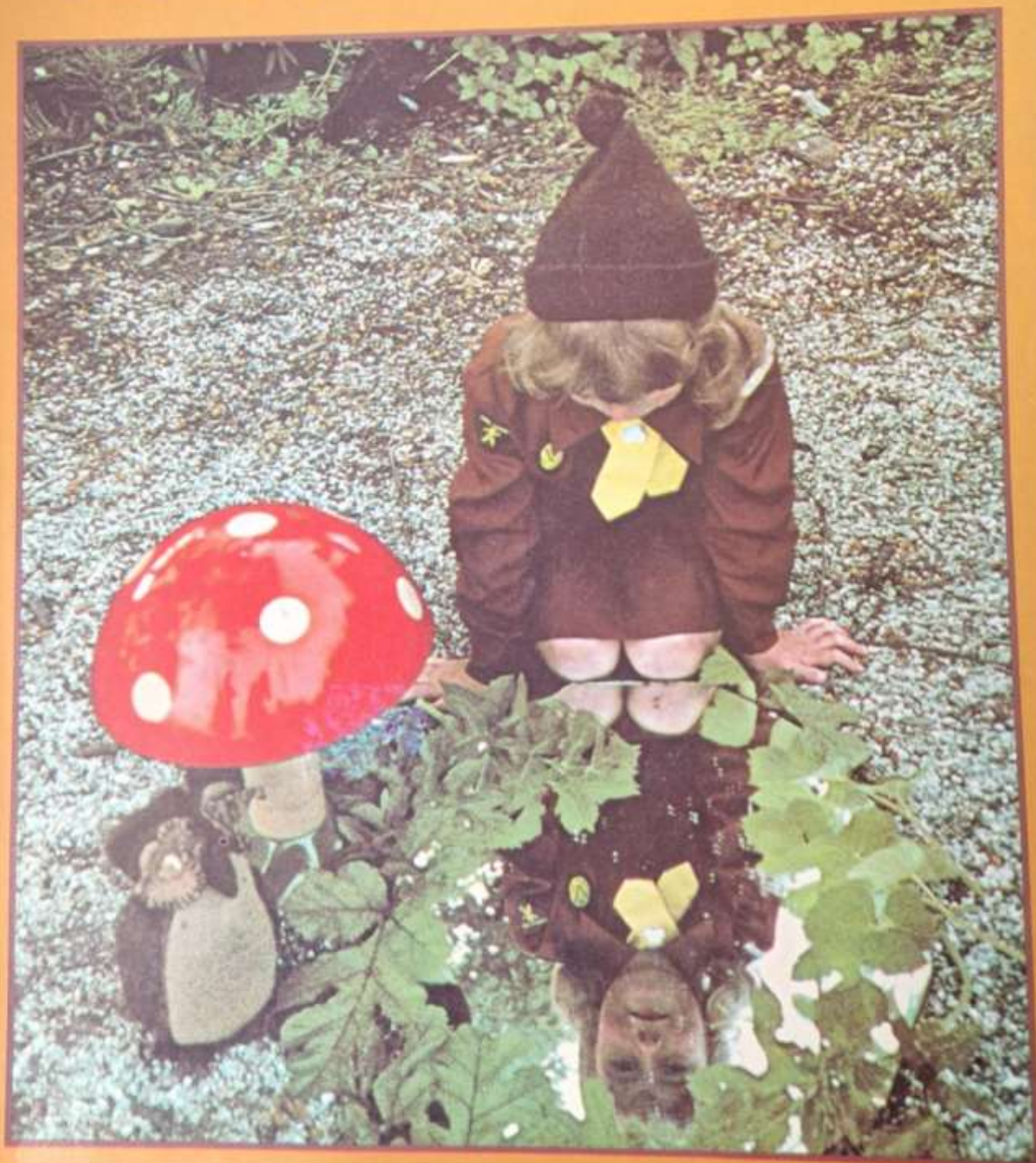


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'Fund raising is plain sailing with Webb Ivory'

Mrs. Joan Court, Brownie Guider,
42nd City of Coventry South Pack



That's the message on the happy faces of these representatives from the 1st Balsall Scout Group and the 42nd City of Coventry South Guides and Brownies pictured here outside their impressive new Joint Headquarters in Balsall Common, near Coventry. Its official opening last summer was the result of a ten-year fund-raising effort by the Scouts and Guides and their Joint Supporters' Committee, including Brownie Guider Mrs. Joan Court.

In that time they've raised over £1,250 through Webb Ivory. "It's probably been our most consistently successful method of fund raising," says Mrs. Court, "and our profits are still rising — last year we made over £300 in one season's campaign." Mrs. Court herself started fund raising with Webb Ivory over 15 years ago. "I began raising funds for the Brownies, but when we formed the Joint Supporters' Committee everyone else became involved too," she says. "I've always found Webb Ivory an excellent service — it's

nice that you're offering parents something for their money instead of just asking them to put their hands in their pockets".

Although the Joint Headquarters is now completed, the fund raising campaign continues — the next goal is full central heating for the building. Then there are running costs, new tentage to be bought and the upkeep of the boats, which date from when the 1st Balsall Scouts were a Sea Scout Unit. So it looks as if the Scouts and Guides of Balsall Common will be making good use of the Webb Ivory service for quite some time to come.

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The following Greetings telegram was sent to Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, to arrive at Kensington Palace on Tuesday, 21st August 1979.

On our President's birthday, all members of the Girl Guides Association send your Royal Highness their affectionate greetings and very best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

Sheila Walker
Chief Commissioner

Her Royal Highness's reply:

I send warm thanks to you and all members of the Girl Guides Association for your kind message of good wishes on my birthday.

Margaret
President

Cover

... and there saw myself ... This Brownie Guide does just that, in the time-honoured tradition.
Photograph by Mrs E Rothwell

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GUIDING Roundabout



Evening News

Left and right, Cub Scout Tim Turner went to Guide Camp this year... the only boy among dozens of girls. Yet he thoroughly enjoyed himself, and it seems, became something of a 'mascot' at the Camp, judging by these two photographs.



Daily Mirror

Below left, 1979 is the Chinese Year of the Goat... and here, appropriately enough, are some Brownies from Kent with two cloven-hooved friends, pictured earlier this summer. Nice kids... both the four-legged and two-legged varieties!



Kentish Gazette

Looking back on the warmer days of this summer... poor Claire Hall pine looks quite a drip in this picture, right. However, it was all in a good cause. St Mary's Bay Scouts and Guides have raised over £500 for their funds... so Claire was 'sponged upon' to good effect!



Kentish Express

Below, it was a case of the more the merrier when Lancs East County's Advisers and Division Commissioners met to say goodbye to County Commissioner and County Finance Secretary Miss Jane Marginson and County Secretary Miss A. Ainsworth on their retirement.



Lancashire Evening Post



West Lancs Evening Gazette



These British Brownies show their 'delight' (left) at being lucky enough to belong to one of the very few Brownie Packs in Ankara, Turkey, during a Promise ceremony and 'Grand Howl' at their Meeting place.

The 'teddy girl' barely big enough to hold her furry friend is three-year-old Claire Robinson, who thoroughly enjoyed herself at the 6th 'Head Guides' Teddy Bears' Picnic held in July this year.



Did Guy Fawkes really look like this? Ah well, it was all a long time ago — and Westwood Brownies' imaginative effort did win them pride of place at a Firework Fiesta Evening in Peterborough last year.



Right, a more relaxed (not to say torpid) Guy Fawkes was the creation of these Guides from Cuddington in Surrey.

These two older Brownies (right of photo) from a Pack in Horley East District are thoroughly enjoying their last 'revels' during their time as Brownie Guides.

Right, Julie Sturgess of the 1st Watfield Guide Coy, Bucks, is watched by friends as she tackles the assault course at Blacklands this year. Whatever you do, don't look down...



The patients may be immobile, but the presents aren't... these Hertfordshire Brownie Guides made 'butterfly mobiles' and took them as gifts for the children in their local hospital earlier this year.

Stowmarket District Guides in Switzerland

One Thursday evening in August, 35 Guiders, Rangers, Guides and helpers from the Stowmarket District, left Stowmarket by coach to catch a boat at Felixstowe to take us to Zeebrugge for the start of our summer holiday, which would include a visit to 'Our Chalet' in Switzerland. On Friday night we planned to stay in Metz in France.



Above, a sea of blue uniforms outside Our Chalet.

Right, another chalet. This was the one in which we stayed at Bonderlen.

A Guides' Own Service in the open air that Sunday.

Guides Alison, Tina, Dawn and Susan take a rest after a mountain climb.

The hilltops were often shrouded in mist behind our chalet accommodation at Bonderlen.

Below, four Guides, Lindsay, Rosemary, Jane and Penny make friends with a St Bernard dog at The Blue Lake.



We could not find the hotel when we reached the town, so we asked a gendarme the way. To our surprise and delight, he and his partner decided to escort us to the hotel on their motorcycles; it's not every group of Guiders which is accompanied on its travels abroad by a motor-cycle escort!

Saturday, despite pouring rain, saw an exciting journey over the mountains into Switzerland, with a stop in Luxembourg en route. We arrived at Adelboden late in the evening. It was very dark and we were among the dark clouds so we could not see anything of our surroundings, but on Sunday morning the skies had cleared and there was a breathtaking view of the mountains with snow on the top. The Chalet in which we were staying was about 4,100 feet above sea level.

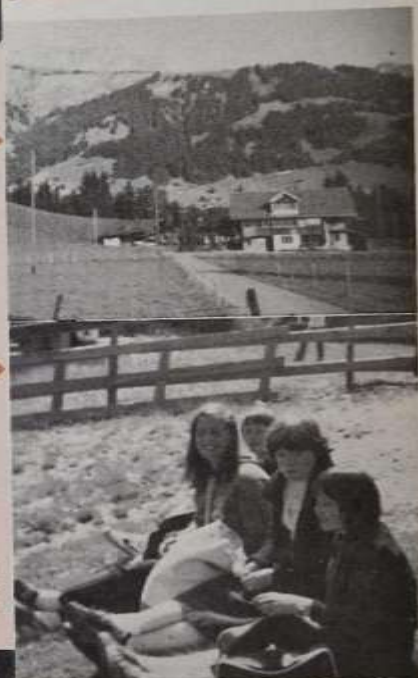
When in Switzerland, we visited 'Our Chalet'. This, of course, was our main reason for going and it

was only about five minutes' walk from where we were staying. We were shown round the Chalet by a Norwegian Guider and met other Guides from Canada and Australia. We also visited the Woodcarver and the Blue Lake in the Kander valley, and the Scout Chalet at Kandersteg, where we listened to some Austrian Girl Scouts singing camp-fire songs.

One afternoon we went in a chair lift to Schwandfeldspitz, from where the Eiger and the Jungfrau could be seen in the distance on a clear day.

Feature and
photographs from
Marjorie Akers

Catherine Ellam
and
Susan Hibbert



On longer excursions we visited the old town of Thun and the well-known tourist centre at Interlaken, but most of the time was spent in exploring the Bernese Oberland around Adelboden. Groups of Guides climbed the Bonderalp, which is about 5,500 feet high, to see a Swiss cheesemaker at work and made various expeditions on the mountains, one of which took us to a small glacier and the Lohne waterfall. It was a wonderful experience to stand high on a mountain and view the valley below. The quietness of the mountainside was enchanting but the desire to shatter the silence was tantalising, especially after the Guides had heard for the first time the reality of a mountain echo.

On our return journey after the holiday we again stayed in Metz and on the following day had a tour of Brussels and Bruges, arriving home in Stowmarket at about 11 pm.

Paper Houses— Our Project To Build The Olave Centre

Those of you who read the article in the August edition of *GUIDER* about the Olave Centre Appeal will be pleased to know that the Paper Houses and Appeal Folders have now been despatched.

From now on, planning is very important. The National organisations will be making plans to launch and promote the Appeal in their country so that the project is seen by all their membership to be an exciting plan in which they all want to take part. Below are some ideas which have been suggested. Please share with us, and through us, with others, your own ideas and in due course, your experience of what you have found promotes a good response from your Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, from their leaders, from past and present members of the Movement.

1. Use the slogan *From every Guide from all Guides*, adapted to suit your own terminology.

BUY A BRICK FOR
ACHETEZ UNE BRIQUE POUR
COMPRE UN LADRILLO POR LA SUMA DE

Illustrated left, a Paper House collecting box. When your Appeal is closed, you can fly a cardboard World Flag (included in the kit) from the roof of your 'house'.

2. Lyn Joynt, former Director of the World Bureau, took seven and a quarter minutes to assemble a Paper House for the first time. This is the fastest time so far reported. Can you beat her?

3. Link the Olave Centre Project with photographs of the World Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, if possible in your own country; perhaps with quotations or recordings of her talks; perhaps with the booklet, *Lady Baden-Powell* by Elizabeth Hartley, published by the World Bureau.

4. Link with photographs of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from abroad visiting your country; or of your members abroad, maybe visiting Olave House. Use the new World Bureau charts of uniforms and badges of national organisations round the world. Use any other available information about the World Association and the World Bureau.

5. Use the information about the Olave Appeal in the Appeal Folders to explain the project to those receiving a Paper House.

6. Link with International Year of the Child.

7. (and very important) Please remember to launch the Paper House and Appeal project at a time which does not interfere with your normal collection of money for Thinking Day.

Honorary Associates and Sub-Committee Members.

These have each received a few Appeal Folders and Paper Houses for them to use in any way they like.

For instance:

Give a Paper House to a Girl Guide Company/Girl Scout Troop which has not received one. Ask a local shop to put them on the counter; use as a collecting box at a meeting or conference or at a money-raising event which you have organised; put one in the hall of your home to receive notes and coins from yourself and your visitors; pass on to friends who used to be in the Movement; use the Appeal Folders to spread information about the World Association as well as to stimulate donations to the World Chief Guide Memorial Fund. Please ask Beryl Cozens-Hardy if you need more Paper Houses and Appeal Folders. Thank you.

The Hon. Beryl Cozens-Hardy, OBE,
Chairman of Fund Raising, Group,
The World Bureau.

Change of Directorship at the World Bureau

The World Committee announces with pleasure the appointment of Miss Jo Caesar (Mrs Robert Altmann) as Director of the World Bureau, effective from 22nd October, 1979.

Miss Caesar comes to the World Bureau after 20 years' experience in various capacities with the British Council, which works in over 80 countries. She has travelled widely and has worked with people of all creeds, races and nationalities. She has had a very broad administrative experience.

She has been a member of the Movement from the age of 8 years, was a Queen's Guide, a Sea Ranger and a member of the London University Scout and Guide Club. She and her husband (who was a Scout) support enthusiastically the activities of their 10 year old son as a Cub Scout and their 7 year old daughter as a Brownie Guide.

I know you will join the World Bureau in extending a very warm welcome to Miss Caesar as the new Director.



FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN CONFERENCE—JULY, 1980



This is for many of us the beginning of a new Guiding year, a time when Guiders with their Patrol Leaders get together to decide new plans, Brownies in their Pow-wow and Rangers at their Executive and Unit meetings will be discussing their Programmes. May I therefore draw to your attention the fact that towards the end of this new Guide year the European Conference will be taking place here in the United Kingdom at Lancaster University in July 1980. I venture to suggest your theme for the year might be Europe.

There are 23 member countries in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts European Region. So there is quite a variety and choice.

They are:

Austria	Iceland	Norway
Belgium	Ireland	Portugal
Cyprus	Italy	Spain
Denmark	Liechtenstein	Sweden
Finland	Luxembourg	Switzerland
France	Malta	Turkey
Germany	Monaco	United Kingdom
Greece	Netherlands	

It would surely be fun and interesting to find out more about these near neighbours of ours, the kind of environment they live in, their customs, history, national costume and food. Discover more about their Guide Programme, what uniform they wear, what Promise they make, what age groups they work in and what their chief activities are.

Most countries have sagas, legends and folk stories which would be interesting to explore and understand, and might be ideal for acting; perhaps an evening's entertainment might emerge.

Our country has close ties with many European countries historically and now many of us are linked through being members of the Council of Europe — from which the idea of Town Twinning came and also from which the European Economic Community developed (and we are now even more closely associated with these countries).

Public Libraries are a most valuable source of information and your local librarian is usually most helpful. Guiding information is obtainable from your County Commonwealth and International Adviser, Travel Agents and Tourist Offices are also sometimes able to help with literature. Information about the EEC is obtainable from The UK Office of the Communities in London, 20 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QQ. (The Community Office for Scotland, 7 Alva Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PH.) (The Community Office for Wales, 4 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF1 9SG.)

Modern travel has made Europe very accessible and most of us at some time will have the chance to visit and we will be able to enjoy ourselves more if we know something about the people and the country we are visiting.

Patience Baden-Powell,
International Commissioner.

CHQ Rogues' Gallery (7)

The Head of Press and Public Relations

When the Managing Editor reminded me that my copy for the CHQ Rogues' Gallery was due within 24 hours, the only thought that whirled around in my brain was a totally negative one — 'what should I leave out?' One thing to which I *must* confess is that I joined CHQ with only the barest knowledge of Guiding, never having been so much as a Brownie.

Almost all of the first 10 years of my working life were spent in South Africa. I started off on a small country newspaper which was run rather on the lines of a military out-post. Laughing was frowned upon, but it was a first class training ground. From there I moved to Johannesburg where I spent five very happy years working for a large newspaper group. That was my first involvement with marketing, promotions and publicity on a national scale. In 1970 I returned to England, eight years later than I had originally intended. After a year's stint in the hotel trade, I joined the Publicity Department of a group of department stores.

When I came to CHQ in August 1978 I felt that the highly commercial world had seen enough of me for a while. My main concern was that I, as an outsider, would appear rather alien. And there was



Terry Hope

another problem. How could I ever form a sound working knowledge of this vast organisation within a reasonable time limit? Looking back, I must say I think my first few weeks must have been a dreadful experience for the more established staff at CHQ.

Working on Publicity at CHQ means that one can never be bored, because the range of activities covered by this field is so wide,

including as it does: press contact and monitoring, promotions, publicity material, audio visual aids, liaison with other voluntary organisations, display material for sale or hire and exhibitions.

My first year here has been both interesting and challenging — in fact it has been a totally new experience.

Anita Maunsell.

Browned off

Launderette



Cartoons
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Idea:
Catherine
Bolton

Brownie. Brown Owl! I've done three good turns this week!

Brown Owl. Well done dear; see if you can do two more before the meeting on Wednesday.

Launderette



Brownie. Yes Brown Owl. I'll do another tomorrow.

On a typical British spring morning, with rain pouring down, our coach arrived nearly an hour late to take us to our annual Camp at Manor Farm, Charmouth. Despite the inauspicious start and a little contretemps in the car park between our coach driver and an immovable object, we unloaded and started to pitch camp. Although we were at the top of a hill the water, even then, was everywhere, and we slithered and slid in our wellies getting organised. Lightweight tents were soon erected, but the sight of eight Rangers trying to pitch the Dining Shelter was a sight to behold. The wind was fairly strong and they walked the canvas round and round leaving muddy footmarks behind them.

A stray caravan had parked itself overlooking us, but obviously the sight of our teenage girls trying to pitch camp must have been highly entertaining, so we were stuck with the unseen occupants for company. It didn't help the natural drainage when suddenly without warning, a car drove down the muddy footpath in top gear and whizzed straight between our Dining Shelter and Cookhouse, narrowly missing a peg-bashing Ranger. Beware of Public Camp sites and motorists.

That Sunday night the wind howled and practically lifted us out of our beds. We had to do several night duties to peg the lightweight tents down, and we were glad to see dawn break, until at exactly 6.00 am it started to rain again. QM managed to light a fire and we crowded into the muddy Dining Shelter. We made good use of the drying facilities that morning and said farewell to our motorised visitors. QM abandoned all hope of cooking supper that

Monday evening so we ordered fish and chips, but whilst this was being fetched, havoc reigned.

First two lightweight tents collapsed (with fatigue and general disillusionment, I expect). Whilst waiting for the kettle to boil for tea we noticed that the Venture Scouts a couple of fields away had left; we were just congratulating ourselves on our superior resilience when a small voice piped up, 'I think the store tent is ripping'. A harsh tearing sound was heard, and we quickly sent to Captain for reinforcements from her tent, where D of E expeditions

help were heaped upon us. Beds down, stores away, hot drink and camp-fire. What a day!

Tuesday dawned brightly as an answer to our fervent prayers for a dry sunny day. Breakfast was very early, consequently, and before long the grass was strewn with tents drying, while the hall was a veritable Fagin's parlour, with rows of shiny, freshly washed wellies and tables hung with jeans and socks. We all relaxed and enjoyed ourselves and took advantage of an offer of help from a gentleman from Lyme Regis with a large lorry who took us back to camp to pick up the rest of our gear. Memorable photographs were taken of our final exodus from camp.

very wet and rather exhausted, while the others were returning by an alternative route owing to crumbling cliffs. More cups of tea, but still rather worried looks on the Leaders' faces.

After lunch, rumbling noises were heard from above. Was it — could it be — yes — we saw the source — a RN Helicopter going towards the beach road. No, nothing to do with our girls, we assured ourselves, they must be within minutes of the church hall by now. Nevertheless we put rain-clothes and wellies at the ready, collected all available hot water bottles and large towels, and cooks started making the stew and steamed jam pudding for supper. Back came the helicopter, back rushed the Rescue vehicle on towards the river end of Charmouth, by our abandoned camp site. Soon, to our relief, in came two drowned rats from the Lyme Regis expedition. These stalwarts were rapidly enveloped in a sea of eager faces wanting to know what was happening.

Only then did we realise the seriousness of the situation. There came another knock on the door. It was the local Brownie Guider with a message from the Whitechurch area to say the second expedition had

A drop too much...

*Hartcliffe and 1st
Blaise Ranger Guide
Camp, Charmouth,
Dorset
26th May — 2nd
June*



were being planned. Then came a gust of wind and there we were vainly trying to hold canvas on to pegs. Action stations. Save our food.

Two Rangers were sent to the telephone to ring the local CA, who must have been expecting an SOS because in no time at all we were surrounded by our rescuers, and before dusk the site was evacuated to the local Church Hall except for, believe it or not, the First Aid Tent, battling it out, and the Guiders' frame tent, both of which survived the night. The Hall was a welcome sight and blankets and offers of

Wednesday — back to normal — rain again, but only a drizzle, so three groups of Rangers set off on their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Handicrafts and Campcraft were in full swing by lunchtime, although we were becoming a little concerned for the Rangers, who were out in the inclement weather conditions. Packed lunch today, somewhat spoiled by the sudden appearance of the heavy boots of two uniformed policemen stepping through the door. One of our number choked on her crisps and Kanga's egg never did digest. The news was that two younger Rangers were being returned from Lyme Regis at their own request



Some of the Rangers who weathered the storms at Charmouth, Dorset, this Spring.

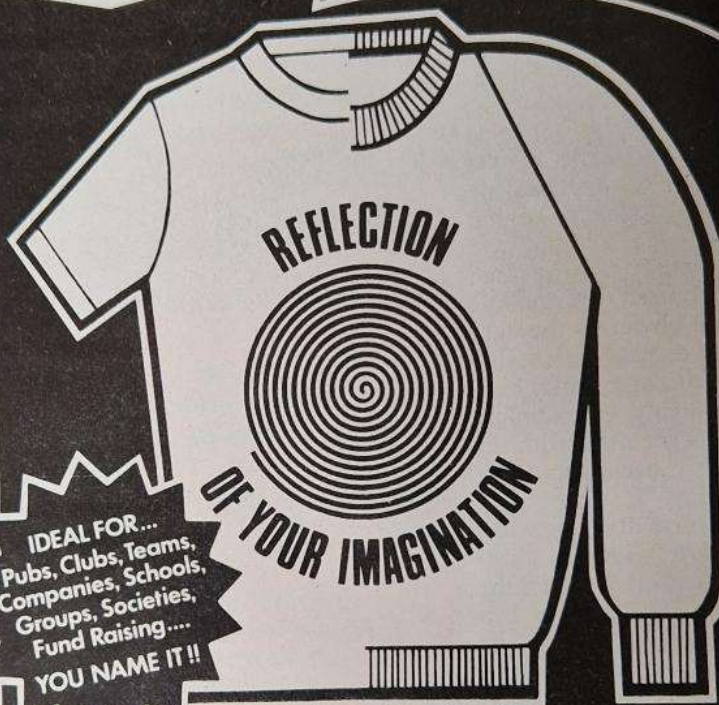
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A Drop too Much . . .

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By now, our Guider was beside herself and as the rain was subsiding, she took some Rangers with her to spy out the land and meet the girls. The village was flooded and our four girls had been unable to come across the bridge because the river had risen over 10 feet.

When the girls finally arrived they were very distressed, not because of any difficulty, but because they felt so helpless when they saw the holiday-makers climbing trees to avoid being swept downhill from their caravans on a nearby site. Already one caravan had been swept down into the river and it was not known then how many occupants had been in it at the time, although it was certain that there were at least two. Hence the helicopter and rescue services. On the way back to the Church Hall, however, they simply could not pass by when a man and two small boys were trying in vain to hold back the swollen river from their cottage with sandbags and other items. They quickly offered their services and the two small boys were brought back to the hall to be plied with hot tea and fruit cake, and we sent flasks of hot coffee down to the village where the working party was humping furniture upstairs and

picking up carpets.

During supper that evening the Vicar came in to fetch wet clothes to dry and the local Guider asked for volunteers to go down to a riverside house where an elderly lady desperately needed help. Kanga and Katie took the remaining Rangers and off they went.

What a mess! The water was receding by now, but it had left terrible brown slimy silt over everything, and the smell was horrible. The girls waded out to the underwater lawn to try and find several valuable articles which had been washed away. Their help was much appreciated by the owner.

After this unforgettable day, the rest of the camp seemed uneventful! However, it took some weeks to remove for ever the Charmouth mud from our trusty camp equipment.

A short time later, a cheque was presented by the CC to the Ranger Unit from a grateful old lady; this was used towards replacing the damaged equipment. Our grateful thanks must go to the Guiders and Clergy of Charmouth for their hospitality, care and concern in what was, all in all, a somewhat traumatic week.

Annette Sealy,
Elise Caines.

Charmouth Guides and Rangers with the cheque they were given in appreciation of their flood-relief work.



Catherine Barrington

As winners of a recent competition in *THE BROWNIE* sponsored by Pedigree Petfoods, the 15 members of the 2nd Luddenden Brownie Pack from the Halifax area of Yorkshire were recently given a special VIP tour of Chester Zoo.

Brownie Packs from all over the country were invited to make an 'Animal Lovers' collage, and out of 159 entries, it was the 2nd Luddenden children who gained first prize for their entry, which was based on a jungle theme.

On arrival at Chester Zoo, the Brownies were met by Curator Nick Ellerton who gave them a tour of the zoo, where they saw at close quarters, appropriately, a baby brown owl which the girls were allowed to hold, a small tiger cub (pictured), Jubilee the baby elephant, and a host of others. The girls' visit to the zoo included the opportunity to 'lend a hand' when the Brownies helped the curator to feed the giraffes. Later, they went on to have lunch at the Zoo restaurant.



Terry Mills, Director of the Centre for Educational Zoology and competition judge, also accompanied the Luddenden Brownies and never flagged despite the dozens of questions asked about the animals on view. Terry Mills's 'World of Animals' article in the 29th August issue of *THE BROWNIE* gives a full account of the day.

Behind Bars . . .

Guides and Brownies get an insight into the running of a major zoo

Meanwhile, farther south, as part of their prize for winning the Guides' section of the same competition, the seven members of the 1st Bishopston Guide Company's Primrose Patrol were taken around Drayton Manor Park Zoo near Tamworth, Staffs, in August.

Guide Patrols throughout the country had been invited to compile a newspaper based on the 'Friend to Animals' theme (see 'Animals in the News', July *GUIDER*). There were nearly 200 entries from around the country, but the Primrose Patrol from Bishopston, Stratford-upon-Avon, won first prize for its newspaper entitled 'Animal Fair' which was beautifully presented, full of original ideas, and showed a true understanding of animal care and responsible pet ownership.

The Primrose Patrol (average age 11), which was also accompanied by Terry Mills, is pictured here with a wriggly inmate of the zoo, and all the girls seemed 'charmed' by their unusual Guide outing.



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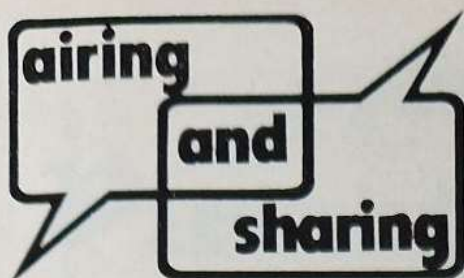
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Sash Appeal

Now that navy polo necked jumpers are officially recognised as uniform, the problem of the untidy neck line in winter has been solved.

May I suggest another step towards improving the uniform that would be both smart and practical, namely the introduction of a navy sash (as worn by American, Canadian and other overseas Guides) for displaying proficiency badges, emblems and so on. Patrol emblems and Company flash could remain on the blouse.

I am sure that it is not only my Guides who wear uniforms that are outgrown because they cannot face transferring all their badges (most un-Guide-like, but true, I'm afraid!). When their blouses are tight fitting and too short, pullovers, if worn underneath, are inclined to peep out under the sleeves.

Secondly, and more important — uniforms could be handed down to smaller Guides in a better condition than is happening at the moment, as there would be no faded patches where the previous owner had her badges on the sleeves.

What do other Guiders think?

Natalie D'Albon,
Guide Guider,

7th South Croydon Company.

Off-peak Please

I am writing to your magazine as I feel very strongly, as do many other people, about the groups of Guides in charge of a Guider travelling on buses during the peak period.

In this area there is Buckmore Park and groups of children, accompanied by an adult or adults, visit Chatham and wait until the peak period to travel back to Buckmore Park. I think they should travel back by bus no later than 5 pm, or wait until the peak travel period is over, possibly about 6.15 pm. On Tuesday, 7th August there were between 20 and 30 girls who had obviously been shopping, plus three adults, who got on the Maidstone bus at the Pentagon, which is

the stop before Chatham Railway Station, thus preventing people who had travelled from other Medway Towns and from London, getting on to the bus.

As the bus services in this area are very bad and likely to be taken off without warning to the public it is quite usual to have to wait for another bus for 40 minutes and more.

A Yates,
Chatham, Kent.

Manners!

We have recently returned from our first camping trip in Essex. During our camp we had an outing to London. We went to see 'The Changing of the Guard' and we also had a tour of Guide Headquarters.

We made sure our Guides were well groomed and good mannered, only to be met by other Guides in jeans in place of the regulation navy skirt, with long untidy hair, no hats, a variety of coats and very disorganised. My Guides are not angels, and it is difficult to be smart when camping. They were smart and well-mannered, we were doing our share to uphold the high standard of the Guide Movement.

Please Guiders, encourage your Guides to be smart and wear their uniform proudly, and especially when on view to the public to be well mannered.

V Redman,
Oxenhope Guides,
Keighley, Yorks.

Venture a Point

I am writing in after reading the item 'Un-Adventurous' in Airing and Sharing in August *GUIDER*. May I say that I totally agree with the views expressed in the article.

Once a Brownie has gained her first Venture Badge there seems to be little to encourage enthusiastic participation in further Ventures. Many of the activities which take place in my Pack could well be classed as Ventures, but it is difficult to portray any specific activity as a Venture when there is nothing to present to many Brownies at the end of it, even though they obviously

enjoy participating.

A certificate for subsequent Ventures seems a good idea, but I think that if the Venture badge system operated in the same way as the Journey badge and Birthday badge then Brownies could have evidence of their Ventures on their uniforms.

Maybe it would be possible to present a different coloured or numbered badge for the first, second and third Ventures, then perhaps, if further Ventures are completed, a final Badge, as in the Ranger Service Star system?

(Miss) J Mayes,
Brownie Guider,
5th Haverhill Pack, Assistant Guider, 2nd Haverhill Pack, Assistant Guider, 1st Haverhill Ranger Unit, Suffolk.

Trefoil Scarf

With reference to the letter 'Sustaining Old Ties' (August *Airing and Sharing*), East Herts Division, at its July meeting, passed a recommendation to go to the County and, we hope, to CHQ, that ex-Guiders and Trefoil Guild members should be able to wear a triangular scarf in blue and gold with civvies when attending Guide functions, in the same way as the Scout Fellowship members do. They should wear this with a suitable woggle.

We believe that former members should not be treated as 'cast-offs' but as the very valuable people they were and still are.

(Mrs) Zara Marshall,
Ware West District
Commissioner, Ware, Herts.

Too Narrow

On the subject of Brownie Badges, I have found, both as a parent and as a Guider, that the Badges available to the Brownies are rather limiting and narrow.

Some of the Badges apply to really specialised interests, such as ice-skater, pony-rider — and Badges of this type are really only attainable by a small and lucky number of girls who live in areas where good sports facilities are available and who also probably have wealthy parents.

All specialised interests should, of course, be encouraged — but surely a collective term such as 'Hobbies Badge' (as used by the Cub Scouts) would cover more recreational activities than the specialised Badges do at present. The able-bodied and the handicapped Brownie could then take a 'Hobbies Badge', for example for photography, archery,

chess-player, science (not necessarily nature study).

There must be many other girls who have a specialised interest, which is not just 'collecting things' and have followed their interest enough to become fairly proficient. These children could be tested for a 'hobbies badge', if this were available.

Guider,
4th Orpington Pack,
Kent.

Votes for Guiders

Our Guides nominate and vote democratically for their Patrol Leaders. Why then do Guiders have no say in who their Leader (District Commissioner) is to be? According to POR, a District Commissioner is appointed by the County Commissioner on the recommendation of the Division Commissioner, and the first that Guiders know about the appointment is usually at a District Meeting when the assembled company is told: 'this is your new District Commissioner'. Surely the Guiders concerned should at least be consulted over an appointment of someone they are expected to work closely with and consult at various times?

Name and Address supplied.

Get Taped Up

I am fully in agreement with Joan Charlton's point (September *GUIDER*), in which she appeals through the Airing and Sharing page for cassettes to be made available for non-musical Guiders, where there are only songbooks at present.

Unfortunately, neither my helper nor I read music, and when I look through the songbooks, I find it frustrating that I cannot understand them.

If cassettes were made available I think the children would learn the songs twice as quickly; I know that my Brownies only need hear a tune once or twice and they know it.

A further advantage of having 'songbook' songs on cassette is that a cassette recorder can easily be taken on coach or other outings — but you cannot carry a piano!

Pat Blaize,
Brownie Guider,
27th Basingstoke (St Thomas Worting) Pack, Hampshire North.

The Editor reserves the right to cut and otherwise amend letters where appropriate. Opinions expressed on letters and airing and sharing pages are not necessarily shared by the Editor.

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DOUBLE ACROSTIC 22

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 B. This sum is a neck. (7)
 C. The songster's Brook. (8)
 D. A twelve month fish is a young animal. (8)
 E. 'She ——— neat and nimble-o.' (8)
 F. Fry's Turkish? (7)
 G. The same again. (7)
 H. 2400 hours. (8)
 I. Points to the programme. (5)
 J. Smuggling. (6)
 K. Feudal holding. (4)
 L. In the scabbard. (8)
 M. That wat (anag.) (7)
 N. The man who kept the bridge, not crying out is in proportion. (5)
 O. Found behind a happy wanderer. (8)
 P. Gambler. (6)
 Q. Later on. (10)
 R. Stretches for the upper parts. (7)
 S. Amplify, to sob. (5)
 T. Plus the last, hesitantly, for a tail piece. (8)
 U. Getting back on an even keel. (8)
 V. Bath sponge, without its tail, twisted apart. (5)
 W. You rise from it, feeling better. (7)
 X. One of the two longest bones in the skeleton. (5, 4)
 Y. O! A fish exactly. (6)
 Z. Cons to free. (6)
 a. Female sheep. (4)
 b. Young. (8)

Solve the clues and write the answer in the numbered grid, 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 to the clues.

Solution to Double Acrostic No 21 (October GUIDER)

'I'm perfectly aching for some fun,' said Polly to herself, as she opened her window one morning, and the sunshine and frosty air set her blood dancing and her eyes sparkling with youth, health and overflowing spirits. An Old Fashioned Girl by Louisa M Alcott.

September GUIDER's winning entry (Acrostic No 20) came from Mrs J Hoyles of Peterborough

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

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The Wildfowl Trust — A Winter's Tale



Can you think of an outdoor activity which costs very little and is at its best in the winter months? The answer is a visit to one of the centres of the Wildfowl Trust. Although most people naturally tend to visit the centres in summer, this is the time when the birds are at their least colourful, having shed their winter plumage. From November to March the birds are in the full splendour of their plumage, and in addition they are joined by thousands of wild birds which spend the summer in Russia.

Six Centres

Established in 1946 by Sir Peter Scott, the Trust's headquarters are at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, which has the world's largest and most varied collection of wildfowl. There are now six other centres: Peakirk and Welney in East Anglia, Martin Mere in Lancashire, Arundel in Sussex, Washington in Tyne and Wear, and Caerlaverock in Dumfries, and the Trust welcomed its six millionth visitor in March this year. Each centre is designed so that the public can mingle with the tame birds, which include 127 of the world's 147 species of ducks, geese and swans.

Hides

Hides have been cleverly situated so that visitors may move in, watch from narrow windows at very close quarters and move out again without disturbing the birds. These hides vary from very small, to large enough for a busload of fifty, and many of them have wheelchair access.

Welcome to the Handicapped

Handicapped visitors



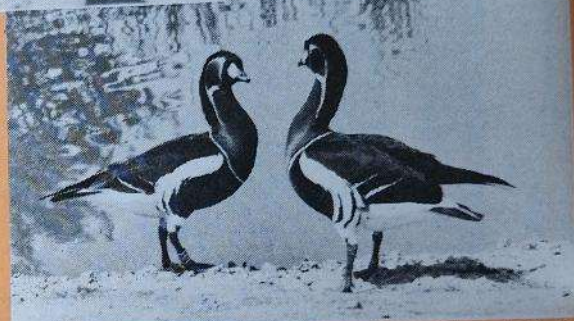
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are kept very much in mind; at Slimbridge there is a Guide Dog Compound, and visitors may borrow a pre-recorded cassette with braille instructions. Group visits by the visually handicapped are welcomed with an introductory talk demonstrated by tactile exhibits including a relief plan of Slimbridge and a collection of stuffed birds, eggs, nests, etc.

Education with Wildfowl

The Trust is especially keen on welcoming groups of children, and 200,000 young visitors enjoy the Trust's facilities every year. There is even a short walk planned for the

transparencies which may be borrowed to prepare groups for their visit. Slimbridge has a well-equipped lecture theatre and workroom, and all details of facilities available for young people from films to catering are included in an excellent booklet, *Education with Wildfowl*. Write for more



Above, the Redbreast Goose, the smallest in the world, is threatened with extinction. Numbers have been rapidly declining in recent years.

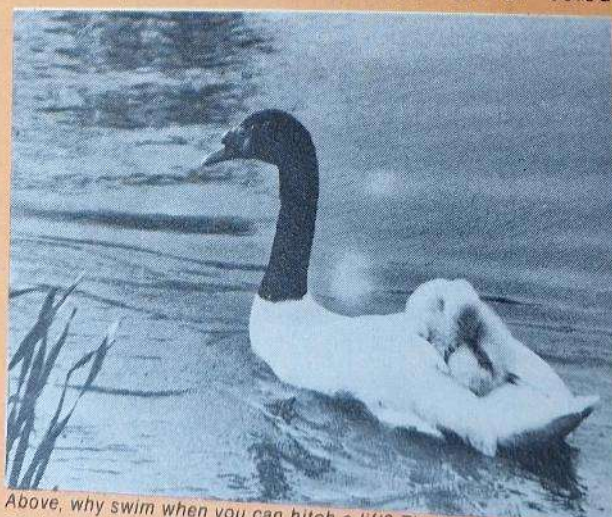
under sevens, and for older children there is an amazing range of aids to make their visit more exciting. The aim is to make sure that every child leaves the Trust with a better understanding of animals as an integral part of the environment. Topic talks are given each day, and topic sheets are available, as well as an excellent set of colour

details to J B Blossom, Education Officer, Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire GL2 7BT.

For members of the general public, five of the Trust's centres are open from 9.30 to dusk throughout the year except 24th and 25th December, and Caerlaverock is closed between May and September. Admission prices and party rates vary; write for leaflet to the Trust's Headquarters at Slimbridge.

Membership for Christmas

For an unusual Christmas gift that can be enjoyed throughout the year, give a year's membership to the Trust. For £6 a year a Full Member has free admission with a guest to all the centres, a free copy of the Trust's magazine twice a year, and many other privileges. Junior members (£2.50) also have



Above, why swim when you can hitch a lift? The Black-necked Swan can be seen at any of the Wildfowl Trust's seven main centres.

by
**Jean
Rush**

a lapel badge. For full details write to the Trust's Headquarters.

Adopt a Duck

Another good idea is the 'Adopt a Duck' gift token. For £2.50 you receive a special gift token which enables a friend to adopt a duck from a selection of species. The adoptive owner is sent details of the bird, and any news received of that bird even ten years later will be forwarded. The gift also includes a ticket for two to visit one of the centres, and two issues of the Trust's magazine.

There is also a Swan Supporter Scheme and a Barnacle Goose Supporter Scheme. Details of all these may be obtained from Slimbridge.

A Way to Conservation

The objects of the Wildfowl Trust are fourfold:

Conservation — to conserve wildfowl and their wetland habitat

Research — to find out how to conserve wildfowl and to add to human knowledge

Education — to help the public to a greater appreciation of wildfowl and nature in general

Recreation — to enable people to enjoy living wildfowl as part of our natural heritage.

To achieve these aims the Trust needs our help. Sir Peter Scott has recently launched a £1.6 million conservation appeal. By becoming a Full Member, or by adopting a duck, you are contributing; by taking your Guides or Brownies on a visit to a wildfowl centre, you are giving them a winter outing they will never forget.

The Boys (and Girls) in the Band

The Guide and Scout
Concert Band Course at
Gilwell Park
20th-27th August, 1979



Ron Jeffries, The Scout Association



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Guides and Scouts — members of about 25 bands from various parts of the country — took part in a week of camping and music organised by the Scout Association. Music activities under the direction of Mrs Z Bowness-Smith ARCM, Robert Bowness-Smith, ARCM, PSM, and Roy Powell, Esq, included small and massed band playing, section tuition and a concert band, members of which came together for the first time on Monday. Some of these were already band members from the North of England, others had been invited individually to form this experimental wind ensemble. As well as much music, everyone had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities planned for each afternoon, a great campfire led by Tony McSweeney on Saturday evening, and a joint Act of Worship on Sunday morning. Finally on Sunday afternoon an entertainment for friends and staff was arranged, to include Massed Bands on Branchet Field, the Concert and Wind/Brass ensembles in front of the house, and individual band displays on the lawn. The sun shone and the afternoon's programme was brought to an end with thanks and presentations, and tea with sticky buns for all. This was a happy and successful event thanks to all the Staff at Gilwell Park.

Joan Richards,
Arts Adviser.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to join this course as I play the clarinet. Apart from the Concert Band there were also marching bands and other musical groups from all over the country.

The Concert Band was made up of brass and woodwind instruments and also an extremely good percussion section. The standard was high, and we played a variety of different music, both modern and classical.

We were camping and had to cook all our food ourselves, and this made for a happy, friendly atmosphere.

We rehearsed in the mornings and sometimes the afternoon and evening, too. When not rehearsing we went swimming, canoeing, and did some Pioneering. Film shows, pony trekking, trips to

London and the local sports centre were also organised.

A campfire was held on Saturday night to which everyone came, and on Sunday the Concert Band played the hymns for the Guides' and Scouts' Own service.

On Sunday we gave a Grand Finale in the form of a concert to parents and other members of the Movement, and we finished with a most enjoyable wide game round Gilwell.

I would like to express my most sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Bowness-Smith, who were our musical directors, and to Mr Peter Ingram and the staff at Gilwell Park for arranging the course.

Allison Mann,
Young Leader,
7th Wanstead Coy.

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A Ranger Gathering in South Africa — Camp Thokozani



A multinational group of Rangers who attended the camp. Back row, left to right, are representatives from the USA, S. Africa, Holland, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, Australia, S. Africa. Front row, left to right, are Rangers from Botswana, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, Norway, UK.

Thokozani is a Zulu word meaning 'be happy' — and our Camp was aptly named. Eight different countries were represented, seven officially and one unofficially, and we were given many opportunities at the camp to discuss the different forms of camping and different customs of each country.

The whole camp was split into three sub camps, which in turn were split into four Patrols. Each sub-camp's Patrols were named after birds, trees and flowers native to South Africa. Each Patrol contained 12 Rangers, usually two visitors and 10 South and/or South West Africans (Namibians). Black and white girls camped, ate and slept under canvas together.

At the camp itself, we went on a tour of Durban and visited an Indian settlement outside Durban at Shanthi. We were given a display of saris and visited the house where Gandhi had lived during his stay in South Africa. After this, we went on to Durban and visited the largest mosque in the southern hemisphere, where the Moslem faith was explained to us, including an explanation of the calls to prayer of the Muezzin.

While in camp at Anerley each Patrol undertook a Service Project — my Patrol visited a mission hospital in the hills above the Oribi Gorge.

There was a school and a church as well as the hospital; all three were run by

Catholic nuns. A small settlement of Zulu people lived around the mission site. On the way to the mission we saw many Zulu small-holdings, each with a small mud hut with a thatched roof — the family home.

At the hospital we sang songs to the 10 or 12 patients in the women's ward, and within a quarter of an hour, the place was packed with children from the local school, and nurses and patients from the other wards. We sang in three languages, English, Afrikaans and Zulu.

Having sung for about half an hour, we distributed among the patients small gifts that we had made. A doctor explained the treatments of many of the cases

to us, and he also told us about the main illnesses encountered.

Whilst staying in home hospitality we learned much about the history of South Africa, as well as of its present natural resources. I visited the Vortrekker Monument, a churchlike building which commemorates the Battle of Blood River, where the Afrikaans finally defeated Dingan, chief of the Zulus. Visits were also made to Paul Kruger's House and Jan Smuts' Farm, as well as Melrose House, from which Kitchener directed the British troops during the Boer War.

One of the most memorable visits of the trip was to a gold mine, where we were shown old and new methods of mining gold, and panning for gold was also demonstrated. We were taken underground and shown how the gold-bearing rock is mined, and we were able to follow a seam of rock for some way underground. After this we were shown how a gold bar is made and then we were allowed to take the 64% pure gold bar outside and have photographs taken with it. The bar was worth £17,000 so, needless to say, security was tight!

South Africa is indeed a world in one country and I am grateful that I was chosen as one of the team to represent Britain at this International camp. There is so much that I still haven't seen, and I have made so many friends there that I am seriously considering going back again very soon.

Ann Veazey,
Ranger,
North Yorkshire South.

Below, two South African Rangers lead the singing at an indoor campfire held during a tropical rainstorm.



Ann Veazey



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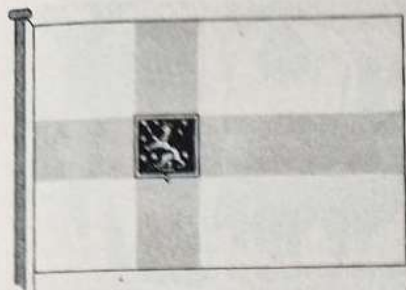
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At very short notice, in May, I was asked to join the British Youth Council Delegation to Finland. Another member of the delegation had unfortunately had to withdraw from the trip. However, I was delighted by the opportunity, and fortunately was able to take leave of absence from my employer.

Two of us went from the BYC. There was Hilary Barnard, the treasurer, who also represents the National Organisation of Labour Students, and myself, from the GGA. We stayed in Finland for five and a half days as guests of the State Youth Council of Finland. The first four days of our visit were spent in meetings with representatives of the SYC and its various member organisations. Among the latter were youth organisations of the four major Finnish political parties (the Socialists, Conservatives, Centre Party and Communists), the Guides and Scouts of Finland, the Finnish Association of Youth (a cultural organisation which runs arts festivals and co-ordinates many hobby based activities), the YMCA, the National Union of Finnish Students and the Helsinki Students' Union.

Perhaps it is obvious from this list that the young 'party political' groups play a much more prominent rôle in the youth activities of Finland than their counterparts do in Britain. This is reflected in the size of their membership. The four major parties each have youth organisations with 20-50,000 members aged between 15 and 30, drawn from a population of 4½ million compared with the British Young Conservatives, for example, with 13,000 drawn from 56 million.

All the parties also have their own children's organisations; the largest being the Pioneers, who are affiliated to the Communist party.

Perhaps because there is one such organisation for almost every shade of political opinion, they are an accepted and reputable part of Finnish life.

The Guides and Scouts of Finland are one organisation. They share a joint headquarters and about 60% of local groups of all ages are mixed as well. Of necessity, this revolutionary change brought about the introduction of a new uniform, but the upheaval has had its compensations, with membership increasing from 52,000 in 1977 to 68,000 today.

Surprisingly, until one remembers that Finland's

*By Siân Morris,
A member of the British
Youth Council's Delegation
to Finland,
May, 1979*

largest border is that with the USSR and that she sends 47% of her exports there, all the youth organisations (except the religious ones) have very good relations with their counterparts behind the Iron Curtain. Even the Guides and Scouts have bilateral relations with the Pioneers in USSR and Hungary.

Due to the full programme laid on by Finland's State Youth Council, it was impossible to venture very far from Helsinki, so we didn't see very much of the Finnish countryside. However, we did manage to visit the neighbouring city of Espoo, the 'garden city' of Finland. We were also treated to a sauna and a sightseeing tour of Helsinki to round off our visit.

All in all we had a most interesting week furthering our aim of strengthening relations between the BYC and the State Youth Council of Finland.

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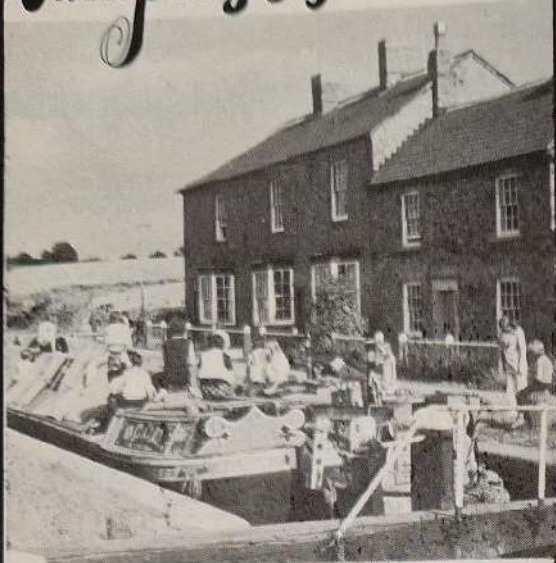
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Building a Better World — Starting at Home

IN the weeks before a Brownie receives her Promise Badge, you will have talked with her about the Brownie Guide Law and it has probably been discovered that the most obvious place to start keeping it is at home.

In her first Pocket Book she is encouraged to help at home to complete one of the pages. There are many times when she can think of others before herself and find at least one good turn to do each day, but, as her Handbook points out, special responsibilities, such as laying the table or taking the dog for a walk, which may be regarded as her job, do not count as Good Turns. A Good Turn is something extra, not something she is expected to do. A Brownie should be encouraged to ask if there is anything she can do to help before she gets on with what she herself wants to do, but a Brownie needs to practise her Law, to be able to see what needs doing without being asked to do it. In a busy household, 'every little helps' if it is done willingly.

Keeping the Brownie Guide Law sometimes takes courage. Other children may ridicule a Brownie who is trying to be helpful and obedient, but with perseverance she may find, like Betty and Tommy in *The Story of the Brownies*, that she has more fun and happiness by being helpful, because it makes other people happier too.

At Pack meetings, older Brownies can set a good example of keeping the Law to the younger ones by

helping them when they do not know the routine, showing them how things are done and guiding them through unfamiliar activities and games, perhaps by choosing a young new Brownie as a partner instead of always seeking out one particular friend.

Activities and games about Good Turns, which can be played to give Brownies ideas about the type of help they might give, can be found in the various games books and magazines published by the Association. The Handbook for Guiders, Brownie Guide section, is also a most useful source of ideas, and at the end of the chapter on The Promise are activities including Good Turn games. *The Pack and the Promise* by Leonora Wilson is full of suggestions and ideas for helping Brownies to understand and carry out the Law, which, of course, they undertake to keep as part of their Brownie Guide Promise.

Can you do a good turn, a good turn, a good turn,

Can you do a good turn for someone else today?

Tune: *Mulberry Bush*.

The words are simple, the tune well known and a variety of activities can be played.

Place cards on the floor face downwards. On each is a letter of the alphabet. Number the Brownies in Sixes, or other convenient groups as they stand in a circle round the letters. After singing the song, while walking round in a clockwise direction, the Brownies stop; you

call a number, all the Brownies of that number run from their place, round the outside of the circle, in through their own gap and pick up a card. Each of the Brownies with a card can try to suggest a Good Turn beginning with that letter.

A similar activity can be played if the cards have on them a paper clip, or something else magnetic. The Brownies can stand still as the song is sung and pass round three or four fishing rods, each with a magnet at the end of the line. Whoever holds a rod at the end of the song 'fishes' for a letter and suggests a Good Turn. The Law is really brought into practice here as most Brownies love fishing and as the song nears the end, they are tempted to hold on to the rod so that they can have a turn. It is quite difficult to 'think of others before herself' and pass on the rod. Pictures of people (mother, father, older or younger brother or sister, other relatives, teacher, minister, policeman, etc.) can be placed face downwards on the floor. Similar activities to those above can be played suggesting good turns for the people in the pictures. Alternatively, if pictures of objects are used (crockery, cutlery, gardening tools, household objects and tools, clothes, etc.) then Good Turns using these can be suggested.

Where do you find suitable pictures? Mail order type catalogues can provide pictures of 'things' and sometimes people as well, or you can trace the outlines and fill in the appropriate details. Better still, let the Brownies draw the pictures. And before she goes to Guides, a Brownie could perhaps find in the Guide Handbook the Guide Law. I wonder if she will notice as she reads that the first ones relate to 'other people', the ones about 'herself' come last — an echo of the Brownie Guide Law.

Beryl Hardman



BROWNIE training

Building a Better World In the Community

Some months ago, BBC *Woman's Hour* ran a competition in which listeners were asked to describe the kind of world into which they would like their children to grow up. The prizewinning entries that I heard hardly mentioned technological advances, but concentrated on describing a society where there was mutual trust and consideration, and good relationships between the nations. An ideal society, but not one expensive to implement. What was needed rather, was a good strong dose of our Guide Laws, and the grace of God.

The Promise and Laws, we say, are at the heart of our Programme, and part of our heavy responsibility as Guiders is to ensure that this is a living reality, and not just something to which we pay lip-service. We want them to become a way of life for our Guides, and this can only start with the formation of good habits. How can we give them opportunities to practise being honest, loyal, kind and friendly, and to experience the rewards that follow? Principally, in the day-to-day life of the Company, in the way we teach them to welcome visitors, to write thank-you letters, to care for camp equipment, to accept a gradually increasing share of responsibility for Patrol projects. 'I forgot the sausages, so my Patrol just had baked potatoes for our dinner.'

In helping them to grow, it is important that we should build them up where there has been a real effort to keep a Guide Law, eg the homesick young Guide who needed real courage to stay at camp, the Patrol who struggled so hard to integrate the difficult new recruit.

There is, however, also a need for specific activities to make the Guides think about the Laws. For the Company as a whole, try letting each PL draw from a hat one of the Laws, then after say, five minutes preparation, Patrols mime that Law being kept. Or try these games:

The Honesty Game Questions are spread round the meeting-place.

'Have you during this last week passed on any malicious gossip about a friend? ... made an excuse for not taking the dog for a walk? ... deliberately slammed a door? Each Guide has ten spills, and when the honest answer to a question involves breaking a Guide Law, she places a spill by the question. Interesting to see who has most spills left, and which Laws cause most difficulty!

Desert Island Laws Patrols are told that one of their number is marooned on a desert island with one companion who is very good at

in keeping it.

For Patrols, there are several good ideas in *Activities and Games for Patrols*. Try:

Other Words Words connected with the Guide Laws are written on separate pieces of paper, eg brave, faithful, optimistic, economical, kindly. The Guides then connect them to the Law they think appropriate.

Law Lucky Dip PL passes round a bag containing an assortment of household articles, cotton, shoe-polish, string, money. Each Guide takes an object and mimes a use for



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keeping *one* of the Guide Laws. Which one would they like it to be?

Good Turn Lucky Dip At camp one morning a hat is passed round containing slips of paper, each bearing the name of a camper. Everyone takes one, changing it for another if she withdraws her own name. Everyone is then challenged to do a good turn before night (secretly if possible) for the person named on her paper.

Proverbs Patrols are given 10 or 15 minutes in which to think of as many proverbs as possible that illustrate Guide Laws — bonus points if they cover all ten Laws!

Freeze Challenge Without warning, the Company is challenged to stand up and keep absolutely still for 30 seconds.

Help! After each Patrol has decided which Law it finds most difficult to keep, the girls are challenged to write a prayer asking for God's help

it keeping one of the Laws.

Picture Quiz Pictures having some bearing on the Laws are mounted on thin card, and the Guides given a list of questions, eg. Find a picture where there seems to be a great need for the 7th Law; ... that shows a Guide breaking the 10th Law; ... that illustrates the 2nd, 7th and 9th Laws, etc. Many of the drawings in *GUIDER* and *TODAY'S GUIDE* are suitable for this.

One final idea, for an individual. Give her a piece of string about a foot long, and ask her, during the next week, to tie a knot in it every time she does a good turn.

Barbara Francis

Building a Better World— Ever Widening Circle

At every stage of life, Guiding is helping the girl to develop and grow into a whole person.

With her Investiture Ceremony over, the Ranger is equipped with a set of values for living. Because she has pledged herself to be of service, she will now need to look out beyond herself and reach out to others, developing a genuine concern for them. As she grows in maturity, her pledge to be of Service will spill over into action, she will be living her Promise and Laws in her daily life.

In today's world, standards vary and change, almost before they have been established. This is a very real cause of confusion in the mind of the young adult. She is on the threshold of 'launching out into the deep' away from parental control, trying to find her feet in her ever-widening circle of friends.

The Ranger Section aims to help the girl to discover herself as a member of a group. This is vital to her development. Being part of a group can provide indispensable experience, as well as a sense of being a part of something bigger than oneself. It can provide the opportunity to learn the skills of dealing with others. It can lead her out of the dependence of family relationships and adult control while still supporting her with the strength of the group. She will need further experience to help her go beyond the personal group into the social relationships with the wider community.

This is the time when she will need, more than ever, the support of her leader. Hence the Ranger Guider will need to have a living faith herself, in



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order to foster the correct ideals among the Rangers. The Guider and the Rangers must be aware that Christ depends on them: He has no other hands but theirs with which to continue His work of preparing the young adult to take her place in tomorrow's world as a responsible citizen.

The Guider needs to see her Rangers clearly as an essential part of God's family within the human race, remembering that they are part of the present, but the whole of the future. This vision will help them to see their place in the shaping of the lives of tomorrow's adults. 'To you we pass the torch, yours to hold it high'.

Activities to use to help the Rangers grow in understanding of the Promise and Law

From any one of the Gospels, match 10 sayings of Jesus with our 10 Laws. Read the parable of the Good Samaritan. Mime the parable as it might happen in our present time.

Plan a Promise Ceremony for the Guides and list three points you would like the Guides to take away with them to help them live their Promise and Law.

Compose a song to a popular tune to help Guides remember the 10 Laws.

We, along with several hundred others, are boat people. We are given permission to take possession of an uninhabited island. The Rangers are asked to set in motion essential services and/or organise the plans to establish a town. In order of importance, list what services they would establish.

You, as a Ranger, are asked to prepare four readings/prayers for a 20 minute meditation in preparation for Thinking Day / Christmas / Easter / an Investiture. List your four points.

Discuss the aims of our Founder and say why you think Guiding differs from any other Youth Organisation.

Let the Rangers have a discussion on what they think matters most in life — friends, health, position, happy family?



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Then let them say how they see themselves in say, 10 years.

Challenge the Rangers to design a pack of cards. Four cards for each Guide Law. One card with Promise written on it could count as any missing card in a set. They could present a pack to the Guide Company who could then invent their own card games and rules.

Borrow wheelchairs (from the Red Cross?) and send the Rangers out in threes to buy something at a local shop. Invite them to describe their experiences and feelings.

Sister Sheila McCourt

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RANGER training

Building a Better World For the Future

Emerson's words 'That which we are, we shall teach, not voluntarily but involuntarily' emphasise so strongly the great responsibility we share with all who have contact with young people. Every Promise-making ceremony becomes a time for self-questioning: for if we are expecting this person, be she shining-eyed Brownie or thoughtful Ranger, to attempt to keep the Promise she is giving, should not we who are accepting that Promise, with the return gift of a badge, review our own efforts in the past and resolve afresh for the future? (Is this the main reason why it is better for the Unit Guider, whom she sees weekly, to accept her Promise, even if the Commissioner is present for the occasion?)

The Guide Laws do seem to catch us unawares so often. It is informative or relaxing to watch a good TV programme, but is it good use of time to watch the indifferent or bad one which follows, because it is easier than switching off and reading a good book or writing an overdue letter? Unpunctuality and bad language are both so commonplace as to pass almost unnoticed; but is it good that our young people should hear us swearing and taking the name of the Lord our God in vain? Is it considerate to the few people who have arrived at the District Meeting on time — probably foregoing their second cup of tea to do so — to have to sit and wait for a quarter of an hour 'to give the others time to come'? (Alter the time of meeting? Or start each meeting with a short training session — new game — discussion — quick handcraft — so that those who are punctual at least benefit from it?) Does the District own any property — tents, books, a resuscitation model? Are they checked, repaired if necessary, and returned promptly after use? And is the

District notable for its loyalty? Guiders may complain that their members do not turn up to help with the Jumble Sale or for Church Parade, but when a date comes up at the District Meeting, for the AGM or a training, do Guiders note the date and do their best to keep it free... or wait and see if anything else turns up?

'Respect for all living things' is easy for the Brownie, who gives crumbs to the birds in winter, and also for the Guide, learning about conservation. For adults it is more difficult. How do we settle our consciences over such things as battery egg-production and intensive pig-breeding, viewed in the light of the world's need to produce more food? Cheerfulness: sometimes we seem in danger

of becoming a nation of moaners, incapable of living with one eye on the common good as well as one eye on our own good. We all have troubles or grumbles to relate, but what a tonic it is to meet a friend, or walk home with a neighbour, whose smiling face and cheerful chat portray basic contentment with life.

'Walk' home? On our own two feet? We tell our young that their Promise means helping to keep Britain tidy; do we also urge ourselves to keep Britain fuelled? Fifty mph on the motorway may be boring, but if that is the most economical speed, should we try to stick to it? And use our legs for short journeys. Many of us walk miles for pleasure, but walking to a District Meeting or to fetch a loaf seems different. Perhaps it comes back to time, and we need to re-think making good use of it.

We may not all agree on the answers; different answers may be right for different people, but as Guiders whose first duty is to relate the Promise to life, for our Brownies, Guides and Rangers, we must also make time to relate our own life to this same Promise. A 13-year-old Indian boy wrote: 'How to set right the World. First I will examine myself... I must be right to help put the world right'; and from a Guide-age girl in Barbados: 'For every human holds a part of the world in his hands. He helps to decide his own era's future'. Do these young people think more deeply and see more clearly than we do?

Doris Mitchell.

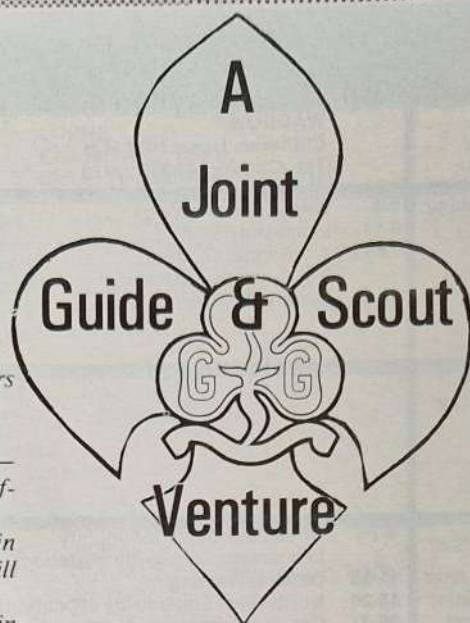


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DISTRICT training



Scene: the road to Exeter.

Overheard from two cars (Scouters in one, Guiders in the other)

'I'm not sure why we're going.'

'It's going to be a waste of time — Both Movements work quite differently!'

'We don't always look at things in the same way — but I suppose it will be all right?'

'I'm sure there is not much point in our trying to work together.'

These mutually apprehensive parties were going to Exeter University one Friday evening in March 1979 for a Guide and Scout Training Conference with the theme 'Development in the Training of Leaders', planned by the South West of England.

Two representatives went from each County Association; the County Commissioner and the County Training Adviser (Guides), and the County Commissioner and the Assistant County Commissioner, Leader Training (Scouts). In all 16 Counties were represented.

Why were we doing it?

In two Counties, Scouts and Guides had already successfully worked together and had planned and carried out joint trainings. We felt that, based on this experience, there might be value in a joint event at Regional level, so a sub-committee was formed.

Because County Commissioners carry the overall responsibility for training, representative CC's were invited to join the Committee.

The members of the Committee talked things through in an open and frank way, and both sides were prepared to be flexible. In fact, a real team spirit emerged between the Scouters and Guiders concerned.

After the Planning . . .

Robin Stayt, Chief Commissioner for England, opened the Seminar, wishing us an informative and successful weekend.

Then Elizabeth Smith (Regional Training Adviser) SW England, and Frank Smith (ACC(LT)) Glos and

Chairman of National Leader Training Board, got the venture off to a good start with their light-hearted look at our Training Schemes — having the gathering rolling in the aisles, mopping up their tears of laughter. This set the tone for the whole weekend, and as the delegates relaxed, each one was able to contribute to the success of the venture. Propelling them, perhaps, were the underlying fears:

'We can't be seen not to be participating.'

'We mustn't be the ones to put a spanner in the works.'

Saturday began by taking stock and sharing in 'The identification of Training Needs of the County' — a far-reaching subject, this, more than perhaps the title implies.

Later the County Commissioners and Trainers looked separately at their own rôles relating to the development in the Training of Leaders. Each group was asked to identify its 'Top Twenty' aims, and to classify them under three headings — Knowledge, Skills and Qualities. The 20 had then to be reduced to 12 — these to be put in order of priority — a fascinating exercise to achieve consensus between those responsible for training in our two Associations.

The last formal session of the day took us back into discussion groups to look at 'The Development of the Team to Meet the Needs Identified' — four areas were covered.

- The selection of Leader Trainers
- Motivation of Trainers
- Co-operation on Leader Training

Training rôle of District Commissioners

After dinner there was a memorable evening's entertainment by a local Folk Singer. Between items and after the entertainment, groups were busy in discussion and conversation ranging from aspects of the day, to common difficulties and problems encountered.

Sunday morning brought rain and heavy grey skies, consequently there was a dash for cars to ferry groups across the University Campus to Early Morning Services.

After a morning which provided 11 workshops, from which a combination of three could be opted for by each delegate, the Guides' Chief Commissioner for SW England, Mrs R Swinburne-Johnson, pulled together the threads of the weekend's experiences, and concluded that the Conference had been well worth while.

So the conversation in the cars going home was quite different, and far more positive . . .

What happens now?

Plans are being made in many of the Counties for joint events and Trainings.

Scout and Guide Leaders are talking and sharing together —

The regions have other ideas for working together —

The sub-committee will continue to meet.

The two Associations might have carried out a similar weekend separately — but by meeting and talking together and sharing, we learnt the satisfaction of co-operation. Together we can do more than each of us can alone.

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16-18 1. Ranger Guiders
2. County Leadership Advisers
23-25 General Training

2-4 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Netherurd House Chairman of County Training Committees' weekend cancelled and replaced by above)
9-11 Ranger Guiders
16-18 District Commissioners — the separate days, 17th and 18th
23-25 Brownie and Guide Guiders
30-2 Brownie and Guide Guiders
Dec

Dec
7-9 1. Music in the Guide Company
2. Camp Fire Leaders and Prospects
30-8+ New Year House Party
Jan 1980

7-9 Trainers
14-16 Rangers and Young Leaders

Jan
11-13 General Training
16-20 Planning Ahead Part I (Guiders of all Sections who have held a Warrant for at least 3 years)
25-27 London and South East England (by allocation)

3-7+ Queen's Jubilee Community Leadership Course (by invitation)
11-13 General Training
16-20 North West England (by allocation)
25-27 Greater Manchester North

February
1-3 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)
8-10 Oxfordshire
15-17 Commissioner Teams (by allocation)
29-2 General Training (Brownie and Guide Guiders who have held a Warrant for at least five years)
March

1-3 General Training — the Programme through Camps and Pack Holidays
8-10 1. Music in the Brownie Pack
2. Music in the Pack Certificate
15-17 General Training (Brownie and Guide Guiders who have held a Warrant for at least five years)
29-2 Greater Manchester West
March

March
7-9 1. Music in the Brownie Pack
2. Music in the Pack Certificate
14-16 South West England (by allocation)
21-23 General Training — The Programme through the Out-of-Doors
28-30 Making the most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)

7-9 Sheffield
14-16 Manchester
21-23 Humberside North
28-30 1. Planning Ahead Part I (Guiders of all Sections who have held a Warrant for at least three years)
2. General Training

April
3-7 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course (for boys and girls from any operating authority)
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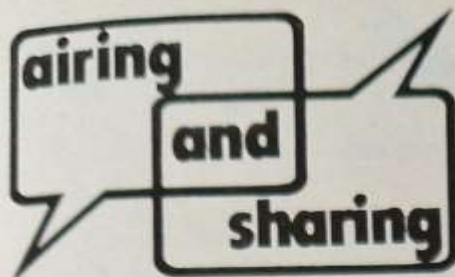
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No Inspiration

I do not normally indulge in *GUIDER* bashing, but by a quirk — no doubt local only to my village — I received my July and August editions within four days of each other, and as I had read each of them from cover to cover in under half-an-hour, I decided to analyse the content. I was led to do this by the various letters which have appeared over recent months regarding the lack of valuable content, and the favourable comments made about the periodical 'Scouting'.

Taking both editions together and not counting covers or front sheets, there were 87 pages of material. These broke down as follows:
General material: 47 pages
What's On: 7 pages
Book and Film Reviews: 5 pages
Letters: 5 pages
Acrostic: 2 pages
Advertisements: 21 pages

If one then takes into account the pages of Guiding pictures and the double-page training calendar, there is precious little space left in the magazine for articles either of a training nature or which engage one's thinking interest. I have to add my voice to these Guiders who now find the magazine sadly

lacking. Indeed, I only continue to take it out of loyalty and habit. I don't want to switch to Scouting magazine, although I feel it is better value for money.

Neither do I think that the editorial footnote to a letter expressing similar views to these on page 365 (August *GUIDER*) is very helpful. Surely *TODAY'S GUIDE* is meant to be the girls' periodical; they are surely entitled to their own paper without having to share it with their Guiders — especially if it contains many practical suggestions for activities which one hopes the girls would want to use on their own initiative?

I recognise that there are problems involved in finding writers for articles — but I do sincerely hope that some heed is going to be taken of the views of Guiders who are looking for a rather more inspiring standard in their magazine.

(Mrs) Jessica Blooman,
County Commissioner,
Berkshire.

We receive letters praising and criticising *GUIDER* in the ratio of at least ten to one in favour of the magazine. We publish all the critical ones unless they are merely repeating someone else's remarks, but only a small selection of the letters singing our praises, for after all, good news is no news!

As the whole concept of today's Guiding is self-programming, we feel that *TODAY'S GUIDE* and *THE BROWNIE* are the appropriate vehicles for games and activities.

We do indeed take heed of the views of Guiders, and when constructive suggestions are made with regard to content, we do our very best to fulfil the need. However, priority must be given in *GUIDER* for official material as it is the only medium for disseminating such information to the Movement.

Editor.

What Price the Uniform?

We are at a loss to understand how mothers today can afford to buy Guide uniforms for their daughters, which now cost at least £10. Today I learnt from a new Guide that a hat in our local shop costs £1.80.

At our Company, we do try to run an exchange service for blouses and skirts, but obviously, since Guides come in all shapes and sizes, not all new Guides can take advantage of this service.

How can Guides be expected to take pride in their uniforms if they are old and mended?

(Miss) J E Stephens,
Glider,
3rd Glossop Coy.
Derbyshire.

We appreciate that many Guide Companies must find cost of uniform a problem, but we do not think that the cost of the individual items can be reduced further, without sacrificing quality and durability. The total cost of a Guide uniform including skirt is now in fact about £14.50, so we assume that when Miss Stephens gives £10.00 as the price of a uniform, this is exclusive of the skirt. The price of a Guide uniform obtained through the Trading Service compares favourably with those purchased from other manufacturers.

Perhaps Miss Stephens could suggest a widening of the scope of her second-hand uniform scheme within her District, so that a wider pool of varying sizes of uniform is available?

Trading Service, Broadheath.

Non-Sectarian

While I agree with most of what Anne Liddell says in her article entitled 'caring and sharing' in August *GUIDER*, in her last paragraph she speaks of a commitment to Christ, and I feel that I must draw attention to the fact that the Promise is in fact nothing to do with commitment to Christ, but with duty to God.

As there are many thousands of Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders throughout the world who believe in one God (eg those of the Jewish faith, or of the Islamic) — I feel that as the official organ of the Guide Movement, *GUIDER* should take care to avoid printing such statements.

Ruby Pitch,
Brownie Guider,
1st Taplow Pack,
Berks.

Sorry!

I refer to the Airing and Sharing page of August's *GUIDER*, in which I referred to the lack of training ideas in the magazine.

I did not mean to give the impression that there was a lack of adequate training within my county, namely Argyll, but the fact that so many Guiders, wherever they live, cannot attend Trainings for various reasons.

Apologies to my County for any misunderstandings which may have arisen.

(Mrs) Vickie Rigden,
Islay, Argyll.

V Marks the Spot

When the Venture Badges were first introduced, packets of yellow, sticky paper spots were sold, the idea being to mark a spot with the appropriate venture number and stick it between the two arms of the V. However, being paper, these spots came off during washing, and the idea was soon abandoned.

My Pack has a very simple method of recognising the multi-venturers. We sew a small gold thread spot for each venture around the edge of the Badge, thereby differentiating the 'veterans'. The only disadvantage found is removing the Badge on moving into Guides.

(Mrs) P M Cross,
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Sponsored knits, usually of squares to make blankets or knee rugs, are popular and they have the added attraction of a double good turn — the finished article is given to one charity and the money raised goes to another.

Unfortunately, the completed blanket or rug often falls very short of the standard we should aim to reach, so where do we go wrong? It is so tempting to say 'they are only Brownies after all, and cannot be expected to knit well', but with extra special care even the young can be helped to produce a blanket to give with pride.

There are three main problems to be overcome. The first is materials and the widely differing wools, yarns and mixtures now on the market. The second lies in attempting to achieve similar sized squares by all the knitters taking part. The third is the joining together of all the squares to make an attractive blanket.

Materials

Having decided to go ahead with the 'Knit-in' the first step is to see that all odds and ends of wool (and the term wool is being used to include all types of yarn) are sorted into types — three ply, four ply, double knitting, nylon, orlon, courtelle, wool, mixtures, etc. This could be done by a Brownie mother who is a regular knitter. Four ply is probably the best wool to use, being light yet thick enough to grow quickly — an important point where young knitters are concerned. Some synthetic yarns tend to become very thick and heavy when knitted up into squares and these are best avoided as the aim should be to make a warm yet lightweight blanket or knee rug.

It is a well-known fact that few people knit to the same tension, but if the finished blanket is to look nice the squares must be as even in size as possible. Here again a 'Mum' may be able to help and advise, but if not, the following tips may be helpful.

Before embarking on the real thing, get each Brownie or Guide to knit a small square, explaining that it is important they should all be able to knit a square to an exact size. If the practice square is too tight a size larger needle should put this right; if the square is too loose, then smaller needles are needed. A 2 in square should be sufficient to enable you to check the tension.

The following may be of help when checking tension:

3 ply wool — Needle size	8 =	approximately	6½ sts to an inch
	9 =	"	7 sts " " "
	10 =	"	7½ sts " " "
	11 =	"	8 sts " " "
4 ply wool — Needle size	7 =	approximately	5½ sts to an inch
	8 =	"	6 sts " " "
	9 =	"	6½ sts " " "
	10 =	"	7 sts " " "
Double knitting — Needle size	6 =	approximately	5 sts to an inch
	7 =	"	5½ sts " " "
	8 =	"	6 sts " " "
	10 =	"	6½ sts " " "

As a guide, using four ply wool and size nine needles you will need 39 sts to make a 6 in square, and recommended sizes for blankets are:

Cot Blanket 4 ft x 3 ft 48 x 6 in squares
Knee Rug 3 ft x 3 ft 36 x 6 in squares
Blanket 6 ft x 4 ft 96 x 6 in squares
(Single bed size)

Pattern



Garage stitch is probably the best stitch to use, and if the finished squares are more or less even in size an attractive pattern can be made when sewing the squares together with the ridges of garage stitch alternating. Moss stitch makes a lovely blanket but it is probably one of the most difficult stitches for children to do well — and the knitting never seems to grow!

Assembly of the finished squares

Adult help will be needed if Brownies are the knitters. The squares can either be oversewn together or joined with single crochet. It is very important that the sewing is properly done and the ends securely fastened — there is nothing worse than presenting a blanket with the oversewing coming adrift. (This has been known to happen!) If possible arrange the colours so that they blend with each other; you may be able to arrange a pattern with the colours as in patchwork. One or two rows of double crochet along the outer edges will give the completed blanket a professional finish.

The completed gift

Now that the blanket or knee rug is finished — and is a joy to behold — who should receive it? Quite often it is suggested that the blanket should be sent overseas but, disappointing though it may be, this is rarely possible or advisable. The reason is that most of the developing countries who could be expected to need this sort of help, have



When Dad starts up about the ones that got away . . . he can be very useful!



' . . . Oh, yes — she passed her Knitter Badge two weeks ago!'

very strict customs and import controls. Your gift could prove an expensive one to the proposed recipients as they could be faced with heavy duty to pay. Even worse, they may not be able or willing to pay and the parcel is unclaimed. It is far better to contact your local Red Cross, WRVS, Help the Aged, Age Concern, Oxfam, or an old people's home, and offer them the completed masterpiece.

What next?

How about a sponsored crochet?

Rosemary Cawkell

Annual General Meeting of LINK - June, 1979

The second Annual General Meeting of Link was held in June at CHQ. The meeting was chaired by the president, Lady Alport, who welcomed Mrs Mannasseh, the Trefoil Guild president, and members of about half the Link Units which exist at present.

After the normal business the meeting heard reports from each Link, which showed a very wide range of social and service activities in addition to the regular help offered by those members who are Guiders and Scouters. Members have assisted at many 'one off' Guide and Scout events, including a Ranger overnight hike, Guide Fun Days, Cub Scout sports and Brownie Revels, as well as helping with the maintenance of buildings and equipment. On the social side there have been parties, barbecues, holidays, photography demonstrations and Keep Fit evenings and, for the more adventurous, caving, canoeing, flying, sailing and

mountaineering.

The number of Units has nearly doubled over the last year and it was particularly interesting to hear from three new Link Units — Cleveland, 2nd Bristol and Bramley Hill (the first handicapped Unit).

After a buffet lunch members were taken on a tour of the Houses of Parliament by Lord Alport. We were fascinated by his commentary and very grateful for the arrangements he made so that the two of us in wheel-chairs could take part.

For those who do not already know, Link is the newest branch of the Guide Movement and is open to people of either sex between 18 and 30. A booklet 'What is Link' gives a great deal of further information and is available free to anyone who sends a stamped addressed envelope (foolscap or larger) to the Link Office at CHQ. Please do write if you are interested.

Jeremy Barber,
Vice Chairman,
National Link.

Santa the Stocking Filler

Knitting Pattern by
Ingrid Hitchens

Readers may remember the pattern for a knitted Brownie doll which we featured in October's issue of GUIDER.

In a more seasonal vein, we are printing below a similar pattern; this time for a knitted 'Father Christmas', to hang on the tree, or to please a small child as a stocking filler.

Father Christmas can be made from oddments in brown, red, white and beige double knitting wool. Use a pair of size 12 knitting needles.

Using brown wool, cast on 14 stitches.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Change to white wool, and Knit rows 3 and 4.

Change to red, and starting with a Knit row, work 14 rows in stocking stitch.

Change to white wool. Knit 5, on next 4 stitches leave long loops (for beard), knit 5.

Next row: purl.

Change to beige wool, and starting with a Knit row, work 4 rows in stocking stitch.

Change to white wool. Knit 2 rows.

Change to red wool, Knit together 7 times.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Knit together 3 times, Knit 1.

Next row: Purl.

Draw thread through remaining stitches.

Stitch down back and add features — use as a finger puppet, or stuff and stitch through for arms and legs.



Knitters please note:

We are sorry to report that we have been notified of an omission in October's Brownie doll pattern. After the line which reads change to Brown... (12 rows in stocking stitch) should be the instruction 'change to beige. Stocking stitch four rows'.

Now continue as per pattern (change to yellow for Brownie's hair).

Our apologies to readers who have been puzzled by the fact that their dolls seem to be minus a face!

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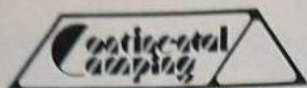


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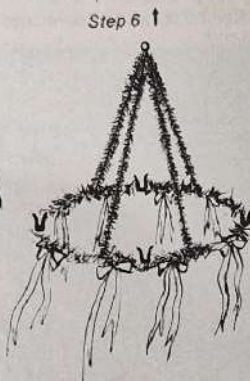
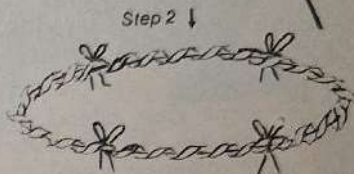
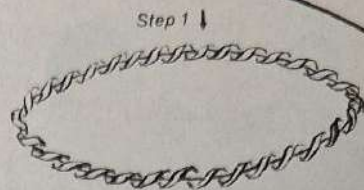
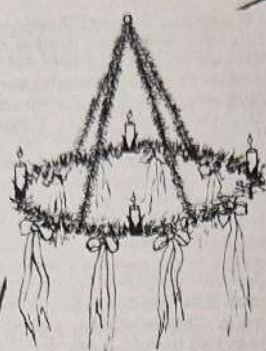
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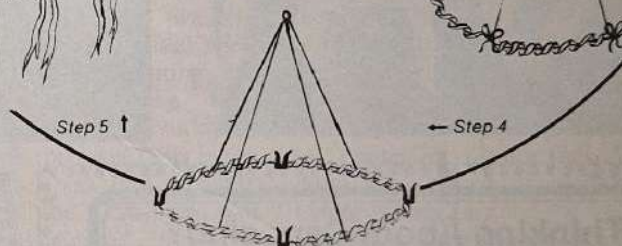
- (a) About 12 feet of strong wire. You may find it sold by the coil (70-80p) at an ironmonger's or Garden Centre; also some thinner bouquet wire. (Obtainable from florists' shops).
- (b) Four little clip-on candle holders such as used on Christmas trees, or you can use the larger plastic oasis holders, sold by florists, at about 5p each.
- (c) Three yards of plastic covered flex or non-flammable nylon string, cut into two equal lengths.
- (d) A small curtain ring for hanging it all up, four candles of the size to fit whichever holders you are using; and for decoration crêpe paper, cooking foil, evergreens, tinsel and red ribbon.

Method: As you do each step check it with the corresponding picture.

- 1st step** Coil two or three thicknesses of wire into a firm circle about a foot across for a small holder, or about 18 inches for a larger one.
- 2nd step** With a felt pen or small ties mark the four quarters of the circle.
- 3rd step** With some bouquet wire fasten one end of a piece of flex or string to a quarter mark, and its other end to the opposite quarter mark on the opposite side of the circle. Do the same with the other piece to the two other quarter marks so that the strings cross in the middle. These carry the weight of the holder, so make them firm. Next, tie them together at the top and tie in the little curtain ring too.
- 4th step** Taking the four candle holders, clip each one on to the circle midway between two strings, or if you are using the larger plastic holders wire each of the four to the circle mid-way in each quarter. If you have used little ties to mark the quarters of the circle, get rid of them now.
- 5th step** Decorate the now completed holder and its strings with tinsel, and little bunches of



The other Festival of Light



6th step

red ribbon with trailing ends and perhaps some evergreen leaves.

Put the candles in their respective holders. The clip-on holders will need Christmas tree candles, the bigger plastic holders will take good sized candles which you may have to cut down to about three inches long. See that their wicks will be nowhere

near paper or evergreens, as always with all Christmas decorations.

Light the first candle on 2nd December, and that same one and the next on the 9th, and so on, and have one or two spare candles in case the first ones burn away before the 23rd December!

A O'Neill.



Step-by-step drawings:
Carol Grocott



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Members in the News



By courtesy of Burton Daily Mail



Left, Burton Division Guides' AGM this year was a very special occasion as it coincided with the 60th Anniversary of the Division and the 30th Anniversary of the President, Mrs. N. Usher. Mrs. Usher is pictured here cutting the celebration cake with Mrs. S. Canadine, Special Adviser for West Sussex, Councillor H. Blant, Mayor of Burton, and Mrs. E. Washington, Division Commissioner.

Below left, a recently formed Ranger Unit from the Stapleford District took part in the Beeston, Notts, Jubilee Camp earlier this year. Left to right, Alexandra Cooke, Tracey Statham, Mrs. J. Read (Guider), Lindsay Foster and Ruth Smith.



Above and left, 10 Korean Guiders who spent 12 days in London in July included a day at CHQ in their itinerary. They are pictured here with The Lady Baden-Powell and Miss B. Ryrie after the presentation of gifts.

Peter Cooke



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We were standing contemplating yet another mouse-hole in our pre-war (which war?) tents. 'What we need,' declared the CCA, 'is a big sponsored "something" to help us replace this lot.'

'So,' I mused, 'we do whatever it is, and the Guiders find sponsors for us. With 2,000 Guiding bods in the County we should come up with at least *some* money . . . At 50p a head we'd earn £1,000.'

I had always had a dream to walk the County Boundary, but that is a two-week walk requiring a considerably higher degree of fitness than we were able to achieve in the time available. However, that was what probably led eventually to the idea of a coast-to-coast walk across the Guide County of Inverness.

There followed days of poring over maps checking possible routes, until the field was narrowed to two: one through Glen Affric and the other via Glen Strathfarrar. Both routes are glorious for walking, but the Strathfarrar route was the more attractive of the two, although it *did* have the drawback of a five mile gap in the middle with no path or track, and a further 12 miles in very remote country. . . . There was only one thing to do, put it to the test, and walk it.

So walk it we did. We found a route that would 'go', but felt that because of the nature of the terrain it would be sensible to enter for the complete walk only those people known to be fit walkers. We chose Beaulay as our starting point and Kilillan as our finish, the distance working out at almost exactly 50 miles.

Early June is the best time for walking in the North; the weather is fairly settled, the midges are few and the stalking has not begun. We settled upon the first weekend in June.

Our County Arts Adviser designed a super poster to advertise the walk and interested people soon began to contact us. It took all our powers to persuade one wee Guide that she couldn't possibly go on the whole walk and to limit herself to the first half — to this day she

remains unconvinced. The suggestion 'Could you use our Landrover' was accepted with alacrity, and when we received permission from the estates to use their roads and to camp overnight we really felt that we were on our way. All that mattered now was the weather.

Saturday, 2nd June, dawned bright and fair. As the first 12 miles were along main roads and we were keen to get this over before the tourists settled behind their steering wheels, we set off immediately. By 7.30 am the day already looked like being almost too hot for comfortable (if somewhat brisk) walking. Thanks to one of our number, however, whom we shall call 'Speedy Mo' we arrived at Struy Bridge well ahead of schedule to be greeted by our CC with a number of more than welcome *ice-lollies*. Shortly afterwards, we climbed over the locked gate and went on to the quiet estate road.

At last the camp site came into view, with our back-up team busy with the mince and 'tatties'. After a hasty meal, the day walkers (including our 27 mile Guide) piled into the Landrover shouting encouragement and leaving four Guiders and one Ranger suddenly very alone with their wee tents in the wilderness. I suspect that we were asleep before the transport had reached the locked gate.

I woke with a jump — someone shouting that it was 6.30 am. Mad scramble to the stream, pulling on trousers as I went. By 7.30 we were fed, packed and on our way. Our route led up a stalker's track and right into the wilds. 'Normal' breakfast time found us at the highest point of the walk, Meallan Buidhe (1819 ft) with a glorious view down Loch Monar and over towards the Achnashellach Hills. We could see Patt Lodge (our next goal) below us as we set off down the hillside.

Now came a long gentle climb to an unnamed Bealach (pass) above the Doire Gharbh. This was where

we found the only sad part of the whole weekend — we counted over 20 dead deer along the way. They were yearlings, unable to survive after the unusually cruel winter. Over the Bealach we came upon a clear sandy lochan, right in the heart of the hills. The invitation to jump in and cool off was almost too much, but we had an appointment to keep. Two o'clock at Iron Lodge we had said. At one forty-five we came over the brow of the hill and gazed at the best view of the day, a long sweeping glen leading all the way to the west coast. Figures below and another Landrover.

The Kyle Guides were there in force, and two of yesterday's walkers had driven round to cheer us on our way. The Kyle folk had done us proud — and the thought of soup, hamburgers and jelly drove us down the last few painful miles. By now each of us was suffering in her own private agony of blisters, 'wooden' legs or just plain tiredness.

But by now we had gone too far to give up. Round the last bend and there was Kilillan, picturesque and oh, how beautiful! We even sprinted the last few yards. Speedy Mo was there sitting on a stone, eating jelly with a 'Whatever happened to you lot' expression on her face. We had done it — all of us, walkers and helpers as a team.

Somehow the sponsored bit never did take off. We covered costs, bought a few dixies and sent a donation to Year of the Child. We still have mouse-eaten tents. Oh well. What we, who walked, have gained is worth more than money. It is a sense of real achievement, and a comradeship and a closeness to the hills that comes but rarely in a lifetime.

Norna Christie,
Outdoor Activities Adviser,
Inverness-shire.



A site for sore feet, above.



Above, the end is in sight!
Below, we made it!



Photos Mrs Christie

H.Q. NOTICES...

CHQ Awards Good Service

Laurel Award
Mrs K Aldcroft, County Secretary for Sefton.

Commonwealth and International Circle

Wednesday, 14th November:
Talk by Her Majesty's Swan
Keeper, Mr F J Turk, MVO.
Monday, 10th December:
Christmas Party.

Carol Singing in Trafalgar Square

A choir of members of the Association will be singing carols in Trafalgar Square on Thursday, 20th December, 1979 between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm.

The carols will be mainly traditional and the choir will be using the Bethlehem Carol Sheet — 25th edition. If you intend to bring your Unit to Trafalgar Square it would be helpful if they had copies of this carol sheet. Many churches use it, but in case of difficulty it can be obtained from the Bible Lands Society, PO Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks.

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

Christmas Closing

The CHQ building will be closed from 5 pm Friday, 21st December, 1979, re-opening at 9 am Wednesday, 2nd January, 1980.

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National Scout and Guide Orchestral Course — Concert

The National Scout and Guide Orchestra will be giving a concert at the conclusion of their course on Friday 4th January, 1980 at the Royal College of Music, London, at 3.00 pm. Application for tickets (50p) should be made to the Programme Secretary, CHQ, accompanied by an SAE. Tickets will not be available from the Royal College of Music.

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Full details will appear in the December issue of *GUIDER*.

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The Guide Handbook is available in Braille and large print at a cost of 95p.

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Olave House

GUIDER readers will all wish to express their thanks, through this page, to Miss Jean Sanders, who was for more than three and a half years, Guide-In-Charge at Olave House (from February, 1976 until September 24th this year).

We welcome the new Guide-In-Charge, Miss Gillian MacPherson, who was formerly a Guide Trainer, and comes from Argyll, Scotland.

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Courses

Foxlease 3rd-7th April, 1980
(Easter)

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For details, apply to the relevant Guide-In-Charge, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

The International Post Box

The Post Box for England and Wales is now 'Under New Management'. Mrs Banham, who ran it so ably for 27 years, having retired early this year, and we new secretaries, looking back over our first few months, feel that Guiders could help us a lot by talking to their Guides about it.

Scotland, Ulster and Wales each has its own secretary, so Guides in these countries should write to their own Headquarters, and Guides living in England should write to CHQ. Being international, we do not link Guides in Britain — this is an excellent way to learn about life and customs in other countries, besides helping with the Commonwealth and World Friendship badges.

Every week letters arrive saying 'I have read in the Handbook that I can have a pen friend by writing to you.' They then ask for Russia, China and other places where there are either no Guides, or where girls of Guide age could not write letters in English. Of the hundred or so letters which arrive each week, quite a fair proportion have no stamped addressed envelope enclosed and this is very necessary for their reply.

This is possibly the only country with a waiting list, but with patience everyone gets linked, it just takes time to find girls of suitable ages in some areas. It would help if the Guide mentioned whether she can speak the language of the country she is asking for, although this is not necessary for Scandinavia, where they learn English from a very young age. In contrast, Swiss only learn English from 15 years of age as an extra language, French and German being more useful to them. Unfortunately, we are unable to get pen friends from France at the moment, but there is always the possibility of a link through their school.

Finally, could you see that the Guides write to us on a piece of notepaper, with the details as requested in the Guide Handbook, and address it to the Post Box Secretary. Quite recently a letter was sent to the Commonwealth Institute for us, asking frequently get called some peculiar names other than 'Secretary'. To name a few — Dear 'Whoever you are', 'Post Bag', 'Pillarbox', and on one memorable occasion 'Dear Chief Commissioner of the Pen Friends'.

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Caravans versus Canvas

or The trials of being 'a friend to all'

DURING the summer our District Guiders run a week of activities for Guides and Brownies. Each year we say it is definitely the last, and the following year we do it all again.

Secretly I think the Guiders enjoy it more than the Guides. It generates great mental stimulation, teamwork, sympathy, and the ability to cope with other Guiders' young charges.

This year was different. Instead of the local overcrowded Scout ground we were allowed to use the amenities of a private girls' school, an Elizabethan mansion, set in acres of parkland. The warning from 'Authority' that other organisations would be passing through the grounds was noted, but not fully appreciated until too late.

Some weeks beforehand the army had been approached with a request for a demonstration of drill. We were hoping for a marked improvement in next year's

St. George's Day Parade. The army declined and passed our request to the WRAC. On Wednesday, three members of the Women's Royal Army Corps arrived ready to do wonders with our Guides. Our plan to hold this exhibition of drill in the main drive was thwarted by the arrival of the great British public, intending to view the Hall. We were hastily allocated a quad at the rear of the building.

All was relatively uneventful until Friday. The girls ate their picnic on the lawn, with arrows shooting above their heads. The archery club had decided to use the same site. Parents arrived, and were duly entertained with dramatic and musical items, while the Guiders returned to the field to plan the campfire.

Then THEY arrived. Dozens of them. Up the drive, across the field, and all coming our way. Caravans! Acres of fields were available, but they wanted

the corner we were using. They gathered all around us like Apaches holding a garrison to siege. Our hackles rose. 'Remember your Brownie smile,' we hissed to each other. They parked around our flagpole. Our Brownie smiles drooped. We pinned them back.

'We are going in an hour,' we explained. They were unmoved. The District Commissioner appeared as Canute holding back the tide. They requested that we move our cars. 'But we shall be gone in an hour,' they insisted that they had booked it, that they parked in this spot every year, and this was where they were staying. A lady with a clipboard espied our beautiful ceremonial campfire, awaiting the flaming torch. She shuddered. She reeled off regulations that forbade the lighting of fires near caravans. The bursar was called. Like Solomon he viewed the situation, then told us to move our fire one hundred yards up the field. Unceremoniously, begrudgingly, we took it all to bits, and carted it further away. Whereupon two hundred children returned from distant lawns, surrounding caravans and occupants alike. The cavalry had arrived! The gentlemen in the opposing party sat calmly drinking their tea, and taking great amusement from the sight of the agitated females on both sides.

Finally we lit our campfire and sang lustily, with caravanners joining in the strains of *Gin gan gooli*. We poured over their vehicles in an attempt to gather round the flagpole, and lower the flag with dignity. Very tired, very hot, and very late, we drifted off home.

If I were not such a considerate Brownie, I might even wish for a jolly good storm tonight — just to make sure the campfire is quite cold.

Of course, we shall not be going again next year.

Elizabeth Rolph,
District Assistant,
Darnley East District.

The President of the Trefoil Guild retires

IN November this year, the Trefoil Guild's President will be retiring. Mrs Elspeth Manasseh took over the Presidency two years ago and has given wise leadership during an important period of consolidation following the Guild's tremendous efforts throughout Treble The Trefoil Year. Having been at that time Vice-Chairman of the Central Executive Committee, Mrs Manasseh had played a leading part in those activities. During her term of office as Vice-Chairman and as President, she attended many gatherings around the United Kingdom and in Europe, and was twice a delegate at Assemblies of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides. Elspeth is therefore very well known and also very much loved throughout the Guild, particularly in her own Region — Anglia — for which she was Chairman from 1973-1978.

Guiding in Essex East owes much to Elspeth Manasseh who was for many years a Divisional Commissioner and Guider in various capacities. On her retirement from 'uniformed Guiding', she became County Chairman of the Trefoil Guild. She has also interests outside Guiding, such as running the local Darby and Joan Club. This work with her immediate neighbours is very important to her and we always know that Elspeth will never be available for anything else on a Monday afternoon.

It is typical of Mrs Manasseh's sense of duty that she agreed to take her present job at some personal inconvenience — for her husband had just retired — to 'hold the fort' until it became possible for a younger president to be appointed for a longer term. I know that Elspeth will join the rest of us in the Trefoil Guild in giving a warm welcome and loyal support to Mrs Thompson when she hands over to her.

Below, the Trefoil Guild's new President, Mrs Penelope Thompson, who takes up her post this month.

Photo: Brian Duff



HOME & AWAY

A word of Thanks

Present Perfect

If you think that the days when you could buy items which were well made but still inexpensive are long past, you obviously haven't been into your local branch of British Home Stores lately.

Well known for its attractive, low-cost lighting, the store has recently expanded its range of household goods, any of which would be an ideal Christmas present. All of them stylish and well made, many of the items have 'Continental' written all over them and, in fact, some have been specially imported. The earthenware pizza dish (price £1.99) and unusual glass cheese dish (price £3.99) pictured right, are made in Italy, while the acrylic salt and pepper mills come from Denmark, price £3.50 each. All these items are available from major branches of British Home Stores now, just in time for Christmas.



Above, pine adds a well-scrubbed look to any kitchen. Pine cheese board and glass dome, price £4.50; beech salt and pepper mills, £2.75 each; a pine spice rack and cutting board make a versatile range of accessories from British Home Stores.



Above, a touch of glass... a hand-cut lead crystal claret jug with silver-plated top, price £19.95, and round decanter, price £24.00. Available from most branches of British Home Stores.

Collecting (on the) Box

Thames Television's 'Telethon' will be held over 13th-14th December, 1979 and transmitted throughout the Thames Television (London) area.

It will be a marathon television event (something like twelve hours long) which will aim to raise a great sum of money for INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

Viewers will see a host of stars, celebrities, fun and entertainment all aiming directly to raise as much as possible to be given through IYC to organisations caring for children in many different ways.

Viewers will be invited to phone in during the programme and pledge their gifts of money. However it is hoped that the Telethon Fund will be large even before the programme goes on the air. Business interests will be invited to donate to the fund before 'the night' and so will groups of people throughout the London area.

The production team of the Thames Telethon is keen to involve local (London area) groups in the event as much as



Above, Italian glass cheese platter and earthenware pizza dish, and Danish acrylic salt and pepper mills. Continental kitchen chic from major branches of British Home Stores.

possible. To encourage participation various promotional aids and incentives will be available. Advice in the organisation of local fund raising events will also be given where requested.

It is hoped that all sorts of groups will want to take part; women's groups, youth groups, schools, pubs, clubs, churches and social organisations. Participating groups will be able to register their interest with Telethon and will receive special certification when they raise money.

Coordinating the organisation of local events for Telethon will be John Forrest who can be contacted at the following address: **HELP Programme, Thames Television, 149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9LL** (telephone 01-388 5199).

At the time of going to press, the ITV dispute remains unsettled.

Human Value

A conference designed to bring together the uncommitted young aged between 16-25 will be held at the Barbican Arts Centre in London, in March 1981. Entitled **Human Value — Its Recognition**

A letter received in response to the Guides' artistic and dramatic efforts which culminated in 'Trefoil Tourney' — the Guide Movement's contribution to this year's Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London:

Dear Mrs Birkbeck,

It was such a pleasure to receive your letter and to know that one had managed to produce enormous pleasure for so many people. However, designing is only one aspect and it is credit to both yourself and the organisation for the beautiful and efficient way everything was realised. Rarely does one encounter such a standard and on such a scale, even within one's own profession.

The highest marks should be accredited to you all for the standard, and workmanship achieved, for the speed and efficiency with which it all happened, and finally for the cheerfulness with which it was all done. The Girl Guides should be more than proud of what they achieved — especially when you consider the competition they were up against in that arena, with all those highly trained professionals.

May I thank you most sincerely for asking me, for all the kindness and effort shown by yourself and your whole organisation, and I sincerely hope this has brought a great deal of credit to the Girl Guides.

Once again, my sincerest thanks for a really wonderful experience.

Yours very sincerely,

David Dean.

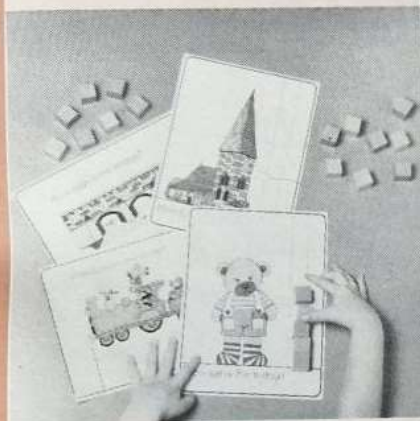
through Service, the conference has as its theme the promotion of the value of every human being and the expression of that belief by giving service to those in need. There will be a varied programme including exhibitions and opportunities to participate in practical work, and addresses by such major contributors to human care as Mother Theresa of Calcutta and Dom Helder Camera, the Archbishop of Recife. Although this event takes place some time hence, the organisers are trying to gauge possible response. It is likely to be of great interest to Guiders, and readers who may be interested should write to the organisers at: **Human Value Conference, Carmelite House, Carmelite Street, London EC4.**

Child's Play

Short of ideas for children's Christmas presents? Galt Toys may have the answer among the large range of goods in their newly refurbished shop in Great Marlborough Street.

The shop, designed to be equally welcoming to children and adults, contains vast numbers of toys for all age groups. The charming mobile based on the popular nursery rhyme 'Hey Diddle Diddle, The Cat and The Fiddle', price £3.95, pictured right, is ideal for small babies of three months and upwards, while the How to Measure cards and building blocks are more suitable for a toddler. There are also many more sophisticated toys and games for older children.

Galt are well known for their robust, good-looking toys, and the new range is no exception: there are no fiddly little bits which can be pulled off and stuffed into small mouths, and little likelihood of the new present being broken by Boxing Day.



A mobile is sometimes a child's first toy. This plastic Nursery Mobile illustrates a popular nursery rhyme. In bright colours, it is available from Galt Toy shops.



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In Memoriam

'Her joy of life, love of adventure and challenge, and ready wish to serve others' was how fellow members of the GIS Team in Egypt and Greece immediately described **Georgie Hall**, who died on 20th August.

Another Guide friend in Hertfordshire, Nancy Green, writes: 'Never so happy as when astride a horse or with a tool in her hand, be it axe, spanner or hockey stick and, of course, in camp, is how I think of Georgie, and her yarns at camp-fire of her experiences in the First World War as an ambulance driver in famine-struck Serbia, held us enthralled.' Others will recall sessions at County Training Camps, varying from pioneering to First Aid, for Georgie was a

keen Red Cross member and acted as First Aider, Instructor and Tester for this part of Camper's Licence. There was little camp furniture she could not create and nowhere was this more in evidence than at the Chigwell Row Camp held to celebrate the coronation of King George VI, when literally everything had to be 8 ins above the mud!

Not only was Georgie Hall a master of tools (invaluable in her GIS days), she also called a spade a spade, and this directness, coupled with great kindness, understanding and humour, endeared her to all her many friends and also to the Rangers and Guiders in her Company and District.

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Competition for Cubs and Brownies

On Tuesday, 28th August, Mr Mark Andrew, Director for North, Keep Britain Tidy Group, launched the annual Cub and Brownie Conservation Competition sponsored by Felice Ices.

The basis of the Competition is as follows:

1. The Competition runs until 30th April.
2. Entering Cub and Brownie Packs are required to carry out an historical survey of a local beauty spot or of a building of historical interest.
3. Write a report about the chosen site giving as much background information as possible.
4. Supply drawings, sketches and/or photographs of the site.
5. Find out what future plans there are (if any) for the site.
6. Entries should be returned no later than 30th April to **Mr F J Courtie, Local Government Board, Buck's Road, Douglas.**

Judging of the Competition will be carried out by the Manx Conservation Council and the Felice Ices Trophy will be presented each June.

Brownie Guiders requiring further information should contact Mr Stewart Reid, Field Officer on (0624) 26262, extn 2413.

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Dear Guiders,

In a recent letter a Guider wrote 'I am pleased to know that you are supporting the Asthma Research Council. I developed asthma in my early twenties and find it is a much misunderstood complaint. Many people, and particularly children, must spend hours, days, months of their lives in terrible distress and fear. And so many well-meaning bystanders tell the sufferer to "snap out of it" or to "control themselves".'

This comment by an asthma sufferer shows how we can help, through The Girl Guide Friendship Fund project, to make more people aware of the disease. You may remember that in 1977 we supported the Arthritis & Rheumatism Research Council and the local publicity all your fund-raising events created was as valuable to the Council as the money you donated. Your efforts made many people realise for the first time that children could suffer — and even die — as a result of arthritis. This year we hope, through our fund-raising efforts, to make more people aware of the dangers of asthma as well as supporting the work of the Asthma Research Council. There is a special information sheet about this project. If you would like a copy please write to me, enclosing an 8p stamp for the return postage, at the address given at the end of this article.

There is also an information sheet about our second Christmas Good Turn, which is to equip fully one of four children's dialysis units at a seaside holiday camp. This is an ambitious project for which we must raise at least £6,000 the kidney machine will cost about £5,000; the Parker Knoll adjustable chair will be about £312; a television set with remote control and ear phones £410, and we also aim to provide a selection of games, toys and

books for the young patients. I am sure we can do it with your help.

No further news yet from Bangladesh, but I am delighted to be able to tell you that I met the first six deaf students to have the use of the RNID/Girl Guide Radio Microphones (one of our 1978 Christmas Good Turns) when they attended a briefing at the RNID headquarters in London at the end of August. With me was the District Commissioner for Danbury in Essex, and a Ranger, Guide and Brownie from the District who were among the many, many members supporting The Girl Guide Friendship Fund last Christmas. It was a very exciting day as some of the proceedings were filmed for BBC2 News Review — and an account of the visit by the three Essex girls is printed below.

Dear Mrs Cawkell,

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for inviting us to represent the Guide Movement at the presentation of Radio Microphone Hearing Systems at the Headquarters of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf on Thursday, 30th August. We thoroughly enjoyed our day and were glad that the money raised at our Christmas Show and Carol Service was able to go to such a worthwhile cause.

On our arrival at the RNID we were introduced to the people who were to receive the Hearing Aids. We were also taught how to use the Aids and were told how they would work.

During the morning the BBC cameramen arrived to film the presentation for the Sunday

Prudence, a Queen's Guide with damaged hearing, thanks the secretary of The Girl Guide Friendship Fund for the GGFF's gift of a special hearing aid, right.



An adjustable chair is so much more comfortable than a bed for a dialysing kidney patient.

evening programme News Review (which features subtitles for the hard of hearing). After the filming, photographs were taken of all of us with the Deaf students, one of whom, Prudence, is a Queen's Guide and is working towards her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Before leaving, we were presented with plastercasts of our ears — most unusual souvenirs of a very interesting and educational day!

Louise Boland, Amanda Crooks and Susan Blakey.
(Members of Danbury District Girl Guides.)

At the time of writing this newsletter we are waiting to hear how we can help the Guides and Brownies in the Caribbean islands devastated

by Hurricane David. When we find out, we shall draw from our Disasters Fund, which we try and keep in credit ready for emergencies such as this. Whatever we send will go on your behalf, as a token of your friendship.

Finally, may I remind you that cheques or postal orders for donations to any of our projects should always be made payable to The Girl Guide Friendship Fund and not to the organisations we are supporting. The address you need is: The Girl Guide Friendship Fund, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Good luck with all your fund raising efforts this Christmas.

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WHAT'S ON

For the Catty Ones

Do you know what an Abyssinian or a Colourpoint looks like, or how a cat is judged?

December 1st might be the day to find out, at the National Cat Club's 83rd Championship show. The show will feature a cross section of the feline population from all over the British Isles (with every whisker in place), and the venue is the Grand Hall, Olympia, Kensington, W.14.

Admission will be £1.00 for adults, and 50p for children. Doors open at 10.30 am, and the show continues to 5.30 pm.

Caravan Camping Holiday Show

8th-18th November, 1979 at Earls Court, London.

The organisers of this annual event introduce this year several new attractions for the caravan enthusiast. These will include the opportunity for visitors to win a new touring caravan as first prize in a *Daily Mail* Competition on every day of the show. Each day's prize model will stand on a turntable in the centre of the exhibition from 8th to 18th November. The total value of these caravan prizes is estimated as being around £30,000.

There will also be the opportunity for visitors to try their hand in a tow-a-caravan competition using electric cars in the feature section of the Warwick Hall.

Show features will include a Cookery Theatre, a Wine Bar, music and songs from strolling players, a children's cycle track, a Forestry Commission display and a driving simulator.

Admission to this largest Caravan Camping Holiday Show ever staged is £1.20 for adults, £1.00 for children (reduced after 5 pm to £1.00 for adults and 90p for children). The show will be open from 10 am to 8 pm daily (Sundays 11 am to 7 pm).

New Christian Musical

1980 is the bicentenary of Sunday School Movement pioneer, Robert Raikes of Gloucester, who did so much work to ensure that poor children had the opportunity of at least the most basic education, when he set up his 'ragged schools' as they were then known.

Birmingham composer, Roger Jones has recognised the importance of Raikes' work by tracing some of the events of Raikes' life in his new musical, *A Grain of Mustard Seed*.

The first performance was on Friday, 12th October, at the Birmingham Midland Institute Theatre, and was part of this year's autumn assembly of the National Christian Education Council. Containing ten original songs, a further performance will be given on Saturday, 17th November at Birmingham Cathedral. The performance will commence at 7.30 pm.

For further information, telephone the National Christian Education Council (tel: Nutfield Ridge 2411).



The Brassy Approach

Manchester Cathedral's Brass Rubbing Centre informs us that increasing numbers of Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts have been delving into Britain's Medieval and Tudor history through the pastime of brass rubbing.

Between the two centres in Manchester and Chester, there is a collection of more than 50 replicas of some of Britain's finest commemorative brasses, all of which are faithful replicas of originals in British churches. They vary in height from 4' to 4' and take from twenty minutes to three hours to complete. All necessary instruction and materials are provided by the centre to those who drop in to try their skills.

Special group rates apply at the Centre throughout the year. The maximum party size is 14 (special arrangements are necessary above this figure), and since October 1st the group rate has been from 35p per head. If the larger, more ornate brasses are requested they will be at a full rate discount of 25%. Preparatory visits are easily arranged, so Mancunian and other northern Guides might be interested in phoning (061) 832 6806 for further information.

British Museum Exhibition



You'd break your teeth on this lot... even the fruits in the bowl are made entirely of glass. They were made in the late 17th or early 18th century, while the bowl is of 17th century 'agate glass'. Exhibited in 'The Golden Age of Venetian Glass', British Museum. The exhibition continues until 11th November in the Special Exhibitions Gallery.

A Musical on the Life of Robert Raikes

A Grain of Mustard Seed



Roger Jones

John Merrill's Walking Feat

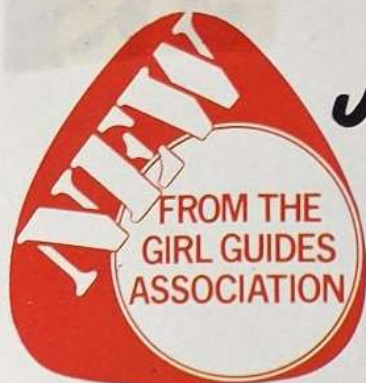


John Merrill, who in 1978, walked the entire coastline of Britain (7,000 miles).

Considerable interest has been expressed by readers of *GUIDER* in John Merrill's lecture tour (John Merrill is Britain's greatest walker, and an item about his nation-wide lecture tour featured in What's On, September *GUIDER*).

Venues for November are as follows:

1st, **Wolverhampton** — Civic Hall, 2nd, **Manchester** — Houldsworth Hall, 3rd, **Liverpool** — Central Hall, 5th, **Leeds** — Victoria Hall, 6th, **York** — Tempest Anderson Hall, 7th, **Newcastle** — City Hall, 8th, **Edinburgh** — Usher Hall, 9th, **Glasgow** — Govan Hall, 10th, **Perth** — Lesser City Hall, 12th, **Aberdeen** — Main Theatre, Aberdeen Arts Centre, 14th, **Inverness** — The High School, 15th, **Wick** — The Main Hall, Assembly Rooms, and 17th, **Hull** — The City Hall. Lectures at all the venues commence at 7.30 pm.



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