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## Annual General Meeting

HRH The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of The Girl Guides Association took the chair at the Council Meeting and at The Association's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 25th May, 1982. The Council Meeting was held at CHQ in the morning, and the AGM was held at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel in the afternoon.

The principal guest and speaker at the Annual General Meeting

was Chief E C Anyaoku, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat.

The Association's Annual Report for 1981 was presented by Lady Baden-Powell, The Chief Commissioner of The Girl Guides Association.

Girl Guide Commissioners and their guests came from all parts of the United Kingdom, and the report includes activities and achievements of all members of the Movement.

## The Lady Baden-Powell Succeeds HRH Prince Charles As President

The Chief Commissioner of The Girl Guides Association, The Lady Baden-Powell, has accepted an invitation from The Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council to become their President for the next three years. Lady Baden-Powell succeeds HRH Prince Charles.

*The following telegram was sent to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales:*

MEMBERS OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION SEND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR TWYSOG BACH

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

## Cover

This month's cover photo shows Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, with The Chief Commissioner at Waddow in July 1981 — one of the events mentioned in the President's Address at the AGM (see page 4).

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## ***President's Address AGM 1982***



Above, HRH The Princess Margaret at the Girl Guides Association AGM on May 25. Photo: Tony Rose.

**I** am so glad to welcome you all once again to our Annual General Meeting when we look back over another year of happy, successful Guiding.

One difficulty we all had to contend with last summer was the weather. There must have been many wet and windswept camp sites up and down the country, and I visited two of them, at Windsor and Waddow. In spite of all the problems, however, the Guides' enjoyment was obviously quite unaffected, and I have many happy memories of both these visits.

I think that the most important event of the year in the long term must be the purchase of the freehold of our Headquarters building. It is wonderful to know that our home — and it is seen as a real home by thousands of our members in this Country and the Commonwealth — is really ours at last.

I am sure that members of the Guide Movement, in time to come, will look back on this year with real gratitude, for we are now able to hand on to them a tremendous asset for their work in the future.

There is also a great financial advantage in owning our own headquarters.

We have secured our future absolutely and have a building in a very central part of London. Buckingham Palace Road is known to Guides all over the world, and we can stay there now for ever if we wish.

Commonwealth Headquarters is the centre of a large and complex organisation, but it is also involved in a thousand ways with the day to day Guiding of all our members. In the same way each of you here today represents the individual achievements and aspirations of all the Guides in your own area, from Commissioners to Brownies.

Perhaps this sense of togetherness and mutual support came to mind particularly this year at the dedication of the joint Baden-Powell memorial in Westminster Abbey.

The relationship of these two remarkable people, whose inspiration and energies were directed to a common purpose, gave the Scout and Guide Movements their distinctive family feeling. In this spirit I know you will go on from strength to strength, and I wish you every happiness in the year ahead.



## Presentation Of The Annual Report

*The Chief Commissioner.  
The Lady Baden-Powell.*



Left, The Lady Baden-Powell greeting HRH the Princess Margaret as she enters CHQ on the morning of the AGM. Photo: Tony Rose. Above, arriving at CHQ. Photo: Press Association.

**Y**our Royal Highness, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is again my pleasure to report on a busy year of active Guiding.

We thank our President, Princess Margaret, for her continued keen interest in our Movement and her unfailing support. In keeping your Guide Promise and Law, Ma'am, I feel we have particularly tested you this year on being cheerful in all difficulties. It was a beastly day for the opening of the camp-site in Windsor Park, and bitterly cold and windy the day Your Royal Highness so kindly came to our Training Centre, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, but, despite the dampness and personal discomfort, no Brownie, Guide or Ranger was left disappointed, and all were given the chance to share the happy occasion with you — perhaps some of our appreciation can be expressed in the remarks of a Guide which were overheard: 'She is lovely, just what a Princess should be.'

1981 was, of course, a very royal year for us all, and our Association was delighted for the first time to be invited to sell programmes in aid of The Royal Jubilee Trust along the route of the Royal Wedding procession. We gave an equal opportunity to our members in our senior sections. There was much excitement as Rangers and Young Leaders started to arrive at our Headquarters. They came from Northern Ireland, The Isle of Man, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and all parts of England. The few hours available for sleep between watching the fireworks from our upper floor windows and being out with the programmes in the Mall were spent in sleeping bags on office floors. Each girl has her own special memory and took her own story back home to tell. Several members of staff came in and gave the

back-up and service required, and our shop in Buckingham Palace Road was open. Our Public Relations Adviser in the Mall very early was asked for her signature by some of the crowd. I like to think it was because Mrs Arnold looks so smart in our uniform, and not just because she might one day be famous as the autograph hunters explained.

The Royal Wedding provided a wonderful theme for outings and activities especially Brownie Revels. During my pleasurable visit to the Island of Jersey on a warm Spring Saturday, I attended one of these revels and sixteen Weddings of the Year, a marvellous outing for all those bridesmaid's dresses. I was also given a great time during my visit to Guernsey. Here one evening we had campfire singing on the beach to which all units were welcomed. As we arrived to join the assembled large gathering, a Brownie arrived late, hurrying along. In an attempt to be kind, a Commissioner asked which group she was part of, but the Brownie was not going to be put off by the occasion, and firmly stated that she was to be there with Brown Owl. Mrs Wheadon, the Island Commissioner, and I also visited Alderney where they have the only Bank I know that sells marmalade in aid of Girl Guide funds.

This gives me the opportunity to pay tribute to the Local Associations and supporters' committees throughout the country, who give our Units and Districts such wonderful support.

It seems incredible now to think of a building site in Buckingham Palace Road, but in 1930 things were different, and with donations received from members and well-wishers in this country and the Commonwealth, The Girl Guides Association built

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their fine Headquarters. We did not, though, own the freehold and so, half-way through our 94 year lease, the Council prudently decided it was time to take stock of our position and what heritage we were to provide for the future. As a result, as our President has told you, a highlight of the year has been our purchase of the freehold, and now 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, through to 8-10 Palace Street, really is ours, and this centre, known as Commonwealth Headquarters is safe. Our thanks for their help and advice go to Mr Dean, Mr Buckhurst and Mr Bernstein.

The Association's Camp-site in Wales, Ynys-gain, has benefited from further development and, employing young men on the Youth Venture Scheme, the old Farmhouse and Barns have been converted into a Pack Holiday House, better wet weather shelter and a holiday home for disabled members.

You will see from my written report during this International Year of the Disabled, much of our attention has focused on our handicapped members; although really we do prefer to think of them as ordinary members and include them naturally in our programme and activities. However, the year has helped us to realise more ways in which we can continue to do this, like now always allowing room for wheel-chairs at our annual service in Westminster Abbey. In all areas, handicapped members have been given exciting opportunities to participate in events, and some have had adventurous holidays including going abroad. A Guide in a wheel-chair spoke at the Midlands Region Annual Meeting on what it was like being a handicapped member of the Movement. Much help at many events, has been given by the Trefoil Guild, and the Guild has made a praiseworthy contribution to the year with the advent of their Talking Magazine on cassette, which has brought so much happiness.

Much attention has been paid to the Arts during the year, and Outdoor Activities have again been a feature. Happy times have been enjoyed at Brownie Pack Holidays and Company Camps. Some more experienced campers have joined larger more adventurous events, like the Welsh Guides and Rangers, who joined the Scout Jamboree and participated in the many activities. One excited Ranger, thrilled after her first mountaineering experience, in her joy told us she even got her helmet stuck in a rock crevice. It did not seem important to her and, Ma'am, I was not sure, whether or not her head was in it at the time.

Service continues to be an important part of all Guiding. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts chose a splendid example of service by the 1st Wigan West (St Luke's Orrell) Company to be the first recipients of the Annual Olave Award. The Company gave service to a family where the mother had a form of cancer which gradually took away the use of her limbs and organs. By running the home, caring for the young children and helping with the nurse, they enabled the mother to remain at home and the father to continue his occupation. From the nurse and in-



Above, Mrs Zwinora, wife of the High Commissioner of Zimbabwe, arriving at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel. Photo: Tony Rose.

mother the Guides learned many skills, so it was very much a shared experience. The mother has died, but the Award is seen as much a tribute to her as to the Guide Company. Both the daughters are now members of our Movement and were present with their brother and father at a joyous reception given by the Mayor of Wigan, when the Olave Award Badges were presented.

Though behaviour does not always reflect an understanding of moral values, the present generation do have them, as illustrated by a package which arrived in our post one morning; a Guide writing to say she was amongst a group of Guides who visited our Headquarters and shop the previous week. In the shop she had stolen a penknife which she now realised was wrong, so she was returning it with her apologies.

Care for the environment is another tradition not forgotten, as shown by the many participants in our Adopt and Cherish Project.

It was a particular pleasure to welcome Commissioners from the Commonwealth countries who came to attend the Commonwealth Conference held at our training centre, Foxlease in the New Forest. During this meeting we dedicated an outdoor chapel in memory of the World Chief Guide, and the Commissioners visited the Guide Camps in the grounds. Guiding in the Commonwealth has very close links and we had many concerns in common to discuss. We discussed the problems and opportunities of present day society. Realising how much we have to offer young women, we resolved to examine our programmes, ensuring we can attract girls from all levels of our communities, and, as National Associations, to face the needs of the present generation.

This Association is conscious of its leading role and responsibility. Our Commissioners and our Programme and Training team, therefore, are considering our position. The Waddow holiday in the Summer, opening our camp-sites to non-members who might otherwise not have had a holiday, building on from our Silver Jubilee projects of the previous year, was a positive step which will continue; as well as projects aimed at the young unemployed.

Your Royal Highness, as you will appreciate, I am able to speak with pride and confidence because of the dedicated service given by our Unit Guides and Commissioners. They give of their time, energy and talents, bringing Guiding of a high standard to our young members. It is in gratitude to them I propose the Adoption of the



# *Presentation Of The Audited Statement Of Accounts*

**Y**our Royal Highness, Chief Commissioner, Ladies and Gentlemen.

There is one omission from this year's Annual Report which I think is an improvement.

When the brochure was being prepared, I made a suggestion. 'How about leaving out that picture of the Treasurer which has already appeared in the last three issues? If it goes in again, people may think him rather conceited or even assume that last year's financial pages have been reprinted by mistake and give them a miss altogether!'

'We take your point', I was told. 'We'll probably show some more Guides instead.'

As you see, there is a charming photograph of two younger members of the Movement inside the back cover. From the financial point of view, I am encouraged to believe that the young lady on the left is clearly very happy with the state of the treasury. Her companion, on the other hand, possibly of a more cautious disposition, is perhaps waiting to be persuaded!

In any event, I do hope that you will judge for yourselves by reading my report and sparing more than a passing glance at the Accounts of your Association's Headquarters for 1981.

To all of you who are so concerned with, and care for, the well being and future development of your Movement, these Accounts are revealing for a number of reasons which I should like to tell you about.

At the outset, it will be immediately apparent that the Association's finances have grown considerably since last year. Now I am sure you will appreciate that this did not just happen; it came about very largely as a result of the decision taken before the Annual General Meeting two years ago, to introduce a new level of Headquarters' subscription in 1981.

In reporting the decision to that meeting, you may recall that I emphasised the importance of combining financial strength with your Movement's enormous strength of purpose, in order to secure the future of Guiding in the years to come. There is no doubt that very considerable progress has been made towards achieving these objectives.

It can well be said that the figures this year are indeed impressive, but I suggest that this fact is not significant in itself. What is significant is that the figures, like the scale on a barometer, serve to give you a pretty fair indication of today's climate in Guiding.

One part of this financial 'weather report' shows clearly that care and concern for the Movement is a feeling shared by the entire membership, as witnessed by the truly magnificent support from subscriptions and the continued success of the trading service.

I do not need to remind you that this is only part of the story, for this same enthusiastic support also generates the subscription income which is included in the accounts of your Countries and Regions and in those of individual units throughout the Kingdom.

The response of the membership in 1981 has, as I say, been quite magnificent and the Headquarters' subscription, which remains unchanged for this current year, will also be the same in 1983. It seems likely, however, that some increase will probably be inevitable after that, but this will be announced later and in sufficient time for appropriate arrangements to be made.

You will be encouraged to know how many people outside

the Movement continue to share your enthusiasm for Guiding and have generously shown their own support in a practical way. I am very pleased to tell you that donations of various kinds received in 1981 were almost double the value of those in the previous year and amounted to nearly one hundred thousand pounds.

The role played by the Association in the national life of our country also continues to be recognised, as can be seen from the valuable grants received from Government and from King George's Jubilee Trust.

For all this very real assistance from outside the Movement, I should like to record a most sincere 'thank-you' on behalf of Guiding. In doing so, it is perhaps appropriate to reflect that this welcome encouragement undoubtedly communicates itself into the energies of countless thousands of Brownies and Guides who so cheerfully carry on their own tradition of fund-raising and help for others through the Friendship Fund and through other projects in their individual units.

When read in conjunction with the Annual Report as a whole, I believe the Accounts also convey a good impression of the part played by your Headquarters in the affairs of the Movement and its many achievements throughout the year. The first call on the Association's income is of course to cover the cost of running Headquarters and all the varied services it provides. I suggest again, however, that these figures only become fully meaningful when there is added to them the enormous input of dedicated energy and enthusiasm from everyone involved in Guiding, all of which combines to produce the happy and worthwhile results described by the Chief Commissioner in her report.

Even so, it has to be recognised that running costs in 1981 were unavoidably affected by inflation and that they also increased to some extent with the growing needs of Guiding today. Nevertheless, when all these immediate requirements had been met, there remained a substantial surplus available for investment in Guiding's future.

It was particularly noteworthy that in the fiftieth year of the Association's occupancy of Headquarters at Buckingham Palace Road, a rare opportunity arose to acquire the freehold of the building. It was an opportunity for which the Association was fully prepared, because it had the ability to finance the purchase entirely from within its own resources. The result for Guiding has been not only possession of a most valuable asset, but also the knowledge that the future of its Commonwealth Headquarters has been secured.

As I have said in my report, this was a very happy outcome and a fitting tribute to a past generation of Guides and all their friends who contributed so successfully to the original cost of the building half a century ago. We should also remember the foresight of those members of the Movement who were concerned with the Guide Club in Belgrave Square. The proceeds of the sale of that lease four years ago and since held in reserve, were a material part of the resources now invested in Buckingham Palace Road.

Your Association's finances thus reflect the progress which has been achieved in so many ways during this past year and speak eloquently for the Guides of today, who, whilst making the most of the present, are yet preparing with confidence and determination for the future.

I therefore have great pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts.



*Chief Emeka Anyaoku*  
*'The Contemporary Commonwealth'*



**Y**our Royal Highness, Chief Commissioner, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am deeply grateful to you, the Chief Commissioner, for the honour done me in inviting me to be the guest speaker at this your Annual General Meeting. It is an especial honour to address you in the presence of your Royal President, who stands so close to the Head of the Commonwealth, and so high in its esteem and affections. Those who wish Guiding well can indeed be found in all walks of life; a fact which may be ascribed to the Association's fundamental principles of partnership, self-reliance and service. I am proud to number myself among your true friends and I rejoice with you at the news that you have finally secured the freehold of the Commonwealth Headquarters of the Guiding Movement.

One good reason for that friendship is that the principles I have just mentioned — partnership, self-reliance and service — are cornerstones also of the equally world-wide yet quite different association of the Commonwealth.

I am often asked to define the Commonwealth, a task which is by no means as easy as it might seem. For unlike most other international organisations established on the basis of clearly defined Charters, Treaties or Articles of Association, the Commonwealth has been a unique product of history. And so in attempting to define it, it is natural to begin with its principles. These have found formal expression in the Declaration of Commonwealth Principles, to which Commonwealth leaders subscribed at Singapore in 1971, and in subsequent declarations also — the Lusaka Declaration of 1979 and in the Melbourne Declaration adopted last year.

There can be found the essence of the Commonwealth, its character as a voluntary association of the independent sovereign states, its commitment to consult and co-operate in the common interests of all its peoples and in promoting international understanding and world peace. The Commonwealth believes that international peace and order are essential to the security and prosperity of mankind. This is why Commonwealth Governments have viewed with great concern and disquiet Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands. The issue of the Commonwealth the issue of supporting Argentina's aggression against the Falkland Islands is one of the fundamental principles of the inhabitants. It is also the issue of the international law which nations can expect to live in peace and security. The principle of international rule of law. And it is a principle which is so distinguished for its facts and its principles. It is a principle which is allowed to agree with the principles and the principles of a weaker neighbour.

The Commission's... individual, standards of responsibility...

Commonwealth is therefore fundamentally opposed to all forms of racial prejudice and oppression, such as are enforced by the abhorrent policy of apartheid practised by the government of South Africa. This is why the cause and effects of racial prejudice were singled out for Commonwealth condemnation both in the Lusaka Declaration on Racism and Racial Prejudice and the Glencagles Declaration on Apartheid in Sport.

Again, economic imbalance between the rich societies of the Northern industrialised world and the poorer nations of the South also threaten and deny the basic human rights of men and women. And in Melbourne last October Commonwealth Heads of Government of more than 40 countries, rich and poor, expressed their unanimous conviction that there must be determined and dedicated action, nationally and internationally, to reduce gross inequalities of wealth and to break the circle of poverty which confines millions of people in the developing world.

Also, although the Commonwealth has found it useful, indeed necessary, to define certain aims and principles, it prides itself on its flexibility, on the open-ended nature of the Commonwealth link. In many ways a lack of clear definition is seen as a Commonwealth virtue. This increases its capacity for action — after all, if you do not know exactly what the Commonwealth can do, perhaps there is little that you would feel that it cannot do — but some confusion is inevitably caused in the public mind. That is less true in the developing world, perhaps, than here in Britain where the Commonwealth started. The modern Commonwealth still clearly displays its British origins in two vitally important ways: in its pragmatic, realistic, down-to-earth approach to international co-operation, and in the English language which, although not the mother tongue of all of us, is spoken and used by all the countries of the Commonwealth. Yet it is natural that people in Britain, who may have had to accommodate several different ideas of the Commonwealth in their life-times, should have misconceptions about the nature of the modern Commonwealth — especially since in its determined opposition to colonialism, it seems to be, and is indeed unlike the old British Empire from which some-  
times it evolved.

Indian inspiration has been crucial to the creation of the modern Commonwealth. There is significance, I think, in the early career of that great Indian gentleman, Mahatma Gandhi, who studied the situation and realised the inequalities in Indian and in British society, before he launched his non-violent campaign against racial discrimination in South Africa some 90 years ago. That campaign by the Indian against racial oppression in Africa foreshadowed the future: the independence of India itself and the decisive turn which the



Commonwealth took in the pivotal years after the Second World War.

When India became independent in 1947, Prime Minister Nehru saw the potential of what he wisely called a 'free association of sovereign Commonwealth nations', and India joined the Commonwealth, as did Pakistan and, shortly after Ceylon, since renamed Sri Lanka. India's decision to become a Republic posed a dilemma. How could membership of the Commonwealth be reconciled with the old Commonwealth connection of allegiance to the British Crown? In fact the problem was a blessing in disguise, because India's effort to maintain the Commonwealth link in a new form led to its redefinition; so that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers who met in London in 1949 were able to recommend to King George the Sixth that instead of common allegiance, the Commonwealth should be unified by the concept of the British monarch as a symbol of the free association of independent member nations, and as such, head of the Commonwealth.

... I like to think, and believe I am correct in thinking, that so many newly-independent countries have chosen to join the Commonwealth because it furthers their own aims and aspirations in a variety of practical ways — in other words, because it works. The establishment of the Commonwealth Secretariat in 1965, with its headquarters here in London at Marlborough House, was an expression of the need for a permanent focal point for the increasing consultation and co-operation which was developing between governments. Financed by all Commonwealth countries, staffed by some 30 of them and responsible to the collective wishes of the Commonwealth, the Secretariat serves to confirm the international, multipolar character of the Commonwealth Association — a character underlined by the practice of holding successive Heads of Government Meetings in different Commonwealth capitals: so far not only London but also Lagos, Singapore, Ottawa, Kingston (Jamaica), Lusaka, Melbourne and next year in New Delhi.

... Let me now say a few words about the Commonwealth Secretariat. Although it takes its inspiration from the desire of people throughout the Commonwealth for closer co-operation and understanding, it leaves support for non-governmental co-operation mainly to the Commonwealth Foundation. The Secretariat, a sister organisation founded by the Heads of Government at the same time, in 1965, exists to promote consultation and co-operation between governments. This takes place at a variety of levels. Throughout the Commonwealth, and sometimes at Marlborough House, Commonwealth Ministers and officials meet periodically to discuss areas of their different specialisations where Commonwealth activities contribute to the promotion of international peace and understanding, and to the social and economic development of Commonwealth member countries. Put differently, they consider how members of the Commonwealth family can help each other and the world.

Because 42 of our 46 family members are developing countries, Commonwealth concern is very often about development: certainly about how to bring the skills and resources of the rich countries to bear on the problems of the poorer members, but increasingly, and perhaps predominantly, about ways in which the poorer countries can begin to help each other.

... Education is another field where co-operation is eased by the broad similarity of Commonwealth systems; indeed, Commonwealth Education Ministers have been consulting together regularly since before the Secretariat was established. The common legacy in the educational planning and curriculum development inherited from this country, continues to make easy co-operation and consultations in that field. Among many other issues, the impact of recent increases in the fees paid by overseas students is a subject of continuing concern. This poses a threat to the international mobility of students, which is such a vital part of the experience of learning about our modern world. When we look back at the development of the contemporary Commonwealth, it is clear to see how the whole association has benefited from the wisdom and tolerance of at least two generations of Commonwealth leaders whose internationalism is rooted in a broad international education, often in educational experience acquired in this country. I trust that the Girl Guides with whom so many of you here are associated will also be able to continue to benefit from the experience of travelling overseas, and meeting and working with their Commonwealth counterparts. With the Secretariat's support, a consultative group is keeping problems of student mobility under review.

... The 'big issues' relevant to international peace are always prominent at Commonwealth summits. In Melbourne it was particularly pleasurable to see Zimbabwe and Belize no longer on the agenda but among the participants, in the shape of their Prime Ministers, Robert Mugabe and George Price. In sharp contrast to the high-profile Commonwealth contribution in Zimbabwe, which even extended to the provision of an internationally-recognised observer team at the 1980 elections, the Commonwealth had assisted Belize in its dispute with Guatemala, which delayed independence, by working

quietly yet successfully to widen international support for Belize's position at the United Nations.

One reason why the Commonwealth is effective in furthering the declared aims of its members is that it is an essentially contemporary instrument. It evolved from the process of decolonisation, one of the great contemporary historical movements, it is created by our time and it is of these times. It is constantly being invigorated by the membership of new nations with new ideas, it does not suffer from a slavish adherence to tradition. Yet it is enriched by all its members' traditions, while it crystallizes their present needs and future aspirations.

... The Commonwealth clearly has a present. Does it have a future? I believe that the answer to that question, and to what kind of future there might be, lies in the way the modern Commonwealth is coping with the challenges of our time. In this it points the way ahead for an international community which is still groping unsuccessfully for the capacity and degree of effectiveness already demonstrated by the Commonwealth.

... By forging broad areas of agreement upon which to build, the Commonwealth is true to its objective of promoting greater understanding and peaceful co-existence among the diverse nations and races of the world. Above all, it recognises that the future will be an interdependent one, in which each country will co-operate with its fellows for the good of all, or there will be no future. Fellowship is at the heart of the Commonwealth, as it is at the heart of the Guiding Movement. The future, I would strongly suggest to my distinguished audience, is ours.

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Below, Mrs Dickson, newly appointed Vice President of the GGA. Photo: Tony Rose.

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# Roundabout & Pick of the Press



## Play The Game

One of four contestants who took part in an edition of **Winner Takes All**, Yorkshire Television's popular general knowledge quiz with a gambling flavour, on June 25, was Mrs Shirley Young, from Edinburgh, Scotland. Now in its eighth series, **Winner Takes All** is hosted, as usual, by comedian Jimmy Tarbuck and he is helped once more by glamorous hostesses.

Leicester-born Shirley runs the 155th City of Edinburgh Company and went into the Women's Royal Naval Service when she was 17 and worked in the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall for two years. She was then posted to Scotland where she met her husband. He was in the Royal Navy, serving at the Clyde Submarine Base in Helensburgh.  
*Photo courtesy Yorkshire Television.*



*Photo courtesy Basingstoke Gazette.*

## Build! Build! Build!

Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides are shown here in Oakley on the occasion of the start of the construction of new joint premises. The present building was formerly a World War II hut, used by the Royal Navy, which was purchased and moved to Oakley in 1970. It was subject to temporary planning permission only and the subsequent growth of both Movements has meant a search for new premises.

The Premises Management Committee was fortunate in obtaining a 75% grant from the County and District Councils and now has to find the balance of £16,000. The committee already has over £11,000 and hopes to raise the remainder by the completion date in October 1982. One of its fund-raising ventures was a Christmas postal service which caused considerable local controversy and was covered on local TV, local papers and also reached the nationals.

When the Mayor of Basingstoke drove the JCB on 20 March to start work on building their new premises, the Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides quickly joined him to lend a helping hand. They hope to move into the completed building next October and are now looking forward to the opening ceremony. When completed, the building will be sub-divided to allow the Scouts and Guides to have separate accommodation with a removable partition to allow for as much usage as possible.





# Roundabout & Pick of the Press



## Presentation



Mrs Elizabeth Cooke, the General Secretary for South West England, is seen here receiving an inscribed salver and candelabra at the AGM held in Taunton.

The presentation was held to mark the ten years that Mrs Cooke has spent with the SW Region, and in appreciation of her contribution to its success. *Photo courtesy Antony Miles Ltd.*

## Flag Day

Two members of the 2nd Scarborough Ranger Unit were flag bearers at the service for the New Mayor of Scarborough, held on 16 May. Councillor Jean Greenan is the Guide County Commissioner and seen with her are several members of the Movement and the two Rangers, Anna Pickering and Debra Raistrick, at the rear bearing the flags.

The photograph shows everyone busy at rehearsal for Civic Sunday. Also in the photograph are the Reverend Ted Crofton, Vicar of Scarborough; Mr John Fawcett, Mayor's Secretary; the Mayor; Mrs Betty Craig, Division Commissioner and Mrs Mary Walker, Assistant Division Commissioner.

*Photo courtesy of Scarborough District Newspapers Ltd.*

## Errata July GUIDER

Under the heading 'Topping Out', Roundabout and Pick of the Press, the picture showed N Walsham Rangers, not Brownies as printed.

The photo of Katherine Ballard's investiture on board the patrol submarine HMS Finwhale was taken by a Naval photographer, not the *Newbury Weekly News*.

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# Roundabout & Pick of the Press

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## INDIAN CAMPOREE

This photograph was taken recently while Cynthia Simmonds, Brownie Guider and Division Secretary, West Bridgford Division, Notts, was in India. The photo was taken at the 15th Andhra Pradesh State Camporee, a five day event attended by over 2,000 Scouts and Guides.

The photograph shows Mrs Simmonds inaugurating the handcraft exhibition. On her left is the State Commissioner for Guides, Mrs L S Bullayya, and behind her is her husband, Dr Bullayya, Scout State Commissioner.



## VENTURE DAY

As a follow-up to Capital Radio's enormously successful Venture Day at Battersea Park, in June, — its 325,000 attendance broke the Park's record — the radio station has announced the setting up of a new charity to help young people find adventure. Called the Venture Trust, it will act as a signpost to the opportunities that are available for challenging worthwhile leisure pursuits and try to help financially where this is necessary.

Capital's Mick Brown is seen here with Sharon McGovern on the rope bridge built by the Battersea Guides, of which Sharon is a member. Sharon was later heard on Capital's show for youngsters, XYZ On Air, which was broadcast live from Venture Day in Battersea Park. XYZ On Air is presented by Mick Brown and Kelly Temple.





## Liverpool Guide • Shop •

The Lady Baden-Powell visited the new Liverpool Guide and Scout Shop in St George's Way, St John's Precinct on Thursday, June 3rd, 1982.



Above, the outside of the new Liverpool shop.



Above, Mr Tighe, Trading Manager, Mrs J Davies, Shop Manageress, The Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs P Holloway, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Below, with Mrs Joan Davies and Maria Cann, a new Brownie Guide from Childwall.



Liverpool Daily Post & Echo Photo

# PATROL JAMBORETTE

KLUISBERGEN, EAST FLANDERS, BELGIUM. JULY 1981

Twelve Guides and Rangers and two Leaders (myself being one), from North West England, left Manchester on a wet Wednesday afternoon in July, arriving 18 hours later at our destination, the little town of Kluisbergen, Belgium, which was to be our home for the next two-and-a-half weeks.

The Patrol Jamborette caused a great deal of interest in Belgium because the whole event was organised and run by one Unit, to celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Our party was split up into very small groups, and these were integrated with members from the seven other countries of the camp — Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, USA, Canada, Spain and Belgium. Each Patrol was named after famous football teams of the countries represented, and our teams were Leeds United and Aston Villa.

The camp equipment was of a very high standard indeed — each Patrol had two sleeping tents, their own stores, an eating shelter with table and benches, lashed together out of tree-trunks, and their own fire

— raised at least four feet from the ground.

Activities on site included an assault course, techniques, pin pioneering (using no string but wooden pegs), burning letters in wood, going into the village to visit the local artists, the printing works, the power station and, going further afield, to the basket weavers and the swimming pool.

It was interesting for the Leaders as we were expected to join in all the activities. We didn't cook our own meals, but visited a different Patrol each day for them — inevitably, we did end up helping out a lot, especially in the Patrols where communication was difficult.

We visited Bruges, Ghent and Brussels, as well as having the opportunity to go mountaineering, potholing or canoeing. One of the highlights of the camp was the two day hike in blistering heat. We were divided into three groups of two Patrols each and sent in different directions. We were to walk 25 kilometres on the first day and 30 kilometres the next. We had to carry our

personal equipment and food for lunch, which we cooked en route. About 6.30 pm, we arrived at our evening destination — a farm, where we were to sleep in a cow-barn. It was the day of the Royal Wedding, and we saw a little of it on the farmhouse TV, toasting the Royal couple in lemonade.

If any Guiders do have the chance to lead a party abroad, I would urge them to take it. What a lot you learn about International Friendship, knowing that everyone you meet shares the same ideals and hopes for the future of Scouting and Guiding that you do.

How you grow in tolerance towards other people — and in resilience. You develop a sense of humour and find that you are able to try things that you never dreamed possible.

What a marvellous experience and thanks to everyone who made it possible for me to attend the Patrol Jamborette at Kluisbergen — an experience I shall never forget!

**Janet Brown Guider —**  
2nd Weston, St John's, Cheshire



..... next month in **TODAY'S GUIDE**  
..... next month in **THE BROWNIE**

## **TODAY'S GUIDE — Help your Patrols to use the Centre Pages**

by Helen Ryan

September *TODAY'S GUIDE* dwells on disguise including make-up. There is a brief mention of disguise and some useful illustrations in the Handbook on page 286 and so combined with this article there should be sufficient help for a Patrol to be able to make a realistic 'old person'. Possibly, you as the Guider could ask a friend to rush in briefly to your meeting one evening and then out again — and then surprise everyone by asking for an accurate description of the person. Exactly how observant were the Guides? You may well find there are lots of conflicting answers — but hopefully it will encourage the girls to become a bit more observant and to practise some of the suggestions on the first of the centre pages of *TODAY'S GUIDE*.

If the girls have enjoyed doing these quick practise ideas on page 17 they may like to continue with the more involved disguise in the centre pages. Possibly you may have to help them find a reason for doing an old person — maybe it could be that person who rushed into the meeting for you — or maybe it could be part of a wide game played outside your meeting place — though in general girls will not need too much encouragement to try out make up and disguise!

Your meetings in September may well find all your Patrols working on the same things as they get to know one another again and settle in after the summer break. Possibly a Unit game to do with dressing up, even using newspapers, Missing Character Actors (page 98 in the Gd Gdrs Handbook) would encourage the girls to work together in Patrols. Other quick challenges might be:

Buildings (Gd Gdrs Handbook page 96) (? or machines).

Make a tableau in your Patrol illustrating a page from the Handbook with the same number of girls as in your Patrol — for everyone else to guess which page.

Maybe if we start the year putting something into our meetings every week where Handbooks are necessary the girls will be encouraged to remember to bring them.

Patrols may well need at this time of year to be given a limited choice from which to choose an activity. Could you maybe suggest:

Do a 'This is Your Life' about your Guider or, that you could act for the rest of the Unit.

Have a 'Guide fashion show' of clothing suitable for certain events.

Make up a story in sound (PIP Card No 6).

Disguise a member of your Patrol. (September *TODAY'S GUIDE*.)

You may feel four things is too great a choice for some of your Patrols in which case whittle it down for the Patrol which couldn't cope, to a choice from two or three. Most of these things could be done the following week — if Patrols were given time and help to sort out equipment needed and who is bringing what. If a Patrol which has done the disguise then decides to make a wig the members will need to make a detailed list of equipment required, and also the girls will need to understand that the bald head will take at least two weeks to complete.

Make sure you allow the girls sufficient time in the programme to carry out their Patrol's choice — they will almost always need more than they have asked for. What happens in their Patrol is the best bit of Guiding for them!

## **Brownie Review — Harvest**

Throughout the month of September each issue of *THE BROWNIE* gives you ideas to use at the Pack meetings or at home. In the September 1st issue there is a uniform chart to colour which should be a great help to all new Brownies. Terry Mills gives hints and advice on how to buy a pet, and the things that should be looked at before purchase. You can learn how to make a shell collection, and there is the first part of a new story called 'Small pony gives Grandmother a treat'. September 8th brings us a centre spread 'Harvest Festival picture to colour', and a new chapter tells us all about the Harvest season. In the 15th issue 'Our Harvest Festival', 'Mystery story' and a new story 'A field of blue flowers'. Our next issue should contain a new story.

unusual plants from seeds and has a new page of Autumn Ventures to try. September 22nd issue tells us about the Blackpool illuminations which happen at this time of the year, and we have another story, 'Prickles stays awake'. The Help at Home chart (29th) shows us how to look after our clothes, and in all the issues this month we have the popular journey charts. There are special Harvest recipes, two new cover games called 'The compass zoo game' and 'Shop around'. Three new badges begin this month — Dancer, Safety in the Home and Writer, also we have the last clause of the Pathfinder badge. If you missed this badge in the summer holidays you can still obtain back copies of *THE BROWNIE* magazine from Subscriptions at CHQ. There are articles of general interest to all Brownies, pictures to paint, puzzle pages plus all the usual favourites.





Tony Rose

## Vivienne Vaughan-Cox, O.B.E. FAREWELL . . .

'How lucky I am to have Vivienne Vaughan-Cox as my friend.'

The sentiments of this phrase echo and re-echo around the many, many girls and leaders scattered throughout the world who are, or have been, British Guides in Foreign Countries.

It has been a privilege to have first hand experience over many years of Vivienne's loving enthusiasm for the Movement and its ideals, together with her sympathetic appreciation of the challenges, never problems, to be found in isolated or widely scattered transient communities. We shall never forget her wonderful, caring disposition and unstinting efforts, both behind her desk and on the spot, to provide help and support for those of us trying so hard to be real Girl Guides. She is happily at home with Brownies on a Treasure Hunt; participating in her particularly inspiring manner in a 'Guides Own' under the stars; sharing the laughter and tears of would-be leaders on a somewhat chilly training week-end ('but I always take my hot water bottle everywhere'); or being informed and charmingly diplomatic with dignitaries at

a publicity event. For her it's all fun.

Over recent years Packs, Companies and Districts have appeared like measles on the map of the world as commercial enterprises have spread their wings far from longer established 'Diplomatic' or 'Service' enclaves. Under Vivienne's gentle but persuasive guidance her department in CHQ has become expert in postal friendship, advice and training. Now they constantly encourage and produce excellent literature tailored to meet individual needs. Liaison with other departments has resulted in near miracles. Now, seemingly impossible paper procedures are practical possibilities. Not least, Vivienne has assiduously reported and promoted British Guides in Foreign Countries activities to the Senior Administrators of our Movement, and thus to the whole of the UK. No longer do we feel uncertain or forgotten, but indeed a cherished and precious possession.

But now it's 'good-bye'. We know her understanding and patient family, though never neglected, will be delighted to see so much more of her. If fresh fields beckon,

the challenge will be met in generous fashion.

Thank you, Vivienne — 'go well and safely' — our loving thoughts and prayers surround you.

### Sheila Wooldridge

*Council Member*

Since 1972, when she was appointed Commissioner for Branch Associations, Mrs Vaughan-Cox has served the 'Branches' with loving care. Her visits to the countries within her sphere have always been welcomed and of use. Probably even more telling than the visits, has been her availability to visitors from the Branch Association countries. It is well known that communications over long distances are difficult, so Mrs Vaughan-Cox's contribution by personal contacts, made sometimes at great personal inconvenience, has been of inestimable value. She has also been patient and tolerant when lack of contact has put her into the position of 'she also serves who only stands and waits'.

Vivienne Vaughan-Cox will be missed by all connected with this side of her work in Guiding.

### Nancy Kirwan

*Commonwealth & International Adviser for South West England*

In June Mrs Margaret Banks took up her appointment as Commissioner for Branch Associations, which includes the responsibility for British Guides in Foreign Countries.

Mrs Banks has been Commissioner-designate for some months, familiarising herself with the tasks involved in her interesting and exciting new role. She attended the meeting for Branch Associations at Foxlease in the Summer of 1981, and so was able to meet in person many of the Commissioners with whom she will now be working closely.

Not only does Margaret Banks bring to this appointment a charm and caring, but also an impressive background of experience and knowledge of Guiding.

She was enrolled as a Guide in 1948 in County Durham and later became a Ranger. She has been a Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guider, a Division Commissioner, a Diploma'd Trainer, Training Adviser for Leicestershire, Home Arts Consultant to the Arts Adviser of The Girl Guides Association.

From 1970 to 1971 she was a full-time Trainer in Hong Kong, concerned especially with localising the Eight Point Programme and training and testing trainers, Hong Kong being at that time a Branch Association.

In 1971 she represented the UK at a WAGGGS Seminar on Public Relations and Finance in the Philippines. From 1972 to 1975 she was a member of the Overseas Committee. Since 1975 she has been a member of the Council of The Girl Guides Association, and from 1979 to 1982 she was an elected member of the Executive. In 1980 she received the Laurel Award. In 1981 she became a reserve member of the UK delegation to the World Conference.



## Margaret Banks, MEd

## . . . WELCOME

She is married to The Reverend Michael Banks, Rector of Emmanuel, Loughborough, a large and active university parish in Leicestershire.

She has two sons aged 9½ and 8 years old, and is currently the Headmistress of Fosse High School in Leicester, an independent school for girls from four to 18 years. She previously spent 15 years lecturing in Colleges of Education.

In addition to the regular round of a Rector's wife's duties, her hobbies include Women's Institute and Inner Wheel activities. For sheer pleasure she relaxes with Gold Embroidery.

We wish Margaret Banks much happiness in her new position and take this opportunity to send special good wishes to members of our Branch Associations and our Units in Foreign Countries.

**P B P**



# Airing, Caring, Sharing.

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## Stithians Ditty

In Stithians village 7 years ago  
Lived one Mrs Pascoe who  
you all do know  
Many people there were who  
asked for her aid  
But none so vehemently as  
one who said  
There are around here those  
who desperately need  
Someone at the helm,  
someone willing to lead  
Ponsanooth, Stithians,  
Constantine, Mabe  
Girls in blue, girls in brown,  
all dear little maids.

This goodly lady then said,  
"well, all right"  
But on seeing us lot she got  
quite a fright  
From problem to problem it  
seems she has toiled  
And many's the time seems  
her efforts been foiled  
Not least by her Guiders, a  
troublesome lot  
Who should all know better,  
believe it or not.

But most of the time under  
her watchful eye  
We've had a fine time, a  
good laugh, not a cry.

Her tasks are too many to  
set down here  
We realise that, never you  
fear.

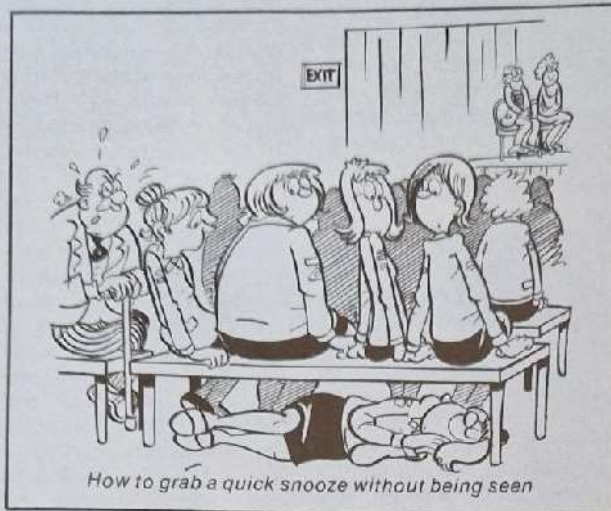
At AGM's she's attended her  
worry has been  
How to grab a quick snooze  
without being seen  
In this her loyal Guiders have  
shown tact and grace  
With a prod and a nudge in  
just the right place.

Through muck and through  
mud in her wellies she's  
come  
To Brownie Revels, Guide  
camps, to join in the fun  
Planting trees, making  
speeches and that's not all  
Visiting Brownies and  
Guides in some very cold  
halls.

Now the time has come,  
wipe the tears from your  
eyes  
And join me in words in  
which truth only lies  
Thank you Peggy for  
friendship, support and  
goodwill  
And join us whenever you've  
spare time to kill.

Anon

Truro, Cornwall.



How to grab a quick snooze without being seen

## Take Care

I should like, please, to remind your readers 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 and irrigators. 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 any further queries, please contact me, c/o GUIDER.

N S Lewis,  
Assistant Regional  
Secretary  
(Estates and Wayleaves)

## Falklands Nurse

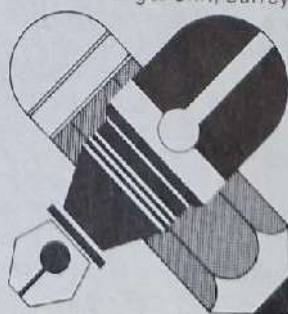
Having published the letter from the Falkland Islands that I received from an ex-Ranger Bronwen Williams, I am sure that readers of GUIDER will be interested to hear how far and fast news travels!

On Sunday evening I received a long distance telephone call from a village in Wales. The caller was Bronwen's mother whom I have not seen for some twelve years when the family left

Richmond, Surrey, to live in Wales. Her neighbour, who is a Guider, had just called to see Mrs Williams bringing her copy of GUIDER containing Bronwen's letter. A quick call to the telephone enquiry service linked Mrs Williams to me!

She told me of her own visit to the Falkland Islands to stay with Bronwen earlier in the year and her impressions of the countryside and of Port Stanley. She has heard nothing from her daughter apart from one hurried letter just after the invasion, although she received news from someone who was able to get out and return to the United Kingdom in the early days of occupation. She was told that many elderly people had been moved into the hospital for safety, and that Bronwen, together with two other nurses, was involved in a home visiting service to those elderly and infirm who had remained in their own homes. Rumour suggested that the hospital was then taken over by the army of occupation. However, Mrs Williams assured me that despite her anxiety for Bronwen, she knows that the skills she learnt from Guiding will stand her in good stead!

Jill Campbell,  
GUIDER — Reigate District  
Ranger Unit, Surrey.



## Redundant Jackets?

In reply to Jean Wade's 'Why Complain' (June GUIDER) referring to Guiders wearing neckerchiefs, I feel I must write to express my feelings on this matter.

If, indeed, at some time in the future, Guiders are to wear neckerchiefs, what becomes of the very expensive jackets that they already have — as I see it they will become useless because neckerchiefs and jackets do not go together! Apart from this point alone, the uniform itself will not look anywhere as smart as it does at the present time (not to mention the fact that on some occasions we are glad of the extra warmth offered by a jacket which will not be forthcoming from a neckerchief and blouse).

Personally I am satisfied with the present uniform for Guiders and would like to see it kept that way. The style suits just about every figure and the tie 'finishes-off' the outfit nicely.

Mrs R J Wilson,  
Guider, 1st Tunstead  
Brownie Pack,  
Norfolk.

## Poor Badge

I must agree with Avril Harrison's letter in the June GUIDER regarding the poor quality of the Guide Promise Badge. It is a pity that it is not even as good as the Brownie Promise Badge and that is only meant to be worn for three years.

I still wear my own Promise Badge, which is 30 years old and I also have my mother's and mother-in-law's badges in excellent condition. I have a very good photograph of my mother in her Guide uniform taken in the early 1920s. When my daughter became a Guide she proudly received her grandmother's badge to wear on her tie.

It would be a good thing for the continuity of the Guiding spirit if we could have again a Promise Badge that could be kept and passed on to future generations.

Janet Walker (Mrs)  
Brownie Guider,  
1st Woodbeck Pack,  
Nottinghamshire.



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## Spot The Metal

I would like to enter the discussion about Promise Badges. When I started to help with my local Guide Company I had never made my Promise. I had never even been a Brownie, and so I was duly enrolled on 29th February, 1980, at our Thinking Day celebrations. My Promise Badge was the same as the rest in the tin, and in two years it has polished beautifully and gleams now. However, those were the last of their kind I think, and since then the Badges we have received from our Badge Secretary have been awful.

They are thin and flat and look as though they are made of no metal I have ever heard of. Please can we have a better made metal badge even if it costs a lot more? Cheap and nasty is not what we are supposed to stand for.

I could make the same criticism of the last batch of World Badges I ordered. They are badly made and carelessly finished and enamelled. No one could take a pride in them or wish to wear them out of uniform which rather defeats their object.

**J O Garfath-Cox,**  
Guider, 2nd Thames Ditton  
Guide Company,  
Surrey.

The Promise Badge is made of brass and samples taken at random from our warehouse stock, do 'shine up' without much difficulty.

As regards the shape of the badge, this particular design has been in use for quite some time. However, our suppliers have been asked to cut new dies so as to maintain the definition of the badge.

### World Badges

We have had problems with the World Badge, and our manufacturers have been instructed that there must be a considerable improvement in the quality before any new supplies can be accepted for stock.

All our badges are covered by our quality guarantee, and if the customer is not satisfied, then the badge should be returned for replacement at no extra cost.

**Manager of Trading Service,**  
Broadheath



From Guiding to surgery

## All in Knots

Following the reception held on behalf of this hospital, where I met you, I believe you may shortly be featuring it in your publications, and it suddenly occurred to me that your readers might be interested to know that at least one Elizabeth Garrett Anderson consultant surgeon had been greatly helped by the speed and dexterity with which, as a keen Guide, she had learned to tie knots.

The reef is the commonest knot used in surgery, or a reef with an extra twist to the first turn, and to have been able from the word go to tie these quickly in awkward corners, even with the complication of having one end of the ligature already anchored, was the greatest asset.

Many other assets accrue to a surgeon from Guiding experience, but, assuming Guides still tie knots, I thought this one might just add a little colour to an appeal directed at your particular readership. From Guiding to surgery!

**Margaret Loudon (Miss),**  
Consultant, Elizabeth Garrett  
Anderson Hospital.

See page 24 for details of  
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson  
fund-raising appeal **Editor**

The opinions expressed in  
these pages are not  
necessarily those of the  
Editor.

## A Prayer

I hope and pray that at this time, Guides and Brownies will be remembering that 'A Guide is a sister to all Guides'.

This will help towards removing in a small way the bitterness that may result from the recent fighting in the Falkland Islands and contribute towards an atmosphere of understanding when talks are resumed once more.

**Eve Machin,**  
Retired District  
Commissioner,  
Wilts.

## Not Sew

In May GUIDER, a Guider wrote to you about replacing the metal badges by cloth ones.

I'm afraid that I disagree, I think the metal ones are better, you can't keep a cloth badge shiny and bright like you can a metal one. Besides the cloth badges may begin to fray, like the Lincoln Imp badges occasionally do, plus the Guides probably wouldn't like the idea because they would have to sew them on their uniforms, whereas now all they have to do is pin their badges on.

**S Marshall (Miss),**  
Humberside.

If you wish to contribute to GUIDER please bear in mind that it is necessary to submit your article at least two months in advance of the issue you require.



-T. WILLIAMS-

They are thin and flat and look as though they are made of no metal I have ever heard of.



## • For Every Child A Tree •

Elaine Arnold

Public Relations Adviser

The theme which was used by the Tree Council for the 10th World Environment Day on 5th June is also the theme for the 8th National Tree Week 20th-28th November 1982.

There are countless lively projects throughout Britain in towns and cities and the countryside which can be highlighted during the week.

The Tree Council has appealed to all members of our Association to:

Organise work programmes for National Tree Week.

Publicise the programme locally, to let the Tree Council know about them.

### Children Can Do For Themselves

They are planting trees in their school grounds, creating new nature conservation areas, growing trees from seeds in pots, and starting tree nurseries on small plots of ground, regenerating small woodlands, safeguarding street trees by reporting damaged trees and those badly staked and tied.

The Tree Council aims to build up a dossier of projects (and those prepared for National Tree Week 1982). It will be featuring a wide variety of interesting examples in its own publicity, as well as reporting on achievement to the United Nations Environment Programme.

The national focus should help stimulate greater community involvement to protect trees.

Please return the form right to the Tree Council. (Don't forget to include those local and personal details which bring projects alive, as well as the basic information).

The Tree Council itself is preparing 2 leaflets for World Environment Day:

— 'Trees Are Alive with Life', a jaunty illustrated sheet on the importance of trees, aimed at 7-10 year olds but reminding everyone that we cannot afford to take trees for granted.

— A Resource List of books, posters and visual aids for teachers prepared with the Council for Environment Education, to assist the development of tree orientated people.

Both publications will be available for a small charge with special cheap bulk rates. Individual copies can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope.

Name .....  
Organisation .....  
Address .....  
Telephone No .....

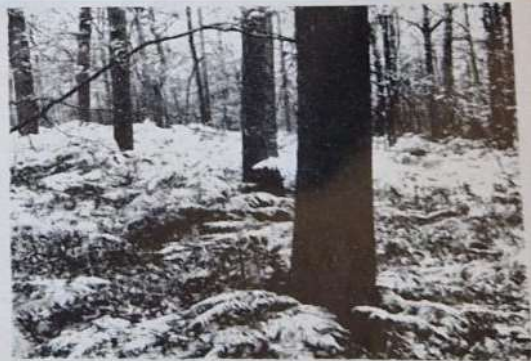
Please describe your work and the age range of the children involved, the number of participants, nature of the work, the site itself and the number of trees planted or cared for, how the project started and anything else that you feel to be of interest.

Describe plans to mark the National Tree Week.

I would like this project to join your national list.  
I can be contacted by the media for further information (please give additional contact points if necessary).  
Attach photograph/other items.

The Tree Council,  
35 Belgrave Square,  
London SW1X 8QN

Below, another 'Tree' Project, from The Woodland Trust.



Above: Wormley Wood, Herts - saved by the Trust  
Left: Trees for the future - Dutton Ghyll, Cumbria

As its contribution to the tenth World Environment Day the Woodland Trust is extending its 'Plant a Tree for £1' programme through which it has already planted 50,000 trees throughout Britain. This year's theme for the United Nations sponsored event is, as mentioned above, 'For every child a tree'.

For £1 the Trust will plant a three foot high tree in your name, or that of a loved one, as a gift or memorial — an ideal way of celebrating World Environment Day or any other special occasion. Your dedication will be included in the Trust's Book of Commemoration and you will be sent a personal certificate. Trees are planted where the need is greatest, either on land that the Trust owns or by special long-term arrangements with land-owners.

If you can afford to give £25 or more you can link your gift to a specific planting site owned by the Trust: thereby making an even greater contribution to our future landscape by helping to purchase, plant and care for new woods. Projects are available in Cumbria, Devon, Gloucester, Sussex and Lincolnshire and the Trust will add more as the programme grows. Full details of the 'Plant a Tree for £1' campaign are available in a free illustrated leaflet from the Woodland Trust, FREEPOST, Westgate, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6BR. No stamp needed. ▶





Guides with their mascot dog Lassie, who thoroughly enjoyed the digging!



Hampstead Guides lending a shovel to the event as they plant a young Mountain Ash.

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**, 5th June, 1982, focussed on the United Nations Environment Programme theme for the year — 'For Every Child a Tree'.

At a special ceremony to mark the event, trees were planted on Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath, by Scouts, Guides, Young Farmers, Watch Groups and children from the local primary school. They were welcomed by Derek Lovejoy, Chairman of the Tree Council and an address was given by the Rt Hon Tom King MP, Minister of State for the Environment. *All photos: Marilyn Daish, Assistant to Publicity Secretary.*



Hampstead Guides adding the final touches to their tree.



One of the 17th Hampstead Brownies with an enthusiastic supporter, a neighbour's little boy.



Mrs Diana Gough, Deputy Chief Commissioner, London and South East Region, with Brownies of the 17th Hampstead Brownie Pack.



# mainly for rangers

## Rangers Tackle the D/W — by Claire Baker and Julie Kent

**J**UST after Easter last year, Pete, our Canoe Instructor, suggested that the Rangers should consider entering a team in the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race. As far as he could determine, there has never been an All Ranger Team in the race. There were two potential Venture Scout crews in our area also interested. The first major problem we met was to acquire a canoe suitable for the race. The Venture Scouts had 2 rather old and heavy K2 racing canoes, but they were planning to use these. Then John Parker and Richard Kent, entering the Senior Race, declared that they wanted a new canoe and were arranging a Disco to raise the funds. We then took over their 'Battleship'.

Serious training started in November. Racing K2's are built for speed with little concession to stability and we quickly learnt the art of support strokes. It was very hard to turn out every weekend for training during the bitter weather of December and January, and endless experiments with gloves were tried without success.

At the end of January we did our first 'Course Experience' run. We hoped to paddle from Devizes to Newbury. Our Ranger team and two Venture Scout teams travelled up on Saturday, using a barn to sleep in ready for a dawn start on Sunday. Unfortunately, the farmyard cockerel woke us at 4.15 am and after it had subsided we went back to sleep and overslept! Devizes was bleak and deserted when we launched at 9 o'clock. Half a mile and the canal was blocked with one foot thick ice. We carried the canoes for about a mile and met Pete who suggested that we moved to Hungerford where the moving river water may have kept the ice down. We reloaded the canoes on to the van and drove across country to Hungerford. No ice! We launched and paddled on. There were still patches of ice but we arrived at Newbury just before a 4 o'clock dusk. In February we travelled to Reading to get

experience of the Thames. John and Richard launched first and promptly capsized in the icy River Kennet. We were very cautious. The Thames was in flood and some of the lock portages were very frightening. It rained continuously and we were very wet and cold when we reached Maidenhead. At the end of February, we paddled the tidal Thames from Teddington to Westminster. It was a bright sunny day, but we had a biting head wind most of the way. Seeing Big Ben for the first time from the water was quite thrilling and we hoped and prayed we would be seeing it 'for real' at Easter.

Our biggest problem was finance. It costs about £200 for equipment and the intensive training was also very expensive. Fortunately, the Guide Movement came to our rescue. From the County to the local LA and our old Guide Units, generous sponsorship for equipment was provided.

The last week before Easter was hectic. Friday we were photographed for the local Newspaper. Sunday was spent on the water. Exhaustion Training we were told! The sea was very choppy and we capsized a half mile from the shore and had a long swim. 'Well done girls. Empty your canoe and start paddling again.' Tuesday was final briefing of the Support Teams. Wednesday we checked equipment and packed our food tins. Thursday we loaded the van and checked our canoes and then off to Devizes.

We stopped at the Black Swan in Devizes to pick up copies of the official programme. There it was 25 **Claire Baker Julie Kent Itchen Rangers**. We camped outside of Devizes. The Support Team of Heather Day and Gill Nicholls our Ranger Leaders, and Carolyn Graft and Alison Reeves our Ranger friends, had already set up camp. Good Friday morning and the big day had arrived. It was frosty with ice on our tents and canoes. Several Guiders from Devizes were at the

Claire Baker and Julie Kent are both 17 years old and members of Itchen District Ranger Unit, Southampton, in Hampshire West Guide County. Claire and Julie, who are also Queen's Guides, have been canoeing for 3 or 4 years but only competitively in County Guide events.

The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race is held annually at Easter and is acknowledged as the toughest long distance canoe race in the world.

Wharf to see us start and also some Rangers and their Leader from Southampton Ranger Unit. We were inspected and had a tag sealed on to our wrists. It was suggested that the tag is used to identify the body but in reality it is to prevent crew swapping along the race. Our canoe now weighed 120 lbs and we dreaded the 76 portages ahead of us. 9.15 am we launched and were away. Only 125 miles to go! The first 14 miles is straight paddling along the narrow canal. Our support team appeared every 2 miles or so cheering us on. Wootton Rivers, the first portage, was crowded with spectators but a policeman cleared a way and held up the traffic. Two more portages then through Bruce Tunnel. It was very dark after the bright sunlight but not too frightening. The next portage was the big one! Three quarters of a mile along a rough path. The canoe now weighed nearly 150 lbs with wet equipment and the Support Team cannot help. We struggled along, fighting exhaustion and near to tears. Alison and Carolyn encouraged us all the way.

The next eighteen miles were continuous short distances of paddling and lock portages. Some of our District LA were at Kintbury to cheer us through. Newbury at last and we had finished for the day. Accommodation at Waterside was good and we were soon cooking our dinner and chatting with the other crews. We slept like logs that night. Saturday morning was clear and cold when we launched. Soon after Newbury, the canal became overgrown with reeds and we had to carry our canoe for quite long stretches. A nesting swan objected to us and attacked by jumping on the back of the canoe. Heather and Gill shouted and threw sticks in the water and managed to drive it away. On the Thames we found paddling a little easier. The River is quite wide and the locks are much further apart.

Sunday and we were away soon after eight. The Thames was very attractive and we

enjoyed spotting the places we had seen on our training runs. Gill had been ill the previous day but was now much better. We now had additional support from John, Richard and Pete's family. Disaster struck just after Runnymede when the rudder broke. Heather wired it together but it would not move. At Chertsey our Support Team had alerted the rest of our Supporters and they were ready. We lifted the canoe on to the towpath and they descended on the rudder. Wire, resin putty, drills, hammers and instructions flew in all directions. Thirty minutes later and we were off with fully working steerage.

Oh how long the last fourteen miles were but every two or three miles we saw our supporters.

Easter Monday and the last stretch. We were up at 5 am packing our canoe. Sickness had struck some of the crews and two more had to give up. A mass start of the remaining 41 teams was at 7 am. A roar went up from the spectators and we were off. Just seventeen miles and no portages! Julie called out the bridges as we went under them and we occasionally saw our Support Team cheering us on. As Lambeth Bridge came up, Claire steered to the right. There was Big Ben and Westminster Bridge in front. A cheer went up as we passed under the Bridge and Big Ben struck the half hour. The Race Officials told us how to come alongside and grabbed our canoe. We climbed out and the officials lifted our canoe from the water. It took three men to carry it up the steps! At the top were our families and friends laughing and applauding. A bottle of 'Bubbly' was produced and we 'fizzed' it.

We had taken 31 hours to paddle the race and were placed 36th, but we had made it.





# Brownsea Island Quiz

*1982 marks the 75th anniversary of Scouting, and of course that famous camp on Brownsea Island. How much do you know about it? The quiz below is not particularly easy, but the questions marked with an asterisk are the ones which perhaps you should know.*

1. Who was the owner of the island at the time of the famous Brownsea Island Camp?
2. Where had BP previously met the Van Raaltes?
- 3.\* Did BP have any previous knowledge of Brownsea Island before meeting the Van Raaltes?
- 4.\* On what day did BP actually land on the island to prepare for his camp?
5. What was the name of the boat which ferried him across, and what happened to it?
- 6.\* What was the name of the report BP published in November 1907 concerning the Brownsea Camp?
- 7.\* How many boys in all went to the Brownsea Island Camp?
8. Was this the number BP had originally intended?
- 9.\* Whom did BP take along as his assistant?
- 10.\* On what day did the course of instruction for the boys begin?
11. What did BP request that every boy should practise thoroughly before coming to camp?
- 12.\* What kind of background did the boys come from?
13. How many Patrols were there; what were their names; which Patrol had the largest number of boys?
14. Which Patrol wore what coloured streamer (shoulder-knot)?
15. Henry Robson, Captain of the Bournemouth Boys' Brigade (six of whom BP invited to the camp) did a great deal to help BP with the arrangements for equipment. What particular item did he later describe as 'not readily obtainable in a small seaside town'; how did he get round the problem; when was it used?
16. With what did BP rouse the camp each morning at 6.00 am?
17. Among other things, the boys were taught First Aid and Firemanship. Who taught them this?
18. What happened on August 8th, the last day of the Camp?
19. How much did the whole camp cost?
20. During World War II the Guides had a connection with Brownsea Island. What was it?
- 21.\* When did Olave Baden-Powell officially open Brownsea Island; at whose invitation?
22. When were Guides (not Guiders or Rangers) allowed to camp on Brownsea Island?
- 23.\* Who unveiled a commemorative stone on Brownsea Island and when?
24. Until 1977 the Scout and Guide Associations had the use of The Villano on Brownsea Island. What took its place, when was it opened and by whom?
25. What did the Founder receive in 1932 and the Chief Guide in 1950? Why was this of historic significance?
26. Why did the island become the property of the National Trust in 1962?
- 27.\* How old was BP when he took the boys to camp on Brownsea Island?
28. Why is the title Brownsea Island tautological?
- 29.\* The Church on Brownsea Island is in the same parish as the one in which The Founder and Olave St Clair Soames were married. What was the name of the latter Church, when did they marry, and where was Olave living at that time?
30. The same year as her daughter unveiled the commemorative stone on Brownsea Island, Olave Baden-Powell unveiled a stone. Where, and what did it commemorate?

## Check your answers on page 38

Those of you who may have found the above quiz rather difficult will be interested to know that there is now available an illustrated, historical guide on Brownsea Island. The book is written and published by David Booth, price 80p. For further details, please contact the Girl Guides Association Trading Department.

### Scoring

If you scored over 20 you have done very well indeed and most probably live in Dorset!

If you scored between 10 and 20 you have also done very well, and can feel pleased with yourself.

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If you had scored under 6, why not read one of the following:

1. 'Baden-Powell: The two lives of a hero', by William Hillcourt with Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, part 2 chapter 17, 1964.
2. 'Twenty-one years of Scouting' by E K Wade, chapter 2, 1929.
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4. 'Brownsea Islander' by Jack Battrick, as told by Gail Lawson, 1978.



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Beecham will be issuing more than 40 million tokens — each worth 5p — on 16 million packs of Macleans and Aquafresh toothpastes, Silvikrin hairspray, Silvikrin and Vosene shampoos and new heavy duty Gumption household cleaner. Each pack will carry two, three or four tokens depending on the size purchased. Every 20 tokens mailed to a Beecham redemption centre by **March 31, 1984** will be exchanged for two 50p TV licence stamps, which can be put towards the cost of a TV licence. Unlike many similar sales promotions, there is no limit to the number of tokens which may be exchanged. If all the tokens are redeemed, Beecham will be meeting the cost equivalent of over 45,000 £46 colour licences or 135,000 £15 black and white licences.

The Post Office will also offer a Freepost service for Scout and Guide Units, who will be provided by Beecham with collecting envelopes for placing in retail outlets, including post offices. Shoppers will be able to place unwanted tokens in the envelopes and the licence fee stamps can then be used to help local organisations or individuals such as pensioners.

Age Concern is also encouraging its 1300 local groups to establish similar schemes for the benefit of senior citizens. Spokesman Brian St Clair-Burke said that Age Concern welcomed this initiative by a major manufacturer and the Post Office to help pensioners ease the burden of the TV licence fee.

Mr John Hammond, Beecham Toiletries' Sales Director, said this biggest-ever multi-brand promotion is an opportunity for community action on behalf of the elderly, many of whom have limited incomes yet rely on television as an important form of companionship and entertainment. This is why Beecham's mail-in offer has not only won an enthusiastic response from the Post Office and throughout the retail trade, but has also gained the active support of Age Concern and the Scouts and Guides Organisations. See the June issue of *GUIDER* for further information of this worthwhile scheme.



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This scheme has been favourably received by the Government and by organisations concerned with the welfare of the elderly. The gift tokens have been viewed as a constructive way to help those who find it difficult to pay the licence fee. The

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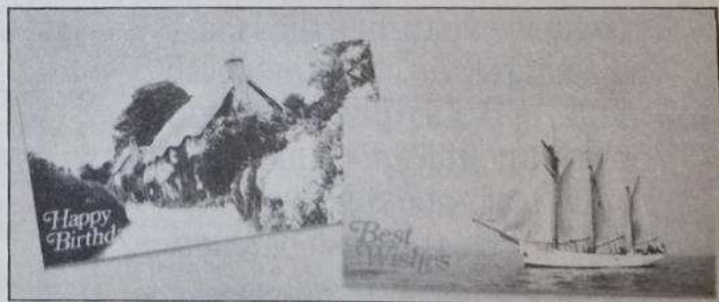
scheme gives relatives and friends the opportunity to help those in need through an acceptable gift. It also ensures that the money is spent in the way in which it was intended. A number of schools in various parts of the country are using the scheme to help elderly people in their areas.

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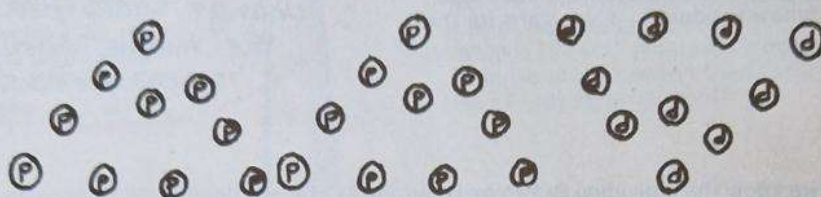
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# Will Training Stop Here?



## Promise- Practice- Progress-

**H**OW LONG have we been standing still? Have we, like our 'logo' remained in the same position, done the same old things, in the same old way for two months, maybe even for two years?

Why not start the District meeting with a challenge? How many moves do we need to turn this triangle of circles upside down?

Do we think our Units, our District, our Division needs turning upside down? Old Father William incessantly stood on his head. Unlike the young man of the rhyme, we won't enquire why he did it again and again, but assume that it kept him young and that it at least gave him a different view of the world.

August is a fallow month. Camps and outings perhaps are over; there is a pause, a rest from the weekly commitment (which we should not feel guilty in taking), there is time to look back and time to look forward.

### COULD WE?

Could we plan our meetings in a different way?

Could we do a different job in the District?

Even take a different Unit for a while?

Could we do without an AGM? We need only present our accounts.

Could we use a District Training event or Competition as a basis for a Parents Evening or publicity exercise?

Could we invite a speaker from another group? or society to our meeting? (District or Unit).

Could each Unit find a new helper?

Could we try a new hobby or skill ourselves?

If it doesn't say you can't, then you CAN.

The diagram reminds us of the three parts of our Promise, of the ten Guide laws and the 'P' that has been so prominent in these articles. Have we really Progressed? Has our Practice been thorough? Have we realised the full Purpose and Potential of the ideas, games and skills that have come our way? Or, are we bogged down, bored or just a little disheartened?

Lord Baden-Powell had an answer for boredom. He knew that always there was someone who needed help, and that the very act of helping brought renewal and revival. 'To help other people'. Who are these 'other people'? A close watch on Service Flash cards will tell the Commissioner much about awareness and involvement in the community. Guiders should keep abreast of changing needs. Local papers, church magazines, society reports all give clues. Our helping hands should be ready at all times, ready for work far away and near at home, beyond the Movement and within it. Our training in awareness should give us the candle power to see what needs to be done, our skills should equip us for action, but let us not overlook the call of the shy Brownie, the silent Guide or the sullen Ranger, or the Unit in the next District which is not so fortunate as ourselves. 'A Guide is a sister ...'

Life is difficult for many of our sisters far and near, but the laws offer a secure framework for decisions when change is as rapid as Alice's was. She could not explain herself to the caterpillar, but we can try to convey a full and practical understanding of the laws; we can turn them upside down, see them from all angles. Where would we be without 'possessions', without 'friends'? Discuss (with Rangers) the problems of refugees and integration. With Guiders stage scenes where caring in such situations can be made real. Brownies would love to be the refugees! We shall not have been standing still if caring Brownie has grown into caring Guide, who has grown into caring Ranger who has taken her light out into the Community there to 'let it shine'.

The Queen once reminded us, 'If you throw a stone into a pool, the ripples go on spreading outwards'. A big stone can cause waves, but even the smallest pebble changes the whole pattern of the water. Our daily actions are like those ripples, each one makes a difference, even the smallest ...'

And now what's over the page ...  
I'm looking forward to ...



I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the year, 'Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown'. And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way'.

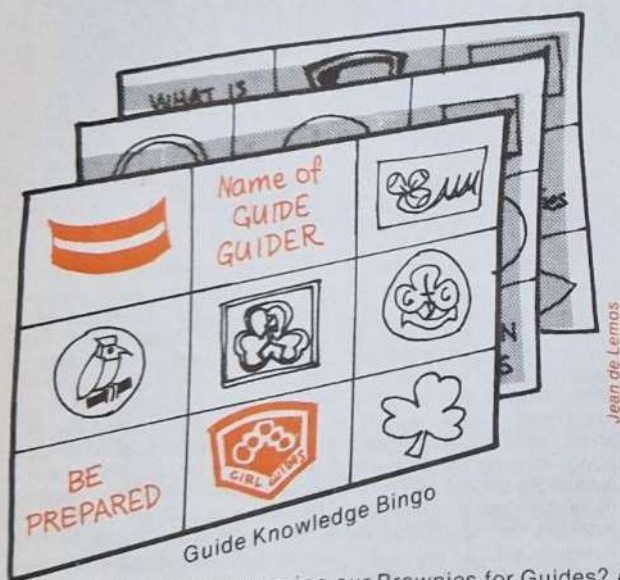
It will soon be September, the beginning of a new school year. During August we have time to take stock and then with our fellow Guiders to make plans for the future.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Brownies in a circle sitting on chairs with one Brownie without a chair in the middle. The Brownie Guider calls out statements such as: Brownies wearing brown shoes or Brownies with two brothers. These Brownies change seats—the one in the middle trying to get a seat for herself.

Jean de Lemos

How well do we know the individual Brownies in our Packs? Do we stand aside sometimes and really watch the Brownies? Have we given them opportunities to think out, plan a venture and then to carry it through, or have we stepped in too soon with our ideas or our doubts? Do we take the lion's share of a pow-wow? A tape recording, if you are brave enough, is often very revealing.



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What about some Brownie New Year Resolutions? Let us resolve to know each Brownie — to talk to her, to listen to her and to watch her. We shall then be better equipped to help her to grow, to be the best she can be. A child of Brownie age needs the support and interest of her family in all activities outside the home. Could we involve the parents more?

Is it time we began to look wider than the four walls of our Brownie hall? What about the community? The needs are there all year long not just at Christmas.

How are we preparing our Brownies for Guides? Are we using the blue Trefoil Badge Book? Have we looked at it with our Guide Guiders? Do we encourage the Brownies to visit the Guides?

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Let us remember that when our older Brownies express their desire to go to Guides, it is a success and not a failure. The seed which was planted when the Brownie made her Promise will continue to grow and flourish through the Guide programme.

### WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN?

It seems certain that they will travel roads we never thought of, navigate strange seas, cross unimagined boundaries, and glimpse horizons beyond our powers to visualise. What can we give them to take along? (What shall we give the Children? McCall's magazine.)

## WE ARE GOING TRAVELLING

Brownies skip round in a circle singing:

We are going travelling  
By sea, by air, by land, through space,  
We will go to any place,  
But please tell us how.

(Tune - Polly put the kettle on)

The Brownie Guider calls out a method of travelling eg. spaceship, and the Brownies in sixes get into that shape.



'Walk in the light, the light of God' is a song which is sung by African Guides as they leave a campfire and return to their tents or homes. The words are set to a lovely tune, perhaps you could find someone who was a Guide in Africa to teach it to you.

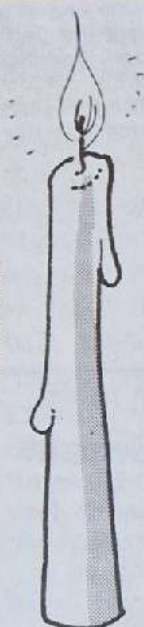
Jesus said 'I am the light of the World', what did he mean by this? Who painted the famous picture called The Light of the World and where does the original hang?

Can your Unit get to a place of total darkness, e.g. cave, cellar? What does it feel like to be without light? Is this how a blind person feels? Can you do something to help a blind person?



### CANDLES FOR LIGHT

- Using plaster of paris make a trefoil shaped candle holder for use at Guide ceremonies.
- Make a table decoration using a foil covered potato as a base and natural materials for decoration. Place the candle in and check that it can burn safely.
- Plan a candlelight evening for the Patrol maybe thinking towards Hallowe'en activities.
- What is measured in candle power? How do lighthouses work today and how did they use candles? Where is the world's largest candle? How is time measured by candles? Make your own candle clock.
- What is DIVALI? Where did it originate? When is it celebrated? Could you use this theme for a Guides Own Service?



Jeande Lemos

### CANDLES FOR FUN

- How far can you carry a lighted candle out-of-doors?
- Each one in the Patrol lights a birthday cake candle and times how long it takes to burn away. Now devise a means of making the candle burn more slowly. Challenge each other.
- Hoist a lighted candle in a jar 15 feet off the ground. From this position put the light out. Challenge other Patrols at this.
- Float a candle on a raft made from twigs and string. Try it out on a local pond or stream and see how long the candle stays alight and how long the raft stays afloat.

### For the Patrol Leader:

Does your Unit have any ceremonies where you use candle-light? Why not plan a Promise ceremony using them.

Learn to make your own candles (materials available from craft shops). Make interesting shaped and coloured candles and sell them for a good cause. Perhaps it would help the £1 a head we are all trying to raise in WAGGGS Week (October 17th-24th).

When using candles be very careful that you have thought of the safety precautions. Think of other dangers in the home particularly with children and elderly people. Learn all the other skills and knowledge for Accident Prevention.

### For the Guider:

Have we encouraged our Patrols to try these ideas?

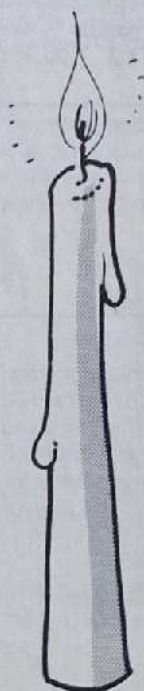
Have they remembered to bring the equipment and what did we need to provide for them?

Did the activities go as planned or were you surprised/impressed at the outcome?

Did you notice any significant progress being made?

Have you suggested using any of the ideas, when practised, for a Patrol Purpose Patch?

Have you discussed the purpose and place of these ideas in the Unit's programme?



### CANDLES FOR COOKING

- Place an empty tin over a lighted candle and cook a scotch pancake on its heated surface. (Some ventilation in the side of the tin will be necessary so remember wire cutters.)
- Design a candle powered oven. Put several candles on a foil dish and invert a large cardboard box over them. Thread wire bars across the box close enough together to hold the baking dish and well above the candles. Try this out-of-doors.
- Each one in the Patrol make a buddy burner. Using all of them, cook a complete meal for the Patrol. (Buddy burner instructions, page 26 of the Handbook).



A decision according to the Oxford Dictionary is: Act of deciding, settlement of an issue, conclusion come to or resolve made, decidedness of the mind.

Rangers have many vital decisions to make — about their faith, use of the vote, choosing a career, further study, becoming a fiancée, a wife, a mother...

Now is the time for Rangers to decide if they are going to take part in life — or be onlookers. In life we all need to continue to grow, to learn, to evaluate, and to find the best ways of tackling problems — sometimes learning because we have a need to know, and use that information.

For both these activities, you may need advance planning/training?

Learn how to make up route cards for Hill walks... (See Fitness sections of Handbook, Ranger, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, and Hill walker certificate) Later the rest of the Hill walker certificate may be completed.

Jean de Lemos

SPECIMEN ROUTE CARD				
SHEET NO. 184.		START: FARM 896401		
FINISH: HILL 912442.		MV 8°		
START	MAG°	FINISH	DISTANCE	TIME
89 6401	88°	BARN 909403	2 km	45 mins
909403	48°	CHURCH 916411	1km(track)	20 "
916411	36°	CHURCH 925424	3km(Pl.path)	4-5 "
925424	24°	TUMULUS 920432	1km( uphill)	30 "
920432	326°	HILL 912442	1 km	20 "
TOTAL DISTANCE			8 km	160 "
			5 miles	2hrs 40"
			About 3 hours	

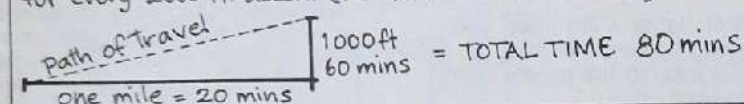
Attend a Council Meeting.  
Spend a day with a Health Visitor or a Social Worker, visit your local Magistrates' Court, etc. ....

Share your findings with the rest of the Unit if Rangers go in pairs or small groups. Perhaps some Rangers may do this activity for part of their Pre-Investiture Challenge, for their Ranger Challenge Certificate or for the Citizen Certificate — others just for fun?

How can the Rangers share their knowledge/use it/build on it?

#### MAISMITH'S RULE

One hour for each 3 miles of horizontal distance PLUS one hour for every 2000 ft. ascent (1000 ft. with weather rests!)



**RANGER CHAIRMAN/COMMITTEE** Do you make sure that everyone has a choice in the programme and that there is enough time to learn/practise before undertaking an activity? Do you see there is enough time to share afterwards (especially when working in small groups)? Standards are in your hands — plus variety, and visits and visitors to widen your programme.

#### GUIDERS

What is the difference between working on the Pre-Investiture Challenge and the Ranger Challenge? Answer — The Pre-Investiture

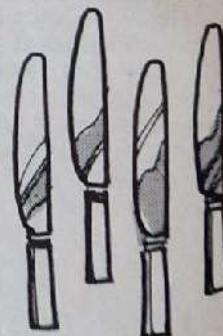
Challenge can be taken piecemeal by taking part in what the Unit is doing, by self-challenge, by building on interests and past experience. This is then accepted by the Committee — or not! — when completed. For the Ranger challenge, the Ranger needs to make her own syllabus and submit this to the Committee before it is started. You need to help the committee to assess, decide, challenge, agree, etc!

In June we were considering the Promise and discussion in the Unit; in July we thought about working in groups and individual responsibility. Training and planning is vital for this — but equally the Unit needs to be able to work out its own problems. Try the following — obeying the instructions exactly. There is a solution — if you can't work it out, your Guider will know where to get an answer!



#### PROBLEM

Place 3 bottles upright (i.e. opening at the top!) on a table or on the floor. Position them so that each bottle forms the corner point of a triangle of equal sides. The distance between the bases (outside edge) of any two bottles should be slightly more than the length of a knife. Using only 4 knives, construct a platform on top of the bottles. No part of any knife may touch the ground. The platform must be strong enough to support a full glass of water.



THE PROBLEM IS INTENDED TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT YOUR THINKING; THERE IS NO FRANTIC DEMAND FOR A SOLUTION! Isn't a lot of life like that?



# Double Acrostic No 55

by Brenda Hughes

- A. He didn't like 'Honey or haycorns or thistles' for breakfast. (6)  
 B. Together with 'I' we have Owl's dwelling place. (7)  
 C. Mile ho for Hebrew God. (6)  
 D. Sharpen on a smooth stone. (4)  
 E. Gall to remember the hiding place of an heir. (3, 5)  
 F. Pooh, Rabbit and Piglet did it to Tigger. Not very successfully. (9)  
 G. Which one is for Ipswich? (6)  
 H. High spirits. (7)  
 I. See 'B'. (4, 4)  
 J. In tact I lead the field to be in touch. (7)  
 K. Played on a bridge above a stream. (10)  
 L. Hard hearted. (8)  
 M. Most pianos have seven. (7)  
 N. Piglet dug a Very Deep Pit for one. (9)  
 O. With Robin he was the inspiration for the book. (11)  
 P. Bizarre. (10)  
 Q. Heraldic ones are beautiful. (5)  
 R. He grudges spending money so he puts a false bottom in the grate. (7)  
 S. The ravens fed him. (6)  
 T. Telling. (8)  
 U. The Automobile Association in short is confused with Bude in a song for sunrise. (6)  
 V. Receive with agreement. (6)  
 W. Town in Belgium, site of World War I battle. (4)  
 X. ....facto. (4)  
 Y. Below sea level? (7)  
 Z. Boil Tiny for dignity. (8)  
 a. He lost his tail but Pooh found it. (6)

## Solution to Double Acrostic No 54 July GUIDER

The delight of the children set an atmosphere of achievement, rather than rivalry. It was the first time that the younger children had ever seen things gathered together for their beauty. Two small girls stood, silent and enthralled, gazing at a stall of dolls.

All Things Uncertain —  
P Stewart Brown

## Double Acrostic Rules

Solve the clues and write the answer in the numbered grid on the right. Transfer the clues to the corresponding numbered squares in the grid below. When this is complete, you will have a quotation from a book (or poem etc), the title and author of which will be found in the initial letters of the answers to the clues.

A small prize will be awarded for the first correct entry opened on the 20th of each month.

Please send entries to: 'Acrostic', The Editor, GUIDER, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT. It would also be appreciated if readers could attach to their entries a brief note about their preferred reading material. A photostat of the Double Acrostic page will be perfectly acceptable from those readers not wishing to damage their copies of GUIDER.

A	14	40	49	190	94	104
B	22	9	100	18	121	159
C	33	45	75	2	76	158
D	54	108	153	136		
E	69	16	5	48	90	7
F	69	110	152	131	29	4
G	89	23	102	147	67	118
H	105	104	39	138	172	72
I	92	144	169	162	62	20
J	75	25	109	137	143	163
K	101	149	21	162	70	129
L	7	135	154	35	178	68
M	28	182	94	93	82	105
N	98	11	114	75	52	91
O	119	30	143	124	151	58
P	78	132	53	171	99	63
Q	140	148	54	12	61	
R	189	74	103	11	164	124
S	150	85	17	24	184	24
T	50	64	187	31	57	98
U	109	79	65	3	41	55
V	175	82	93	51	57	26
W	167	177	123	36		
X	113	19	150	183		
Y	44	188	141	160	62	179
Z	128	116	46	10	80	146
a	180	15	6	77	112	47

The winner of Double Acrostic No. 53 (June GUIDER) is Mrs M E Hay from Cumbria.

Z	1	C	2	U	3	F	4	E	5	A	6	L	7	B	8	E	9	A	10	R	11	Q	12	A	13	A	14	K	15	E	16	S	17	B	18	K	19	I	20
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Q	61	Y	62	P	63	B	64	U	65	T	66	G	67	L	68	F	69	K	70	O	71	H	72	N	73	R	74	J	75	C	76	F	77	P	78	U	79	Z	80
I	81	V	82	M	83	E	84	S	85	M	86	O	87	T	88	G	89	E	90	N	91	I	92	V	93	A	94	O	95	C	96	A	97	N	98	P	99	B	100
K	101	G	102	R	103	H	104	M	105	L	106	J	107	3	108	A	109	F	110	N	111	A	112	X	113	N	114	M	115	Z	116	O	117	G	118	O	119	I	120
B	121	W	122	L	123	R	124	F	125	O	126	R	127	Z	128	K	129	X	130	F	131	P	132	D	133	L	134	4	135	3	136	J	137	H	138	B	139	Q	140
Y	141	K	142	J	143	I	144	P	145	Z	146	G	147	P	148	K	149	S	150	O	151	F	152	J	153	P	154	H	155	T	156	M	157	C	158	U	159	Y	160
J	161	I	162	O	163	R	164	T	165	Y	166	M	167	Q	168	I	169	F	170	P	171	H	172	K	173	E	174	V	175	X	176	N	177	L	178	Y	179	A	180
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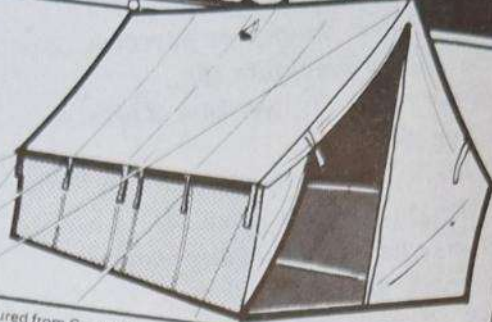
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14ft	14ft	8ft	7ft	3ft	70lb	£160	£135

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12ft	£65	£60
14ft	£80	£70

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12ftx8ft	£17	£12
14ftx8ft	£20	£14

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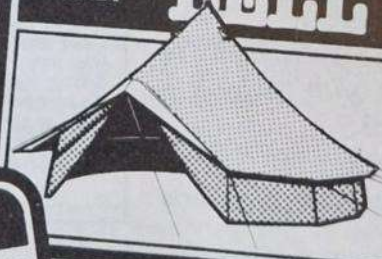
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2	£265	£229	£40
3	£335	£299	£50

Central height: 220cm  
Wall height: 180cm  
Weight: 1: 40kg (88lb)  
2: 42kg (93lb)  
3: 54kg (119lb)

## TOILET TENTS

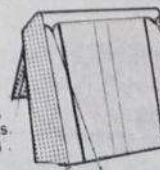
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# Training Information

## BRONEIRION

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Tel: Caersws (Powys) 068 684 204

### September

- 3-5 Llais y Ddraig (Welsh Junior Council)  
10-12 General Training (places reserved for Central Glamorgan)  
17-19 General Training (places reserved for Carmarthenshire)  
24-26 International training — by invitation

### October

- 1-3 General Training (places reserved for West Glamorgan and Merioneth)  
8-10 Brownie and Guide Guiders (including booking from Cambridge East)  
15-17 International training — by invitation  
22-24 Welsh Outdoor Activities Conference  
29-31 Clwyd Patrol Leaders

#### Fees at Broneirion

Shared room per day	£5.00
Double room per day	£5.25
Single room per day	£5.50
Deposit	£2.00

#### How to apply to a Training Centre

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

An application to attend a Guider Training Centre should be sent direct to the appropriate Guider-in-Charge, and must be accompanied by the correct amount of deposit and a SAE. Applicants should also state the type of training for which they are attending, as there may be several different courses running at any one weekend. As many Guiders have to leave on Sunday, training sessions at a two day weekend will stop at tea-time on that day unless otherwise stated. If sufficient notice is given that it is wanted, every effort will be made to provide for a group until Monday. Individuals able to stay over until Monday to enjoy the surrounding country and other amenities of the Centre are welcome to do so.

## WADDOW

Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 3LD  
Tel: (Clitheroe) 0200 23186

### September

- 3-5 General Training  
10-12 West Yorkshire South  
17-19 Midlands (by allocation)  
24-26 Newcastle-upon-Tyne

### October

- 1-3 Durham and South Tyne  
8-10 Berkshire  
15-17 Essex West  
22-24 1. General Training  
2. Training for Licence Holders

#### Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room per day	£7.00
Double room per day	£7.50
Single room per day	£8.00
Deposit of £2.00 cheque or postal order only	

NOTE: The minimum age for prospective Guiders attending all residential training is 18 years (or at the Commissioner's discretion, aged 17½ and already working on the Adult Leader's Certificate). Though weekend trainings normally finish on the Sunday, trainees may remain until the Monday if desired.

## GLENBROOK

Bamford, Nr Sheffield, S30 2AL  
Tel: (Hope Valley) 0433 51567

### September

- 24-26 Walking Safely (Basic and Intermediate)

### October

- 15-17 Leadership in the Hills (Advanced)

#### Fees at Glenbrook

Shared room (for weekend course) £12.50. All activities, equipment and VAT are included. Optional activities extra. Deposit of £2.00 cheque or postal order only.

## FOXLEASE

Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DG  
Tel: (Lyndhurst) 042-128 2638

### September

- 10-12 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)  
17-19 General Training (All Sections — places for Guiders with handicapped members in their Units)  
24-26 Sussex East

### October

- 1-3 Somerset  
8-10 Making the Most of the County (County Commissioners with two Division Commissioners each with two District Commissioners)  
15-17 1. General Training  
2. Ranger Guiders  
22-24 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)  
29-31 London and South East England (by allocation)

## BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE

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

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

**The Fare Bursary** (available only for travel to the nearest Training Centre) carries a rebate of a Guider's travel expenses in excess of £3.00. This is paid at the Training Centre.

Note: These cannot be issued for Regional Weekends at the Training Centres or for courses at Glenbrook.

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

**The Outdoor Activities Bursary** is worth up to £30.00 for Guiders attending training/assessment courses to achieve National qualifications. Applications to County/Region Headquarters.



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# HQ notices

## The Association's Awards Good Service Laurel

Miss Betty A. Clarm, Brownie Guider, 1st North Paddington, London North West.  
Mrs Joyce Lewis, Assistant Division Commissioner, Cambridge City, Cambridgeshire East.

## Meritorious Conduct Star of Merit

Joanne Skitterall, Sixer, 6th Yeovil, Somerset.

As a Sixer, Joanne has set an example to the other Brownies with her patience, cheerfulness and courage. She has gained her Highway Badge as well as a number of Interest Badges, including Pony Rider, has attended Pack Holidays, and enjoys taking part in stage productions. She never complains about hospital treatment, and is very sympathetic in her atti-

tude towards others. Although prepared to have a go at anything, she is always happy to act as referee if she cannot join in herself.

## Certificate of Merit

Kerry Doswell, Patrol Leader, aged 15, 1st Marden, Kent Weald.

## Scout and Guide Trust Fund

On 31st May 1982, the value of a share in the above Fund was:

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## Radio Microphone Hearing Aids Loan Scheme

Three years ago the GGFF Committee arranged with the Royal National Institute for the Deaf to purchase two Radio Microphone Hearing Aids for the use of members of the Movement with profound hearing loss going on to places of further education. If you know of a Ranger or young Guider in this category who would benefit from the use of this type of hearing aid, will you please draw her attention to this scheme and ask her to get in touch as soon as possible with the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AH.

## FOUND!

The Post Office has sent to CHQ a package containing a medley of over 100 badges 'found without address'. Do you recognise the order listed below, or part of it? If so, please contact The General Secretary at CHQ.

2 Brownie Promise badges;  
5 Brownie miniature badges;  
9 Brownie Venture badges;  
3 Brownie Footpath badges;

10 Brownie Roadway badges;  
3 Brownie Highway badges;  
2 Brownie ToyMaker badges;  
6 Guide Promise badges, plus 2 faulty and 1 slightly different design, looks old;  
1 Guide miniature badge;  
1 Queen's Guide metal badge;  
14 Guide First Aid badges;  
11 Guide cap badges;  
29 Buckinghamshire cloth County badges;  
1 Devon metal County badge;  
2 small GGA Malaysia badges;  
2 larger GGA Malaysia badges;  
6 Girls Brigade badges;  
2 small Girls Brigade Brigaders brooches;  
3 Yellow-white anchor on navy blue cloth badges, probably Girls Brigade as well.

## Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex Working Party Weekend

Friday evening — Sunday afternoon 1st - 3rd October  
Help is needed from Rangers of 17 years and over, and Guiders, in checking and repairing equipment at this CHQ camp site. Work, but fun and useful experience as well. Please send your offer of help by 15th September with a stamped addressed envelope to: Miss M Osborn, Isendean, Highlands Avenue, Uckfield, Sussex, TN22 5TD, who will send you full details.

## TODAY'S GUIDE and the Harvest Season

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The September *TODAY'S GUIDE* brings us into the new Autumn season, with lots of ideas for things to do during the month. We have articles, charts and recipes on the Harvest theme, with titles like 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' and 'Autumn Miscellany' by Janet Brown. The nature notebook, by A Major, deals with the habits of the rodent family in 'Harvesting and Gathering', whilst Mrs A Ward tells us all about the religious aspect of Harvest Festivals, both of these make interesting reading. Also this month we see the start of two new badges, Knitter and Laundress, while continuing with Firefighter and Friend to Animals. For light reading we have two stories, 'Caves', written by a Guide for her Writer badge, and the second part of 'Tide and Terror' by Doug Millband. For those who enjoy crime

thrillers we have an article on the famous 'who-dunnit' writer Agatha Christie, and pictures from 'Evil under the sun'. In addition to the articles mentioned above we have the second in the series of Lesser-known London Ceremonies, this being all about the River Thames, and an account of the first day's work of Sir Handel, who joins the Tallylyn Railway. The D.I.Y. scheme this month is to 'Sketch a map', page 196 of the handbook, and a craft idea, 'How to make an inflatable fish'. If you have time after all this reading you will find the first part of the Christmas play, 'A Ghost for Christmas' by Heather Gorst, which will enable you to start your preparations in good time, as the play appears in three parts, taking us into November.

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# Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital Appeal Trust



**P**reventive medicine at its best will be practised at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital when it is fully operational again in the Autumn of 1983, for an Early Diagnosis Unit is being incorporated in the total complex. It will have the latest equipment installed for testing for cervical and breast cancers and will be one of the few

such units within a NHS hospital in this country.

Early detection of both these cancers is vital for successful treatment, but one of the major problems is that thousands of women either hesitate or even refuse to go to male doctors for these types of tests, with tragic results as they often leave it too late.

The new EGA is a joint venture between the Government and the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Appeal Trust. It was because of the public outcry against the closure of the hospital, that in May 1979 the Government reversed the decision and agreed to back the development with £2.4 million (inflation proofed), to cover the renovations and to provide the basic hospital of two 20-bed wards, one operating theatre, and X-ray Department, outpatients' facilities with a wide variety of clinics, a day room and the Early

Diagnosis Unit.

It was on the stipulation, however, that the EGA raised from voluntary sources the £½ million needed for specialised medical equipment, fixtures and furnishings. Help so far has come in many ways from groups of people and individuals, trusts and industry, sometimes towards a specific piece of equipment, a department or a bed. Patients have also remembered their hospital. One woman, for instance, who has been a patient since 1939 brought in a plastic carrier bag to the hospital one day which was found to hold £7.23p that she had accumulated by saving half pennies, pennies and two penny pieces.

The staff of the EGA, having fought to save the hospital in the 70's are now helping in the 80's to raise funds for its future. It is a daunting task, however, for a

handful of women to raise £½ million when they are working hard to keep a busy outpatients' department running with construction work going on all around them.

If voluntary funds are to keep pace with the construction programme, it is essential to raise more money as soon as possible to ensure that the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson of the future, which will be a modern, technically advanced NHS hospital dealing with women's disorders and staffed by women, is fully operational by Autumn, 1983.

The Girl Guides Association and successful fund raising go hand in hand and we are certain this appeal will be met by Units throughout the country. For further details write to Miss Elizabeth Ellett, Director of Fund Raising, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Appeal Trust, Euston Road, London NW1 1YA. See letter on Page 17. Editor.

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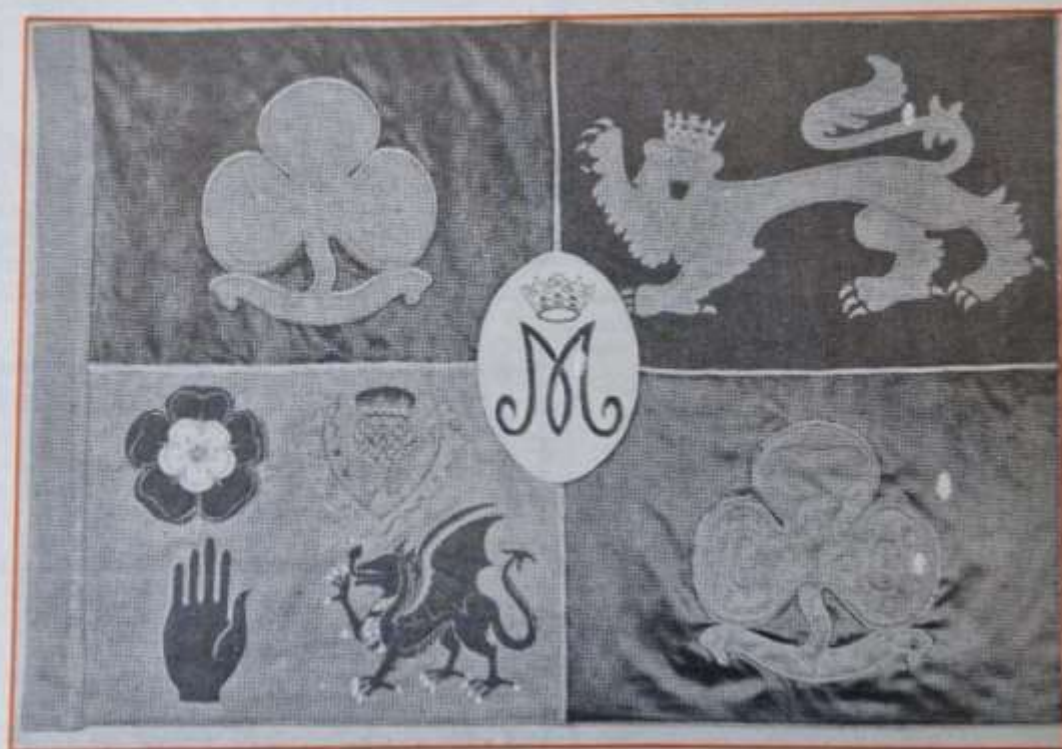
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## Heraldry (18) Part 1

The Banner Of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, President Of The Association



It is a quartered Banner 4ft x 3ft. It was made by Miss B Martineau, Miss B Chetwin, Mrs M Wilkins and Mrs Brown all of whom have long been associated with the Movement.

The Banner is mostly appliqué work although there is some detailed stitchery — notably the monogram 'M' worked in six rows of solid chain stitch in blue and the thistle's head.

Started in the summer of 1968 it took 1,250 hours to complete and was dedicated during the Diamond Jubilee Service in Westminster Abbey on the 16th May 1970.

### Description

1st and 4th quarters Azure (blue) a trefoil Or (gold) for Guiding.

2nd quarter a lion of England, called a leopard in Heraldry, langued Gules and crowned with a Princess's coronet all Or. (That is a lion walking with its furthest fore-paw raised, looking towards the viewer. Its tongue is red.) 3rd quarter Or, in chief the Tudor Rose for England and the Thistle for Scotland proper (depicted in its natural colours); in base the Red Hand of Ulster for Ulster and the Red Dragon of Wales for Wales. Over all on an oval Argent (silver) the Princess's monogram 'M' surmounted by her coronet all Azure.



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# Exploration Option

THE introduction of the new scheme in 1981 has brought the phrase 'the exploration option' into common use; but the option is not new, it has existed for four years. It has, however, been taken up in very few cases. No one is quite sure why, perhaps because of a prevailing attitude, the persisting feeling that man (or in our case) woman against Nature is part of the scheme and good for the soul, or perhaps because of a feeling that an exploration is a soft option.

This it most certainly is not, and it should not be looked at as such. Above all the Award Office is very keen that explorations should not become the 'girls option' as with the Worthwhile project. If the conditions for expeditions and explorations are looked at, it will be seen that most are common to both Ventures and since the completion of a successful expedition has become an acceptable purpose, the preparation required for an exploration may, in fact, make it a more difficult and time consuming project. It adds a versatility to the section. An exploration is for those who prefer to find out about an area of countryside rather than just to walk or ride through it.

It should also be stressed that a 'log' is no requirement of the scheme. Some method of reporting is required but this can take many forms; sketches, photographs, a tape recording or any combination of these, an exhibition of equipment or finds, or a talk to parents and/or the rest of the Unit, with each member of the group contributing to it in some way, are some ways that should prove popular.

Explorations can be of three types:

- i those that produce some original material
- ii those that involve checking or monitoring some change
- iii those where participants discover something for themselves for the first time.

Most are likely to fall into the last category.

A method of approach such as this is probably the best way of going about the planning:

- Aims:** these should ideally come from the group. Make sure they are attainable. Keep area of investigation small.
- Advice:** from paper — books, articles, etc or from people. Do not read too much, this can lead to confusion. Do try to find the right person to advise. Too expert an expert can be counter productive.
- Data Collection:** what information is needed about how to do this? What is the best method?
- Methods:** how to record data collected. Are the measurements and studies that the group intends to make, meaningful?

- Investigation:** what sort? Distributions, identifications, measurements or studies.
- Data Analysis:** keep clear and simple.
- Presentation:** see previous paragraph.
- End Product:** which should take you in full circle back to your aims.

There are other considerations to be borne in mind by participants, Guiders and Advisers when considering a planned exploration.

1. **Sufficient planning:** need to keep to small scale investigation so that it can be covered, but also something that can be extended if time and the weather permit.
2. **Flexibility:** the need to plan for bad weather. What will the group do if it is pouring with rain and they had planned to measure tree girths? They will need to keep warm. Perhaps walking would be the answer, can it be relevant to the project?
3. **Safety:** vital. May be special local conditions. Water explorations need extra, special care and must fulfil scheme conditions. Vital need for correct equipment and clothing.
4. **Assessment:** will need two assessors, one for journeying/camping and one for the project. The investigation assessor may need to be involved from the earliest stage.
5. **Code of practice:** for example, removing plants, disturbing sites. There may well be a time when sites are widely used.
6. **Remoteness:** for Gold. Perhaps there should be more emphasis on isolation for the camping/living period than for the investigation site or vice-versa, but it may not be possible for isolation for both. It depends on the project and where the participants live, but there should be a large proportion of the time when participants feel that they are dependent upon themselves.
7. **Training for project:** there may well be the need for group to receive some training on how to carry out their project. As expedition training must be given, it may well be possible to give exploration training at the same time; for example if they are to study a stream, do your mapping practice near another stream and stop to learn the techniques.

V Pyne  
L M Yates



## Answers to Brownsea Island Quiz

1. Charles Van Raalte
2. On May 18th, 1907, on a fishing holiday at Knocklofty in Ireland. In his diary, BP described Charles Van Raalte as "Bald, bearded, bright".
3. Yes. As a boy he and his brothers had sailed into Poole Harbour on one of their many sailing expeditions.
4. July 29th
5. The boat was called 'Hyacinth'. (A commemorative tablet was placed on the boat in 1947.) Later it was stolen and found wrecked off the Needles, Isle of Wight, in June 1953.
6. 'Boy Scouts, A Successful Trial'
7. 21 plus Donald, BP's 9-year-old nephew
8. No. He had intended 18 should go, but 21 accepted the invitation to go camping with the hero of Mafeking, and after some persuasion from the boy's mother, BP also agreed to take Donald.
9. Major Kenneth 'The Boy' McLaren, an old army friend
10. August 1st
11. 3 knots: the reef, the sheet bend and the clove hitch
12. Mixed. Some were the sons of his army friends and some were from working class families. BP particularly wanted to see whether camping and outdoor activities would appeal to boys from all walks of life. You should have got this
13. Four: curlews, ravens, wolves and bulls. The curlews had 6 boys in its Patrol, the others 5. Donald was the 'adjutant'.
14. Yellow (curlews); red (ravens); blue (wolves); green (bulls).
15. Harpoons. Robson asked the local blacksmith to make them. They were used in the very popular game 'Whale Hunt' played from 2 boats. BP had 'cribbed' the game from Ernest Thompson Seton's book 'Birch-Bark Roll'.
16. Weird notes from the long spiral horn of an African koodoo which he had picked up during the Matabele Campaign of 1896.
17. The Chief Officer of the Coast-guard at Sandbanks, William Stevens.
18. There was a sports day at which the boys displayed the skills they had learned to an audience which included parents, the Van Raaletes, their guests, the islanders and Percy W Everett (then editorial manager for C Arthur Pearson Ltd, the firm which was to publish 'Scouting for Boys').
19. £55 2s 8d
20. They helped feed the refugees housed on Brownsea Island (which had been turned into a reception camp). Mrs Clara Douie and her sister Helen Carey of the Guides were instructed to set up a 'nursery tent' for the babies.
21. May 15th, 1963 at the invitation of the National Trust who had taken over responsibility for the island in 1962.
22. 1967
23. The Hon Mrs Gervas Clay on August 1st, 1967, during the Scout Diamond Jubilee Patrol Leaders' Camp.
24. South Shore Lodge which was opened by Lord Baden-Powell on July 23rd, 1978.
25. They both received the freedom of Poole. It was of significance because it was the first time that a husband and wife had been made Freeman of the same place (in Great Britain). Olave Baden-Powell was the first woman to receive the Freedom of Poole.
26. Because the grandson of Mrs Bonham-Christie (owner of the Island from 1927-1961) had to give the island to the Treasury in payment of death duties on his grandmother's estate. The National Trust was then asked to take responsibility for the island which they agreed to do once an endowment of £100,000 had been raised.
27. Fifty years old
28. Because 'ea' is the Danish or Icelandic for island
29. St Peter's, Parkstone, Dorset; they were married on October 30th, 1912; Olave Baden-Powell was living at Grey Rigg, Lilliput, near Parkstone. Her family moved there in 1908.
30. On Evening Hill, Poole, Dorset, overlooking Brownsea Island and close to her old home. The words on the stone read: 'This Purbeck stone, unveiled by Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, GBE, World Chief Guide, wife of the Founder, in this Scouting Jubilee Year 1967, commemorates their associations with the County and the Borough of the town of Poole.'

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# Minibus Permits

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2. Permits are issued by the Legal Department at CHQ through Regional Offices. Applications for permits should be made to the appropriate Regional Office which will forward to the applicant the necessary forms and the full explanatory papers. Those forms when returned to the Regional Office and approved, will be sent on to CHQ. This necessary procedure takes time, and Guiders should always allow three or four weeks at least between their application and the date on which they need the permit.
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5. When the permit has been issued the minibus can still only be used for carrying members of the Girl Guide Movement on Guide activities.
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GGA Legal Adviser

## In Memoriam

Miss C Edith Godman, OBE  
A Vice-President of the Girl  
Guides Association

The passing of Edith Godman on May 18, 1982, brings to an end the era when there were always Godmans at the head of the County of Sussex, where they exemplified the spirit of Guiding.

From the time that the Chief Guide appointed Dame Alice Godman to be County Commissioner for Sussex, her daughters, Eva and Edith, supported their mother devotedly. They became in turn County Secretaries, then Assistant County Commissioners, travelling extensively with her, particularly to South Africa, and, when Dame Alice was on the Overseas Council, to Canada as well. At the same time Eva and Edith ran, and continued to run, the Guides and Brownies in their own village of Lower Bessing, which gave them a full understanding of what it was like for active Guiders.

When Dame Alice died in 1944 both sisters succeeded their mother jointly as County Commissioners, carrying on the traditions and standards upheld by



her, including the wonderful hospitality of their house and grounds, and continuing to receive the love and admiration of all Sussex Guiders.

When, in 1965, the County was divided into Sussex East and Sussex West, Edith Godman kept the link between them by becoming President for both counties. Shortly before this Eva Godman was killed suddenly and tragically in a road accident — a crippling bereavement for Edith, but she carried on despite her

private grief, and faced the end of a lifelong partnership with indomitable courage.

Edith shared with her sister great gifts and interests which have always been at the heart of the Movement, an intense loyalty to her country and a great love of the outdoors, shown in her interest in flowers, trees, and birds, of which her knowledge was extensive. Her interests were wide geographically, and she continued to visit South Africa, often returning the day before to attend one or other of the County Conferences, where she was always willing to make one of her delightful extempore speeches.

The keynote of Edith's life was absolute integrity, implacable self-discipline, the courage to regard all life as an adventure, no matter in what impossible situation she found herself, open-hearted generosity and an intense interest in people, especially the younger generation. She will long be remembered with affection by all Sussex Guiders as one who set herself tremendous standards and adhered to them.

DP and PS

### Edith, Lady Robertson

All who had the pleasure and privilege of counting Edith, Lady Robertson, as a friend will have been saddened to read of her death on 3rd June, 1982, after

having been knocked down and robbed by an intruder while visiting friends in London.

Edith, Lady Robertson, the widow of General Sir Brian Robertson, was enrolled as a Guide in 1916, and ever since then had given an example to us all through her friendliness, common sense and kindly concern for other people.

Her fine leadership qualities had full play as Division Commissioner for Berlin after the war, and later as President of British Guides in Germany.

After her return to England, Lady Robertson served on the Council of the Girl Guides Association, and on the Overseas Committee at Commonwealth Headquarters. She also encouraged the growth of Trefoil Guilds overseas when serving as Trefoil Guild Recorder for Overseas. Her contribution as Chairman of the Trefoil Guild Finance Committee to the Trefoil Guild in the United Kingdom, and as a Vice-President, has been immeasurable. Endowed with a quick brain and far-sighted wisdom, she never failed to give sound advice, and latterly, when her eyesight troubled her, a splendid memory for details came to the rescue.

All members of the Movement will wish to send their sympathy to Lady Robertson's son and two daughters and their families.

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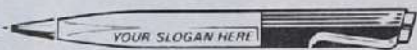
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## Hay Fever — Fight Back!

Six million people in the United Kingdom suffer from hay fever, and the attacks are most severe in the early teens. Every Guider must know young people whose enjoyment of outdoor pursuits in summer has been ruined by the sneezing, itching eyes and even more severe symptoms of hay fever. There is no cure for this distressing ailment, although one can draw consolation from the fact that although it continues into the twenties and thirties, sufferers tend to get better with age. However, there are several treatments that can be undertaken and certain precautions that can help to avoid attacks.

Unfortunately, the main requirement when the pollen count is high, is to stay indoors with the windows closed. Seaside holidays are better than country ones, and evening walks should be avoided because the pollen in the falling air, cooling after the heat of the day, is at its most concentrated. Doctors can prescribe drugs in the form of tablets, eye or nose drops, or sprays, and the most drastic action of all is a course of injections taken before the pollen season starts.

Fisons Pharmaceuticals have brought out a new leaflet which is a patient's guide to hay fever and its treatment. Radio 1 disc jockey Andy Peebles, himself a hay fever sufferer, is featured in the leaflet, which is only available via a medical practitioner.

Pollen forecasting can help a great deal by enabling the sufferer to take evasive action or increase treatment. Until recently pollen counts have only been available for the south, but Fisons is now sponsoring a pilot scheme covering the north of England, whereby 10 pollen counting centres will give an estimated coverage of 75% of the area. Most important, the forecast is made at 5 pm for the following day's pollen count and given out via press and radio. The forecasting service was started at the beginning of June — the start of the worst months for grass pollens which cause most suffering. By the time this feature appears in print the pollen season will be past its peak, but remember sufferers should still try to get someone else to cut the grass, and keep well out of the way!

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## New Safety Light

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Follow Lingard Trading's motto — Be safe — be seen — wear a Ped-Lite.

## NCVO Launches £1 Million Appeal

A public appeal has been launched to raise £1 million to fund the work of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations over the next four years.

NCVO was founded in 1919 as the National Council for Social Service. It is an independent charity providing professional services and information resources for some 300 national charities and thousands of local community groups. It also represents the interests of the voluntary sector to government, employers and trade unions, and promotes new forms of voluntary social action by running pilot projects and launching new agencies.

Sir John Hedley Greenborough, NCVO's president, and Peter Jay, its chairman, are both members of the Appeal Committee. Among those assisting them are Lord Robens, Chairman of Johnston Matthey Ltd, Sir Alex Alexander, Chairman of J Lyons Ltd, and John Witney, Director General designate of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The Appeal Committee is stressing the value of giving by covenant, which is now easier following the decision of the government — as a result of representations by NCVO before the 1980 Budget — to reduce the minimum period for covenants to charities from seven to four years.

If your Unit is interested in supporting NCVO's work in this or any other way please contact Group Captain Tony Ringer, National Council for Voluntary Organisations, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU. Tel: 01-636 4066.



## Local Authorities Support Systematic Method Of Reducing Littering

An increasing number of local authorities have come to accept that litter will only be reduced by encouraging public involvement so as to achieve efficient waste management.

The new Keep Britain Tidy System gradually being introduced by local authorities is described in the Annual Report published in June, together with messages of support from the Secretaries of State for the Environment, for



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Scotland and for Wales.

In the first year 30 local authorities are in the process of adopting the System, which goes to the root causes of the problem by identifying the sources of litter, which include poor waste management practices by people at work and at home and subsequently countering them by setting out a method for changing sloppy habits.

The Secretary of State for the Environment, the Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP, says in his message that he hopes that the use of the System will continue to increase, bringing to more authorities the benefits of a cleaner area and lower cleansing costs.

Nearly 200 extra staff, mostly qualified teachers, are being employed on a temporary basis with Manpower Services Commission funding, to introduce the Group's environmental education programme into schools throughout Wales and the North.

The use in schools of the researched and tested curriculum related learning materials produced for the 4-7, 7-9, 10-11 and 12-14 year old age groups as well as a Youth Action Pack, providing environmentally related activities for youth groups, are essential parts of the System. If your Unit wants to be involved in any way contact: **Press and Information Officer, Keep Britain Tidy Group, Bostel House, 37 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE.**

## The YEHUDI MENUHIN International Violin Competition

### The Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition

This new international competition for young violinists has been sponsored by Orion Insurance. Prizes offered total £15,400, including a London orchestral concert. The competition will take place at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, Kent from 1-10 April 1983. Candidates must be under 20 years of age on 1 April 1983, and there is no lower age limit. For further information and a prospectus from the Competition Administration please write to Kallaway Ltd, 2 Portland Road, Holland Park, London W11 4LA, or telephone 01-221 7883. If you have a budding young violinist in your Unit, why not encourage her to take part in this prestigious competition?

ideas to help the education of youngsters everywhere.

There are seven categories for this year's competition: **Mathematics, Aids for the Handicapped, Geography, Home Economics, Reading Aids, Storage, Primary Science.**

The competition gives recognition to the inventiveness of teachers, bringing forth simple and complex solutions to everyday classroom problems based on direct experience.

Over 500 entries were received last year. The overall winner for 1981 was Mr Richard Hobbs, former Head of North Lancing First and Middle School, Lancing, West Sussex whose movable point dice with transparent surfaces containing movable pieces on each face rather than dots is an effective way of getting across simple ideas about numbers.

Educational aids can make a significant difference to classroom life and teachers are perhaps in the best position to recognise and invent solutions.

All entries for the competition must be received by **15th October 1982**. Prize-winners will receive their awards at a special presentation to take place in December 1982. If you would like further details about the competition or an entry form, please write to: **The Public Relations Department, The Brainwave Awards 1982, Hestair Hope Limited, St Philip's Drive, Royton, Oldham. OL2 6AG.**

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### The Brainwave Awards 1982

Hestair Hope and *The Times Educational Supplement* are sponsoring for the second year a competition specially designed for teachers to put forward their

### Metropolitan Police Rosebowl Trophy Competition

The Metropolitan Police are organising their Annual Static Road Safety Display Competition, for the Silver 'Rosebowl Trophy'. This year, entries are expected from Schools, Junior Accident Prevention Councils and many different youth organisations. The theme for this year's competition is 'Bike Bright — Make Road Safety Your Goal'.

Entries close on **Friday 17th September 1982** and judging will take place during the week **4th October to 8th October 1982.**

All competitors must be between nine years of age and under 18 years of age at the commencement of the competition year.

Members of your Unit situated within the Metropolitan Police area may wish to take part in this competition and their entries may be nominated through the Local Authority Road Safety Officer or through the local Metropolitan Police Community Liaison Officer.

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## Pontardawe Bounce

Early in 1981, at a meeting of Pontardawe District (Swansea Valley) Guiders, the question was posed 'What are we going to do for the Year of the Disabled?'

The consensus of opinion was that we certainly should do something, and Lindy Williams, Brownie Guider, 1st Pontardawe Brownie Pack, had a gem of an idea for a fund-raising event. 'We'll have a Sponsored Bounce, with the Guides and Brownies bouncing on space hoppers — much more fun than the usual sponsored events!'

Knowing that local committees were being formed all over the country it was decided to find out if anything was happening in Pontardawe. Nothing was, yet, but as a result of the Guiders' enquiries, something certainly did! A committee was formed comprising of representatives of disabled and able-bodied groups in the area, and it was decided to have a week of fund-raising events in April, culminating in the Guides' and Brownies' Sponsored Bounce. Arrangements went ahead for the Bounce — the Mayor of Lliw Valley was invited to attend, as were Eddie Escott of Swansea Sound, Terry Dyddgen Jones of HTV, Welsh comedian Kenny Smiles, and the Guide Commissioners for West Glamorgan and Swansea Valley. Sponsor forms were prepared and handed out, and the parents were enlisted to help with refreshments. The local sports ground was to be used if the weather was fine, and a gymnasium in the school should the sun not shine.

After all the planning and preparation the big day finally arrived — and it rained! Undeterred, we carried on. Guests arrived and were greeted, the mayor declared the bounce open and off we went. Guides and Brownies bounced in groups for up to 30 minutes at a time, cheered on by their parents, friends and the celebrity guests, who also acted as referees. Everybody entered into the spirit of the occasion, and most of the Guiders gave in to temptation and had a go (we unfortunately failed to get a photo of Mrs H-J and Mrs M M astride their space hoppers, so their blushes are

spared). It was certainly a day to remember. As a result of the Sponsored Bounce and a jumble sale held the same week the Pontardawe District of the Girl Guides Association raised the impressive sum of £361, which brought the total raised by the Pontardawe Committee for the Year of the Disabled Persons to £1,249.93. The Guides and Brownies continued to be active with the committee throughout the year, until it was wound up at the beginning of 1982 with a social evening, when representatives of eleven local disabled groups were each presented with a cheque for £113.63.



In the photo taken at the social evening are, from left to right — Mrs E Davies (Guider, 1st Alltwn Guides); Mrs E Jones (District Commissioner); Miss D Browning (Asst Guider, 3rd Pontardawe Guides); Tracey Davies (3rd Pontardawe Guides); Cllr L Higgon (Mayor of Lliw Valley); Mrs M Rees, JP (Committee Chairman); Esther Reeves (1st Alltwn Guides); Mrs L Lewis (Asst Guider, 1st Alltwn Brownies); Mrs M Jenkins (Asst Guider, 1st Pontardawe Brownies). Brownies — Cary-Wyn Evans (1st Pontardawe), Kathryn Lewis (1st Alltwn).



## The Girl Guide Friendship Fund

Did you read about the Summer Projects to help Guides in Malta, Senegal and Fiji in the June issue of *GUIDER*? If not there is still time to send for details by writing to:

**The Girl Guide Friendship Fund  
17-19 Buckingham Palace Road  
London SW1W 0PT**

Please enclose a stamp for the return postage.

The closing date for the three projects is **1st September**. Donations, however small, should be sent to the same address, and cheques or postal orders made payable to the Girl Guide Friendship Fund.



# BOOK REVIEWS · BOOK REVIEWS

**When Uncle Bob Died by Althea. Dinosaur's Althea Books. Price 85p.**

This small well illustrated book is about the premature death of a little girl's favourite uncle and is written by an adult attempting to see through the eyes of a child and write in the words of a child. We think the author has failed.

It stresses the sorrow and anger the child feels by the fear, when her father is ill that he too shall die.

We didn't find it a very helpful book either for children when faced with death, or for adults trying to explain death to a child. Children generally accept death more easily than is sometimes realised; this book tends to raise fears rather than allay them.

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choice of wallpapers and soft furnishings. There is a separate section for each room in the house, and the second half of the book describes in detail, with clear line drawings, how to tackle every aspect of home decorating from papering and painting to making a set of loose covers. This would be a superb gift for an engagement, or for a homemaker of any age.

JVR

**Fund Raising A-Z by Alan Robinson. Kirkfield Publications, 56 Henley Avenue, Dewsbury, West Yorks WF12 0LN. Price £1.00 including postage.**

As I am shortly organising my first charity barbecue I picked up this handy little book and turned eagerly to the page entitled 'Barbecue' only to be

'beleaguered land' then read this book.

The author writes with first hand knowledge of the British countryside and explains how we can preserve it for our children. He explains the historical background of the many ecological problems facing the countryside today. He does not leave it there but goes on to tell the reader who to contact in order to work for the conservation of the British countryside.

This little book could be very helpful for Guiders wishing to interest their Brownies, Guides and Rangers in conservation.

BH

**Survival Guide to Festivals, Festival Welfare Service. Available free, send SAE to 347A Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0PD.**

This booklet contains basic information about first aid care of the environment and the simple dos and don'ts that make festivals more enjoyable for everyone! It was produced with the help of several of the young people who are involved and in consultation with a number of environmental and youth organisations.

If your Unit can make use of the guide, then contact the Festival Welfare Service at the above address for a free copy.

SB



**The Laura Ashley Book of Home Decorating. Octopus. £7.95.**

Laura Ashley's small floral prints and Victorian style fashions are more popular than ever, and her distinctive style has now been developed into a suitably nostalgic look in interior design. The matching furnishing fabrics, wallpapers, tiles and accessories add up to the country look which everyone seems to want nowadays. All the new houses at this year's Ideal Home Exhibition were bedecked with frills and flourishes to a degree which I personally felt was way 'over the top'. By contrast, this delightful book shows a pretty, decorative effect can be achieved without being overstuffed and claustrophobic. There are colour photographs on every page of beautiful interiors, and literally hundreds of ideas for planning the use of space and

told with regard to building the barbecue itself — surely the most important aspect of all — 'There is probably someone around who is an expert on this sort of thing'.

Perhaps I am a little harsh, perhaps for £1 you do get a list and a few helpful suggestions on a whole host of fund-raising ideas. I would term it a kind of 'Committee Book' — the sort of thing to go along to fund-raising committee meetings armed with in order to appear full of bright ideas. You will, however, need a more weighty tome or that expert previously referred to if you plan to go ahead on any of the schemes.

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## On Wednesday Night — A Guider's Reflections

Wednesday is Guide Night,  
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From far and near,  
Big ones and little ones,  
Black ones and white,  
Meeting together,  
On Wednesday night.

What we would give them,  
They'll never know,  
How they'll develop  
Only time will show,  
So we just love them,  
At work or at play,  
Giving them memories  
To store away.

What shall we do with them?  
Such eager eyes —  
Finding that life is  
One big surprise.  
Even the naughty ones  
Twine round your heart,  
How can we teach them,  
We have to part?

Wednesday is Guide Night,  
See them go out,  
Laughing into the street,  
Just hear them shout!  
Big ones and little ones,  
Black ones and white,  
Learning together,  
On Wednesday night.

For they go on from us,  
We must prepare  
Them to meet anything  
They'll find 'out there'.  
Give them a basis  
To work upon;  
If they remember  
When we have gone.

Christine Scott



# OUR CABAÑA

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*Ida M Poulton*

Designed especially for Leaders, this session will be filled with programme ideas. Share skills, exchange ideas, learn new songs, games, dances, ceremonies, and methods of programming. Take part in training on WAGGGS, leadership and working in partnership with girls.

Trips will be offered to Taxco, Mexico's silver centre, Xochicalco, a ruined city, and the magnificent caves of Cacahuamilpa; and Cuernavaca, busy State capital. Share in one of the recreational projects, explore Mexican folkarts, and enjoy the warmth of the Mexican sunshine.

## Our Cabaña Reunion

Date: October 30-November 9, 1983

'Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold'.

Why not take advantage of this reunion to meet up with old friends? Share your memories, your slides, your photos, your ideas and experiences gained since your last visit to Our Cabaña.

Explore Amecameca, a small village at the foot of Popocatepetl, try a new adventure lunch and swim at Hacienda Vista Hermosa, or just enjoy the beauty, peace and sunshine at Our Cabaña. A very warm welcome awaits 'old' friends and 'new'.

## Come Adventure . . . Come Guiding

Date: November 11-21, 1983

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Come share in the *happiness* of living at this World Centre. Come Guiding!



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## The British Craft Show at Syon Park

Syon Park, the famous stately home on the outskirts of London, is to be the venue for this year's **British Craft Show**, which will be held from **16th-19th September** inclusive, carefully timed when people are just beginning to look for new activities to do during the Winter.

The **British Craft Show**, now in its third year, is the principal national event for the growing number of people of both sexes and all ages interested in creative leisure activities. It caters for dozens of different spare time interests.

Previously the **British Craft Show** has been held in the Wembley Conference Centre, but the organisers felt that the show would have even more appeal in kindred surroundings. In particular there will be outside demonstrations of country and rural crafts like bismom broom making and a working forge.

The number of stands will be limited to 165, a reduction of 40 from last year, but this is to enable the organisers to select the exhibitors carefully while ensuring that a maximum variety of crafts is displayed. Some of the top crafts men in the country will be demonstrating and discussing their skills. Two large marquees and two exhibition buildings will be used by the edge of the Park. There will be full restaurant and other facilities, and exhibitors can take their own caravans.

Syon is also a very accessible spot for exhibition visitors. For coach parties it is just at the London end of the M4 and the North and South Circular roads and there is ample free car parking space. For other travellers the Underground Station at Gunnersbury and the British Rail Station at Kew Bridge are within a short distance and there are connecting buses.



## The Barbican looks to the East

Musicians from the deserts of Rajasthan, wedding dancers, a Bhopa balladeer family, Tanjore glass painters, puppeteers, toymakers, acrobats, magicians and jugglers — never seen outside India before — will take part in ADITI, the most spectacular and ambitious exhibition in this year's Festival of India, at the Barbican Art Gallery until 22 August. A specially designed environment featuring over 2,000 paintings and precious objects, including items from the Royal Collection, will provide the setting in which the artists, both children and adults, will work.

ADITI is the ancient Sanskrit word for abundance and creative power. The exhibition is conceived in a number of sections, each concerned with a different aspect of the life cycle. From adolescence to courtship, from the preparation for marriage to the ritual of the nuptial chamber, from the birth of the child and the world of fantasy created around its early years to its transition into adulthood. In each of these sections, the customs and rituals of the Indian people are literally brought to life by the performing artists, entertainers and craftsmen accompanying the exhibits. Admission charges are £2.00 for adults, 70p for children, students and OAPs. Phone 01-628 8795 for further details.

## National Theatre Productions To Visit Ten Cities This Autumn

This autumn, the NT company are to visit ten cities with five different productions. Cervante's *Don Quixote*, adapted by Keith Dewhurst — opening in the Olivier

in June — is at **Plymouth** (Theatre Royal) for a week from 20 September. Paul Scofield plays the title role, with Tony Haygarth as Sancho Panza. The director is Bill Bryden.

Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* — opening in the Lyttelton in September — goes to five cities for a week each: **Norwich** (Theatre Royal 27 September to 2 October), **Nottingham** (Theatre Royal 18 to 23 October), **Manchester** (Palace Theatre 1 to 6 November), **Liverpool** (Empire 15 to 20 November), and **Coventry** (Apollo Theatre 22 to 27 November).

Harley Granville Barker's *The Voyage Inheritance* — opening in the Lyttelton in October — visits **Leeds** (Grand Theatre) for a week from 8 November. The director is Peter Gill.

A *Midsummer Night's Dream* visits **Bath** (Theatre Royal) for a week from 29 November, and **Cardiff** (New Theatre) for a week from 6 December. So far cast in this production are Susan Fleetwood as Titania, Paul Schofield as Oberon, and Jack Shepherd as Puck. The director is Bill Bryden.

The NT's first musical, *Guys and Dolls*, currently a complete sell-out in the Olivier, directed by Richard Eyre, visits **Bristol** for two weeks from 5 October.

## Costume Museum in Shambellie House

The Museum, which is the first of its kind in northern England, was opened in May of this year by Sir Hector Munro MP. Shambellie House has been owned by the Stewart family since the 19th century, but was given to the Department of the Environment by Charles Stewart in 1977, and has now been prepared as a costume museum.





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In preparing the house for the display of costume the Royal Scottish Museum and the Property Services Agency of the Department of Environment have taken great care to preserve its original character as a small, mid-Victorian country house.

Charles Stewart began collecting costume before the Second World War, and over the years built up a magnificent collection of mainly women's fashionable dress from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. The collection also contains men's and children's clothes, many accessories, and fancy dress. The costumes will be on open display, using realistic figures. As there is limited exhibition space at Shambellie House each year a different theme will be featured on display to the public.

The Shambellie House Museum of Costume opens to the public until 7th September 1982 and will thereafter be open in the Summer of every year. The House is situated seven miles from Dumfries and a quarter of a mile north of the village of New Abbey on the A710. Arrangements can be made for visits by Guide Units, Brownie Packs and Ranger Units during the period of closure to the public. During October the Museum will be open for schools for a further two weeks.

For further information please contact Jenni Calder, Department of Education and Public Relations, The Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF or phone 031-225 7534.



## Paris Opera Ballet

Le Ballet De L'opera De Paris, is appearing at the Royal Opera House until 7 August. The season is only the second this famous company, whose personal history forms a basic chapter in the universal history of dance, has paid to the Opera House; the first being in 1954.

*Le Songe d'une Nuit d'Eté*, choreographed by John Neumeier, will be seen in the second week of the two week engagement.

The performance times are: evenings at 7.30 pm and matinees each Saturday at 2.00 pm.

For further information please phone: 01-240 1200.



## Festival Hall Ticket Schemes

There are substantial reductions for children, and on family tickets, at the Festival Hall this summer. Two adults can take two children at half price. There are also advantageous party rates for the whole summer season. The South Bank season includes *HMS Pinafore* with Frank Thornton, plus the usual summer season of Festival Ballet as well as other attractions. All ticket holders for any performance get a special discount on British Rail. If you want to take advantage of these ticket schemes, telephone this special number: 01-928 3191.

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## Summer Family Festival At The Barbican

*Basil Brush*, the *Wurzels* and the *Royal Shakespeare Company* are among the stars of the **Barbican Family Festival** — a holiday fortnight of entertainment for parents and children to be held throughout the **Barbican Centre** until 8 August.

Arranged with the school holidays in mind, you may like to bring your Brownie Pack to the Barbican Family Festival, which will include children's film matinees in the Cinema, story-telling by RSC actors in the Children's Library and lectures and workshop sessions by the RSC in The Pit. There will also be free exhibitions in the foyers, and mural painting by school children on the Lakeside Terrace.

Until 7 August the world's most articulate fox entertains in the *Barbican Hall*, while the West Country folk groups, The *Wurzels*, add their inimitable musical style to the Festival on 8 August. If you want to catch the end of the Festival, phone 01-628 8795 for further details.

## In Brief

... To coincide with Maritime England Year there will be a Water Frolic at Bishop's Bridge, River Wensum, Norwich, Norfolk on Saturday, 7th August, 1982.

... Also a Sunday Show with Maritime England Theme, including a Knockout Competition, at the Eastcliff Sportsground, Gainsford Avenue, Clacton on Sea, Essex on 8th August, 1982.

... From August The National Theatre will introduce a Bargain Ticket Scheme when tickets, sold only on the day of the performance, only over the counter for cash and limited to two per person, will bring all NT productions within the reach of everyone. The First Bargain Night is on Friday, 6th August, when all tickets for *Uncle Vanya*, *Guys and Dolls* and for *The Prince of Homburg* are £2.

... The new play by Alan Ayckbourn, *Intimate Exchanges*, written to celebrate his 25 years with the Company, will run until 11th September 1982 at The Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round, Valley Bridge Parade, Scarborough. Phone (0723) 70541.

... **Scientific Films** at The Science Museum this month: Films will be shown from 'The Search for Solutions' series — 'a global look at the shirtsleeve experience of science' — every Saturday at 1500 in the Lecture Theatre on the ground floor; 7, Patterns & Investigation; 14, Context & Trial and Error; 21, Modelling & Theory; 28, Predictions & Patterns.



## Sir Handel joins the Talyllyn Railway

Starting with Thomas the Tank Engine, the Rev Awdry has written nearly thirty books with railway engine heroes, each with its own personality and facial expressions. Now Sir Handel has joined the team of steam engines working on the Talyllyn Railway at Towyn, Merioneth, in mid Wales. The Rev Awdry was there to welcome Sir Handel when he arrived for his first day's work on June 3rd. Proudest of all at the ceremony was engine driver Dai Jones, who painted and polished Sir Handel inside and out for the great occasion.

This lovely railway is one of the Great Little Trains of Wales, a number of narrow gauge railways built many years ago for commercial purposes, and now taken over and maintained by railway enthusiasts. The Talyllyn Railway is unique because it was the first to be taken over by a preservation society, over 30 years ago. The line was opened over a hundred years ago, in 1866, when it was built to carry slate from the quarries above Abergynolwyn to Towyn, where it was transferred to the main line railway. The quarry closed in 1947, but the railway has remained in service and has carried passengers every year since 1867 — a world record.

Dai Jones is one of the handful of people who work full time on the Talyllyn Railway, as engine driver in the summer and busy with maintaining and restoring the stock when the railway is closed during the winter. Dai's links with the railway are part of its history; he has worked there for 30 years and his father was a driver on the same line for 56 years, going back to the days when he drove the slate trains. During the special maiden trip of the Sir Handel we were thrilled to see Mr Jones senior waving to us from the garden of his cottage, which is owned by the railway and stands beside the railway line.

All along the route one can see evidence of the old slate quarries, in the form of fences made from strips of slate. The line is 7¼ miles long, and gives a most delightful leisurely ride (55 minutes each way) through breathtaking scenery, including a viaduct and waterfall. There are several stations en route where you can break your journey, have a picnic or a walk. The day we travelled on the line was a gala day, with all the helpers (most of whom are volunteers) wearing red carnations, but it's clear that every one of them is devoted to the railway and simply loves the work of keeping it going.

The Talyllyn Railway is open from Easter or just before (depending on school holidays) until the end of October. It makes a splendid and unusual day out, and parties can be booked in advance.

In addition to needing visitors, the Preservation Society needs members. Volunteers to help with conservation are also always needed.

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