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Thinking Day

HIS year, Thinking Day will have an extra significance for me after meeting the delegations from 93 countries at the World Conference last September. I only wish it were possible for every Guider to meet others from all over the world and experience the wonderful 'instant friendship' that comes from the common bond of Guiding, just as much between those from different continents as between those from adjoining counties.

Many countries are overcoming almost insurmountable problems to give Guiding to their young people, and I wish we could add some tangible help to our thoughts for them at this time. When Thinking Day pennies originated, a penny did have some value, but couldn't the copper be turned to silver and become Thinking Day fivepenny-pieces now? (Even Thinking Day threepences would be better than pennies, but would involve a lot of coins to be collected!) I do know what a struggle many of our own Units have to make ends meet, but for some of our sisters overseas it would show our genuine concern and understanding of their difficulties if we were able to send just a little bit more to the Thinking Day fund this year.

My own thoughts will be with you, and I send you all my warmest greetings.

The Chief Commissioner.

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A chalet farmhouse in the Bernese Oberland obviously provided an ideal base for the 3rd Neston Guide Company's trip to Switzenand.
A group of Guides and Guiders is shown here enjoying a morned's relaxation from sightseeing. Pholograph of Audres & Licaure.

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Roundabout





Several of the St Albans Iceni Ranger Guides, above disguised as St Trinians girls, are here causing havoc in a St Albans Carnival, frightening the judges into giving them a prize - jolly hockey sticks!



Pictured above are several Guiding members of the Newton District of Wirral County West Division who took part in recent celebrations held to commemorate 25 years of Guiding in their District. The group includes Mrs Nancy Hird (holding the knife) who was responsible for starting the 1st Brownie Pack 25 years ago; and the present District Commissioner, Mrs Anna Forster, who is holding the Jubilee Cake.



Ninety candles, each one lit by a Guide or Brownie from Conningbrook District of Ashford Crown Division, shone Conningbrook District of Ashford Crown Division, shone brightly in Kennington Parish Church at a Thinking Day Service there last year. The candles had been placed in a trefoil formation. Following the service, the congregation went on to a nearby Primary School Hall, where each Pack and Company demonstrated some aspect of its work.

These 'Fayre' damsels don't seem to be in much distress! Instead, these members of the 1st Landford Rangers and Guides are on duty on their stall inside lovely Salisbury Cathedral at a Medieval Fair. Five hundred people gathered in full period costume to the delight of visitors and tourists present.



'On a bicycle made for. 8'. The song might not be accurate, but these young cyclists were when they all gained their cycling proficiency certificates from Supt Jones of the Anglesey Police, having received instruction from PC Humphries over a six-week period (above).





rds, above, the TV and Radio entertainer, opened the Percy Edwards above the TV and Radio entertainer, opened the Haistead Hospital League of Friends Fête recently, which was successful in raising £750 to provide amenities at the hospital for staff and patients. Percy Edwards enjoyed a good 'hoot' with Brown Owl' Whilst, right, Guiders and PR Advisers from Stockport County enjoyed a highly successful Press and PR Training Weekend in Cheshire a little while ago. These members are in pensive mood during a session on exhibition and display.



Worthy of a part in any Black and White Minstrel show are these 'extras' from the 1st and 2nd Disley Guides, Cheshire, above. Hats off to them for their fine entry for the 20th Disley Carnival, for which they received third prize, wearing bow ties and hats they made themselves. Al Jolson would have been



All set for an open-air weekend are these girls from the 16th Lincoln (Thomas Cooper Memorial) Company, pictured above at their Camp at South Rauceby last summer. Ice creams and T-shirts were the order of the day!





Four lucky Rangers and Young Leaders attended the Second National Camp in Portugal last summer, and are pictured above at Heathrow Airport, just before their departure.

Three of the District Commissioners from the West Yorkshire South, Pennine East Division, are pictured below holding proudly their new Standard at the Dedication Service. Over 1000 Girl Guides from the local area were present at the service for the new Standard, which was designed by Mrs M Sneenan, herself a former Brownie Guider, and made by Mrs Violet Kendall, who took 396 hours before finishing her task (below).



W HAT mental image does the Seventh Guide Law conjure up? The handicapped Guide who cheerfully spends ten minutes tying a reef knot with her crippled hands? The seriously ill Brownie who still manages to smile? The Ranger who risked her life to save a friend? If you are as old as the writer perhaps you can recall the courage of Guides in the war-time biltz or the endurance of the members of the G.I.S., working in the refugee camps. And going



The Chief Guide greets a member of a Guide International Service Team, Miss Allen Williams, whose team was included in the first convoy to drive into Germany after the Second World War and saw service in Waldbrol, Gummersbach and Einbeck.

back to our beginnings we can read inspiring examples of bravery in 'Scouting for Boys' and in 'Girl Guiding'. It seemed in those early days as though each Scout or Guide could confidently expect to meet with an exciting adventure at some time or other, when all their Training in being 'prepared' and when all their courage would be required.

Paradoxically, the word 'courage' did not appear in earlier Scout and Guide Laws — we simply 'smiled and sung' under all difficulties. The Scouts smiled and whistled but this was presumably not lady-like enough for us.

Nowadays the Law says that a Guide has courage and is cheerful in all difficulties and the girls' Handbook suggests that this shows us at once how a Guide looks at life, what sort of person she is. It always seemed to me in my youth that this was the one Guide Law most often quoted at me by my parents and friends. I believe that this Law not only tells us what sort of person a Guide is, but has always said something very important about us to the world in general.

There are Guides and Guiders in many parts of the world who at this very moment need all the physical courage they can muster - indeed, we do not have to go beyond the United Kingdom for examples of this when we remember the Guides in Ulster. But many of us, I suppose, are just leading our ordinary. often humdrum, lives. We run a home, care for husband, children, elderly parents, do a job of work - often all these together - and cope with our Guide responsibilities into the bargain. Thankfully, few of us are likely to be called upon to carry someone from a burning house or even to give first aid to those injured in a bomb explosion.

We do, of course, experience difficulties — often, it seems, unsuperable difficulties. When the bathroom overflow pipe is frozen up, the milk has boiled over on to the clean kitchen floor, the baby-sitter has let us down, and we finally arrive at the Pack meeting to find that the caretaker has locked the equipment cupboard — it is almost impossible to pin on that smile we are always talking about to the Brownies!

Courage and cheerfulness in adversity are without doubt infectious. They are qualities which spread rapidly through a group of young people, so that our ability to smile is very important. It is interesting to discover that in some member countries of the World Association 'courage' is not actually mentioned, but that instead great stress is laid on the need for self-control.

If our humdrum lives today do not offer many opportunities for great physical courage, they certainly provide many occasions when moral courage is required. Recently a new Ranger joined

most sophisticated reception, to tell people that she was a Girl Guide Com-missioner. She didn't say it deprecatingly or to raise a laugh, but proudly, assuming that her listeners would find her Guiding experiences interesting and they obviously did! Sometimes it takes a great deal of moral courage to wear one's uniform on a train, at a non-Guide meeting, in a large store — and we must go further than this, I am sure. We must wear it with distinction and with the conviction that it stands for something very good in the world, the quality of which other people will appreciate if we are brave enough to demonstrate it to them properly.

Perhaps we could put the two parts of the Seventh Law together. Not only having the courage to stand up and be counted as Guides but at the same time proving that Guides are indeed the sort of people who are cheerful through all

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This article on the seventh Guide Law is from a series contributed by the Countries and Regions of the United Kingdom. This month's contribution comes from Eileen Burbidge, Training Adviser for London and SE England.

our Unit, having moved here from another part of the country. The two members of the Unit already in the local school's Sixth Form told us 'It's marvellous having another Ranger in the Sixth — especially one as pretty as Jenny. We get laughed at so much by the others and three is a better number for fighting back!" Sadly, we had been quite ignorant of the courage they needed to talk about Rangers at school.

When we talk about moral courage we probably always think of defending our principles or our religious beliefs, of standing up for an unpopular colleague, of 'sticking to one's guns'. What about the Commissioner who has to tackle a complicated relationship problem amongst her Guiders, or the trainer who must explain and defend the decision of the Association to a roomful of somewhat hostile ladies? I remember, also, an attractive and charming County Commissioner who moved in elegant circles and who never failed, in the midst of the

difficulties. By and large, ours is not a civilisation that smiles at adversity — it is too easy to strike for more pay, to grumble at the government, to covet what someone else has got, to count only the minor misfortunes rather than the great blessings. I can manage to smile cheerfully in the midst of a disastrous camp — but I still groan unendingly about my income tax.

In his book 'Schoolhouse in the Clouds', Sir Edmund Hillary describes the great help the mountain climbers received from the Sherpas. He says'... few of us failed to learn something from the character and temperament of the men themselves — their hardiness and cheerfulness, their vigour and loyalty, and their freedom from our civilised curse of "self-pity". It would be good to think that in our different way we showed those qualities — and, above all, that we could smile in place of frowning self-pity.

International Year of the Child 1979 International Year





GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS,

THERE are 21 countries in which fewer than half the pupils in school are girls. The average ratio of girl-to-boy school enrolment in the 5-14 age group reaches one-to-one only in America (both North and South).

Percentage of girls in school: Africa: Asia: Latin America: North America: Europe:	Primary level 32.9 per cent 45.2 per cent 66.3 per cent 88.2 per cent 87.8 per cent	Secondary level 19.0 per cent 27.9 per cent 25.6 per cent 61.5 per cent 32.4 per cent
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There is one country in which only one girl out of 100 goes to school; and nine other countries where fewer than one out of 10 girls of primary school age are in school.

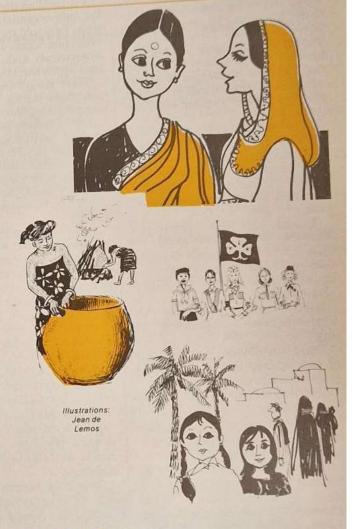
In some areas of developing countries the drop-out rate for school-girls is as high as 80 per cent — because parents do not consider education important for girls and because the girls are needed at home to help mothers with housework and baby care.

The majority of girls aged 10-14 are illiterate in ten countries. In a few countries, as many as nine out of ten teenage girls are illiterate.

Some 27 countries have ratified the United Nations covenant establishing the minimum marriage age for girls as 15 years. However, there are still 11 countries where it is legal for a girl to marry at 12.

More than 2,000,000 teenage girls are already mothers with adult responsibilities.

Excerpt from Youth Information Bulletin No. 20, Geneva, January 1976, United Nations.



12 Facts about the state of children in developing countries today

- 1. Health services only reach one out of every 20 children in the developing world today.
- 2. Over 100 million babies are born every year in the developing countries. Seven out of every ten or 70 million are born without any trained help.
- 3. Upwards of 200 million infants and children suffer from various forms of malnutrition.
- 4. About 85 per cent of rural children do not have access to an adequate supply of safe water.
- 5. One out of every five children dies before its fifth birthday.
- 6. Severe vitamin deficiency leads to more than 100,000 children going blind each year.
- 7. At least 100 million children in developing countries aged seven to ten are educationally deprived not learning how to read, write or work with numbers.

- 8. It is estimated that about 40 per cent of children enrolled in school can attend for only a few years and later relapse into illiteracy.
- 9. Less than one per cent of pre-school-age children have access to day care services.
- 10. Children make up half the population of slums and shanty towns. Slum populations are increasing three or four times faster than more modern parts of cities, often at a rate of 10 to 15 per cent yearly.
- 11. Over 810 million infants and children are growing up in remote rural areas where infant mortality, illiteracy and child malnutrition rates are very high and few basic services if any exist to help them.
- 12. Inflation is hurting everyone and because of it, long-term programme funds to help children are shrinking in value, threatening the precarious hold on health, life and the future of many millions of children.

Threat to Guide Movement

COULD the flag which has been flying bravely for years over the Girl Guide Movement be slowly slipping down the mast? I overheard the District Commissioner for Maidenhead East Guide District bemoaning the fact that Cookham Brownies will soon be without leaders if someone does not hurry up and volunteer for the job.

Was there honestly no one who would take it on, I asked Mrs Doris Rickard? It seemed not — despite pleas to present Brownie parents, notices in the parish magazine, wheedling and persuading telephone calls.

Typical calls from prospective Brownie Mums went along the lines . . . 'But you can't close the Pack, my daughter is seven, she's on the waiting list to join, and I want her to join.'

Rarely was there a reaction that went: 'Oh dear — can I help in any way?'

There was obviously no shortage of girls waiting to join the Movement — just no one to lead them.

Mrs Rickard and I got talking about Guiding today, and a lot of serious questions came to the surface, some with disturbing implications for society in general.

The problems seem to vary at different levels of the Movement. I have mentioned the young Brownies. In the middle tier of Guides, there is not only the problem of finding leaders, but also of holding girls' interest for anything like the full term of time they could spend in Guides — although there appeared to be no shortage of girls wanting to join initially.

But it seems many have begun dropping out by the time they are 13, 12, or even 11 — the girl who stays on until she is 14 or 15 is becoming a rarity.

The Guides are not generally leaving to go up into the next tier of the Movement, which is Rangers, it seems. Here the problems seem to be even greater — scarcity of just about everything — of Units to join, of girls to join them, or leaders to lead them.

Yet Guiding does not seem to be the only organisation having problems. I am told the drop-out rate of boys from Scouts up to the age of 13 is amazingly high. Although problems with leadership seem less.

There always seem to be leaders and Dads willing to pitch in and organise things for the boys.

My conversation with Mrs Rickard raised a lot of unanswered questions — one being whether it was possible that the different expectations society had of men and women could account for this difference between Scouts and Guides.

Is it that men are quite capable of disappearing for whole weekends, or longer, at a time, to take boys camping, caving, canoeing, hiking, climbing, without a murmur from their wives who are expected to hold the reins at home?

How many men, if they were husbands of Guide leaders, would happily stay behind and man the fort for home and children, if their wives wanted to take their girls away on similar expeditions?

So it seems Guide leaders are still expected, in many cases, to hold down a job, look after home and family, and still find time for Guide activities.

This is a vicious circle — this lack of time available to women. Guides see Scouts taking part in more adventurous programmes, and start asking why they cannot do these activities as well.

They could — except that somebody has got to find the time to organise the activities.

What about the difference between attitudes in Scout and Guide parents? Scouts' Dads seem to pitch in willingly, and often the Mums follow suit. Do Guides' Dads consider that it's girls' stuff, and no business of theirs? Guides' Mums seem to suffer under the same handicaps as the Guide leaders themselves. They would like to help — where do they get the time?

Another little point is the question of car ownership. If a Scout's father wants to throw a load

of camping gear in the car, and drive off to deliver his son somewhere — he does it. A Guide's mother wanting to do the same (presuming that in most families the car is essentially 'Dad's') has to face the prospect of depriving her husband of the use of the car.

Then there is the question of loyalty — that of children to the organisation, and of parents to their children's activities. Time was when parents would support their children at different activities, but now it seems they will be content to deliver their children to the necessary venue, leave them there, and come back later to collect them. But join in . . . ?

There are, of course, shining exceptions to these points which came up. Some parents still go out of their way to get involved — but not as many as there once were.

Talking around other organisations, I have noticed a repetition of the pattern Mrs Rickard discussed with me. There seems to be generally a growing apathy towards community development. People seem reluctant to give up time towards group activities — either to benefit someone or something in particular, or even just for pure pleasure.

Those who do go out of their way to get involved, and give up time, are apparently regarded as freaks. 'Why do you do it — why bother?' they are asked.

The future appears hanging like a huge question mark over many organisations and clubs — not just Guides and Scouts, although this was what sparked off the thoughts. How much longer will it be before there is so much apathy and so little community spirit left that all the life is squeezed out.

And what will take its place . . . ?

*We are grateful to the Editor of the Maidenhead Advertiser for permitting us to reprint this article which first appeared in that publication.

A New (Fox)lease of life

'GOD never closes a door, but he opens a window.'

How true this is for me — the door had just closed — my ten years as District Commissioner were behind me and although I was enjoying every evening at home with its now relatively silent telephone — I was feeling a little bereft. So when my County Commissioner rang up one day and suggested that perhaps I would be interested in becoming a co-opted Member (only for one year, she quickly added!) of the House Committee of Foxlease, I was delighted.

Now, I had been to training weekends at Foxlease, I had even taken our District to Beaverbrook Lodge for District Trainings — but I was always so busy and so involved in learning and enjoying every moment that I'd never really stopped to think what went on 'behind the scenes' at Foxlease. The Guider-In-Charge and Secretary I knew by sight, but that was as far as it went. I certainly had never heard of the 'House Committee'.

However I did not spend sleepless nights turning over in my mind the County Commissioner's suggestion. I knew I would love to be involved in Guiding again — albeit on a different basis.

A few weeks later, I found myself at Foxlease being greeted by a most charming lady - the Chairman of the House Committee. She introduced me to all the other members of the House Committee - not all ladies - there were three brave male spirits! I sat through that first meeting listening hard, but not truly understanding just what was going on. Subjects discussed varied from the number of applications for camp sites, plumbing problems in the house, which kind of trees should replace those blown down in recent storms - how to raise money for a new car park which was urgently needed - and then, to me,

being the least mathematically minded of beings - what seemed to me complete double Dutch estimates and budgets. member of the Committee seemed to be an expert in one particular field, so there was always someone to speak with authority on any particular topic. I wondered why on earth my County Commissioner had thought me a suitable candidate for this Committee. However, after two more meetings, I did feel that I was learning my way about, and was able to contribute in a very minor way. Then came two more meetings and my allotted span was up. 'Another door' I thought to myself. This time, however, it wasn't - for I soon received a letter from the retiring chairman asking me if I would 'take on' her job. I was thrilled, but frankly aghast. She had been the most efficient and tactful leader of a Committee, steering us through discussions and conversations with great skill and fairness. In no way could I ever do that - but I felt I owed it to Foxlease and to Guiding to try.

So it is that now I find myself every two months or so 'chairing' the House Committee. The Guider-in-Charge and the Secretary, with both of whom I once had just a nodding acquaintance, are now very good friends of mine, helping me over many 'stiles and ditches'. In between the meetings, I go to Foxlease as often as I can, and try to be of some help to the wonderful 'team' which keeps the house and its grounds in such good order.

Foxlease welcomes everyone and anyone who has an interest in Guiding — from the youngest to the oldest, and from all corners of the world.

Brownie Pack Holidays in Beaverbrook Lodge, Guide and Ranger camps in the grounds—Guiders' Trainings in the house—Commonwealth Commissioners' conferences, etc. . . etc. How very lucky I am to have this panorama of Guiding as the view from my 'window'.

(Mrs) W Robson, Foxlease House Committee Chairman



Above is the wall panel at Foxlease which records Mrs Archbold's gift of Foxlease to the Girl Guides Association in 1922.



CATHERINE Dodd, Guide Guider from Cardiff, and I had been invited to be the leaders of the Girl Guide Association Delegation going to the Bundeslager 1978 - the National Camp of the German Protestant Scout and Guide Association, which was to be held at Kirchberg/Hunsruck, about 40 miles southwest of Frankfurt. This was the first National Camp of the VCP organisation since it had become mixed a few years ago

We were responsible for 10 Guides, five from Wales (including one Ranger) and five from the South-West of England. We had been communicating with one another but we all met together for the first time at Olave House, on Tuesday, 18th.

July, where we stayed overnight.

Despite all effort to be 'lightweight' we tooked like beasts of burden as we staggered away with our rucksacks and hand-luggage the next morning. As you can imagine we were not very popular on the Underground! It was quite an act every time we had to change from train to ship and ship to train.

We boarded the Dover to Ostend ferry-boat and following a very calm Channel crossing we got the 18.07 train to Vienna. We found our two reserved compartments and filled every nook and cranny with our luggage before finally finding space in which to sit down.

The train got to Bonn at 10 pm. There we were met by Monika Rohling and her husband Karl and their friends. They were very amused as they had already met a group of rucksack laden English people at the other end of the train, had mistaken them for us and helped them with their luggage!

We were taken to a Youth Hostel where we stayed the night. and the following afternoon we were helped to the station and put on a train down the Rhine Valley to Koblenz, where we were met by some of our host leaders and an hour's ride in a bus took us to the camp-site at Kirkchberg/Hunsruck - a small markettown

German tents are amazing; they consist of black pieces of canvas which are fastened together, leaving a hole in the roof. A wigwarn of two long heavy poles is then erected, two crosspieces placed in the roof and the tent is hoisted up with wood in the roof, tied to the tip of the wigwam. A piece of black square canvas is attached to the roof to cover the hole. The tents are called fire-tents because the scouts light wood-fires in the middle, especially in winter when there are heavy snowdrifts outside. The hole in the roof is the chimney for the smoke. The German groups are very fond of back-packing, and the tents lend themselves to this as all they need to carry is the canvas and then look for a free with suitable branches from which to hang the tent!

Six of the girls slept in one tent and Catherine and I shared the second tent with the other four Guides. Unfortunately, our tents had been 'hoisted' in a hurry and the canopy in the roof had unfastened during the night to leave a gaping hole. I awoke

the next morning to find myself slightly wet!

We discovered that there were about 2,500 people in the camp which had been sub-divided into 16 sub-camps. There were Scouts from the Netherlands, Egypt, Canada, Northern Ireland, Malta, Liverpool and later in the week from Israel, as well as groups from all over Germany. We were the international Guests of Sub-Camp 13I who could not understand why we were a group of girls only. Although the organisation is mixed, I think we were disappointed to find a low percentage of girls in the camp.

Each sub-camp was constructing its own gateway, one was

an impressive home-made windmill. We found our hosts wen very keen on the Alternative Technology and were deep opposed to Atomic Energy. We helped with pitching the grefire-tent where later we would eat in wet weather, and also a around a camp-fire. Instead of sitting on ground sheets, we see on logs, also the Scouts and Guides had coconut shall instead of mugs - it was really 'Getting back to Nature'

In Sub-Camp 13, there were groups from Hamburg, Can Hanover, Koblenz, Bonn. We were attached to the group fro Hamburg, but we soon got to know our other friends as we We found the German groups very informal, the openceremony consisted merely of singing songs and cheering are waving. It was very nice but I remembered wistfully in impressive, well-organised and disciplined opening ceremon of the Welsh Jamboree last year. The leaders were also ve young (between 16 and 25). Some groups were organised an disciplined but others believed in letting the children do wha they wanted to do. We found this irksome at times, especial concerning food, when breakfast would vary from 8 to 11.30 am and dinner in the evening would also vary from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm - it depended on the children and whether they would think of getting wood. They hoped for self-discipline rather than organisation from above

Once camp had been set up the campers did not then worry about Camp-craft, gadgets or tidying of tents. The emphasis was on enjoyment and making good use of the activities and facilities available. These included play areas - rather like a assault course, and Oases, which were many tents attached to gether, dark and congenial for refreshments and discussion and making friends. For the whole camp there was a Project Centre which was responsible for all kinds of activities such as handicrafts, music and dancing, games, hiking, discussion groups. There was also a programme of activities in the Sub-camp such as learning different skills — first aid, map and compass etc, and sports such as football, which some of our girls played with great gusto!

We made several visits with our host group from Hamburg These included a visit to Lahstein, on the Rhine, a tour of typical Rhine castle, a visit to the Swimming Pool and then another trip to the old town of Idar Oberstein, with a visit to an old factory which worked minerals and precious stones, and another visit to the Swimming Pool. We also visited a farm near the camp which was very interesting but the highlight of the day was when the farmer gave us all a lift back in his cattle truck strewn with silage. Every time the lorry lurched we wer thrown in the silage! - That was one time especially when w

needed a bath!

We enjoyed several camp-fires except when we had to do the entertaining! Ceri from Llanrwst had taught us a Folk-Danc which the Germans seemed to enjoy; they enjoyed our singing too, as it was gentle (well, different anyway) in contrast to the lusty rendering

The children at the camp were very friendly and they had a warm spontaneity. Scouting in Germany is not as strong as it is in this country but they are proud of their organisation, have a deep loyalty amongst them and keep their Scouting friends for a lifetime. Scouting was re-started in Germany after the War and this October the Hamburg group is celebrating its Twenty

Fifth Anniversary.

The camp lasted for 10 days and then we were taken on a 10 hour bus ride to Hamburg where we received home hospitality for a week. Hamburg is a beautiful city, clean and full of green parks and lakes. We enjoyed a full programme of activities and sight-seeing. This included visits to the Town Hall, the New and Old Elbe Tunnels, the Fish Market, a boat-trip around the harbour, and a trip in a Border Army van to the East-West

The group was attached to a Church, with a beautiful modern building and its meeting place would be the envy of a lot of

Companies in this country

We said a tearful goodbye to Wolfgang, Holger, Woody and all the rest of the group on August 6th as we left on the 3 pm train for Cologne, laden with gifts. Once more we had to ge used to the feel of rucksacks on our backs as we repeated o furniture removers' act in changing trains at Cologne and the at Ostend. We boarded the night ferry to Folkestone and 8 am arrived at Victoria Station. Yet more goodbyes and w were off on our separate ways.

It had been an exciting, eventful holiday, very different fro what I had anticipated, and tiring at times, too, I felt I had lear a lot and I believe all the girls had had a thoroughly had time and were worthy representatives of The Girl Guid

Valerie W. William

Variations on a Theme in Guiding . . .

WHEN I first started Guiding with ESN Guides, I found one aspect very exasperating — they demanded so much individual attention that I just did not know how to get the Patrols working as Patrols and not merely teams for games.

The problems stemmed mainly from these factors:

1. They had limited ability to comprehend what they read.

2. They had a short memory and concentration span.

3. They were strongly individualistic and could not easily reach a Patrol decision, so activities had to be Guider directed.

We gradually overcame these problems and established good roots for Guiding, and at the same time received praise for motivating the girls' reading, and for encouraging them to work in harmony. The Guiders looked at the Guide Handbook, and searched the Patrol Purpose Plans for a suitable 'starting point'. We decided the Guides could make Thank You cards for all who had helped them to become Guides, the Headmistress, the School Secretary, the Matron, the Commissioner, and we would have a reserve of cards for anyone who helped us in the future. With slight adaptation of words from page 224 of the Handbook, I wrote on a large piece of card 'Make smoke prints of leaves and use the best on Thank You cards'. The following course of action was taken when introducing any Patrol Purpose Plan:

1. The words from the Handbook were written on a large sheet of newsprint, and all the Company read them in unison at the beginning of the meeting. Quite frequently a visitor to the meeting would be taken by a Guide to the words and be requested to 'Listen to me; I am reading'.



Guiding with the Educationally Sub-Normal

by Tavia Maclean

2. A PL Training would be held at the beginning of the meeting when each PL would be given a box with the Patrol Purpose words on the lid, and the right equipment inside the box. The PL's were then taught the skill.

3. Patrol time followed immediately before the PL's had had time to forget. The Guiders were

available for help.

4. The next week the Guides read the words from the newsprint again, and were generally questioned as to why they would be making the cards and how they were to be made; then PL's were given the boxes and Patrol time began.

In this way, the roots of Patrol time were sown. We continued until the Patrols had achieved four different projects each on a different one of the Eight Points. Then came the real Challenge evening, when each Patrol was given a different thing to do. They were, of course, all 'repeats' of previous exercises, but this time the girls had to work entirely on their own.

There was neither to be any copying from the next Patrol, nor any help from the Guiders. They were thoroughly engrossed working as Patrols, and were conscientious in their 'tidying up' at the end, because this had been insisted on all through the preparation. Next they showed what they had done, and talked about it to an appreciative audience of school staff, Guiders and other Guides from the Unit.

With careful choice all Eight Points can be covered in a year in Patrol activities. I keep all the equipment in boxes I wheedle from the local draper. Each box has the appropriate words on the lid and a suitable picture. Some of the simpler activities which we under-

took in the first year were as follows:

Try tin can cookery
Flower arranging using dried
flowers, cones, feathers, etc.



Make non-cook sweets and little boxes to contain them.

Treat a small cut.

Dress a peg doll in the uniform of another country.

Make a tripod.

I never really thought Patrol Time would succeed with ESNs, but I think it is beginning to do so now that I find myself severely reprimanded by the Guides if it is omitted from a meeting. On their own initiative the Guides are now bringing pictures and embroidery of their Patrol emblems to meetings. One Patrol has read for itself 'Make a Patrol log book' - they have acquired a book, drawn a Kingfisher on the cover, and they have all signed their names. They will need help to go further, but at least they have shown interest and enthusiasm and a sense of belonging to a Patrol.



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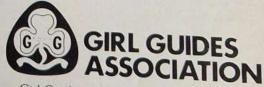
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It had seemed like a good idea at the time . . .



WE TRIED IT THEIR WAY

WE WENT back into the hall to be greeted by the most traumatic experience I have ever encountered. Two Patrols of six each were happily in corners electing their leaders. Eighteen more were in two bunches arguing fiercely and there were two Brownies in tears, one in each corner. Enter Solomon (thinly disguised as a Guider), 'Now girls, how are you getting on?' What a silly question, any fool could have seen that they were doing nothing of the kind. Brownie . . . in tears . . .



said she wanted to be with Delia bosom pal newly come up with her) but Delia wanted to be with the other Patrol and would I please tell her she had GOT to come and be with Mandy. 'No dear,' I said, 'you must choose for yourselves who you want to be with,' 'I want to be with Delia and she wants to be with me, but we want to be in different Patrols!!!' Stalemate . . . I gave until the next week to decide and left them at that.

Well, to cut a long and exhausting experience short, in the end we had two Patrols of six, one of eight and one of nine and three girls not present!! In Patrol A the

By Sylvia Kirby

leader, who is a good leader and excellent camper, has her own little gang. They are a lovely crowd, all coming from our local council estate and very down to earth and lively

In Patrol B there were two old leaders, so one was not selected and in fact was not even chosen for Second. She was very upset but tried hard not to cry. More of this



girl and her mother later . . .

In Patrol C there were three old leaders and in fact a Second was elected leader (would you believe it?) so we had three girls with long faces, although they were all very good and tried hard to hide their feelings. The girl



elected has the most 'get up and go' of the lot, so I am sure they have chosen well.

Patrol D consisted of all the Brownies who came up in September; they have been longing to be together and they have chosen a girl for Leader who has been neither leader nor second, but she will probably suit them as she is near their age SO WE HAVE STARTED THE PATROL SYSTEM

continued next month



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Letters..

Back to Normal

My five years as District Commissioner were nearing their end, and as I have to rely on my husband to drive me to and from Units. I decided it wasn't fair on him or my District to continue. A new Commissioner was found and with many regrets the time came to remove my distinguishing marks, and it was with some sadness I removed the flash from my hat and replaced it with a Guide Guider's flash, for I also have a small Company.

also have a small Company.
This I thought was a good opportunity to leach my Guides a little about recognition of Guiders. A competition proved my Guides to be observant, and every one knew I was no longer Commissioner, but the surprise came when I asked the Guides 'By looking at my Uniform can you tell what position I now hold? Did I really note a tone of relief in the voice of one Guide who replied 'Oh you're now just a normal Guider.

Our meeting closed with a Promise Ceremony for two new Guides joining the Company. While making our last minute check on lights, cupboards etc. my young trainee assistant said. What a pleasant meeting. I have enjoyed tonight, in fact it was the best Meeting we have ever had.

During the four mile drive home in her car I asked myself many times, could a blue flash in my hat have made so much difference?

As I placed it in the box with my other badges and ribbons, I fell quite different. I am sure I am going to enjoy just being normal again.

Joyce Winstone. 2nd Woodstock Guide Guider, Oxfordshire

Certified!

In January's GUIDER, in connection with a letter entitled 'Good Service in Oxfordshire' (page 29), reference was made to a delightful certificate designed by Rosalie Brown (who is a frequent contributor to TODAY'S GUIDE magazine), in recognition of Oxfordshire County Commissioner Mrs H R Vickers' good service until her retirement, for the Guide Movement. The certificate, which was presented to Mrs Vickers

by her colleagues at last October's Annual General Meeting, is pictured below.



Wycombe Jubilee

The 4th High Wycombe (Wesley) Guide Company celebrates its Golden Jubilee this month. If you are a past Guide or Guider, we cordially invite you to join us in our celebration.

For further information, please contact Mrs M Newitt, 9 Linnet Close, Booker, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4QJ.

Irish Times

On Saturday, 22nd July, 1978 a party of 2nd Worcester Rangers and Guiders left Worcester Station bound for Kilmallock in Southern Ireland. On arriving at our Camp Site, which was one mile outside Kilmallock, we met our hosts, the Irish Rangers and Guides, before going on to collapse exhausted, into our sleeping bags.

During the first week we visited many interesting places including a cheese factory. Adare Manor and Blarney Castle where the majority of us kissed the Blarney Stone. We also visited Cork and County Clare, taking in a ride along the picturesque West Coast. and a very interesting visit to Limerick included an Irish evening with the local Guides and Rangers at which we even attempted their Irish Dances. As well as this, we went for several hikes over the nearby mountains, and also went canoeing.

After nine days we moved on to Inistioge, Kilkenny, where an International Scout Jamboree was taking place — Woodstock '78 — to celebrate 70 years of Scouting in Ireland.

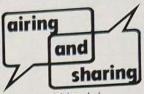
The Jamboree's memorable opening ceremony was

performed by Ireland's President, Dr Patrick J Hillery, following which 6,000 coloured balloons and 6,000 pigeons and a hot air balloon were released. We had a visit to our camp site from the Prime Minister of Ireland. In spite of wet and very muddy

conditions here, we all managed to have a wonderful time; especially as we had the opportunity to meet people from all corners of the world.

Carol Handy,

Carol Handy Helen Plenty 2nd Worcester Rangers



Silent World

I recently met a lovely 16-yearold girl, called Alison, who is unfortunately both deaf and dumb. Having been taught, as a Guide some 15 years ago, to communicate using 'finger spelling', I was able to talk to Alison.

I was distressed that this most likeable girl told me that the people where she lives are not friendly. Alison is ignored by adults, even her neighbours, and has not been able to develop any friendships with the local children.

Following this experience. I obtained from the RNID instructional booklets about the use of 'finger spelling'. The RNID states that on average, the 26 letters of the alphabet can be learnt in an hour.

I started to teach my entire Brownie Pack, all of whom have picked it up very easily and are having a lot of enjoyment in the process.

It is regrettable that most people feel ill at ease in the presence of the deaf, and due to ignorance of the means to communicate "turn their backs' in what appears to be

unfriendliness

May I suggest that it would be worthy of the Guide Association to promote education in this area, and introduce a new Interest Badge for the Brownies: 'Friends to the Deaf'.

Micheline A Bond, Brownie Guider, 15th Long Eaton Brownie Pack

6th Guide Law

Regarding the article in December's GUIDER on the 6th Guide Law, I could not help wondering why no reference had been made to the great mistake so many misguidedly kind people make particularly around Christmas time — of giving animals as presents.

People give children puppies — or other pets — with which they are delighted at first, but then as time goes on, the animals grow bigger and the novelty wears off, and children and grown ups tire of them, with disastrous results for the animals.

The month of February might be just the right time to alert Guiders to be on the lookout for these distressed animals, since this is the time when some people will be tiring of their 'Christmas present' pets.

Rosa Ward
(A Vice President of the GGA)
Dorchester

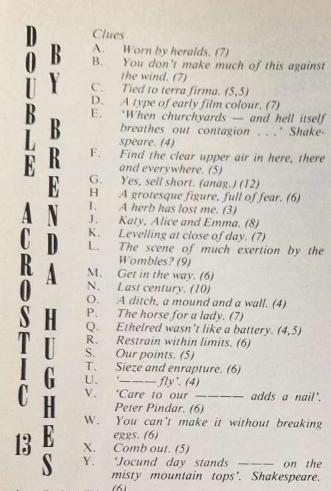
Company Draws a Crowd

At the beginning of December. 12th Parkstone (St Peter's) Guides entertained parents and friends of the Unit to an evening of Christmas drama. The two short plays, entirely produced by the Guides, were an adaptation of 'The Glass Peacock' by Eleanor Farjeon, and 'Miss Pringle meets Father Christmas', which was published in the September. October and November issues of TODAY'S GUIDE. The evening was



highly successful, and the photograph shows a scene from 'Miss Pringle'.

(Mrs) Patricia Sheppard. Guider, 12th Parkstone Coy., Dorsel More pictures of 'Miss Pringle' in March TODAY'S GUIDE. Editor



A small prize will be (6) awarded for the first correct entry opened on the 20th of each month. Send entries 'Acrostic' Editor, GUIDER, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1W OPT. Please do not enclose any thing with your entry.

December GUIDER'S winning entry (Acrostic 11) came from Mrs M Wilkins of Whitley Bay Tyne and Wear

Solve the clues and write the answers in the numbered grid, above right. Transfer the clues to the corresponding numbered squares in the grid,

below. When this is complete, you will have a quotation from a book, the

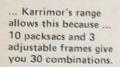
title and author of which will be found in the initial letters of the answers

> Solution to Double Acrostic No. 12 (January GUIDER) January first, Sixteen Sixty Two: Waking this

morning out of my sleep on a sudden I did with my elbow hit my wife a great blow over her face and nose, which waked her with pain, at which I was sorry and to sleep again. The Diary of Samuel

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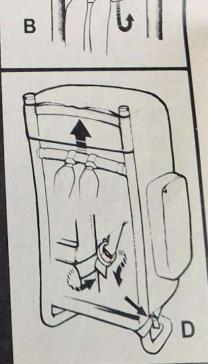


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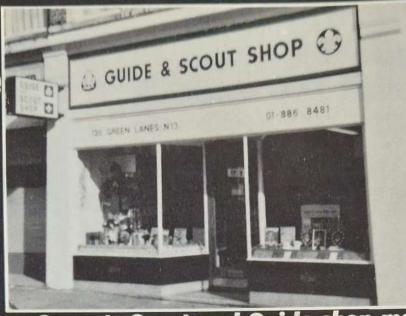


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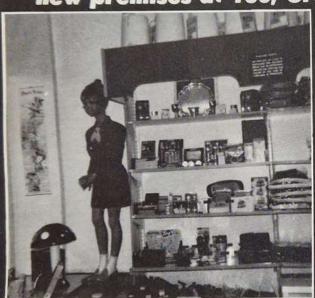
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At Foxlease and Waddow

General Training

Unless these weekends are marked especially for Guiders of one Section a General Training weekend is for Brownie and Guide Guiders, both new and experienced. The aim of the training is to give you help with running your Unit, carrying out the Programme for the Section with which you are working, skills and activities, the Promise in the Programme as well as other aspects such as decision-making in Brownie Packs, Guide Companies, Ranger Units and the place and role of Young Leaders. Your application form invites you to list the things on which you would like most help, so please make use of this opportunity and return the form quickly so that the trainers can include as many as possible of your requests when planning the programme.

Special weekends for section training have been arranged at both Centres:

All Sections (with places for Guiders with handicapped members in their Units)

Foxlease — 18th/20th May

14th/16th September

Waddow — 21st/23rd September

This type of weekend is to provide an opportunity for Guiders to benefit from a general training, to see how this can be adapted for handicapped members in an able-bodied Unit, and for those who need special help to be able to discuss special difficulties with an Adviser for the Handicapped if they wish.

Trainers' Workshops

Foxlease 19th/22nd April; Waddow 1st/3rd June.

All trainers (Diploma'd, Certificate and Specialist) are welcomed to these two weekends, which have been arranged following requests for more opportunities for trainers to look at a subject in depth.

The programme will include four groups, and trainers are invited to choose one (and give a second choice if

possible) when applying.

Session Planning — (planning, content etc for evening, day and weekend training);

Groups in Guiding -

(training on the group system as it applies to all Sections):

The Out-of-Doors —

(the Programme through outdoor activities, camps, holidays, etc, for all trainers, including Specialists).

Promise and Law in Training.

Links and Tutors

Foxlease 8th/10th June; Waddow 11th/13th May

All those who are already helping, or have been asked to help prospective trainers may welcome these two chances to gain help and advice on methods, and assessing progress, and to discuss ways in which candidates can gain experience.

Music Workshops

Foxlease 8th/10th June; Waddow 11th/13th May

As advertised, these two weekend groups will be open to any Guider who has either recently gained one of the Association's music qualifications or is

interested in doing so. It is hoped that the Music Consultant to the Arts Adviser will be present at both week-

At Foxlease

Home Arts Enjoying the Out-of-Doors 6th/8th April

For those Advisers or trainers interested in the Home Arts aspect of the programme or with a special interest in Home Arts, Mrs Banks, the Home Arts Consultant, has arranged this special weekend group. Details and application forms have been circulated through Country and Region Arts Advisers, so do get in touch with them.

The second group is both a means of providing opportunities to enjoy and use the local facilities around Foxlease, and of helping Guiders to find ways in which these activities can relate to the Programme.

Planning Ahead (Part II) - 27th/29th April

Those Guiders who attended Part I in January are invited to come again to Foxlease to share the results of the plans they made, discuss ideas and talk about the future with the same training team they met before.

Leisure Time Training

For Commissioners — For Brownie and 19th/26th July

Guide Guiders - July 31st/7th August

If you have a little time to spare in which to spend some days at Foxlease to gain more help than can be had from a rather rushed weekend, to look at all the aspects of your respective jobs and the responsibilities involved, to take the Guide and Brownie programme at a slower speed and go away refreshed and without that '... we never had time to ...' feeling, these opportunities are for you.

Making the Most of the District

May 11th/13th and September 28th/30th

These opportunities for Districts to attend a Training Centre together continue to be extremely popular and have proved to be a way of creating a real District 'family' feeling. Each group is given a chance to work together and to discover the support that members of a District can give each other; they also receive help with programme planning and other matters of common interest, while time is given for discussion on points which relate particularly to the Commissioner and to the Guiders of each Section.

Commissioners are invited to bring a party of up to seven of their Guiders. Those making up a full party of eight will be entitled to two fee bursaries, and parties of up to four will qualify for one fee bursary. (See page 79 for how to apply.)

At Waddow

Holiday Period - 20th/31st July

For Guiders wishing to gain experience of planning and carrying out a holiday with girls from their own Unit, as part of their pre-Holiday Licence training. The Guider-in-Charge will send you full details.

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Physical fitness for the Commissioner

WEARING my Guide Uniform I have been mistaken for an air hostess, received a proposal of marriage, and just to deflate my ego — been taken for a taxi driver — in one week.

This may seem a strange way to begin an article in a section on 'Physical Fitness' — but poise and a smart appearance are surely part of keeping fit at every age. This is an aspect of the fitness side of Guiding in which the Commissioner can certainly point the way to her Guiders

Our uniform is smart, but like all others it needs help from us. To set a good standard for others we must start with ourselves. Remember we are a youth movement and perhaps we ought to try to look just a little with it'. Shoes — we have all seen Guides tottering along at Church Parades etc. Surely we are not looking for the impossible — fashionable, comfortable shoes that look good with uniform, and always clean. Our feet are often the

part of us the children see the most! Suits clean, skirts with pleats crisply pressed each time (pin them flat when you are driving). Blouses, especially older ones, benefit from a little starch, or they end the meeting looking as tired as we feel. Make-up carefully done, a lipstick that blends, and not the first that comes to hand because "it's only Guides". Hair clean and arranged to look good under your freshly brushed hat, worn on the head and not falling off the back - it is shaped to fit that way. Try a little glue for your hat badges, it can look neater than stitching. Check that your badges are well polished, take a final look in the mirror and then walk out with pride.

Guiders need encouragement to see that activity rig is important — sometimes critically so. The wrong kind of anorak can be dangerous if the girls are learning to rock-climb. There is great strength in uniformity of activity dress, too — not just because it looks good to the public

but because a smart, workmanlike bunch of girls tends to achieve greater heights. Most girls have blue jeans nowadays — try all your local sales to make collections of blue tops for the Units, or a selection of Wellingtons. Better still, get the parents' and supporters' committees to recognise the need for activity rig and enlist their help in getting it.

Formal uniform is expensive and the LAs support can be vital in running fund-raising events to buy your Guiders' uniforms — these can remain LA property if the Guider leaves. This is better than a grant, you can't give half a skirt back.

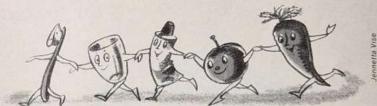
We are known as Guiders in our areas so we must try to look fit and smart whenever we go out, even when doing all that a busy wife and mother does. To others we represent the Movement all the time, in or out of uniform.

Sylvia Smith

Brownies keep fit

T is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that 'Keeping Fit' is merely a matter of physical activity — something for which Brownies have a natural proclivity!

If we look in the Brownie Guiders' Handbook we can find the additional 'Development of Physical Fitness', and the four points which we should remember when helping our Brownies with their physical growth and the general care of their bodies and appearance. It is very helpful to read pages 45-48 in the Brownie Guiders' Handbook — one can see how important it is to adopt a positive attitude towards physical fitness. One way to achieve this is by the simple teaching of what were once known as the 'Health Rules', but were in fact just a common-sense list of ways towards a healthy life. How easy it is under the pressure of 'Hard-sell' patent medicines to produce hypochondriacs, even amongst Brownie age children. On the other hand the children can always chant the various TV advertising jingles for toothpastes and it could be worth linking these to the Tooth Rhyme from the Brownies' Handbook. This could encourage good dental hygiene amongst your Brownies so that they may truly have a 'ring of confidence'



As always with Brownies, the strongest possible influence upon our Packs is our own personal example. Look at page 47 in our Handbook and see how to face up to what is printed there!

Much of the teaching of health and hygiene is done in the Brownies' schools. Our responsibility, as always in Guiding, is to apply it to the girls' everyday lives. Without doubt we remember positively what we have enjoyed experiencing and girls of Brownie age learn a lot through play. Encourage the Brownies to find their feet. Now that so many of them travel everywhere by car or bus, help your Brownies to keep fit by discovering that walking can be fun. Walk with a purpose - to collect flowers and leaves or to find out the different makes of cars parked by the roadside or in car parks. Walk to find the footprints of other walkers - great fun in the snow or in soft muddy lanes. I know of one pack which managed a sponsored walk of eight miles - having begun by walking to look for 'conkers

Your Brownies might like to play 'Fun of the Fair'. Before play, each Six divides into two groups, one with the Sixer and one with the Second. Each group has a 'stall', as it were, and in turn, each group suggests a Challenge require

ing dexterity with either a ball, a skipping rope, or by demonstrating a balancing feat. At least one Brownie in the group must be able to demonstrate the Challenge proposed by another group. With help, if necessary, display boards could be made explaining the Challenges. Each Brownie is given three counters to 'buy turns' at any stall she chooses. The Members of each group take it in turns to be stallholder and to hand out a 'prize' a coloured card or token - to the Brownie who manages the Challenge successfully. Obviously this game can have a winner but you will probably find that the Brownies enjoy it just as much played non-competitively.

Have you made Health Dominoes for your Pack? Each is made from a piece of cardboard about 12 cm by 6 cm. Divide each into half by a dotted line and in one half of each draw or paste a picture dealing with a health topic. On the other half print a health statement not connected with the picture on the same domino. Either in pairs or alone the Brownies can fit pictures to statements, as in number

lominoes.

Whatever you do in this field, make it fun and the Brownies will remember it.

Audrey Mitchell

DISTRICT and **BROWNIE** training

A Brownie eating fewer sweets and more greens.

A Guide widening her taste in food.

A Ranger learning to prepare and cook interesting, sensible meals.



Holy Father, who a
And all things else
Keep me fit in min
Body and soul to to
Fit to stand, fit to
Fit for sorrow, fit
Fit to work and fit
Fit to face life day
Holy God, who make me fit to wo



- A Brownie cleaning her teeth regularly.
- A Guide washing herself properly every day.
- A Ranger using make-up and caring for her hair.

A Brownie walking or playing outsi

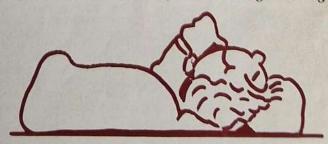
A Guide cycling, walking or playing

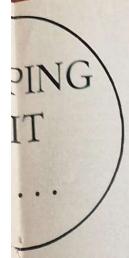
A Ranger ensuring that she finds th

A Brownie cheerfully going to bed at the time decided for her.

A Guide deciding with help what time is bedtime, and keeping to it.

A Ranger arranging her work and social life so that she gets enough sleep.



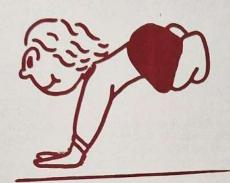


ho madest me
else to worship Thee;
nind and heart,
to take my part,
to run,
fit for fun,
I fit to play,
day by day:
madest me,
worship Thee.

A Brownie learning to skip and to catch a ball.

A Guide joining in team games, and showing greater agility.

A Ranger enjoying mountain walking, dancing, potholing etc.



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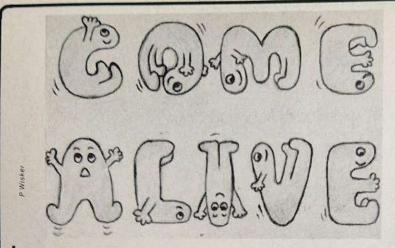


A Brownie cleaning her own shoes.

A Guide washing her own clothes.

A Ranger being correctly dressed for the occasion.

Illustrated by Christine Hollier



T IS a blustery damp day as I write this. Ten minutes ago I measured a mile's distance on a local map, donned my training shoes and tracksuit and set off to jog. I had just been reading an article called So you think you are fit?' in which the Sports Council suggests that a good way to test your fitness is to see if you can walk/jog or jog one mile on the flat in ten minutes. But wait! - before you leap from your arm chair to try this, you should build up the distance and time gradually.

God has given us bodies designed for activity and we ought to be encouraging our Guides to have a good attitude to physical fitness, one that will stay with them all their lives

The Patrol 'keeping fit' has many possibilities. A Patrol could try making up its own game, inventing rules and then challenging another Patrol to play them. There are pop records with clear instructions of exercises a Patrol could follow. The girls might try their own chart making

exercises, and then they could try to improve the length or number of times they do the exercises over a period of several weeks. Away from its meeting place, a Patrol could walk to a place of interest, go ice skating or hiking, visit the swimming pool or sports centre, take an outdoor Interest Badge.

If a Patrol feels that its members are getting enough physical activity at school, then different aspects of fitness could be examined. For example eating and health, or a sleep survey of the Unit. They could find out about the work of hospitals, the World Health Organisation, the

Sports Council.

We need to help the girls by our own example and attitude. There may be some Guides who will need particular encouragement with this part of their Eight Point progress. It is interesting to note that the activities recommended by Sports Council for keeping fit jogging, swimming, cycling, and walking - are all non-competitive. Physical fitness is for everyone, not just for the physically gifted. Will your Unit be responding to the challenge of the Sports Council to 'Come Alive' during 1979?

Physical Fitness in the Ranger section

Let's have a circuit training next week as the Ventures can't come.' 'What a great idea!' 'I'm getting too fat', 'I need some exercise' came the responses from the Rangers.

The Guider cautiously asked if circuit training would be suitable for everyone!

Physical fitness is a prerequisite to full enjoyment of all that life has to offer; it cannot be achieved by means of a few perfunctory physical jerks once a week. For Rangers it is an important part of the Programme and one that is often overlooked. Outdoor activities are far more enjoyable if everyone is fully prepared both physically and mentally. Deportment, poise, good grooming, diet as well as exercise all help towards Physical Fitness.

Every Ranger, indeed every Unit, is different, and the Programme is aimed at satisfying a wide diversity needs. The Pre-Investiture Challenge suggestions offer a wealth of ideas, that the girls can try either as individuals, or together enjoying a new experience such as a sauna bath. There are other ideas, like 'try a sport not learnt at school' Helen, one of our Rangers, tried Squash, found it enjoyable, then joined a local Squash Club and now plays for its team - thus fulfilling part of the Ranger Challenge. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award offers opportunities for the Unit and the Individual, at all three levels in the Design for Living and Interest sections.

D Croston

Physical Fitness is an on-going part of the Programme - it may be a discussion between the Rangers on Personal Hygiene over a cup of coffee or a trip from Camp to a Leisure Centre on the pretence of a swim, but really for a hot shower!

The Guider's role in assessing this aspect of the Programme needs care - a knowledge of her Rangers, their capabilities, their perseverance, their interests. Each Ranger needs encouragement especially the one who sits very quietly doing little, scared in case she's asked to do something and makes a fool of

Enjoyment, team spirit, skills, laughter sum up the Rangers' views of this part of the Programme but through the Ranger Executive and the Guider they begin to realise that each part - the Eight Points, The Promise, The Laws, the Challenges and the Interest Certificates make up the Ranger Programme and each part is dependent on support from the others.

*If you don't know what *circuit training' is, your Rangers probably

Christine Martin

GUIDE and RANGER training

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BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE

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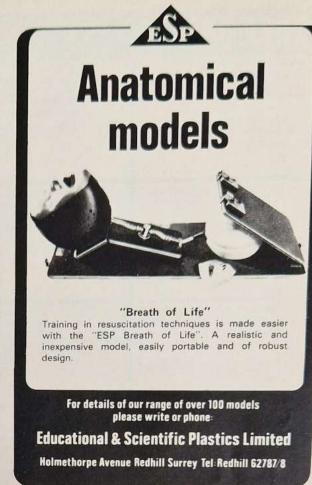
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Foxlease Camp-sites

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

Waddow Cottage and Caravan

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

Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. It is preferred that Camps begin on Saturday.

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

Waddow 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 Guider's CA or Pack Holiday Adviser and a foolscap sae.

Glenbrook

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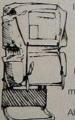
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H.Q. NOTICES...

New Year Honours

Congratulations to Mrs K A
Hawkey who was awarded an
MBE in the New Year
Honours. As well as doing a
great deal of work for the
community. Mrs Hawkey
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Horse Vale from 1969-1958
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Thinking Day Service Saturday, 24th February, 1979

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Westminster

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Westminster

Doors open 10.00 am

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The songs and hymns will include some of the follow-

All night, all day
A song for Thinking Day
Do Lord, O do Lord
Go well, go 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 — Abbotts Leigh Let us sing to the God of Salvation — Tune — Sing Hosannah Let all the world in every

corner sing — Tune — Luckington Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee

Folk Fest 9 — Folk Fest Workshops

- Tune - Nottingham

Folk Fest 9 will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, London SW7, on Saturday, 24th November, 1979. Details of the Box Office arrangements will be announced in a later edition of GUIDER.

The auditions for this festival and the Folk Fest Workshops will be held at Commonwealth Head-quarters over the weekend of 31st March/1st April, 1979. Details can be obtained from the Programme Secretary at Commonwealth Head-quarters.

World Conference, Iran An Apology

Mrs Delia Ronson, a member of WAGGGS 'Sangam' Sub Committee at the World Conference, points out that her husband's initials are N J, not M J as mis-printed on page 531 of December's magazine.

We thank Mrs Ronson for notifying us of this error.

A Course For You!

A weekend of drama from 22nd-24th June at Trefoil House, Birmingham.

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-HOME & AWAY -

New Year Honours

Congratulations to Mrs H M Rosardo who have been appointed the MBE for service to the community in Belize' Mrs Rosardo has been a member of the Movement for 26 years and from 1953 served for many years as Equipment

Fahrenheit Conversion

The Electrical Association for Women has come up with a 'conversion board' to help busy housewives to convert fahrenheit to centigrade at a glance. The EAW conversion memory board has a 'thermometer' which converts oven, water and cold storage temperatures. The board's design is in red, white and blue, and it has a wipe-clean surface, for shopping lists, telephone numbers and other 'reminder' items. With the board comes a black felt tip pen and self-adhesive pads so that it can be fixed to a suitable surface.

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Pass it On

BBC Television's 'Playground' programme affords Guiders all over the country the chance to 'blow their own trumpets' (and those of their Packs, Companies and Units). The programme, which runs for one hour every Saturday morning, includes a slot entitled Bulletin Board' which deals with recent newsworthy events involving young people. Guiders who think a forthcoming Pack. Company or District event would make an interesting item for Bulletin Board, should write to: Anita Maunsell, Head of Public Relations Department. The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W OPT with details of the event. Any interesting Guiding items which find their way to 'Bulletin Board' will be duly reported in GUIDER. Details of Events of a similar nature which might be of sufficient appeal to be given 'air space' on the After Noon Thames Television programme (90 minutes, thrice weekly) should be sent to the same address.

The Kindest Cut

Virtually every pet owner in the country must at some time or other consider whether or not to have his or her pet neutered. The British Small Animal Veterinary Association offers the following information on the subject:

Old wives' tales are best ignored. There is no need for female cats to have a litter before spaying. The operation can very well be performed on an immature animal. Many owners report an improvement in their tom cats' sociability after neutering; they often become more loving and affectionate. In the case of the

female cat, having her spayed is socially responsible, unless you are sure you can find a good home for every one of the kittens she otherwise may have

The owners of unspayed bitches often find their animal's twice-yearly three week period 'on heat' a great nuisance: if is difficult to keep an eye on its social rendezvous for that length of time, and none of the drugs available to minimise the risk of pregnancy is 100% effective as a means of contraception. Bitches should be spayed, where possible, following the first season.

Neither dogs nor cats should become either fat or lazy after neutering: it is not a kindness to allow a pet animal to become overweight, although, like human beings, it is probably true that some animals simply have more gluttonous dispositions than others!

The cost of having a dog or cat neutered starts at around £10 for a dog: £20 for a bitch. £4 for a tom cat and £6 for a female (at the time of going to press)

Finding homes for 'Hard-to Place' Children



Ten-year-old Diane, who is mentally handicapped, is one of the many children with special needs whom REPORTS ACTION seeks to help by its television appeals.

An interesting recent development in the field of child welfare has been the use of television in appeals for prospective adoptive parents for 'hard to place' children. Since 1974, over 300 children have found new homes and families as a result of TV publicity, although only a small number of the children placed have actually appeared on-screen. The TV programmes World in Action, Reports Action, and Nationwide have all been instrumental in the initial task of finding would-be parents. The next step. of course, is always the crucial one of ensuring that no child is mismatched with an unsuitable set of 'parents'

Granada TV's Reports Action is continuing to make appeals from time to time for good homes for children, orphaned or otherwise, who would benefit from their adoption by loving and caring adults, and announcing the results of such appeals.

Stamp Exhibition

The Scout Stamps Collectors' Club will hold its annual exhibition of Scout and Guide Stamps at Baden-Powell House on Saturday, 24th February, 1979. The exhibition will be open from 11 am to 5 pm. and its theme will be 'World Jamboree' It is expected that twenty-four frames of stamps and covers will be on display. and there will also be a counter for sales of varied philatelic material.

Cinderellas of the Countryside

The Countryside Commission has published a discussion paper on the 33 Areas designated Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and Wales, which they describe as the Cinderellas of the Countryside. The Commission feels that these areas do not receive the consideration given to the National Parks, yet they include some of our most impressive and striking scenery.

The purpose of the discussion paper is to provoke comment on whether these areas need more protection, more cohesive administration, and above all financial support to enable them to develop their amenities if this is felt desirable. Voluntary bodies are asked to involve themselves in caring for Britain's areas of outstanding natural beauty. both by influencing policy and by helping on a practical level in the field. There is some conflict of interest between the development of active pursuits such as rock climbing and and conservation orienteering.

These and many other interesting points for discussion are contained in the 28 page discussion paper. CCP 11b. published by HMSO. Written comments from organisations and individuals should be sent before March 31st to: The Countryside Commission, John Dower House, Crescent Place, Cheltenham, Glos GL 50 3RA



Look out for full details of the SAGGA challenge 'Tandemania' for Scout and Guide Patrols in next month's GUIDER.

In Memoriam

Margery Best (née Robinson), who died in November, was one of the early Trainers in the Movement.

She came to Northamptonshire four or five years after the end of the First World War, and was active in the County for almost 50 years, which included 15 as a District Commissioner

Holding a Red Cord Diploma, she built up the standard of Northamptonshire's Northamptonshire's Guiding from its early days, and six County Commissioners had reason to remember her with gratifude for her wise advice and untiring, skilled support.

KJS

Mrs J W Haughton, CBE, MA, Chief Commissioner for Ulster from 1945-1951, who died in hospital on 8th November, will be remembered not only for her fine service to Guiding over many years but also her devoted work for social services. She was the first President of the Northern Ireland Council of Social Service and its Secretary for 18 years. As Chairman of the Child Welfare Council she was the only woman Chairman of a statutory body in the Province.

1956-60 Mrs Haughton was also a member of the Northern Ireland BBC Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Appeals Advisory Committee and in 1960 she was appointed a member of the Rural Industries Development Committee, Chairman of the Board of Management the Samaritan Hospital, ast, from 1935-1945, Mrs Haughton continued to serve on the management committee until

It was Mrs J C White, the American who helped to intro-duce Guiding to Ulster, who first 'caught' Miss Mafe Henderson (as Mrs Haughton then was) for Guiding, insisting that there should be someone young and lively on the Ulster Girl Guide Committee (afterwards Council). Today, opposite Mrs White's former estate on Belfast Lough where the first camp for Ulster Guides was held, stands Lorne whose fine traditions as a Training Centre Mrs Haughton helped to build.

After her marriage in 1921 to Mr J W Haughton of Cullybackey, a Scout Commissioner for 20 years, Mrs Haughton became the Brownie Guider for the 1st Hillmount Pack

Approachable Brownies or grown-ups, Mrs Haughton had the gift for putting everyone at their ease and a fund of amusing stories to lighten the dullest meeting. She had a gift for writing and for constructing plots from the human incidents which varied work provided, and those Guiders who produced her play for Brownies will agree the author certainly understood children.

Mrs Haughton gave generously of her many gifts to the Girl Guides Association.

TWM

The sudden death on 19th November of Miss Muriel Slater was a shock to family and friends and a loss to Guiding. She gave many years to Guiding as a Brownie Guider and District Commissioner in Carlisle, Chairman of the County Training Committee and latterly Secretary then Presi-dent of Carlisle Division, until illhealth forced her retirement. Yet even in retirement she kept in touch with everyone by testing both at home or by visiting units. Everywhere she went she gave encouragement and inspiration to

It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of Diana York on 4th December. She gave lifelong service to the Guide Movement in many different ways. Diana was a Guide and a Sea Ranger, a Brownie and Guide Guider of the 18th York (Richard Askham) Book and Command Askham) Pack and Company and a District Commissioner in the County of York City

For the same county she served as a County Camp Adviser, County Commissioner, County Vice-President and President.

Diana gained her Green Cord and was a Headquarters' Instruc-tor for Camp-fire. She served on the Council of the Girl Guides Association and on the English Committee. The last to want any recognition she was awarded the Beaver in 1957 for 'outstanding

service to the Movement'. From August 1959 to October 1967 Diana York was Guider-in-Charge of Waddow and during these years she did even more for Guiding.

Diana will be remembered for the friendly welcome, interest and encouragement she gave to all, perhaps especially to the new, diffident Guider visiting Waddow for the first time or the nervous, new Trainer taking her first

M A Stephenson

hotographs

Diana York lived up to the Waddow motto of 'Faith, Courage and Joy' and shared these qualities and her sincerity and integrity with all whom she met. She took a genuine pleasure in the good news or good fortune of others and her dry sense of humour, fund of stories and monologues will be remembered.

She served in the FANY during the war and several organisations, including the WI, Oxfam, the Cheshire Homes, the WRVS Save the Children Fund, benefited from having a helping hand from Diana.

It is comforting to know that she did not suffer a very long last illness and, like our beloved Chief Guide, whom Diana loved, died in her sleep. The Movement is the poorer for her death but what a rich legacy she has left us all.



The Folk of Humberside on stage



Michael Sanders on Flute Below, Irish dancers from Gateshead and Sunderland



On stage during the performance



North, 1978

Report: Margaret A. Stephenson

NEWCASTLE upon Tyne — the NORTH, within easy reach of York and Edinburgh, famed for its cloth caps and beer-swilling Geordies! Like all major cities a Saturday morning can find the new multimillion pound shopping complex thronged with people.

Saturday, October 28th was a day when bewildered members of the public must have thought, 'I wonder what is happening in the town; it is jam-packed with Guides, Scouts and Brownies' A warm, sunny, morning saw the start of a tremendous day of artistic demonstrations, and of folk music. dance and drama.

A continuous stream of buses brought the 237 performers to the City Hall - up went the large banner showing the way to the craft exhibition outside Trinity Hall, and just across the road Guiders and Scouters began the mammoth task of preparing meals for everyone.

The Craft exhibition showed a great variety of talent, and 17 Guides demonstrated their own particular skills. (We somehow lost the Scouts in participating in craft work!). Alison Biggs, from North Yorkshire South, sat drawing cartoons, even managing to do one of an interested onlooker, and meanwhile Brownies watched enthralled as Sharon Durose, from Newcastle, produced delightful little Christmas trees by screen printing.

We were happy to welcome our Chief Commissioner, Mrs Owen Walker, who appeared interested by the helpful hints on flower arranging, as explained by Maxine Bailey from West Yorkshire South.

The hustle and bustle went on from 10 am until 4 pm, with the hall often seemingly bursting at the seams with its many visitors. The various displays had already been exhibited in the City Library for two

Meanwhile, back at the City Hall, rehearsals were in full swing. Chalk marks appeared on the floor showing where people had to stand, microphones boomed and faded, spotlights were directed onto the stage, and Producer 'Jo' Buckle put everyone through their paces - it was going to be a long day of rehearsal, followed by two perform-

Meanwhile, with the sun continuing to shine, the bands were assembling, ably assisted by four Police horses! They prepared to march and play through the 'streets of Newcastle' amid the crowds of shoppers. The Tuel Lane Scout and Guide Band, together with the Rotherham Girl Guide Band and the St James' Scout and Guide Band, left no one in any doubt that the Scout and Guide Movements were flourishing.

And so, after a hasty lunch, on went the make-up, seats started to fill up, programmes were glanced through, and at last two years of planning, organisation and participation by over 2000 young people over the age of eleven was about to reach its culmination.

What can one say about it all, for it was impossible to single out any one of the items - they really were all very good indeed. Perhaps Barry Canham, the Compere, summed it all up when he said, 'Today you only see the tip of the iceberg; for out of every group you see on stage today there are four or five who have been left out, and we could easily have held a second show.'

The 24th Halifax Band started us off, and from there we joined the Mackenzies, and sang along with them. 'Art versus Technology' made us think, and the delightful Cockenzie and Port Seton District Dancers - who were so small and light on their feet, were a joy to watch. We were told that they had been chosen because they really were the best in the Unit and for no

The humour of the recitations, the fun of the rapper dancers, the expertise of the Irish dancers, the 'Folk of Humberside', the 'High Levels', 'Kate's Singers', the traditional Geordie humour, and the sound of Northumbrian pipes made for a mixed and wholly enjoyable show.

For North East England and Scotland the show had been a

resounding success, and after as hasty tea their representatives were off again for the second performance.

As Greta Fowler, North East England Chief Commissioner, said, 'It would perhaps be pretentious to anticipate that FOLK NORTH will go down in history as a "great" festival" but I am sure there has never been a festival that has generated so much enthusiasm all the way through to Unit level.' Let's face it — that is really what it is all

It would take up far too much space to thank the many hundreds who helped make FOLK NORTH possible, but special thanks go to Producer 'Jo' Buckle for all the marvellous work she did, and FOLK NORTH steering committee chairman Nesta Taylor who, together with Pat Fullerton, took care of much of the administration. At the end of it all we were able to say that our two years' work had been worthwhile and had resulted in a day's entertainment some professionals might envy.

.... Did I hear someone say when is FOLK NORTH '79?

Margaret A Stephenson.



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Sussex

MORE than 70 Guiders and former Guiders gathered at The Downs Hall, Diamond Seaford, on the evening of 6th December 1978 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Seaford and Blatchington Girl Guides District. The Downs Hall was chosen because it was the birthplace of Seaford Guiding. Before sitting down to a banquet served by Guides and Rangers, guests were welcomed by Mrs Wilkie, the District Commissioner, A Good Service award was presented to Mrs Doris Darvall for her 35 years as a Guider by Mrs Boyce, the County Commissioner for Sussex East. 'Thanks Badges' were presented to Mrs Jane Day and Mr Eddie Avann by Mrs Shirley Wallas, the President of the Local Association. The showing of a film of the memorial service in Westminster Abbey for the late World Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, which included flashbacks to the most important events of her life, was followed by the cutting of a cake. The celebration ended in a speech by Boughey, Lewes Division Lady Commissioner, and Taps.

> It was announced that a seat to commemorate the Guides' Diamond Jubilee had been placed in the grounds of The Downs.

This Thinking Day photograph is of Standard Bearer Heather Jones, who at the time the photograph was taken had been a Guide for two years in the school Guide Unit at Yscol Gogarth, a school for handicapped children, near Llandudno. Accompanying Heather is Ranger Jackie Christian, who has given considerable help for several years to the Company to which Heather belongs. The Revd. Ian Day of St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don and Llandudno's Mayor at that time, Councillor Charles Tinkham, look on.



How I became a District Commissioner

CHARACTER CONTRACTOR C WHEN I was first asked to E become District Combecome missioner for Haywards Heath town I had very little knowledge about the Guide Movement. I was told that it Movement, I was told that it didn't matter; they would welcome fresh ideas. And so with this assurance in mind, I accepted the post.

There were many questions
I had to ask, — so many
things I wanted to know; for
example, one of my questions
to the Mid Sussex Division Commissioner was 'Is there a Church Service at which could be officially warranted?'

'Well, no', she said,, 'I've never heard of one, - your Warrant is sent to you by post'. She then said, 'But it's a very good idea. Why not?" So the idea of a District Service for the warranting of the new Commissioner was born.

We fixed a date for the service and I confirmed it with my husband, the vicar! I got invitation notices duplicated, and visited all the District's Units to introduce myself, to tell everyone about the Service and to ask about attendance of Colour Parties at the Service. I invited the Haywards Heath Scout and Guide Band to come and play for us; they agreed. Two Guiders' Warrants came through just at that time so we decided to present them at the Service, too. Ideas for the form of the Service were beginning to gel. I wanted the theme to be 'service with love'

We had a rehearsal for the Colour Parties; it was wonderfull I marched in with the District Standard and forgot to come out with it! One Brownie Pennant was missing as it was locked in the local Scout Hut and could only be retrieved when the Guider's Scouter husband came home from work! Some of the Rangers could not make the rehearsal at all, as they were at work. One Ranger had to wear a Guide hat, and the Brownies all got

lost behind the organ trying to find their way back from the altar. However, the problems were all ironed out before the service began at 6 pm, and the precision of the Colour Party procession was superb.

The opening hymn, 'Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round' was sung as the colour parties moved forward and presented their Pennants and Standards at the altar. The first reading was by the Division Commissioner, Luke 10 vs 25-37. The story of the Good Samaritan, - a well known story, but always relevant. Then we sang the modern hymn, 'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?'

I read the second Bible reading, 1 Cor. 13 verses 1-13. which tells us that without love all our good works are in vain. Then came the hymn 'Thine be the Glory', which was accompanied by the Haywards Heath Scout and Guide Band, followed by the congregation's renewal of the Guide Promise.

Next, the Division Commissioner presented me with my warrant, and pinned on my Commissioner's Badge and said her few words of

The Vicar then gave his address, which was based on an acrostic of the word love:

Lord God Other People Venture Every Day

The collection hymn was 'Lord of the Dance'.

At the end of the Service, at a given signal, all parties turned to face the altar for the singing of the National Anthem and Blessing.

It was an impressive occasion. I felt that I not only had the support of the District, but I had received God's blessing for the work I was to do. Without that I could not attempt it.

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New to Guiding — 7th/9th September.

(Commissioners, Brownie and Guide Guiders).

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

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

Music in the Pack Certificate Visual Arts and Crafts — September 28th/30th.

The first group is for Brownie Guiders who would benefit from advice, ideas and practical assistance in making use of their own abilities and the sources of available printed material; part of training help for those hoping to gain a Music in the Pack Certificate.

The second group is open to any Guider whose skills and knowledge lie in this sphere of the arts and who has recently gained a Specialist Certificate or is interested in doing so.

At Glenbrook

The CHQ weekends at Glenbrook are open to Guiders and Rangers (unless specifically marked for one or the other). Owing to 'circumstances beyond our control', we are not able at present to offer gliding as an activity on these courses or to parties staying at Glenbrook.

International Weekend — February 16th/18th

For Guiders and Rangers, this weekend is geared to Thinking Day and the International scene. We are offering sessions on craft and music, as well as opportunities for hillwalking.

Leadership in the Hills (Guiders only) March 16th/18th and November 9th/11th

This type of training weekend is based on the Hill-

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Scout Stamps Collectors' Club have produced a 16-page booklet for all Scout and Guide stamps issued to 1977. The list gives the date and reason for issue, plus the number of stamps in each set, and Arab States, all propaganda and local stamps, etc. The list is available at 40p (post free) from: Peter Duck, 59 Gilpin

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A. Canoeing (Training and Assessment) April 27th/29th and June 22nd/24th

For Guiders and Rangers. These weekends are for those who have some experience and would like further help towards gaining a canoeing qualification.

B. Hillwalking (Rangers only) April 27th/29th and June 22nd/24th

For those with mixed levels of experience. Come and try this activity even if you have not done so before.

Activities Week for Guides (12 and over) August 15th/22nd

The idea of this event is NOT to make it possible for Guides to do the activities which await them when they become Rangers, but to include a week's programme of Guide outdoor activities (eg Pioneering, swimming, wide-games, hiking, bird watching etc), and 'tasters' for the future such as hillwalking and pony trekking. We hope to add to this crafts and music, so Guides should have a lot of fun and, we hope, come back to their Units with ideas.

Hillwalking and Caving October 19th/21st

This is a weekend for Guiders and Rangers with two activities on the programme, and with the option of pony-trekking. The course is for people with varying degrees of skills in both the main activities.

Hillwalking and Climbing September 21st/23rd

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Is Anyone There? Edited by Monica Dickens and Rosemary Sutcliff. Peacock, 80p.

Is anyone there who understands me, cares about me, or has had the same problems that face me now? Here is a collection of stories and articles written by some of the finest writers of the present day, all on the theme of the difficulties and uncertainties encountered by young people. To read of a problem sometimes makes it easier to cope with the same problem if it crops up in one's own experience, and many of us will find familiar chords in this paperback, published to commemorate 25 years of the Samaritans.

The Girl Guides Association Leaflet, published by The Girl Guides Association, 6p.

This is an extremely attractive and useful publication. Seldom can so much useful information have been packed into so small a space and without sacrificing the actual lay-out.

I can see this pamphlet being useful on many occasions, not only to give out for general publicity but as an introduction to the Movement for prospective Guiders, and for those wishing to start new Units. I would hope that they will also be found in Youth Centre and Youth Employment Offices and where ever young people may gather.

The leaflet certainly gives a most comprehensive overall

picture of the Guide Association. MTMS

Super-Colossal Book of Puzzles, Tricks and Games, by Sheila Anne Barry. Oak Tree Press, £7.95.

For anyone with groups to entertain or leisure time to fill, this may well be the best £7.95 ever spent. 640 pages packed cover to cover with laughing games, acting games, doodle games, carnival games, games for one or two, self tests and quizzes, puzzles and brainteasers, card tricks, ventriloquism, reading, mind science puzzles, riddles and proverbs. There is something here for all ages from 6-year-old to adult, and each game has an age guideline. If you want to organise tests of balance and skill, work out individual biorhythms with a pocket calculator, or something even more outlandish, just consult this volume, which is indeed a day book par JVR excellence.

Cooking is a Way Round the World, by Fay Maschler. Puttin, 80p.

In February we are all thinking world wide, and many Thinking Day celebrations make a feature of recipes from other countries. In this useful paperback, there are all the favourite national dishes and some lesserknown ones as well. From Italy, for instance, as well as pizza and spaghetti there is a recipe for marinated oranges. From North America, in addition to Southern Fried Chicken and Boston Baked Beans, there are Blueberry Muffins. The recipes themwell selves are very illustrated and simply JVR described.

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Ward Lock's Encyclopaedia, edited by Harold Boswell Taylor, £5.95.

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WHAT'S ON

Printing Stamps

Guiders in London may still be in time to catch a fascinating exhibition at the Science Museum, South Kensington. This exhibition, entitled Printing the Christmas stamps, closes on the 4th of this month. The exhibition's aim is to explain the way in which the craft of papermaker and printer are harnessed to produce such attractive miniature pictures.

The original designs, final artwork and the first 'essays' are shown alongside the photographic negatives, plates, etc used to produce the final sheets of stamps. The display has been prepared by Messrs Harrison and Sons Ltd, with the co-operation of the Post Office.

*The printing and paper gallery is on the second floor of the museum, which is open 10.00 am-6.00 pm Monday-Saturday, 2.30-6.00 pm Sunday. Admission to this exhibition is free.

Samuel Palmer

Samuel Palmer (1805-1881) was in the news last year for the paintings he had not done; the Tom Keating fakes whose discovery caused a ripple of shock and a backwash of embarrassment throughout the art world.

However, the current exhibition at the V & A, Samuel Palmer: A Vision Recaptured contains, I am assured, not a single Keating!

Samuel Palmer is often described as a disciple of William Blake, and the influence of that unorthodox poet and artist can be most clearly seen in those works of Palmer's 'Visionary Years' (1824-1836) which are included in this exhibition. These were the years which produced a crop of astonishingly original paintings and drawings of the English countryside around Shoreham, Kent, where he had lived.



The Beliman, by Samuel Palmer, etching completed 1879 and inspired by Milton's II Penseroso the belman's drousy charm To bless the doors from nightly harm'.

The exhibition at the V & A is principally devoted to Palmer's etchings and to his paintings and illustrations for Milton's Shorter Poems and for Virgil's Ecloques, both of which are closely related to his etchings. I suspect, how-

ever, that GUIDER readers may well find that their favourite section of the exhibition is that of the medium-sized oil paintings which occupy an entire wall. These paintings have a lovely, dream-like quality; many of them show a glorious use of misty, purplish colours, or lead the eye of the visitor in to enchanting, half-hidden scenes of light and brightness. 'Fairy lights', indeed. For this section alone, the exhibition is to be recommended.

Palmer's imaginative genius had not, even in the last years of his life, been dimmed by Victorian artistic convention.

This exhibition continues until May this year. Admission is free, but please note that the Victoria and Albert Museum is closed on Fridays.

London Festival Ballet – Dominion Theatre

The Dominion Theatre, London, which has been a cinema for many years, returns to its original use as a live theatre next month for London Festival Ballet's spring season from March 6th to 31st. The booking office is now open, and there are tremendous reductions for parties of 20 or more, plus certain performances offering half price to children, students and OAPs.



Above, costume design for 'Rosalinda' by Peter Docherty.

The first two weeks of the season will be devoted to Rosalinda, a new full-length ballet by Ronald Hynd to the music from the famous Strauss operetta Die Fledermaus. The spectacular production will have sets and costumes in the Twenties style. From March 19th to 27th the company will perform The Sleeping Beauty, and the remaining five performances will be a triple bill of Les Sylphides, Petrouchka, and Prince Igor.

These three most exciting ballets of the Diaghilev Ballet are given in tribute to Sarge Diaghiley, who died 50 years ago.

Serge Diaghilev, who died 50 years ago.
Beryl Grey, the Company's artistic director, speaks of the Dominion season as an exciting new venture. Any of the programmes to be given will be an exciting experience. Write for details to the Box Office, Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London W1. JVR



Ashanti gold weights — a new long-running exhibition at the Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens. Admission free. Weekdays 10 - 5, Sundays 2:30 - 6. Closed Good Friday and 1st May.

The Gold of El Dorado

Anyone who has seen a newspaper or watched television over the last two months must have heard about the exhibition now running at the Royal Academy, explaining the myth of the Kingdom of Gold. Nearly 600 gold exhibits, plus ceramics and other archaeological material, are displayed to illustrate the culture of the Colombian Indians and the legends surrounding the sacred lagoon Guatavita. The phrase El Dorado means simply gilded man, and stems from the initiation ceremony which took place on Lake Guatavita on the appointment of each new ruler. The heir was covered with a sticky substance on which was placed gold dust so that he was a completely 'gilded man', and was then rowed to the middle of the lake, where he made his offering to the sacred lagoon by throwing great quantities of gold overboard. Attempts to dredge Lake Guatavita over the ages and collect its treasure have met with various disasters. and the story of these attempts and the Spanish Conquistadores and tomb robbers is shown in this exhibition, which is open until 12th March, price £1.20 for adults and 60p children. Special arrangements can be made for prebooked school parties. Apply exhibition office, Gold of El Dorado, 13 New Quebec Street, London W1H 7DD. JVR

In Brief

Blackburn — Opera: HMS Pinafore/Trial by Jury, Public Halls, Northgate, Blackburn. Feb 26-March 3.

Dumfries — Exhibition: K Byers and J Vardy paintings. Gracefield Arts Centre. 14.00-17.00. Feb 10-25.

Edinburgh — Permanent exhibition: Dark Age Sculpture in Scotland, c. AD 400-105L, National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, Queen Street, Edinburgh.

Kendal — Recital: Penelope Thwaites (piano), Town Hall, Kendal, 13.05, Feb 7, Tel: Kendal 21828.

London - Crufts Dog Show, Feb 9 & 10.

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A 'Rich world, Poor World' meal was shared by about 80 people in Hitchin, Herts, late last autumn, at which the Hicca Ranger Montezuma Venture Scouts were hosis

a full three-course meal for their money, the rest were given a plate of rice and a mug of water! The object of the dinner was to point out the fact that two-thirds of the world is practically starving, while obesity is the great problem for the remaining third.

Profits from the meal went towards the World Development Movement.

A service was held at St John's Church, Old Coulsdon, A service was need at St John's Charlett, Old Causaon, Surrey, to dedicate the new Colours of the Downland Joint Venture Scout/Ranger Guide Unit in the presence of the Mayor of Croydon. It is thought that the Downland Joint Unit is the first joint Unit in the Region of South East England to possess a flag of this kind, so the service of dedication was specially memorable.

The joint Unit, which is progressive and enthusiastic,



The lucky winner of the GUIDER/Wimpy disco competition, Linda Mose of the 1st Paddock Wood, Kent Unit, is pictured above and below, with other Members of her Ranger Unit admiring the 'Disco' '70' equipment she won on their behalf. In the lower picture, Guide Sarah Phipps who won the equivalent TODAY's GUIDE competition is pictured, while Mrs L. Whiteaker, General Secretary of the GGA and Ria Mills representing Wimpy, are to left and right of Linda in the top



Above are Members of the 202nd Liverpool Ranger Guide Unit, pictured after their Investiture at Radio City (their local independent radio station). With them are DJs Dave Eastwood and Phil Easton, and (third from left) Ranger Guider, Miss Ann Smyth, and (far right) Mrs Gwen White, District Commissioner.

Rangers & Young Leaders Duke of Edinburgh's Gold **Award Courses**

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

Calling all Rangers Young Leaders! Are you looking for around 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 challenge which 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

Calling All Young Leaders! 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.

yourself, and to get help and ideas for your work with the Packs and Companies with

Application forms from the Guider-in-charge, Glenbrook, Bamford, nr Sheffield \$30

Another opportunity for you — this time at Waddow on 12th-16th April. For details of what is happening and an application form write to the Guider-in-charge, Waddow Hall, Glitheroe, Lancs BB7



