole family can play at the same time!) to occupy an opponent's base. This game introduces children of six years and upwards to simple tactics, and encourages the need to 'think ahead'; inclusive of the reason-

### FUN TOYS For Girls and Boys

able price of £2.99 is a beautifully illustrated board (see picture) and wooden pieces.

The most popular of toys however must be the Teddy Bear. Since the time when the American President Theodore Roosevelt gave his name to the cuddly toy, every child must have possessed one in his or her lifetime. The new Galt Teddy Bear for Christmas 1978 is

a way as to allow him to be easily dressed and undressed. At 14ins. high 'Godfrey' justifies his rather high price of £9.95.

A more constructive idea, although equally enjoyable, are the Galt 'Look-in Picture Boards'. The games resemble the very early type of jigsaw; except each lift-out piece has its own peg by which to



hold it, and another interesting picture is hidden beneath the pieces. These 'Picture Boards' come in three different designs, and at £1.99 are suitable for the younger age group of 1½ to 3 years.

Along with these toys described in detail, there are several other items in the Galt toy range which are particularly suitable for presents this Christmas. All are available throughout the UK at Galt Toy shops and stockists, and by mail order from: Brookfield Road, Cheadle, Cheshire.



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'Godfrey', a traditional teddy with an appealing facial expression who has the added interest of short trousers, braces and a striped T-shirt all designed in such



# NATIONAL LINK-UP,

**DURING** the hectic August Bank Holiday weekend, fifty young people escaped to the tranquil grounds of Foxlease for the Summer national Link-Up camp. As we were for once blessed with good weather, we enjoyed there various activities and events organised by our hosts, New Forest Link. Representatives from Rodymion, Crosby, Pembroke, White Horse and Bramley Hill Links were present, and we were particularly pleased to welcome potential members from new Link units which we hope will be established in Swansea and Epping.

For me, the highlights of the weekend included a guided tour of mediaeval/Southampton, the opportunity to try my hand at archery (while braver souls went sailing in the Solent), a walk through the New Forest to see a jousting display and a long tramp along the pebble beach to Hurst castle — the views of the Isle of Wight and the Solent justified the aching muscles. I must mention too the culinary expertise of the New Forest members who provided a much-appreciated meal on Saturday night.

On Sunday, 27th August, we were pleased to greet Lady Willoughby, Miss King, Mrs Pearce (the local Trefoil Guild representative), Mr Wilf Ward and others at our Link-Up general meeting. Wilf was camping with a physically handicapped party on a neighbouring site and is chairman of the recently-registered Bramley Hill Link for handicapped people interested in the Scout and Guide movements.

During the course of the meeting each Link was asked to give a report of its most recent activities. A wide variety of sporting and social events was reported, but I felt it was particularly encouraging to hear of the many service activities in which all Links had participated. These included organising Cub sports and an overnight hike for Rangers, helping at the county Guide 'Fun Day', taking groups swimming, helping with the handicapped and the infirm, decorating part of a Guide activity centre, being duty officer at a Guide and Scout sailing club, helping to raise funds at summer fetes, among others. In addition, of course, it should not be forgotten that an ever-growing number of Link members are active Guiders and Scouters.

A spirit of friendship, enthusiasm and co-operation prevailed at the camp which contributed to its success. However, it would not have been nearly so successful without the thoughtful preparation and organisation carried out by New Forest Link. On behalf of all who attended the camp, I would like to say thank you for a most enjoyable weekend.

Doreen Dean,  
Crosby Link



Outside the Duke of Wellington — a well-known landmark in the mediaeval part of Southampton.



The newest Link Member, Wilf Ward of Bramley Hill (in wheelchair) meets the youngest Link member, Rebecca Cook (also in wheelchair!) on a walk in the New Forest. In the background are members of Rodymion, White Horse and New Forest Links.



Some of the fifty people who took part in the weekend.

Photos: Bill Wright

## SUMMER '78



# WHAT'S ON for Christmas

## Exhibitions

Our more recent monarchs hold an endless fascination for us, perhaps because their eccentricities and foibles are well known; for some of us, after all, our parents — and for very many of us, our grandparents — were Victorians themselves, and throughout their youth, 'the Black Widow of Windsor' was their very real, flesh and blood Queen.

'Dearest Children' is a medium-sized exhibition of royal children's toys, clothes and such, enlivened by the interspersing among them of several of the royal children's original copy-books and letters.



A selection of dolls from Queen Victoria's childhood collection. Many of these were made by Princess Victoria herself.

I foresee bottlenecks at the exhibition's exit door, not due to the stampeding to freedom of bored masses of humanity, but because three charming books are exhibited there, and the two topmost, which can be read, were the work of the young George V and his brother, Albert Victor.

It emerges that our Queen's grandfather's favourite female in fiction (admittedly at a tender age) was Alice in Wonderland, and rather comically (and I suspect, due to ignorance of other mottoes) George's claimed favourite motto was 'honi soit qui mal y pense', while Albert's was 'ich digne' (sic).

The Museum of London is a vast and maze-like building, and quite fascinating. It's only a short walk from St Paul's underground station, and the route is marked by street signs from there. Facilities for the disabled at the Museum are exceptionally good, but you should ring the reception desk beforehand (extn 265) in order that the helpful staff are able to make the visit of the wheelchair-bound as easy and enjoyable as possible.

The Museum of London is situated at London Wall, and admission to the Museum, and to this particular exhibition, is free of charge.

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10.00-18.00, and 14.00-18.00 on Sundays. The Museum is always closed on Mondays. 'Dearest Children' continues until 25th March. **LMH**

## The Overlord Embroidery

The Overlord Embroidery was commissioned back in 1968 by Lord

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The fabulous detail contained within the work is guaranteed accurate, with original material such as khaki battledress and gold braid included to give added authenticity.

The Embroidery was designed by Miss Sandra Lawrence under the direction of a specially formed Advisory Committee, and it took 20 ladies of the Royal School of Needlework five years to finish. The whole thing is housed in a special room inside Whitbread's famous and historic Porter Tun Room in Chiswell Street, London.

Viewing times are Monday-Saturday 10.00 am — 5.00 pm, Sundays 2.00 pm — 6.00 pm, and admission charges are Adults 40p, Children under 16, students and OAPs 20p. A discount of 25% is offered to all groups of 50 or more people.

## Christmas Show Grand Illusions

One of the most baffling and famous illusionists working in the theatre today, Kovari, is appearing in *The Great Kovari Magic Show* this Christmas at the ICA in 12 Carlton House, London SW1.

The Show consists of an hour and a half of mystery and amusement which will fascinate adults and children alike. Many popular illusions are included — a live white rabbit produced from a top hat, a lady being sawn in half, another vanishing into thin air and, of course, the intriguing 'Hindoo Basket Mystery' which took a full year to rehearse.

The Show runs for three weeks from Tuesday 19th December to Sunday 7th January, Tuesday to Sunday inclusive at 2.30 pm (with the exception of Boxing Day, Tuesday 27th December) and ticket prices are 75p for children under 14 and £1.25 for adults (plus 25p temporary membership for adults who are not al-

ready members of the ICA). Parties of 12 children need only pay for 10 of their tickets. Tickets can be obtained from the Box Office now, tel: 01-930 6393.

## Designs for the Dream King

King Ludwig II of Bavaria, described by some as 'Mad Ludwig' and by others as 'The Dream King', was a 19th century ruler who differed from his contemporaries in that he preferred to build rather than to rule. Under his command



Project by Christian Jank, 1883 for Falkenstein.

teams of artists, designers and craftsmen prepared grandiose schemes for hilltop castles, Moorish pavilions, grottoes, halls of mirrors and smaller items such as coaches, sleighs, costumes, etc.

Fabulous designs were meticulously executed in gouache and watercolour, often heightened with gilding. The Victoria and Albert Museum has gathered many of the designs, most of which are vivid works of art in their own right, together for a fascinating exhibition currently running in Room 48E at the Museum.

For an insight into one man's dreams and fantasies, this exhibition is a must. If Ludwig was indeed mad, then his madness has left behind a legacy of beauty and imagination that is still fascinating tourists in Bavaria today. Admission to the exhibition is £1.00 for adults, 50p for children and OAPs, and it runs until 17th December.

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# Christmas Fare with Olives

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## Garlic Olives (method)

Drain the brine from the olives, and measure the amount. Put twice this amount of vinegar into a small saucepan with the rest of the ingredients (not the olives). Bring slowly to the boil, dissolve the sugar then boil rapidly until the liquid is reduced by half, about four minutes. Leave to become cold, then pour over the olives. Seal the jar with the lid, and chill. Eat after 24 hours, or store for up to one month.



## Tapenade Dip

- 3 oz (75 gr) Spanish stuffed green olives
- 3½ oz (90 gr) can tuna steak, drained
- 2 level tablespoons (30 ml) capers
- 5 anchovy fillets
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) oil
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) brandy
- ¼ level teaspoon (1.25 ml) mustard
- 8 fl. oz mayonnaise.

Put the olives, tuna, capers, anchovy fillets, oil, lemon juice, brandy and mustard into a blender and whisk to a thick purée. Check seasoning. Turn into a bowl and stir in the mayonnaise. Serve with sticks of celery, carrot, sprigs of raw cauliflower, slices of cucumber, pieces of green pepper and crisps or small biscuits, to dip into the tapenade.



## Boxing-Day Pilaf

- 6 oz (150 gr) long grain rice
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 7½ oz (210 gr) can apricots, drained and chopped
- 7 oz (175 gr) can red peppers, drained and chopped
- 1 oz (25 gr) sultanas
- 4 cooked pork chipolata sausages
- 8 oz (225 gr) cooked turkey or chicken meat
- ½ level teaspoon (2.5 ml) salt
- pepper
- 12 Spanish stuffed green olives, sliced.

Serves 4

1. Cook rice in boiling salted water, until just tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and rinse under hot water. Keep hot.
2. Heat oil, fry onions, until lightly browned and cooked. Drain.
3. Mix rice, onions, apricots, peppers and sultanas. Cut sausages into pieces, and the turkey or chicken meat into chunks. Stir into the rice, and season.
4. Add the sliced olives, and heat all together until hot through. Serve with a green salad.

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## THE GIRL GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

DEAR Guiders,

The two Good Turn projects we hope you will support this year are certainly ambitious ones, but they are not the most ambitious we have ever undertaken, which is why we feel sure that we will be able to meet our targets. We shall need to raise at least £4,000 if we are to send a family with a very sick child from every County in the United Kingdom away on a holiday organised for them by the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children. If we exceed our target we then plan to meet some of the other urgent needs which arise — needs such as a television set to amuse a child who is confined to bed with a brain tumour.

Our second Good Turn, to build up a bank of radio microphone systems which the Royal National Institute for the Deaf will lend to deaf boys and girls who go on to places of further education, will also mean a minimum target of £4,000 if it is to be worthwhile. This sum would buy 10 radio microphone systems, which for many years to come will help 10 deaf students each year to cope with their handicap. This modern aid will be to each deaf student what a guide dog is to the blind — an essential aid.

There are, of course, special information sheets about these two projects, as well as information sheets about the Girl Guide Friendship Fund, and stickers showing the emblem of the Fund — a Flame of Friendship — which can be used on posters or on collecting boxes if you use them at your Carol Service.

All donations should be sent to **The Girl Guide Friendship Fund, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT**, and all cheques or postal orders should be made out to The Girl Guide Friendship Fund.

Thank you all for the tremendous support you have given the Fund during 1978, and for the help you will be giving this Christmas. Could I remind you at this point that the GGFF does not make any appeals during January, February or March, but I will be writing to you again in April to tell you about future projects and the results of our Christmas Good Turns. Donations for the Christmas appeal should reach us, please, by the end of January at the latest.

A very happy Christmas to you all.

RC

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# WHAT'S ON for Christmas

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running in the Exhibition Road Gallery of the Victoria and Albert Museum, and is open until 10th December. Many examples of Pick's design influence are on display, including posters, photographs and small exhibits like teapots and cutlery, and admission is free. **TWH**

## Films

### Two Filmed Classics

For a Christmas treat for youngsters who may have outgrown the pantomime, what better than a visit to one of two new filmed versions of our most famous classic adventure novels.

Buchan's *The Thirty Nine Steps* is set in the weeks just prior to the first world war, and the atmosphere of this era is beautifully evoked in the latest film. Robert Powell as the innocent Richard



Bayliss (Ronald Pickup) and Marshall (Donald Pickering) administer a paralysing drug to Hannay (Robert Powell) in a room at the health Hydro.

Hannay, John Mills as Scudder, Eric Porter as Lomas and David Warner as Appleton leave us in no doubt as to who are the goodies and the baddies in this great adventure story, written long before the days of the anti-hero.

Agatha Christie herself claimed she had been writing the same book for fifty years, but in *Death on the Nile* the setting was certainly unique: a luxury steamer cruising the Nile. Peter Ustinov as Hercule Poirot is superbly cast, and this starry production makes the convolutions of the typical Christie plot a real joy. Here again, the sense of period (the 1920s) adds tremendous interest.

These days, nostalgia is by no means the exclusive province of the old; here are two films that will guarantee first class entertainment for all ages. **JVR**

### Watership Down

This animated U-certificate feature film is based on the novel by Richard Adams and tells the story of a group of rabbits moving to a new warren and all the dangers which befall them on the journey. One of the main 'characters' is called Fiver (in the picture) others have equally interesting names: Blackberry,



Hazel, Bigwig, Pipkin and the Big Rabbit. A huge bird, Kehaar, plays an important part and it is he who helps Fiver and Co fight their enemies and eventually find peace and tranquillity in the new warren. Brownies and Guides will enjoy this film, which runs for 92 minutes. **AMM**

### The Magic of Lassie

Lassie the wonderdog has returned to the screen, making her first appearance in a feature film since 1951. The clever collie stars with a notable cast, which includes actors James Stewart and Mickey Rooney, and this modern version of Lassie's adventures manages to capture the same atmosphere the earlier films possessed, the first one being made 35 years ago.

Set in the rolling hills of North California, Lassie is taken away from her young owner Chris, played by Michael Sharrett, who lost his parents in a car crash when he was very young, by a ruthless businessman called Jamison. He claims that Lassie belongs to him and escaped as a puppy from a litter during a fire. Chris's grandfather and guardian (James Stewart) has no alternative but to give up the dog and breaks the news to his heart-broken grandchildren. Meanwhile Lassie is taken to Colorado Springs but manages to escape and, with dogged determination, starts to head for home. She has many strange encounters on her long trek through the



'Lassie' is a wanted dog!

rocks and hills of Colorado and it is a long and painful journey. It is quite a moving film and if you do see it equip yourself with a couple of handkerchiefs! ('U' Certificate). **KMR**

### The Cat From Outer Space

Described as a 'cosmic comedy', this film stars Rumble in the role of a feline space hero, Jake, who crash lands on earth and seeks the help of US scientists in mending his spaceship.

The army becomes involved, too, when Dr Frank Wilson (Ken Berry) smuggles Jake past the military who are keeping watch over the unmanned spacecraft (see picture).

Now on General Release, Cert U. A Walt Disney production.



### London Festival Ballet

London Festival Ballet's traditional Christmas presentation of *The Nutcracker* begins on 4th December at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, for one week. The company then travels to the

New Theatre, Cardiff where they will be performing *The Sleeping Beauty* for the week commencing 11th December, before returning to London to open the Christmas season of *The Nutcracker* at the Royal Festival Hall on 26th December.

### Christmas Theatre

The curtains will soon be rising on special Christmas Theatre productions up and down the country this month as the Festive Season gets well and truly underway. We present a selection of some of the shows around the country below, further details of which can be obtained from the theatres concerned.

**Bolton:** Octagon Theatre, *Beauty and the Beast*, Dec 6th-Jan 27th. Box Office Bolton 20661.

**Bristol:** Theatre Royal, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, Dec 26th-Feb 17th. Box Office Bristol 24388. New Vic, *Semi-detached* Dec 20th-Jan 27th. Box Office as Theatre Royal.

**Cardiff:** New Theatre, *Jack and the Beanstalk* with Stan Stennett and Julie Orchard, Dec 26th for eight weeks. Box Office (0222) 32446.

**Eastbourne:** Congress Theatre, *Aladdin* with Terry Scott, Dec 26th-Jan 27th. Concessions after the first week for OAPs and children. Box Office Eastbourne 36363.

**Hastings:** White Rock Pavilion, *Little Red Riding Hood*, Dec 26th-Jan 6th, party of 20 or more get 1 free ticket. Box Office Hastings 421840.

**Liverpool:** Playhouse Theatre, *Wizard of Oz*. Box Office 051-709 8363. Everyman Theatre, *Aladdin*, Dec 6th-Jan 6th, parties of 10 get 10 per cent reduction full-price tickets. Box Office 051-709 4776. Neptune Theatre, *Sleeping Beauty and the Beast*, Dec 15th-Jan 13th, reductions for a party of over 15. Box office 051-709 7844. Empire Theatre, *Dick Whittington* with Cilla Black, Dec 22nd-Feb 3rd, party concessions Jan 8th onwards Mon-Fri. Box Office 051-709 2548.

**Norwich:** Theatre Royal, *Babes in the Wood* with Richard Briers, Dec 21st-early Feb. Box Office Norwich 28205/28206.

**Paignton:** Festival Theatre, *Dick Whittington*, Dec 26th-Jan 6th. One free seat in 20 for party bookings. Box Office Paignton 448641.

**Scarborough:** Theatre in the Round, *Once upon a time*, Dec 6th-30th, no performance on Mondays. Box Office 0723 70541/60083.

**Southend:** Cliffs Pavilion, *Babes in the Wood*, Dec 26th for four weeks, 10 per cent discount on block bookings. Box Office Southend 351135.

**Southsea:** Kings Theatre, *Dick Whittington* with Roger de Courcy and Nookie Bear, Dec 26th-Feb 3rd, 20 or more adults get 10 per cent discount. Box Office Portsmouth 28282/811411.

**Stoke:** Victoria Theatre, *Sinbad the Sailor*, Nov 30th to the first week in March. Special prices for 5-11 year olds all performances. Box Office 0782 615962.

**Torquay:** Princess Theatre, *Jimmy Tarbuck Show* with Clodagh Rodgers, Dec 26th-Jan 13th. One in 10 free tickets for party of 20. Box Office Torquay 27527.

**Weston-super-Mare:** Playhouse, *Aladdin*, Dec 26th-Jan 27th, 10 per cent discount for party of 10. Box Office WSM 23521.





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