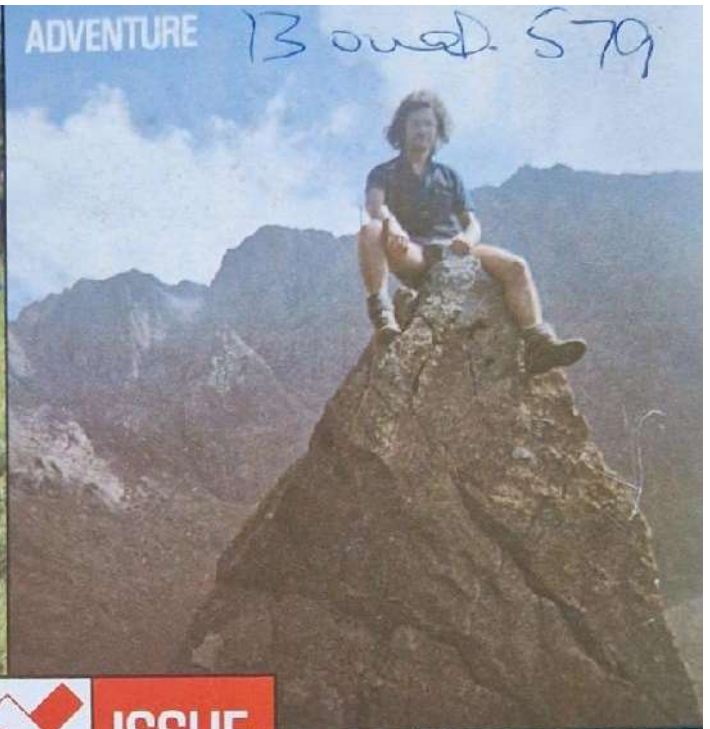


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Tony Rose

Message from the Chief Commissioner

May I take the opportunity of writing in this month's issue of *GUIDER*, to give you good wishes as we all start on another year of Guiding.

When our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, held his experimental camp on Brownsea Island, just 75 years ago, he had in mind an idea that could help all boys in society, and for that purpose he took with him a somewhat 'mixed bunch' from varying sections of the community. Our objective remains the same and we endeavour to be attractive to all girls and young women in our society and to serve their needs. Let us be sure that we open our hearts and Units to every sector of our Community.

This month our magazine features *LINK* and if we as a Movement are going to achieve the wonderful challenge of bringing Guiding to even more girls, and of helping the young women of this country to lead fulfilled and happy lives, our need for leadership will be as great as ever.

Be Prepared is our motto and through *LINK* it seems to me adults aged between 18 and 30 can remain loyal to the motto and be prepared to help when they can, to give service, and keep up their training, self development and skills.

Leaders have needs too and the comradeship and social side is found by Link Members to be most beneficial and helpful.

I trust you will enjoy finding out more about this part of our Movement.

R Baden-Powell

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This month's cover photo highlights the four main ingredients which make up *LINK* — the subject of several special features in this issue. Photos: Jeremy Barber and Maggie Barber.



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Sticky Problem

As Rangers we expected to gain interest Badges, as the Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs do. After ten months of waiting, we received small, sticky pieces of scrap material, not even cut out properly. We decided that we could have made them better and faster too! We couldn't be proud to wear the sign of our hard work and achievement. We were disgusted and extremely disappointed. Should we bother to gain any more?

We hope that other Rangers feel similarly about them and a move will be made to rectify the situation and produce Badges Rangers will be proud to wear.

Please could other Rangers advise us how to apply the present Badges to our uniforms. Do we sew them on or stick them on and if so do they come off in the wash?

1st Castle Cary Rangers
Somerset

**Scout and
Guide Club**

In October 1981, University College London's Scout and Guide Club was re-formed and has at present a few very enthusiastic members. Four of us went to "Lutbrally '82", a weekend camp, at which over 100 other Student Scouts and Guides were present. There we took part in orienteering, crafts, climbing, teapin bowling, barn dancing, a campfire and other fun activities. If any UC freshers or present students are reading this and would like to join, we will be running a stall and handing out membership cards and the term's programme at UC Freshers' Fayre.

Alternatively, contact me before the beginning of term via GUIDER, then we can incorporate any programme ideas you may have. Any one who is coming to London University (whether UC or not) is invited to join a University of London Union Scout and Guide Club, which we hope to launch this October at ULU Freshers Fayre, (old students equally welcomed) and anyone interested in this can also contact me through the GUIDER. Details of the Freshers Fayre can be obtained from your own college.

Secretary University College
Scout and Guide Club



Tied Up

While I applaud these new Guide uniforms, I cannot agree that Guiders should have similar ties.

No doubt some very young Guiders, who are desperately clinging to their 'teens, would look and feel happy with a tie and woggle, but spare a thought for the Guider who is the wrong side of 40 years, five foot nothing and almost as wide. This is not a description of myself, but there are quite a few around like this.

In the Brownies we "think of others, not ourselves", can we carry this through?

Our present uniform is smart and dignified whatever size or age. Let's keep it that way and not make ourselves into figures of fun.

There is nothing to stop Guiders having Camp Ties and woggles — I have one myself.

W Stutchbury
Torquay
Devon

Field Day

Thank you for the articles on Wide Games. We adapted the "Migrating Birds" for our Brownie's and Guide's Day's Camp, which we held at the end of May, and what fun they had! It was quite an achievement to keep 50 girls amused for 20 hours.

a Guide in charge of them. The rest of the Guides were the Dangers, Farmers, Gamekeepers or Cuckoos.

The best part of the whole proceedings for us, the Guiders/helpers, was drinking tea at the base, with only us in the field, listening to the racket that was going on all around us.

To make our day we had beautiful hot weather, one of the best days out we've had.

Diana Terry
Brownie Guider
1st Elstead Pack,
Surrey

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.

Happy Birthday

The 7th Horsforth (Woodside Methodist Church) Guide Company celebrated their 50th anniversary of continuous Guiding in triplicate last weekend.

On Friday we had a campfire sing-song, and a pea and pie supper. On Saturday we had a grand reunion party, and on Sunday we had a special thanksgiving service in church.

As well as friends and parents joining us in celebration, we had 'old' Guides from the Unit over the years, including the first Guides of the Unit. Some of these people had travelled from as far away as Kirkcudbright in Scotland, Berwick on Tweed, Derby and Lincolnshire to be there, and judging by the thank you letters we received from them, they thought it was well worth the journey.

We also had the lady who was Captain and first set up the Unit 50 years ago, Mrs. Flint, who also formed the Brownie Unit a year later. She is now 86 years of age.

The present-day Guides worked very hard to entertain their visitors with a lovely buffet birthday party, and indeed, throughout the weekend.

Mrs Kitching
Guide Leader,
Yorkshire

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



But spare a thought for the Guider who is the wrong side of 40 years, 5 foot nothing and almost as wide.

Roundabout & Pick of the Press



VIDEO VIEWS



A member of the civilian staff at Mount Browne recently had the thrill of meeting the Chief Commissioner, Rowena Lawrence, who works in the Force Central Registry, is a Queen's Guide, and met The Lady Baden-Powell when she visited Police Headquarters.

Lady Baden-Powell came to Mount Browne to view videos on personal safety, accompanied by members of the Guide Association.

The Chief Commissioner also went on a conducted tour of the Headquarters complex. It was during this tour that she met Rowena, who was made a Queen's Guide in 1977. She now helps with the 2nd Busbridge Guides. In the photograph are, Rowena, centre, flanked by the Chief Constable, Sir Peter Matthews, and Lady Baden-Powell with Mrs Yvette Sanson, Press and Publicity Secretary, Mrs S Steele, Programme Adviser, Mrs L M Yates, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and Mrs Ann Friswell, Programme and Training Secretary.

Flower Power

The 125th Sheffield, 1st Dore Brownie Pack, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. The photograph shown here was taken during a concert held in Dore Village Hall as part of the celebration party.

Many former Brownie Guiders came for the occasion, and to make the event really special, one of the original Brownies, Mrs Bessie Colley, cut a birthday cake which had been kindly given to the Pack by their Guide Company.

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Grand Silence!

Sarah Griffiths and the Save the Children Jane McCall — two Fund.

Brownies from the 29th Hartlepool Pack — are shown here handing a cheque for the grand sum of £150 to a representative of

The Brownies raised the money by holding a coffee evening — and a sponsored silence! Certainly an imaginative idea!

Photo courtesy of O Trigg.





Olave Centre

WAGGGS WEEK

A report by Lady Beevor,
International Commissioner

FOR A long time the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts has been administered from a small house in Ebury Street, London, and now it has become essential for the smooth and efficient running of our ever-growing world family to find a larger home. Therefore, the World Association has purchased a house standing in extensive grounds in Hampstead, North London. A start has been made on the restoration and expansion

of Rosslyn Lodge, which will provide greatly improved facilities and a worthy home for the World Bureau.

In addition there will be room for the erection of a new World Centre to replace Olave House, providing larger and improved facilities for our 7.5 million members to enjoy. Our four World Centres provide unique opportunities for us all to meet and live with Guides/Girl Scouts from any of the 104 countries

which are members of WAGGGS. By living and working together, linked by our commitment to the principles of Guiding, barriers between nations can be dissolved and together we can work for the furtherance of Guiding and a more peaceful world.

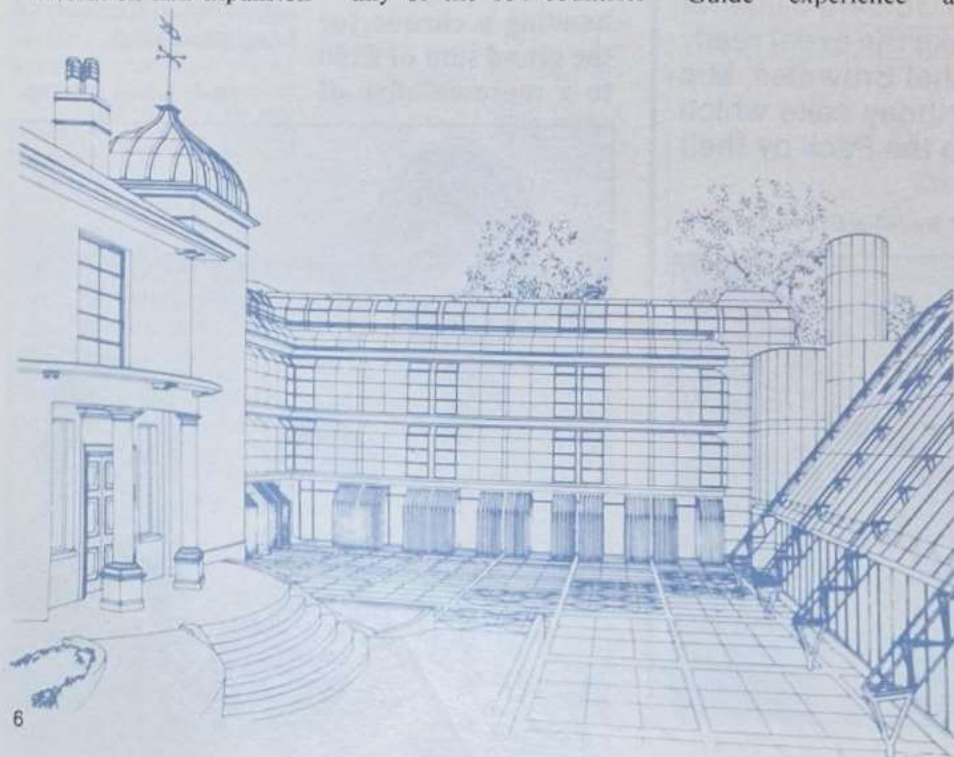
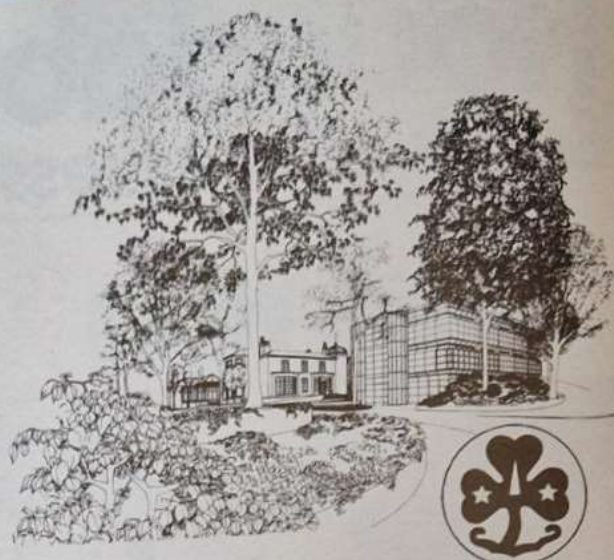
17-24 October, 1982 has been suggested as WAGGGS Week. That is a week during which Guides/Girl Scouts throughout the world will be encouraged to learn more about World Guiding; the work of the Association; how to make the most of opportunities for international Guide experience and

what it means to be part of a world-wide organisation.

It is a time to focus on the new Olave Centre and to make the world-wide aspect of Guiding known to people outside the movement.

The present buildings housing the World Bureau and Olave House will be sold, but the proceeds will not cover the cost of the new Centre and therefore further funds are required. Everyone is free to use the idea of WAGGGS Week as they think best, but it will provide a marvellous opportunity for both furthering knowledge and raising money, from within and without the Movement; not forgetting that every member of our Association, past, present and future will be able to enjoy the opportunities provided by a new World Centre in London.

All monies raised should either be forwarded through your County channels as instructed by the County, or direct to the Finance Department at Commonwealth Headquarters, (cheques made payable to The Chief Guide Memorial Fund) with a note designating that the money is for the Olave Centre.



Farewell . . .

June Paterson-Brown



We in Scotland are particularly sad to be saying goodbye to Dr June Paterson-Brown as our Scottish Chief Commissioner, on completion of her term of office. During these five years, large numbers of some 100,000 members in Scotland, from smallest Brownie to most seasoned camper, have had the opportunity to meet and chat with her, and to experience at first hand the charm of her friendly smile, her genuine interest in all facets of the programme, and her ready willingness to participate in anything, from a seven-a-side hockey match through the magic of a Brownie Pack Holiday, to a late-night session at a Commissioners' Conference. For the adult, her wise counsel and loyal support have inspired a quiet confidence in the ideals and the methods of the Movement, and with her sympathetic understanding of the aims and aspirations of the adults for the young, and of the

young for themselves, she has seen and fulfilled her role in a very special way. Throughout the length and breadth of Scotland, we are conscious that she has initiated what has been described as an explosion of enthusiasm for Guiding and all that it can offer to the girl of today.

We thank her most warmly and sincerely for the loving care and time which she has expended so generously on our behalf, and we rest happy in the knowledge that she will continue to offer her unique talents as an ambassador for Guiding as a Ranger Guider in her home town of Hawick. We would ask her, too, to convey our grateful thanks to her husband, Peter, and the family, whose friendly tolerance and loyal support, particularly during the last five years, we have so much appreciated. Scotland sends loyal greetings and best wishes.

Maureen Reid

. . . Welcome

Maureen Reid

It is incredible how quickly the last five years have flown past, and my term as Scottish Chief Commissioner has now come to an end. My memories of visits to exciting events both in Counties and at National and International level are numerous and I am grateful for them. I will miss you all and send you my love and good wishes.

I am delighted that Mrs Reid is my Successor. She is known to a great many people in Guiding already as Glasgow's County Commissioner and as a Trainer and Guider. She was an observer member of the UK Delegation to the 24th World Conference in France last summer and an elected member of the Council of the Association. She is a lawyer and has a family of her own and understands the needs of both girls and adults in today's world.

Scottish Guiding is indeed fortunate in having her to lead it through the 1980s.

June Paterson-Brown



Mary Greig

AWARDS

Below, a report on The Awards System by Lady Hamilton, Chairman of The Awards Committee.

THE Awards system exists to give pleasure, encouragement and recognition, and many people believe that a Laurel or a Beaver provides the most effective way of expressing gratitude for outstanding service to the Movement. At the same time there does seem to be an undercurrent of uneasiness about the whole question of Awards, which is why The Chief Commissioner has asked that as many people as possible be given a chance to join in discussions on this very important subject.

It may be that in an Association like ours, where so many people give their time and talents voluntarily, it is wrong to single out anybody for recognition. How can we possibly make a distinction, for example, between a Guider who has put in years of effort running a Brownie Pack, and someone who has done a variety of jobs which are more likely to catch the limelight?

Some complain that top Awards go to 'top brass' only, others argue that medals and ribbons foster the military image which the Association has been at pains to shed. It has also been suggested that if the Association did not have its own system, more of its members might be put forward for national honours.

The Awards Committee is very aware of its own limitations, and of the unfairness inherent in the system — some applications paint the whole picture, give the very essence of the person, others leave us guessing, with back-up material that is decidedly 'thin'. Every application is different, and although a standard does emerge, it is difficult to be consistent and, at the same time,

flexible. The borderline between the Laurel and the Beaver is not easy to define. Some Counties put in a number of applications and are disappointed if some are turned down; other Counties seem reluctant to put any of their members forward at all — certainly, if the present system is to continue, we would put in a plea that all Counties, in the interest of fairness, make use of it to the full, and we would also ask that there are fewer of those cases where nobody thinks of applying for an Award until the recipient is on the point of retiring and will have few opportunities to wear it.

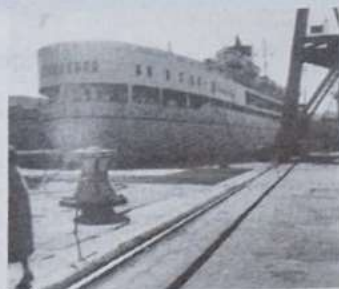
Although most people would not deny that Awards for Meritorious Conduct often give great pleasure to a courageous handicapped child and to her parents, doubts have even been expressed in this sphere, particularly by some doctors, who question the wisdom of singling out a girl who has struggled all her life to be as normal as possible. We frequently have to stress that these Awards are not given for courage and fortitude alone, but for the determination shown in making progress within the Guide programme, in the face of grievous difficulties, and we recommend that the County Advisers for the Handicapped are always consulted before an application of this kind is set in motion.

Your Country/Region Executive Committees are keen to hear your views on the Awards system. Perhaps you have strong ideas on the following, for instance. If so, please could you forward them to your Chief Commissioner at your Country/Region Headquarters.

1. Do we, in principle, wish to have Awards at all?
2. If we continue to give Awards, is the present system considered satisfactory?
3. The County Good Service Brooch has proved to be a popular introduction. Would it be considered acceptable for the County Brooch and the County Good Service Certificate, to be continued, even if The Association's Awards are to be abolished?
4. If The Association's Awards are to be retained, should either the Laurel or the Beaver be discontinued, leaving only one category besides the Silver Fish?
5. Should the Meritorious Conduct and Gallantry Awards be continued, even if the Good Service Awards are not? (In the discussion, the introduction of the Bar for 25 years' service (see page 37) should be borne in mind.)

Twelve years ago a similar attempt was made to sound out opinion, and the verdict came back in favour of Awards, although not overwhelmingly so. If the Committee is once again given a mandate to continue, members will certainly be greatly heartened. They often feel daunted by their task, and by the difficulty of the decisions that have to be made. They feel humbled, too, but also inspired to learn that there are so many people whose devotion, courage, selflessness, humour and many other qualities should perhaps still be recognised in the granting of Awards.

BURSARY AWARD



SS Uganda

I enjoyed the experience of the cruise very much indeed, and am very grateful for the bursary, without which my dream would not have come true.

On Christmas Day, we arrived at Haifa for a whistle-stop tour of Israel. The tour was by coach, and we were all provided with SS Uganda plastic packed lunches. We went through Haifa, on our way to the Dead Sea; we saw Armageddon, the Wilderness, the River Jordan, and stopped to buy fruit in Jericho.

After that, we went on to the spectacular rock formations at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then, on to Jerusalem, along the Jerusalem to Jericho road in the parable of the Good Samaritan. In Jerusalem, the first thing we saw was the Wailing Wall; but we were disappointed that we could not go on to the Temple Mount as it was Friday — the Islamic Holy Day. However, we did manage to persuade the guard to let us take photographs through the gate of the Dome of the Rock. We then visited the Holy Sepulchre, before a brief visit to the Garden of Gethsemane, and then on to the top of the Mount of Olives where we took panoramic pictures of Jerusalem. It was, by then, getting dark, and by the time we reached Bethlehem, our final stop, it was totally dark. We went inside the Church of the Nativity, which I was very struck by.

Below, the report by a grateful Guide, recounting the events of a cruise around Greece and The Holy Land, made possible by a Bursary Award. The cruise ship, the SS Uganda, was mobilised during the recent Falklands Crisis.

The day after Boxing Day, Sunday, we spent in Rhodes. In the morning, we split up into small groups of three or more, and wandered around Rhodes Town, spending drachmas, and discovering that Greek chocolate is much nicer and much cheaper than English. But the weather was typically English — it poured with rain. In the afternoon, the rain stopped for a while, and we went on a coach trip to Lindos, a small town with an acropolis, and it rained again! That evening, we were going to a taverna for our evening meal, but the weather became very bad and the Uganda nearly had to leave early, without some of the passengers! So instead, we ate sticky buns although, as it turned out, we did not need to go early after all.

Monday 28th was at sea again, but not quite so turbulent this time! There were the 'lessons' in the morning and films in the afternoon, one of which was rather tactless — *The Poseidon Adventure*...

The next day, we anchored off Dikili, and had to be ferried ashore aboard the lifeboats. The day was spent at Pergamum (one of the places St Paul visited) and Bergama (the modern town). In the morning the first stop was the Asclepieion at Pergamum, an ancient hospital, with an amphitheatre. There was another amphitheatre at the Acropolis — but this was much steeper. The view from the hill was breathtaking.

Olave Baden-Powell Fund



On the 30th, the next day, we visited Santorin, a system of five small volcanic Greek islands, thought to have been Atlantis. We visited the town of Phira, the largest on the island. However, to get to the town, we had to climb up 586 steps in a zig-zag path up the cliff. It took around 20 minutes to go up, and only five to come down! SS Uganda anchored in the bay and we went ashore on the lifeboat again. We spent five hours wandering around this fascinating town with its many craft and leather shops, and spending more drachmas! It is a very absorbing place, and I should like to return there again.

We spent New Year's Eve in Heraklion, in Crete, the largest of the Greek islands. The highlight of the holiday, other than the Holy Land, was seeing the Palace of Knossos, the ancient Palace of King Minos, famous for the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. It was a fascinating place, and I only wish we could have stayed there for longer. Back in Heraklion, we ate moussaka and kalimaris (fried squid) in a taverna, and spent the rest of our drachmas, as well as seeing the museum where the finds and frescoes from Knossos are displayed.

The next day, our last, was in Malta. We were awakened at the unearthly hour of 6.30 am. We spent

the day in Valletta, the capital, and we also went to the ancient city of Mdina on an incredibly rattly bus. We also had a ride on a horse-drawn carriage at Mdina, and after well and truly exploring it, we returned to Valletta and the SS Uganda, which was by now in dry dock for refitting.

What have I learnt from the cruise? Well, I have experienced foreign lands and seen something of the life of different people; I have seen some of the famous sights which I have always wanted to see, such as Knossos; to name only two of the ways in which I have benefited.

Sarah Houlton
49th Sheffield (St Columba's) Guide Company
Bursary awarded in 1981 for overseas travel

The Palace of Knossos, Crete.



More bursaries on the next page.

mainly for rangers



Scunthorpe Rangers receiving their gold awards from Mrs P Clift, County Commissioner.

Bursary Awards Continued from page 9

At last, after months of planning and preparation, the day of departure for Canada had arrived.

Jumbo Jet 'Sir Francis Drake' took off at 3.40 pm; over Belfast we were turned back to Heathrow because of the Canadian traffic controllers' dispute. The next few hours were spent eating, playing cards, reading, chatting and going for walks in the plane. We took off again at 12.00 pm and arrived in Toronto 2.30 am Canadian time.

One of the most memorable days was the visit to Niagara Falls, the Great Gorge and Panasonic Centre. I dressed up in wellies and waterproofs to actually walk behind the Falls — deafened and soaked with spray — but a wonderful experience.

After a few days sightseeing in Toronto and viewing the city from 1,815 ft on top of the world's tallest free standing structure, I flew over the Rockies to Vancouver.

The first day was spent visiting a mining museum and going down a disused copper mine. I also looked round an old trading post. A visit to the zoo, fish docks, shopping and a ride up the mountains on a ski lift, over the next few days — then the day of the annual PNE Parade. This fantastic carnival parade took 1½ hours to pass, the floats, dancers and clowns were really eye catching. I also visited the PNE Exhibition of local cultures, history, fashion and animals, and had a whirl round the fairground.

As Girl Guide HQ Vancouver was now open after the summer holidays I went in with my letter of introduction. I was given a really warm welcome and lots of souvenirs about Guiding in Canada. During a tour of the Headquarters and shop I met and talked to a lot of interesting people, including the Provincial Commissioner, Mrs Runcie.

I made contact with a Guide Leader, who presented me with some 'Guide Cookies' which I brought home for my Rangers and Brownies to sample. I did manage to contact the Ranger Unit and found them to be a very friendly and lively group of young women. It was interesting to exchange ideas and to discuss our differences and similarities. We also exchanged badges, and I gave them a 'County Badges' tee shirt which they

hung on the wall of their Headquarters (the Ranger Guider's dining room!).

Back in Vancouver I visited an open air museum of Colonial Canada, which really brought to life my Commonwealth Canada project. To be able to walk into the old kitchens and shops, to see the wagons and farm implements being used, and to meet people dressed in Colonial costume really brought history to life for me.

I flew back to Toronto and then once more aboard 'Sir Francis Drake' for an uneventful flight back to Heathrow.

What a wonderful experience I had in that vast, larger than life, country of Canada. I have never done so many different things or met so many different people in such a short time (but I'm glad to be back in England).

Susan Brown

*North Watford Ranger
Unit, Herts*



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LINK—NINE YEARS ON!



In the next few pages we hope to give you an insight into LINK — the nine-year-old baby of the Guide Movement. It's an innovation that is warmly acclaimed in Districts where there already is a group — yet there are still hardly twenty groups nationwide. Why? Lack of publicity must be one major reason, and following on from that lack of understanding about what it really is. If you think that because it is not uniformed LINK is not active you'd be wrong. LINK continues the adventure, training, service and friendship that Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts have always enjoyed, as our

four photographs on the cover show. If you have anything to do with Guides and Scouts at any level then you can't afford to ignore LINK, because it aims to do what every leader has always tried to do, and that's keep young men and women in the Movement, and to train them to put something back in. And we believe LINK can do this! So when you've finished these pages we hope you'll repeat our question and ask why? Why isn't there a LINK in your District?

All articles edited by Philip Gwyther, Linda Gwyther, John Bradley, Jeremy Barber and Maggie Barber.

Lady Alport, President of LINK, Writes:

There are times in most people's lives which are turning points. For young people, eighteen is often one of these times, everything seems to change at once. College replaces the settled routine of school, or it may be the adjustment of getting used to the regular hours of work and fewer holidays; for some it is marriage and then the ties of a young family.

This can be a lonely time when friends are badly needed. Someone to do things with at weekends, a group with whom to go on holiday, or explore new interests.

If at this age you drop out of Guiding or Scouting it is difficult to get back, but it often happens at this time that you do need a pause from it.

LINK started nine years ago as an experiment to meet a desire for continuing companionship for those young people who have been accustomed to being part of the Guide and Scout Movements but with only a limited commitment for those who have not a great deal of time to spare.

At the same time LINK is designed to keep within the Movement young women and also men who are urgently needed as leaders and will be of great value to Guiding and

Scouting in the future. As it has turned out there are a number of members who are now Guiders and Scouts but who also choose to remain members of LINK so as to enjoy leisure time activities with their contemporaries.

LINK has evolved to meet a need which undoubtedly exists and the organisation has developed too, and will continue to do so as numbers grow. At present the National Administration is minimal, with full committee meetings taking place three times a year. The Officers of the National Committee meet as and where convenient, to co-ordinate National activities, prepare publicity material etc. The Newsletter editor, with his wife and some fellow members, produce a lively little magazine three times a year. The secretary works from her home, but as our official address is the LINK office at CHQ, which we share with the Trefoil Guild, we need and invariably receive tremendous help from the General Secretary of the Guild.

As I have said, LINK has developed according to the circumstances that prevail, and these have not always been favourable. It has taken a long time for the idea of LINK to be taken up by the rest of the Movement and despite the distribution of as much literature as we can afford there are many Commissioners and Guiders who are still not really aware of

what LINK is, and for whom it exists. Even where there is a LINK Unit, Guiders do not always realise that these active young men and women are willing and eager to help them. Guiders with young families who have difficulty in fitting in those extra activities which occur at weekends might be glad of this kind of help.

The few LINK advisers who have been appointed have done great work in helping to get LINKS started, and they can also be valuable in keeping contact with uniformed Guiding and widen the scope for service as well as increasing the membership. We need more advisers in many areas.

There are LINKS in each of the English regions and in Wales, members from each travelling considerable dis-

tances to get together at LINK-UPS.

The international aspect has not yet figured as largely as we had hoped, partly due to the fact that there are not that many young people in the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides; but some progress has been made this year when a party of LINK members visited 'Our Chalet' so, who knows, we may see more travelling abroad in the future.

Recently it was my pleasure to present the registration certificate to Kingsbury, the newest LINK Unit. With LINK now well and truly established more and more people within the Association are becoming aware of what it has to offer, so I look forward eagerly to presenting more certificates soon.

Diane Eyres, of Kingsbury LINK receiving registration certificates from Lady Alport at the Easter LINK-UP in London.





SERVICE THROUGH LINK

*Right, looking for buried treasure?
— No! A LINK work party at Fox-
lease.*

The membership of LINK while not vast is varied indeed and each group has its own particular character. Some surprisingly are mainly male and have a number of experienced hill walkers, climbers and canoeists. Some consist of mainly student members while one has seven married couples and twelve children (known as Linkettes). Others may have up to forty or fifty members from all walks of life while a few smaller groups are almost all ex-Rangers.

All these LINKS, with all their differences have one thing in common — all are offering service to the Guide and Scout Movements of one sort or another. They are often able to take the strain off Leaders; for example at a recent District open-air Brownie Revels all the Leaders were rushed off their feet organising large numbers of Brownies. LINK was able to help by stepping in and erecting a marquee and taking control of the catering. Put quite simply — it's often manpower that is needed at some events. Fêtes, rallies, pack walks, orienteering, fun days, quizzes, conferences, wide games, District camps, tugs-of-war, cross country races, night hikes, church services, guest appearances at weekly meetings — all of these are events at which LINK members throughout the country have helped in recent times. The list is really endless.

As well as the usual help at events some Units have particular



expertise and experience. Linnet LINK members in the Peak district have skills in climbing and fell walking (some members being in the Mountain Rescue Team) and are able to help there. Less adventurous but just as important is the time spent by the Pembroke Unit on mending and looking after a Guide and Scout Group's camping equipment. In the New Forest rope bridges have become a speciality. Many Guides have not come across large-scale pioneering before but they take to it like ducks to water. One year over 3,000 crossings of bridges built at Foxlease by New Forest LINK were made and the requests still keep coming in.

Brownsea Island is the scene of regular service from the Dorset Coastal Unit, and a number of repair and maintenance projects have been undertaken. Bristol LINK groups are involved in raising funds for a new Guide and Scout

Boathouse.

Work with the handicapped also features and last year members of three Units took part in a camp at Woodlarks in Surrey. The theme of the week is always fun and friendship and a great time was had by all.

A number of LINK members are warranted Leaders and of course the regular service which they provide is their most important contribution. For example in the White Horse Unit in Wiltshire nearly half of the members are Leaders. With so many involved in uniformed leadership the social side is of particular importance there, but, make no mistake, they put a lot more back in as well. Another factor that should not be overlooked is that LINK Units provide a pool of potential Leaders for the future.

Left, it looks complicated but the LINK members seem confident enough.

Below, happy faces demonstrate the success that a LINK group had in organising this Cub Christmas party.



TRAINING THROUGH *LINK*



Above, LINK members seem to be getting the point of this training!

Right, all smiles from this mud-caked and soaked couple who have just surfaced after caving tuition.

Training is valuable for two reasons. Firstly it enables people to become better qualified to help others and secondly they develop themselves.

At the local level members have attended courses in subjects ranging from First Aid to canoe rolling, and visiting speakers have included MP's, photographers and an ambulance driver.

Members who have not been previously involved with the Movement have much to learn on many topics and of course to serve on a Unit committee and organise events provides experience which will be useful later in life. In addition those who have started work for the D of E scheme are encouraged to continue within their Unit.

At national level there are various opportunities for people to get a taste of activities they have not tried before. Recent *LINK-UPS* have offered shooting, skiing, windsurfing, climbing and abseiling.

Below, Eskimo rolls are among the more challenging parts of canoe training!



Some national events are devoted entirely to training: May 1982 saw the first national training weekend at Glenbrook in the Peak District for climbing, canoeing, caving and fell walking instruction. The weekend was designed to whet people's appetites and prompt them to train further in one of the skills. A thought-provoking film on hypothermia along with slides on Mountain Rescue were shown one evening and a senior member of a rescue team was present to answer questions. He commented that they were often called out to rescue Scout parties and although adventurous activities should be encouraged, thorough training was essential and first of all, Leaders (and *LINK* members) should be well trained themselves. We were all left with food for thought.



Sail training is something many of us would like to try. In July 1981 eight people from 4 Units had the chance of the trip of a lifetime — across the channel on *Ramrod*, a 45' cutter owned by the Colchester Scout Sail Training Association. Under a qualified skipper and mate they learned helming, sail handling, navigation, winch operation and the many skills that go together to make up sound basic seamanship.

Crossing the channel by your own efforts is satisfying in itself. Combine it with learning to get on at close quarters and making lasting friendships and you have an experience worth repeating, so this year we are doing it again.

Another experiment this year, to be repeated next year, was skiing at 'Our Chalet' in Adelboden in Switzerland. Tuition was provided and by the end of the week most people could come down without falling too often. This was the first such trip abroad for *LINK*. Now that there are enough members nationally to support such trips we hope it will be the first of many.

Guide and Scout regulations, essential for safety standards, now mean that qualified adults are urgently needed to give youngsters the chance of adventure. Here *LINK* can help enormously. A trained *LINK* member may not be able to commit time to weekly meetings as a Leader does, while the Leader may not possess the qualifications for certain adventurous activities. Yet put them together and the youngsters have the best of both worlds.



THE SOCIAL SIDE OF LINK

Ooops! — Dozing in the sun on a barge holiday is very relaxing, but not recommended if you're steering at the time!

It goes without saying that *LINK* events are enjoyable and promote friendship. If they weren't no-one would come! Social activities form the third part of a balanced *LINK* programme and attract new members and encourage others to stay.

Most *LINKS* have transport, and occasional weekends away are very popular. Hill-walking always appeals and trips are often made to Dartmoor, Brecon Beacons, the Pennines and the Lake District. Some Units also have an annual holiday — usually based around some activity such as a barge trip or camping in Skye.

Countrywide friendship is one of the many uplifting aspects of *LINK*. The two *LINK-UPS* each year have a true Jamboree spirit about them with a great sense of fun. Of course these friendships sometimes develop further. Marriage within Units is something to celebrate and last year saw the first Inter-Link marriage when Carol from Crosby *LINK* married John from New Forest *LINK*.

Being mobile also enables visits to be made to such places as the Boat Show, SSAGO events, TV studios and the House of Lords, among many others.



Canoeing, sailing, and windsurfing are well liked in the summer while in colder weather, cinemas, theatres, annual dinners and pantomime appeal.

The value of a simple get-together over coffee or at the local should not be discounted. Some people may not be able to afford the time for anything more but they are at least, keeping in touch. Later, when the children are a bit older perhaps or studies are finished or a career is progressing satisfactorily then they can begin to join in more. The intermingling of Guide and Scout ideas and opinions which take place at such gatherings is also to be encouraged.

The ready made group of friends that a Unit provides is of par-

ticular value to some people. We know of one ex-Ranger with a young child who, after three years of an unhappy marriage and a difficult divorce found herself at a low point in her life. By chance she discovered a *LINK* Unit and

the cheerful companionship it provided has helped her through a very difficult time.

To sum up, a *LINK* Unit helps people make friends and keep in touch with the Movement. That's what it's all about.

Below, an occasional, relaxed meal at someone's home makes a welcome change from the more hectic LINK activities.



LINK-UPS



Left, handicapped members regularly attend LINK-UPS under canvas. Pictured here are some of Bramley Hill members and their helpers. Below, windsurfing at a LINK-UP.

The LINK-UP camps are held twice a year at Easter and August Bank holidays and play an important role in creating a LINK 'National identity'. At present groups are few and widely scattered yet the 'camaraderie' at these camps is a great experience with all members throwing themselves eagerly into the arranged activities.

Each camp is hosted by a different LINK, regular attenders having enjoyed the recent camps in Pembrokeshire, the Peak District, Dorset Coast, while Oakwood LINK in North London ran the last LINK-UP. At Easter their events included canoeing, rambling, dry-slope ski-ing, windsurfing, pony trekking and archery plus visits to Hatfield House, a wave pool and a central London Tour and not forgetting the usual camp antics such as three-legged football, welly-wizzing, boiled egg throwing and a barbecue.

If you think LINK might be a good idea then why not come to a LINK-UP and find out for sure. You don't have to be a member before coming. In fact a group from Hull who were considering starting a Unit came to see whether they would enjoy LINK activities at Easter. They now can't wait to be registered! Get in touch with the LINK office (send an SAE) and details of the next LINK-UP will be sent.





Link and the Handicapped

Right, one of our wheelchaired members chats with one of our pushchaired members during a woodland walk.

'Ever heard of the LINK, Tom?'

'Course I have, Wilf, it's the connection between us and the monkeys.'

'Not exactly Tom. LINK is . . .'

Thus was my introduction to the LINK International Fellowship. Wilf Ward started the Bramley Hill LINK back in the summer of 1978 after meeting some people from the New Forest LINK while camping at Foxlease.

The original aim of the LINK was to be a handicapped LINK but due to practical reasons able-bodied help was necessary. Therefore, 'our LINK' is run on PHAB lines, (physically handicapped — PH and able bodied — AB people).

We meet as a group as often as possible, at present this is once a fortnight. Our short meetings on these evenings consist of discussions due to time factors. Our other activities take place whenever possible, usually at weekends. Since the formation of the Bramley Hill LINK many of our members go to the twice yearly LINK-UPS plus functions with other LINK groups.

Can the handicapped person benefit and participate to the extent of an able bodied person? This is a question which is regularly asked and of course the answer is a definite yes! Handicapped people do not lack anything, in fact some of them have talents and abilities which make able bodied people seem handicapped themselves. Remember that many PH's attempts to take part in activities are defeated by AB's who think that PH participation is impossible without really giving the situation careful consideration. Wilf for instance has been on row boats, punts, aircraft, cable cars, clifftop rambles and even chairlifts with a certain amount of help. At this stage I point out that most of the PH's in our LINK are confined to wheelchairs. At present we are not catering for mentally handicapped people.



Through LINK the handicapped can organise themselves into a group to participate in activities which interest them. In the Bramley Hill LINK the PH's outnumber the AB's. The committee is run by Wilf who is literally in the chair. The AB involvement is necessary for aspects such as transport. There again I'm sure that if it came to the crunch Wilf and Co. would manage.

If you have managed to read this far well done! What more can I say; yes we do take part in sponsored events such as walks, yes we do visit places such as the Mayoral Chambers and other local attractions, yes we do have film/slide shows etc, and yes of course we enjoy ourselves in everything we do

or attempt to do, after all we are only human much the same as you!

Any handicapped Rangers, ex-Guides, or ex-Scouts (of the 18 plus age group) reading this and thinking LINK may suit them, there is only one way to find out — *join your local LINK*, or if there isn't one nearby, the *LONE LINK* Unit, via the LINK office. Or why not try to start your own group. It can be done!

Tom, Bramley Hill LINK

One LINK spent some time renovating an old invalid carriage. This was then given to a handicapped home for 16-year-olds to practise on around the grounds.



Link - What's in it for you



Commissioners: Guiding in your area will certainly benefit in the long term if you have a *LINK* Unit. Why not get together with your local Trefoil Chairman and appoint a *LINK* Adviser? *LINK* has no desire to tread on anyone's toes so please do consult with your Scout opposite number and keep him informed. His support, while not essential, would be invaluable if you can get it.

You may think that because there is no *LINK* Unit in your area you do not need a *LINK* Adviser. We would suggest that the opposite is true — it's because you don't have a Unit that you need an Adviser. It's not a very difficult job but the person concerned could, by a word in the right place, start something good.

You may find that a group already exists on an informal basis which would have the benefit of official recognition and insurance cover if it became a *LINK* Unit.

An information pack has been sent to each county and if you need more the *LINK* secretary will be glad to send them.

Trefoil: *LINK* was started as part of the efforts to increase the appeal of Trefoil membership to younger people. Already there has been some success and in the under thirty age range the Trefoil (through its *LINK* members) has nearly trebled. Trefoil members have vast experience and often have more time than *LINK* members. May we ask for your help. Perhaps you could put on some sort of get together — say a wine and cheese party — invite everyone who might be interested and see if you can get a *LINK* Unit started. If you would like a speaker or a slide show please write to the *LINK* office. We will be glad to oblige.

Ranger Leaders: You all know them; that group of Rangers who have grown out of the Unit but still keep coming. You want to encourage younger people to take on responsibility but you can't because the older ones tend to dominate the meetings. That group, and their boyfriends, or a similar over-age group from a nearby Venture Scout Unit are the nucleus of a potential *LINK* Unit. It will help you and them if you encourage them in that direction.

Rangers: Going away to college? Starting a new job? Steady boyfriend? Young family? All these things and many more can cause you to grow out of the Ranger Unit, and prevent you from making regular commitments that warranted Leadership requires. A *LINK* Unit offers a very flexible programme and needs no regular commitment. You can continue to enjoy activities you have tried in the past and put something back as well when you are able.

If there is not enough support to start a Unit locally then why not join the *LONE LINK* Unit. Details are available from the National *LINK* secretary.

Brownie/Guide Leaders: If there is a *LINK* Unit in your area it can help a lot — especially with one-off activities such as judging on Sports Days, Patrol competitions, Brownie Revels, rope bridges etc. *LINK* members are active and willing and given enough notice will help

with almost anything. Why not leave the next Brownie Christmas party to the *LINK* Unit and put your feet up for a well earned rest? You will also find that they have considerable expertise in many areas and could perhaps help as badge instructors and testers. In addition you may yourselves wish to join to meet other people and enjoy the social side — some Units have a majority of members with warrants.

To Sum Up: We think *LINK* is a great idea and we hope that having had a taste from this article you do too. The difficulty is getting the message through to potential members, and here *GUIDER* has been very helpful. We are very grateful to the staff for their coverage. You, the reader can also help *LINK* to expand by cutting out the poster on the next page, which if pinned up in every Headquarters would help us enormously to get the message across. That could lead to your District acquiring a number of adult helpers through the birth of another *LINK* group.

Bristol LINK and the Trefoil Guild held a very successful Mexican evening together.



OVER 18?

WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH?



THEN **LINK** IS FOR YOU!

We're non-uniformed but have the aims and standards of the Guide and Scout Movements.

If you recognise these aims and want:-

ADVENTURE - TRAINING - FUN - FRIENDSHIP

then **LINK** is for YOU!



If you want to meet people from all over the country, with similar interests,

then **LINK** is for YOU!

If you're not able to take the plunge and be a leader; but do want to offer help of some kind to Guides and Scouts, then

LINK is for YOU!

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CONTACT:

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LINK

International Fellowship

Philip Gwyther
Pembroke LINK

LINK— at Glenbrook

Right, caving party wet, cold, extremely muddy but elated after emerging from two hours of underground torture. Below, abseiling on a grit-stone edge.

The first specially arranged National training weekend for LINK members was held at the Glenbrook Centre in Derby this spring. There was some typical Peak district weather, with bright sunshine interspersed with heavy rain and snow showers, but all the thirty members took that in their stride as they and their instructors took part in climbing, caving, hillwalking and canoeing. With the cold wind blowing, one of the warmest activities initially was the caving, but after crossing a freezing underground stream this soon altered, and after returning to the surface there was a hurried change into dry clothing in the middle of a sudden snow-storm. Each group returned that evening with stories to tell — the canoeists of walking around a circle of canoes in mid-river, the climbers of their latest V Dif route and the walkers of the gale force wind on the hilltops.

The occasional severe weather brought added emphasis to a film one evening on hypothermia, and a talk by a leader of a local Mountain Rescue team proved fascinating as he explained the

tremendous amount of organisation that is needed to carry out a search and rescue operation. He confided that Scouts and Guides often needed their help on the hills, but his message was: carry on with the adventurous activities but be well trained and equipped first!

All too soon the weekend finished and visitors from Dorset, New Forest, Oakwood, Hull, Bristol, Bramley Hill and Pembroke were sad to leave the lovely country house of Glenbrook.

Many thanks are due to local LINK

group Linnet for their arrangements and excellent catering, and also to Miss Betty Carradus, Guider-in-Charge at Glenbrook, who enabled the weekend to run smoothly and loaned out much equipment. She did well to find boots and helmets to fit some of the more burly men in the LINKS, considering that she normally has to cope with Rangers.

All in all, it was a great weekend. We learnt a great deal and had a lot of fun as well. We must do it again sometime.



A Day To Remember

Every year, on the Tuesday of Ascot Week, a party of about twenty-five Rangers and Guiders travel by minibus and cars to Dukes Lane, Windsor Great Park, to watch 'The Change', where the Royal Family change from their cars to drive to Ascot in the open carriages. We arrive early to choose the best spot — years of experience help us decide on the exact place, half a dozen paces from the spot where the Queen gets down from her car. Having established the wheel chair members in front, then those who cannot stand in garden chairs, and the rest of us behind them, we have our picnic. All around us are folk picnicking, many with champagne in silver goblets, lace table cloths, salmon salad, strawberries, etc., while we eat our sandwiches with cider and coke!

This year, Susan Watson, who is a spastic hemiplegic, had made a lovely spray of pink silk roses at her work centre. She brought them with her, hoping they could be given to the Queen by the friendly policeman who we knew from previous visits. He was as friendly and helpful as always, but not sure if it could be done. He promised to ask the equerry when he arrived. The coaches arrived, then a great thrill, Princess Diana drove through, looking really beautiful in deep pink. She smiled and waved. Then the equerry arrived and the policeman told him about the roses. He looked at them and us and walked away as the royal cars approached. Suddenly he came back and said, 'Can you walk out?' Susie shook her head and he said, 'Push the chair forward. Follow me — quickly, quickly!' Of course, the front wheels stuck in the grass, but with a super effort I pushed Susie after him, just as the Queen got out of her car. He said something to her and she came forward and put her hand on the wheel chair arm. Susie said, 'Please accept these flowers on behalf of the Bramley Hill Rangers. I made them for you.' The Queen said 'Aren't they lovely!' The Queen Mother came up and said 'Aren't they pretty! Are they real?' I



Above, Mrs Susan Watson (in the wheelchair) presenting a spray of silk roses which she had made to Her Majesty The Queen. Photo: Dorothy Hadingham.

said 'Susie made them for you.' The Queen said 'Are you all here?' (So in our Ranger uniforms we must have been noticed in previous years). I said 'A group of us are here as always', and the Queen said 'I will give you a special wave as I pass.' As I pulled the chair back to our place I realised all the folk nearby were clapping. Susie heard the Queen say to the equerry who put a hand out to take the flowers, 'No, I will take them into the carriage.' We got back to our place as the carriage started to move forward. We got our special wave and a lovely smile. We had eyes only for the Queen and Queen Mother. For once, I did not see anyone else, not even Prince Charles!

As soon as the last carriage passed, about thirty to thirty-five people rushed up to Susie to ask 'What did she say?' Everyone was so helpful and happy for Susie and complete strangers helped us repack the minibus and cars and even offered to send us photographs of the occasion. Truly a day to remember, always.

Dorothy Hadingham

The following telegram was received at CHQ in reply to the one sent to their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales on the birth of their son Prince William.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES HAVE ASKED ME TO SEND YOU
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE 'WE WERE BOTH MOST TOUCHED BY YOUR
VERY KIND MESSAGE ON THE BIRTH OF OUR SON. WE HAVE BEEN
OVERWHELMED BY THE REACTION TO THIS EXCITING EVENT AND SEND
YOU OUR WARMEST THANKS AND BEST WISHES'
PRIVATE SECRETARY

..... 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

SO OFTEN when the eight point 'Exploring the Arts' comes to mind the girls think only of craft and possibly acting. The first of October's *TODAY'S GUIDE* centre pages offers quick suggestions of things to do, all illustrating different aspects of Exploring the Arts. Perhaps you could start this off with a Unit game where each Patrol does a rubbing of something in or near the meeting hall and then hands it to another Patrol who has to discover where it came from. Once the girls' interest has been aroused in this way, they could be directed to this page and left to see what they can produce.

The centre pages describe how to make 'Bouncing Beatrice'. The girls will need to be encouraged to read the instructions very carefully beforehand — it's very easy to stick glue on the wrong side of a piece of felt and things are wasted very quickly. So they will need to be encouraged to slow down, think carefully, and take time and care over doing this so it does look a really smart, finished product. It will be easier to work if there is a table to put everything on — and it will need covering so that glue doesn't get all over it. Hands will need to be washed before beginning — and when the girls are working out how long the craft is going to take to complete they often under-estimate this and will need help to be realistic. They will need to allow plenty of time for clearing away and sweeping the bits up.

Beatrice probably should be done over a two-week period and this should be encouraged. Rushing through things means that the job won't be done properly and a ping pong ball which hasn't dried completely will be picked up and used! If there is nowhere to store the bits safely, girls will need to take them home and be sure to be able to get in touch with one another if someone who has vital bits is unable to come the following week. Perhaps this is an occasion when a Mum could be asked

to come in to help, even if it's only for half an hour. Every unit must have one willing Mum — but it is up to us to ask. Once the Mum has agreed we will need to say a few words about not actually doing the craft for the girls. Rather we would like her to sit and make helpful comments like: 'Have you ever thought of trying it this way . . . ' . . . or, 'Ann's seems to be well balanced because she did measure the pipe cleaner before cutting it . . . Perhaps rather than being tempted to show the girls how to do something on their own Beatrice, and then doing it for them, our Mum could show them on her own — the one that she makes the same time as they do.

You will need to have several suggestions up your sleeve as to how Beatrice can be used once she is finished — the Guides may have some ideas — but so often craft things are made simply as an end in themselves — and that's it — so encourage them to put them to a further use. They may well need to be convinced of its use before making it.

The fourth page encourages a look at certain paintings. Children are never too young to be shown how to look at paintings, to ask questions about them and to try to form an opinion of them. The more we encourage the more interested they will become in the 'true arts'. So much of this comes merely by encouraging observation. Once a Patrol has tried to answer the questions, do encourage the Patrol that is interested to see how they can go about looking at the real thing — or encourage them to write to the relevant galleries to buy postcards of the paintings. Most galleries do have children's services and often arrange quizzes during school holidays. What is available in your area that you could encourage the Patrol who has enjoyed doing this page in *TODAY'S GUIDE* to do next? Advance details of these events appear in *TODAY'S GUIDE* whenever possible. **Editor.**

BROWNIE Review — October — Hallowe'en

Brownies who take *THE BROWNIE* magazine on a regular basis will find that each week of the month of October builds towards the theme of Hallowe'en. A story titled Jack o'Lantern starts on 6th October and is serialised in four parts. A cover game in two parts starts on the 20th of the month called 'Witch Way Home', and don't forget to order the 27th issue as well. We have a super centre spread — 'Quick things to make and do for Hallowe'en', together with a journey challenge linked to the same theme. There will be lots of new recipes to try throughout the month in the cookery card series and a special Hallowe'en pic-

ture to paint. Besides all the activities mentioned above there is a special Out-of-doors centre spread on the nature side of things called 'Leaves and seeds'. This will help the Brownies to find out which tree, leaf and seed all belong together. They can learn how to Make a Map of their district by following the easy illustrated chart in the 13th October issue. Brownies who are looking for different ideas to lend a hand will find the Good Turn chart beautifully illustrated into a typical village and all the good turns that could be done there. A super idea for any new Brownies to do at a Pack meeting.

Brownies who are keen on gardening can have a go at 'Tidying the Garden' (as part of the Help at

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Census Of Membership 1982 — Grand Total 868,909

Country/Regions Totals — Uniformed Sections

	1982	+ or — on 1981 figures
North West England	104,852	— 1,930
North East England	97,974	— 1,978
Midlands	115,474	— 1,295
Anglia	112,535	— 2,379
South West England	112,538	— 2,070
London & South East England	129,094	— 4,253
Scotland	120,542	— 4,159
Ulster	103,542	— 363
Wales	14,938	— 378
British Guides in Foreign Countries	35,907	— 205
Unattached Commissioners and Secretaries	6,380	— 8
	<u>60</u>	<u>— 19,018</u>
	833,294	

Non-Uniformed Sections

Trefoil Guild	19,319	+ 289
Link	218	+ 31
Unit Helpers	<u>16,078</u>	<u>+ 328</u>
	35,615	+ 648

Grand Total 868,909

Overall Decrease 18,370

Uniformed Sections and Age Group Totals

Brownies	Total	+ or — on 1981 figures	Guides	Total	+ or — on 1981 figures
7 years old	100,312	+ 261	10 years old	58,663	— 2,715
8 years old	130,541	— 4,630	11 years old	89,289	— 774
9 years old	128,861	— 4,283	12 years old	72,477	— 3,656
10 years old	<u>59,201</u>	<u>+ 211</u>	13 years old	50,799	— 2,908
	418,916	— 8,441	14 years old	28,182	— 1,256
			15 years old	<u>11,385</u>	<u>— 181</u>

310,795 — 11,490

Rangers	Total	+ or — on 1981 figures	Y. Leaders	Total	+ or — on 1981 figures
14 years old	2,715	— 200	16 years old	3,127	+ 103
15 years old	4,781	— 277	17 years old	2,658	+ 210
16 years old	5,412	— 481	18 years old	<u>689</u>	<u>+ 47</u>
17 years old	3,985	+ 73		6,474	+ 360
18 years old	<u>2,296</u>	<u>+ 58</u>			
	19,189	— 827			

Total involved in Young Leader's Scheme

Young Leaders	Total	+ or — on 1981 figures
Young Leaders who are also Rangers	6,474	+ 360
	<u>2,705</u>	<u>+ 107</u>

Total

9,179 + 467

Guiders

Guide Club Members

Guiders (Unit)

Secretaries

District Assistants

Commissioners

Total

Total	+ or — on 1981 figures
264	+ 7
63,694	+ 976
6,651	+ 266
2,083	+ 43
<u>5,228</u>	<u>+ 88</u>
77,920	+ 1,380

◁ Census Questions

Year after year our Census of Membership has shown steady increases in all Sections — but the Census figures for 1982 show a decrease in numbers throughout the United Kingdom, in all Countries and Regions and in the British Guides in Foreign Countries. Do these figures reflect the National decrease in population with fewer children in the school age groups? Yes, numbers in all school age groups are down but it is cheering to find that the percentage of Brownies to the population in all the 7-10 age groups is higher than it has ever been.

But this is not so for the Guide and Ranger age groups, where there is a large decrease in numbers and drop in percentage of the population to 2% in the Ranger Section.

Why is this:

- 1) Is it because of pressure of work at this age?
- 2) Are there so many other attractions for teenagers?

- 3) Are we meeting the needs of today's 11-16 year olds?
- 4) Do we provide the right Programme?
- 5) Are we preparing Brownies to go up into Guides?
- 6) Do we prepare Guides to go on to Rangers?
- 7) Do Guides and Rangers have fun?
- 8) Is our Training for Guiders adequate?
- 9) Do Guiders get all the help they require?
- 10) Do we make use of outside Resources and Technology?

What are *you* going to do about the decrease in numbers?

From the increase in the numbers of girls involved in the Young Leader's Scheme it appears that we are meeting the needs of this age group and that the girls enjoy the opportunity and challenge of Leadership.

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Home challenge) and follow all the instructions and ideas given in the chart.

Terry Mills in his Pets' Corner gives advice this month on how to hold them the correct way.

Badges in this month's issues are as follows: Music Lover clause 1 starts on the 20th October and Safety in the Home continues. Ventures appropriate to this time of the year appear in 13th October issue and we hope the Brownies have found these Venture charts useful in giving them some new ideas. Articles on Almost a Guide, Pack Leader, together with puzzles, painting competitions and games certainly give Brownies something to smile about.

'Ghost from Yonder hill top', by K Moore, and 'Witches', by Doug Millband.

When mentioning Books everyone thinks of reading in general, but besides the stories already mentioned above there are still plenty of things connected to this theme. For instance we have Book Reviews which tell you all about the latest books published, their price and a general opinion about whether they can be recommended or not. In the Patrol Purpose Plan the Guides can learn how to make Spatter Print book covers for protecting new books or giving old books a new lease of life. (How about the books in the Guide cupboard?) The Nature Notebook by Alan Major. You can collect these nature articles and turn them into a really super nature reference book. The topic this month is about birds that are known as winter visitors to Britain, such as the redwing and bramblings.

Badges this month include the first clause of Entertainer (ideal to start now for your Christmas entertainment), the second part of Knitter, also clause 6 of Firefighter. As usual we have the popular Patrol Leaders' pages, the DIY scheme page 196 of your handbook, clause 2. 'Know your neighbourhood well and answer questions from your Patrol.' 'Growing up is fun' helps you with deciding on your autumn wardrobe, with up-to-date and sensible fashion ideas from British Home Stores. Also it mentions the latest in Bath Products. Don't worry, there is still plenty of room for all the regular favourites the Guides enjoy, such as puzzles, letters, Guides in action and Star Scene.

October Review — Hallowe'en and Books

This month the *TODAY'S GUIDE* magazine has plenty to offer in the way of articles and features on the two main themes, Hallowe'en and Books. For your Hallowe'en activities and fun we have some special recipes, a double spread feature on Ghoulies, Ghosts, Witches and Warlocks and an added bonus of two appropriate stories, titled

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Keeping a Record

Below, some practical advice from our Legal Consultant at CHQ, on the subject of keeping a record of important events, discussions and transactions. A few minutes set aside for making and keeping records in such circumstances can save you a lot of time and frustration in the future.

WHEN difficulties arise it is always useful and sometimes invaluable to have an accurate record of what has happened. People's memories are often unreliable, particularly a long time after an event. Such records can often be very important evidence in legal proceedings, but their value is less if they are made some time after. The value of a written record has long been recognised: policemen always carry a notebook but courts are very anxious to know just how soon after an event recorded in that book the notes were made: in factories, accident books are kept in which a record of any serious accident has to be entered; there again, the record has to be made as soon as possible after the accident has occurred.

Guiders should also try and keep a record of anything that happens which could be the basis of a subsequent dispute or argument. This may seem a tedious thing to do at the time, but it can save a great deal of trouble. Guiders should try to keep copies of all important letters, records of all important events and have proof of posting where, for example, a very important letter or parcel is sent.

If some accident occurs which you think may result in an insurance claim or some action being taken against you (or anyone in your charge), sit down quietly as soon as you have the chance, and write out a short

account of what happened, what was said — indeed a note of all the circumstances. Sign the note, date it, and keep it carefully.

If you have an important discussion with somebody, and particularly if this discussion ends with your agreeing to do something in the future, try and make a similar kind of note. If the agreement is one that involves you and the other person both doing something, then it is often helpful to have a note which the other person sees and agrees with. This can be achieved by writing a letter to the other person which sets out what you understood was agreed: if they understand something different, they can let you know straight away. In that way future misunderstandings are avoided.

Letters and notes of this kind can be very helpful to your successor — or the successor to the person with whom you have discussed something. You yourself may at some time have wished that your predecessor made a note of what happened some years ago in your Company!

Notes or letters of this kind are of great help to everybody. They are very useful even if there is no argument. You may agree to allow a playgroup to store equipment in one part, but not another part of your Headquarters: you may have got agreement to use a private field one evening a month: another local organisation may allow you to park a car on

their land in return for being allowed to store equipment in your shed: years pass, the people involved change and then no one is sure what has been agreed. There may be no quarrel, but confusion and uncertainty about rights and obligations. It is so much easier if the original agreement is recorded in some document.

Sometimes you will be asked to sign a document. That may be a contract for the hire of camp equipment or a minibus, it may be an application for some special permit, or an agreement to take goods on sale or return. Of course, before you sign it you must be careful to read and understand it and be sure that you are not signing away your rights: (that raises other problems which will be discussed in a future article). When you have signed the form, be sure to keep a copy. Very often such forms are sent to you in duplicate and one copy is for you to retain. However, if there is no copy for you to keep, it is a wise precaution to use a copying machine and make your own copy for file. Always do that, however, *after* you have filled in the form, so that you have a copy of what you have said (and on what date), as well as what the form itself contained. If you type a letter, make a carbon copy: if you write a letter, make a copy on a copying machine. It is not an extravagance to make the occasional copy of a document which could

save you a lot of trouble in the future.

Finally, try to keep a record of important things you post. Of course, if you send a valuable postal packet you can register it, or you can send a letter by recorded delivery. Both these procedures cost money. For no cost, however, you can obtain from any post office a 'Certificate of Posting' (some of these forms have a space which suggests you have to put a penny stamp on them, but this is no longer the case). A Certificate of Posting can be valuable evidence; for example you may return goods to a mail order firm; the parcel does not arrive: they insist on billing you for the goods. How can you prove you sent them back? A Certificate of Posting will go a long way towards showing that you have indeed returned the goods.

Of course, there is no point in carefully making notes, taking copies or filling in Certificates of Posting if you don't then keep these records carefully. They are very valuable papers and worth looking after.

All this may seem very elementary common-sense, but it is surprising how often difficulties do arise because someone has not taken the trouble to make a short note, or keep a copy of something when they should have done. If you do then you will not only be helping others, but you will also be helping yourself.

R E Maddison

I Prefer Beds

To sleep beneath the fretted firmament sounds very well; to awaken with slumberous eyes and gaze upon green meadows; to breathe the deep freshness of the earth — such thoughts seduce the senses, yet I always thought Eliot got it right: 'Between the Idea and the Reality Falls the Shadow!' This, to my way of thinking, puts into a nutshell the idea of Camping and the reality of such a foolishness.

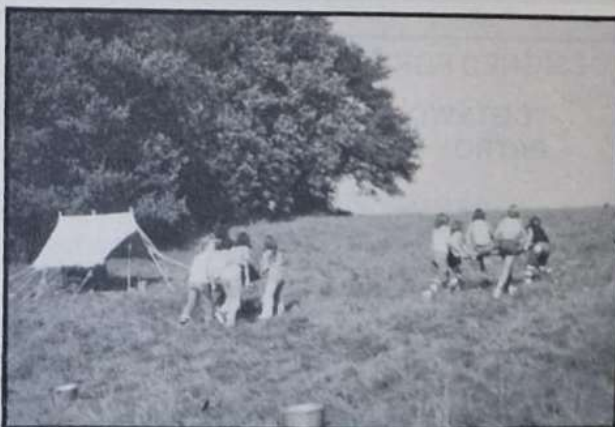
Be that as it may, I was heard to remark that perhaps it was time I visited a Camp. With a swiftness that can seldom have been matched I found myself listening with bowed head to directions as to how to find Cudham. They were alarmingly clear (both the Guiders and the directions), and a map was produced also — such clarity and precision would brook no plea of misdirection. The die was cast.

Nothing prepared me for that first sight of Cudham. The long grass, the friendly steep, the glorious tapestry of trees — Cudham is all this and more. The visit had begun.

The tents looked remarkably vulnerable to my untutored eyes, the more so seeing that foxes also enjoy the facilities at Cudham. But foxes, I was informed, are not a threat to human kind, only to chickens — a vastly reassuring thought. For myself, I would place no dependence on a fox's nice sense of distinction in the middle of the night, but thoughts of such a disquieting nature I kept to myself. Long, long before I had mastered the clove hitch it was time for lunch — and what a lunch. How anyone can cook for so many with such success remains a mystery to me — and to be honest I am content that it should! During rest hour I found I was too interested in learning about camp life to attend to the crossword I had brought with me, and I therefore badgered my hosts unmercifully for information. A tour of Cudham followed next, and left me wondering why the site is so woefully under-camped. Back to our Camp (the sense of belonging was creeping over me) it was time for a Game, then supper, and finally the Camp Fire. Never having been to one before I was not sure what to expect, but the prospect of sitting on the ground singing in the approaching

midge-infested twilight did not appeal enormously. I should have known by then not to condemn what I had not actually experienced. I suspect I enjoyed myself more than the Guides, and to me the songs were unfamiliar.

I have written very little of the Guides or the Guiders. That the former were enjoying the very best that Guiding has to offer was apparent — of the latter, I can only say that my admiration of them goes very deep. At long last, thanks to Mo and her team of adults, I have a distant yet distinct glimmering as to the purpose of Guiding. I felt something essentially good had permeated that camp, and was quietly working its way into the hearts of those children. It must have been long at work on Mo and her team, for the friendship, care and consideration they extended each to each, to the children, and to myself were out of the ordinary. This was not, as Mo insisted it was, an ordinary camp. This was in truth extraordinary. I see why Guiders are prepared to undertake the hard, hard work of preparation for camp. I see the very real rewards mirrored in a dozen faces. I see too something that was beyond my understanding now suddenly hover upon the edge of comprehensibility. A deep thank you to Mo, and as deep a one again to Betty Baker, who bravely took me at my word that day in the CHQ Restaurant.



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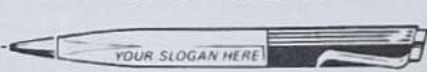
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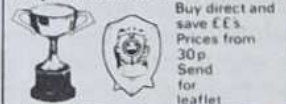
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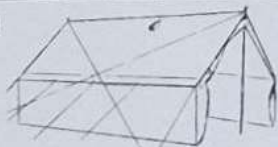
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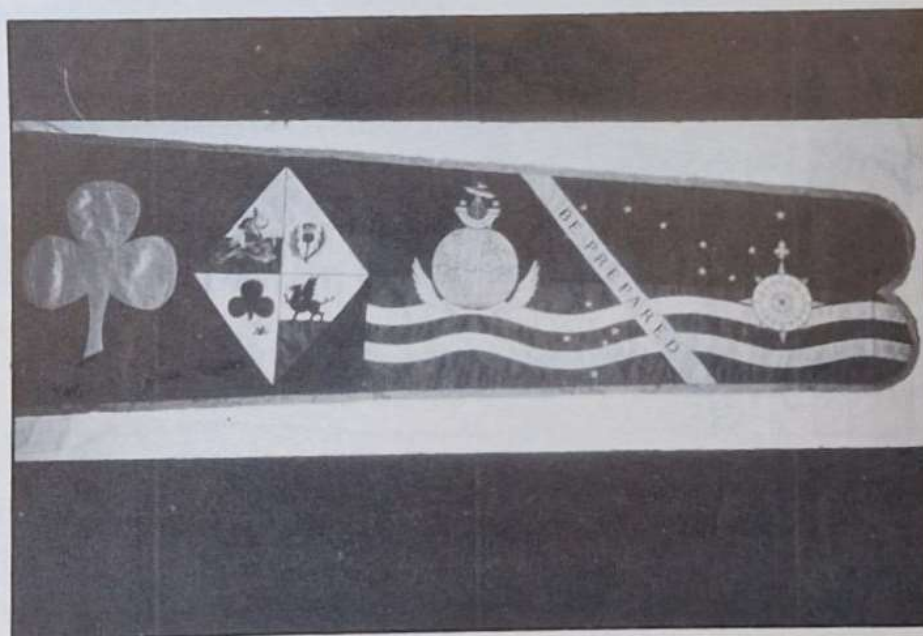
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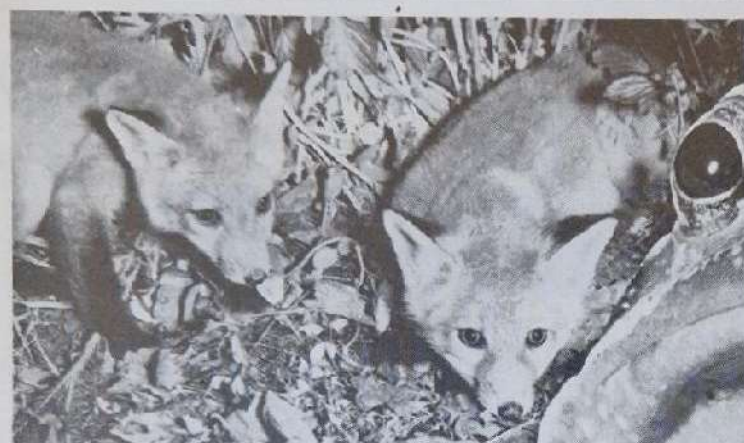
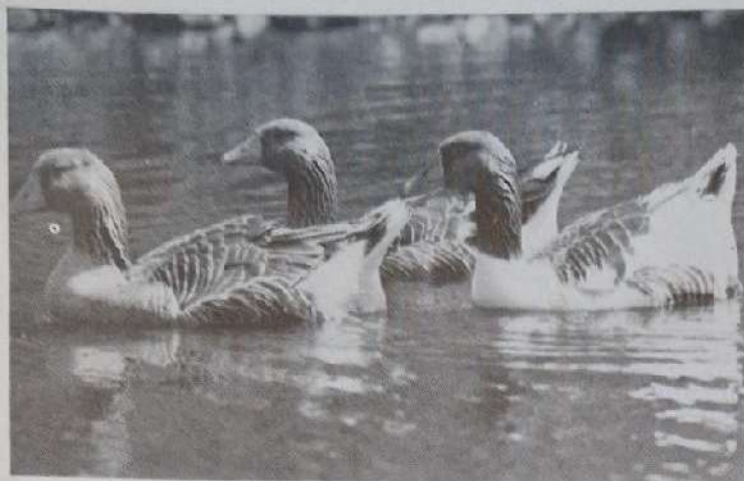
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The Chief Commissioner's Standard was a Golden Jubilee gift from the countries of the United Kingdom to the Chief Commissioner and the Commonwealth. It was made professionally and presented at the Commonwealth Chief Commissioners' Conference at Foxlease in 1960 to the then Chief Commissioner Miss Anstice Gibbs, CBE. The Standard was dedicated by the vicar of Brockenhurst.



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 - ii White a thistle proper (depicted in its natural colours) for Scotland
 - iii White on a trefoil Azure the Red Hand of Ulster for Ulster
 - iv Per fess white and vert the Red Dragon of WalesThis lozenge for the countries who had given the Standard.
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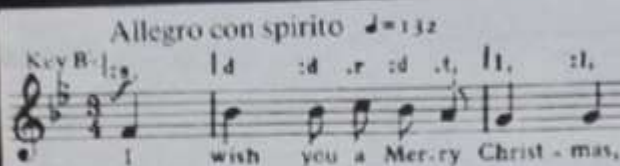
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Meritorious Conduct Star Of Merit

Claudia Collings, Guide, aged 12, 2nd High Barnet, Middlesex East

Nobody was sure at first whether Claudia would be able to join in the life of a Guide Unit, but she has succeeded in doing so and in the process has shown tremendous courage and keenness, partaking in a remarkable variety of activities. She has cheerfully faced up to painful hospital treatment and has gained the respect and affection of Guiders and Guides alike.

Leanda Cooper, Guide, aged 11½, 1st Brigstock, Northamptonshire

Leanda has coped with a variety of handicaps and setbacks in a characteristically brave and determined way. In spite of frequent spells in hospital she has attended Brownies and Guides whenever possible, always proving to be an asset with her cheerful and positive attitude. As a Brownie she gained a number of Interest Badges, and since becoming a Guide has achieved her first 8-point Badge and her Collector Badge. Despite being confined to a wheelchair she has joined in every possible activity, including Church Parades and the District entertainment.

Ishbel Davidson, Guide, aged 13, 2nd Alness, Rosshire

Ishbel, who was a Brownie and is now a Guide, has shown great courage and determination. Despite many spells in hospital she has

remained cheerful and uncomplaining. Ishbel has worked hard to gain her Agility, Cook's, Hostess and Writer's Badges. She is always sympathetic and caring towards others and shows the true Guide spirit at all times.

Mary Theresa Hardiman, Brownie Guide, aged 10, 134th Birmingham

Mary is an active and cheerful member of her Pack, who faces up to life with great courage and determination. She joins in as much as possible with the help of her artificial limbs, and has represented her Pack in swimming galas. She has gained a number of Badges, using her teeth to write and sew. At the same time she is always ready to help those she considers to be less fortunate than herself.

Marie Harrison, Brownie Guide, aged 10½, 17th Crosby (St Frideswyde's), Sefton

In spite of great physical handicaps necessitating frequent spells in hospital, Marie has entered into the life of her Brownie Pack, becoming a Sixer and gaining a number of Badges including Dancer, for wheelchair dancing. The standard of her Badge work is always high and she is invariably cheerful and uncomplaining despite whatever pain she has to undergo.

Patricia Kearney, Brownie Guide, aged 10, 4th Kingsbury, Middlesex East

Patricia has never allowed her disability to dominate her life and she has faced up to all the treatment it has involved with courage and good humour. She always makes a contribution to every situation she finds herself in, and although confined to a

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wheelchair she has joined in all Brownie activities, working for Badges even when in hospital.

Miss Jennifer Kay Wainman, Division Badge Secretary, Burnley, Lancashire East

Jennifer Wainman has given invaluable service to the Burnley Division in many ways. Her illness has done nothing to quench her enthusiasm for Guiding; she has continued to help at Summer camps and is currently doing sterling work as Badge Secretary. Her courage, cheerfulness and tenacity has aroused the admiration of all who know her.

Kim Walford, Brownie Guide, aged 9½, 4th Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire

Kim is a very brave Brownie, remaining cheerful while overcoming pain and discomfort. She is kind and considerate and always willing to help others. Kim is a much loved and respected member of her Pack.

Gallantry Gilt Cross

Julie Mannion, Guide, aged 15, 3rd Shipley, West Yorkshire North

Julie and her friend, Mark, rescued from drowning a boy who had fallen into a canal, when the ice cracked after he had crossed the frozen surface while playing. They tried to help him but were prevented from so doing by the ice cracking even further. Julie held on to her friend's ankles while he crawled out to reach the boy. After the rescue they wrapped him up in their coats and took him home.

Certificate Of Merit

Julie Cooper, Young Leader,

aged 16½, 87th Nottingham
Debbie Gordon, Young Leader, aged 16, 87th Nottingham

Letter Of Commendation

Joanne Egan, Guide, aged 11, 18th Birmingham (St Faith and St Laurence), Birmingham

Long Service

On the recommendation of The Awards Committee, The Executive Committee has agreed certain changes regarding recognition of long service. These changes are reflected in the amendment to POR published on page 25.

In essence, as from 1 September 1982, long service of both 15 years' and 25 years' duration, as defined in POR 19.B, may be indicated by the wearing of a Long Service Bar if the Guider concerned so wishes.

Thinking Day/Founder's Day Service 1983

The Service next year will be held on **Saturday 19 February** in **Westminster Abbey** and **St Margaret's Church, Westminster**. Admission will be by **ticket only**. Further details will be published in future editions of **GUIDER**, **TODAY'S GUIDE** and **THE BROWNIE**.

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- 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)

November

- 5-7 Hampshire North
- 12-14 Making the Most of the District
(District Commissioners with
up to seven of their Guiders)
- 19-21 South West England (by al-
location)
- 26-28 1. General Training
2. Training for Licence Holders

December

- 3-5 General Training (including
Music in the Pack and Com-
pany)
- 29-4 New Year Houseparty

January

Waddow

December

- 29-4 Come and Share (Music, Craft,
January Dance)

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October

- 1-3 Durham and South Tyne
- 8-10 Berkshire
- 15-17 Essex West
- 22-24 1. General Training
2. Training for Licence Holders
- 29-31 South Humberside

Waddow

November

- 5-7 Greater Manchester North
- 12-14 Warwickshire
- 19-21 Making the Most of the District
(District Commissioners with
up to seven of their Guiders)
- 26-28 West Lancashire

Lorne

December

- 3-5 International
- 10-12 Trainers
- 24-26 Christmas Holidays
- 31-2 New Year — Holidays

January

Glenbrook

October

- 15-17 Leadership in the Hills
(Advanced)

Glenbrook

November

- 5-7 1. Climbing
2. Caving

Lorne

October

- 1-3 South Antrim
- 8-10 East Belfast
- 15-17 South Belfast
- 29-31 Rangers and Young Leaders

Lorne

November

- 5-7 International
- 12-14 Brownie Guiders
- 19-21 North Belfast
- 26-28 County Fermanagh

Broneirion

October

- 1-3 General Training (places re-
served for West Glamorgan and
Merioneth)
- 8-10 Brownie and Guide Guiders (in-
cluding booking from Cam-
bridge East)
- 15-17 International training — by in-
vitation
- 22-24 Welsh Outdoor Activities Con-
ference
- 29-31 Clwyd Patrol Leaders

Broneirion

November

- 5-7 General Training (places
reserved for Clwyd and Pem-
brokeshire)
- 12-14 General Training (places re-
served for Cardiff and East
Glamorgan)
- 19-21 a. Welsh Trainers Conference
b. Leaders and Assistants for
international events (by in-
vitation)
- 26-28 Young Leaders

Broneirion

December

- 10-12 Christmas Arts

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.	

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SY17 5DE. Tel: Caersws 204

MARCH

Netherurd
Blyth Bridge, West Linton,
Peeblesshire. Tel: 096 88 208

Foxlease

January 1983

- 7-9 1. General Training
2. Ranger Guiders
- 14-16 Making the Most of the District
(District Commissioners with
up to seven of their Guiders)
- 21-23 Arts Training — (by allocation)
- 28-30 Advisers for the Handicapped
and Trainers (by allocation)

Foxlease

February 1983

- 4-6 South West England (by allocation)
- 11-13 Making the Most of the District
(District Commissioners with
up to seven of their Guiders)
- 25-27 1. New Guiders
2. Guiders with 3-5 years experience

Foxlease

March 1983

- 4-6 Partnership in Training (Commissioners and Trainers)
- 18-20 London North West
- 25-27 London and South East
England (by allocation)

Waddow

January 1983

- 7-9 General Training
- 14-16 North West England
- 21-23 Making the Most of the District
(District Commissioners with
up to seven of their Guiders)
- 28-30 Greater Manchester North

Waddow

February 1983

- 4-6 North West England
- 11-13 Lancashire East
- 25-27 Worcestershire

Waddow

March 1983

- 4-6 Loughborough Division
- 11-13 General Training
- 18-20 Cheshire Forest
- 25-27 Merseyside

Glenbrook

January 1983

- 21-23 Trainers and Instructors Weekend

Glenbrook

February 1983

- 18-20 International Weekend (a programme linked to Thinking Day)

Glenbrook

March 1983

- 18-20 Leadership in the Hills (Advanced)

Lorne

January 1983

- 7-9 International
- 14-16 New to the Job
- 21-23 South Down
- 28-30 Ranger Guiders and County
Young Leaders Advisers

Lorne

February 1983

- 4-6 North Down
- 11-13 Brownie Guiders
- 18-20 Armagh
- 25-27 Arts Weekend

Lorne

March 1983

- 4-6 Tyrone
- 11-13 West Belfast
- 18-20 Ulster Junior Council
- 25-27 South East Belfast

Bursary Help Available

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

The Fee Bursary entitles the Guider to £5.00 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 Region Weekends at the Training Centres or for courses at Glenbrook.

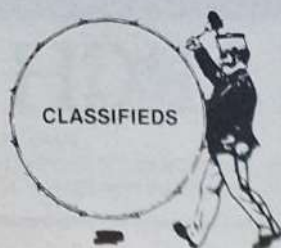
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The Outdoor Activities Bursary is worth up to £30.00 for Guiders attending training/assessment courses to achieve National qualifications. Applications to Country/Region Headquarters.

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 Leaders' 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 sessions for a group until Monday. Individuals able to stay over until Monday to enjoy the surrounding country and other amenities of the Centre are welcome to do so.



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COMING EVENTS

The Association of Methodist Scouters and Guiders are holding their 3rd Biennial National Scout/Guide camp at Walesby Scout Centre, Newark, Notts over Spring Bank Holiday 1983. Further details from Mrs Maunders, 7 Drake Avenue, Didcot OX11 0AD. Send S.A.E.

5th Christchurch Brownie Pack celebrate their 30th birthday in October. Ex-members interested contact Mrs Waller, 24 Walcott Avenue, Christchurch, Dorset. Tel: 0202-476469.

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'Our Chalet', for details of low cost inclusive arrangements to the International Guide Centre at Adelboden, contact the official agents, YHA Travel, 14 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HY. 01-836 8541.

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Thinking of camping afloat next year? Union Canal Carriers are arranging Saturday and Sunday open days during September and October. Come and look at the range of boats and join us in a trip up the locks through Braunston Tunnel and return. Phone Rugby 890784 or send the following details for a free invitation using freepost address below. Name: Address: Tel: Organisation: Date preferred: Union Canal Carriers Ltd., Dark Lane, Braunston, Daventry NN11 7HJ.

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To meet the demand... not for goods but for better information, you may like to know that the training dates and Programme Notes will be reverting to a diary form (starting in October) which will provide a diary of training dates at all the centres for six months — each month. In January, we will be occupying the Centre Pages, with the Calendar, Programme Notes, Training Information and Notes on Camps and Holidays. This is so that you will be able to pull-out the whole double sheet and keep it for reference if you wish. There was a lot wrong with the previous experiment and we hope that this new idea will suit you better. If you like it, let us know.

PROGRAMME NOTES

OCTOBER 1982 — MARCH 1983

Foxlease — Waddow — Glenbrook

General Training

Unless these weekends are marked especially for Guiders of one Section a General Training weekend is for both Brownie and Guide Guiders, new and experienced. The aim of the training is to give you practical help with running your Unit and carrying out the Programme for the Section with which you are working. Your application form invites you to list the things on which you would like help, so please make use of this opportunity and return the form quickly so that the trainers can include as many as possible of your requests when planning the programme.

Making the Most of the County

Foxlease 8th-10th October

As you will see from the Training Calendar this is a weekend for County Commissioners who are asked to bring with them two Division Commissioners each with two of their District Commissioners.

The weekend is planned to help Commissioners understand their responsibility for Guiding in the County, so see their own particular job in relation to the overall County team, and to appreciate the help and support they can give each other.

Leadership in the Hills

Glenbrook 15th-17th October and 18th-20th March

These weekends are for Guiders only and are linked to the Walking Safely Training Scheme. Please note that these weekends are for those who have reached Advanced Training.

Ranger Guiders

Foxlease 15th-17th October and 7th-9th January

These weekends offer Ranger Guiders an opportunity to train together as a separate group. In answer to requests for more such events, we are endeavouring to have two weekends a year, one at the beginning and one at the end of the year. We do hope that Ranger Guiders will come along (perhaps one or two from the same County?) so that the weekends are well supported and the training, therefore, more enjoyable for all.

Making the Most of the District

Foxlease 22nd-24th October, 12th-14th November, 14th-16th January, 11th-13th February
Waddow 19th-21st November and 21st-23rd January

These weekends are intended to help the District as a whole and aim to give each group a chance to work together, and discover the support members of a District can give each other in working as a team. For Guiders there is help in understanding the unity of the Programme across the Sections and other matters of common concern (the Promise, self-programming, working in groups) and time is set aside for points which relate particularly to the Commissioner's role, both as leader and representative of her District, and what training in the District involves.

Commissioners are invited to bring a group of Guiders of all levels of experience and all Sections. If your District has no Ranger Unit perhaps the Ranger Guider of the Unit which serves your District could be asked to join you?

Climbing and Caving

Glenbrook 5th-7th November

A weekend for Guiders and Rangers going up or going down! Just in case you feel like trying something else we are offering pony trekking as an optional activity.

General Training

(including Music in the Pack and Company)

Foxlease 3rd-5th December

The weekend for Music in the Pack and Company is for those interested in using music as part of their Unit programme.

This might prove an opportunity to learn music to use at your Thinking Day celebrations.

Trainers and Instructors Weekend

Glenbrook 21st-23rd January

All Trainers and Instructors who have already been to Glenbrook during the year are welcome to this weekend. In addition to providing a good opportunity to meet and talk, to discuss equipment, new techniques, the Programme etc. there will be opportunities to meet friends and take part in various activities.

Training for Trainers

Foxlease 26th-28th November
Waddow 22nd-24th October

These weekends are some of many opportunities which will be taking place in Counties and Regions for those trainers now wishing to renew their Training Licences at the end of three years. To supplement what is being done throughout the country we are also offering the hospitality of Foxlease and Waddow.

International Weekend

(a programme linked to Thinking Day)

Glenbrook 18th-20th February

Exploring different aspects of the International scene, to gain something for themselves as well as to get fresh ideas to pass to their Units. There will be opportunities to explore the district and join in various activities — depending on your energy and the weather.

New Guiders and Guiders with 3-5 years experience

Foxlease 25th-27th February

This weekend is for Brownie and Guide Guiders. We hope that by having gatherings of those 'new to the job' and others 'with experience' you may all be able to cover more ground than might otherwise be possible.

Some new members feel a bit anxious about attending a training where everyone else has had experience on the job; others may be new to the Movement and need help with unfamiliar terms, to say nothing of 'channels'.

Whether you are experienced or new, please list on your application form the things for which you most need help so that the trainers can plan your weekend to suit you.

Partnership in Training

(Commissioners and Trainers)

Foxlease 4th-6th March

Who helps a Guider gain the Adult Leader's Certificate? or a Pack Holiday Licence? who helps her make full use of the Handbooks? or plan a meeting — or chair a PL's Council? or use the local opportunities for service projects? or understand the group system or badge standards or what's meant by progress? or how to pay more than lip service to the Promise?

Many people do, and this weekend will be an opportunity for Commissioners and trainers to think about the overall job of helping Guiders to offer the best possible Guiding to girls in their Units, and to explore their own contribution to the training help needed for different purposes and at different stages.



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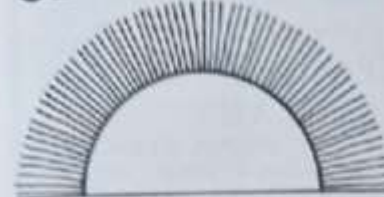
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Foxlease Annexe

Makes an ideal Centre for Rangers. Available Easter, Spring Holiday and periods in the summer. For details apply to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, enclosing a SAE.

Foxlease Camp-Sites

Applications for sites for 1983 should be addressed to The Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, SO4 7DE and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates and approximate numbers should be stated, and whether an equipped or unequipped site is required. Camps begin on any weekday. Some sites are suitable for the handicapped. A £1.00 deposit (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and a footscap SAE should be included. Applications will be accepted from the 1st October, 1982.

Waddow Cottage and Caravan

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

Waddow Camp-Sites

Applications for sites will be considered in the first week of January and should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates and approximate numbers should be stated, and whether an equipped site is required.

It is preferred that Camps begin on Saturday.

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

Brownsea Island

Eight sites are available for Guide and Scout Camps from Easter to 1st October and South Shore Lodge sleeping eighteen plus leaders. For details apply to Mrs D Press, Green Gables, 55 Forest View Drive, Staplehill, Wimborne, Dorset.

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays should be sent to the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guide's CA or Pack Holiday Adviser and a footscap SAE enclosed. The accommodation is suitable for handicapped members.

Glenbrook, near Sheffield

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

Glenbrook Camp-Sites

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Scotland

Netherurd

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Wales

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Broneirion, Camp-Site and Brownie House

Applications for Camp Site and Brownie House will be considered from 1st January 1983, and should be sent to: Miss P Lynch, 3c Penllyn Court, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 7BY, enclosing SAE.

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

Ulster

Note

Units wishing to book any of the facilities at the places listed below, and to include handicapped members in their party, are asked to give details when applying.

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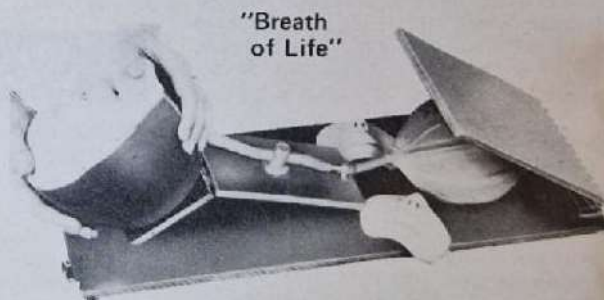
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The Eggs Authority has relaunched its information service under a new banner — the Eggs Information Bureau. The Bureau will continue the very successful work of the British Egg Information Service but its activities are being broadened and enhanced to provide an even more comprehensive service.

The Bureau will deal with all aspects of egg information, from media and general enquiries to more technical problems from the food trade and the egg industry. The service to women's interest media will be widened and the Bureau will regularly prepare articles and features on eggs and egg recipes for magazines, newspapers, television and radio.

The Eggs Information Bureau will continue to publish and promote a full range of literature including cookery books and recipe leaflets, many of these recipes being originated in its test kitchen. These will form the basis of egg presentations to women's groups throughout the United Kingdom. The Bureau's first publication is "Thank Goodness For Eggs — Any Time, Any Day Recipes".

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All Sized Up

Confusion over the size labelling of garments should soon be a thing of the past with the publication of three British Standards, which are based on an internationally accepted method of size designation. The standards cover men's, women's and children's wear, and introduce the use of pictograms rather than words to indicate garment size. Both retailers and consumers are sure to benefit from this simplified international approach to size labelling.

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Take Care

Swimmers are taking to the water in the sunny weather, thinking they are competent because of rows of certificates on the wall. What these certificates do not tell them is that the water outside the covered pool is deeper, faster, colder and likely to be fatal. And so it is the swimmers who drown, through an over confidence in their own abilities. Tom Sanders, Water Safety Adviser for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said 'It is tragic that in the last hot spell so many people drowned, and most of them were swimmers.'

'Almost everybody learns to swim in the relative safety of an indoor pool. However, almost all drownings occur in open water, in the cold, unknown conditions of rivers, lakes, canals and the coast.'

'Estimations of swimming ability are usually founded in the warm and calm waters of swimming pools. Such ability has little relevance in open water, indeed the shock of sudden immersion into cold water may be so traumatic that even a competent 'indoor' swimmer may be profoundly shocked and weakened — and having surfaced, only be able to struggle a few yards,' said Mr Sanders.

'Swimming tuition, through much publicised "Learn to Swim" programmes, has often been promoted on the strength of the "survival" advantage of being able to swim. Such a philosophy has been the traditional message of organisations who vigorously promote incentive schemes with much financial benefit. These schemes, traditional yardsticks of swimming ability, include an ever increasing number of 'awards' which are recognised by a badge or certificate, or both.'

'Although such awards may indicate achievement indoors, they do not indicate limitations outdoors. Such incomplete information may well give children and their parents an unrealistic idea of swimming ability, especially in open water.'

'RoSPA believes it is important that certificates should carry a warning about the limited abilities of the holder. They should not become certificates to drown. Parents should also be aware that their children's prowess is only valid in an indoor heated pool.'

Knowledge of this important point should save lives the next time the sun tempts swimmers into the unknown.

HOME & AWAY

Spur-of-the-Moment Holidays

The Youth Hostels Association has introduced a scheme which means no more queuing all afternoon for a bed if you have not booked in advance. You can simply turn up at the hostel any time in the day and consult a special notice board. This will have empty 'male' and 'female' envelopes according to the number of vacancies. Tuck your membership card into the right coloured envelope, pop it through the hostel letter box and your bed is booked. No need to return until 5 o'clock to claim it.

Where are the vacancies? Well, with nearly 16,000 beds available, most areas still have some — even Lakeland, in August. You can join the YHA at your first hostel. For a handbook giving all the addresses and 'phone numbers, just send 43p to YHA, Trevelyan House, 8 St Stephens Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 2DY, or call at YHA shops in London, Birmingham, Manchester or Cardiff.



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The Industry Committee for Packaging and the Environment is not a trade association, but keeps in close contact with representatives of the organisation and industries involved with packaging.

One of the aims of Incpen is to recycle packaging waste. The packaging industry supports a responsible approach to conservation of energy and raw materials, and the avoidance of pollution. Any schemes for the furtherance of these aims has to be economically viable for the companies concerned. Accordingly, there are several schemes currently in operation for the collection and re-use of packaging.

Bottle banks are proving to be very successful and Incpen hopes to expand this scheme. This involves taking your bottles along to the collection point (usually outside a supermarket) and 'posting' them into the appropriate skip according to colour. These are recycled.

A similar scheme is in operation for the collection of aluminium cans.

Yet another scheme involves the salvage of waste paper, to be made into pulp and from there into boards and papers. This usually involves door to door collection.

Some of the schemes pay money to the contributors according to weight or quantity.

Many of you may already be contributors to local schemes. However, it is up to us, as individuals and groups, to press local industries and councils to consider schemes which are so important to conservation and the protection of our environment.

Help the aged

Help the Aged urgently need your help to encourage an encore. Just over a year ago Help the Aged ran a national contest for making granny and grandad dolls. Thanks to the publicity given then the charity doubled their target and attracted over 50,000 entries.

This year, Help the Aged are appealing to all those who made dolls for them before to give a repeat performance. The 6-inch high dolls are made from scraps of wool or material to their basic pattern, or can be embellished in any way the maker wishes.

The Charity is not organising a contest this year — there isn't time — but are hoping that the makers had so much fun last time that they will be happy to help a good cause again.

ALL the dolls are used to raise funds for the elderly at home and abroad. Last year they helped raise the £9.2 million the charity is now spending on old folk in need. It is hoped that they will also make a major contribution to the £10 million target for the coming year.

Granny and grandad dolls are used as tombola prizes at Help the Aged fund-raising functions throughout the country. The pattern is simple enough for a child to follow, and schools and youth groups have been some of the keenest suppliers. Many of the dolls have been made by the elderly themselves, some of whom are also disabled. Expert craft enthusiasts have also given their time and skills and produced mini works of art.

The chief problem is still obtaining enough granny and grandad dolls to meet the demand. So, how about asking people to add another granny or grandad to their lives?

More information, patterns or photos of a prototype doll are available on request, by phoning Cambridge 64115, or write to Help the Aged, P.O. Box 111, Cambridge CB1 1EA, or ring Sue Thurkettle on Teversham 3064.



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Naples and Nigeria at the Royal Academy of Arts

Last October Japan sent the revolving doors of the Royal Academy spinning and this autumn, no doubt, the galleries will once again teem with visitors to two major exhibitions, of equal importance and distinction. The first of these is 'Painting in Naples', sponsored by Martini, running from 2nd October to



12th December, with the 'Treasures of Ancient Nigeria', sponsored by Mobil, following close on its heels from 30th October to 23rd January.

'Painting in Naples' will comprise the finest presentation of Neapolitan painting during its greatest period, the seventeenth century, and is the first major Old Master exhibition to be held at the Academy for many years. The exhibition dates from the arrival of Caravaggio in the city — at that time the largest in Italy — in 1606, following his successful though tempestuous career in Rome, which ended with the murder of an opponent during a game of racquets. The vivid realism of his work, the immediacy and simplicity of approach and the strong chiaroscuro was to have a dramatic impact on other artists in Naples, and the exhibition will trace the development of Caravaggio's influence, ending with the death of Giordano, at the

close of the seventeenth century, whose work looks forward to the Rococo period of Tiepolo.

As well as five astounding masterpieces by Caravaggio, other familiar names such as Ribera, Salvator Rosa (whose work was avidly collected in this country) and Guido Reni will be represented. There will be paintings by Velasquez, Van Dyck and Rubens — foreign artists who had a profound influence on the local Neapolitan School through personal visits or merely by knowledge of their works and, in a different vein, several beautiful still-lives.

The other exhibition, 'Treasures of Ancient Nigeria: Legacy of 2000 Years', which has already enjoyed outstanding success in the United States, will be held in the Main Galleries from 30th October to 23rd January 1983. Every one of the 100 works of art has been lent from collections in Nigeria, and the exhibition will cover the important artistic periods of the country from 500 BC to the end of the famous Benin culture which flourished in the 15th to 18th centuries.

In Nigeria, over two thousand years ago, a civilisation existed that produced terracotta works of art unlike anything else that we know from the continent of Africa. These finely crafted, perceptive depictions of people and animals were discovered by chance by tin miners working around the Jos Plateau. The culture, conservatively dated to between 500 BC and 200 AD, is called Nok after the village that was close to the first finds. Later, further South, other cultures flourished of which, quite often, the only remains are the objects of bronze, terracotta, ivory and stone represented in this exhibition. From Igbo-Udwa (9th to 10th century AD) come regal heads of terracotta and bronze that are remarkably naturalistic in both feature and expression. Owo (15th century) was a cross-roads at which several cultures met. Its art, which shows the influence of both Ife and Benin, reflects the incessant traffic across the African continent that has gone on for centuries. The works from Benin, a kingdom which sent ambassadors to the Portuguese court, are the furnishings of office, including bronze heads of rulers and plaques, chronicling the history of the courts of Benin.

Nat West To Sponsor New Sadler's Wells Opera Company

National Westminster Bank have announced a four-year Sponsorship amounting to £400,000, to be used specifically for the creation of a new opera company. New Sadler's Wells Opera will commence performances during January 1983 and will be administered by Sadler's Wells Trust and based at Sadler's Wells Theatre, Philip Wilkinson, Deputy Group Chief Executive, National Westminster Bank, commented 'We feel very strongly that the Bank should support as wide a range of projects as possible, both Nationally and locally, so as to bring benefit to many aspects of life within the community. Our community support programme includes assistance to the arts, sport and a large number of social needs. Our new support to Sadler's Wells will enable them to bring back to the London musical scene something that has been missing for a considerable time.'

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The inaugural season will comprise 30 performances of three works running in repertoire during a six-week period commencing 24th January, 1983.

The three works will be *The Count of Luxembourg* by Franz Lehár, *The Mikado* by Gilbert and Sullivan and *The Countess Maritza* by Emmerich Kalman, which has its first British professional production since 1938. For further information about dates and ticket details phone 01-837 1672.

Above left, 'Woman in Neapolitan Costume' by the artist Stanzione. On the left, 'Pair of Leopards'. Both these works can be seen at the Royal Academy of Arts. Try not to miss these two fascinating exhibitions — 'Painting in Naples' and 'Treasures of Ancient Nigeria'.

We apologise for an inadvertent error in August What's On. Shambellie House is not, of course, in Northern England as printed, but in Southern Scotland.

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JUST JUST

177 Guides from the Sheffield County took part in a revue at the Montgomery Theatre, Sheffield from the 22nd to 26th June of this year, to a full audience of nearly 400 on each of the five evenings of the production. These Guides came from 28 different Units and the average age was 12½ years. Items on a theme of the summer holiday on the beach, and a pier talent competition, consisted of song, dance, mime and music provided by recorders, violins and flute.

A very colourful entertainment was put together from items auditioned last autumn by Miss A Cutts and a team of helpers; costumes and scenery provided by a back-up team of Guiders, Rangers and friends.

The Wednesday evening performance was attended by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor G Wragg, Lady Mayoress Mrs Wragg, Mrs Owen-Walker, past Chief Commissioner, members of the North East England staff from York, and friends and past members of the Movement in Sheffield.

Everyone enjoyed the week, forgot about past worries, and has already suggested another Show in three years' time.



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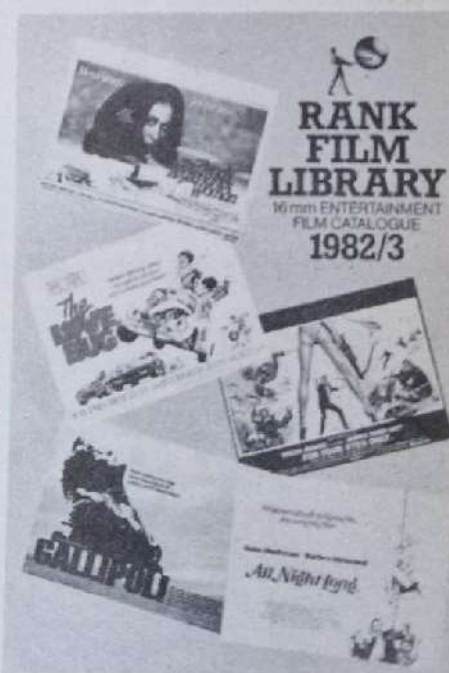
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Nottinghamshire has lost two good friends of the County — Mrs Mary Attenborough, who had been Guider in 1930 to 1943 and then became County Secretary until 1978. She was awarded the Oak Leaf in 1961 and continued to be interested in all the County did until her death. Two days later Miss Hilda Francis died, having been ill for only a short time. Despite failing eyesight she never lost her enjoyment of the visits of her very many Guiding Friends. Her Memorial Service took place at All Souls, Nottingham, where she had started the Guide Company in 1926, and where she had worshipped all her life. Her Guiding has covered many aspects, from District Secretary, Cadets Camp Adviser, County International Adviser, Division Commissioner to Assistant County Commissioner. She received the Green Cord Diploma in 1940, and had led the Nottinghamshire Guides to Windsor Park in 1957. She also travelled round the world, where she made very many Guiding friends. In 1960 she received the Beaver Award from CHQ, which she wore with pride. Her knowledge and wisdom will be sadly missed by all of us in this county.

JA

In the year 1915, a young woman recently enrolled as a Baden-Powell Girl Guide attended a Guide 'officers' Training Course at Pytt

House, Semley, Wiltshire, led by one of the great pioneers of Guiding — Mrs Janson Potts. This eventful Training left a lasting impression upon the twenty-two year-old 'Tenderfoot' officer and proved to be the beginning of a life-time of Guiding for Miss M N Brabrook ('Rene'), of Havant, Hampshire, whose death occurred suddenly and peacefully on 25th April, 1982, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Throughout her long life, her infectious enthusiasm, boundless energy and sense of humour delighted and inspired generations of Guide folk, especially when she recounted incidents from her early days in the Movement. 'Rene' always enjoyed relating these experiences and gave vivid descriptions interspersed by many chuckles! She was proud to donate her original complete uniform and walking-cane to Commonwealth Headquarters Museum in 1964, where it is on view to this day, together with the 1916 uniform of a Patrol Leader of the 2nd Havant Company.

A new phase of activity, the Trefoil Guild, was her next 'milestone', and before long in the Havant Division Guild

she became Recorder/Secretary (1953-74) and Chairman (1974-79), and in 1955 she attended the First General Assembly of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides, at Horsens, Denmark.

Her last appointment, and perhaps one of her greatest pleasures of latter years, was Secretary of the 2nd Hampshire Lone Trefoil Guild; a prolific letter-writer, she gave much joy to her 'Lones' by her up-to-date flow of Trefoil and Guide news, and only two days before her sudden death, she had attended a large gathering of the Hampshire East Trefoil Guilds, contacting her many friends in her usual vivacious manner, accompanied as always, by her little pocket note-book and pen ready for jottings to pass on to her 'Lones'.

At the time of her death, she held the appointments of County Vice-President, Hampshire East, and Life Vice-President of Havant Division.

In February, 1975, she was honoured by the award of the MBE 'For services to the community in Havant', which gave tremendous pleasure to everyone who knew her and appreciated her life-time of

dedicated service. Her great caring for people (including the very young and the very old, who loved her dearly) was reflected in the large congregation from all walks of life who filled the Church at the happy service of thanksgiving for her life and work.

Her Guiding principles never faltered; surely her life was an example of Guiding as the Founder envisaged.

Her vast number of friends will miss her very much, but always will give thanks for the happiness she shared in her sixty-six years of Guiding.

EF

Rosemary Morris died after a very long illness on 11th June, 1982 aged 40 years. She had been Assistant Brownie Guider in Penkridge for six years, which is perhaps shorter than many other Guiders, but during that time gave so much in so many ways that it will be hard for those left behind to continue without her. Her courage was amazing, and she was a shining example to us all. We have only very happy memories of her and the work she did with Brownies in Lapley Division. We shall miss her so much.

YES

Continued from page 37

Headquarters Appointments

The following appointments have been announced by the Executive Committee:

Chief Commissioner, North East England Mrs H A Fowler re-appointed for a further 3 years from 13 July 1982.

Chief Commissioner, Scotland Mrs G D M Reid appointed for 5 years from 1 September 1982.

Chief Commissioner, North West England Mrs A E Lambert appointed for 5 years from 1 October 1982.

Chairman, Glenbrook House Committee Lady Renwick's appointment extended to 31 December 1982.

Mrs W Hilton appointed as Chairman designate from 1 July 1982.

The following appointments have been noted:

Visiting Leader Consultant to the Programme Adviser Mrs J

Evans appointed for 3 years from 1 June 1982.

Programme and Training Adviser to the Commissioner for Branch Associations Mrs R A Chernside (temporary appointment).

National Scout & Guide Orchestral Course

There are vacancies for percussion players, also Grade 7 and Grade 8 players for other sections. No vacancies exist however for flautists or clarinetists. Applicants, who must be between 13 and 22 on 31st December, 1982, should write for an application form to the Programme Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT without delay.

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Reminder

UNICEF World Children's Week is September 19-26.

Erratum

HQ Notices, August GUIDER — The Laurel Award was given to Miss Betty Clark, not Clarm as printed.



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Background for Discussion

MANY Guides and Guiders are already members of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, the National Anti-Vivisection Society or Animal Aid, and are alert and aware as to what is happening in Vivisection laboratories in England. You will, therefore, be as concerned as we are that in 1981 nearly 5,000,000 animals were mutilated and died in this country. These range from monkeys, dogs and cats to guinea pigs, rats and mice.

Around half of the animals were used for the LD50 test (lethal dose 50%) where the animals are poisoned until 50% of them die — the others may recover only to be used

again. They are force fed weed killers, lipsticks, paints, oven cleaners, shampoos, floor polish, in fact anything that one finds in an average household. 83% of these experiments are carried out without anaesthetic at any stage. Dogs are made to inhale noxious fumes, cigarette smoke, etc. In the Guide Movement, we are taught to be responsible and caring and as a consequence of this teaching, realise within our own family, the importance of keeping small children away from poisonous and dangerous substances. If parents are responsible then the containers of these substances are kept out of reach or locked up and it would not be necessary to make these tests on animals.

The other half of the animals die from the test-



Above, intensive pig breeding.

ing out of new drugs. Animal Aid, BUAV and NAVS believe that this is not necessary for the following reasons: There are only 15 natural drugs that are useful to man.

These 15 have been combined by chemists to create 250 most useful drugs. The World Health Organisation have stated that 235 of these drugs are desirable and necessary for the developing world.

We in the western world are currently using 45,000 drugs and they have all been tested on animals.

By the simple method of eating a healthy diet, avoiding cigarettes and excessive alcohol, man should require less drugs to heal and cure and thereby reduce the need for tests to be made on animals.

Another practice which concerns Animal Aid and the other organisations is that of battery farming. The chickens, pigs and calves raised in this way never see the light of day, nor do they feel the earth beneath their feet. Pigs and chickens particularly spend all their time cramped together in cages or pens and many faults can be found with the method of killing these animals.

To be healthy in mind, body and spirit we must feel compassion for all life and have a caring attitude to Nature.

Guiders wishing for more information about Animal Aid or wanting to join on behalf of the Unit should write to **Animal Aid, 111 High Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DL**, or phone (0732) 364546.

Below, a monkey peers from its cage in a laboratory.



I would like to thank The Girl Guides Association very much for awarding me one of the 1981 Olave Baden-Powell Fund Bursaries. The Bursary helped to make my particular dream come true, as it went towards the cost of a participation fee for the 23rd London International Youth Science Fortnight.

The aim of the Science Fortnight is to give a deep insight into science and its applications for the benefit of mankind and to develop a greater understanding between young people of all nations. The fortnight is organised by The Council for International Contact.

My reason for wanting to participate in the fortnight was that the chance of meeting other young people from all over the world who all had similar interests in science as myself, was a chance which I

could not turn down. Not only was the fortnight very informative scientifically but being in the company of people all of whom are interested in science was a marvellous experience.

Scientific lectures began on Friday, 31st July. In the morning there were four different lectures and each participant had been allocated one of these lectures according to his/her particular scientific interests. The four lectures were: The Biology of Memory; Probably Probability, Perhaps Statistics; Black Holes and Unifying the Forces of Nature; and Measuring Molecules with Microwaves. The lecture which I was allocated was Black Holes . . . This lecture was extremely interesting and was a very good lecture to start my particular programme of the fortnight.

In the evening some participants presented a project which they had undertaken. I presented the project which I had

done as part of the Certificate of Sixth Year Studies in Physics. On other evenings throughout the fortnight other students presented their topics, one was even about obtaining a mathematical solution to the Rubik's Cube.

Other lectures which took place during the fortnight were 'Some Modern Space Research', 'Genetic Engineering and the Study of Disease', 'The Creative Society' and 'Organ Transplants'. All of these lectures were interesting and covered many different areas of science — possibly areas which we were hearing about for the first time.

We also went on day and half-day visits to University Departments, Research and Industrial Establishments. All of these visits were interesting and showed us how the theory works in practice. I found my visit to the National Physical Laboratories (NPL) an extremely informative one and it showed me how some of

the basic science which we have learned is put to practical use.

The fortnight was not only science based. Most of the two weekends and most evenings we were free to do what we wanted to, although most evenings there was something planned that we could take part in if we wished.

All in all, it was a marvellous experience and I feel a lot of young scientists would benefit by attending something like this where they are able to talk with others who understand them and are able to communicate easily due to the one common interest — science.

Margaret Leith
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This must be one of the most comprehensive books on orienteering yet published in this country. It covers not only information for the beginner, but more advanced skills for people already involved in the sport.

Physical fitness is also included as is the history and development of the sport in Britain. This book will appeal both to the beginner and to the seasoned orienteer. My only criticism is that the maps reproduced at the back without their normal colour could prove difficult for the beginner to understand.

The final chapter consisting of articles by orienteers is most amusing. As a regular orienteer myself I enjoyed reading the book very much and consider it excellent value at £1.95.

A D

How To Take Good Pictures by Kodak. Collins, £3.50.

How To Take Good Pictures — A Photo Guide by Kodak is a beautifully illustrated and well organised book that will be extremely useful to the photographer regardless of the equipment he or she might own. The first section entitled 'The Ten Top Techniques for Better Pictures' deals with the basics. Once these have been mastered, the book is laid out so that one can jump to particular situations that will arise in the photographer's scene, for instance Travel, Bad Weather and action photography. There is also plenty of technical back-up. I found it very good value for money.

T R

KEW: Gardens for Science and Pleasure edited by F Nigel Hepper. HMSO Books, £9.95 hardback.

Having lived and worked for most of my life in the very heart of London's noisy, steamy and — dare I say it? — often smelly City, it has always been a great escape at weekends to pack a lunch and wander around the beautiful gardens at Kew.

To be able to enjoy the peace and quiet of the 'wild' parts of the woods, particularly at bluebell time; to sit by the river or lake or just to learn the names of the exotic trees and shrubs has always been a great relaxation and pleasure.

Recently published, *Kew: Gardens for Science and Pleasure* tells not only the story of Kew's present but also relates the fascinating story of its origin and development, its royal connections and its collections.

Few of us realise the invaluable part played by the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew's contribution to science: its world-wide discoveries, particularly of quinine and rubber. Its work in preserving endangered species carried out in the Jodrell Laboratory and its research on the anatomy, biochemistry and physiology of plants is unique.

The beautiful photographs (127 colour, 118 black-and-white) alone are worth the asking price of the book and readers may be interested to know that Her Majesty the Queen received a special presentation copy of the book at the recent opening ceremony of the newly restored Temperate House.

Still the best value for money in London (or more correctly Surrey), unfortunately no longer one single penny piece to get in — Kew now charges its visitors ten pence each!

AMM

True to Nature by Christopher Parsons. Patrick Stephens Ltd, £14.95.

This 370-page book, magnificently illustrated in colour and monochrome, records the formation and development of the now world-famous BBC Natural History Unit which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

The author a founder member and now Head of the Unit, gives an authoritative but very human and quite enthralling account of the challenge, excitement, and occasional frustration and hardship involved in developing new techniques and then putting them into practice

while filming and sound-recording the habits and antics of our fellow Earth-dwellers.

With a foreword by David Attenborough, it takes us behind the scenes of such epic Unit productions as *The World About Us* and more recently *Life On Earth*. It also gives us as a bonus, insights into the characters of Gerald Durrell, Desmond Morris, Ludwig Koch and a host of others. Gripping reading for all who feel an affinity with nature.

KLD

The New Cyclist by Tony Osman of the Sunday Times. Collins, £4.95.

This book is of real interest to any adult who is taking up cycling for the first time as an interest or for utility reasons.

There is an extremely interesting chapter on the history and development of the cycle from the mid 19th Century until the present day. Do you know who invented the first cycle or the name of the earliest cycle with a chain drive? If not it is all to be found in the chapter on 'How it all Began'.

The remainder of the book gives helpful hints for the beginner on care and maintenance of a bicycle. Technical explanations are easy to understand and well illustrated with clear diagrams.

From elementary beginnings the book progresses to give hints on tourist cycling and particulars of the major cycling organisations. It also recommends cycling for health, as a means of relieving everyday stresses and strains of the mind.

This is a most readable book full of practical hints for

The New Cyclist. The author's enthusiasm is sufficiently infectious to encourage the reader to start cycling right away.

PM



Munday's Child published by authoress: — Dorcas Munday, Dale Cottage, 129 Midland Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 1NB. £2.00 or £2.30 by post.

Somewhat over-protected at boarding school and happy in her home life during holidays, Dorcas at seventeen found herself with few contacts outside what she calls her 'protective cocoon'. The few were those gained through Guiding and PHAB, because Dorcas is a member of the PH side of PHAB, born spastic and needing considerable help in her daily living.

Sheer determination and a conviction that, though needing help herself, she can help other handicapped people to lead a full life too, have led her to acquire varied skills and to venture far and wide. Dorcas tells of her travels and adventures, of her friends and travelling companions, and her book should encourage both those with a handicap and those who might volunteer as helpers to realise how much both are needed if the all-important business of integration is to keep on growing.

I would recommend this book especially to Rangers and young Guiders in search of a challenge.

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The Girl Guide Friendship Fund

Dear Guider,
First of all, may I briefly introduce myself. My name is Nancy Roe, and I took over as Chairman of the GGFF on the 1st June. I shall be keeping in touch with you through the medium of *GUIDER*, telling you of the committee's hopes and plans for the future, reporting on your fund-raising achievements, and generally keeping the GGFF in touch with the people who turn its dreams into realities — you and your Units.

Now to the Christmas Good Turn. As you know, at this time of the year we look outside our own Guiding world and for 1982 we have selected three very different — but all extremely worthy — projects that we feel you would like to help.

While you are planning your own Christmas at home, will you please spare some time to raise money for the children who are loved and cared for at Helen House, Oxford — children who may not enjoy the fun and happiness of another Christmas. This hospice has only recently opened officially. It is the first of its kind in Britain, and the second in the world. Very sick and dying children are looked after there by religious Sisters who aim to make Helen House a home, not a hospital. Children with incurable illnesses can go to Helen House for short periods, while their families have a much-needed break, knowing that their loved ones are getting the same love and careful attention they would receive at home. Friends all over the world have already met the building/equipping target, but it is going to cost a lot more each year to meet the running costs of Helen House, particularly in view of the high patient/staff ratio. Through the GGFF, will you please give your support to the devoted Sisters of Helen House?

Liver diseases are generally thought of as an adult problem — often through self-abuse. Unfortunately, each year hundreds of babies are born with — or young children develop — liver diseases. The odds against them fully recovering from these ailments are poor, largely because so many questions remain unanswered, so many unknown factors are still to be researched and explored. In 1979, aged 17 months, Michael McGough died of a severe liver disease. He died 6,000 miles from his Nottingham home, in Denver, Colorado, where his parents had taken him in a last desperate attempt to save his life. His father and mother, knowing that other parents would see their children suffer and die from these little-understood diseases, raised over £30,000 — the start of the Michael McGough Foundation against Liver Disease in Children which, in so short a time, now has branches throughout England. The Foundation aims to develop medical cures, surgical techniques and means of early diagnosis — all of which could save children's lives. Already two research posts have been established at King's College Hospital, London, but research costs money. Research is not an exciting idea to put across to your girls, but — in past years — the GGFF has received much-welcomed support from you all for research projects. Can I ask your help now to make Christmas 1982 a time of increased hope and optimism for the Michael McGough Foundation?

The third project is Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. We all know about Guide Dogs for the Blind — something we have supported in the past — but dogs are now being trained in Great Britain to be the 'ears' of deaf people — to alert them to signals of danger, emergency and alarm, or simply to a knock on the door, a whistling kettle, or to fetch a deaf mother when her baby cries. Carefully selected 'owners' will be provided with a well trained dog to act as their 'hearing ears' and, of course, the more dogs that can be trained, the more deaf people will benefit. If we raise sufficient money we may even be able to name our own 'hearing' dog.

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