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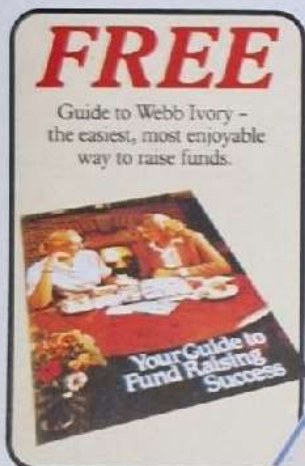
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The Editor and Staff
of *GUIDING* send
New Year Greetings
to readers everywhere.

Cover

We think our cover very appropriate this month, as *GUIDING*, formerly *GUIDER*, goes full steam ahead into its 70th year of publication. The 4th Kennington Guides are seen here enjoying a day at the Bluebell Railway during a camping visit at nearby Blackland Farm. Photo: Dorothy Bramble.



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Back In The USA

Tottenham Ranger Guide Service Unit spent ten days with Girl Scout Senior Troop 716 in Houston during a month long tour of the USA in August last year.

The picture shows Ranger Lynette Terry trying out the chair of Ms Betty Beene, Executive Director of the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council during a visit to the Council Headquarters in Houston, Texas.

Photo: courtesy Thelma Knights



One In A Thousand!



It was a proud moment for Sarah Eve of the 2nd Prittlewell Guide Company when the Chief Scout spotted her — the only Guide among some 1,000 Scouts and Cub Scouts gathered at 'Belchamps' the Scout camping ground near Southend.

Sarah was with her parents who are leaders of the 2nd Prittlewell Scout Group. The Chief Scout flew by helicopter to Belchamps during his lightning tour of Essex on Sunday, 31st October, 1982.

Photo: courtesy Denys J Branch



RAFT RACE

Portmadoc Rangers Rachel Carson and Susan Rawton made this raft for the sponsored home made raft race in aid of the Royal Lifeboat Institution.

The Rangers lashed the barrels on to 6 foot logs and discovered that the raft floated better upside down! They didn't win, but at least their raft stayed in one piece!

Photo: courtesy J P Griffith



More Roundabout Guiding
on page 6

Message from The Chief Commissioner

In wishing you all happiness in this New Year, I welcome you to our new look magazine **GUIDING**.

I am reminded of a letter written in 1920 by our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, to a man just starting as a Scout Leader. The letter is by way of a welcome and goes on to say 'commencing it between you and myself, as I wish to do with this letter, I shall try to maintain it month by month through the columns of the *Headquarters Gazette*. I only hope that you on your part may be inclined to respond by reading that medium month by month in return'.

Communication is, of course, very much a two-way thing and your ideas, comments and

suggestions are welcomed and valued.

While it is important we re-affirm our commitment to the basic principles and methods as set out by the Founder, our programme must be flexible and adapted to be attractive to a current generation and meet their needs.

Over the past few years there has been much discussion about the programme, at meetings, at trainings, with your commissioners. Comments have been written and with that very caring concern we ponder on the question of why we don't always retain that older Guide or include in our membership all the Young Leaders and Rangers we might. We wonder, while that older girl has pressures

of extra school work and a variety of interests to occupy her, if we, as a movement, offer a sufficient challenge and compelling programme. Should there be more structure and is the Queen's Guide Badge/Award right? What about the more rural girl who would find being a member of a Unit difficult or the girl away at school or college? Well you know all these questions as these have been the subject of your discussions and consideration.

I feel sure none of us really would welcome or want a whole new programme or complete re-shuffle but we might be inclined towards some re-structure and adaptation. The Executive Committee are mindful of

the results of the many discussions that have taken place and the ideas and comments which are gathered throughout the country and before taking any decisions they always most carefully take these into consideration.

I do want to assure you and emphasise that should there be considered a need for revision and change of programme emphasis, that any current work will be included and that all present syllabi and achievements *will* count and be easily phased in.

Please also be assured that we shall keep you informed of any changes at the earliest opportunity.

My warmest good wishes for 1983 and happy Guiding.

Patience Baden-Powell



Luton Evening Post



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Liverpool Daily Post and Echo

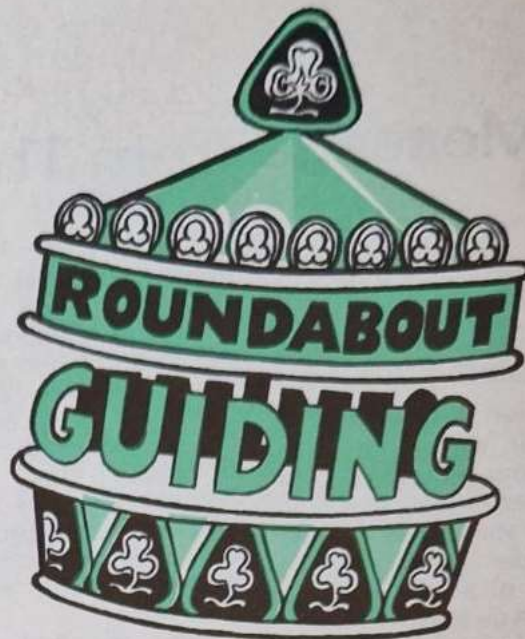


Harvest Collage

The 1st Embleton Brownies thought that the Harvest Picture in the 8 September issue of *THE BROWNIE* was so good that they decided to make it into a collage.

With the help of Brownie Guider Sue Skipper's husband, they enlarged the picture to about 10 feet by 12 feet. Each Brownie brought something to stick on to the collage. Fences were made out of lollipop sticks and wallpaper that has a 'woody' texture. The clouds were made out of cotton wool, the hedges, tissue paper and the Brownies took a photograph of their local church and enlarged it to fit over the church in the Picture. The collage took two weeks to complete and it was then carried to the church and hung up ready for the Harvest Festival Service which was also church parade. Needless to say it was greatly admired by everyone who saw it.

Photo: courtesy G Skipper



Cherished Memorial



One Unit that has found fun in participating in the Adopt and Cherish Project is the 2nd Cheddington Brownie Pack. Since the start of the year, they have frequently visited the local green and war memorial and have worked hard to clear the area of litter, as well as weeds.

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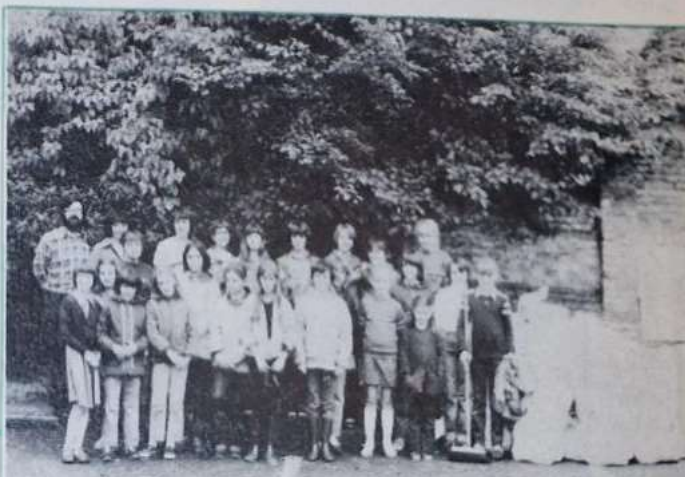
Litter Pack

Seen here are the 2nd Bourne Guide Company on their 'Sponsored Litter Pick' in aid of WAGGGS week. The Guides spent two hours one Sunday morning clearing Farnham town centre. This was greatly appreciated by the local residents as the litter problem in Farnham is a controversial issue at present.

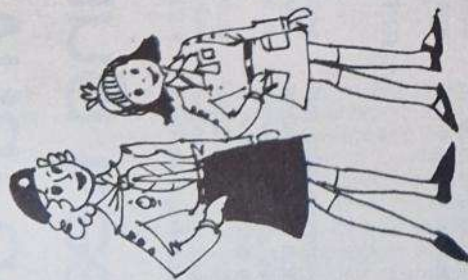
The target figure of £1.00 per Guide was

reached and a total of £33 was sent to WAGGGS week. The remaining money raised has been given to the Farnham and Alton Talking Newspaper for the blind. Despite the rain, the Guides thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Litter Pick and looked upon the venture as a good way of giving service to the community.

Photo: courtesy Pamela Pay



... with a Guide Company or Brownie Pack



Jean de Lemos

Most, but not all, of you have chosen to work with Guides or Brownies because you used to be one yourself. Others have been attracted to Guiding by some or all of its special features.

What is it that makes Guiding (Scouting) different from other youth groups?

— Promise

a commitment to certain ideals. Uniform is a visible sign of this commitment.

— Self-government

— Small groups

— Self-programming

— Pow-Wow, Patrol Leaders' Council, Ranger Executive Committee

— Six games, Patrol activities, Ranger interest groups.

— choosing their own challenges within the frame-work of our ...



5 POINT PROGRAMME

... at the centre of which is **The Promise** viz:



Visit a Pack or Company to gain experience of another section

Do ask advice from your Guide and/or Commissioner as to which Unit to visit. Do talk it over with them afterwards. What were

the differences? Which of these were due to a different age group? Which were due to different circumstances or traditions? What were the similarities? Does the answer to this one bring you back to the special features shown above?

... To be continued ...

Young Leaders

WHO?
WHAT? WHEN?
WHERE?
HOW? WHY?



The Young Leader Scheme was introduced to meet the needs of those who were helping with Brownie Packs or Guide Companies but who were not old enough to be adult Guides, yet were too old to be Guides — though some of them were Rangers. There used to be a strange situation where everyone knew that there were many of these young leaders around and yet, officially, they did not exist — they did not appear in the annual membership figures, they had no uniform, there was nobody to be responsible for helping them — but their Guides all agreed that they were invaluable and that the Companies and Packs would be lost without them!

Thus in 1973 the **Young Leader Scheme** was born and thousands of Young Leaders were discovered across the length and breadth of the land. Previously they had often been very isolated with no opportunities to meet others and exchange ideas. Now they had their own special Young

Leader meetings, they could all wear the Ranger uniform and participate in Ranger activities arranged by their Counties, Regions or Countries. These combine to further the two underlying aims of the Scheme:

— To increase the **Enjoyment** of the YLs in their work so that they may wish to continue with it; may get a real sense of personal fulfilment from it; may experience the wider fellowship of sharing activities with others.

— To increase the **Effectiveness** of the YLs in their work

so that they may help to offer better Guiding to the girls; may give more support to the adult leaders with whom they work; may widen their own horizons across the spectrum of youth leadership.

These notes will explore ways of achieving these aims. They are designed to build up, over the next several months, into a booklet for YLs and for all those who are — or might like to be — involved in helping them as they develop their leadership skills through their experiences in the Scheme.

Who is a Young Leader?

She is someone aged 16 or 17 who enjoys working with younger girls and helping them to progress through the eight-point programme. Usually she has been a Guide, but not always; she may be a Ranger or she may wish to be a Ranger but be unable to join a Unit nearby; she may wish this to be her only Guiding commitment — spending much time upon other activities at school, work, sports or other interests; she may be keen to come to all the Young Leaders meetings and other opportunities open to her — or she may not. The trainings and events are arranged for her — but it must be her choice whether or not to take part in them.

By the time she is 18, the Young Leader wishing to continue is usually ready to begin her Adult Leader training but, occasionally, she may wish to complete her YL challenges. With

the permission of her Commissioner, she should be allowed to do so, but only in exceptional circumstances beyond this extend beyond her nineteenth birthday.

Many girls wish to become YLs before their sixteenth birthday, often to follow on from being a Pack Leader or as a change from being a Guide. This should be strongly discouraged although a Commissioner may, in exceptional circumstances and at her discretion, register a YL aged 15 to work with a Brownie Pack.

We'll lose her interest if she has to wait a cry often heard. The time before she is 16 can be used constructively to visit other Companies or Packs for a few weeks to observe the differences, to learn a new skill, attend a first aid course, take a set of photographs for the District, compile her song

book... The list is endless, of things to spark her enthusiasm and help her be a better YL in due course.

She is not a Pack Leader who must be a Guide who forms a link between the Pack and the Company. If she has been a Pack Leader, she should have a gap — even if only half a term — to help her and the Brownies to adjust to her new role.

She is not 'Just a Helper' who goes to the meetings. Unit Helpers are interested adults who undertake specific duties assigned to them by the Guider and who need not be members of the Movement. If she is under 18, has made the Guide Promise and tries to keep it, then she is a Young Leader whether or not she knows it. If she registers as a Young Leader it helps everyone to offer her the training which she wants.

What does a Young Leader do?

There are two aspects of the challenge taken up by those who choose to become

Young Leaders: — a personal challenge to explore aspects of her own development as she grows

from an adolescent into a maturing and responsible adult.

— a co-operative challenge to develop her leadership skills through working for and together with younger

girls.

Let us look here at various aspects of this second challenge — that of being a leader, with special reference to the work of youth leaders:

1. Work regularly

This implies working as a leader, learning to take some responsibility for various aspects of the

group. There are many ways of summarising the qualities desirable in an effective leader, but one good way to

think about this, and easy to remember is to focus on a REAL leader:

Reliable — always lets someone know if she has to miss a meeting or cannot prepare something she had agreed to do.

Example — is easily copied by others. Is she always punctual? Does she look smart in uniform? Is she appropriately dressed for the activity?

Attitude — is always infectious. Is she enthusiastic about ideas from other people, not only herself? Can she pick out the good points about any situation as well as the bad ones — to build on the good and not dwell on the bad?

Learn — other people have experience which is different from hers and if she is sensitive to this she can learn much from it — from both other leaders and those she is leading.

... for at least 3 months ...

This is really an absolute minimum — say at least 12 meetings. However, if you wish to experience fully the excitement of youth work — watching children change as they grow up — it is better to think in terms of a year or longer.

Mrs Sheila Steele

Knowledge of Guiding, through experience in all branches of the Movement, a sense of humour and a ready smile are some of the attributes of the current Programme Adviser, Mrs Sheila Steele, B.Ed. (Hons.)

Mrs Steele started in Guiding at the very beginning — she looked into the pool and there saw herself as a Brownie, 'flew' up to Guides, became a Cadet, served as Assistant Brownie Guider, and Assistant Guide Guider. She entered the International scene and held office as Guide Guider, Province Commissioner and Guider Trainer in Zambia. With a love for the outdoors, it is not surprising that she possesses the Camper's Licence. Rangering has not been omitted in her Guiding life. Mrs Steele holds the Ranger Training Certificate, was County Ranger Adviser and Regional Ranger Consultant and is currently a Ranger Guider.

Other appointments held were County Outdoor Activities Adviser and Representative for Midlands on Youth Charter towards 2000. One could not be blamed for wondering if Mrs Steele has done anything else besides Guiding but be assured she has. Married to a



Nursing Officer she is also a mother of a boy aged 11 and girl, 9. She heads the Drama Department in a comprehensive school and finds time to indulge her interests in reading, the theatre, music, squash and hill walking.

Elaine Arnold

Press and Public Relations Adviser, CHQ

Heraldry (22)

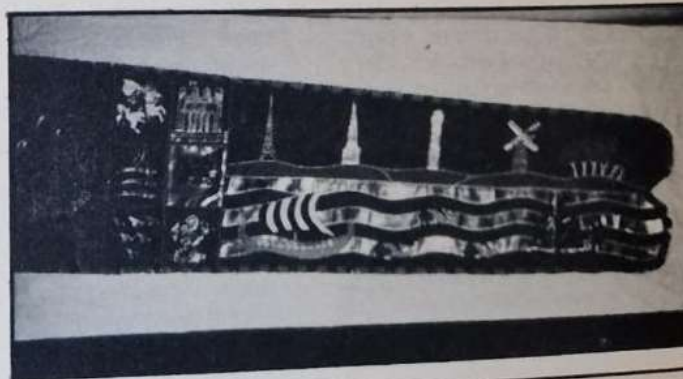
Brenda Hughes

London and South-East England Standard

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the fly — per fess Azure and 6 bars wavy Argent and Azure. In chief, on a base vert the TV mast at Crystal Palace, Argent representing the 1910 Scout Rally where Guiding began.
A cathedral tower and spire, Argent, representing all the places of worship in the Region.
The Post Office Tower Argent representing modern London.
A windmill proper, representing the Windmill on Wimbledon Common where Lord Baden-Powell wrote *Scouting for Boys*.
A group of trees proper, representing the natural history of the area.

in base — a Viking ship proper, three dolphins Azure, Gules and Argent one and two, a sailing barge proper, all representing the historic nature of the traffic and the lives of the people on the coasts and rivers of the Region. All bordered by a fringe in the livery colours of the Movement.





EUROPADO

Europado '82 was held in August at the Château de Jambville, the training headquarters of the Scouts de France. Its aim was to bring together leaders at local level who work with adolescents, leaders at national level who are responsible for the age range, and groups of adolescents themselves. As a result, it was hoped to provide guidelines for the European Associations for improving the Scout/Guide Programme in order to retain and attract adolescents. Europado '82 was not the first occasion when the 'problem' of the adolescent in Scouting/Guiding had been examined, in fact four previous seminars have been held on the same topic, but the concept of Europado '82 was unique in that it brought together 260 young people and 45 of their leaders so that their findings could be shared.

The young people were divided into sub-camps, each of which consisted of four delegations. They were able to take part in a very wide range of activities from data-processing and horse-riding to corporal expression and lute-making. Each delegation was required to send a representative to the forum which met over three days of the camp and which was asked to produce practical resolutions which would suggest improvements and/or changes which could be implemented by all the European Associations.

The adult leaders in the meantime were involved in a market-place at which each delegation was asked to present all its Associa-



tion's experience of work with adolescents. The general problems of adolescence, special problems of adolescents today, the Association's approach to the age-group through its programmes, structures, methods and experiences of the last decade, were all topics which had to be presented in exhibition form. Each delegate had to then compile a report on another Association's approach to the adolescent. This was done by forming a partnership with a Guider or Scouter from another country and exchanging information and literature and with much heated but friendly argument!

The seminar itself followed the market-place at which two speakers from outside Guiding/Scouting who were experts in their own fields of work with adolescents, helped to stimulate thought and discussion. The first expert was Claude Schauder, a clinical psychologist and psycho-analyst who made a spirited and challenging

attack on our continuing face-to-face confrontation with the so-called 'problem' of the adolescent. He pointed out that at the 1980 European Conference the sociologist David Reynolds had accused us of being unaware of the lack of interest shown by adolescents to the form of commitment we demand, and of being too comfortable in our apolitical position.

Schauder forced us to re-examine the whole concept of Scouting which he said was based on a completely out-of-date philosophy. The second expert, Madame Coloni, delivered an aggressively gloomy warning of an imminent 'fourth world' where anarchy reigned in the form of marauding groups of disenchanted, unemployed young people. It was a totally pessimistic view which contributed little to the debate.

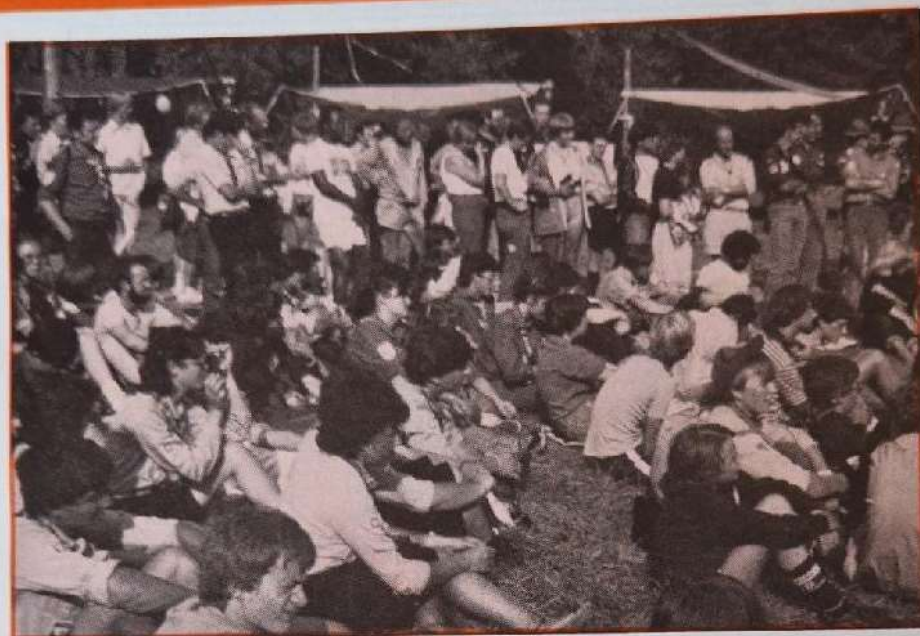
The seminar continued with small group discussion, the reports from which were then discussed

in open forum. There were many heated hours of debate both in and out of the seminar rooms with very few firm conclusions. However, three points did emerge very strongly:

1. That the image of our Movement is very misleading both to the general public and to adolescents in particular. Guiding/Scouting is seen as a Movement for young children and this can be very off-putting to the adolescent within it who may become defensive and ashamed to admit to her peers that she belongs, and to the adolescent outside it who will not be attracted towards it.
2. That where different Associations exist within one country, whether based on sex or religious denomination, they should be encouraged to co-operate fully with each other. Nothing raises the cynicism of the adolescent more than the disunity she sees amongst those who claim to share the same ideals.
3. That the recruitment and training of adult leaders *must* have absolute priority in our Associations. Over and over again it became obvious that programmes, structures, co-education and related topics become largely irrelevant in the face of good leadership.

A REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMME ADVISER

BY
SHEILA STEELE



The leaders from the seminar then met the young people from the forum to hear their final resolutions. These resolutions covered the following topics:

1. The loss of members from the Movement.
2. The leader's role, democracy and responsibility.
3. Co-education.
4. Uniform.
5. Law and Promise.
6. Programme and activities.
7. Public and social relations.
8. Politics.

The resolutions produced by the young people were a long way from the revolutionary ideas which most of the leader dele-

gates expected and were re-assuringly close to the conclusions reached by the adult leaders, though no less powerfully expressed.

Europado '82 successfully combined the voice of the adolescent with that of the adult leader to produce several important statements but the most significant, it seemed to me, were:

1. Our Public Image. The young people and adults alike felt that this *must* be changed. We must focus our publicity consciously onto the Ranger and Young Leader section if we are to attract young people into the Movement.
2. Our relationship with the Scouts Association. The young people deplored the multiplicity of Associations in some countries. Whilst single sex Associa-

tions were not being condemned, in fact there is some evidence of a growing appreciation of the single sex Association, at the same time if we are to be credible in the eyes of our young people we must be seen to be working in close co-operation with the Scout Association.

3. The Programme for the adolescent. The traditional and basic B-P skills emerged very strongly as being central to the needs of the young people. In addition, the young people expressed their interest in such areas as political awareness, community action, social responsibility and public speaking and debate. It was clear too, that many young people want to pursue some interests in depth, 'tasting' dozens of activities

and becoming expert in none has proved to be unsatisfactory to them.

4. Adult Leadership. This was the most important issue to emerge from the leaders' seminar. We *must* recruit adult leaders for the Ranger section by selling to them a programme which is interesting and challenging and by encouraging them to see that a relationship with the adolescent is happy and rewarding (most of the time!). Having recruited them we must train them to recognise the needs of the adolescent *as they see them themselves*. We must recognise that specialisation is particularly valuable in the Ranger/Young Leader section where the girls need to be stimulated and extended by trainers who are enthusiastic and highly skilled in their own fields.

Europado '82 was a thought-provoking, stimulating experience for me and I should like to pay tribute to my fellow delegate Judith Ellis from Shropshire and the delegation of Rangers and Young Leaders led by Sarah Badby of Buckinghamshire. They were all excellent ambassadors for the Association, a fact of which we can be justly proud. At the same time Europado '82 has provided us with some salutary lessons from our young people, we ignore them at our peril.



BROWNIE BADGE REVIEW



Susan M Guy

Interest Badges form an important part of the Brownie Programme. In a Venture the Brownie experiences the challenge of working as part of a large group. Journeys give her the opportunity to work in a smaller group. When doing Interest Badges she is encouraged to make progress as an individual. The strength of our Brownie Programme in catering for the needs of the girl is due to the combination and correct use of these three strands. The present policy is that all Interest Badges should be reviewed every five years. It is hoped that this allows sufficient time to give existing Badges a fair trial but does not tie us for too long where change is needed.

Changes are not made without very careful consideration. The Badge Review Committee, most of whom are active Guiders, are well aware of the cost and the difficulties encountered when syllabuses are changed. Changes are, however, considered when:

1. There are changes in National circumstances,
eg the change to metrication.
2. There is a need to bring syllabuses up to date with present circumstances,
eg Swimmer, Safety in the Home, Dancer.
3. Where the present syllabus is not satisfying the needs of the Programme.
eg Hostess, Dancer, Athlete.

Suggestions for new Badges and alterations come from many sources: individual Brownies, Guiders, Packs, Districts, Divisions, Counties, Countries/Regions as well as individuals and societies outside the Guide Movement. They included Baby Knowledge, Engineer, Rambler, Deaf and Dumb, Conservation, Road Safety, Dental Health and Rocket Ship to bridge the gap between Brownies and Guides. All these suggestions were sent out to Countries/Regions to discuss and consider. In addition each Country/Region was asked to look at a certain number of the existing Badges in depth. The result of all this research was then forwarded to the Badge Review Committee at CHQ.

To be accepted, a new Badge had to be neither too specialised nor too local. It had to be appropriate for the age group and it had to be something which was not, or could not be, fitted into the Brownie Programme equally well elsewhere. As a result two new Badges are introduced for Brownies — Rambler



and Conservation. Syllabuses for these are printed in the new *Brownie Guide Handbook* published this month price £1.10, and also in the *Amendments to Brownie Badges* also published this month price 20p.

In addition to the new Badges, alterations or revisions have been made to 27 of the existing Badges. Only Agility, Signaller and Toymaker together with Agility and Pony Rider for the handicapped remain unchanged. Some of these changes are minimal and no more than rewording or a small addition to make the intention clearer. For example Animal Lover Clause 2 used to read 'Be able to tell the tester'. It now reads 'Tell the tester'. To Cooks Badge Clause 2 has been added 'In the way you do at home'.

Other Badges have been altered so that the Brownie has to do something or something more during the test (Artist, Hostess) or, in the case of Booklover, discuss books she is going to read with the tester.

A few Badges have major alterations. Safety in the Home has been completely rewritten to take account of suggestions made by RoSPA. Athlete has been looked at in an entirely new way so that effort and progress count for as much as natural ability and Dancer has been widened to include all forms of dancing acceptable to the Council for Dance Education and Training.

Appropriate syllabuses have been approved by the national bodies concerned. Help with understanding the requirements will be found in the

revised/rewritten Badge Hint Booklets. Although written for the Brownie they are equally helpful to the Guider!

Although Brownies may start on the new Badges and syllabuses straight away they may be tested on the present syllabuses until 31 July, 1983.

Most Brownies enjoy doing Badges. They find them fun and a practical way of preparing to Lend a Hand. For the Guider they are a means to encourage each Brownie to make individual progress. The Badge Review Committee hope they will have ensured that both these ends will be achieved.

Chart reproduced from *THE BROWNIE*.





OVERSEAS NEWS

The Finns Call It 'Partio'

Do you always make the most of the fact that Guiding is an International Movement? I don't mean in the obvious ways, like doing something for Thinking Day, encouraging Guides to work for the World Friendship Emblem or perhaps running a camp abroad, but on a more personal basis. If you go to another country on holiday or in connection with your job, do you take the opportunity to find out about Guiding there during your stay?

I was on holiday in Helsinki and one morning I went to the Headquarters of the Finnish Guide and Scout Association... Suomen Partiolaiset-Finlands Scouter r.y. to give it its full title, but Partio is the general word for Scouting and Guiding. I had an introduction from a member of their National Board but I wasn't there in any sort of official capacity. Nevertheless I was given the warmest possible welcome and made to feel that my visit was of great interest.

The International Secretary was away at a meeting so the Training Secretary deputised in looking after me. She spoke excellent English and soon proved that she knew something of English habits too — we went to the staff coffee bar and although most Finns drink their coffee without milk or sugar I was politely offered both! Traditional Finnish iced buns were produced to go with the coffee and we sat

there talking at length about the differences, similarities and problems of the Movement in our respective countries.

Guiding and Scouting started in Finland in 1910, which was before it became an independent country, and has been a joint organisation since 1972.

The Headquarters is a new one, built for the joint association, and part of the cost of it has been met by donations. The name of each firm, organisation and individual who contributed was inscribed on a separate brick and these were used to build an alcove in the coffee bar. I thought that was a delightful way of permanently recording thanks for the assistance given.

Although it is a joint organisation, some Packs and Companies/Troops do consist wholly of either girls or boys. The leader of the Brownies/Cub Scouts is called Akela, the same as a Cub Scout Leader here. The age range is 7-10 and the Guides and Scouts are aged 10-14 years. Over 14 they became Rangers and Rovers.

The Brownies and Cubs have five progress Badges to work for (Welcome, Green, Red, Yellow and Transition) and the Guides/Scouts three (Bronze, Silver and Gold) and in both sections there are also interest Badges to be gained. The Ranger/Rover training is based on what they describe as the 'Readiness-

programme'... readiness to accept responsibility as they approach adulthood.

The Extension section is called Sisu... an apt name as that is the Finnish word for perseverance, which the handicapped members of the Movement display to the full.

In 1979 the Finnish Guide and Scout Association held its first International Camp, with 22 countries (including Britain) represented among the 10,000 campers, and this year they have started making plans for another one. One of their ideas on the international side that seems well worth considering is that a small sum is added to the fee for every conference, course etc. and this goes to a project in a less fortunate country. The latest was a three year project for a poultry farming scheme in Zambia.

Six separate magazines are published for Guides/Scouts, Patrol Leaders and Leaders, three in Finnish and three in Swedish. The reason for the two languages is that Finland has a minority Swedish-speaking population and Swedish is the second official language of the country. I was given copies of some of the magazines in Finnish, but it's a very difficult language and even with the aid of a dictionary I've unfortunately not been able to translate more than the odd few words.

The Swedish-speaking Guides and Scouts are called Finland's Svenska

Scouter r.f., they form one of the 18 Districts into which the Association is divided and they always have a representative on the National Board. The Board consists of 12 members, and it is laid down that six must be female and six male.

The total membership of the Movement in Finland is around 70,000 (the population of the country is just under 5 million) and the 18 Districts vary in size from 10 to 140 Units. The most northerly Unit is 300 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle!

After we had talked, drunk several cups of coffee and disposed of the iced buns, I was taken on a conducted tour of the rest of Headquarters. Because it was holiday time there were quite a lot of people away, but I got the impression that there didn't seem to be a great number of full time staff.

The Headquarters is out of the centre of Helsinki so when my visit ended I was escorted to the bus stop and seen safely on my way. With a left handshake and a 'Kiitos' ('Thank you... one of the few Finnish words I had mastered) a most rewarding morning came to an end.

Do try to do something like this if you go abroad. Not only will you be able to tell your Brownies, Guides or Rangers about it, but you'll have the satisfaction of proving, on a personal basis, that Guiding really is a worldwide sisterhood.

Kathleen Hyde



INTERNATIONAL FOR THINKING DAY

Thinking Day focuses our thoughts on International Guiding and it is right that it should, but it is not the only time when we should consider how our sister Guides throughout the world live and carry out their Guiding.

We know that there are many links which unify Guiding everywhere and those of us who have travelled and had contact with Guides in other countries know that these similarities far outweigh the differences of culture, colour or faith.

This is the message we need to get across to our Guides, Brownies and Rangers — particularly in areas where there is a wide variety of ethnic cultures. In order to do this we need to include the international aspect of our Movement in our programmes on a regular basis.

Here are some ideas for ways of doing this.

If you are lucky enough to live in a multi-racial area, enlist the help of your local Community Relations Officer (or whatever he/she is called in your area). This person will have contacts with all the racial groups in your area and will be able to recommend people who would come along to your meetings and talk to the girls about the countries from which they come. If you explain that you would like to have more than just a talk, but would like to include some cooking or handcraft or singing and dancing etc., the right sort of person will be recommended. This, of course, is the ideal situation but not all of us have the opportunity, because we do not all live in multi-racial areas. However, many of us have opportunities we are not aware of to make contact with people from other countries — such as students in colleges and universities, hospitals etc. In these cases you may also be doing a good turn to a student who through your invitation may establish a contact with someone in the neighbourhood and form a friendship which will give him/her an entry into a British home and so make his/her sojourn in this country more hospitable.

Challenge the Patrols or Rangers to produce a meal or dish using a recipe from another country, preferably one that is very different from our own western recipes. Having done this decide why such a dish is

Below, traditional dancing at Easter in Greece.



Duncan S Rae

popular in its country of origin and discuss what ingredients were difficult/impossible to obtain and what was substituted. Look at recipes from other countries and discuss them along the previous lines. There are many quite reasonable sources of foreign recipes including a set of cookery cards which can be obtained piecemeal instead of as a complete set.

Challenge the Guides/Rangers to learn a craft from another country with a view to teaching it to the other members of the unit.

Plan a programme on the lines of the "Thinking Day Around the World" which has been put on by the Commonwealth and International Department at Commonwealth Headquarters for the last three years. (See note at end).

1. Select three countries from very different parts of the world and produce a programme of slides, songs, dances, handcrafts, games, activities, and displays to last the whole evening. You could invite other units and/or parents and friends to this.
2. When selecting your countries make sure they are very different, geographically and are members of the World Association — for example — an Asian, an African and a

western country — or South American, U.S.A., Oriental or Antipodean, African or European. You may be governed by the slides you are able to obtain.

Do you know that slides can be hired from the Commonwealth Institute and from some local Libraries or from the Commonwealth and International Department at Commonwealth Headquarters.

You may have friends who have been abroad and would lend you slides or come along and give a short illustrated talk about a country, but do include some slides of Guiding if at all possible. During the showing, stress the similarities and differences between the countries you are illustrating and how these affect Guiding.

3. Enlist the help of your County Commonwealth and International Adviser for activities and games from other countries. If she is unable to come along herself she will be able to recommend books and other useful sources of games, songs and dances. Perhaps you have a music specialist in your area who would come along and do this part of the programme for you. It is not essential that she is a member of the Movement — in fact it may be better if she were not as her material might be different and so give you something new to pass on to others.
4. It is possible to obtain posters and brochures of other countries from Travel Agents, Local Libraries, some Embassies and High Commissions or from the Commonwealth Institute. Objects for display can also be borrowed from some of these sources and from schools or Education Authorities. Do not forget to ask the girls if they have any objects, dolls, examples of food (tins etc.) from the countries featured in the programme — or if they know of anyone who might be prepared to lend items for display.
5. When you have the content of the programme sorted out you need to decide how it will be presented.

ROUNDABOUT AND EVERY DAY



By Brenda Hughes

Are you going to arrange it as a trip around the world, dealing with one country at a time and covering slides, activity, handcraft at each stop or will all the slides be shown at one time followed by all the games/activities etc.

The amount of accommodation you have may govern your decision as to how you arrange the programme. Are you going to have refreshments? If so, will they be typical of the countries you are visiting and when will you have them?

Ask your County Commonwealth and International Adviser if she would come along and talk to the Brownies about Brownies around the world. She is sure to be willing and probably very eager to do this. If she has never been a Brownie Guider she may need some help and guidance as to the sort of evening you want. You might suggest that she includes some slides, a story, a handcraft, a game or competition, and also brings along some items to show the Brownies such as cooking utensils, baskets, mats etc. some of which might be the basis for a handcraft such as simple weaving etc., using maize leaves and other natural materials.

The Brownies themselves might be able to bring along dolls from the countries the CCIA is talking about.

Have an evening of international games and activities for the Brownies to include singing games and involve your County personnel and other members of the community.

You might plan a theme programme for an international journey — using subs to buy the ticket — inspection as a passport check — something like the conga (with appropriate words you have written) for the flight and when you land carry out the programme you have planned. One activity might be, dressing a Brownie. This can be done with crepe paper — each Six having to dress one of their number to represent a Brownie in the country visited. (Use the Brownie Uniform Charts for this). Or produce a full-size outline for a Brownie by getting a member of each Six to lie on a piece of shelf paper and draw round her. Cut the necessary garments from crepe

paper provided and stick them on the figures. These can then be hung around the room.

Rangers may like to concentrate on one country only and really go to town on it. For instance, one Unit produced a Japanese evening for which they had prepared for some weeks. The Unit artist produced some Japanese-style pictures to hang on the wall — each Ranger made or borrowed a garment which was as close to a Japanese Kimono as possible — those who could dressed their hair in Japanese style — they devised Japanese shoes/slippers — they had a Japanese Tea Ceremony and learned how to eat with chopsticks. On the evening itself they invited their Japanese visitor to a meal. Using traditional recipes they had produced a typical meal which was served and eaten Japanese style. (They borrowed soup bowls and spoons and chopsticks from a local Japanese restaurant). Afterwards they performed the Tea Ceremony under the critical eye of their visitor and finally she taught them

some Guide songs in Japanese! It was a very successful evening.

If your Unit decides to do something similar they should choose their evening according to the availability of personnel, food and materials needed.

Visiting an ethnic museum is another way to introduce Brownies, Guides and Rangers to the conditions around the world which affect the way Guiding is carried out. Such museums in London are **The Horniman Museum**, the **Museum of Mankind** and the **British Museum** (suitable for Rangers) and although not strictly a museum, the **Commonwealth Institute**. Obviously the latter only deals with Commonwealth Countries but for these it is unsurpassed, especially if you are able to attend any of the lectures, film shows or entertainments which are offered.

If you wish to know what the future programme is to be — write to **The Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London, W8 6NQ**, and ask to be added to their mailing list.

For Rangers a study of other faiths and the implications of these for Guiding, can be fascinating as well as opening their eyes to conditions under which girls of their age live in other parts of the world. It also enables them to answer such questions as — why are Scout numbers throughout the world so much bigger than Guide numbers? Why are there no Rangers in some countries, why do girls of certain faiths living in this country drop out of Guiding completely at 13 or 14? Why do we not see more Guiders of other faiths? etc.

From these few ideas perhaps you can plan a programme, adapting them to suit your unit.

A knowledge of World Guiding enriches us and helps the girls to understand the diversity in unity of our World Wide Movement.

Note: Thinking Day Around the World will NOT be taking place at Commonwealth Headquarters, during the half term week in February as previously. Instead there will be two programmes on the afternoon of the Thinking Day Service — February 19th at 1.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. at CHQ. Tickets will be on sale at Reception from 12.30 pm onwards. There will be a limit of 40 places available for each programme.



Japanese Tea Ceremony

Duncan S. Rae

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Three Cheers

Sunday, 10th October, 1982 marked the retirement of Miss Gwen Weston as Guide of the 3rd Hounslow Guide Company. Miss Weston first became associated with the Company when she was enrolled as a Guide in 1929. She was awarded her Warrant as a Guide in 1938 and obtained her Camper's Licence in 1939. She became Captain of the Company in 1942. Miss Weston has been constant in her work on behalf of the girls in her care and has taken the Guides camping annually since 1945.

To show their appreciation of her devoted service nearly 200 Guides — past and present members of the Company — were present at a surprise farewell tea at the Church House, Douglas Road, Hounslow.

To mark her retirement Miss Weston was presented with a reproduction of John Constable's 'The Cornfield', together with a book on his work. Greetings from past Guides had been received from many parts of the world — including America, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Italy and the Middle East. These were incorporated in an Album of Friendship which was also presented.

Inevitably there was a great deal of nostalgia and varying periods of the Company's history were referred to by the various speakers. Miss Mary Whetnall, ex Company Lieutenant, spoke on Guiding in the 1930s and wartime Guiding, followed by Mrs Audrey Piggins, Mrs Marion Hall, and Mrs Sue Penter, who spoke on subsequent eras. Miss Suzanne Hughes and Miss Cathrine Kiddle, present Guides, expressed their appreciation of Miss Weston's guidance and encouragement, and the County Commissioner — Miss Marion Easton — climaxed the afternoon with the presentation of a special award — the Good Service Badge.

The leadership of the Company will now be taken by Miss Jeanette Hibbert.

Margaret Nicholson,
Hounslow.



A Pin in Time

On Monday, 11 October, Princess Anne opened a new Riding for the Disabled centre at Gaddesden Place. As members of our Company had helped to raise some money for this project, some as Guides and some when they were Brownies, we were invited to send nine Guides to help the caterers. We also lived up to our Motto, 'Be Prepared' when one of our Guides was able to provide an embarrassed lady with a safety pin.

Sheila Edlin

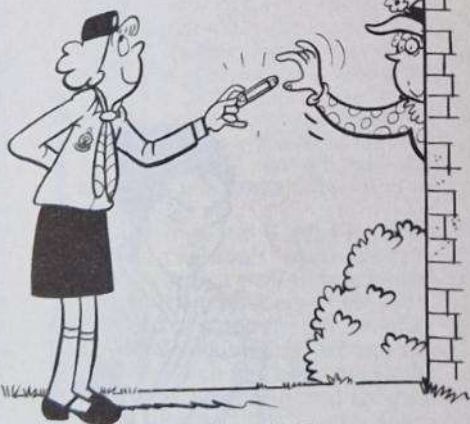
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Good Turn

Surely this must be a quite unique Good Turn. When I married in 1949 our Division Secretary, Mrs Dorothy Cunliffe, began to send on her GUIDER to me because she hated throwing a magazine away after one reading. It has dropped through my letter box very early each month for the last 33 years although we have only met once since 1956. Now that she must stop this wonderful service she thanks me for saving her from having to throw a magazine away!

Joan Charlton (Mrs)
Herts.

We also lived up to our Motto, Be Prepared, when one of our Guides was able to provide an embarrassed lady with a safety pin.



~TOM WILLIAMS~

Thanks

I wish to say thank you to all the different ranks of Guide Units, Scout Troops and Brownie Packs who have sent in their used postage stamps during the last year. I can assure everyone that they have been put to good use.

Before I close may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Barbara Hunt (Miss)
Hitchin, Herts.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

During 1982 the 8th West Finchley Ranger Unit took part in the Rotary Club of Finchley Youth Award Scheme.

As a Community Project the Rangers are raising money in aid of a local Guide who has been, recently, severely handicapped in a tragic accident. The Rangers have held a coffee morning and plan a jewellery evening

but their major effort has been a performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang — a play adapted by Sheila Lane and Marion Kemp from the story by Ian Fleming. Each of the nine Rangers took part. Several Church members and friends helped with props, lighting, music, admissions and seating. The car was built by Tony Heath and Brian Mason and the play was acted around this miraculous vehicle which had wings, a large propeller, brightly coloured wheels, flashing headlamps and a feather duster as a windscreen wiper.

The audience comprised mainly children, many of whom were deprived or handicapped. Their tickets had been sponsored by Rotary and Church members. Refreshments were served after the performance by ladies of the Church and several Guides. During refreshments the children had great fun playing with Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. So far the Rangers have raised £265.25. The Rangers so enjoyed the presence of the handicapped children that they are planning to give them a party in the New Year.

Margaret Heath (Mrs)
Ranger Leader, Finchley
N London.

Success Story

I have read with interest two recent items about sponsored campfires. As I write, I am recovering from a similar event of my own, of 12 hours duration! (the Hall committee vetoed the original suggestion for 24 hrs). The statistics showed, at the end, that we had sung 146 songs, some twice, three and even four times!, many of them new to the Brownies and Guides concerned. This was, in fact, the second purpose of the event, to teach more songs of a good quality around the District, and now I know that we have a good basis on which to base future campfires. The main purpose was to raise money for WAGGGS week, although the event had to be held a week later.

In case others might be inspired to run a sponsored campfire, let me tell you how we ran it: each girl was spon-

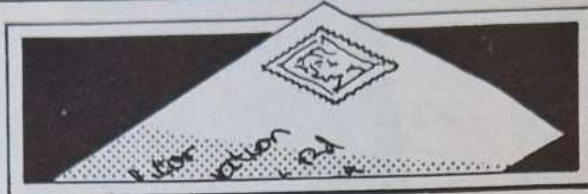
Airing - Caring - Sharing

sored per ½ hour of her singing, and asked to come for a minimum of 2 hours (one Guide came for seven hours, and one Brownie for eight!); people could also sponsor a song for 10p, perhaps they had a favourite one from their Guiding (or Scouting) days. We had a five minute break every hour, for a well-deserved drink of squash, and biscuits, and a toilet visit. For part of the day, I had a helper who got this ready, and I would have liked one for every hour, to ease the burden on my shoulders. The helper also recorded the arrival time of each girl, signed her form, and worked out her total time when she left. Two other Guiders and a Guide also took an hour each of the campfire, which spread the load. Those leading must be prepared for varying numbers, as this affects the type of song/activity one can do. At no time were there fewer than five present, though I was quite prepared to be on my own for the first hour or so, and sing all the songs that no-one else knows! It was a personal challenge, and I'm pleased to have done it, and I hope my District agrees with me when I say it was a success.

Ann Munday (Miss)
Guide Guider, 1st Didcot
Downs Co,
Oxon.

No Change

I was recently asked to accompany Guides to Olave House, for the Open Day there. We had a lovely morning, full of interest and pleasant meetings with other members of the Movement. During our visit some of our Guides were able to exchange County Badges with other Guides. This added to their appreciation of a worldwide Movement. In the afternoon we visited the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington. Other Guides and Guiders were there too. Our Guides mixed freely and exchanged more Badges and friendly conversation with them. Until, that is, one group of Guides from the County of Avon came tearfully back to our Guides to ask for their 'Avon County' Badges back. It seems they were not



allowed to swap Badges and their Guider was very cross!

I did not meet this lady, nor did I want to. It saddened me, to feel that this way of showing friendship was frowned upon, and indeed forbidden. These Guides felt they had suddenly done something wrong. How shortsighted it all was.

How much does a County Badge cost anyway? Or are they in short supply? It was difficult to explain to our Guides that sometimes small considerations can overtake big advantages! I know everyone isn't into Badge swapping, but isn't the message of worldwide friendship through Guiding worth more than a piece of cloth!

Margaret Garland
Assistant Brownie Guider
24th Basingstoke Brownie
Pack,
Hants.

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

Badge Views

I should like to put forward an opinion for the Airing, Caring and Sharing page.

When my Brownies gain new badges; ie Birthday and Journey badges, I feel that it is wrong for them to remove the old ones that they have already gained. Cannot we adopt a system whereby they keep all of their badges on their uniform at the same time? (Dare I say it — as the Cubs do!) What do other Brownie Guiders think?

Mary Wilce
Brownie Guider
1st Newick Pack, Sussex

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right to cut letters or
publish extracts**

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

Och Aye

The Brownies of the 1st North Lochs celebrated their 1st Pack birthday on 19 November 1982 and as we very rarely find any mention of the Western Isles in our THE BROWNIE magazine, each of our girls has sent her own contribution to THE BROWNIE and urge other Packs to do the same.

Fired by the enthusiasm of our Assistant District Commissioner, Mrs Joey Macleod, who established our Pack, we have crammed a great deal into our first year; our parents' night was a great success and led to invitations to entertain the elderly and our singing was also much appreciated at the Play Group's coffee evening.

Guiding is alive and flourishing in the Western Isles and the Lochs area of Lewis proves it!

L Macdonald
Assistant Brownie Guider
1st North Lochs Pack
Isle of Lewis



What you say about us...

I was very disappointed, on receiving my November GUIDER, to find no Double Acrostic puzzle. I do hope that Brenda Hughes can be persuaded to compile some more for our enjoyment. The Ranger puzzle on page 24 was too simple to be any consolation.

Jean Ashton (Mrs)
District Commissioner
Tarporey District, Cheshire
We hope to include Acrostics on alternate months in future.
Editor

BUILDING WITH A LITTLE HELP

The Halifax Building Society, which is the largest building society in the world, was formed in 1853 by a group of businessmen in the middle of the Industrial Revolution. The history behind the British building societies' movement is quite fascinating and is rooted firmly in the country's economic structure. No other country in the world has developed a similar system, although it has been copied elsewhere, but only in those countries which were once part of the British Empire. Other countries of course have systems for aiding house buyers, but these are generally linked with banking in some way. The 'formula' of building societies' method of business seems quite anomalous, for basically it depends on the investor lending the society money, which is repayable almost on demand, while the society concerned lends money to its borrowers for what can be up to 40 years! This rather odd exchange has proved successful for over 200 years and during all this time the British building society movement has remained non-political and surprisingly to many, I'm sure, non-profit making. In fact, annual savings invested in building societies exceed the amount of savings invested in banks or in national savings schemes. While the hope of being able to purchase your own home is the major reason for investing savings, many people find the good rate of interest coupled with the ease of the whole system reason enough to join.

Building societies came about as a direct result of the Industrial Revolution, which had a very dramatic effect on what used to be, at the start of the eighteenth century, a largely agricultural Britain. The economy was mainly dependent on farming, spinning and weaving, and cottage industries existed throughout the country. The Industrial Revolution and all its mechanical inventions changed Britain from a rural community to an urban one in the space of 50 years. People from the north of England and the Midlands moved to the towns with their factories, and the inevitable result was that the already inadequate and insanitary housing situation became worse, along with health standards. However, despite legislation restricting Trades' Union meetings, people formed societies such as sickness and burial clubs, and out of these grew the Friendly Societies in which people contributed money to a general fund which was used to help employees who were in need. It was not long after this, that,



Above, a scene from the film 'Rock Solid'.

towards the end of the eighteenth century, men in different parts of the country realised that if they wanted to solve the problems of inadequate housing, people would have to start building their own homes. The prohibitive cost of materials meant that no one person could afford to build a house, so groups of craftsmen joined a club and each member would pay a stipulated weekly sum of money into a mutual fund. In their spare time the craftsmen built one house, and when it was finished, paid for by the money saved, they would decide by ballot or auction which member of the group should 'win' and live in the house. The winner would continue to pay his weekly sum, as would the other members, until everyone eventually had a house. Once this was the case, the club was terminated, and so the first terminating building societies were formed.

The permanent building societies came into operation in the mid nineteenth century. Wealthy people who were already adequately housed but who had capital to invest, put their money in a building society to earn interest so that a fund could be created to enable others to pay for their own homes. This formula has been in operation ever since. The permanent societies developed mainly in north England, where living conditions were appalling, and certain philanthropic people realised the need for improved housing for those who were not so fortunate. Men such as Jonas Dearnley Taylor, the first secretary of the Halifax, devoted their lives to raising money for home purchase.

The permanent societies arose once people realised that even after the objective of buying a house had been met, it would still be useful to save money for other purposes.

While building societies' aims haven't changed since they first began, the type of investor and borrower varies enormously. In 1979 nearly half of all Halifax loans went to first time buyers and a quarter of all loans were given to borrowers aged 25 years or less. The Halifax offers a large variety of savings schemes, and literally anyone can join. More and more young people, many of school age, are joining the society with a view to buying a house in the long term, but also because they are interested in paving the way towards plans for the future. With young people in mind, the Halifax has produced the Halifax Project, which has been available in kit form since 1978. It has proved to be very successful and has two main aims. One is socio-economic, with a view to encourage young students to plan for the future in terms of investment and house ownership by studying and understanding the role of the building society. The second aim is to provide students, teachers and youth leaders with the basis for further study of academic subjects such as mathematics, civics, economics, history, and English to name a few, and their application to banking investment and house purchase. In other words the project kit aims to show young people, with the aid of its information-

A FUTURE FROM THE HALIFAX

packed fact sheets, questions and projects, the usefulness of planning for the future as well as placing the importance of such future plans in a sociological context. The information provided should stimulate much discussion at Ranger meetings and there is room for practical work as well as possibilities of widening the scope of the kit itself, depending on how you want to use it. While it caters specifically for the 13-16 age group, it provides material that would be of interest and value to Guides and Brownies as well. Some of the kits contain model houses to cut out and make which range from a 15th century peasant's house to a modern semi-detached one, and would certainly appeal to the Guide age group.

Near and Far

The planning, materials and skills which enter into the construction of a house are determined by

its location, its purpose, its style, its materials and its construction.



No one would build a house like this today. It is too small, too simple, and its materials are too primitive. But it is a house, and it is a house that was built by a man who was a builder.



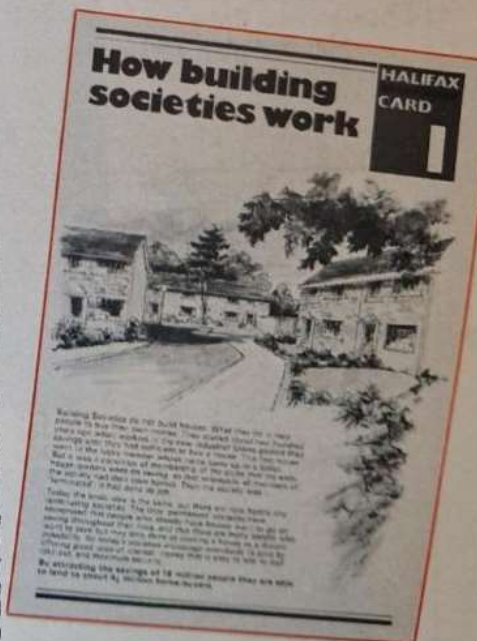
problems obtaining the kit or films, write to the Editor care of 'Halifax Kit', address on page three of this magazine, and we will try to arrange their loan. Your Ranger Unit may also be interested in the film 'Building Society', a 29-minute colour documentary film made for the building societies association and presented by Mark Rogers, BBC TV's Economics Correspondent. This film is also available on free loan to schools and youth groups in either video cassette (VHS format) or 16mm film reel. It can also be bought for £11.50 per video cassette and £22.00 per film reel. These prices include postage and packing and the films are available from: The Schools Liaison Officer, The Building Societies Association, 34 Park Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 3PF.

As well as helping with the future, the Halifax can help with the present. When you next plan a fête or any public function, contact your local Halifax manager. He or she could give your fête free advertising space in the local high street window in exchange for a Halifax stall at the fête.

brochures, a student file on building societies, work cards, a card slide containing questions and answers about the world's biggest things (this would appeal to Brownies!), a fact sheet and an EP soundtrack to a film — 'Rock Solid'. There are three films available which approach the subject of building societies in different ways. 'Rock Solid' is a lively musical lasting 20 minutes, which is based on the simple concept of saving, and how a building society can help young people. The film is in the genre of the huge success 'Grease' and as a result may be a little dated, but it succeeds in getting its message across. Sir Huw Wheldon's film is a personal impression of the Halifax. 'A Moving Experience' is a humorous look at the subject and stars three well-known actors, Pat Coombs, Roy Kinnear and Ian Lavender. Again, the message is clear. All these films appeal to different audiences, and 'Rock Solid' and the film narrated by Sir Huw Wheldon would be of interest to Rangers. To obtain these films, and the project kit, contact your local branch manager of the Halifax. The project is available from all regional offices, and the branch manager should be able to obtain copies of the films from the regional offices, and may even be able to arrange the loan of a projector. Why not meet up with other local Ranger Units and see the film together? The branch manager concerned will attend with the films and will be able to answer any questions. If you have any



You could use the kit as the basis for just one meeting, or perhaps set various projects that would span some weeks' worth of meetings and encourage fellow Rangers to discuss their thoughts on house buying and saving. The contents are numerous and varied, including a very useful teacher's handbook which serves as a guide as well as suggesting ideas for improving the kit. There are information cards, comprehensive notes, colourful wall charts, several booklets and



Shireen Bonner

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25,000 made the connection

by Marilyn Daish



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Colette Joyce — the Connect 4 champion.

Photo by Tony Rose



The four winners with Mr G Fryer, Director, Milton Bradley Group. From left to right: Kerry Squibb, 3rd, Claire Porch, 2nd, Kim Booth 4th and Colette Joyce, 1st.

'Connect 4', the compulsive game by manufacturers Milton Bradley, has caught the imagination and exercised the skills of the 25,000 Brownies, Guides and Rangers in Essex, who took part in a competition sponsored by MB Games, the three winners receiving trophies and prizes of £100, £50 and £25 each.

It has taken only four months for the 25,000 to make the connection due to the excellent organisation by Anglia, who co-ordinated the competition, shepherding it through from Unit to District and Division levels until finally the numbers were whittled down to 24 Division finalists competing for the first three places at the magnificent new church hall of The Christchurch United Reformed Church in Chelmsford on 22 July.



Photo by Tony Rose

The event was peaked by the Milton Bradley pre-Christmas Children's Press Party in London to which the 24 were invited, prizes being presented to the three winners by Mr George Fryer, Director of the Milton Bradley Group, including a Connect 4 game for all. The Press Party is a colourful annual event to which children of members of the Press are invited to sample next year's MB Games and a delicious tea!

The whole event has been an enlightening success story, showing how much can be achieved in a short space of time, given the willingness and undoubted organisational ability of the Commissioners and Guiders involved.

Well done, Anglia, and many thanks to all



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GLENBROOK

INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

18-20 February 1983

by Coral Tomlin

Are you still thinking about joining the International weekend at Glenbrook? If so perhaps the following information will help you to decide whether this is for you.

For those of you not familiar with Glenbrook, it is the Association's Outdoor Activity Centre situated in the Hope Valley of Derbyshire in the Peak National Park. Glenbrook is surrounded by hills and is within easy walking distance of Hope and Castleton and nearby Peaks. This weekend is open to Guiders of all sections who would like to explore in some depth the activities, customs, crafts, dances and food of a selected overseas country or countries. In the past, France, China and the West Indies have been explored and another new area will be looked at this year.

The weekend starts on Friday evening with a meal — the food alone makes a visit to Glenbrook worthwhile — followed by an informal getting to know each other session and perhaps a few slides of the country we are to find out about, before a hot drink.

On Saturday there is an opportunity for everyone to become acquainted with the beautiful surroundings, and groups are encouraged to walk in the hills, weather permitting, take a drive up the passes (can be hair-raising), visit the famous caves, or brass rub in nearby Hathersage, where the church has a fine collection of reproduction Eyre family brasses.

Suitably invigorated, or exhausted, at the end of the day we all meet together for a meal from our theme country and exchange our day's experiences in

the informal atmosphere for which Glenbrook is well known. During the evening we will have a chance to try our hands at crafts from the theme country, with perhaps a song or two to end the day.

We are welcomed at the local church on Sunday morning should you wish to attend, and during the day customs, arts, crafts, dances, etc., of our theme country will be tried, alternatively you may wish to take the opportunity of having another walk or outing into the Peaks. This is very much a 'Do as much as you please' weekend.

We will be looking at the International Scene generally throughout the weekend, discussing ways of encouraging girls to find out about Guiding in other countries throughout the year, not just on Thinking Day,

and looking in particular at some of the clauses in World Friendship, Commonwealth and Traveller badges. The activities we will try will be adaptable for all sections — eg experimenting with cooking foreign food, undertaking 'finding out' projects and displaying our findings to other groups — many opportunities for us to discover for ourselves the culture and way of life of other countries. If you have a successful activity which will help us learn about Guiding overseas why not bring it with you so we can all share it! By the end of the weekend together we hope you will return to your Units with activities to pass on to your girls, and have gained something for yourself.

We look forward to giving you a warm welcome to Glenbrook on 18th February.



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PROGRAMME NOTES

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 District

Foxlease — 14th-16th January, 11th-13th February,
8th-10th April, 1st-3rd July
Waddow — 21st-23rd January, 15th-17th July

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?

Caving and Rock Climbing

Glenbrook — 15th-17th April

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.

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.

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.

Family Week

Foxlease — 27th May-3rd/4th June, 27th July-3rd August

For those who really find it difficult to arrange to get away to a residential training, this is a pleasant mixture of training, and time with your family. Husbands, and children aged two to eight years, are welcome.

There will be training sessions in the morning, while husbands take care of the children, but the afternoon will be free for family activities; there will also be some optional activities and sessions for those who wish to join them. Write to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease.

Partnership in Training

(Commissioners and Trainers) Foxlease — 4th-6th March

Waddow 22nd-24th July

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.

Ranger Guiders

Foxlease — 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.

International Weekend for C.C.I.A.s

Foxlease — 13th-15th May, 1983

This weekend is designed to help CCIA's promote knowledge and understanding of World Guiding within their Counties. It will include ideas for trainings and activities, for Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders, and should help the CCIA to see her job in relation to the needs of her County and in the general development of the girl.

Guide Week

Glenbrook 28th May — 4th June 1983

Guides aged 12 or over (up to four from any one Unit) are invited to join other Guides from different parts of the Country in a week of Guide activities, exploring in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, making Glenbrook a home as well as a base. The week's programme will give opportunities for walking, pony trekking (if chosen), pioneering, wide games, crafts and music. As the programme is geared to the choices of the Guides coming, early application and return of the option forms is advised. Write to Miss B Carrudus Guider-in-Charge, Glenbrook, Bamford, Nr Sheffield, S30 2AL. Applications are being accepted now.

District Commissioners and District Assistants

Foxlease

10th-12th June

This weekend will explore another aspect of the many 'partnerships' in Guiding — the work of the District Commissioner and the support she needs from her team of helpers 'to enable the affairs of the District to prosper' (Commissioner's Handbook).

This weekend will give everyone an opportunity to share experiences, to compare notes with other Commissioners and District Assistants and to see their respective jobs in the perspective of the District as a whole.

While there would be great benefit from a Commissioner and her Assistant coming together, any District Commissioner and any District Assistants will be very welcome.

Canoeing (Training and Assessment)

Glenbrook

17th-19th June

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

Walking Safely (Basic and Intermediate)

Many Guiders, experienced or new to the job, may have become interested in the Walking Safely Training Scheme which is for everyone — whether you live in a rural area or an inner-city one. Preparations and training are needed whether you and your Pack or Company go out for a day in the country, or to a city for a day's exploring!

As an 'extra' to the help you will receive in areas near your home Glenbrook offers you the opportunity to take part in training, at YOUR level of experience, combined with the hospitality of the house and the companionship of other Guiders from all parts of the UK.

Leadership in the Hills (Advanced)

Glenbrook — 18th-20th March

The Leadership in the Hills weekends are linked to the Walking Safely Training Scheme and are for those who have reached Advanced Training.

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

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February
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

Waddow

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

Glenbrook

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

Lorne

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

Broneirion

February
5-6 Welsh Advisers with Chief Commissioner
11-13 Joint Scout and Guide Associations Conference (by invitation)
18-23 'Fun Days for Guides'
25-27 Craft in the Unit

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

Foxlease

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

Waddow

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

Glenbrook

March
18-20 Leadership in the Hills (Advanced)

Lorne

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

Broneirion

March
5 General Training for Brownie and Guide Guiders
11-13 'Music In Guiding'
18-20 General Training (places reserved for Beauvale Division, Nottinghamshire)
25-27 Patrol Project (by invitation)
31- Patrol Leaders
April 5

Glenbrook.
Bamford, Nr Sheffield, S30 2AL
Tel: (Bamford) 0433 51567

Foxlease

March 31-
April 4 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course (Girls and boys from any Operating Authority)
8-10 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)
15-17 General Training
22-24 Cornwall
29-2 General Training
May

Waddow

March 31-
April 4 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course (Girls from any Operating Authority)
8-10 West Yorkshire North
15-17 Bedfordshire
22-24 Birmingham
29-2 London North East
May

Glenbrook

April
15-17 1. Caving
2. Rock Climbing

Lorne

April
1-3 Easter Week-end
15-17 Guide Guiders (Experienced)
22-24 Ulster Executive Committee

Broneirion

April
6-10 Young Leaders
15-17 Welsh Trainers Conference
22-24 General Training (places reserved for Anglesey and Pembrokeshire)
29- West Glamorgan Girls Course
May 1

Netherurd

It is to be hoped that Netherurd will re-open for trainings on 4th March, 1983.

Netherurd

A number of County and Division bookings are planned for the period from March to May but places will also be reserved for individual applications. A full programme will be published in the February issue of GUIDING.

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

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Ulster Trefoil Guilds £8.50
Other Trefoil Guilds £15.00

CALENDAR

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23 31

MAY

JUN

JUL

Lorne
Craigavad, Co Down
Ulster. Tel: (Holywood) 02317 3180

Foxlease

May
6-8 London South West
13-15 International Weekend for CCIA's
20-22 Essex East
27-3-4 Family Week (Guiders with their husbands and children aged 2-8 years)
June

Waddow

May
6-8 Cheshire Border
13-15 Middlesex East
20-22 General Training
27-30 Young Leaders Week

Glenbrook

May
28-4 Guide Week (up to four Guides aged 12 or over from any one Unit)
June

Lorne

May
13-15 Belfast Trefoil Guild

Broneirion

May
7-8 Welsh County Personnel
13-15 General Training (places reserved for Gwent)
20-22 General Training (places reserved for Cardiff and East Glamorgan)
28-1 'Patrol in Action' (groups of not less than four Guides from a Patrol)
June

Broneirion
Llandinam, Powys
SY17 5DE. Tel: Caersws 204

Foxlease

June
10-12 District Commissioner and District Assistants
17-19 Bloxwich Division
24-26 Friends of Foxlease

Waddow

June
3-5 Greater Manchester West
9-13 Friends of Waddow
17-19 Northamptonshire
24-26 Wirral

Glenbrook

June
17-19 Canoeing (training and assessment)

Broneirion

June
3-5 Outdoor Activities Training
11-12 Welsh Programme and Training Committee & Advisers
17-19 General Training (places reserved for Wrekin Division)
22 Friends of Broneirion Gathering

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

Foxlease

July
1-3 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)
9-23 Holiday Period (Guiders, Trefoil Guild Members, their friends and mothers)
27 Family Week
3 Aug

Waddow

July
1-3 Gloucestershire
8-10 International Weekend (CCIAs and Trainers)
15-17 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)
22-24 Partnership in Training
29-31 General Training

Glenbrook

July
15-17 Walking Safely (Basic and Intermediate)

Broneirion

July
1-3 Tutors' Weekend (by allocation)
8-10 Ranger Guiders Training Conference
17 Welsh Executive Committee
23-30 Pack Holiday Training — Wales (by allocation)
30 Pack Holiday Training — Wales (by allocation)
6 Aug

BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE

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

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

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

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

The CHO Training Centres Bursary entitles Guiders to two-thirds of the fee for a two-day weekend training at Foxlease, Waddow and Glenbrook. The Bursary is deducted from the fees at the Centre.

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

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

HOW TO APPLY TO A TRAINING CENTRE

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

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

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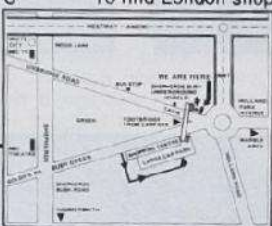
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This Fund was launched in 1977 with the proceeds of a Film Premiere. With donations and re-invested income the Fund has reached £50,000 and the income is now to be distributed. The Fund has two sections —

1. The Endowment Fund — The income to be used for major repairs or extensions to property at Foxlease, Waddow, Glenbrook, Blackland and Ynysgarn.
2. The Bursary Fund — The income to provide bursaries for Guiders attending trainings at Foxlease, Waddow and Glenbrook.

Bursaries will be available for weekend trainings commencing April 1983 and will be for 2/3 of the fee. A limited number of bursaries will be available every month at each Centre for those not receiving help from any other source. Applications will be treated on a first come first served basis and the bursaries will be issued not later than 3 weeks before the training. For further details and application forms District Commissioners should write to the Training Secretary, CHQ.

Thinking Day/ Founder's Day Service 19 February 1983 at 11 am.

As has already been announced admission to the Service in Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church, Westminster, is by ticket only. Have you been lucky enough to obtain tickets for your Unit? If so you may wish to practise the hymns and songs to be sung — details of these were sent with your tickets.

International Competition

An international competition is being held in aid of the new World Centre for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts now under construction in London. Prizes are: two free nights, bed and breakfast for two at Olave House, World Association Hostel, two free nights, bed and breakfast for two at Baden-Powell House, to include two theatre tickets for a London show; A Sussex T-shirt with own name, crest or design; valuable book tokens, and other prizes. The entry form costs 10 pence and to obtain your copy please write to Mrs Armstrong, 'International Competition', c/o 'Briarholm', Private Road, Rodborough Common, Stroud, Glos. GL5 5BT. The closing date for entries is January 30th.



New From Publishing, CHQ

A Brownie Guide's own Prayer Book — written by Rosalie Ward and colourfully illustrated by Kathleen Whapman, this refreshing prayer book costs 85 pence, available from Guide shops and GGA Trading Service (50p postage and packing).

Blackland Farm, CHQ Camp Site, East Grinstead, Sussex.

The Warden needs pairs of Guiders, Young Leaders or Rangers of 16 years and over to give general help during the peak camping periods which are:

23rd July to 7th August
7th August to 21st August
21st August to 4th September

It is useful if helpers can arrive on the Friday evening and preference will be given to applicants who apply in pairs. Travelling expenses and a subsistence allowance are provided for this interesting job for which a knowledge and experience of camping are essential.

Apply, before 31st January, for further details to:

Mrs J Hewitt, 102A Westhall Road, Warrington, Surrey. CR3 9HD.

(Please enclose a foolscap SAE.)

Concert Band Course

A course for the National Scout and Guide Concert Band will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight from Thursday 31st March to Sunday 10th April, 1983. Instrumentalists are required to cover the following: flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, saxophones, French horns, trumpets, cornets, trombones, euphoniums, baritone, bass tubas, percussion and string bass. Applicants aged between 13 and 25 years of age, and with a playing standard of at least Grade V of the Associated Board or equivalent, are eligible.

The cost of the course will be £40. Please send, as soon as possible, for further details and application forms from the Activities Secretary, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW.

Commonwealth Headquarters Fellowship

Are you an ex-member of Staff, ex-Appointment Holder or ex-Committee Member of Commonwealth Headquarters? If so, this notice is for you.

The newly formed Fellowship will be holding its second gathering on Saturday 19 February 1983 at Commonwealth Headquarters from 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. (lunch will be available).

It is hoped many of you will wish to attend the gathering and join the Fellowship. For further details please write to:

Miss Editha G Mitchell MBE, c/o The General Secretary's Dept. marking your envelope 'CHO Fellowship'.

County Weekends in 1984

Counties wishing to book for a County weekend at Foxlease and Waddow should apply in writing to the Training Secretary at Headquarters not later than the 1st March, 1983. The programme for the whole of 1984 is drawn up after this date and once this is completed no further applications can be considered.

Owing to the increase in the number of requests received each year, a priority will be given in 1984 to applicants from Counties which have not had a booking in 1983.

Campsites and Holiday Houses List 1983

Important: Will all users of this publication please note that applications should not be made for any site not appearing in the 1983 list (even if it was included in 1982). Local goodwill could be adversely affected if this unwritten rule is disregarded, so please don't use an out-of-date edition — please use the 1983 edition. Copies are available for sale to Advisers, Commissioners and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-ordinators who have not received copies from their Region, and can be obtained from the Training Secretary CHQ enclosing a cheque/ postal order for 86p (including postage) made payable to the Girl Guides Association.

Accommodation in London

Lists of hostel accommodation available in London are obtainable from Reception at CHQ. Please send a stamped addressed envelope if requiring copies by post.

Readers are requested to note that there is no longer dormitory accommodation at CHQ.

The T-Shirt Competition, due to appear in THE BROWNIE, TODAY'S GUIDE and GUIDING, which was mentioned on page 19 of December GUIDER has, unfortunately, now been cancelled.

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Slough Gang Show, 12, 16 April, Planet Theatre, SAE information: Greenfield, 62 Goodman Park, Slough SL2 5NN.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Bound for Belize

Mrs Margaret Banks, the Commissioner for Branch Associations, was 'bound for Belize' in July last year when she spent a happy time visiting Units and meeting the Guiders and Commissioners in all parts of the country.

The country of Belize, which used to be called British Honduras until 1973, nestles on the east coast of central America facing the Caribbean Sea. To the North and West is Mexico and to the West and South is Guatemala. Belize is about the same size as Wales and when the last census was taken in 1980 the population had reached 145,000.

Guiding started there in 1937 and while the greatest concentration of Units is in Belize City, on the coast, there are flourishing Units in all five Guide Districts covering the whole country. Belize is a Branch Association of the United Kingdom. The country received political independence on 21st September 1981 at a joyful ceremony which was attended by Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. Belize adopted four national symbols with independence. These are the toucan, black orchid, Tapir (mountain cow) and the mahogany tree. Now that Belize is politically independent it is working towards Associate Membership of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Belize has a rich cultural heritage. Archaeological excavations suggest that Maya Indians inhabited the area at the time of the birth of Jesus Christ and that their Empire did not decline until about the tenth century. Some archaeologists advance the theory that their decline was brought about by disease while others have uncovered evidence which suggests that the leaders were overthrown.

Some Maya Indian descendants lived on quietly in the forest clearings, tilling the land and worshipping as their fathers had done, until the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, when settlers arrived from Spain, bringing with them new skills, animals and crops. The

Spanish were followed shortly afterwards by the Dutch, French and English. Christopher Columbus sailed into and named the Bay of Honduras in 1502, although he did not actually visit Belize.

Early in the nineteenth century the Caribs arrived from St Vincent. Today English is the official language, although Spanish is spoken in the North.

The land is low lying on the coast and rises to 3800 feet in the Maya mountains in the South. Much of the country is covered with rain forest. An interesting feature is the line of coral reefs, dotted with 'cayes' (pronounced keys) which extend almost the entire length of the territory a couple of miles from the coast.

The sub-tropical climate favours the citrus industry in the South and sugar cane in the North. Several varieties of palm may be seen and coconuts are exported. Other exports are sugar, timber — mainly mahogany, cedar and pine. The fishing industry is expanding and tourism is on the increase.

Belize City is now the commercial capital of the country. The administrative capital and seat of government is in the new town of Belmopan, 60 miles inland. Belmopan was planned as part of the reconstruction which took place after Hurricane Hattie in 1961 had devastated Belize City and damaged Stann Creek town further south, destroying many homes and hundreds of square miles of valuable forest. Aid poured into Belize and the people began to rebuild the city. Part of the Guide Headquarters was damaged and this was re-built with money from the Girl Guide Friendship Fund. The money sent to Belize to help with the re-building of the Headquarters was one of the earlier contributions made by the Fund, which did not start until May, 1964.

The church plays an enormous part in the life of the country. The Roman Catholic, Methodist and Anglican Churches are strong and 60% of school places are provided by the Church. Elementary schools

offer education from 5-14 years and about half the young people stay on at school to take the Cambridge Overseas General Certificate of Education or the examinations of the Caribbean Examinations Council. More and more young people are staying on at school and taking advantage of the courses being offered in the 6th Form Colleges.

Map showing position of Belize.



Brownie, Guide and Ranger meetings usually take place on school or church premises. Meetings follow a similar pattern to those here in the United Kingdom and the young people work on the 8-point programme. Handcrafts, Camp Fires and Cook Outs are especially popular activities. The Guide section of the Movement has always been strong and in the last 15 years or so the number of Brownies has increased enormously. Last year the membership almost topped 700. It is a source of much pleasure in Belize that the Governor General, Dr Minita Gordon, was at one time a District Commissioner. We send best wishes to all in Belize as they prepare for their Golden Jubilee in 1987.

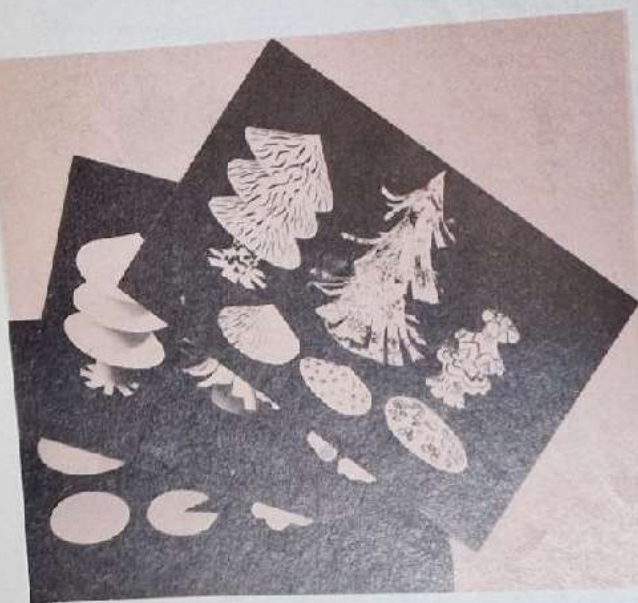
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BROWNIE Preview — Four Special Days

Throughout the month of February **THE BROWNIE** has four special occasions featured in different issues. Thinking Day, St. Valentine's Day, Pancake Day and St. David's Day. Each issue is full of ideas and activities to complement each occasion. On February 2nd there is a three part feature starting called Misfit Uniforms complete with dolls all connected with Thinking Day and Overseas. There are recipes with an International flavour, pancakes to make and ideas for St. Valentine's Day. There is also a special recipe from Wales to celebrate St. David's Feast Day. This month we see the first clause of the Pony Rider Badge for all those Brownies who are keen on riding and the last in the series of the Needleworker Badge. The usual charts for helping at home and keeping fit are always helpful, these being taken from the clauses of Badges such as: 'Clean a fireplace, lay and light a fire' — House Orderly. **THE BROWNIE** Story Book has two stories this month both in two parts 'A Garden Gnome's Good Turn' and 'Patsy's Pancake Problem'. There are further ideas for the model village and they appear in the following order: A log house, Post box, the floor plan and lastly, trees. For these you will need to collect still more washing up liquid bottles of various sizes, ping pong balls, elastic bands, rubbers, a large board, a good supply of sponge or foam for foliage and trees, sand and sawdust. Lastly all the usual things such as scissors, glue and plenty of paper. When making these handcraft ideas remember to start collecting early on when things are on a large scale. The St. David's Day issue has a centre spread entitled 'Look and see what the Welsh Brownies are up to'; this can also be coloured in to make a special display. Also the usual Pictures to Paint appear together with ideas for Ventures that the Pack can participate in. There is also news of the latest Adopt and Cherish project for 1983.

Below, model village — paper trees.



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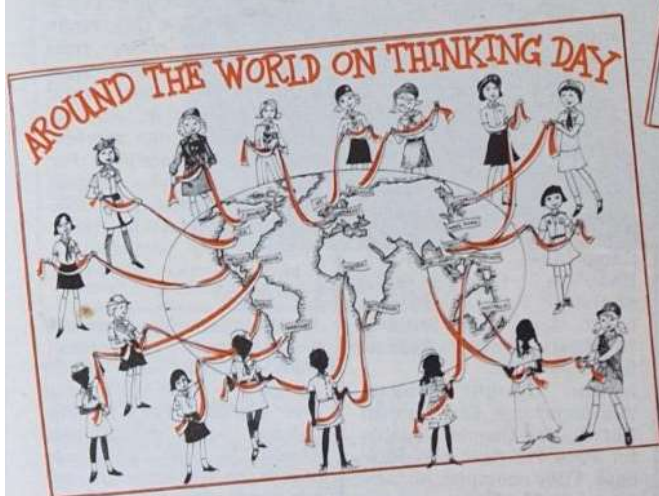
Thinking Day and St. Valentine's Day in TODAY'S GUIDE

February is one of the busiest months in the Guiding year as we frantically look for new ideas to help us prepare for Thinking Day. Look no further, **TODAY'S GUIDE** can help! A large, beautifully illustrated chart has been designed to use with various projects and activities connected with Thinking Day. It features Guides from round the world indicating by means of a ribbon which country they come from. Guides can colour it in and turn it into a superb centre piece for their ceremony. This can also be used in Patrols for exhibitions on the countries they choose to represent or as a centre piece for an international evening or meal. Part two of 'Preparing for Thinking Day' has more suggestions for ideas and how to go about the organising. Also included are features on International Cookery, special recipes, the popular 'Guiding round the World' series and an appropriate article entitled 'A Guide is a sister to every other Guide'. The Commonwealth Badge continues in a different way that simplifies the clauses and makes them more interesting to follow. Other Badges this month are Music Lover, Carpenter and Cook. If any of your Guides are doing the Cook badge they can chal-

in next month's



challenge themselves to make an omelette with help from the DIY scheme chart. For St Valentine's Day we are featuring a chart on customs and the history of this day, together with articles on Victorian stamps and Nature Notebook featuring 'Birds and the St. Valentine legend'. These articles provide interesting information relevant to St Valentine's Day. For light-hearted reading there is the first part of a story by K Moore — The Hide — and the Growing Up Is Fun feature. This month it looks at Hand and Foot care, and pretty underwear. To keep the Guides busy throughout the long winter evenings they can enter the competitions in this month's issue. There is one especially for Thinking Day, plus news of the latest Adopt and Cherish project for 1983.



Finally, Music Scene — I did not mention this in my last review, but thought I would give the Guides a chance to air their views about this new feature. Reader participation is the idea behind this new page. The Guides are asked to send in their own favourite Top Ten record choice, and from the lists received, a Top Ten chart will be published in the magazine.

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February TODAY'S GUIDE on sale 15 January.

TODAY'S GUIDE — How to help your Patrols to use their Patrol Pages — International Cooking

by Coral Tomlin

Mention food or cooking to most girls and you have them interested straight away, so perhaps the project in February's *TODAY'S GUIDE* will need no selling. However, here are a few other notes for you to pass on to the girls if you think it necessary.

The recipe given is taken from *World Recipes and Games*, published by WAGGGS, which is an excellent book, giving both ideas for games and many recipes from all over the world — especially useful at this time of the year. In it you will find plenty of food for thought for Thinking Day activities.

You will know your Guides, so you may need to supervise the cutting of the tins, but do make sure there are no jagged edges on which the girls could cut themselves. The tins need to be larger than baked bean size — family sized carrots or similar sized tins give a good area to cook on — but ordinary 14 oz tins will do. If you want the girls to spread the project out over a couple of weeks they could always make a buddy burner the first week, details on pages 26-27 Guide Handbook; nails put

into the wax just before it sets make a good stand for a homemade frying pan to rest on.

Do make sure you are allowed to light cooking appliances in the hall where you meet before you allow the girls to make their plans, or let them find alternative premises for the project.

If cooking is not allowed then you may need to find some suggestions for non-cooking recipes — try to wean them from the peppermint cremes though. Challenge them to make the most attractive salad, savoury or sweet, or the most unusual salad.

Another aspect is, of course, that a great deal of our food comes from overseas. Could you challenge them to name the countries the most common items come from? Or challenge them to making a meal with only foreign ingredients? Conversely, could they make a meal using only British food?

Do you insist that when eating food they all sit down together properly? This is perhaps an opportunity for encouraging good manners.

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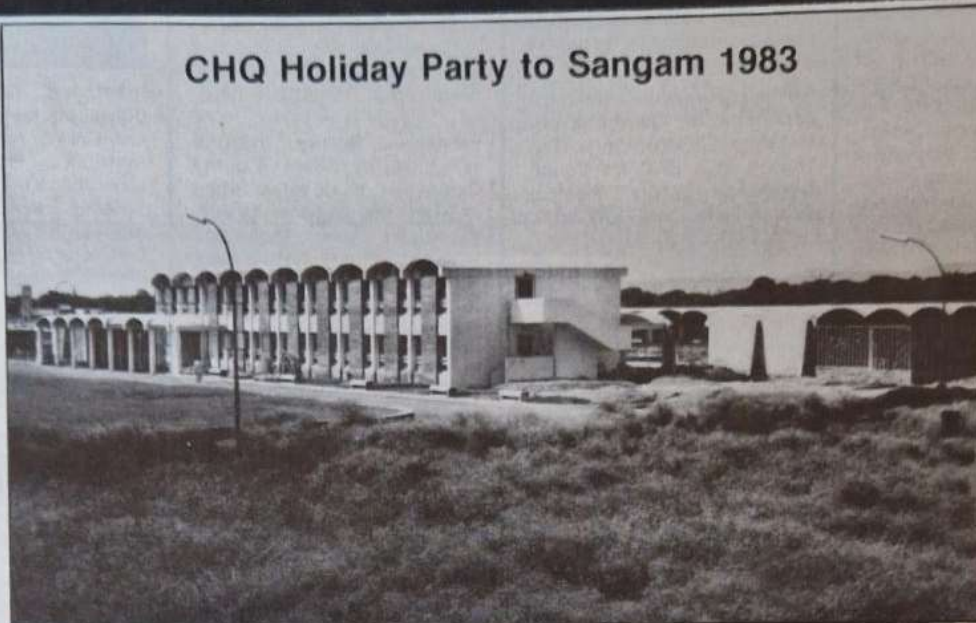
Attractive Company/District camp site, near interesting old village. Solid shelter, inexpensive. Sae Warden, Mont Dore, West Hill, Worthing, Sussex.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

CHQ Holiday Party to Sangam 1983



(Overall approx dates: **Saturday 23.7.83-19.8.83**)
Depart approx London/Heathrow **23.7.83**
Arrive Bombay 24.7.83
 YWCA for nights of 24 and 25 (depending upon arrival time)
 onward to Sangam **26.7.83 (AM)**
 (by train or plane)
Discover India Session 27.7.83-2.8.83
 followed by
East Meets West Session 3.8.83-16.8.83
Homeward depart Sangam 17.8.83 (AM)
Depart India (Bombay 17.8.83 pm)
Arrive London Thursday 18.8.83 approx

	£
Approx Cost: Air London/Bombay/London approx	450.00
Return to Sangam } Bombay/Poona/Sangam	18.00
from Bombay	
Bus or taxi to railway station allow	3.00
Airport Departure tax: 100 Rupees payable locally	7.00
Sangam Session fee 'Discover India'	
Session Fee approx 2000 rps exclusive of meals	123.00
Sangam Session Fee 'East Meets West'	
Session fee: 1400 rps — Registration fee 200 rps	99.00
which includes board & lodging, trips and programme materials	
	<u>700.00</u>
YWCA accommodation & meals out allow	20.00
Insurance: GGA Policies	14.00
Administration:	1.00
	<u>735.00</u>

Additional costs:— Travel to/from London, spending money, overnight accommodation in London prior to departure if required, food whilst at Discover India Tour.
 All dates are subject to flight availability and may change slightly.

Discover India 27.7.83-2.8.83

An exciting introduction to India's vast rich heritage. The group will explore some of the wonder and fascination of the state of Maharashtra. The group will travel from Poona to Aurangabad, famous for its silk and cotton weaving and an excellent base for excursions to the magnificent caves at Ajanta and Ellora. Art lovers, historians or simply those interested in the heritage of India will be enthralled by the magnificent frescoes and sculptures at the temples and shrines of Ajanta and Ellora. The group will visit Bibi-ka-Magbara, a mausoleum built as an imitation of the Taj Mahal, the Pauchakki water mill and gardens, Daulatabad Fort with its

underground tunnels, the majestic Chand Minar and much much more.

Transportation: Bus and Train. Accommodation: Western style hotels in double or triple rooms.

East Meets West, 3-16 August 1983

India — a country rich in heritage and tradition makes an ideal setting for a session looking at traditions from all over the world.

Traditional customs, arts, crafts, foods, music, religion and celebrations of different countries or regions all have a place at this session. Participants will have the opportunity to share skills, exchange ideas, learn new songs, ceremonies and programme methods.

In addition, there will be tours of local sights, you can make chapattis, learn the arts of Rangoli and Mehendi, eat Maharashtrian style, meet Indian Guides and Scouts and experience some of the rich cultural heritage of India.

There is the possible option to stay on for the Holiday Camp for local children, who are underprivileged. These children would never normally have a holiday. They are aged 9-12 years and have a wonderful time playing games, learning to make things etc, in a camp environment.

18.8.83-23.8.83 Depart Sangam 24.8.83

Depart India 24.8.83 pm

Applicants must make it clear whether they wish to stay on for the Holiday camp when applying for a place on the holiday.

The total number of participants allowed from the UK is 10. Applicants must be: Active Warranted members of the Association.

Aged 18 years upwards. In perfect health (a medical certificate from your GP confirming your fitness to take part in the event will be required).

Nominations will be accepted in the order in which they are received, at CHQ London. Preference will be given to Guiders who have not previously been a member of a CHQ Holiday Party.

Preparation: Each participant must be prepared either individually or as a delegation to share at least one tradition from their own area and to teach or explain its origin and development to others. Participants will also be expected to share something of what life is like in their country and the content of the Guiding programme. Sangam has a slide and movie projector available as well as a cassette tape recorder.

Applications: to the International Secretary, Commonwealth & International Department, CHQ London, on Nomination Forms provided by your CGIA. To arrive at CHQ as soon as possible after 1.1.83 and by 28.2.83 at the latest.

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Approved Riding Centre, Wales, offers 6-day riding holidays July/August. Hostel

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The Commonwealth & International Circle

Vivienne Vaughan-Cox
Chairman

Although the Circle (as it is affectionately known) is dear to its members and friends, it is perhaps not as widely recognised as it could be. It is a happy club for all those Guide folk interested in the overseas who meet together once a month at CHQ, to renew friendships and to hear interesting talks on a great variety of subjects.

The Commonwealth & International Circle is open to all members of the Guide Movement who have lived abroad or have a special interest in other countries. The Circle provides hospitality and fellowship for overseas members of the Movement. Those who are here briefly are our guests at the monthly meetings and to those who are here for a longer period, we extend an invitation for membership.

Notices of meetings appear regularly in *GUIDING* (formerly *GUIDER*) and the Reception at CHQ will always furnish details of meetings on enquiry.

The Circle began life in 1941 and was first called the Overseas Circle and was formed by Lady Clarendon to bring together those who had served the Guide Movement overseas — wives of High Commissioners, Colonial Civil Servants, Army Officers, Missionaries and so forth, who had returned to UK when their overseas tours were over. It also embraced Guiders from overseas countries within the *then* British Empire, living in or near London.

In 1944 the name was changed to **Empire Circle** and many well known names in Guiding were Chairman at one time or other — Lady Arthur, Lady Cooper, Lady Monro, Miss Chadwick and of course Gladys Commander, secretary of the Overseas Department for many years and who was a particular friend of the Circle. More recently, Mrs Dennistoun-Sword has twice been Chairman. She has been a great help to the Circle, and is now our President.

In 1959 the name was changed again to **Commonwealth Circle** as Imperial HQ became Commonwealth HQ. Later still, with horizons ever widening and with membership coming from many countries in our World Association, it was agreed to add International and the circle became the Commonwealth and International Circle, which it is known as today.

From the very beginning the Chief Guide loved the Circle. She attended its meetings and parties whenever possible and she had the happy idea of always asking those from other countries to stand up and give their name and country — (a custom that we have continued) to impress on everyone the world-wide aspect of Guiding.

Many lasting friendships were made and still

are, from Circle meetings.

From early days the programme includes a variety of activities including entertainment in City Halls and a Thinking Day party, with different ceremonies each year. When the Chief Guide was living at Hampton Court, Circle Members were invited to lunch or tea and there were outings in summer to country homes of people like Lady Gibbs and Lady Burnham, and to Foxlease. For many years the monthly meetings were held at the Guide Club until it closed down. After that meetings were usually at CHQ or occasionally at BP house, when numbers were too great for the CHQ library.

It is true to say that the Circle has fulfilled an important purpose for 41 years and many young members of the Movement who came to study in the UK or to get a job, found a welcome and friendship when introduced to the Circle. With the passing of the years the pattern of membership has changed but its aims remain the same. It may be that you and your friends would enjoy the stimulation of sharing in the wider world of Guiding.

Why not give it a try?

We should be pleased to welcome you.

The photograph below was taken at a Commonwealth and International Circle Christmas Party — from left to right, Mrs Yvonne Bowman, a former Chairman of the Circle, Mrs Lyn Joynt, former Director of the World Bureau and Mrs Dennistoun-Sword, who retired as Chairman of the Circle in June last year.



Towards

THINKING DAY

IN THE DISTRICT



A District Act of Worship

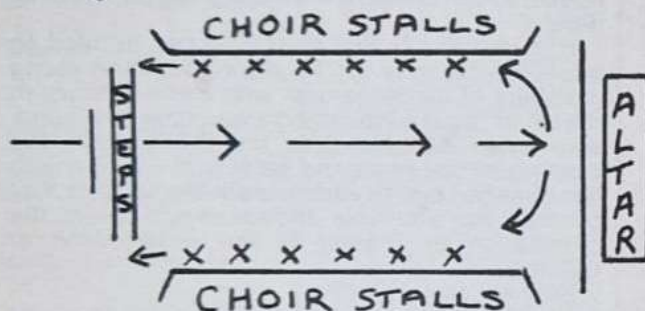
For most Districts, Thinking Day brings the opportunity for Guides, Brownies and Rangers to join together in an act of worship and a formal occasion for the renewal of the Promise and all it means to us. For the organiser of the Service, whether it be large or small, there is the difficult task of rehearsing the ceremonial part which is so important as a scene setter for the occasion.

A service which starts with a well presented and dignified presentation of the Colours and ends with an orderly return

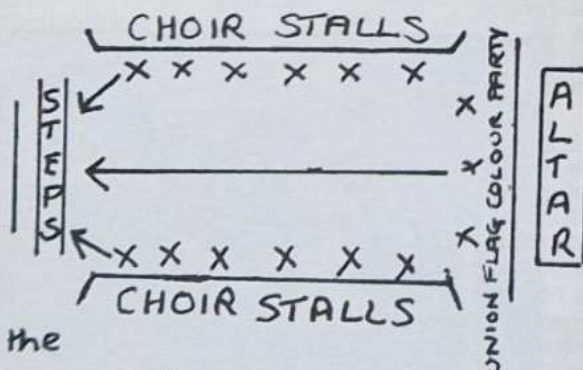
and withdrawal is well on the way to being a success. The tone is set from the start and the mood cemented at the close. Long drawn out rehearsals are not always the answer. If you are in charge of colours, visit the church first, talk to the minister and plan from there. How wide is the centre aisle? What will get in the way of the tall flags? — take a Union Flag with you on your first visit — they tend to be taller than a World Flag when carried. If you are short remember today's Guides and Rangers grow tall!

The next consideration is the number of flags/pennants to be presented. Will all have two escorts or will this be impractical? A moving line of presentation can be more impressive than one that stops and starts.

e.g.



At the beginning - Colour Parties lead off as soon as all Colours are handed Over.



At the Close - Colour bearers follow in two lines after the Union Flag Colour Party has passed

This general arrangement allows for a more continuous presentation at the beginning and a flowing return of colours at the end, yet still permitting an impressive mass of colours and a simultaneous turn to face the altar for God Save The Queen with the Union Flag colour party, last to go up, standing before the altar.

They then give the signal for the about turn, walk down the centre to lead out, and are followed from the front of the choir stalls by the two lines of waiting colours.

Specially reserved seating for the colour parties and extra helpers at the altar to place the flags safely in order, are the other considerations. With these plans clearly made, the one full rehearsal usually held should be sufficient and be over in less than an hour.

Uniform should be uniform — If possible agree at the District meeting about their uniform — socks, or tights, jerseys under blouses or not etc — suggest unobtrusive means of keeping warm, especially if you know the church is cold. If the Unit Guiders will accept responsibility for seeing the uniform is right, the rehearsal can be held without uniform and laundering of scarves and blouses more readily assured.

Plan well ahead, check the procedures in 'Ceremonial Occasions' (published by the GGA) and encourage the girls involved to practise walking well when carrying a flag. Their efforts and yours will result in an occasion to remember.

A District Social Occasion

can also be very successfully held with an International theme. Rangers and older Guides especially enjoy researching and preparing dishes from other lands (see 'World Games and Recipes' published by the GGA) and, by getting together, an enjoyable food-tasting can take place. Competitions, music and dancing can all be woven into the programme, with perhaps a more serious moment or two to think of those Guides in less well developed countries, whose food is not so lavish, and a collection made to send aid to help them. The film 'World of Change, World of Promise' (available on hire from Town and Country Productions, 21 Cheyne Row, London SW3 5HP) is an excellent way of presenting different aspects of Guiding in other parts of the world and the gradual changes being brought by Guiding into the daily lives of the young women through the training it offers them.

Younger Guides and Brownies



love the opportunity to dress up and see the different uniforms and badges of Guides and Brownies throughout the world. The WAGGGS Charts (available from GGA Trading Service) are a great help here as is 'Trefoil Round the World'.

The Charts can be cut up and pasted on card to make matching games. The flags of the countries and their names can also be put onto cards. At District events the girls can be given a card on arrival and challenged to meet up with the girls who have the others in the set — uniform, badge, flag, name of country etc. Full charts may be displayed to help. The groups thus formed could make a candle holder and/or decorated candle to use at a special ceremony later on — International games, team-game orientated, might follow ('Games from Many Lands', GGA Trading Service, is a help) and the evening ends with the candle ceremony and presentation of the Thinking Day fund money and an international sing song by candle light.

A Guiders' Evening

Thinking Day can also be the opportunity for the Guiders in the District to get together and think about the International aspect of our Movement. Could you involve the County International Adviser in your plans? Would the Guiders like her to come and speak to them about visits abroad, selection of girls for International events, possible overseas visitors coming into your area and requiring hospitality, the proposed International Camp not far from where you live? Take the opportunity of a winter evening to hear more about those you will meet and how their Guiding varies from ours. Interested Guiders mean interesting and stimulating activities for the girls will follow.

Whatever kind of District Thinking Day activity you decide upon, enthusiasm and careful planning should ensure that the District is strengthened by the experience.

Adopt & Cherish — Beautiful Britain Year

Marilyn Daish

How beautiful is Britain?

Beautiful, yes, but unkempt, I'm afraid — at least there are numerous untidy corners which would be better left unseen, and bottles, cans, weeds, broken glass are ever-present companions each time we set foot out of the house. These are some of the hazards of daily living which provide us and our children with the attributes to a spectacular obstacle course and a daily dice with injury.

Such are the problems facing the urban family, and I can see country dwellers complacently sitting back in your armchairs, delighted that you moved out of the smoke into a cleaner, healthier and safer environment. That doesn't let you off the hook. There isn't a village in the country in perfect condition — the unsightly corner by the post office which would improve enormously with the addition of a few plants — the bench by the war memorial which needs painting and the war memorial itself — to the glory of the fallen dead — how often do we consider their resting place these days? It is amazing how transforming a scrub can be.

In 1981 these energies were harnessed when Adopt & Cherish was born. Brainchild of the Girl Guides Association, held in conjunction with the Keep Britain Tidy Group and sponsored by Lloyds Bank, this massive nationwide conservation project aims to encourage Guides, Brownies, and Rangers to improve and maintain neglected areas of their environment.

Last year over 1,000 Units took part in this, the largest contest the Girl Guides Association has ever launched. In order to attract the remaining 700,000 we are providing new incentives this year, including Patrol or small group entries so that should

the whole Unit be unable to take part in the scheme groups will still be able to do so. Our most exciting addition to the scheme is the inclusion of a Logbook requiring skill and imagination to complete — if you want to know more look out for our advertisement in next month's *GUIDING*. By returning the slip at the bottom you will receive a kit with full instructions for 'New Look' Adopt & Cherish 1983 and help to make ours a more beautiful Britain to live in.

Below, The Reverend R F Acworth with the 2nd Yatton Guides and the young son of Mrs Catherine Moore, a Guider.



Weston Mercury



Round The World Recipes for THINKING DAY.



Rissoles from Portugal

Pastry: 375ml (¾ pint) water; 50g (2oz) butter; 250g (10oz) plain flour; 5ml spoon (1 teaspoon) salt.

Filling: 50g (2oz) butter; 50g (2oz) plain flour; 375ml (¾ pint) milk; 200g (8oz) prawns, chopped; salt and pepper; 2 x 15ml spoons (2 tabsp) lemon juice; 15ml spoon (1 tabsp) chopped parsley.

Coatings: 2 eggs, beaten; 150g (6oz) fresh white breadcrumbs; oil for deep frying.

To make pastry, mix flour and salt. Bring water to boil with butter. When butter has melted, tip in flour and mix well. Remove from heat, beating quickly until the mixture leaves sides of pan. Turn mixture out onto a floured plate, cover with cling film and leave to cool.

To make filling, melt butter in a saucepan, add flour and cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat and gradually add milk. Bring to the boil, stirring, until thickened. Remove from heat, add prawns, salt, pepper, lemon juice and parsley. Cool.

Roll out pastry thinly and cut into 24 x 10cm (4in) rounds. Place a little filling in the centre of each round. Brush edge of pastry with water, then fold over dough. Press to seal. Coat with beaten egg and cover with breadcrumbs, chill for 30 minutes. Heat oil to 180°C, 360°F, and fry rissoles until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Serve warm. *Makes 24.*

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Farmer's Soup from Holland

A Dutch version of French Onion Soup which, with its melted cheese on bread and bacon topping, is substantial enough for a main meal.

50g (2oz) butter; 1 large onion, chopped; 200g (8oz) carrots, diced; 2 medium sized potatoes, peeled and diced; 1 small cauliflower, separated into small florets; 2 sticks celery, chopped; 1 litre (1¾ pint) chicken stock; salt and pepper; 4 thick slices white bread from a large loaf; 100g (4oz) rashers back bacon; 100g (4oz) of Gouda or Edam cheese, thinly sliced.

Heat butter in a large saucepan. Add onions, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower and celery. Cook gently, stirring for about 5 minutes. Add the stock and a good shake of salt and pepper. Bring to boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes until vegetables are tender.

Meanwhile fry bacon in its own fat until crisp and golden. Drain on kitchen paper. Fry bread slices in the bacon fat in pan, then drain. Have ready a hot grill. Pour soup into an ovenproof dish or casserole. Float bacon rashers on top. Cover surface of soup with bread slices, cutting them to fit if necessary. Top with cheese slices and place under grill for 2-3 minutes until cheese has melted. Serve immediately. *Serves 4-6.*

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water and salt, then place a tightly fitting lid on the saucepan and leave over a low heat for 30 minutes. Serve with boiled rice.

The Honey Bureau.

Fresh Peach Melba from Australia

This is claimed to be the original recipe created for Dame Nellie Melba, and it is well worth taking the little extra trouble to make when fresh peaches are available. At other times canned peach halves can be used.

Vanilla ice-cream, fresh peaches, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups water, 2 tablespoons thick raspberry jam or purée, whipped cream, chopped nuts.

Peel and halve the peaches, removing the stones. Make a syrup with the sugar and water and when boiling gently add the peaches. Cook until tender but still keeping their shape, then lift out with a slotted spoon and chill. Boil down the syrup until thick and halved in quantity. To one cup of syrup add 2 tablespoons raspberry jam or purée, mix well then chill.

When ready to serve, place a peach-half in a sweet dish, cover with a large scoop of ice-cream, pour over a generous amount of raspberry syrup and cover with another peach-half. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with chopped nuts.

Australian High Commission

Simla Chicken from India

4 chicken joints; 3 tablespoons vegetable oil; 1 large onion, chopped; 1 teaspoon turmeric; ¼ teaspoon ginger; 1 small clove garlic, crushed; ¼ teaspoon cardamoms; ¼ teaspoon cinnamon; ¼ teaspoon salt; ¼ teaspoon black pepper; 3 teaspoons Gale's Clear Honey; 2 tablespoons water.

Skin the chicken joints, remove any excess fat. Heat the oil in a large saucepan, add the chopped onion, turmeric, ginger, garlic, cardamoms, cinnamon and pepper, fry over a low heat for one minute. Add the chicken joints, fry for a minute or two on each side. Add the

News For Rangers

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course

Waddow (Girls from any Operating Authority) 31st March-4th April, 1983 (Easter)

A residential course over the Easter weekend for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, open to girls from any Operating Authority. Apply to the Guider-in-Charge for details.

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course

Foxlease (Girls and Boys from any Operating Authority) 31st March-4th April, 1983 (Easter) Foxlease (Girls only) 26th-29th August

A residential course over the Easter weekend for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, open to girls and boys from any Operating Authority. Apply to the Guider-in-Charge for details.

Young Leader's Weekend Waddow — 27th-30th May, 1983

Calling all Young Leaders. Why not go to Waddow next May, especially if you have not been there before. You will be living and working with other Young Leaders from different parts of the country who share similar aims and outlook. The course will give you opportunities to challenge yourself, to get help and ideas for your work with the Pack or Company which you help, and to have fun. Apply to the Guider-in-Charge, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs, BB7 3LD.



'LINK-UP' at Ironbridge

Robert Griffiths, Chairman — Ironbridge Gorge LINK



This summer's National LINK-UP was held in the village of Eaton Constantine in Shropshire and hosted by the Ironbridge Gorge LINK. Over a hundred LINK members attended, representing eleven of the LINK Units in England and Wales.

The planning and the preparations started more than a year ago, and over the months all sorts of things, from village halls to dance groups, were booked. It was quite an undertaking for a small Unit, so local clubs were asked to help with the provision of equipment for rambling, canoeing, archery and horse riding. Some older Guides were enlisted to help to occupy the LINKETTES (young children of members) and the Scout Fellowship members agreed to erect direction signs.

It is customary for the host LINK to provide a meal for members as they arrive on the Friday evening. This sounds quite easy, but is anything ever that simple? An 'apple pie factory' was set up, with the help of local Guiders and Rangers. Apples were picked, peeled, cored, put into pastry cases and then baked. Would there be enough? How big a piece would hungry young adults want? Then there was the huge turkey which had to be sawn in half by the butcher so it would fit into domestic ovens, and the carving, sand-

wiches and stock making which followed. Finally all the food was prepared and tucked into freezers to await the great day.

Camp was pitched between the hours of 6 pm and 2 am when the Pembroke Unit finally arrived. The turkey surprise and apple pie disappeared rapidly but there was more than enough.

Saturday morning saw various tired bodies being dragged onto coaches to be whisked off to view the famous Iron bridge itself, not to mention the coracles and the local coffee shops. From there they were taken to the open air museum site of Blist's Hill, which provided a very interesting insight into life in the days of the Industrial Revolution. All too soon it was time to move on to the next refuelling stop, where 80 meals of chicken and chips miraculously appeared in a little van. Then we were on our way again to work off some of the calories. While some members went canoeing, most opted for a closer acquaintanceship with the Wrekin, a very prominent hill with a grand view over most of Shropshire. The canny ones did it on horseback while the rest quickly disentangled themselves from a fell race, being run over the hill, and set off in fine style with the local

rambling club. Some members chose the less strenuous route, but after pushing the wheelchair of one of the Brambley Hill members over some very rough ground they decided it was really the most strenuous route! With the aid of the occasional helping hand and a coffee stop we all returned to camp for a quick meal before joining in an energetic and very enjoyable barn dance.

On Sunday morning some members went over the wall of the field (figuratively speaking) and into the church, where the vicar made them extremely welcome, offering coffee at the vicarage after the service. Everyone then hurried off to Madeley Court Sports Centre, where we had the use of all its facilities, including tennis, table tennis, archery, skiing,

badminton and the swimming pool, not to mention the microwave oven and a ton of frozen chips. The more energetic canoed or went riding and after a heavy shower of rain it was difficult to tell who had done what, as so many got soaked. Then it was back to camp for a campfire and a social evening where the winning entries in the home-made wine competition were sampled.

On Monday some found time to canoe or speed .22 pellets round the village hall before being sent on their way with more coffee and apple pie. We were sorry when goodbyes had to be said and, though everyone thanked us for being the hosts — we thank them for coming and being the people whose friendliness had made this another very happy and enjoyable LINK-UP.



Below: Archery at the sports centre.



Below: the horse was part of the display at the open air industrial museum.





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Activities For

Eat and Drink Warm

Hallowe'en	—	Devised risotto; Punch (fruit juice, lemonade and fruit)
Bonfire Night	—	Jacket potatoes and Chilli con Carne
St Andrew's Day	—	Scotch Pancakes; shortbread; oatcakes
Advent and Christmas	—	Gingerbread cookies and chocolate shapes for the tree
New Year	—	Make/Use a different recipe. Make something using a new ingredient you've never used before
Thinking Day	—	Soups/desserts/cakes from different countries — see Page 42
Cosy evenings around a fire	—	Roasted chestnuts; toasted marshmallows
St David's Day	—	Leek soup; Caerphilly and Leek Bake; Welsh Rarebit

St Patrick's Day	—	Potato Cakes and Irish butter
Shrove Tuesday	—	Pancake Party — everyone brings a different sweet or savoury filling
Easter	—	Personalised chocolate eggs; coloured marzipan eggs; Simnel cake
April Fools' Day	—	Chocolate Soufflé with different flavouring; Hot Dogs made with soya bean sausages; squash with food colouring
St George's Day	—	Tea and scones; Apple Puffs
Snowball fights	—	Hot Scotch eggs coated in mashed potato

Recipes are easily found or adapted: try the local library, your friends, magazines, etc.

Also every issue of TODAY'S GUIDE and THE BROWNIE contains recipe features especially designed for their age group. Editor

Keep Warm — Energetic Games

Pentathlon Relay

(No equipment needed)

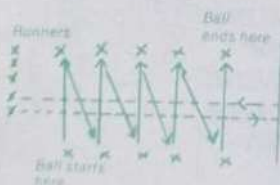
1. Run the course
2. Hop on left foot
3. Jump with feet together
4. Hop on right foot
5. Scissor jumps

Patrols or Sixes sit in team formation at back of hall. If numbers are unequal, agree who is to run twice and when. Each team has to complete the course five times non-stop, and the winning team is whoever first completes the Pentathlon. The activities can be varied and the course fitted to the hall in which you meet.

Criss-Cross Rounders

Equipment needed

a Tennis ball



Note: Dropped balls are retrieved and the game continues — do *not* send the ball back to the beginning of the line.

Equal teams are needed or an agreement to run an equal number of turns. One team stands at one end of the hall. They are the runners. Divide the remaining people into two equal lines facing each other on opposite sides of the hall. Give the tennis ball to the first girl in the left-hand line. On the word 'go' the tennis ball is thrown in a criss-cross way to every one on the side lines until the last person receives it, holds it up and shouts 'stop'. When 'go' is shouted the runners, in turn, run to the other end of the hall and back as many times as they can before 'stop' is called, counting the runs as they go. If there are five members in the team the ball travels the criss-cross course five times and the total of the runs made is the score for that team of runners. The five runners then take the places of the five girls on the side-lines and another team becomes the runners and so on. With large numbers it is best to arrange to play only two teams and repeat with other teams the following week.

Cold Weather

Think Warm

Holiday Reminiscences

Give a Slide Show and Talk on last year's summer camps and holidays, or make a large collage illustrating all the outstanding events, the disasters as well as the high spots, of last year's summer camps and holidays. Give as many girls as possible the chance to contribute.

Holiday Plans

Using brochures, maps and possibly a little imagination, plan next summer's holidays and activities.

How will you travel? What bookings will have to be made? What clothes or equipment will you need? What about local customs and food?

Which activities will you take part in? Will you need special permission or licences? How much will it cost? What about passports, currency, language?

Home Arts

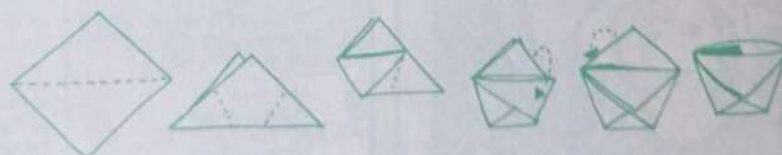
How can you make your home warm and cosy during the cold winter months?

1. Make a household article to keep in the warmth: tea-cosy; hot-water bottle cover; egg cosies; sleeping-bag; draught-excluder.
2. Plan warm colour-schemes and textiles for interior decoration.
3. Make dried flower arrangements to brighten up a dull corner.
4. Plant bulbs in a pot or window-box for the Spring.

Warm to the Out of Doors

Suitably clad for winter evenings? Wellingtons and warm socks or good strong shoes, warm gloves, scarf and hat, warm/waterproof coat... then have a go at these:

- WET**
 - Put a few blobs of different coloured paint (poster or made up powder) on to a sheet of white paper, take outside and hold in the rain for a few minutes, run the water over the paint blobs to make an interesting pattern and then leave to dry. When dry, or next week, you could have an art exhibition and let the girls give the pictures titles.
- WINDY**
 - Have a speed competition to make a paper cup (see diagram) and collect the most rain water in a given time.
 - Kite flying, parachute making — find the highest thrower.
 - Leaf race — each player to select a leaf, hold on palm of hand, on word 'Go' leave go of leaf and see where the wind blows it, follow to see whose leaf is the winner — Play in a park or playground only.
- SNOW**
 - Look at snow flakes, capture on piece of glass and examine with a magnifying glass — could you follow up by making snow-flake doilies from paper?
 - Follow tracks in the snow — who made them?
 - Snow detectives (page 112, Guide Handbook)
 - Collect enough snow to build a mini igloo or snowman indoors on a saucer or tin lid.
 - Collect enough snow to melt down to 0.25 litre — find the best estimator.
 - If near a hill have an expedition to try polybag tobogganing (Note: Dustbin bags are not strong enough.)



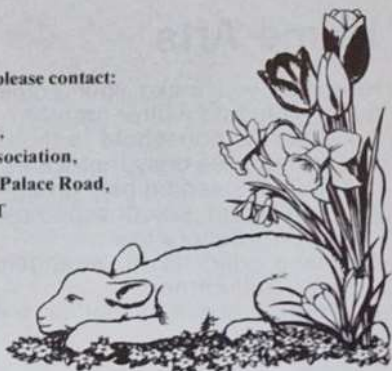
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Thank you for all you have done — and for all we know you will do through the GGFF in the coming year.

Nancy Roe
Chairman

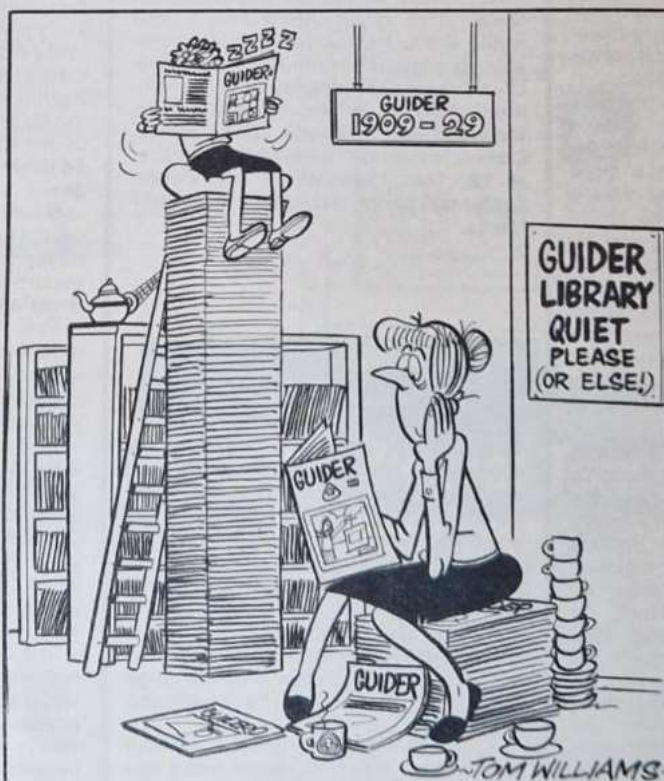
Every week we receive several letters that we rarely publish because we deal with them ourselves. These appeal for 'an article you published once' 'about two years ago' — 'a story — play — poem — I read in 1977 — or between 1966 and 1973' — 'it was so useful but now I've lost it, please can you send me a copy?'

Our office index is admittedly not omniscient but it can occasionally be a great help, if we have an author's name or a title to go on. Subject matter might be useful, although one reader's salient point is another's triviality!

Eager to help, we rack our brains, ask our friends and finally sit down with back numbers in the library to turn the pages — and we really have to read the articles to see whether they match the description. Usually we find the article — four or six years ago, not two — and everyone is pleased. But we do have to ask you to pay for the magazine or photocopy.

During these hasty browsing sessions I find it interesting at first to see what was being said four, seven, fifteen years ago, until I

Look Back in Anger!



realise that things have not really changed at all: the blouse came out of the waist band (shock) the blouse went in again (horror!); 'it's too expensive, old-fashioned, new-fashioned, exciting, dull . . .'; 'Here's how to do this, that and the other' — same things mostly, but since the girls are always new and Guiders fairly often this is no bad thing. In that case, why cling to that dimly remembered article from long ago? If you wanted to keep it, fine — make a folder to keep it safe or make a note of when you saw it and the date of the issue. On the other hand if it was really so good, haven't you been living by it all these years? Aren't its precepts now a part of your regular activity? If you want to pass it on to a colleague why not pass on your wisdom with all the additional improvements you have made with your experience. Reading back numbers leaves very little time for reading this month's magazine! And this month's magazine is much more likely to be concerned with this year's children.

NAS

NEWS BRIEFS



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The Church of England Children's Society has launched a new syllabus for young people taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The syllabuses for all three awards, Gold, Silver and Bronze, fall into Group 1: Practical Service, Category: Fundraising. The aim of the courses is to create an awareness of the needs of disadvantaged children within the community. Those who opt for the syllabuses will actively participate in raising money for a major Christian child care agency which serves children of any colour, race or creed.

Each model includes both practical and theory sections. Young people attempting the Bronze Award will be expected to give 15 hours over a three month period whilst the Gold Award candidates have to complete 60 hours regular service in a year. Written work includes a diary for the younger age group and a survey of needs of children within a locality. Supervision is maintained through briefing and counselling sessions held by Children's Society staff. Assessment for the Gold Award is carried out by a senior member of the Society's appeals team.

All youth organisations will find this addition to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award a useful alternative to the syllabuses at present available. Already Gold Award candidates use the Society for the residential part of their courses. During the summer, ten volunteers at the Children's Society summer camp for handicapped young people held near Corfe Castle, used the experience to fulfil the residential requirement.

For further information please contact Mike Aldridge, Education Officer, The Children's Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, SE11 4QD. Telephone 01-735 2441.

The Scout Stamps Collectors' Club

The Scout Stamps Collectors' Club will be holding their annual philatelic Exhibition at Baden-Powell House in February 1983. The Exhibition is to be held in the library at Baden-Powell House and will show the many stamps and covers issued in connection with The Year of The Scout world-wide. Entry is free of charge, and opening times will be — Saturday 19th February 11 am-6 pm. Sunday 20th February 11 am-4 pm.

A wide variety of philatelic material will be available at the Exhibition.

Association of Methodist Scouters and Guiders

The Annual Conference of the Association of Methodist Scouters and Guiders (Amsag) was held at Lindley Lodge, Nuneaton on 8th to 10th October. The title for the Gathering was 'Faith — think it through in '82' under the leadership of Rev William Hopkins, BA. Activities were arranged by Birmingham Scout-reach led by Mr Philip Gibson and Mrs Jo Cross. Also participants were able to see a film entitled 'Man's Religious Quest' depicting three families in Jerusalem, Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Any Guider or Scouter who wishes to know more about AMSAG and who would like to be involved in this Fellowship should contact our Chairman, Miss Lynn Jones, 12 Coningsby Drive, Franch, Kidderminster, or the Treasurer, Miss Marion Yule, 5 Cheyne Walk, Horley, Surrey. The annual subscription remains at £2. The Association's Newsletter, Scattered Leaves, is edited by Miss Ruby Harris.

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Jewish Guides Advisory Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Guides Advisory Council took place on 24th October in London with representatives from all over Britain participating in a very full day of training and discussions. The morning was devoted to learning new ideas and skills and after lunch a free exchange of ideas took place.

There has been an increase in the number of Jewish girls attending Brownies and Guides, with new Brownie Packs as far apart as Bury in Lancashire and one in Belmont in North London.

Mrs Jean Potter, the Community Relations Adviser (now termed the Community Development Adviser) at Commonwealth Headquarters, then spoke on her Guiding experience all over the world.

Beach Peril Survey

Dangerous drugs, chemicals, munitions and pyrotechnics washed ashore on Britain's beaches are the subject of a new survey. Seaside county councils and metropolitan authorities are taking part in the year-long study being run jointly by the Keep Britain Tidy Group and The Advisory Committee on Pollution of the Sea.

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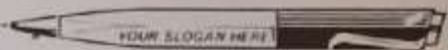


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