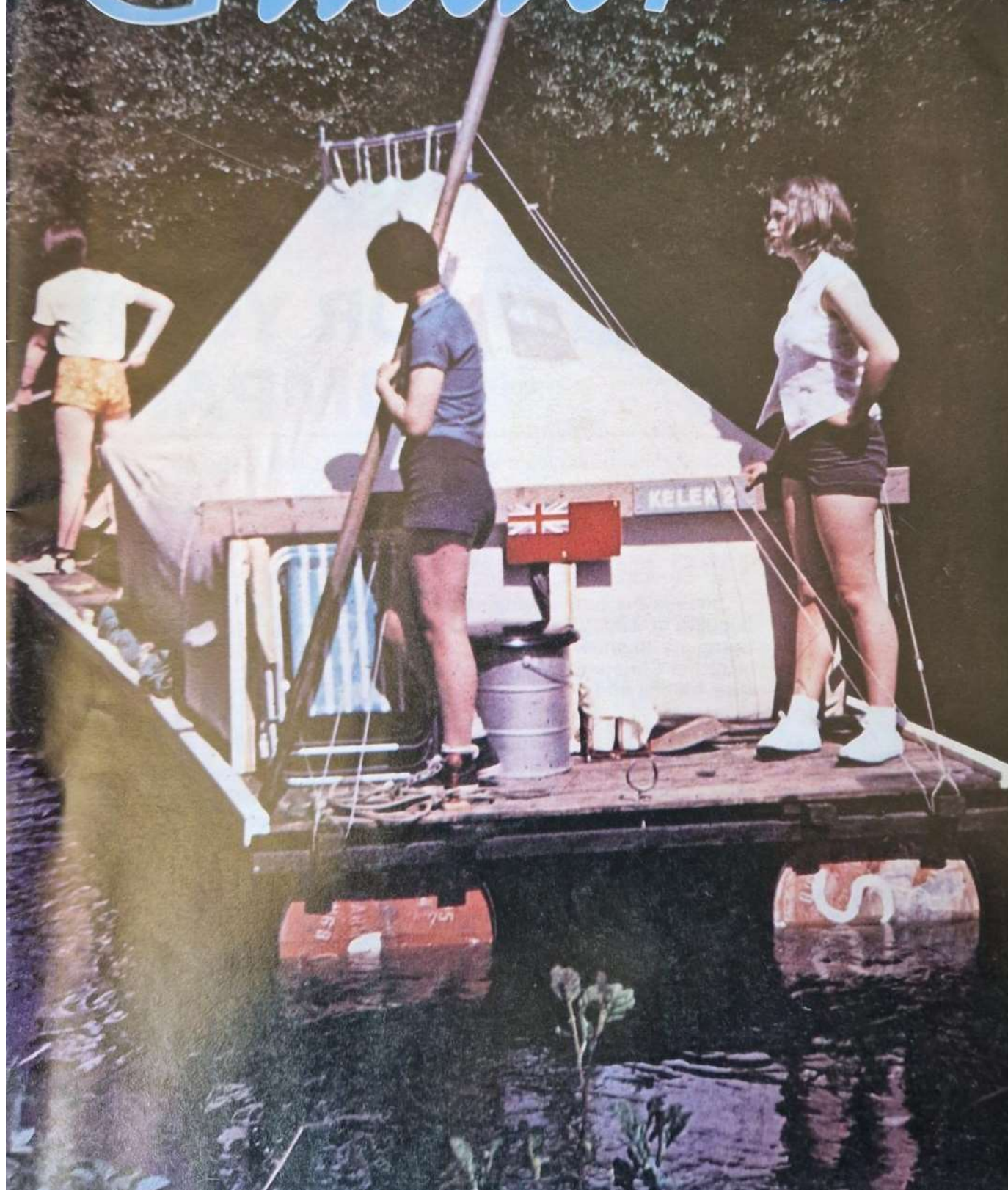


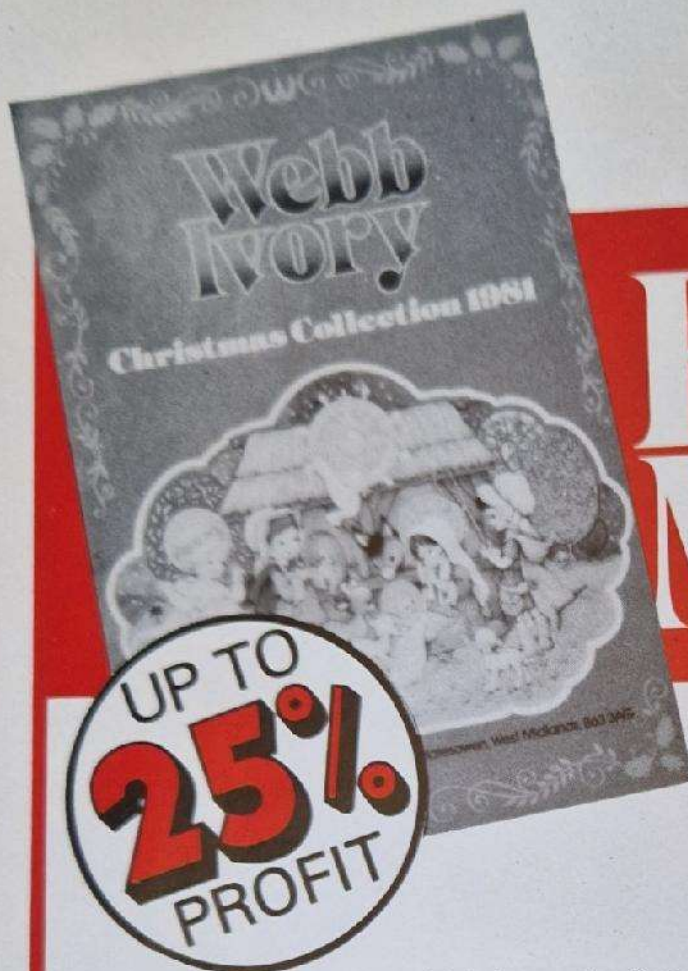
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We very much regret that increased production costs have made it imperative that we increase the price of *GUIDER* to 40p with effect from next month's issue (September). We hope the articles about the periodicals, the first of which appeared in July and the second on pages 18 and 19 of this issue, will explain to readers how we arrive at our prices and convince them that all three magazines are still superb value for money.

## THE EDITOR

Part 1 of Mrs Ruth Black's Wide Games series appeared last month. We apologise for omission

of the byline. Part 2 of eight-part series is on page 23 of this issue.

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Our cover this month features an all-action picture taken from Mr Douglas Hayward's excellent feature: 'Exploration!' on page 15 of this issue. The photo of the intrepid raft adventurers was taken by Mr Hayward.

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Above, watched by some of the Brownies and Guides, Mrs Margaret Clement, Divisional Commissioner, and Ida Samuel, District Commissioner, Morriston, cut a special cake to celebrate the group's 60 years celebration evening held at Parish Hall, Morriston.



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Above, members of St Peter's Church and St John's (Cross) Guides in fine form after enjoying a sporting afternoon at Bell's Sports Centre in Perth. On the right we have the delightful face of 'Brolly Girl' Virginia Smith, who, with nearly 2,500 friends, braved the weather most event organisers hate to send a group of Guides laughing all the way to the bank. They braved the elements to turn out for the May Day fete held by South Woodham Ferrers district Guides, making it their best yet.







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Above, Guide fire heroine Hawys Williams, who saved three pet dogs from her smoke-logged Cosham home — which must stand her in good stead for her Fire-Fighter Badge. She also fought through dense smoke to put out a smouldering saucepan of dog food on the stove, and to ventilate the house. Brave Hawys is pictured with her sister Rachel and the rescued dogs. Below, the Minchinhampton District Guides and Brownies who, through various fund raising efforts, purchased an electric IBM typewriter for Michael Tawse (in the photo) who suffers from cerebral palsy. The District's efforts were rewarded, as they came third in the Robert Nairac George Cross Youth Award.



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## The President's Address

Another year of Guiding has passed and leaves each of us with our own special memories. I had a beautiful sunny day at Glenbrook and it was a day of real enjoyment and a sense of the vitality of our Movement.

And Ascot, where 20,000 of our members and friends met in the Berkshire Festival of Guiding, was a greatly enjoyed day, and I was so pleased later to have the opportunity of meeting and talking with the members of the World Committee during their time in London.

So I have memories of very different aspects of our Movement, from the excitement of a Brownie on her first important outing with her Pack, to the impressive qualities of those who lead our Movement throughout the world.

But the important thing for us to remember is that the complete picture of the Guide year is like a tapestry made up of many thousands of threads — not just my memories or yours, but the memories of every one of our members. Not just memories of national events, but all the Pack parties and Guide camps.

Not just excitements and celebrations, but the struggle to raise the money for the hall or to find a future Guider.

Last year was a year of achievement and I would like to draw your attention in particular to the formation of the Junior Council, and to the imaginative projects supported by The Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust Fund. Above all, it was a year which brought pleasure and adventure to thousands of girls.

At this meeting last year, I welcomed Lady Baden-Powell as our new Chief Commissioner, and thanked Mrs Walker, on your behalf, for her wonderful work for the Association.

I know you will have been glad that this was recognised in the New Year's Honours by the award of the CBE and we congratulate her.

I am sure that this year will prove another happy and successful one for the Guide Movement, and I give all my good wishes for the months ahead.



Left, HRH Princess Margaret arrives at St James's Palace accompanied by The Lady Baden-Powell and Lady Juliet Townsend. Above, HRH Princess Margaret delivers her President's Address.



# Presentation of the Annual Report

*The Chief Commissioner, The Lady Baden-Powell*



*The Lady Baden-Powell, The Chief Commissioner, presenting the Annual Report.*

**Y**our Royal Highness, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
It is with delight that I join you in many congratulations to Mrs Walker on being awarded the CBE for her services to our Movement. We also congratulate our Speaker, Lady Hamilton, who received the CBE this year for her fine services.

1980 will surely be marked in Guiding history as the year in which the Junior Council came into being. The Council — which is made up of young women aged 16 to 26 years old — four from each of the countries — Ulster, Scotland and Wales — four from each of the six regions and two from Branch Associations — provides a happy forum for debate for these adults, giving them the opportunity to discuss and influence all aspects of the work of our Association. One of my happiest weekends since I took office was the one which I spent with the Junior Council.

The Executive Committee, to show their respect for the Junior Council, has given up a place in the delegation of seven members who will represent our Association at the World Conference, to a representative of the Junior Council. 19 year old Teresa Drakeley will be coming to France this August in the delegation — a worthy representative of this founder country's Association, meeting with the 97 other member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Highlights of the past year, of which we may surely boast, are our projects undertaken with the help of grants from The Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust and the Department of Education and Science.

Throughout the United Kingdom our projects have brought happiness, a sense of being cared for and, in some instances, new horizons to children and young people. I cannot let this meeting pass without paying tribute to all those who have been involved in these projects, their inspiration, and for carrying out their ideas during these many hours of tireless service they have given.

Most particularly I mention the two main projects which were undertaken in South East England and in Scotland, which involved community work: the formation of a mobile theatre group from unlikely lads and lasses, and day camps and playground activities. These projects are but the start of many more such activities in the countries, working for — and with — local communities.

Our President, Princess Margaret, has again been most generous to us in her continued interest in our Movement, and in the time she has given us. We are most grateful, Ma'am.

It gave great pleasure to our members to welcome Her Royal Highness to Glenbrook, our Outdoor Activities Centre in the Peak District and, on a personal note, if you will forgive me — and with great respect Ma'am, I would like to thank our President for the help she has given me and her kind and valued advice.

I am only so thankful, Ma'am, that when, earlier this year, Mr Roy Plumley — in his radio programme — cast your Royal Highness away, it was only to an imaginary island!

While our members have enjoyed many opportunities to attend International Camps and events in other countries, and we have participated in programmes at all our four Centres in the past year, we have played host to hundreds of visitors from Guide and Girl Scout Associations around the world, and several large International Camps have been held in many parts of the United Kingdom.

In my travels last year I was often told by excited Guides that they were coming to our big International Camp, and I had to listen further to understand to which camp they were referring, not giving a hint to them that the camp they might be attending was not the camp we were holding because, in any event, each camp is special to those who attend it. And what could be more special than making new friends, sharing activities, chores and fun, living together as sisters despite our different nationalities, cultures and languages.

It was a great pleasure for our Association, together with the United Kingdom Scout Association, to host the Third Scout and Guide European Conference which was held at Lancaster University.

Dr Kathryn Benson-Evans, from Wales, is currently chairman of the Guide European Committee and is one of several United Kingdom members who serve on sub-committees of the World Committee.

North West England came up trumps in giving our European delegation visitors the warmest of welcomes.

South West England counties have adopted several of our Branch Associations. What a joy it was for these counties to be able to welcome representatives from their adopted Associations to the Interlink Camp held at Foxlease last summer. During the camp the New Hebrides became independent, changing its name to *Vanuatu*, and up went the new flag in their honour.

We are lucky, too, to have our share of overseas visitors at our headquarters in Buckingham Palace Road. One special guest was Lady Beattie from New Zealand, who was in this country with her husband just prior to his taking up his



*A section of the audience listens attentively.*

*continued overleaf* ➤



appointment as Governor General of New Zealand. Lady Beattie is now President of the New Zealand Girl Guides Association and it was lovely to be among the first to give her good wishes.

We don't usually make anything very special about any of our members who are handicapped or disabled, except to encourage them and to do all we can to include them in our activities and programme.

However, preparations were made in 1980 so that, in this present year named by the United Nations as The Year of the Disabled, we could be sure that any of our members who are handicapped would have the opportunity to do something or to go somewhere exciting, and we could ensure that these particular members were not forgotten and thoughtful care, for them and their access to places, should be included in plans for our properties.

Our training centres continue to be well used. I am happy to report that even more young members will be able to enjoy the facilities and beautiful, natural surroundings of Foxlease, our Training Centre in the New Forest.

The Barn has been extended to provide an accommodation unit for Brownie and Guide holidays. The new building also includes a craft room, for, as you will read in the Report, the Arts in their various forms continue to be supported.

A new residential unit has also been built at Blackland Farm campsite in Sussex, appropriately named Wagtail Lodge, with special facilities for handicapped members.

Finance, as our President said, has been dominating much of our thinking and concern, and had become an inescapable factor for units which have been faced with increased rent, rates and travel expenses, and our leaders have been more than ever appreciative of the assistance given by the Trefoil Guilds, Local Associations and Supporters Committees.

This year our General Secretary, Mrs Whiteaker, retires after ten years in this responsible position in our Association. I would like here to record our grateful thanks to Mrs Whiteaker.

The steps that earned the money to pay for the North East England Standard were put into stitches, and what magnificence was displayed when the Standard was dedicated in York Minster in the Autumn.

North East England kindly invited the other United Kingdom Country and Region Chief Commissioners to share the triumphant day, and we all took our standards — which included the Association's Chief Commissioner's Standard, 20 years old in 1980.

After the service, large numbers of children and leaders from all over North East England gathered in the park adjoining the Minster, and as they were pouring out of the Minster into the park, a young policeman asked the Guiders who were organising the gathering how long they would be. 'We're having problems just now' said the Guider. 'You're having problems!' said the policeman, 'what about me when you release this lot!'

After the Sheriff's service in the Minster on the following day, an elderly legal gentleman, who could have passed for Alec Guinness in one of his roles, remarked to me that the population of York on the previous day had been badly outnumbered by the Guides.

I am afraid that I corrected him, saying that I expected he meant they had been well outnumbered and, indeed, except for a few motorists being held up, I am sure that our members gave no cause for irritation to the citizens of York.

Anglia region have acquired a charming period house in Newmarket for their regional headquarters. I was happy to join them in November for the opening, and to see the delightful facilities which they have largely themselves made of the premises.

Wales held a constructive and most amusing Commissioners' Conference in the Autumn and Oh! how beautiful their autumn trees can be with the sun shining through them, as they were on the day of Hether Kay — our former Vice-President's — service of Thanksgiving at Broneirion, the Welsh Training Centre.

At this time, with our Association reaching its present age, we have the sadness of losing some of our most valued senior members. Not least among these is Princess Alice who died in January after living, what our President so rightly described, as a useful life. A tribute to Princess Alice will appear in next year's report.

15% of girls aged 7 to 18 years of age in this country are members of our Movement. We have a proud heritage and can draw on our experience and on experts to meet the needs of

our members in this decade, with an up-to-date outlook and training in self-development for citizenship in a complex modern world.

In conclusion I pay tribute to our leaders who give so unstintingly of their time and energy in the service of our Movement and the young people of this nation. I thank them, and all my kind colleagues who have been so helpful and tolerant of me so new in my new position.

I have great pleasure, Ma'am, in moving the Adoption of the Annual Report.



Above, Mrs Lysia Whiteaker, The General Secretary. Below, Mr Ted Miller, printer of THE BROWNIE, being presented to HRH Princess Margaret.



The Chairman of the Junior Council



# Presentation of the Audited Statement of Accounts

**Mr P Lloyd-Owen, Honorary Treasurer**



Your Royal Highness, Chief Commissioner, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I was talking recently to a Guider who told me about her first Guide camp in the heart of the Welsh countryside. At the time it was a new experience, not only for the Guides in her company, but also for the Guider herself and it was with quite a sense of adventure that they set off together on a leisurely train journey into the hills. Train journeys in Wales are always leisurely and probably the more enjoyable for that reason.

In due course they were transferred with all their equipment and supplies to a motor lorry and arrived at their campsite on a large estate. This beautiful spot was virtually unspoilt territory, and only certain basic excavations had been undertaken for them in advance. Everything else needed to set up camp, they did for themselves.

The next morning, all their provisions, chosen so carefully and transported so far, were found to have disappeared from the stores tent during the night. This unexpected setback delayed breakfast for some time whilst foraging parties were sent out for fresh supplies.

In the middle of the following night, the Guider received the fright of her life from another intruder who she awoke to find sitting heavily on her chest, licking her face with every show of affection. This turned out to be a very large but friendly guard dog, I nearly said guide dog, thoughtfully posted by the estate people as the result of the previous night's episode, and who had shamefully deserted his post at the newly replenished stores tent.

This and other adventures, together with the enduring sense of comradeship which they fostered, are still fresh in her memory to this day, although the events she described to me happened almost exactly 60 years ago. The Guider was in fact my aunt and she will be 88 years old on her next birthday.

By way of contrast, a more recent impression of my own is of walking with my wife on a wet Sunday evening last autumn in the city of Nara in Japan and finding ourselves momentarily surrounded by a colourful group of Japanese Girl Guides sheltering under their umbrellas. Unfortunately, even my Welsh was of no service on this occasion and the language barrier prevented any communication other than a polite exchange of smiles and bows.

These two separate recollections, a whole world and several generations apart, impress me with the scope and continuity of your Movement which links distant countries together and carries the past through into the present.

Looking ahead, I feel sure that in the words of Longfellow, you will 'wisely improve the present . . . (and) go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear'.

It is with the financing required to meet the needs of the present and anticipate the challenge of the future that I, as your Treasurer, must concern myself. Perhaps like the Merchant of Venice, I should say:

*'My purse, my person, me extremest means  
Lie all unlock'd to your occasions.'*

I hasten to add that the pound of flesh, however, is not on offer!

In my address last year, I suggested that 1980 would see us holding our own financially in spite of inflation and also making some further progress with plans for the future. I am pleased to report that both these objectives have been achieved and that the Accounts laid before you today truly reflect another year of steady financial advancement in support of your Movement. We did, of course, have to cope with inflation because, as we all know, money does not go as far as it did. I am afraid that there is nothing particularly original about this observation; indeed, some words to this effect are to be found in a collection of French proverbs published as long ago as 1488.

So with us in 1980, inflation was, to a large extent, responsible for a further increase in operating expenditure, although you will see from the Accounts that funds were also allocated this year towards the cost of countries' training centres.

Nevertheless, we were able to provide adequately for the needs of the present, that is to say, for the efficient day to day running of your Association's National Headquarters, with all its varied activities and many responsibilities.

Although it may not always be readily apparent, especially perhaps when viewed from a distance, these essential tasks are undertaken by Headquarters on behalf of the Movement as a whole and in support of the membership which it represents and serves. All those concerned with your finances are very conscious of this responsibility.

These tasks could not be done, however, without the unfailing loyalty of that membership, not only through their allocation of subscription income to Headquarters but also by the support they give to the trading services which deserve another special mention again this year. The quality of service offered by their staff was matched by the enthusiastic response of the membership, with the gratifying results shown in the Accounts.

Mention too must be made of the continued and very practical encouragement which has been received in the form of grants and other generous donations. On your behalf, I should like once more to express the Association's sincere thanks for all these most welcome contributions and convey an assurance that they have been used to good effect in the cause of your Movement.

In addition to funding the needs of the present, we were able, as I have said, to make progress with plans for the future. This was possible because of certain specific grants and donations which we received and also, in large measure, due to the balance of income which remained after meeting the cost of running Headquarters for the year.

In my report I have referred to the use of these resources for various capital purposes such as the projects at Foxlease and Blackland and in other working funds of the Association, as being an effective investment in the future of Guiding. The most effective investment of all is undoubtedly the tradition of dedicated service to the Movement by countless numbers of people which has continued undiminished over the years.

The material strength of the Association, as reflected in its balance sheet today, is but one result of the foresight shown in the past by those who so wisely improved their present and thereby ensured the success of ours.

That their example is being followed throughout the Movement today is clearly evidenced by your Chief Commissioner's report and from the financial standpoint, the task will be greatly sustained by reason of the new National Headquarters Subscription which became effective this year and which, I would add, will remain unchanged for 1982.

In consequence, I believe your Association's finances are well placed to support the growing needs of the present day and to move forward to meet the challenge of the future with confidence.

It is therefore with great pleasure, Ma'am, that I now propose the adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts.



# Extracts from *The Guest* Speaker's Remarks

Your Royal Highness, Chief Commissioner, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I feel very fortunate to be asked to speak to you in this particular year because I know the Guides are concerned with disability. Not only do they have disabled members in the Handicapped Guides, they do a great deal for disabled people including doing things with them and doing things for them. This is a very important point because we are now about half way through the International Year of Disabled People. It is a year when we ask for their views on how we can co-operate with them; not a year in which we tell them what we think is a good idea for them. It is a year in which we ask them to join in with what we do in every way that they wish and that we can, between us, manage.

I became interested in disability myself because my husband's elder sister became disabled overnight. From then on she was in a wheelchair and she could not go 100 feet in the London streets without having someone to get her chair up and down the kerbs. My sister-in-law could not get into her house or out of it because of the front door and back door steps. She could not go from room to room on the same floor because of changes in level, and of course, she could not manage the stairs. There were hardly any public buildings she could use. This was always because of their design. This is some time ago. Since then the need for access to buildings by disabled people has been explained to architects and now they consider it a great deal. If the problems are to be avoided in the future, it is essential all access needs of disabled people should go into the training of architectural students, and now it is included as far as lame people and wheelchair people are concerned. This is a great step forward.

No doubt this year the Guides will often be helping to make Directories in their localities for disabled people to tell them about the buildings they can use, and the Handicapped Guides, too, will be helping on this, which is splendid.

It is very necessary that the problems of all disability groups should be considered in design. If, for example, a local authority has adapted the entrance to the Town Hall to make it accessible to lame and wheelchair people and then repainted it all a lovely pale grey and finished the work, and spent a lot of money, they are not going to be pleased if they then find they have forgotten visually handicapped people who cannot see well, and have accidentally created an environment for such people which doesn't work at all for them.

There is nothing much for the deaf who depend a great deal on the acoustics of a building, and there most certainly is not for the mentally handicapped. At present, architects generally do not know what to do to make buildings useful for these other groups. The Guides, who already influence public opinion and will be still more important in making public opinion when they are older, have a good opportunity to help when they are doing access directories by remembering the needs of these other groups. The Guides are able to work with the advice of the Handicapped Guides and see what they find difficult or easy. Some of the Handicapped Guides are visually handicapped and cannot see well, so the other Guides can work with

them, going out and about and round buildings, and listening to what they say, seeing what they find difficult or dangerous and trying to get some information together about it. They can help to see that those who are working on access in their area also think about people who cannot hear and mentally handicapped people when they are making access plans. Take as an example, the word EXIT in theatres and other public places. Everywhere it is spelt in the same way in large capitals in the same kind of manner and put where it is easy to see. Hence it is reasonable for mentally handicapped people to be taught to expect to find a way out close to the word EXIT. All signs are not so simple. For everyone, able bodied or not, an absolutely essential part of a building if it is to be used continuously for any length of time on one occasion are the loos. To indicate these doors there is 'WC', 'Toilet', 'Gents', 'Ladies', 'Men', 'Woman', pictures of hats and pipes, fans etc. — all sorts of symbols for doors behind which one would expect plumbing. If mentally handicapped people who cannot read are ever to use buildings with the rest of us there will have to be a standard Men's or Women's sign.

Both the Guides and the Handicapped Guides will probably know that there are special groups of children and young people who need the kind of help Guides could give particularly well. The first group are mentally handicapped children and young people. They particularly need friendly helpers who will not be put off by their problems and who are prepared to give them company and companionship. Then there are the children in wheelchairs. These children, no matter how much their families love them, can be very lonely in their leisure time when all the other children are out playing and scrambling about. If they live in a residential school in term time they can be lonely at home in the holidays. I think the younger ones, perhaps, are more lonely than the older ones, though most of them feel it.

Then there are children with socially unacceptable conditions. There are two groups in particular I have in mind. The incontinent children, including the large army of bed-wetters whom other children often find very unacceptable. These children might just be shunned.

An incontinent person of any age should not be made to feel disgraced and disapproved of, but treated as a person who has a disability and who should not be rejected.

Another group of socially unacceptable children can be the children with skin conditions. It is important to remember that hardly any of these conditions are catching. Yet a child who has ugly spots all over face and hands can be avoided by other children and can remain lonely and uncomfortable with a poor opinion of him or herself. Guides can lead public opinion in this as they have done in so many other ways. If the problems are explained to them they can help make life easier and less daunting for these unlucky children.

Then there are the older, severely disabled children who have left school and who have not yet found work, often because of their disability. These young people may be very depressed and lonely, and have far too much leisure on their hands. The Guides could seek

## Lady Hamilton, CBE, MA

them out and give them friendship and help with leisure activities.

Finally, I have put in this group some who are not children: they are the parents of disabled children who often have very difficult lives. The life of the mother in particular can be a real drudgery. Local societies working for disabled people can put Guides in touch and Guides could perhaps help in the same sort of ways in which they would be able to help their own family if they had the same sort of problems.

As well as the special groups, there are the special needs of disabled people. This time, I am not really talking about children but mostly about adults. So many disabled people have trouble with shopping, and I know Guides do help here. Lame people and wheelchair people can have difficulty in getting to the shops at all. If you are lame or in a wheelchair it is very nice to have somebody with you to help you. Difficulty in getting about can stop lame people and wheelchair people who cannot see well from doing a lot of other things as well as shopping. Such disabled people might very much like to be taken to friends, to church, to the local community centre, or village hall for functions. This is yet another way for the handicapped Guide to help the able bodied Guide. I found out from my sister-in-law that you really have to learn how to push a wheelchair. You do not want to tip the person out or make them uncomfortable. You do not want to strain yourself trying to lift them up kerbs, or steps because you do not know the way to do it. Wheelchair Guides can tell you how they would like to be pushed. The visually handicapped Guides can also tell you how they like to be steered and helped with their seeing problems. How they like to be taken across roads or up or down stairs, or to be shown to a chair and so on. If you want to know how to do these things and to help older people who cannot see, perhaps the Mobility Officer in the Social Services Department could come along and show you how best to help them. The staff from the local association for the blind could also show you. Finally, I am sure I do not really need to say this for the Guides, but in case anybody forgets it: If you undertake this sort of work with people on any of the things I have been talking about which really makes a vital difference to their lives, it is necessary to stick with it, particularly if there is a personal contact and especially if that contact is with a child.

Today I have talked about disabled people with special needs — the needs that they know more about than those who have not got special needs — so it is all important to do things with them and to involve them. And we must always remember that disabled people are just you and me after a great misfortune. They are us.

## Introduced by Mrs O Ashmore

■ An expression of thanks for graciously presiding was given to Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, by Mrs Joan Richards, recently Arts Adviser to the Association.



# Official Souvenirs to Mrs Thatcher

At the invitation of the Royal Jubilee Trust, Joanna Goodman representing The Girl Guides Association and Paul Beadle representing The Scout Association, went to No 10 Downing Street in May and presented the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, with two of the first official Souvenir Programmes of the Royal Wedding.

Mr Harold Haywood, Director of the Royal Jubilee Trusts, escorted these two worthy representatives. While waiting in the Reception Hall they saw members of the Cabinet departing from a meeting. Mrs Thatcher spoke with Joanna and Paul and showed them down the corridor to the Cabinet room and the staircase hung with portraits of the Prime Ministers from Walpole to Callaghan.

Joanna said that Mrs Thatcher was obviously very busy but most kind, and she was amazed that Mrs Thatcher actually showed them so much of the house and explained the history herself.

A butler showed them further parts of No 10; the staircase in the middle of the house, Mrs Thatcher's office and three beautiful large rooms used for entertaining; one containing William Pitt's desk. Joanna and Paul were also shown the dining room, with its magnificent ceiling, and the garden.



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Joanna Goodman, 17, of the Reigate Rangers, and Paul Beadle, 16, of the 6th Friern Barnet Scouts, All Saints, with Mrs Thatcher inside No 10, after presenting her with a copy of the Royal Wedding Souvenir.

Having seen the television series Joanna was particularly interested in the photographs of David Lloyd George.

It has been reported that Joanna was composed and charming — an impressive representative of our members and we thank her.

**Patience Baden-Powell**

## The Prime Minister's Reply



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

15 May 1981

*Dear Lady Baden-Powell,*

Thank you for writing such a very nice letter to introduce Joanna Goodman. I much enjoyed meeting her and Paul Beadle yesterday and hope that the Scouts and Girl Guides Associations do well in the sale of this very splendid Official Souvenir.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Margaret Thatcher*

The Lady Baden-Powell



Members of the Australian Association were delighted to learn that the United Kingdom's award of the Silver Fish has been granted to Miss Margaret Coleman, presentation being made by the Australian President, Her Excellency Lady Cowen CStJ on Friday 3rd July.

Margaret is known to Guide members all over the world for her contribution to Guiding, particularly in the fields of training and writing/editing. At present she is editor of the Australian magazine *Guiding in Australia* and holds the position of State Training Adviser for New South Wales, herself being a diploma'd trainer.

Many of Australia's training publications are due to Margaret's expertise, chief among these being the Australian Leadership Training Plan, Trainers Workbook, Leaders Handbook and Workbook and a book to assist with the establishment of Resource Centres in isolated areas.

In her private life Margaret is an avid reader and well equipped to write scintillating accounts for book reviews.

Margaret has trained in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the USA, and many will recall her sense of fun and fellowship joined with a sincere appreciation of needs of leaders and girls.

As a graduate of Arts, Sydney University, with a diploma of Social Science, London School of Economics, Margaret lectured in sociology at Toronto University. She is also a triple certificated nurse and holds a diploma in Child Welfare. With all these qualifications Margaret is a very direct, sincere, fun loving person who strikes at the heart of whatever she is doing, whether it be running a toy shop, training leaders or editing a magazine.

All who know her will be delighted to learn that she has been honoured by this Award.

# SILVER FISH

to

Miss Margaret Coleman



## Nominations for Vacancies on the Council of The Girl

The Royal Charter (supplemental Charter 1960) states, 'the Council of the Association should be constituted in such a manner as to make its membership more representative of all those persons who are engaged in the work of the Association...'. The Council and the Executive Committee are very anxious that every opportunity should be given to Guiders (POR abbreviations — page 7 refers) to put forward names for election to the Council and each year, about this time, you will be reminded in *GUIDER* that you are entitled to make a nomination if you know of a particular Commissioner or Guider whose contribution to the Association as a whole would be valuable on the Council. Nominations are now being sought for vacancies which will occur at the Annual General Meeting in the spring of 1982.

The Girl Guides Association is governed by a Council and has its affairs managed and regulated by an Executive Committee appointed by the Council. The functions of the

Council and the Executive Committee are controlled by the Royal Charter granted by King George V in 1922. In order to meet the changing needs of the Association, supplemental Charters were granted by King George VI in 1949, and by Queen Elizabeth II in 1960. In addition to the Charter, there are 46 Bye-Laws which give the method of carrying out the provisions of the Charter. At a meeting of the Council in November, 1974 an Ad Hoc Committee was set up to examine the constitution and functions of the Council and the Executive Committee. Certain recommendations necessitating alterations to the Charter and Bye-Laws were agreed by the Council. Any alterations to the Charter and Bye-Laws must be authorised by the Council and must then be submitted to the Privy Council for final approval. The proposed changes affecting the Bye-Laws have been approved by the Privy Council, and when the alterations to the Charter itself have been approved a new booklet will be put in hand.

*Nominations for the Council must:*

- 1) be made on the official 'Nomination for election to the Council' form obtainable from District Commissioners. (District Commissioners can obtain the forms from County Secretaries.)
- 2) be made by two Commissioners and/or Guiders who hold appointments in the Country/Region concerned, the permission of the nominee having first been obtained.
- 3) be sent on the completed form to the County Secretary, via the District and Division Commissioner by a date to be decided by the County concerned.

County Commissioners must arrange for a secret ballot at a meeting of the County Executive Committee to select one name from among those nominations received for forwarding to Country/Region Headquarters by mid-December.



# PIP

## \*Cards\*



THE new Patrol Ideas Pack contains a set of 15 PIP Cards, each of which deals with a different topic mentioned in the Guide Handbook. They have been carefully designed for use by a Patrol and delightfully illustrated, in full colour on one side. Cookery, crafts, codes, challenges, indoors and out — all the Eight Points are covered and the range of activities offered is wide.

'Jane's nearly ready for her yellow badge but she's short on . . .'. A symbol in the corner of each card relates to which of the Eight Points is covered by that particular project (sometimes more than one). This helps with choosing, and with recording progress afterwards.

'We want to do this but we don't know how.' All the materials and tools needed for a project are listed and the directions for carrying it out are easy to follow. A Patrol working on its own should have no difficulty, especially since organisation is also covered and possible snags have been anticipated. Guides will probably need adult help in borrowing some of the equipment or in obtaining outside permission, but we hope they will be helped to discover what they need for themselves, and in good time.

'Can we do some more of this?' At the foot of each PIP Card is a section headed 'AND NOW . . .'. Here you will find hints on expanding the project or suggestions for related activities, and these may spark-off further ideas.

In the September issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE*, you will find an introduction to using PIP Cards by the Robin Patrol and also an extremely useful set of hints on choosing, planning, carrying out and recording a project. Ann Walker, co-author with Helen Ryan, of the PIP Cards, has designed this to be cut out and kept with the Pack for future reference.

Price £1.20.

Jean Homewood

## Guides Association in 1982

### Qualifications for a candidate for election to the Council:

One of the Bye-Laws states that 'At the time of election a Council Member must be over the age of 18, but must not have reached her 61st birthday', and this should be borne in mind when making a nomination. The suitability of a candidate is left to the judgement of those who nominate and elect.

The candidate put forward from any one Country or Region is not subject to any geographical qualification. The essential two-way representation of views between the Council and members of the Movement in each District is carried out by the Country/Region Chief Commissioners working through the chain of District, Division, County and Country/Region Committees. These channels are of great importance, and nothing should be allowed to mask or diminish this importance.

Council members have the opportunity and the duty to appoint The Chief Commissioner of the Association, the deputy Chief Commis-

sioner(s) and the Treasurer, to elect a proportion of members of the Council in addition to those elected by the Countries/Regions; to assess reports made to them; to initiate discussion and to make all their decisions in the light of what in their judgement is the greatest good for the Association as a whole. Members of the Council have usually, but not invariably, been people with current or very recent experience as Commissioners or Guiders. Knowledge and experience gained in circles other than Guiding are obviously needed to enrich an individual contribution and to bring added wisdom to decisions made on behalf of the Association.

The most important considerations in selecting a candidate are probably sound judgement, a broad viewpoint and wide experience.



# ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL, 1981

After opening the Meeting with a Prayer, The Chief Commissioner said that Lady Price, Chairman of the World Committee, had been invited for part of the meeting and would also be joining the Executive Committee for lunch. As this year marked the 60th Anniversary of 'Today's Guide', Mrs Rush and members of the Periodicals staff had been invited to join the Committee prior to lunch.

## Finance Committee

It was agreed that Mrs E Wing should be re-elected for a second term on the Finance Committee, and it was further agreed that Mrs Wing, presently Chairman of the Staff Monitoring Sub-Committee, should be appointed as Staff Monitoring Consultant to The Chief Commissioner, and that the Staff Monitoring Sub-Committee be dissolved.

## Commissioner for Branch Associations

The Chairman expressed to Mrs Vaughan-Cox the good wishes of the Executive Committee for her forthcoming visit to Antigua.

### (a) Vanuatu — Acting Commissioner

Mrs M W Manua has been appointed as Acting Commissioner of The Girl Guides Association in Vanuatu (vice Mrs Janet Bunyan).

### (b) Bermuda — President

Lady Posnett has been appointed as President of The Girl Guides Association in Bermuda (vice Lady Ramsbottom). Lady Posnett is the wife of Sir Richard Posnett, KBE, CMG, the Governor of Bermuda.

### (c) The Solomons — Commissioner

Mrs Ellen Paia has been appointed as Commissioner of The Girl Guides Association in The Solomons (vice Mrs Bridget McNaughton).

Before adjourning for lunch, Lady Price thanked the Chairman for the honour of being able to attend part of the meeting. Lady Price said that she was very happy to report that the Association's contribution to the WAGGS, Olave Baden-Powell Fund now stood at approximately £96,000. On behalf of the other 97 member countries, she wished to record her gratitude to all members of the 'home country'. In addition she expressed appreciation for the enormous increase in the United Kingdom's contribution to the Thinking Day Fund, and on behalf of the World Association, Lady Price presented an envelope to the Chairman containing a contribution towards the perpetual upkeep of the new Memorial Stone in Westminster Abbey.

## The World Association of Girl Guides And Girl Scouts

### 24th World Conference

#### Junior Council Representative

Miss Teresa Drakeley (Midlands) has been selected as the representative from the Junior Council on the Association's delegation to the 24th World Conference. Miss Penny Farbrother (South West England) has been selected as the reserve member.

## Commonwealth Headquarters Executive Committee Meeting Cycle 1982

The following dates for the 1982 Cycle of Executive Committee Meetings were approved:

Thursday, 4th February, 1982.  
Thursday, 1st April, 1982.  
Thursday, 17th June, 1982.  
Thursday, 7th October, 1982.  
Thursday, 2nd December, 1982.

## Elections to fill Vacancies on the Awards Committee

The Executive Committee agreed that Mrs Dunford should replace Mrs Ronson on the Awards Committee as a Chief Commissioner member and the Awards Committee recommendation that Mrs I Sturt be re-elected for a further three years was approved.

### Trefoil Guild

It was agreed that Mrs Kwantes be asked to fill one place and Mrs Yates agreed to fill the other one on The Central Council of The Trefoil Guild.

Members extended their congratulations to Mrs Thompson, President of the Trefoil Guild, following her report that the Trefoil Guild magazine was in the process of being put on to cassette tapes for blind members.

## The Chief Commissioner

### (a) Chairman of the 1985 Jubilee Committee

Mrs B Lawrence (Anglia) has accepted an invitation to be the Chairman of the 1985 Jubilee Committee.

### (b) Commissioner for Branch Associations Designate

The Chairman reported that Mrs Vaughan-Cox will have completed ten years as the Commissioner for Branch Associations in 1982. Bearing in mind the responsibilities which the job carried, the Executive Committee agreed the appointment of Mrs Banks as Commissioner for Branch Associations designate.

### (c) Chairman of Foxlease House Committee

Mrs Robson's appointment as Chairman of the Foxlease House Committee was extended for one further year.

### (d) Outdoor Activities Adviser — Extension of Term of Office

The appointment of Miss A K Gray has been extended until the end of September 1981, by which time it is hoped that a successor will have been appointed.

### (e) Training Conference

Miss Mary Nixon, OBE will chair the Planning Committee and be Chairman of the Training Conference to be held in Stirling 1982.

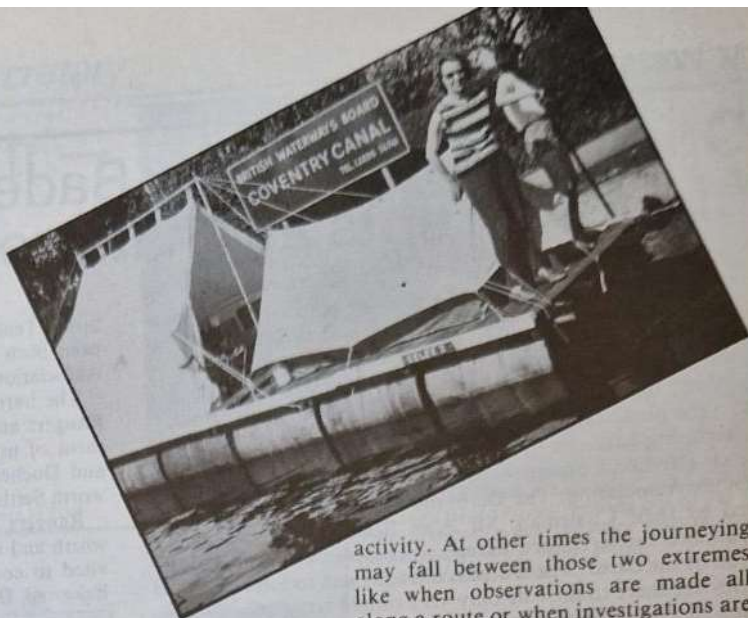
## Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council was confirmed for 10.30 am on Thursday, 2nd July, 1981 in the Council Chamber at Commonwealth Headquarters.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the fact that this had been Miss Chance's last Meeting as an elected member of the Committee. Appreciation and good wishes were expressed to Miss Chance.



**EXPLORATION!** What does that conjure up in your mind? Paddling a dugout canoe up the headwaters of an African river? Probing a rugged pass in Tibet to find the way into an undiscovered valley? Beating round a rocky headland in search of a new passage to the East? Yes indeed, it can be those, but what about trying to reach the source of the Thames in a canoe you have built yourself? Looking back on the tiny houses in the valley as you scramble up the last few yards to the crest of a ridge in our homeland hills? Crossing the mudflats to an island in the marshes of the East Coast? The great explorers of the past may feature in the history books and the dramatic ones of today hit the headlines as they put up a first ascent, float down the Zaire River or cross the Antarctic, but exploration is not really a matter of money or distance or expense — it's a state of mind, the urge to find things out, to see what's over the next rise, round the next headland — and by your own efforts actually finding out. This surely is the essence of Guiding and Rangering. It can be tackled at any level and adapted to the interests and experience and expectations of all who take part — the tow path of a local canal may offer exciting exploration to some while others may seek theirs in wilder or



excitement and satisfaction of exploration lies in achieving or finding out something for oneself. The second essential is that an exploration involves an element of journeying, getting somewhere by one's own effort. Sometimes

activity. At other times the journeying may fall between those two extremes like when observations are made all along a route or when investigations are planned at a number of sites within an area. However much or little journeying

# EXPLORATION!!!

**Douglas Hayward**

lonelier areas of this country or overseas.

## The vital elements

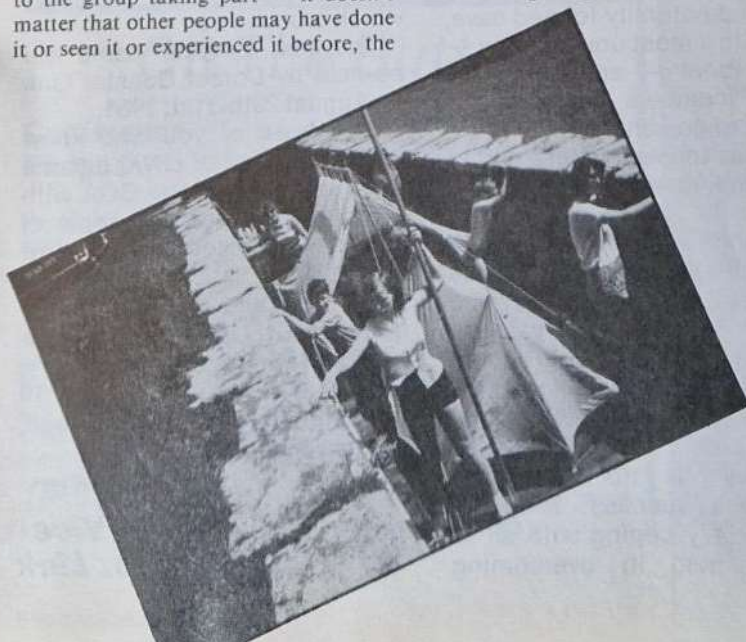
Exploration, I suggest, involves three basic elements. The most important is the element of discovery — finding, experiencing, seeing something new. New to the group taking part — it doesn't matter that other people may have done it or seen it or experienced it before, the

the journeying might form the major part of a venture and the challenge and the fun stem from overcoming difficult conditions or negotiating demanding country. This may be particularly so if less usual forms of travel are involved — horseback for example, a raft, or a rowing boat. On other occasions the journeying might be almost incidental to a particular project, investigation or study, not so much an end in itself but a means of getting to an area or site of the

is involved, it will probably have relevance to the third essential element which can best be described as a certain remoteness. Remoteness again can take many forms. An exploration may be to or within a genuinely remote area in the normally accepted sense, an uninhabited island, the wild uplands, coastal areas only approachable by boat. Equally though, remoteness can be found much nearer home, in many rural places, and particularly in woodland and forest areas. Remoteness really means remote from *people* rather than necessarily in terms of the area itself — a group can often be very much more remote in a small wood or the corner of a field than on the top of Scafell or many other supposedly remote places! Explorations offer wonderful opportunities to identify and discover many lonely places away from the beaten track, areas where groups can be, and feel themselves to be, dependent on themselves and their own resources — can be, very literally remote.

## The scope of explorations

Within the three elements of discovery, journeying and remoteness, there are opportunities for an enormous range of exciting activities and investigations. Few will be conceived ready-made and much of the fun is usually in the development of an idea and the preparation for a particular venture. The initial concept of an Exploration may spring from many sources, a special interest of one or more of the group, a desire to see or find out more about an area or a specific part of an area, a news item in a





## Opening by The Lady Baden-Powell of Stone Tents at Chatsworth, Derbyshire

The dictionary gives a definition of tent as 'a portable shelter consisting of canvas or other flexible material stretched over and supported on poles' — how then, can we now have Stone Tents for use by Rangers and Guides?

Many months ago, Her Grace, the Duchess of Devonshire, saw the possibilities of three very dilapidated but historically interesting barns on the Chatsworth Estate and contacted the local Division Commissioner, offering the use of them to the Guide Association. The Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, led by their Chairman, Mr Alan Bemrose, assisted by Mr Latham, the Architect, agreed to co-operate on the restoration of the barns. The Duchess likened them to Stone Tents as they are there to provide only very simple accommodation — and so, Stone Tents they are now christened. Working parties of Historic Buildings Trust members, Guides, Rangers and Venture Scouts were organised and finally, after months of hard work, two of the Stone Tents were completed, to be officially opened by the Lady Baden-Powell, in the presence of Her Grace, the Duchess of Devonshire, on Saturday, 30th May, 1981. After weeks of typical camping weather (rain, rain, rain!) — to our great surprise the day dawned warm and sunny! Guides, Rangers and Venture Scouts who had worked on the project were invited to the opening, together with members of the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, the Mayor of Bakewell and other interested local friends of the Association. We were also delighted to welcome Mrs N J Ronson, Midlands Chief Commissioner, on her first official visit to the County.

Mrs O M Robinson (County Commissioner), welcomed everyone and expressed our thanks to the Duchess and to the Historic Buildings Trust for making the day possible. Mrs Robinson said that one advantage of Stone Tents was that they did not have to be erected — nor struck — in a down-pour!

A Venture Scout presented Lady Baden-Powell with scissors to cut the gold and blue ribbons to open the first

Stone Tent. Lady Baden-Powell said that although she had been born abroad, as she had been enrolled into the Guide Association, she felt she did have some claim to the County.

The barns are in a beautiful situation and the Derbyshire Rangers and Guides would love others to share in the enjoyment of using the facilities so kindly provided by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and the Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement.

Rangers and older Guides who would like to visit Chatsworth and spend one or two nights in the Stone Tents are invited to contact **Mrs I Tingle, Penn Cottage, Burre Close, Bakewell, Derbyshire (telephone Bakewell 2279).**



## Link-up with Link

THIS year's first of the bi-annual 'Link-Up' camps, attended by Link groups from throughout the country, was held over the Easter holiday weekend at the Linnet Clough Scout camp site at Marple in the Peak District.

Close on 70 Link members (and their children) attended, some as far away as Pembroke in Wales and the New Forest in Hampshire. Our hosts, the relatively new 'Linnet Link', were on home ground, and in large numbers, distinctive in their newly-printed yellow-and-black sweat shirts.

Both varied weather and programme was provided for us, including a very interesting trip

to Speedwell Cavern, an old lead mine and naturally formed cave, viewed in a most unusual way — from a boat — and talking of boats, members also had a chance to go canoeing. Or if the water was too wet, to take part in the climbing and abseiling, or archery.

Evenings were passed by a mass blindfolded race across country to a local hostelry, and on the Sunday a very good campfire was held with scouts from nearby camps joining in.

Our thanks go to our hosts, 'Linnet Link', for all the hard work they put into making the weekend a success. They did well not only coping with all of us, but also in overcoming

various last-minute problems which cropped up.

The next 'Link-Up' camp will be held by Dorset Coastal Link on August 29th-31st, 1981.

For those of you who know little or nothing of LINK, it is the newest branch of the GGA with membership open to people of either sex between the ages of 18 and 30.

If you would like to find out more about LINK, please write to: **The National LINK Secretary, LINK Office, CHQ, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.**

**John Bradley**  
**National Vice-Chairman, Link**



## Adopt And Cherish — Progress Report

Since its launch in May this year the 'Adopt and Cherish' project has moved from strength to strength. We have received press coverage in a wide variety of publications, from *Heritage* magazine to *Woman and Home*, and from countless local papers all over the United Kingdom. So many people have joined in with us too. In some areas whole districts have been working together, in some, whole villages. Some have persuaded Scouts to join them, and the 18th York (St Andrews) Guides and Brownies enlisted the help of the King's Singers, while they were appearing at the Theatre Royal, York.

Our best news came only recently, though, when we heard that 'Adopt and Cherish' had won one of The Queen Mother's 80th Birthday Awards for its outstanding contribution to environmental improvement. The award was collected by The Chief Commissioner, Lady Baden-Powell, at the Keep Britain Tidy Group's AGM at St James's Palace



The King Singers in York

on 23rd June, 1981. Presenting the awards was Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Patron of the Keep Britain Tidy Group. We also realised, with some excitement, that we were also eligible for 'The Queen Mother's 80th Birthday Trophy, which was to be awarded to the over-all winner on 23rd June.

Now that you know our news, we'd be happy to hear how all of you are



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The Lady Baden-Powell receives one of HM The Queen Mother's 80th Birthday Awards from Her Majesty at the Keep Britain Tidy Group AGM at St James's Palace.

getting on. Have you come up with a really special idea? Do you have any good black and white pictures to show us? What kind of local sponsorship have you found? Have any of you won any special awards? It's up to you to see to it that we keep up to date with all the news.

Eventually, we heard

that the trophy had been awarded to The Schools Environmental Education Project in Northern England, which was started in 1978, and sponsored by The Manpower Services Commission. Let's hope that 'Adopt and Cherish' proves to be just as successful three years from now.

pic: Tony Rose

## On The Button

### Conference Badges

Replacing the old cloth adhesive conference badges, we introduce a new re-usable plastic conference name badge, with 'Girl Guides' name and logo in blue on white plastic. Names are typed on white card inserts and slotted into place with a small sheet of perspex forming a window. May be used repeatedly by simply replacing the card insert. Available from PR dept, CHQ, price

46p each, or £4.50 for 10 (postage will be extra).

### Fun Badges

Two new fun badges have been produced, and are now available from CHQ shop, price 20p each, or from PR Department in batches of one dozen, price £1.80 per dozen and postage. Choose from slogans 'UK Guiding OK' or 'Lost mine (heart) to Guides'.



Mrs Anita Munnell, initiator of the project, pictured with Kate Fox of Keep Britain Tidy, and Kenneth Kenyon, at the Press Launch.



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## Focus on the Guiding Press (2) —

## Galley Slaves

'DO YOU print them in the office?' ... 'how do you manage to fill all those pages?' ... 'is it a full-time job?' These are a few of the questions I am asked as Editor of the three Guiding magazines, and the answers are 'no', 'easily' and 'you must be joking'.

But to start at the beginning *THE BROWNIE* and *TODAY'S GUIDE* are planned in detail in July and August for the whole of the following year, so that by the time this article appears in print, the whole content of 52 issues of *THE BROWNIE* and 12 of *TODAY'S GUIDE* will be planned for 1982. The basic pattern which we consider provides the right mixture is more or less the same for each issue; for instance, most issues of *TODAY'S GUIDE* contain two or three features developing DIY themes from the Handbook; two articles to help with interest Badges; four pages for Patrol Leaders; a short story or serial; a handcraft feature; a seasonal nature feature; and so on. Most issues have a theme: an animal issue, books issue, Saints' Days, Guy Fawkes, Hallowe'en, Mothering Sunday, and, of course, Easter and Christmas. *THE BROWNIE* follows a similar pattern, and although much of it is in strip cartoon form, it follows the Brownie programme closely.

When the planning

has been roughed out by the Editor and Assistant Editor, lists are prepared showing what goes on every page of every issue throughout the year — although this will be altered to take in topical material. Letters are written to authors and artists commissioning them to provide articles and series for the whole of the year, giving them a list of deadlines which, once accepted, are then a firm commitment.

*GUIDER* has to be a far more hand-to-mouth operation, because so much official material has to be accommodated. Around this we build each issue from topical features and news stories, plus seasonal material and features sent in by readers. The four centre training pages are supplied by authors nominated by Programme and Training department (as are the Patrol Leaders' pages of *TODAY'S GUIDE*) although we have them illustrated in the usual way.

All material which arrives in the department for any of the magazines is seen and initialised by me, passed for payment where appropriate, and placed in the relevant file. On the author's deadline date, I take all the material out of the file, read it and decide what goes where and, if there's too much material, what must be held over. In the case of *THE BROWNIE*, the

Assistant Editor normally takes over this operation.

At this stage, the Advertisement Manager compiles a list of the advertising booked for that issue, and we keep a strict ratio of advertising to total content. In the case of *GUIDER*, I decide how many pages each issue will contain, based on the amount of advertising. We have to print in multiples of eight pages, so either have a small issue in which everything is tightly squeezed, or an eight-page larger issue for which we may have three extra pages of advertising, giving us five extra editorial pages. This is why we have a number of features such as book reviews and Home and Away, which can be expanded at short notice or omitted if necessary. At this stage it's far too late to commission an article so it's essential to have 'elastic' features of this type.

If you heard during the recent demise of 'NOW!' magazine, that of the 125 staff, two-thirds were journalists, you will I hope be surprised to learn that in Periodicals Department we have myself as Editor, plus a total of five young journalists, all of great talent but mostly gaining their first journalistic experience with us. There are three Assistant Editors, one on each magazine, plus a Sub-





Advertising  
Dept.

by

Jean Rush

Managing Editor

Editor on *GUIDER* and an editorial assistant who fills in on all three. No overlaps for holidays or sickness. With this staff we produce an average of 160 pages every month.

Once we have been through every item for a particular issue discussing presentation and illustration, the Assistant Editor takes over the manuscripts and prepares them for press. This involves sub-editing, and marking up for type. No, the printer does not decide how large or how wide to print the column — this is decided by us, taking into account where and how the article will eventually be placed. The 'copy' (editorial material) is collected by the printer's messenger, the compositor sets it up in type, and the printer supplies us with several sets of galley proofs which contain all the text at random. This is carefully read and checked against the copy, by as many of us as possible and by various departments at CHQ. Meanwhile, the Assistant Editor is cutting up the galley proofs and preparing layouts of each page on special layout sheets. At this stage, the artwork is scaled down and its area marked on the page, and headings and bylines are added to the article. Sometimes we have special headings drawn by a freelance artist, and some-

times we select one of the typefaces available at the printer's, but the choice is ours.

The galleys are pasted into position on the layout sheet and these are returned to the printer, who then prepares proofs of the pages as designed by us. The printer supplies us with several sets of page proofs, and at this stage we are under special pressure because although several departments have to see relevant page proofs, we usually have to 'turn round' this operation and have our finally corrected pages back with the printer within 48 hours. The pages are read by myself and other members of our department, and we are proud of our standard of accuracy, but with such a small staff, mistakes are bound to occur occasionally. Frequent interruptions are part of an Editor's life, and some days I have four separate sets of proofs on my desk: for instance, galley proofs of *GUIDER*, page proofs of *TO-DAY'S GUIDE* and *THE BROWNIE*, and also galleys of the following week's *BROWNIE* — as it's a weekly we work on three separate issues every week.

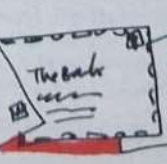
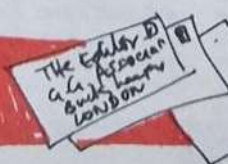
After the printer has carried out our final adjustments and corrections, it's usual for the Assistant Editor to travel to the printer to check that these have been

done, and pass for press. Then we wait with bated breath for the issue to appear, but this isn't the chance to put our feet up — far from it! It's already time to begin work on the next issue, and so the merry-go-round starts again.

When the issue has been printed, stitched and trimmed, and the loose inserts slipped in, the printer delivers the bulk of copies to the warehouse of our distributors, to be conveyed by them to the farthest points of the United Kingdom. The subscription staff will already have prepared the wrappers for the postal subscribers, and the labels for the parcels to be sent to the Guide shops and other special orders. These copies are despatched by the printers, but all the records are kept and all queries dealt with by our subscription staff in periodicals department, who also fill casual orders and investigate hold-ups which crop up in wholesale distribution. For this, we have a staff of one full-time and two part-timers.

Meanwhile, the advertisement department is not resting on its laurels either; no sooner is one issue closed for advertising than the Advertisement Manager and her assistant start selling space in the next

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## Thanks Are Due

My Company and I have just returned from a wet, muddy and extremely difficult Camp at Blacklands Farm. I should like to put on record the help and support of Mr Ron Burgess and his staff throughout the whole week-end. They were in demand the whole time and had a tremendous clearing up job after we had left, but at no time did they lose heart or temper, and remained unflappable throughout. Any requests were met immediately and with cheerfulness. The conditions were discouraging, but due to their help we all managed to survive, just!

Thank you, Mr Burgess.

Anne Davis (Mrs),  
Guide Guider,  
1st Lee North Co,  
London South East.



## Join Our Club

We would like to tell readers of our new club — the Aberdeen Student Scout and Guiding Club. This is a new club, recently set up to cater for all students at present studying at the University and colleges of Aberdeen.

We are always looking for new members to boost our numbers, and introduce new activities to our curriculum.

If you are interested in this

club, or would just like to know more about it, we can be contacted via Scout or Guide Headquarters in Aberdeen. May we also point out the fact that no previous experience of Scouting or Guiding is necessary, and also — there's no uniform. Thank you for your time and cooperation. Yours in Guiding/Scouting.

C Murray (Treasurer),  
F Saunders (Secretary),  
Scout and Guide Club,  
Aberdeen.

## Disappearing Notes!

I write to share with you a tip which we have discovered in our Pack and which helps to solve the problem of the 'disappearing note' — the letters sent home to parents by Brownie Guiders which never reach those to whom they are addressed. I understand from parents that these notes quite often go straight into the washing machine in their daughter's uniform pockets!

All notes from our Brownies to their parents go home stuffed inside their socks! This is on the assumption that socks must come off before going into the wash, whereas pockets may not always be opened! Other Brownie Guiders may find this tip useful too!

Valerie J Barrow (Mrs),  
Brownie Guider,  
2nd Cockfosters Brownie Pack,  
Herts.

## Acrostic Wins

Each month I turn the pages to Brenda Hughes' Double Acrostic as soon as I get my *GUIDER*. I never send in my solution, but I do enjoy doing it. I wish the lines dividing the

words could be more clearly shown, though, and if someone could work through the puzzle before it went into print the small errors would be eliminated.

Those who do submit their solutions are asked to attach a brief note about their preferred reading material, and as I am corresponding with CHQ about another matter I decided to include my observations. Not being a Unit Guider nowadays I only glance through the training pages, but I always eagerly read the letters and the items about CHQ and the regions. As the readers cover such a wide aspect of Guiding, the content of the magazine must cater for all of us, and this, I think, you are doing.

My favourite, though, is the puzzle — it is fortunate that *GUIDER* is not a weekly, otherwise I would get no work done!

J Hairsine (Mrs),  
Stockport,  
Cheshire.



## Be Safe — Not Sorry

I should like please to remind you that great care should be taken when tall machinery and other equipment is moved or used close to overhead electric lines. The Generating Board's lines operate at high voltage and a 'flashover' can occur without making contact. The result could be fatal but, even if no one were injured, the electricity supply would fail, and this might have serious consequences for hospitals, factories, farms etc, over a wide area.

Potential sources of danger include cranes, elevators, tipper vehicles, boom sprayers, irrigators etc. Jets of water or slurry should not be directed at any electric line. Special care should also be taken when moving electric fences, irrigation pipes etc, near a line.

If you have doubts about carrying out agricultural or other operations safely near any of the Generating Board's



lines, please contact me and I will arrange for a Board official to call and see you.

I should be glad also if you would bring the need for caution to the notice of all who work for you.

J W Cridford  
Assistant Regional Secretary  
(Estates and Wayleaves)  
Central Electricity Generating Board

## More 'Purpose'

I refer to Carolyn Kaine's letter, 'Individual Purpose', in the June edition of *GUIDER*.

I agree that there should be a Self-Training Patch. I, like many other Patrol Leaders, would like to participate in the Patrol Purpose Patch, but I also have an unco-operative Patrol and rarely do I have full attendance at a meeting.

I am sure that Leaders of Patrols similar to my own would benefit from a Self-Training Patch, as it would not need to involve the whole Patrol, only those interested. Also members of different Patrols could work together on a Patrol-Purpose Patch. A Self-Training Patch would also be appreciated by Lone Guides, as they could take this Badge whereas they cannot take the Patrol Patch.

Joanna Briggs,  
PL, Robin Patrol,  
4th Hinckley Coy,  
Leics.

## ... 'Transfer' Training...

May I add my voice to the Transfer Form problem. From January 1980 — April 1981 I ran a Guide Company in Cyprus; during 1980 nearly all the girls returned to the UK accompanied by Transfer Forms. When I handed the Company over I had received something like six reply slips back. I feel that somewhere either parents forget to take Transfer Forms to new Units (so I began to post them with SAEs — still no response) or girls don't rejoin Guides. Two





that did come back had been misplaced for quite a time, but after writing about 30 forms I do wonder.

I now find that despite the fact that it has been 3 weeks between my daughters leaving their Guide Company and being told their Transfer Forms are in the post, they have not arrived (my elder daughter is one Badge short of her Queen's Guide) complete with Badge certificates. I have not received a cancelled warrant nor has a Transfer Form arrived for me. The mind boggles. While writing may I say that I enjoy my Guiding, be it with Brownies or Guides, and it is a pity that lack of communication makes it fall down. Perhaps Transfer Form writing should be included in Trainings and the importance of them emphasised more.

**Penny Colman (Mrs),**  
Wootton Bassett.

## Knotted!...

We agree with J R Shaw (May GUIDER) regarding the 15-year knot — that all one has to show is a piece of ribbon worth two pence.

Surely it would not be too much for Headquarters to supply a metal badge which could be easily moved from Winter to Summer uniform and to issue a small certificate.

Even the Brownies, Guides and Rangers are given certificates when they have gained a Badge or Award.

Also, some of the Guides, having had explained to them the significance of the knot, have enquired what further Awards are given for, say, 20 or 25 years service, and have been very taken aback to realise that, for the ordinary Guider, no further recognition is given.

After years of giving our services voluntarily, would it be too great a burden for the Movement to say 'thanks', with a badge we would be proud to wear on our uniforms?

Come on, HQ, you are quick to alter POR, Handbooks and uniforms to keep in line with the ever-changing 'scene', so is it not time the 'long service' Award was also updated? Or, could it be that long service Guiders are a dying breed, and dedication to voluntary service considered a thing of the past and not worthy of recognition, short term appointments appearing to be today's accepted norm.

**L A Parsons,**  
**D A Lane,**  
Milton District,  
Kent West.

## ...All Tied Up!

I would like to say how much our District agrees with JR Shaw on the inadequacy of the 15 year knot, especially when one considers that far superior enamel Badges are awarded to other members of the Movement, often for a far shorter period of Service, such as the 'Thanks' Badge and the Annual Guide Trefoil Badges. Guiders only receive an insignificant piece of ribbon to reward them for 15 years devoted and tireless service, often involving many hundreds of hours work.

Needless to say, we all enjoy our Guiding and expect no reward for our efforts, but nevertheless a more tangible expression of appreciation would be most acceptable.

I would also like to submit a plea for a slightly more personal letter of appreciation for 15 years Service. Mine began — Dear... (name omitted) and ended disappointingly with a rubber stamp signature.

One final suggestion — please could we revert to having our Warrants beautifully handwritten, as of yore, instead of being so impersonally typed.

**Margaret Simons (Mrs),**  
District Assistant,  
Brentwood West,  
Essex.

## Save Our Wildlife

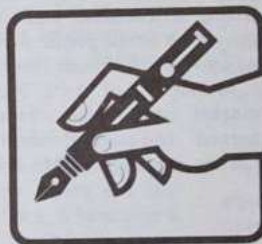
As a flower arranger and Badge Tester, may I make a plea to my fellow Guiders not to encourage their Guides to pick wild flowers. In the Flower Arranger Badge it

states 'an arrangement of wild flowers'; but I do feel that with the fast disappearance of our lovely countryside we Guiders should make some effort to save our wild plant life. There are plenty of garden and florist flowers available, as well as dried material so that we do not need to pick the wild flowers, and this part of the badge should be deleted.

**Beryl Tunnicliff (Mrs),**  
Division Secretary,  
Loughborough Division,  
Leics.

## Beautiful Brownsea

Is it possible to mention a 'reminder' to Guiders camping on Brownsea Island, to help the Warden when he collects our dustbin and plastic bag each morning? I couldn't



believe it, when he told me, that I was the only one who helped him. I sincerely hope he only meant Whitsun week. I've camped on Brownsea Island four times now, and where would we be without all the help the Warden gives us? So it would be terrible if we all forgot our Guide Law.

Another small point; please when laying trails, don't forget to go back and collect your litter! The island is too beautiful to spoil.

**J Payne,**  
5th Tadley Guide Guider,  
Hants.

## ...GUIDER Helps... To Transfer Problems

What does happen to all those tear-off strips from the bottom of transfer forms? I've had the same problem as Mrs Boyd (March issue) when transferring Guides. Going through HQ as suggested on

the form was a waste of time; it took seven months for one girl to be contacted, and that was only after I had written again to see if they were asleep. I now phone the HQ concerned, this is made easy, thanks to articles in copies of GUIDER, ask for the address of the Division or District Commissioners for the area, and send the forms direct. This does not guarantee the return of the slip. I've had one out of five, but fortunately I've managed to keep in touch with the girls involved and know that they have continued Guiding in spite of our administration.

I like to hear about Guides when they leave our Company, and I'm sure other Guiders feel the same, so I even drop a line to Guiders when the girls who move to our area decide not to continue for some reason.

To Mrs Hilary Brook (Queen's Guide, February 1981), may I ask where are all these potential Guiders, glowing with Guiding Spirit, who have worked their way through Brownies, Guides, Queen's Badge and all. Many of the Guiders that I meet have, like myself, entered Guiding through contact with the Movement when their daughters joined Brownies. With little or no experience they have answered the need for Guiders when a new Unit is needed or an old one is on the point of closing down when a Guider leaves. I agree that traditions cannot be



learnt in the time taken working for the Adult Leadership Certificate, so perhaps it is about time that those with years of Guiding tradition under their belt thought less about what they wear in the form of qualification Badges and more about working to pass on traditions to those who are new to Guiding but just as keen to carry on the B-P Spirit and traditions.

**Margaret Dear (Mrs),**  
6th Tamworth Guide  
Company,  
Staffs.

*The Editor reserves the right to cut letters or publish extracts*



Newmarket, famous for its association with horse racing, and well used to strings of horses from the various stables winding their way through the town, was invaded by strings of Brownies, Guides and Rangers for the last Thursday and Friday of May.

The new Anglia Guide headquarters, **Ashley House**, Newmarket, which was opened by the Lady Baden-Powell last November, had already welcomed retired and present Anglia Commissioners, Advisers and Presidents to 10th Birthday celebrations of the Region in January. Now it was the turn of the younger members of the Movement.

Rangers from the 1st Newmarket Unit showed almost 450 visitors around the house during the open days and gave them a brief outline of the history of the building. They showed the children some of the more unusual features — the old bread oven and wine racks — neither currently in use!; the large World Flag hung at the front of the house — at present out of one of the bedroom windows! — and the new design for their own Ranger Flag.

The Rangers meet fortnightly in the cellars of Ashley House, and the Brownies and Guides were particularly interested in ghostly associations with this, the oldest part of the house, believed to be Tudor.

Although many Brownies and Guides from the 17 groups who visited the house thought they were to visit a 'palace' or at least a 'mansion', they were not too over-



Alison Timmins, a Newmarket Ranger, showing Guides and Rangers from Chelmsford and Bourn round Ashley House. Alison is holding a picture of HRH Princess Margaret, president of the Girl Guides Association.

awed with the home-like setting of the new headquarters to patronise the souvenir shop below ground level, run on both days by Newmarket's District Commissioner, Miss Sayers. The sale of pencils, badges, postcards and books proved a strong attraction, and will provide a small profit which will go into the house fund.

Managers of two Newmarket studs very kindly agreed to accept visiting parties of children. Mr John

Sparrow and Mr John Poutney, by arrangement with Mr John Waugh, took the children round Someries Stud throughout the two days and explained some of the work involved in breeding race horses. Mr Richard Waugh also arranged for parties to visit Ashley Heath Stud.

Although both stables are fairly near the centre of Newmarket, the peace and quiet of the spacious green paddocks for the mares and their

foals seemed near to the heart of the country.

Some children hoped to be able to feed the horses, but it was soon obvious that most of the foals were too shy and the mares too protective to venture near a crowd of 'chattering starlings'. Those who did succeed with their bunches of grass held out towards the massive mares were hovered over by careful Guiders, anxious to ensure that no Brownie fingers were lost with the enthusiastic 'oohs' and 'aahs'! A quiet walk alone nearer the horses was necessary for anyone who wanted to take a good photograph.

To complete the day's venture, some parties also visited Anglesey Abbey, Linton Zoo, Ely Cathedral, the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, and Cambridge, hoping to see Her Majesty the Queen, who was visiting the City to open the new Robinson College.

One group went to the nearby National Trust Nature Reserve at Wicken Fen, a site being restored to the old fenland reedbeds, where they held a Promise ceremony.

Anglia Chief Commissioner, Mrs Anne Dunford, said, 'It was a joy to welcome so many of our young people, several of them handicapped, to show them our new home, and what we have done with the money they helped to raise. For many, the horses were the highlight of the day, and we were particularly pleased to be able to arrange such an interesting local visit to Newmarket studs.'

**Kate France**

## Ashley House— Guides and Horses Meet In Newmarket

Nigel Broxham



Some mares who were tempted by Guide and Brownie offerings of grass! (Taken at Ashley Heath Stud, Newmarket).



At the opening of Ashley House last November, The Lady Baden-Powell, Cheryl Paterson and Lisa Jones admire one of the many mementoes of Ashley House: a picture of the Princess Royal in Guide uniform.

Jill Jones



# WIDE GAMES



by Ruth Black

## 2. Where are Wide Games Played?

A wide game can be played almost anywhere, but the game must be suitable for the area chosen. Fix the actual area you intend to use and then decide what use you can make of the types of terrain within it. Most areas will include some of the following:

- 1 Town: short streets, doorways, alleys, arcades, precincts; it is possible to travel in a circle within a small area. This type of terrain lends itself to collecting information (from shop windows, notice boards, inscriptions, etc) and observing unusual architecture and landmarks. It can also be used for stalking because the distances to be travelled are small and there is always cover such as doorways and corners. There is plenty of material for clues, but the area is too public for performing tasks or laying trails.
- 2 Village/suburb: longer streets, side streets are often cul-de-sacs, there may be open spaces (parks, playing fields, churchyards) and footpaths. This area is suitable for information-gathering, clues, tasks, but probably not stalking, as girls may be tempted to trespass in private gardens and there will be fewer corners and doorways than in town. Trails may well be possible, particularly where there are footpaths or alleys. Map-reading is definitely useful. Girls will live locally so that parents/friends can be asked to help and girls can call at houses for clues/information/tasks or telephone for instructions.
- 3 Open country: fields/lanes/tracks. This is very suitable for trails, tasks, scavenges, map-reading. Stalking is often difficult because of lack of cover and no choice of route, although farm buildings, barns, hayricks etc, provide good cover if you know a friendly farmer! Information gathering may not be possible because the information is too scattered or non-existent.

4 Woods: these are great for tasks, trails, stalking (depending on ground cover and size of trees), scavenges. Unsuitable for clues, information gathering, map-reading.

5 Sea-shore: sand dunes are good for stalking, so are some rocky areas. Avoid cliffs. Sandy beaches are ideal for tracking if they are not crowded. The beach is always a good place for a scavenge.

6 Heath or common land: this is usually marvellous for stalking — bracken and bushes provide ideal cover, good for trails because paths criss-cross and meander, good for tasks to do with nature and the out-of-doors and quite possible for scavenges, map-reading and compass work.

Having categorised your area and decided what activity is suited to which part of it, you can start to string your game together. Here is a fictitious example:

You are camping in an ordinary field quite near the sea. Between the site and the shore lies the farm with outbuildings and two or three fields. There are two public routes to the shore, a lane and a path across the fields. On the other side of the site is a wood to which you have access for collecting firewood and beyond that a different farmer's land to which you have no access.

You will naturally tend to want to use the shore — assuming this is not crowded it will be the best place for the climax to the game. What is this to be? You decide to let the girls light fires (below high water mark — check the tides) and cook breakfast/supper/lunch. How will you get them to the shore? Will they follow a trail? Will they follow a map? Use grid references? What food and equipment will they need? How will they obtain this? Could it be hidden and clues provided to the hiding place? Will the farmer let you use the farm buildings? Can these necessities be obtained secretly from their hiding place, without being caught by guards or alerting the farm dogs?

So you now have a game which starts with a clue, involves stalking, then a trail or map, then tasks to be performed. You still have to provide clear instructions and find a reason for all these carryings-on — ie a good story (see next chapter!).

Here is a real game, which has been tailored to fit existing sites and played successfully.

## 1 Quest for the Holy Grail

The Grail was an aluminium jug. Each Patrol had a compass. At each point (marked on the map with numbers) was a jumbled word. All six words provide a clue to the Grail's hiding place. Also at each point was a cryptic clue to the next. (Patrols were not given a map — this is purely to illustrate this account of the game.) Each Patrol was given one of the clues below to start off with, without the jumbled word, so each Patrol started in a different place and travelled in a circle collecting words.

Three Guiders hid where shown with squeeze detergent bottles full of water (this was the only area really suitable for stalking). Anyone heard or seen was squirted with water (ie poisoned). One of these Guiders was the camp Lifesaver (the raft and canoes were in daily use on the pond during the camp!)

## Clues and Jumbled Words

- 1 In a glade of the forest stands a hermit's hut HENDID
- 2 Go 30 paces South West to find the blasted oak HENDIB
- 3 Journey on across one river until you come to another river where you will find Merlin's cave SUNIR
- 4 There was a jolly miller once lived by the River Teme DESCAR
- 5 Approach with care the Lady of the Lake. She is guarded by many-headed monsters spitting poison SLEVES
- 6 See the banners fluttering in many-towered Camelot HUCGRH





## What's coming in *TODAY'S GUIDE* and *THE BROWNIE* . . .

### Next Month's Harvest

The September issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE* — on sale 15th August — is full of new beginnings, combined with mellow fruitfulness. Seasonal features include an article on harvest festival, a page of harvest festival recipes, and a chart by Jean de Lemos on how to make a harvest festival collage.

Bingo in his full-page chart puts the focus on *Back to School*, and we are making an early start by popular request and printing Act I of our Christmas Panto for Guides in the September issue. Specially commissioned and written for us, Heather Gorst's plays are a tremendously popular feature of

### A Harvest Festival Collage

Harvest Festival is the thanksgiving for the safe gathering of the crops. It is always a delight to visit churches at this time and see the splendid display of fruit, vegetable, flowers and berries.

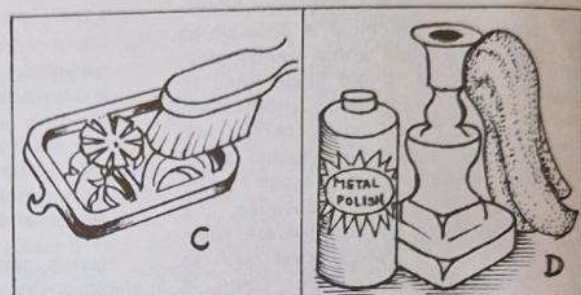
Here are some ideas you can use to make a Harvest collage of your own.

Cut out a silver-paper fruit dish to start off your collage. Fill it high with stuck-down, cut-out pictures of fruit and vegetable and leaves.

This is a basket shape, glued down along the edge like a pocket. Tuck in fresh leaves, flowers and sprays of berries for a pretty, but not a long lasting collage.

Another suitable Harvest collage can be made by gluing down different coloured beans, lentils and pasta to make patterns. Keep shapes simple.

Drawn by Jean de Lemos



*TODAY'S GUIDE*, and recently also in *THE BROWNIE*. Last year's play for Brownies 'The Legend of Baboushka' based on Russian folklore scored a great success, and we hear from all over the United Kingdom from Guide units who look forward to getting to work on Heather Gorst's next epic. In choosing our theme we try to find a different angle each year, and of course always bear in mind the ideal number of characters and the adaptability of costume. From the many photographs we receive after the production we see how much ingenuity goes into them! By starting this month, we will have all three Acts in print by mid-October,

thus giving plenty of time for rehearsal.

As always, we have an abundance of full page features and charts developing DIY themes from the Guide Handbook, including p170 clean silver, brass and copper in Andrew Liston's Handygirl series. Part 2 of Bird Watcher Badge, and Part 4 of Gardener Badge, are featured this month together with the continuation of our miniature garden series: make a bottle garden. Add to this our regular favourites: letters, prayer, short story, nature notebook, beauty and fashion, and you have a lively magazine covering the widest possible range of interest for Guides.

JVR

### September Review

September brings us back to school and Brownies. The end of the summer holidays, but the start of the Harvest Festivals. In the series of International Customs there is an interesting article, 30th September issue, about Corn Dollies. These are quite easy to make, and books on how to make them can be obtained from the local library. On the 9th September we start 'Safety in the Home', a popular badge, and you

will find the illustrations with each clause really helpful. Also, in the 2nd September issue, there is a chart titled 'Know four ways to keep your home safe'. I find the centre pages of *THE BROWNIE* a great help, using them as ideas for meetings. One of the most interesting is 'Make a miniature garden', this helps the Brownies on pocket books, Enjoy the Out of Doors and Brownies Make Things. As a Venture

it can also be pursued in Sixes if flowers, cones, twigs and pebbles can be brought into the meeting by the Brownies themselves. At the same time a Good Turn can be achieved by taking the finished gardens to a housebound or disabled person. A centre-spread on Semaphore is well illustrated and easy to follow. Even the youngest

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# Going for Gold!

**B**ullfinches, woodpeckers, tits and pheasants went almost unnoticed during the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Residential Project at Waddow Hall over a sunny Easter Holiday.

Of the 33 on this four-night course, the majority were Rangers, mostly training for the Scheme in their Units; one, a member of the Trefoil Guild, was in a wheelchair, and one was a Brownie Unit Helper.

The aim of the scheme is 'to develop in young people those qualities of maturity and responsibility that will be of use to them in their lives, homes, jobs and relationships, and the programme includes practical, cultural and adventurous activities'. The purpose of the Residential part is 'to introduce them to some form of useful enterprise in the company of others'.

Aim and purpose were admirably combined by the Trainer-in-Charge, Miss Hilda Cox, assisted by Miss P Corden, Miss E Prater, Miss B Cox and Miss V Green.

On arrival, on Thursday, the candidates were put into groups of complete strangers and invited to volunteer to teach or effect a skill.

Many of these Teach-ins were held on the lawns and included Macramé, Ribbon Flowers, Woollen Animals, Soft Toys, Palmistry and Astrology, Personality Tests, and Church Architecture.

On this first evening, 'Getting to know you' games were played, eg 'Obtain the signature of someone who...' In this case,

... has spoken to the Duke of Edinburgh

... belongs to a Young Farmers' Club

... is aiming at Black Belt ...

Slides of Waddow, and 'Nature's Colours', a musical slide sequence, completed a long day.

Next morning, there was a lecture and a film on The Church of England Children's Homes and discussion followed as to how the course could help practically and with money-making ideas. Subsequently, collages and posters resulted, and six Rangers went to a local Children's home and baked cakes. Yet others prepared used postage stamps for sale.

In the afternoon, Pendle Hill, or Town Quiz? Those opting



Preparing Place Names

Frank Randall



Macramé

Frank Randall

for the former, planned their routes and had their gear inspected. Although the wind was fresh, the initial part of the climb steep, and shoulders ached with the weight of the haversack, the view was well worth-while. (The expedition seems to be the last clause tackled in the Scheme!)

The others went to Clitheroe, where they had their share of hills, seeking the answers.

'World of Change, World of Promise', a GGA film, was shown in the evening and considered in a later session. Before Camp-Fire songs, many of them hilarious slides of a Brownie 'Red Indian Day' and an AV 'Autumn Tints' were enjoyed.

On Saturday a solicitor gave a talk, 'Law and Order in Society', and a discussion ensued. Preparations continued towards Sunday's Formal Dinner. Everyone practised for the Concert, then had a good time at the evening Folk Dance. Many of the girls went to Church on Sunday morning and, after lunch, Miss M Walker, Guider-in-Charge, told them the history of Waddow, of its finances, its treasures and its ghost. Occupants of three bedrooms probably went to bed a little apprehensively that night!

7.15 — Formal Dinner.

All in party dresses and, on the tables, the lovely results of many sessions of floral arrangements of primroses, moss and other blossoms from the grounds, place names, beautifully scripted and decorated with ribbon flowers (idea via Sangam), menus written in French, in holders chicken or egg-cup shape, folded serviettes in macramé rings. After a delicious meal, Miss M Castle, headmistress of an ESN(S), described some of her most pitiful pupils, and said that the aim of the School was to make them as self-sufficient as possible.

The Concert was very entertaining, and reflected the happy way in which people had got to know and work with one another.

'The time just flew by.' 'I enjoyed Pendle Hill best.' 'I liked the films, slides and discussions.' 'It was an interesting course.' So saying, they dispersed on Monday, to await the return of their Record Books with the findings of the Assessors. . . .



Children's Home Picture

Frank Randall





The photograph, taken during the contact, shows Bill operating at the microphone surrounded by Guides of the 1st Hallingbury and 13th Romford Companies and their Guides. In the background can be seen other members of the Group and on the walls examples of the Group's teleprinter pictures — the sale of which provides their only source of fund-raising.

### **Report and Photograph: Terry Lockyer, Teleprinter Instructor to the Group**

The early morning of Thinking Day 1981 saw 18 Guides of the 1st Hallingbury and 13th Romford Companies waking from a night's sleep at Gilwell Park for an experience which was to give them something to really think about.

The Guides, with their leaders, were in the midst of an activity-packed weekend, but they knew they had to be with the Gilwell Scout Amateur Radio Group before 8 am because, at that time, the Group would endeavour to make radio contact with an amateur radio station in Auckland, New Zealand, associated with the Tiaki, Manaki and Raweti Guide Companies. Any later time to start the contact would not have been practicable, because in New Zealand it was 9 o'clock in the evening, and too late for some of the younger Guides gathered there.

Some of the Guides at Gilwell found it difficult to understand how 8 o'clock on a cold winter morning (it was actually snowing!) could be 9 o'clock on a warm summer evening in New Zealand, but they were consoled by the knowledge that, unlike their New Zealand sisters, they were still able to look forward to a whole Sunday of activity!

The Radio Group did not dramatise the difficulties in making the contact,

but were quietly aware that it might not be possible. New Zealand is just about as far away as it is possible to get from England without coming back again — a surface distance of more than 16,000 kilometres. But the main problem was that radio waves do not follow the earth's surface: they shoot off the earth's curvature and they travel in a straight line until they reach the ionosphere, 50 to 600 miles above the earth. Here they are (depending upon the extent to which the Sun has done its ionisation work) 'bent' or 'reflected' back to the Earth which, in turn, reflects them back again. The waves thus 'bounce' between the Earth's surface and the ionosphere until they lose their usable strength. But, by 'bouncing' in this way, they only reach the Earth in certain places, and locations situated in the areas between 'bounces' (called the 'skip distance') cannot receive the signals. Thus for the Radio Group to transmit signals which would be receivable in Auckland, New Zealand, was not only dependent upon the technical knowledge and operating ability of its members but also a very large helping of good fortune. The Group's aerial had been raised to about sixty feet and turned to a direction of North-North-East.

Only a matter of seconds after an originating call by the Group's Leader (Bill Livens) — operating on a frequency of 14.2 MHz with the Group's

call-sign of G3WGP — there came a remarkably clear reply from the young lady operator at the New Zealand station (call-sign ZL1BK1). Like Gilwell's operator, she was surrounded by Guides listening to the radio conversation and greetings and a mass of interesting information flowed back and forth halfway round the world. It is not permissible under the rules of an amateur radio operating licence in the UK for anyone other than a licensed operator to speak into the microphone. However, at one point when Bill was speaking, the Hallingbury and Romford Guides provided a 'background' by singing a Maori song they had learned; this was immediately recognised and named by the Auckland operator. As the contact was coming to an end, the Guides again resorted to song and gave a beautiful rendering of 'Taps' — to the complete delight of all.

One of the sources of satisfaction for members of the Group is to be able to explain how it works to the complete understanding of the youngest Cub Scouts and Scouts; if this can be done with boys, it can equally well be done with girls of similar age, so there is always a welcome for any members of the Guide Movement to visit the Group. Who knows? — some of them may prove to be the amateur radio operators of the future, as are so many young ladies in Norway.

## ***Gilwell Scout Amateur Radio Group***



This year my Brownie Pack celebrates its 10th anniversary. I have spent nine of those years with the Pack, and have been thinking back over those years — mostly happy but with many ups and downs.

All the Brownies are physically handicapped, with many always in wheelchairs. Our meetings are held at a day school, which serves a very wide area, and is the only such school in this half of the county. Some children leave home before 8 am and do not return until five in the afternoon. They would feel too tired to go out again to a local Brownie Pack.

Some years ago the school's staff felt that Guiding and Scouting would help the children in their social behaviour.

I had retired from being a Brown Owl due to other commitments, but agreed to go along and help the new Brown Owl, who was on her own.

She had been told that the children were rather slow mentally and that, providing they had played a game dealing with a particular challenge, they could count this as qualifying for the Badge. The eight-point system was completely new to me, and I felt puzzled by it. Trainings were useless to both Brown Owl and myself. We were constantly being

watch others, rather than take part themselves; therefore I felt quite elated when one such quiet Brownie, at first slow to move and having difficulty in controlling her hands, threw her bean bag first. The joy on her face, of pride in her own achievement, also added to my joy.

There is another popular variation of this sort of game, with a different story. This time every Brownie is given a different name, which she has to listen for and then play her own percussion instrument. All have to play at certain words in the story.

Of course, campfires give us another opportunity to let ourselves go. I used to take along my camp kitchen, with a Gaz container, and we cooked quite a lot of things. It was quite nerve-racking making sure they didn't burn themselves. We were able to put the camp kitchen on a low bench so that the girls could reach easily. I think that this impressed the headmaster, who campaigned for a new school with facilities for science and cooking.

Outings are popular, but they involve a lot of preparation beforehand. There must be easy access, with ramps, and good toilet facilities.

The other Guiders and I plan a well-balanced programme each term, never having too much of

## Brownie Pack of Disabled Brownies

advised to adjust a game for our own Pack but, once the chasing had been taken away the game became very dull.

After a short time the Brown Owl moved away, and I was now on my own. I tried to think back on what I had liked most when I was a Brownie — I think it was taking part in relay races, getting excited, jumping up and down and screaming. Some girls felt that they would like to cook like the Guides, and others wished to have Badges on their arms like some other Brownies they had seen at 'Brownie Revels'.

We had a good look at the Badges that were possible for our girls, and I believe that the Hostess Badge was the first one which we tried.

From then on we aimed to take a different Badge each term. We still do, but now we give some instruction to start the interest and only those who wish to make the extra effort take the test. Previously we pushed them all through, and because we had sympathetic Testers they all passed. I think that this was probably right at that time, because it did give them a sense of achievement and interest in tackling other Badgework.

We re-introduced games and, over the years, have found games to suit our Brownies which provide fun and excitement. Dice games such as Beetles or a variation of it — Dressing the Brownie — as well as the Brownie Story Game, which is as follows: The Brownies sit in a circle and are named consecutively, Betty, Tommy, Brown Owl and Brownie round the circle. The Brownie Story is read, and when their particular name is mentioned, for example 'Betty', all the 'Betties' throw a bean bag into the centre of the circle — the first to touch the floor gets a point.

What has always worried me is the way most children in wheelchairs are content to sit and

the same thing for two weeks at a time. We always want next week's programme to be a pleasant surprise. The Brownies love to take home something they have made, so about twice a term they make something for Mother or themselves.

Last week was a happy occasion when one of our Guides, who has spina bifida, was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge in front of our Division at a Renewal of Promise parade. She does not believe that any Badge should be made easier for the handicapped, and she must have a great sense of fulfilment in being able to equal — and sometimes better — the performance of able-bodied girls.

I suppose that in a few years all physically handicapped children will be integrated into their normal local schools, and there will be no need for a Pack such as ours. I hope that when they join other Packs they will not be left to sit and watch during the main part of the meeting, but will be encouraged to join in the fun and learn a little independence for themselves.

*Doreen Quintaba*





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issue. This is done by telephone and by constant studying of other magazines and news media, writing letters and sending specimen copies and rate cards to prospective advertisers.

Throughout all this activity, for all of which the Managing Editor is ultimately responsible, comes a steady stream

of queries, phone calls, and hundreds and hundreds of letters to the Editor on every conceivable topic. Press conferences and meetings have to be attended, but we never lose sight of the fact that the most important person is the customer who buys the magazine: you, the reader. Every letter or

query from the youngest Brownie to the most senior Guider, is taken seriously and dealt with as promptly as is humanly possible by myself with my staff of a Personal Assistant, part-time secretary and two junior typists. Being human we aren't infallible, but we certainly do our best.









#### August 8th

I only meant to take a few minutes tidying the drawer — which had stuck — but when I came across some old note-books in which I had written lots of activities from various sources I was 'hooked'. Sometimes I couldn't read my own writing, but what memories they evoked, and many are still useable. When it occurred to me Mrs N or Miss Y would probably find them interesting I sorted several out — a good thing David is off playing golf all day — let me re-write a few of them.

A set of large letters which make up a word such as CASTER for each Patrol. Guides choose letters to make a word which answers a clue such as 'shines at night' — 'a rodent' — 'we can pack it' — ENGLAND is another useful word. Cards can be held up in Patrols or Guides can run to appointed place to stand in order.

Concertina'd large sheet of paper. On each strip the words of a mapping sign. Guides come from Patrols in turn, are shown a word(s) run back and draw the sign. When guessed, next person comes and on answering correctly is shown next sign etc. (paper needs to be fairly strong, as I remember mine split as I rapidly turned backwards and forwards as Patrol answers got further apart. Must remember set of alphabet Map Cards are needed as reference, or maps.

I remember the fun we had one evening when each Patrol was given a broom; a blown up balloon; a large coil of rope and a milk bottle full of water. After a limited time each Patrol in turn had to do a circuit of the room while the rest of the Patrols guessed who had what concealed on them.

Talking of balloons. Round ones when blown up can have faces marked on them with

felt pens and be used as Heads. Patrols can rig up a body to be attached. White or green balloons look sickly and when a body has been devised the activity can be extended by calling it a casualty, having to be evacuated from the room on a 'stretcher' maybe not using normal exit(s).

Such activities will show up some leadership skills, without necessarily requiring Guide knowledge and would help new Patrols when considering who to appoint as a leader.

I got quite enthused through these, and even if Mrs N doesn't need new ideas (her girls are pretty quick with their own) I shall feel happier with a few ploys up my sleeve for when I have to stand-in for a Guider. Mind you, I can't see me carrying broom sticks 'in case' needed. No doubt David would say — 'why not fly on them, my dear!'

#### August 11th

Mrs O invited me for a cup of tea this afternoon to meet Miss H, who has recently moved into the village and has offered to help with the Brownies. She has been a Brownie Guider previously and is now anxious to start again. As we talked it was obvious that Mrs O and Miss H were going to get on well together as they were soon chattering away exchanging experiences.

Miss H told us how her previous Pack had enjoyed a 'Helping Hands' evening. Subscriptions had been carried to Brown Owl balanced on the backs of hands; a 'Queen of Nails' inspection had been held — each Brownie's nails being inspected to see whether they were fit to be a 'lady-in-waiting' or whether they had to be a 'scullery maid' that week. (Scullery maids tried hard to become ladies-in-waiting the next week). Four activities in-





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volving hands had been devised, and the sixers had done each one in turn. These were table laying; folding clothes neatly; knitting a few rows of a square; and making up a prayer about hands. All four prayers were used in Pack Prayers at the end of the evening, after playing 'In the Pond' with their hands (P8 *Games with a Point*). The knitting was the beginning of a long-term project knitting squares to make a cot blanket for a local hospital.

We arranged that Miss H would help Mrs O's Pack after the holiday — much to the relief of Mrs O, as she expects to have to go into hospital about October for a hip operation, and if so she will probably be away until after Christmas. It looks as if the Pack will be left in good hands.

#### August 13th

'Hello, Mary, do come in. Let's go through to the

garden as it's such a nice evening. I'm sure you could do with a cup of coffee, David's just making one now... I'm glad to hear that your girls who are off to university are starting off your new Ranger session in September. It's a good excuse to have a farewell party for them and a get to know you for the new ones at the same time. I expect you're having the party about a fortnight after the meetings start again so that for your first two meetings the leavers and the new Rangers are just planning the party. It will give the new girls a chance to see what is involved in planning... Yes I know that they worked well as Guides, but somehow or other they seem to initially lose their programming skills in a new situation. I think that one, as a Guider, tends to forget how the Rangers develop in these skills over the four years that they're

with you and when a new bunch comes along one must generally start off by giving them a few ideas and plan the programme say for half a term'.

*Later.* We talked for a long time and I hope that Mary is happier with all her changes. The holiday will need a great deal of thought, especially with regard to costing. But if they are all keen it might be a good project to unify the Unit.

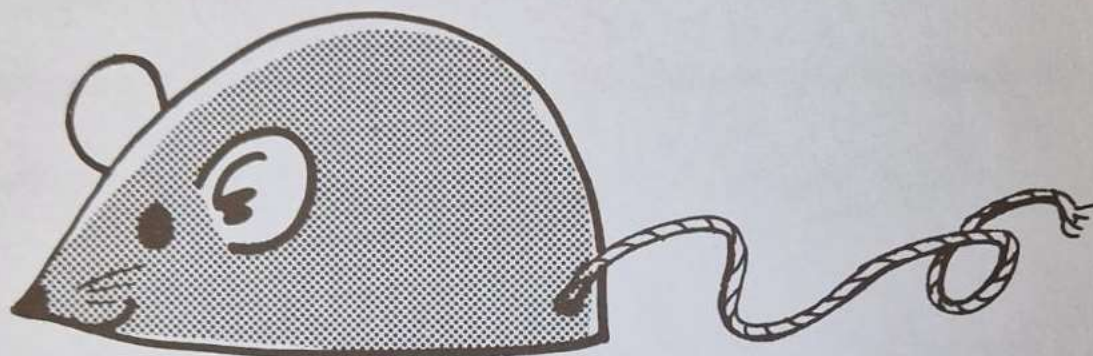
There is a Ranger who wants to be considered as a Young Leader. She seems to be more interested in Brownies. I must try to have a chat with her about the Young Leaders' Training Scheme. Once she is settled we must get her registered so that she will receive all the news and information and the newsletter. I wonder if there might be another girl interested in the Guide section. It would be very useful for Miss N to have an experienced girl

in her Unit. It is interesting to see the influence of a good Young Leader in a Unit. Rangers have also expressed an interest in Link and I have made it my business to find out about it. I wonder if we might have some sort of meeting and invite Rangers, Guiders and the Trefoil Guild. Perhaps we have enough young men and women in the area from 18-30 who would be interested in forming a group. That might be an idea for the new year.

#### August 18th

Miss A and Miss B came round tonight to chat about the future of their Packs. They seem to have done very well in the short time they have been working as separate Units, and both Guiders are full of enthusiasm and eager to take more new members. However, as both Guiders are relatively new, and have only one Assistant each, I suggested





that for the moment they limit their numbers to 18 Brownies each, so they can get to know each Brownie really well as an individual and so be able to help each one to progress at her own speed — one of the basic principles of Guiding. After some discussion Miss A and Miss B could see the sense in this and agreed to my suggestion.

#### August 24th

Mrs D seems quite happy at the thought of taking over temporarily from Mrs O when she goes into hospital, especially with Miss H to help her. I am so glad Mrs D is Brownie orientated, it takes a load off my shoulders. Speaking of shoulders Miss B called today and needed mine to lean on after a stormy session with a parent whose Brownie daughter had not passed her Musician's Badge. Miss B had said all the right things, I assured her. We do have a District Badge Testers team and I do call and see them personally to explain our policy of individual standards in most cases, and that we do expect a practical test of the whole syllabus,

not just one or two parts chosen by the Brownie herself (or her Mum). She went away much happier knowing I backed her up and I shall know what to expect if the Mum comes to see me.

#### August 25th

Made an early start for Foxlease to visit Mrs S-W's camp. David said he would have liked to be coming — he likes the New Forest — a pity he couldn't take the day off! Had a good journey, not too much traffic on a Tuesday morning, and found Mrs S-W's camp quite easily. It was good to see how well Miss Y and her Young Leader fitted in; the first time either had been on the staff of a camp. The Guides wanted to try Patrol Camping for a week. They had camped this way for only a weekend before. Some years ago a Guide took her Patrol Camp Permit and the Patrol enjoyed it so much, that gradually the necessary equipment was gathered together for several Patrols to camp at the same time. They haven't quite enough tents yet but are self-sufficient apart from this. They have

decided they would have their mid-day meal together — if their own cooking proves less than successful at least they have one good meal a day! They were making good use of the facilities judging by the programme and they all looked so nice — official Camp Uniform can be so attractive when it fits properly. I took the opportunity of visiting the shop, and bought several new books, including *Trefoil Round the World*, so useful.

I was quite sorry to leave — the forest looked lovely and I would have been happy to stay a few days.

#### August 26th

Met Mrs JH from the next District. They've just had a Patrol Challenge; eight items to try, one for each of the eight points and each Patrol completing it all was invited to a Patrol Day. I wonder if our District would like one? Must remember to talk about it at the next District Meeting and find out what the Guide Guiders think — they'll have to talk to their Guides, of course, before we decide.

Some of the items Mrs J H mentioned were:

1. Out of doors, cook supper for your Patrol. Include at least three items of food, and clear up properly afterwards.
2. Make a rope ladder, and each member of the Patrol to climb up it.
3. Have a Patrol First Aid Kit for hikes, meetings etc., and know how to use it.
4. Prepare an item for Camp Fire.
5. Do a Patrol good turn for elderly or disabled people. It all seemed a good idea to me.

I do believe I have completed all my Guide engagements for the time being, and this time next week David and I will be miles away visiting my daughter and our little granddaughter; as she is only eighteen-months-old I shan't even have to think Brownies or Guides — perhaps!

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# Double Acrostic No 43

by Brenda Hughes

- A. Gardening tool. (6)
- B. Ancient ambassador without the artist. (4)
- C. Seven times seven gives the happening. (5)
- D. Result of spinning. (6)
- E. The elms provide headgear. (7)
- F. Persuaded. (10)
- G. The cart works on a toothed wheel. (7)
- H. Noxious weed. (7)
- I. Swiss call. (5)
- J. Pond amphibian. (4)
- K. Not working. (4)
- L. People from a snore. (5)
- M. Legal remains. (7)
- N. Colonists did — like the weather? (7)
- O. Meeting in country style. (5)
- P. Sufficient. (6)
- Q. Pin roots for parts. (8)
- R. Cardinal point. (5)
- S. Of the peace? (7)
- T. Decoration. (8)
- U. Bilbo Baggins. (6)
- V. In want. (5)
- W. A method of voting. (6)
- X. Rarely. (9)
- Y. 'Of — it is much less Than courage of heart or holiness. . . .' (Hilaire Belloc). (8)
- Z. With line & sinker? (6)
- a. A fool rearranged is apart. (5)
- b. The original of Samuel Butler's title. (7)

A	133	30	64	32	167	48
B	7	158	103	18		
C	174	116	146	25	3	
D	27	105	44	143	168	51
E	56	135	124	65	141	41
F	46	93	22	156	24	39
G	153	60	98	126	17	138
H	94	40	160	89	67	108
I	20	130	166	35	74	
J	15	31	62	120		
K	66	84	170	14		
L	5	109	137	45	8	
M	33	9	172	26	113	145
N	79	132	61	12	70	57
O	36	165	75	59	97	
P	122	144	149	152	76	134
Q	139	54	87	129	10	92
R	90	173	69	104	121	
S	23	164	81	150	115	91
T	52	140	47	101	107	29
U	42	99	38	123	157	55
V	73	86	117	169	119	
W	1	154	102	110	163	162
X	83	148	2	142	77	19
Y	100	151	161	58	114	43
Z	63	49	21	127	78	71
a	125	118	37	68	11	
b	131	4	88	28	112	34

The winner of Double Acrostic No 41 (June GUIDER) is Miss Margaret Tate from Eccleall, Sheffield.

## Solution to Double Acrostic No 42 (July GUIDER)

So Tudor House was my world; and with its winding staircases, its dark oak-panelled corridors, its numerous exciting junk rooms and attics, and its curious and delightful back-garden, it proved a domain wide enough for any small boy.

Portrait of Elmbury  
John Moore

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<b>August</b>	5-12 Arts Workshop 14-22 Commonwealth Conference 28-1 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Sept Course (members of the Association)	5-19 * Holiday Week (Guiders, Trefoil Guild members, their friends and mothers) 22-29 * Holiday Period (Guiders with up to nine of their Guides or Rangers)	11-18 Trefoil Guilds — Holiday Week 21-23 Music in the Programme — for Guiders of all sections 28-30 Patrol Leaders
<b>September</b>	11-13 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders) 18-20 Middlesex East 25-27 Sussex Central	4-6 Warwickshire 11-13 General Training 18-20 General Training All Sections (places for Guiders with handicapped members in their Units) 25-27 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)	11-13 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Banff and Buchan, and Gordon) 18-20 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Fife) 25-27 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Newcastle)
<b>October</b>	2-4 Greater London Kent 9-11 1. General Training 2. Ranger Guiders 16-18 Avon South 23-25 Kent East 30-1 General Training — Guiders of all Sections (including planning your entertainment) Nov	2-4 Cumbria South 9-11 County Durham and South Tyne 16-18 Lincolnshire South 23-25 General Training 30-1 Greater Manchester North Nov	2-4 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from City of Aberdeen) 9-11 Brownie and Guide Guiders 16-18 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Glasgow South-South-West Division) 23-25 Brownie and Guide Guiders 30-1 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including bookings from Glasgow East-North East and Northern Divisions) Nov
<b>November</b>	6-8 Avon North 13-15 South West England (by allocation) 20-22 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders) 27-29 London and South East England (by allocation)	6-8 Making the Most of the County (County Commissioners with two of their Division Commissioners each with up to two of their District Commissioners) 13-15 Lancashire East 20-22 General Training 27-29 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)	6-8 Ranger Guiders 13-15 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Dumfriesshire Central Division)
<b>December</b>	4-6 General Training — Guiders of all Sections (including music with your unit) 29-31 New Year House Party (see page 54) Jan	30-4/5 New Year Training (including craft, music and guitar) (see page 54) Jan	4-6 Trainers 11-13 Rangers and Young Leaders
<b>January</b>	8-10 General Training 15-17 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to 7 of their Guiders) 22-24 1. General Training 2. Ranger Guiders 29-31 South West England (by allocation)	8-10 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to 7 of their Guiders) 15-17 General Training 22-24 North West England (by allocation) 29-31 General Training	

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Single room per day	£7.50
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**NOTE** The minimum age for prospective Guiders attending all residential training is 18 years. Though weekend trainings normally finish on the Sunday, trainees may remain until the Monday if desired.

## Fees at Netherurd

Shared room per day	£4.00
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Deposit	£1.00
Training for non-residents per weekend	£0.50



# H.Q. NOTICES

## BIRTHDAY HONOURS 1981

**Mrs Jessica Blooman** (County Commissioner for Berkshire). **OBE** (Chief Probation Officer, Berks. Probation and After-Care Service). **Miss D Lee** (Chief Guide presented her with Bronze Cross for Gallantry in 1947 because of work during Japanese occupation of Hong Kong). **OBE** (Welfare service to refugees in Hong Kong). **Lady Juliet Townsend** (former Council and Executive Committee Member, Lady-in-Waiting to HRH Princess Margaret) **MVO** (4th Class). **Miss N Peacock** (former Division Commissioner, Ranger Guider, Camp Trainer) **MBE** (services to Girl Guides, W. Glams.) **Mrs I E Firstenberg** **MBE** (Services to Guiding, Western Australia). **Mrs F D Olivey** (lately Commissioner for Bermuda) **OBE** (Services to Bermuda). **Mrs M E Goodgellow** (lately administration secretary of the Girl Guides of Zambia) **MBE** (Services to Zambia).

## The Association's Awards Good Service Laurel Award

**Mrs Frances Plaisted**, Assistant County Commissioner, Berkshire.  
**Miss Janet Shurmer**, Division Commissioner, Reading Abbey Division, Berkshire.

## Meritorious Conduct Star of Merit

**Mandy Donaldson**, Unit Helper, aged 18, 2nd Kingswood, Avon North.

In spite of great handicaps, Mandy's positive attitude to life has enabled her to participate in all the activities of her Guide Unit. She became a Patrol Leader and a Queen's Guide, and played a full part in camp and on a canal boat holiday. Her cheerfulness and courage has aroused the admiration of all those who have come across her, both in hospital and elsewhere, and her tenacity has helped her to overcome her handicaps —

she has, for example, learnt to type with her feet.

**Elizabeth Leddra**, Patrol Leader, 84th Bristol (St Peter's, Henleaze) Avon North.

Although severely handicapped, Elizabeth has proved to be a great asset to her Guide Company, impressing everybody with her cheerfulness and persistence. In spite of pain and discomfort she has been to camp, achieved her Queen's Guide Badge and helped other people in all kinds of ways. When in hospital she went on working for her next eight point badge and refused to be deterred by any difficulties, enduring every ordeal with great fortitude.

**Tracy Mann**, Patrol Leader, 2nd Crick, Northamptonshire. Despite the fact that Tracy does not enjoy good health, she is always cheerful and never fails to do all she can to help her family, members of her Guide Company and neighbours, especially Senior Citizens. Tracy's cheerfulness, courage and determination to keep the Guide Law, are an inspiration to all with whom she comes into contact.

**Kay Robinson**, Patrol Leader, aged 16, 19th Dewsbury, West Yorkshire South.

Kay has been a member of the Movement since 1975 and even in the face of ill health has worked extremely hard to gain numerous badges, including her Queen's Guide Badge. All who meet Kay are impressed by her never ending cheerfulness and strength of character. Her fellow Guides are inspired by her quiet dignity and determination to overcome difficulties.

## Gallantry Silver Cross

**Sarah Tuck**, Brownie, aged eight, 1st Yatton Keynell (St Margaret's Pack).

Sarah showed exceptional courage when helping her father rescue her younger brothers and sister, aged from two to ten years, from their blazing home. She went back several times to help bring the five children through the bathroom and onto a flat roof, each time

passing the stair-well where the flames were leaping up. Although badly burned, she never complained at the time, nor when she was in hospital, where she proved to be a brave and co-operative patient.

## Short Term Investment Service

Monthly interest rate after deduction of management commission.

March 1981	12.77%
April 1981	11.25%
May 1981	11.03%

Additional 0.5% pa for deposits of £2,500 and above.

## Scout and Guide Trust Fund

On 31st May, 1981 the value of a share in the above Fund was:

for selling purposes	69.32p
for buying purposes	72.79p
income yield	5.63%

The income yield is based on the previous two dividends paid and the price on the date stated.

## VAD Ladies Club

Do you know that the VAD Club is open to members of The Girl Guides Association as well as to members of the nursing profession and the Magistrates' Association?

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Particulars and application forms can be obtained from **The Secretary, The VAD Club, 44 Great Cumberland Place, London W1.**

## Important For Brownie Guiders

See August 19th issue of *THE BROWNIE* for a questionnaire of vital interest to your Pack.

## Calling Young Catholics

To a residential week-end with Catholic Scouts from October 30th - November 1st at St Joseph's Hall, Dorking, Surrey. An opportunity to

follow up the hopes and ideas which the young people expressed at the National Pastoral Congress in Liverpool.

Come and share your ideas, hopes and worship. The cost will be £7.00 for the fun, friendship and faith you will find. Further details and application forms from **Catholic Guide Advisory Council, St Joseph's Church, 2 Falkland Grove, Dorking, Surrey.** Please enclose SAE.



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## Commonwealth and International Circle

Thurs, Aug 20th: 40th Anniversary Reception (for details, send sae to Hon Sec). Sat, Sept 26th: luncheon party (for details, send sae to Hon Sec). Oct 20th: Speaker, Yeoman Warder Thomas — 'Special Royal Occasions'. At CHQ. Nov 16th: programme to be announced later. At CHQ. Dec 14th: Victorian Christmas Party (costumes if possible). At CHQ.

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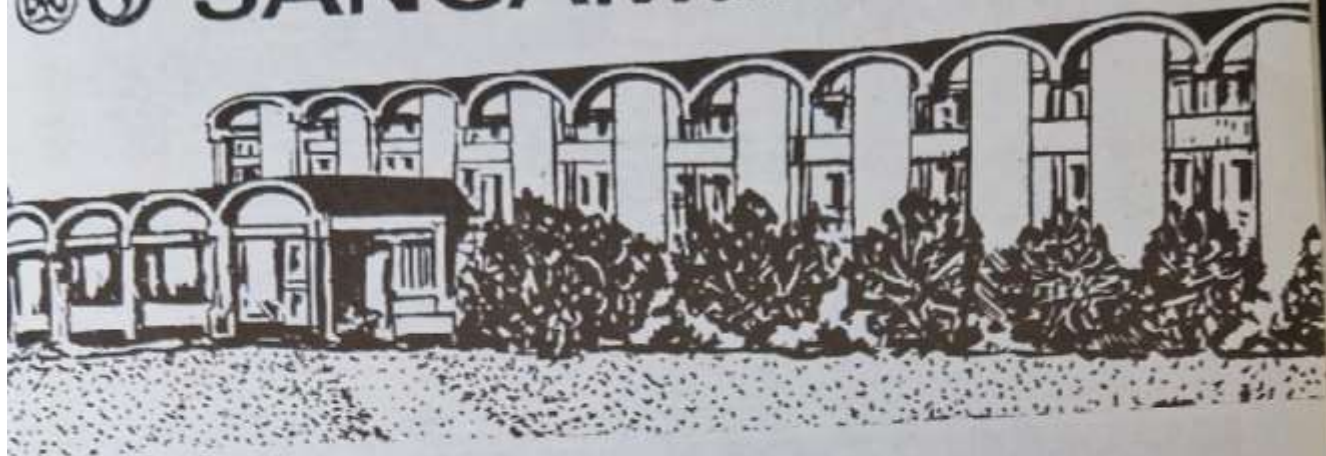






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## Sessions During 1982

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### Possible CHQ Holiday Party to Sangam — mid-July/early August

Watch *GUIDER* for further details.

### Nature, Fun and Discovery — 3 to 16 November 1982

How can we make nature a more meaningful part of our Guiding programme?

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### Holiday Camps — will follow sessions if sponsors are found

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Sangam welcomes up to 10 participants from each country to attend these sessions. For further information please write to: **Your County Commonwealth and International Adviser** enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. When writing to Sangam always enclose an international reply coupon, obtainable from your local post office.



# HOME AND AWAY

## Nabisco Superkids '81

In August of 1980 an idea was formulated by three notable sporting personalities: Lawrie McMenemy (Southampton's soccer club manager), Kevin Keegan (England soccer star) and Brendan Foster (international athletics star). Their idea was a simple one; to encourage children from all walks of life to participate in sport of all kinds without the pressures of winning. So with the help and generous sponsorship of Nabisco Ltd, 'Superkids '81' was launched.

Local education authorities from around the country were approached and the possibility of holding the preliminary rounds in local schools were discussed. The response was better than anyone had hoped for with some 30,000 children eagerly stepping forward as 'guinea pigs' for the scheme.

A range of eight sporting events was drawn up, which included a number of ball games and balance and accuracy tests. Preliminary rounds were run off in local schools and finally some 200 boys and girls were ready to contest the regional heats in early June. These heats produced a top girl and boy from each region (sixteen in all) to go forward to the semi-finals held in Gateshead on 20th June, and eventually eight children progressed to the final again held in Gateshead the following day.

The event proved to be a massive success for spectators and competitors alike, with marvellous coverage from the press and television. This year, due to the limited time factor involved only children from the 10-13 age group were allowed to compete, next year however it is hoped that every child in Britain will have a chance to participate.



What is important to remember above all else is that this competition was aimed at the children having a good time and getting involved in sport. As Lawrie McMenemy said 'The beauty of this is that any kid can get involved, many of the events can be practised at home. It is not about winning, it is about taking part, getting kids to enjoy sport and learn the basic skills involved'. A good point; when we live in an age where so much

emphasis is placed on being a 'winner' it is good to see someone is making an effort to bring back some of the enjoyment lacking from sport today.

Details of the 'Superkids' scheme can be obtained by contacting **Nabisco Ltd, Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.** or by watching out for the national press campaign being launched on Nabisco product packets.

It was hoped by all involved that this event will be staged for many years to come, and judging by the reception this year's competition received there is every indication that a 'monster' may well have been created. Could such a 'monster' get out of hand? Somehow I think not. This is a project that deserves to succeed, but a lot of that success depends on getting the children involved, and the willingness of the authorities to co-operate with the scheme. It would be a great pity to see an event as popular as this fail from lack of the right kind of support.

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## Bike Peddlers

In the last five years more and more people have been cycling in London and now that the bike is coming back it's a good thing to see the return of the bike shop. Another has opened — **Bike Peddlers at 50 Calthorpe Street, London WC1X 0JZ. Telephone: 01-278 6510.** I'm pleased to see that Bike Peddlers are setting out to cater for family and 'fun' cyclists rather than the specialist; they sell new and second-hand bikes and are authorised Viscount dealers. A real bike shop should be able to repair a bike as well as sell you one and Bike Peddlers can generally deal with uncomplicated repairs on the same day.

When he came to open the shop, Mr Michael Montague CBE, Chairman of the English Tourist Board pointed out that bicycling is the best way to travel when exploring London. Visitors will be

interested to know that Bike Peddlers also hire cycles very reasonably — for £2.50 a day or £12 a week plus a returnable deposit of £15. The shop is only a short walk from Kings Cross or Euston, even nearer to Chancery Lane Underground Station and not too far from the Youth Hostel at Carter Lane, near St Paul's so that visitors from all points of the compass could easily find the way there.

Of course cycling in London at rush hours is rather more than exciting but many parts of central London can be surprisingly peaceful in the evenings or at weekends. At any time it helps to know less crowded routes and an ideal guide to these is *On Your Bike* (price 40p) published by The London Cycling Campaign and Friends of the Earth. This pocket sized guide contains maps covering London from Hampstead to Balham and Shepherds Bush to the City. They are simply the standard street maps marked with vital red lines to show the less congested route in back streets. There are also several pages of practical advice on many aspects of cycling and safety. A separate guide to North East London is also issued by the same publishers (price 60p). Both can be obtained by post from **The London Cycling Campaign, Colombo Street Centre, London SE1.**



## Fish 'n' Potatoes — The Perfect Pair

One of the great British 'institutions' known all over the world is fish and chips! Visitors to this country only feel that they have done everything there is to be done when they have tried the genuine article — fish and chips from a 'chippy' with plenty of salt and vinegar — and mushy peas if they happen to be in the north of England.

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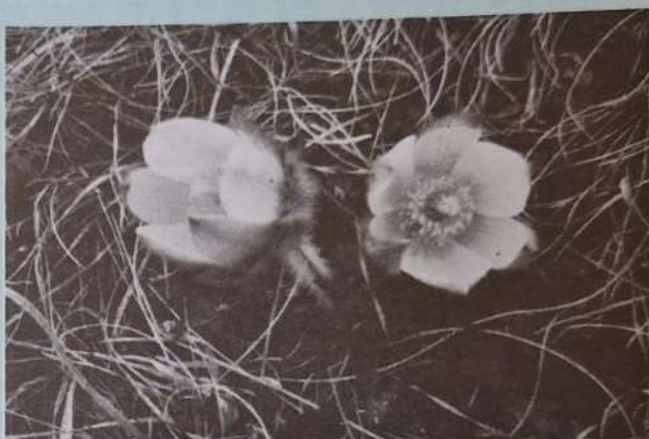




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2nd January-4th April

### SKIING HOLIDAYS

Within this period individuals and groups are invited to spend international skiing holidays at Our Chalet. (For the CHO Ski Holiday watch *GUIDER* magazine for information.)

15th March-22nd March

### CROSS COUNTRY WEEK

Again, this year, Our Chalet plan to organise a week of cross-country skiing, with instruction. Arrangements will be made about hiring equipment. This is your chance to try a new sport.

15th March-29th March

### FRIENDS OF OUR CHALET AND TREFOIL GUILD SESSION

This session is intended for 'Friends of Our Chalet', Trefoil Guild members and

others (husbands are welcome) who are interested in spending a holiday in the mountains enjoying the international friendship, snow and sunshine. During the day the main programme will be skiing, cross country and downhill skiing, but it will also be possible to go on short walks.

4th April-14th April  
**EASTER**

The Easter holidays are very popular and the main programme is skiing. Preference will be given to young, active participants who are able to stay for the whole session.

In winter Our Chalet has no special sessions, and groups and individuals may apply for any dates, between 20th December and 14th April, 1982. The main programme is downhill skiing and ski instruction is given daily, free of charge, by Our Chalet staff. To benefit most from a stay at Our Chalet in winter, applicants should be encouraged to stay for at least 8-10 days. After January 5th, Our Chalet tends to be quieter and it is hoped that more members, past and present, will come to Our Chalet, and enjoy an active skiing holiday in the mountains. When Our Chalet is not fully booked, Scouts are also welcome to spend a winter holiday, sleeping in the Squirrel House. (Situated in the grounds).

### DAY VISITORS

Approximately 3,500 people visit Our Chalet during the year. Day visitors are always welcome when Our Chalet is open but it would be appreciated if visitors would notify the Guider in Charge, in good time, of their intended visit.

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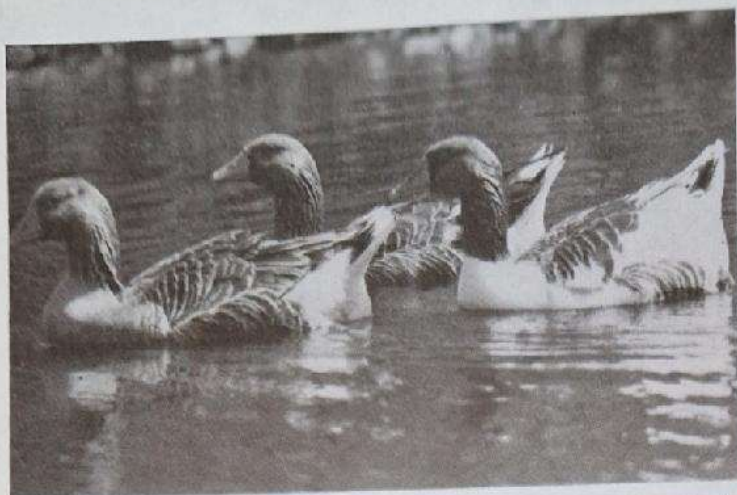
14th April-30th May, 30th September, 22nd December and the following SATURDAYS:

12th June; 26th June; 10th July; 7th August; 21st August; 4th September; 18th September.

During the holidays (May and November) only urgent mail will be answered and a three-four week delay can be expected.

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# Heraldry (6)

As we saw last month, heraldry is the art of symbolic representation and a coat of arms identified a person, therefore each person's armorial bearings needed to be different from those of every other person. To ensure this, the Heralds made visitations throughout the country, collecting and recording all coats of arms. Where more than one person was bearing the same coat, the College of Heralds investigated the history of both families and made a decision as to which should keep the original coat of arms and which should differentiate in some way.

All this added to the prestige of a family coat of arms and the desire of sons or cadet branches of a family to bear the same arms in order to display to all and sundry which noble family line they sprang from.

In order that no two members of the same family should display the same coat of arms, 'cadency marks' were developed.

The first son or heir, adds a label to his father's coat of arms, the second a crescent, the third a mullet (or 5 pointed star) and so on as shown below:



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2nd son — a crescent



3rd son — a mullet



4th son — a martlett



5th son — an annulet



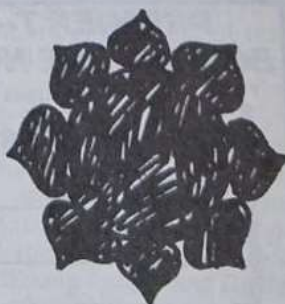
6th son — a fleur-de-lys



7th son — a rose



8th son — a cross moline



9th son — an octofoil

(These cadency marks apply to English heraldry, Scotland uses a different system based on bordures.)

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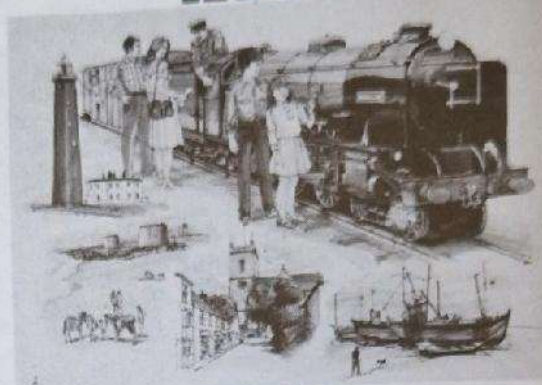
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# NCVYS

After completing a research project on Participation, Martin Shaw reflects back on his thoughts concerning the Girl Guides:

'Self-government has always been a fundamental essential in Guiding philosophy' stated Commissioner G. Phillips in *GUIDER* June 1980, in an interesting article on decision-making. Certainly this principle would be echoed by many other voluntary youth organisations in this country who themselves have always wanted to follow through the many facets of participation of young people.

However, although Guiding does already provide a framework of self-government within its Patrol System, there is a wide variance in the actual numbers of opportunities for girls to effectively participate in their own affairs. Such a difference in the degree of self-government within groups and units cannot be solely attributed to the differing levels of maturity and ability of its members.

Young people are becoming more insistent that they share in the decisions that affect their leisure time or at least be given the opportunity to participate and yet it is solely the attitude of the Guider which determines whether or not the Patrols are genuinely working towards an acceptable level of participation.

For as much as there are powerful, even emotive, arguments favouring participation, it would be foolish to ignore its implications and difficulties to the Guider. Participation is no paradise, as there are no magic formulae in personal relationships and sharing decisions. And it is not just the Guide movement that is dependent on the attitude of its adult leaders. Within all the Youth Service and other branches of education, whether or not the adults want to adopt a sharing role with young people clearly determines the levels of participation.

It is not simply a question of adopting a 'structure' of participation — in this case the Patrol system — and assuming there is success. Participation is only achieved by a mixture of trust and honesty within the Unit from the moment girls join their first Brownie Pack, to the time they leave the Rangers. It is not another activity to import or contend with; it is a continual development of sharing decisions, encouraging ideas and coping with its consequences. A partnership is only created by such ideals.

The necessity for participation is now widely recognised. Even those unsympathetic to this ideal now have to begin to accept, that it is even more vital for young people to have experienced decision-making, understood social and political processes, and to have

enjoyed the benefits of a genuine partnership between adults and themselves.

Our research has confirmed the belief that in order for participation to be adopted, there needs to be a process of clarifying attitudes and understanding the consequences of one's action to those involved. Such a process can take place within a 'training' environment, but not necessarily so. However, once such attitudes have been explored, a positive commitment tends to evolve, followed by a response to a participatory approach with confidence not fear or anxiety.

The research programme, throughout its life-span has concentrated on the production of resources and materials relevant to those working with young people. A 'Resource Pack' on Participation, due out on 1st October, contains three major components to achieve such a positive commitment.

1. A booklet outlining the 'common elements' of participation from a theoretical perspective. It highlights the steps necessary to introduce participation.
2. A second booklet containing over thirty case-histories and examples of practice intended to illustrate the range of opportunities open to young people.
3. Training material, whose aim is to develop such a commitment to participation within a training environment.

It analyses attitudes, clarifies problems, and finally develops a practical approach to participation by a programmed series of modules and units. All these packages (and an instructive 'Guidelines' booklet) are contained within a strong hinged-box, with sufficient space for the user to add their own individual notes.

It will be of direct relevance to the Guide movement. Indeed, we have been particularly grateful to the West Mercia Guide District for their invaluable help in a two-month programme of testing. Their feedback, and the evaluation from the participants and trainers have been incorporated into the final material thus ensuring its relevance!

Let us now hope to see all aspects of participation in the Guides begin to move even further.

Martin Shaw is currently the Project Leader of the Action Research Programme sponsored by the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services entitled 'Young People and Decisions'.

'Young People and Decisions' is also the name of the Resource Pack on Participation. It is available from NCVYS at Wellington House, 29 Albion Street, Leicester LE1 6GD. The cost is £5.00 including postage and packing. If you would like any further information, do not hesitate to write to the above address or telephone 0533-554910.



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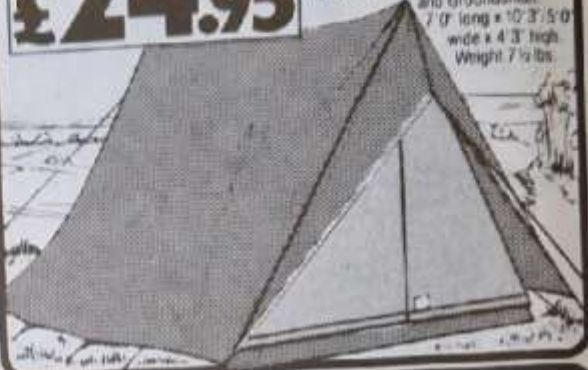
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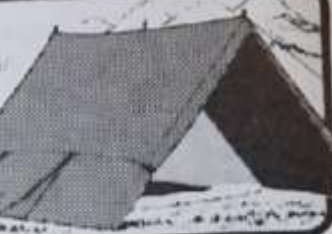


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# In Memoriam

Dorothy Arthur, who died on 24th May at the age of 90, lived all her early life (apart from attending a school in England) and did all her active Guiding in India. Upon her marriage to Charles Arthur she moved from Bihar to Calcutta, which was to be her home until 1939 when she and her husband left India.

From 1928 to 1937 Lady Arthur was first District Commissioner and then Division Commissioner in Calcutta. From 1936-1939 she was Provincial Commissioner of Bengal, and in 1938 was awarded the Silver Fish for her outstanding service. The jobs she undertook in Guiding sound ordinary enough, but to Guide with Dorothy was never ordinary — it was always joyful, full of fun and a great adventure. The Calcutta and Bengal offices were places of much chatter, laughter and news. Very often heads would appear round the door from adjacent offices, and voices would ask 'What's on today?'. An Indian Guide once said to me as we left the office 'If you have taught us nothing else, you have taught us to laugh while we work' — this was Dorothy's doing.

Dorothy tried to know all her Guiders — no small task in Calcutta — and her house and garden were always open to them. At her table many and various were the people you might find seated next to you — perhaps a new young Guider on one side, and on the other a Bishop. During the war Dorothy, once again in England, was a member of the GIS Committee, and entertained GIS members at her London home, or put them up while waiting for their next move. Sometimes she drove into the country with the members in training to watch their work and training. She represented Commonwealth Headquarters on the British Council for Aid to Refugees, and from 1957-1963 was a member of the Council.

Dorothy experienced much sadness in the later part of her life. Her husband died in 1953 and, of her three children, one son was killed in the Royal Air Force during the war, and her daughter died when quite young. But through everything she was courageous, interested in and caring for all sorts of people. The last time I saw her, nearly a year ago, she was very frail, but we still

laughed and joyfully reminisced about her Guiding days in India. There are still a few of us who worked in that Calcutta office, and we shall miss her always.

RMH

The County of Sussex West was greatly saddened by the death of **Madeleine Croad**, Division Commissioner for the Adur Valley. Madeleine came to Guiding, as so many of us do, through her Brownie daughters and in 1966 was appointed District Commissioner for Sompting and Lancing and eventually took on a wider responsibility in 1974 when she became Divisioner Commissioner.

Many in this County will miss her quiet unobtrusive counselling, her integrity, that shy smile which could bubble over into happy laughter, her sense of humour and her loyal friendship.

She was a caring person with a shrewd awareness of the needs of people of all ages which was reflected, not only in her Guiding, but in her interest in all Youth work and her active support of her

Church where she was a Church Warden.

Her talents for design helped create the Division Standard and was put to practical use in the care of the Church fabric.

At this time our special thoughts are with her husband, Ian, and her three daughters, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Catherine.

A true friend, her quiet and gentle influence will be missed by many.

DES

**Mrs Grant Pepler** (Carl) died peacefully in her 91st year on March 26th, 1981 in Toronto, Canada. She was an old and close friend of Olive, The Lady Baden-Powell, late Chief Guide.

IJ

The Suffolk district of Haverhill were deeply saddened that their ex-District and Division Commissioner, **Elsie Poes**, died earlier this year. She worked so very hard for the district and the Movement in general, and is a very great loss to all who knew her.

NP

## September Review

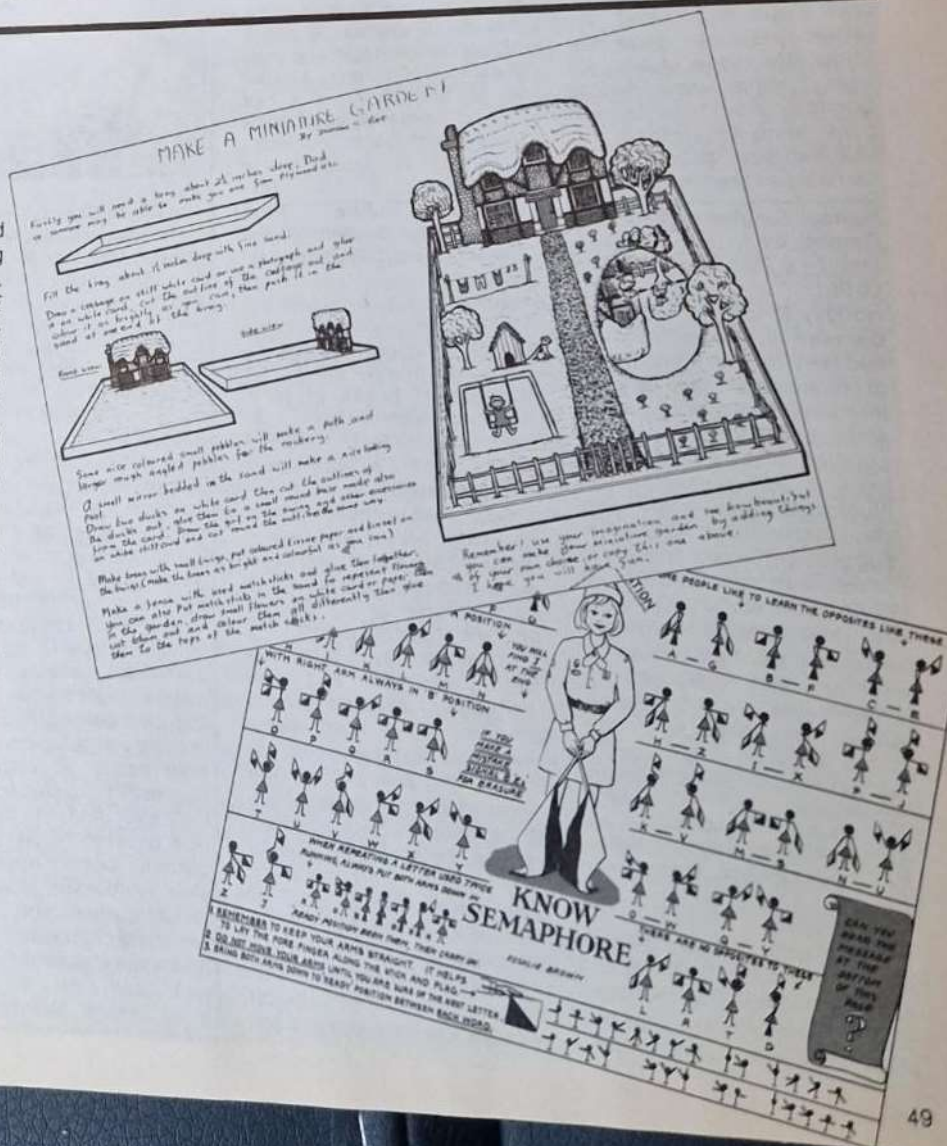
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Brownie would enjoy being involved in this. Try it in Sixes, challenging each other with a simple message. Another popular part of **THE BROWNIE** are the stories. September brings us 'The Good Turn' and 'The Mandarin's Bracelet'. A short period set apart in a meeting for story-time is generally enjoyed; maybe some of the Brownies would like to take a turn at reading to the Pack? — and with a following instalment the next week their interest is held. Another idea is to make your own Pack story book, collecting all the stories your Brownies have enjoyed most. Also do encourage your Brownies to write in to their very own magazine. A Pack's favourite prayer or poem, even a recent Venture they have enjoyed through the summer is fun to read by other Brownies under the heading of Pack Pow-Wow.

SH

We have been asked to give the following Badges which will appear in **THE BROWNIE** magazine during the rest of 1981. They are: **Hostess**, **Toymaker** and **Craft**.

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**Letter from America**, by Alistair Cooke, Penguin, £1.50.

Over the years, this Manchester-born American journalist has contributed greatly to our knowledge of life in the United States by his weekly radio broadcasts. Even before his TV series turned him into something of a cult figure, his talents as an essayist had earned him a large following. This selection from his broadcasts spans the years 1946-51, when the British and Americans were recovering from their different experiences of war. For anyone who remembers that era, the letters will evoke great nostalgia; for those of all ages who appreciate Alistair Cooke's limpid style and penetrating observation, this handbag-size paperback is compulsive reading. **JVR**

**Holiday Singing and Dancing Games**, by Esther L. Nelson, Oak Tree Press Co Ltd, Price £4.95.

*Holiday Singing and Dancing Games* will be a welcome addition to the bookshelves of those who have a deep interest in singing games, and a belief in their value to children of Brownie age. The book is well presented and illustrated together with very clear instructions. As the title suggests, the contents are linked with special days, eg Hallowe'en and April Fool's Day, and many of the games are not in print elsewhere. In addition this collection is international, and some games are linked with religious festivals. A worthwhile addition to a Brownie Guides repertoire. **AMW**

**The MacMillan Encyclopedia**, by Dr Alan Isaacs, Macmillan, £14.95.

Time was, when most families who thought books were important, had a set of encyclopaedias on their shelves. Today is the age of the specialist, and the

dictionary or encyclopaedia on one's own pet topic is the norm. Even so, an up-to-date one-volume work is a boon, and Macmillan state that theirs is the first and most comprehensive one-volume encyclopaedia of the 1980s. In nearly 1400 pages, over 80 specialist contributors cover the widest range of modern knowledge, and the latest computer technology has ensured that the most up-to-the-minute material has been incorporated, with the aid of a constantly revised databank.

To supply a little data of our own, this impressive work has 25,000 entries, 32 pages of full colour, 1,234 line illustrations, 20 maps of the world, and one and a half million words. A good book for a desert island, but don't pack it in your airline luggage! **JVR**

**Sharing Nature With Children**, by Joseph Bharat Cornell, Exley Publications, price £2.95.

Many people enjoy nature but feel helpless when it comes to encouraging children to discover the wonders for themselves; books of identification, however good, can only provide facts. *Sharing Nature With Children* could be the answer.

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Some are played in groups and include hiding and hunting games allied to animal activities and sensitivity, scavenger hunts and riddles. Even more exciting are the more individual games like Micro Hike in which children explore the world of insects for a few feet at ground level. Every game has a label to show at a glance whether it is energetic or calm; the best time or place to play; the number of players and the younger age limit — many are

suitable for 7 year olds or under, and there are no upper limits. The ideas are imaginative and simple, no elaborate techniques or equipment are needed and, an important point for town dwellers, some games can be played and many others in back gardens, parks or school grounds.

There is a special price for orders of the copies: please write to *Inter-Action Imprint* at 15 Wilkin Street, London NW5 3NG. **NAS**

**Usborne Guide to Trees, Wild Flowers and Birds of Britain**, each £2.50 paperback, £3.99 hardback, Usborne.

Rarely have I seen three more beautiful or concise reference guides to nature. The *Guide to Trees* lists 120 of the most common trees likely to be found in Britain and Europe. With clear illustrations both in colour and black and white, the Guide makes a feature of the seasonal

changes of trees. On each page will be found leaf, bark, flower and fruit of the relevant species resulting in easy identification. What is so useful about the *Guide to Wild Flowers* is the way the author has arranged the species by colour. The book contains over 300 wild flowers each with a simple reference (habitat, flowering season and distribution) and is also backed up by a quick reference key. With superb illustrations this book is a real joy. The *Guide to Birds* has selected the species most likely to be found and is grouped broadly into water-birds, waterside birds and land birds. There are large coloured illustrations of the relevant bird showing variations of shape, size and plumage. The book includes the Birdwatchers' Code and also lists useful addresses for further information. **AMM**



**The Dance Goes On**, by Marc Alexander. Available only through MFPA, £6.95.

The Mouth and Foot Painting Artists are a group of people who, although severely disabled either through accident or illness or from birth, refuse to opt out of life. Perhaps the most well known of them is Elizabeth Twistington Higgins, MBE, and this is the story of her life and work. The author is a journalist who met Elizabeth when he was working in a hospital, where she was battling to pick up the threads of her life after being completely paralysed by polio. The special tragedy in Elizabeth's case is that she was a professional dancer and the disease struck just as her career was taking off. Now nearly 30 years later, Elizabeth's exquisite paintings, executed with the brush held between her teeth, have become world famous. The style is necessarily light and delicate, but the artist's knowledge and experience of the dance enables her to capture ballet movement with great feeling and accuracy.

Many artists treat ballet subjects merely as pretty pictures: even Degas himself, although captivated by the basic earthiness of the ballet, somehow failed to convey the steely strength of the muscles under those tattered skirts. Elizabeth's dancers, one feels, can really dance.

Although she still has to spend each night in an iron lung, and every waking breath is a conscious effort of the neck muscles, Elizabeth leads a life far more active than most of us, not only as a painter but now as a ballet teacher with her own dance group. This book, with a foreword by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, tells her poignant and inspiring story, with a wealth of colour reproductions of her lovely paintings and pictures of her dancers.

The MFPA has a range of delightful greeting cards, calendars, and now wrapping paper, all reasonably priced and all painted with the brush held either between the toes or the teeth. Further details from 9 Inverness Place, London W23JF. **JVR**



## THE GIRL GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Dear Guiders,

The picture on the right needs little explanation. It shows the damage caused to the Dominica Guide and Scout Headquarters by the hurricane in 1979. The Guides and Scouts worked hard raising money to build their fine headquarters. Many Rangers, Guides and Brownie Guides in the United Kingdom added their help through the GGFF project, 'Operation Caribbean'. And now the Dominican Guides and Scouts must start again.

We sent a token gift of money to help them, and we were able to do this because so many of you send contributions to the Disaster Fund. It is very important that we should be able to do this, on your behalf, without having to wait to make a special appeal, but to do so we do need your continued support to keep this Fund in credit, ready for the next disaster. Please, will you

keep this very special and important need in mind and try to send a small gift each year?

The Summer Projects are, as you know, to help Sri Lanka replace their worn-out duplicating machine, to help the Guides of Lebanon obtain more tents, and to help disabled Rangers, Guides and Brownie Guiders of Ulster enjoy the facilities of Lorne. A special information sheet is available on request. Please enclose a stamp for return postage. The closing date for donations to these projects is 1st September. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to **The Girl Guide Friendship Fund** and sent to the address below.

Next month I hope to be able to



The kitchen and ablution block of the Dominica Scout and Guide Headquarters prior to rebuilding following hurricane damage.

give you advance news of our Christmas Good Turns — and once again they will all be in support of the International Year of the Disabled. With every good wish for successful camps and holidays.

RC

**The Girl Guide Friendship Fund,  
17-19 Buckingham Palace Road,  
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### Exploration! *contd.*

paper, magazine or on TV, even the sudden 'Wouldn't it be fun to...?' This last one, the element of enjoyment, of excitement, perhaps warrants special mention. We all have our own personal motivations and expectations, and so will all your girls. High on the list of many will be the fun, and excitement they hope to find in their Guiding and Rangering. Different people find this enjoyment and satisfaction in different ways, and it should by no means be assumed that all these should have, or need to have, an apparently academic or over-serious excuse to justify them. A project in itself, the preparation for it, overcoming practical problems, and carrying it out may well be more than sufficient 'justification' and the element of discovery centred on practical achievement. The raft project illustrated in one of the photos is an example of such a venture — it was towed by girl-power for some thirty miles along canals in the Midlands! Ideally all ventures should develop from the interests and ideas of a particular group and every encouragement given to make this possible. It is recognised that Leaders may need to sow the first seeds to offer guidance, to suggest contacts — even perhaps to tactfully control over-ambition or steer plans towards more practical possibilities. The amount of Leader involvement may depend on whether the exploration is to be an unaccompanied venture or one on which Leaders are to take an active part as

well. Whatever form it takes, however, a vital responsibility rests on the Leader to ensure that plans satisfy all safety considerations — not only those required by the Movement but also any that parents or common sense may reasonably expect.

### Some Ideas for Exploration

**Water and Near Water** Sea shores, mud flats, rivers, streams, lakes, canals, sea lochs, springs, wells. Islands, headlands, caves, cliffs, shingle banks, sand spits, dunes. Tides, currents, eddies, whirlpools, waterfalls, weirs, bores. Follow a river or stream from source to mouth. Water transport, types of boats, canal machinery. Ventures on water, canoeing, rowing, sailing, rafts, floating hides for animal or bird observation, floating campsite, marsh camping. **Surveys** — Plants, trees, animals, insects, birds. General in a large area or detailed in a small one. Movement studies of groups. Dartmoor ponies, herd of deer, Cheviot wild goats, hill sheep. Individual animals or families, badgers, otters, foxes. Hedgerow surveys, detailed survey of a copse or wood. Soil surveys. Weather observation.

**Historical, Literary, Artistic** — Projects or routes associated with real or imaginary characters — Wordsworth, Constable, Lorna Doone, Swallows & Amazons. Place names. Evidence of early habitation, Roman, Saxon, Norse, Prehistoric, Flint mines, tracks, green roads, drove roads. Battlefields.

**Country Skills** — Types of walls, fences, hedges, gates, stiles.

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*Try those for starters!*

Exploration is certainly not a new idea — it's as old as mankind; nor is the concept new to Guiding or Rangering. But perhaps the possibilities have a particular relevance today from a number of points of view. The commercial and 'educational' interest in outdoor activities puts considerable pressure on areas which were once remote but increasingly are becoming less so. Explorations offer opportunities to discover the still lonely places — sometimes surprisingly closer to home than may often be realised. At the other end of the scale commercialism has worked in our favour and transport to places which could never have been considered a few years ago make ambitious ventures to genuinely remote areas of Great Britain and overseas practical possibilities to many. And — if you will forgive the 'commercial break' — Exploration does now feature within the Expedition Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Silver and Gold and may offer a very relevant challenge, particularly to Rangers, to 'go not always where the path leads, but rather to go where there is no path — and leave a trail.'



## CLASSIFIEDS



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What's  
on

... in the Holidays

## Royal Weddings, Past and Present

One of the largest royal wedding exhibitions is at Hagley Hall in the West Midlands, and is organised by a family who had close links with Queen Victoria and share an ancestor with Lady Diana Spencer.

Lord Cobham, owner of the 18th century Hall, near Birmingham (120 miles north west of London), was researching material for his exhibition 'Royal Pageantry' when he discovered that his great-great-grandmother was Lady Sarah Spencer of Althorp in Northamptonshire — the ancestral home of Lady Diana's family since the 16th century.

'Royal Pageantry' looks at the costumes of British kings and queens since the 11th century. Centrepiece is a tableau of the wedding of the last Prince of Wales to marry, the future King Edward VII, and Princess Alexandra of Denmark, and other items include a Wedgwood bust of Prince Charles and a Stuart Crystal punchbowl to mark the wedding.

Hagley Hall is open to visitors every afternoon until September 6. For further details of this topical exhibition telephone **Hagley Hall on Hagley 882 402**.



Bike '81 is an entirely new concept in motor cycle shows — designed to appeal to all enthusiasts and family groups, including the new motorcyclist, and will be presented to attract the widest possible number of visitors. Included among the many new exhibits will be motorcycling activities never before seen by the London audience, and a spectacular display of motor cycles available for sale in Britain in 1981. The show is open for 11 full selling days between the **21st and 31st August** — including two Saturday and Sunday trading periods and, of course, August Bank Holiday Monday. Bike '81 will capitalise upon and develop the tradition of major motor cycle shows which have long been established at Earls Court in August each year.

Over £100,000 will be deployed to promote Bike '81 in Britain and on the Continent. And in order to further capitalise upon the unrivalled attractions which Britain's capital offers in addition to the presentation of Bike '81, the organisers are devising special travel arrangements to encourage a wide overseas audience. These plans include the offer of especially competitive accommodation rates in Central London.

For further information please contact **Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 9TA. Telephone: 01-385 1200.**

## Group Travel For Children

Free Underground travel for accompanying teachers or group leaders is one of the bonuses offered by London Transport in its Group Travel Scheme for children. Under the scheme — open to parties of 20 or more children — child fares apply to those under 18 rather than the usual limit of 16. For every ten children in the group one adult travels free. These group tickets are available at all Underground stations.

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## New Glass

A major exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, presented in association with Pilkington, the international glass manufacturer, runs until 11th October, 1981.

The largest and most exciting glass exhibition ever mounted in Britain, **New Glass** shows us how the medium today has moved away from the functional forms with which most of us associate it and gives us a chance to see it as never before in this country. In order to capture the profound change that is happening in glass, the Corning Museum of Glass in New York chose an international committee of experts to judge some 6,000 entries and finally select 273 exhibits by 196 artists and manufacturers from 28 countries.

The exhibition is mounted at the V&A in association with Pilkington, which has brought it across the Atlantic to be

Self Portrait by Michael D Esson

seen for the first time outside the United States.

**New Glass** includes studio glass, commercial and stained glass, and such familiar names as Baccarat, Daum, Rosenthal and Steuben are represented with examples alongside crisply cut forms from Czechoslovakia, sand-and-glass sculptures from the United States, neon-lit glass and 'funk' also from the USA and from West Germany, and stained glass from West Germany and Canada. Pilkington has expanded the British section of the exhibition by inviting several of our foremost glass artists not in the original show to submit new work made in this country in the last three years, and the best will be displayed alongside the main exhibition. For more details of this exciting and unusual exhibition, write to the **Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7**.



which provide a day's unlimited travel in the central area — are available for parties of 20 or more children. As with Group Travel, child fares apply to the under eighteens, and the scheme has recently been extended to include the free travel offer for adults as well. However, these tickets must be obtained in advance from London Transport's Commercial Office at 55 Broadway, London SW1H 0BD.

Underground child fares range from 10p to 40p according to the distance travelled, but at weekends and on public holidays journeys of any distance cost just 10p. Most bus rides in Greater London are 10p for children under 16.

## The Great Japan Exhibition

The Royal Academy, in partnership with the Japan Foundation, has organised the most comprehensive show of Edo art ever held outside Japan. This unique and spectacular exhibition, costing some £2 million, has drawn on the generosity of over 200 private and public collections, including those of His Majesty the Emperor and Japan's National Museums.

The object of the exhibition, however, is not simply to illustrate the outstanding artistic achievements of the period but also to shed light on the multifaceted and often, to Western eyes, mysterious aspects of Japanese society. The exhibition has been designed by one of Japan's foremost innovative architects, Kisho Kurokawa, in partnership with Kiyoshi Awazu, the graphic designer, and Alan Irvine. Visitors will pass through a series of rooms that reflect not only the historical sequence of the Edo period, but also capture the peacefulness and creative vitality of a long and stable period in Japanese history. The main body of the exhibition is preceded by two rooms devoted to the short but brilliant and influential Momoyama Period between 1568 and 1600. From this introduction, the panorama of an incredibly fertile culture gradually unfolds itself to the public.

There will be unsurpassed examples of art from the Emperors' and Shōguns' courts, of the Feudal Barons (Daimyō) and Samurai, of both aristocratic and popular cultures (theatre, music, geisha and other entertainments), farmers (and related 'folk' arts), craftsmen and merchants, scholars and intellectuals. Also widely represented in the exhibition are the books, calligraphy, ceramics, lacquer work, sculpture (including Netsuke), and resplendent suits of armour and weapons of the era.

For further information of all you can see at this fascinating exhibition (and for comprehensive brochures) telephone the Royal Academy on 01-734 9052. Part 1 of the exhibition is from October 24 to December 20 1981, Part 2 December 28 1981 to February 21 1982, open 10 am to 6 pm daily, including Sundays (closed from December 21-27 inclusive). Admission is £3.00 (including a free gallery guide) — children under 14, OAPs, full-time students on production of current NUS and ISU cards and groups of 10 or more £2.00; pre-booked school parties £1.50.

## Exhibition of Collage Pictures by Children

The 1981 Children's Collage Exhibition shows work by children from all parts of the UK on the subject of 'Energy' and is the result of the ninth collage competition organised by *The Observer* and sponsored annually by Copydex Adhesive.

The exhibition contains a selection of about a hundred of the best entries, including the prize-winning pictures and the winners of the Copydex Schools Challenge Cup. The pictures depict natural resources, atomic energy — even the power of ants and elephants — ingeniously devised from bits and pieces of scrap materials including matches, milk tops, string, pebbles and plastic. Shown at the main concourse at Euston Station in June, the exhibition can now be seen, free, in: **Glasgow:** Gallery of Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, St Vincent Street, 17 August-28 August; **Edinburgh:** College of Art, 31 August-5 September during period of Edinburgh Festival; **Birmingham:** Midlands Arts Centre, 5 October-28 October; **Aberystwyth:** National Library of Wales, 7 November-21 November; **Dublin:** Bank of Ireland Gallery, Lower Baggot Street, 8 December-8 January 1982. For further details write to: Copydex Limited, 1 Torquay Street, Harrow Road, London W2 5EL.

## More Steamings in 1981

The 1981 season at Didcot Railway Centre is well under way, running until 31st October. It is open every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday, with Steaming Days on the first and last Sunday of each month, Bank Holiday Mondays and all August Sundays.

Visitors can see the developments that have been taking place; the new Didcot Halt is taking shape and Radstock signalbox nears completion while signals are starting to appear. There are demonstrations on the first Sunday of each month on how mailbags used to be regularly exchanged at speed using the restored Travelling Post Office van No. 814.

On display again after being repainted by apprentices at Derby Works is the Southern Railway Battle of Britain class Pacific locomotive No. 34051 'Winston Churchill', on loan from the National Railway Museum; also from the National Railway Museum is No. 92220 'Evening Star', the last steam locomotive built for British Railways, which was a popular attraction at Didcot last autumn. It is presently being retubed by Great Western Society Members and will return to operation later in the year.

Opening times at Didcot Railway Centre are 12 noon to 5 pm Saturdays, 11 am to 5 pm Sundays and Bank Holidays. The entrance is through Didcot British Rail station, easily reached by Inter-City 125 services on the London-Bristol and South Wales mainlines. Other regular services operate from Thames Valley stations, Oxford and the Birmingham line. Groups are welcome on Mondays to Fridays, but prior arrangements must be made. For further information please contact Great Western Society, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 7NJ.

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Below, *Tigers* by Nagasawa Rosetsu.  
Below right, a colour-traided suit of armour.







## Colourspace '81 On The South Bank

Colourspace, a giant inflatable walk-through sculpture with music, created by Maurice Agis, has been erected for the third consecutive year outside the National Theatre on the South Bank.

It is open daily until 31st August (1 pm to 7.30 pm), admission 50p adults, 30p children and OAPs.

In addition, there is a new transparent sculpture on the Olivier entrance terrace. This will be part of a one-hour collaborative dance performance in the evenings of 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th August (from 6.30 pm). The dancers include Gabby Agis, Jessica Lobe and Sue MacKellan, the sound for two voices is by Jane Wells, and the choreography is by Maurice Agis and the dancers. Over 30,000 people visited Colourspace '81 on the South Bank, and Colourspace '81 has already attracted 10,000 visitors at other places where it has been shown.

Maurice Agis is taking Colourspace '81, and the dance performance, to New York this autumn, and has been invited to exhibit his work in Poland next year, and at the Hong Kong Arts Festival in 1983. For further details of this and other summer activities, write to the National Theatre at South Bank, London SE1 9PX, or telephone 01-928 2033.

## In Brief

... The Museum of London in the City is showing a collection of Royal Wedding dresses from 14th July to 16th August. These include the dresses worn by Princess Charlotte in 1816 when she married William, Prince of Orange, by Queen Victoria in 1840 on her marriage to Prince Albert, Queen Mary's dress worn in 1893 when she married George V, and Princess Margaret's wedding dress from 1960 when she married Anthony Armstrong-Jones. Telephone: 01-600 3699.

... Groups from Belgium, Bermuda, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and the USSR, as well as Britain, will take part in the International Festival of Music and the Arts at Aberdeen, in Scotland, from 5th to 15th August. Telephone: Aberdeen (0224) 25897/26175.

... The Tate Gallery in London is staging a sculpture exhibition for the blind in which they will be able to handle the exhibits. Sighted visitors accompanying the blind will have to obey the usual Do Not Touch rules to avoid unnecessary deterioration of the bronze, marble and wood works. The exhibition runs for two months from 26th August. Telephone: 01-821 1313.

... Londoners and visitors alike are invited to watch, or join in, open air Scottish dancing in Paternoster Square in front of St Paul's Cathedral from 6.30 to 10 pm every Saturday in August. Organised by the London Highland Club, there will be a Scottish dance band and piper. Telephone: Mrs Cattell on Epsom 27206.

The Alexandra Choir, in collaboration with the Het Amsterdam Gemengd Koor of Holland, will be giving a concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Monday, 28th September, at 8 pm. Programme — Mozart Requiem and Beethoven Mass in C. Prices range from £2.00 to £6.00, special discount to members of the Guide Movement. Telephone: Royal Festival Hall on 01-928 3002.

## STOP PRESS!

Until the end of this month, The National Gallery will remain open until 8 pm on Wednesdays. Attractions on Wednesday evenings include a special series of talks delivered by Keeper staff at the Gallery, including the Director himself. For further details, contact The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DN. Tel: 01-839 3321.

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