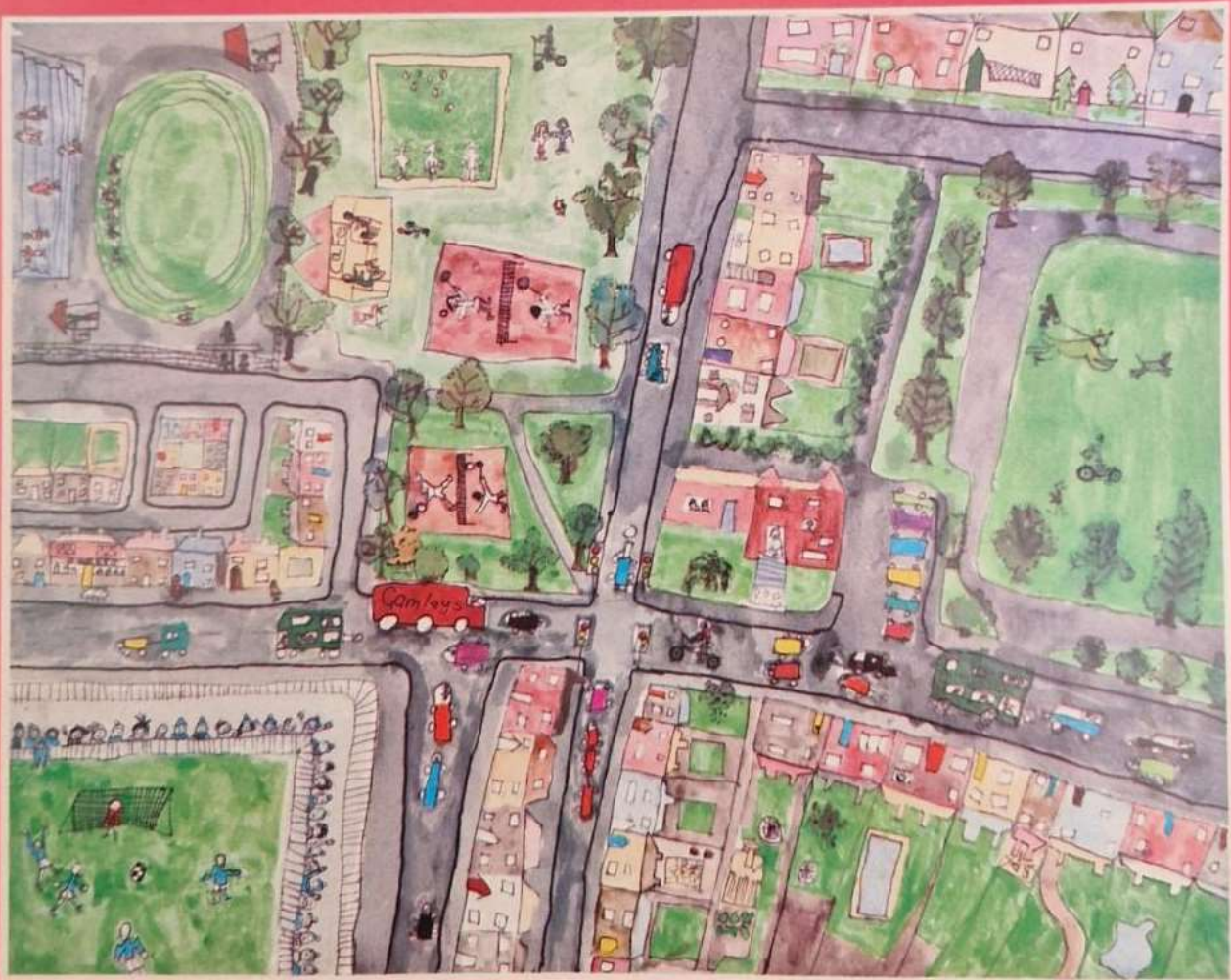


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Christ Taking Leave of His Mother



This beautiful painting by the German artist Albrecht Altdorfer was the subject of an exhibition held at the National Gallery, London, which ended in January. Acquisition in Focus. It is part of the gallery's permanent collection and can be seen there now. The painting is more than 450 years old, and Altdorfer is one of the rarest of great German painters, as well as one of the most attractive and original.

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St George's Day Message

The Red Cross Knight in shining armour, dedicating his life to Christ, killed the terrible dragon. The Roman Soldier, martyred by Diocletian in 303AD, refused to deny his Christ, later becoming the Patron Saint of English Crusaders.

Do these stories speak to us today, when our lives are beset by powerful, if different, 'dragons', and our faith makes claims upon us? May the spirit of Christ fill our hearts also.

Mrs T A Ferguson

Acting Chief Commissioner for North East England

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Cover

This month's colourful cover is a painting by Brownie Ruth Logan from the 2nd Hove (St Andrew's Pack), Sussex East, entitled 'I live in the Goldstone Area'. It was recently on display in the basement at CHQ as part of the London and South East Painting Exhibition. The paintings were of an extremely high standard, and many are now hung at Regional Headquarters.

See last month's issue for a full report and photos.



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The Lady Baden Powell's Visit to Cumbria North

The Lady Baden-Powell paid her first official visit as Chief Commissioner to Cumbria North on November 25 and 26 last year. A very full programme had been planned to allow both The Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs Mary Lambert, North West England Chief Commissioner, to meet the widest possible representation of members in the county.

It began on Friday evening with a visit to Radio Cumbria to record an interview to be broadcast next morning, then across the city to the first of two visits to Guide Units in Carlisle. The Lady Baden-Powell presented Queen's Guide Certificates to two sisters and was able to see Guides working in Patrol Corners and performing other Company activities. The second Unit visited also had craft work to display in their Patrol corners, and entertained their visitors with camp fire songs.

Following these visits The Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs Lambert were guests of the County Executive and Carlisle Guiders at a buffet in the Carlisle headquarters.

On Saturday morning there was a 10 am start at 1st Holme Eden Pack meeting, where three excited Brownies were enrolled, after the visitors had seen the craft work that the Pack was doing. After a quick coffee it was off to Thursby to meet the Brownies and Guides there. The incessant rain which started on



Photo courtesy of Cumberland and Westmorland Herald

Friday eased long enough for the Guides to form a Guard of Honour to speed their visitors on their way.

After lunch, came the climax of 12 years' work for 4th Workington (St. Michael's) Guides and Scouts as The Lady Baden-Powell declared their new headquarters open. They had not only raised the £17,000 needed but had also actually helped to build it, and today have a magnificent building valued by the insurers at £108,000. After unveiling a commemorative plaque, The Lady Baden-Powell presented seven Queen's Guide and two Queen's Scout certificates as well as two Thank You Badges, and was herself presented with an inscribed tray to mark the occasion.

Following this ceremony The Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs Lambert went on to Newlands School, Workington, to find over 500 Guides, Brownies and Guiders

waiting to greet them. They spent a pleasant time joining in the camp fire songs led by Mrs Pauline Pearson and her daughter, Marion, before braving the elements to cross the county to Penrith.

At Penrith headquarters our visitors were met by Rangers, Guides and Brownies. After a welcome cup of tea and a delicious cake, which was provided by Guide Judith Proud as part of her Hostess Badge, The Chief Commissioner unveiled a stone trough made by Penrith Rangers for their Headquarters. They had been on a course to learn how to make these and had planted theirs with alpine shrubs. Then it was time to say our farewells after a very successful visit. Even the weather at its worst couldn't dampen anyone's spirits.

Margaret Davie
PR Adviser

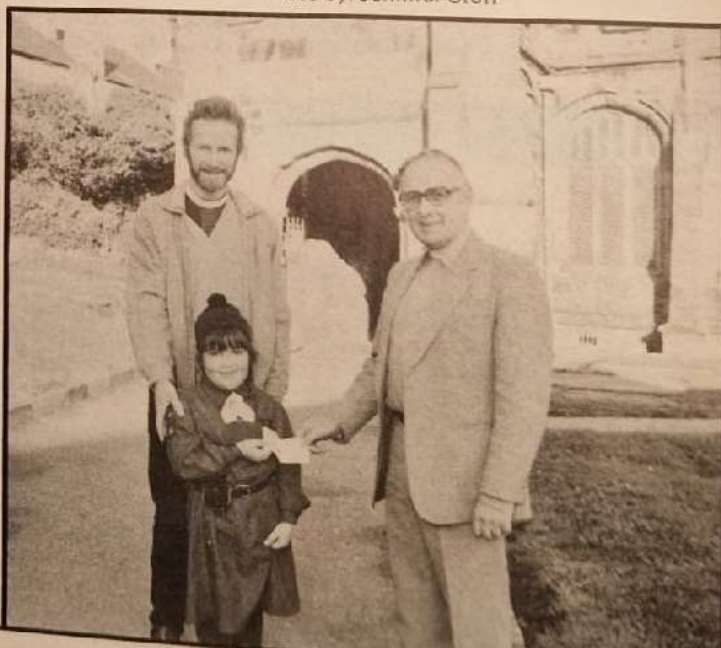
Operation Cybi

Operation Cybi' was the project entered by the Llangeifni and Beullech District of Anglesey, in the Robinson's Outdoor Action Competition during August. (See reports in February and March GUIDING). St Cybi's Church in Holyhead (one of the oldest churches in Anglesey — dating from the 14th Century) is in need of funds for essential restoration work. St Cybi lived on Holy Island and St Seriol on Puffin Island during the 6th century. They used to meet in the middle of Anglesey at a place called Clorach. As St Cybi always walked to and from the meeting place towards the rising and setting sun, he was known as 'Cybi Felin' because his face was tanned; St Seriol, on the other hand, always had his back to the sun and was known as 'Seriol Wyn' (white) because his face never caught the sun.

The project taken was for St Seriol to come to the rescue of St Cybi. A sponsored relay was organised from Puffin Island, travelling a similar route to the monks of old, but by canoe, jogging, walking, cycling, horse riding and sailing. Groups of Rangers, Guides and Brownies with their Guiders and supporters, took part in the relay, which finished at St Cybi's Church inn. When all the sponsor money had been collected, £527 was presented to the Canon by Sara Ward, the youngest Brownie to take part in the event. A good day was had by all who took part in a worthwhile cause to preserve part of Anglesey's heritage.

Margaret Griffiths
Brownie Guider
2nd Beullech Pack

Photo by: Jennifer Stott



Hail and Farewell

Hail

Jean Eburne

Avon South are proud and delighted that their County Commissioner, Mrs Jean Eburne, is now the new Region Chief Commissioner, and fortunately have no fear that she will lose touch with them. Mrs Eburne has that rare gift, akin to Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, of remembering the personality, name and appearance of her Guidets, simply because they matter so much to her.

Through the variety of appointments which she has held in the Movement, she has been in very close acquaintance with each age group, its programme and its problems and she has been the first to give practical help and encouragement.

In 1970, Mrs Eburne became District Commissioner for Portishead, and a little later she was Division Commissioner for Clevedon, and then Secretary to the Commonwealth and International Adviser for SW England during that same period.

She became Commonwealth and International Adviser for Avon South and then County Commissioner where her very wide outlook on all matters whether geographical or parochial, was greatly appreciated.

In 1981, she was elected to the Council of The Girl Guides Association and was member of the SW Region Committee which devised the Region Discussion papers for Commissioners.

Mrs Eburne is a happy hostess and home-maker, her home full of the activities of her husband, her daughter aged 22 and her son now 19.

Besides all this she makes time for her own special interests, music and needlework.

As a part-time physio-therapist at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, she demonstrates her care and concern for those unfortunately not physically fit, showing with the same clear smile her strong leadership and ability which will ensure the happiness and success of her Region in the years to come.



. . . and Farewell

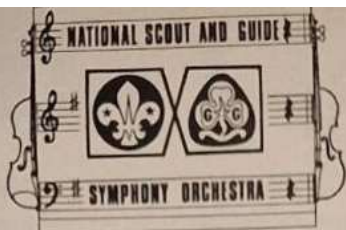
◀ Mrs Swinburne-Johnson

Mrs Swinburne-Johnson has been Chief Commissioner of South West England since December 1975 and prior to that was County Commissioner for Gloucestershire, a District Commissioner and County Press and PR Adviser.

A Presentation of the Region's thanks for all her achievements throughout her term of office was given by the Hon. Mrs Gervas Clay, President of South West England, at a buffet luncheon in honour of Mrs Swinburne-Johnson, to which many of her friends and colleagues in Guiding were invited.

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National Scout and



The annual orchestral course for Scout and Guide members has often been billed as a 'course with a difference', that is to say, the course where music and Guiding/Scouting each make their contributions to the essence or flavour of the whole. This year there was yet another extra ingredient — preparation. Exciting events lie ahead. 1984 for the orchestra holds the promise of the first tour abroad. A visit to Germany is planned, taking in the towns of Uelzen, Brunswick and possibly Hanover, for late August. Therefore the music for this year's course was chosen with a view to presenting British composition of various periods both for the enjoyment of the audience and as the basis of the concert repertoire in Germany.

The programme was: —

Tintagel	Bax	Interval	
Chaconny in G Minor	Purcell	London Suite	Coates
Symphonic Suite from Gloriana	Britten	Music for the Royal Fireworks	Handel

With more than usual gratitude, were that possible, our thanks goes to all who helped to make this course not only memorable in itself but a firm foundation for the next steps together. Included in this appreciation are the old and new friends among the tutors, all members of administrative, music and service teams and in particular the Director, George Odam, Orchestral Consultant to the Girl Guides Association, whose contribution and dedication were evident in the performance.

Joan Richards



Guide Orchestral Course



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PAX '85



BY SHEILA STEELE

Programme Adviser
and Chairman of the Pax '85 Planning Committee

1985 will be a year of celebration and excitement for everyone in Guiding but for the Rangers and Young Leaders it will be the occasion when, for the first time for twenty years, there will be a national event for their section. From Wednesday 10th April to Sunday 14th April Rangers and Young Leaders from all over the United Kingdom will gather at Sheffield University for PAX '85.

In July 1983 each Country and Region was invited to send a Ranger and a Young Leader to a "Think Tank" at Birmingham Guide Headquarters. These young people were asked for their views on whether there should be a national event for the Senior Section, when it should take place and what sort of form it should take. With the exuberance of youth they quickly decided that there should be such an event, that it should be in either York or London and that it should take place in August 1984! Nor was there any shortage of ideas for a programme — drama, caving, parascending, music, canoeing, a huge campfire, discussions and debates, a thanksgiving service, board-sailing, crafts, street-theatre, competitions for designing T-shirts and writing camp-fire songs, museum and theatre visits. The ideas tumbled out. Strong feelings were expressed too about service projects and restoration work on public buildings, footpath and canal clearance, tree-planting and work with the mentally and physically handicapped people were all ideas which were contributed.

The girls were keen to attract publicity to their Section of the Movement too and saw this as a very valuable opportunity to sell our Senior Section's true image. A carnival-style parade through the streets was a suggestion taken up with great enthusiasm. Celebrity guests were also in demand—Princess Margaret, the Chief Commissioner, Prince Andrew (with helicopter!), Cliff Richard, Mike Reid — and many T.V. and sporting personalities were listed.

The representatives were then asked to form a planning committee from the young people present and the Advisers and Consultants discreetly withdrew whilst this took place.

This planning committee with the Ranger and Young Leader Consultants as ex-officio members has subsequently met on two occasions and has already survived the difficulties and frustrations of trying to keep to original plans and aspirations! Venues to match the numbers involved and the style of programme envisaged could not be found in either York or London and it quickly became apparent that August 1984 was not a realistic date. At last however we have a date, a venue which promises to be ideally suitable, in an area noted for the warmth of its hospitality and a programme full of colour and action.

The work of this planning committee of young people will rely increasingly on the contributions made by Rangers and Young Leaders all round the country and on the sympathetic support and enthusiasm of their Guiders. Participation, development and *peace* is the theme for International Youth Year 1985, Pax is an obvious reminder of our Founder who will constantly be in our thoughts as we celebrate our 75th birthday. So here's to PAX '85!



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Forgettable Festival

How I agree with Mrs Tucker's letter about Festival '83 (February GUIDING). She expressed exactly my sentiments, and those of the Guides whom I accompanied to the Albert Hall in October. Having taken a party to Folk Fest on a previous occasion we had encouraged the Guides to come, and had told them how exciting it would be. How disappointed they were and with good reason, I feel, I do hope that the experiment will not be repeated, and, more particularly, that the 1985 Spectacular will not in any way resemble Festival '83. Above all, any compere for such shows must be a figure of whom the Brownies have heard, not a Radio Two personality.

While writing, I would like to comment upon the enormous number and range of activities and skills offered to Guides and Rangers in Camps and other Events in just one issue of GUIDING. Out of interest I listed those mentioned in the February issue and found there to be about 50! I wonder how many other Youth Organisations offer their members such an immense variety in their programmes.

Shirley H Slade (Mrs)
Hailsham, E Sussex

Sangam Success

May I thank all the readers of my letter in November's issue of GUIDING magazine for the many badges, stamps, etc that they sent me.

Sangam was a marvellous experience, not too much hard work, lots of sunshine and new friends.

The Service Section consisted of redecorating the bedrooms at Sangam. The three day camp with 24 blind and deaf Indian girls was very rewarding.

24 Guiders from the UK, Malaysia, USA, New Zealand and Australia took part in the ten day event.

Jenny Martin
Assistant Guide Guider,
2nd Hurstpierpoint Coy,
Sussex

Sexless?

The following was overheard when a small Brownie was taking Grandad on a tour of her home area.

Grandad: 'Oh look, that man is working on his car'.

Brownie: 'That's not a man! That's Brown Owl's husband!'

My husband wants to know if this recognition qualifies him for a badge!

Barbara Hearn (Mrs)
Guider, 1st Lee-on-Solent
Pack, Hants

Feeble

Our Guides have been making camping plans. Where are we going this year? When can we fit in weekends for Patrol Camp Permit holders to use their Permits? When should our two 'prospective permits' do their test camps?

This has reminded me that I feel annually how disappointing it must be, after all the work and preparation that has gone into taking a Patrol Camp Permit, to receive such a feeble little card. The triangular badge is fine and is worn with pride, but please can we have a certificate worthy of the effort and the occasion?

Perhaps Rosalie Brown could design something for us; or the Guides themselves through a TODAY'S GUIDE competition? In time for this year's candidates?

Jane Lines
Edinburgh

Turn-off!

I feel I must write in response to Mrs V A Rees's letter in last month's GUIDING regarding numbers.

The problem is not localised — it is national — it is not world wide. When I was a Guide (I am 36) at a single-sex school it was not the 'done thing' to talk about Guides in the company of non-members — one was regarded as a goody-two-shoes, a creep or a baby. Nowadays, my experience of secondary schools has shown that the problem is exacerbated by the presence of boys. The

comprehensive girls do not want to admit being Guides and feel foolish to be dressed in Guide uniform. The same also is true, I am afraid, of some Guiders.

We have a rich, proud history and tradition, what's so foolish about first aid, camping, firefighting, charity fund raising etc? We allowed our girls to dress as they pleased when our Unit's heating was inadequate last winter.

My personal opinions are that the problem goes very deep indeed and is all at the mercy of Guiding's decision makers. It is not helped by attitudes of some Guiders.

Our excellent District Commissioner has two Guide-age daughters. She recently mounted a very intensive, well-thought-out campaign for new members for a new Company and a depleted one. 10-11 year olds joined but there was no response from 1st year secondary schools. Why do Guides stay? They say because they enjoy it. Why do their friends not come and try it? They say it's cissy. What's wrong? Why, when one advertises a disco for fund raising does one make £60 profit only if Guides/Scouts are not mentioned on the posters? Why can members of the two Movements put on a fantastic Gang Show like Cambridge's 1984 effort and yet be seen as cissies? Does an official complaint get lodged when a comedian makes a comment like 'What do you think you are — a load of Boy Scouts?' Ethnic jokes would be censored.

Our girls have to live with much teasing and taunting and many can't cope. Other aspects of our Movement turn them off — I quote examples known to me, where keen girls have been grossly insulted by Guiders, kept waiting for no reason at County selections, had no reply to requests for things or being given little or no reason for various decisions. How long did the Guides have to wait for a neckerchief? We were after that when I was a Guide in 1962. I wrote to 'The Guide' about that very thing — they got them 20

years later...

Well, decision makers wherever you are, I, as the Unit Guider, don't appreciate all the things mentioned above. I don't like the endless chopping and changing of POR on matters like when, where and who can wear that badge. I don't like having to tell my girls they can't carry out a small difference to their uniform just because someone at the top says so. This is their Movement, for them guided by us. Too many Guiders act rather like dictators. 'You can't join Brownies till you're 8 — I've too many already — no I won't get my older ones into Guides. They're too useful to me!'

This 74 year old Movement is a vital asset to our youth. Those of us who can take its red tape can see deep down it is valuable and a treasure to be guarded. If we could get a more acceptable, up-to-date image over via the girls we'd get more girls and less criticisms than is currently the case.

By all means let's be strict about insurance, whom we appoint and what we let them do but let's also remember that the girls of today clamour to wear sweatshirts, neckers and jeans. They live in the video age — not that of the Home Service! They use computers not knitting needles and they live for the most part in an urban environment with tremendously conflicting values. Our standards should be like the rock of Gibraltar so they know what they're taking on.

I firmly believe that like it or not we have to listen to the girls and implement their wishes — almost with no holds barred!

Christine Jones
Ranger Guider, Assistant
Guide Guider,
2nd Donnington Coy,
Shropshire

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• Know Your Region •

The Midlands Region has over 114,000 active members and covers 12 counties — 145 Divisions. Regional HQ is very pleasantly situated in the market town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, and is central for each county to reach. As a Region we have quite a few industrial cities and surprisingly some of the most beautiful countryside in England. Few people living within our industrial areas have far to travel to enjoy the peace and tranquility of undulating countryside, historic houses surrounded by landscaped parks, quiet unspoilt villages, panoramic views; and yet can easily turn back again to enjoy some of the finest theatres, traffic-free shopping precincts, first class conference centres, hotels and restaurants in England.

Birmingham is called the City of 1001 trades, manufacturing cars, engineering products of all kinds, jewellery, coins and medals, guns, ammunition, food and drinks, and it has a population of over a million people. Our most northern county, Derbyshire, offers us the beauty of the Peak District National Park and many historic houses, as well as Glenbrook which was acquired by CHQ as a training centre in 1976 and officially re-opened in August 1977. It is a centre for all ages, where canoeing, carving, rock climbing, hill walking, orienteering, pony trekking and archery can be enjoyed.

Derbyshire's historical past can be recalled through the medium of Well Dressing Ceremonies held each summer in small towns and villages. Herefordshire is predominantly rural and is of course known around the world for cattle and cider. Hereford is proud of its timber framed houses in the city centre and a Cathedral which attracts many visitors. Leicestershire is well known for a variety of reasons, ranging from hunting to Stilton cheese and pork pies. Although industry in Leicestershire has changed considerably over the last hundred years, it is still a busy industrial area and Leicester itself dates back to Roman times. Now to Northamptonshire, known as the County of Spires and Squires, a county almost without hills. The footwear industry is here and there are historic links with Magna Carta, Mary Queen of Scots, Guy Fawkes and two crosses erected in memory of Queen Eleanor. Nottinghamshire is the home of the Goose Fair and Sherwood Forest with the magic of 'Robin Hood', every boy's dream of adventure. Manufacturing industries

include cigarettes and tobacco, pharmaceuticals, leather, textiles, bicycles as well as the traditional lace making.

Though now merged into Leicestershire, Guiding-wise we proudly keep Rutland, once England's smallest county, famous for its large reservoir called 'Rutland Water', the largest man-made lake in Britain. From the east to the far west of the Region, we have the natural lakes of Ellesmere in Shropshire, to a county of thriving farming industry and the superb Severn Gorge where the world's first iron bridge erected in 1779 still spans the Severn. Staffordshire rewards the inquisitive, from Tamworth and Lichfield in the South with the ancient castle and Cathedral through the County Town of Stafford (an ancient fortified settlement) to Burton-on-Trent in the East, where beer has been brewed for centuries. In the North are the potteries famed for fine china and earthenware. Leafy Warwickshire is both rural and industrial, rural as epitomised by the remains of the Forest of Arden, the River Avon and picturesque villages; the dramatic castles of Warwick and Kenilworth and country houses of great historic interest. Industrial Coventry is a City famous for cars and smaller cottage type industries, including Cashes tapes and woven silk pictures. Rugby and Nuneaton are also both industrial. West Mercia, the heart of the 'Black Country', is known for its dialect and 'diet' of faggots and mushy peas. Main indus-

tries include saddlery, locks and keys, cut glass and crystal, enamelling and of course the industries of the Black Country, foundries, iron works and drop forgings.

Worcestershire has very diverse interests and industries ranging from porcelain to sauce, needles, fish hooks and fasteners, glass and buttons and carpet manufacturing. Then there is the fertile market gardening area of Evesham where asparagus, plums, apples and vegetables grow in profusion. There is the majestic beauty of Worcester Cathedral where the Three Choirs Festival is held triennially with Hereford and Gloucester Cathedrals — the oldest music festival in the country. There are too many firsts in the Midlands to mention them all but the first National Park in England and Wales is in Derbyshire, the first set of traffic lights are said to have been erected in Wolverhampton, the first metal anchor ever made was manufactured in the Black Country (with which the Midlands General Secretary's Great Grandfather was connected) and the only monarch ever to be buried outside the Capital is King John in Worcester Cathedral.

The whole of the Midlands is architecturally rich from the magnificence of our cathedrals to the unspoilt villages and our wealth of historic houses. We have rivers, lakes and canals in abundance and we are the only Guide Region whose boundaries do not touch the sea.

Pat Pearson
PRA Midlands

Midlands Region

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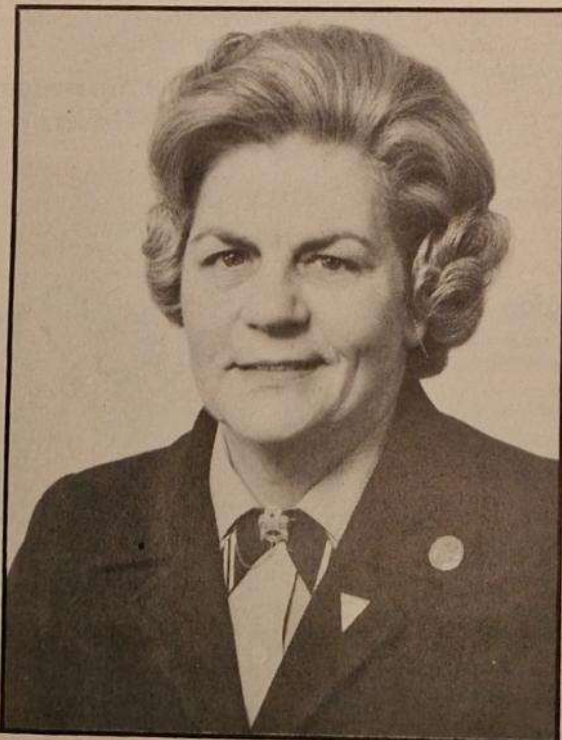
Shirley Strong

Our new Chief Commissioner, Shirley Strong has recently completed her time as County Commissioner for Greater London Kent, and she comes to the Region with the warmest of welcomes. Everyone is delighted with her appointment. Eileen Burbidge tops the list, and is certain Shirley will enjoy the work, and the Region is fortunate to have her. She started her Guiding as an adult. It has so often been said that an adult new to the Movement brings a breath of fresh air, and this may certainly be said of our new Chief Commissioner. She came as a new girl to her County, full of willingness to learn which she did with great speed and she has a delightful sense of humour. Shirley has done a magnificent job as a County Commissioner, and has widened her experience as a member of the Headquarters Executive.

The Region is delighted to receive her as its Chief Commissioner, and she will bring to her appointment all her vivacity and initiative. Sadly she will have the problem of the new Regional Headquarters to face, but a woman of her stamina will tackle that mammoth problem as did her predecessor.

Shirley Strong has two sons and a daughter. She has been doing a full time job, but she felt if she is to undertake the responsibility of Chief Commissioner she should resign, which she has done. She will now have more time to make herself available to her Commissioners, her Team and the Office Staff. There will be many to call on her time, and she will give all her energies to the job in hand.

We wish her every happiness and success, and Shirley knows she will have the support of everyone in London and South East Region.



. . . and Farewell

Eileen Burbidge

To Eileen Burbidge we have sadly to say farewell and try to convey to her so much gratitude for all she has given to the Region during her time as Chief Commissioner, her interest and understanding of all the problems that have had to be faced, and her genuine joy when the good things happened. Her ready ear to a County Commissioner who had difficulty — (and it's bound to happen from time to time) — Eileen has endeared herself to all by her understanding of personal problems, and taking time to try and help.

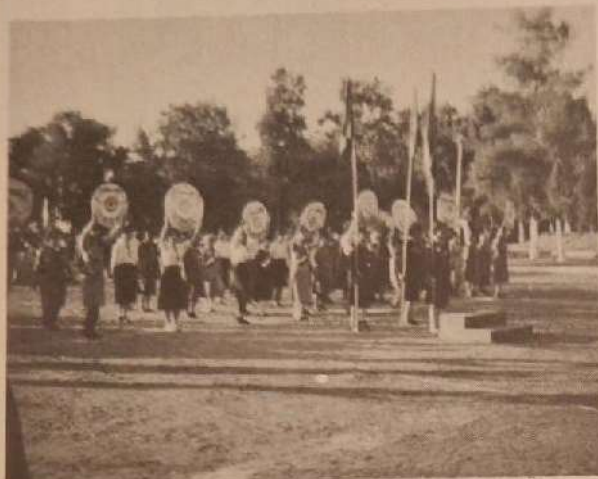
She has been much in demand as a Trainer, a Speaker, or just visiting a County in her capacity as 'Mum' thereby endearing herself to all. Eileen has had extra problems over our Regional Headquarters, enormous building projects all round which has left us with cracks in the walls, getting larger each day, or so it seems, almost falling to pieces as we sit in Committee.

Husband Tony, has given her great support, and the Region owes a debt of gratitude to him. A married woman can only do her Guiding job if she is supported by her partner, and Eileen has certainly had every backing and help. Her domestic life is busy. She has a mother who needs loving care, and living in a village you can imagine how many demands there are on her limited time.

The Region has been so fortunate in having a Chief Commissioner who has travelled the world, lived in the Far East where she gave a great deal to Guiding — she has brought a wealth of experience to the Region. Before undertaking her appointment with London and South East England she was its Training Adviser and so has much to bring to her appointment as Chief Commissioner. She will be sadly missed, but now her husband deserves more of her time and the Region wishes them every blessing.



• First Friendship Camp - Helwan Egypt •



Opening ceremony

'Christmas away from home, you must be mad' said my friends, but an invitation to put my name forward for possible selection as the Leader of a Party to the First Friendship Camp in the land of pyramids was not to be missed. After much writing of letters, two leaders and eight Rangers/Young Leaders from all parts of the United Kingdom said goodbye to a very wet England on December 20th 1983, and arrived in Cairo to such a wholehearted welcome that our weary spirits rose immediately.

It took us a while to get used to the 'What will be will be and there is always tomorrow' Arab way of life, and to realise that our usual western way of harassed rushing about only gave us a few more grey hairs and worried frowns. With all that sunshine who could rush anyway? We gave in gracefully and life suddenly became far more relaxed.

Relaxed and sedate life may have seemed, but in the following days we seem to have packed in a lifetime of memories and experiences. We enjoyed a full camp programme of campcraft, workshop, competitions and camp fires as well as the comforts of a chalet with toilets, shower and warm bed. The Opening Ceremony was performed by the Minister of Education. Though he gave many arm-waving orders in Arabic and, sometimes English, it didn't take us long to catch on. At a party on Christmas Eve, we performed, to great amusement, 'The 12 days of Christmas' with actions, and introduced the Pat-a-cake polka and the hokey-cokey. Our Moslem hosts went to a great deal of trouble to find turkey for Christmas lunch, served with rice, carrots and courgettes.

On Christmas morning we were taken to Cairo. We went first to a Coptic Church, which is like Greek

Orthodox, and when it was realised that no one understood the Service we were whisked away to the English Church (a mixture of United Reform and Methodist). Men sat on one side of the church and women on the other. The Service was in Arabic but a message was sent forward by the 'verger'. Then both the Pastor and Preacher welcomed us in English. The Preacher asked for an English Bible, read the verses about the Wise Men and the Flight into Egypt, then proceeded to preach in English on the Reading for three or four minutes. The Service continued in Arabic but with an English translation, and in this way we were invited to take communion. We even managed to sing the hymns in English, so well known were they to us. Everyone wanted to shake hands after the Service and to wish us a Happy Christmas. Unfortunately an invitation to take tea with the congregation had to be refused because of time. It was a very memorable Christmas morning.

After this we crammed in visits to the Health Spa and Japanese gardens in Helwan, Ismailia and the Suez Canal with a brief trip across the Canal to the Sinai Desert. We could not go on to Suez itself because that day the PLO leader was there for talks with Mr Mubarak, Egypt's President. We went instead to lunch at a smart sporting club, where one of our group managed to get locked in the elegant lavatory and had to be rescued by the handyman — it could only happen to the British!!! We saw the Egyptian Museum with its magnificent treasures of Tutankhamen and went on a never-to-be-forgotten visit to the Sphinx and pyramids, which included something of a nightmare climb (for me anyway) bent almost double, up the steep hot slope inside the pyramid to the burial chamber. The room was itself stifling hot. That was the only experience of the whole trip I wouldn't repeat for all the tea in China! We took shopping trips to Kerdessa, a village which specialises in making the Galabyia (Egypt's National Dress) and where oxen were led down the street to the fields. The Khan-el-Khali, at 1,000 years old is

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Camp site



PRACTICAL



Section I — Food

Good and Bad Foods

You will need:
A selection of pictures of food, taken from magazines

Give each Six/Patrol a selection of pictures and ask them to divide them into two groups: the healthy food and the unhealthy food. This can lead to further discussion on food values, eating habits, diet etc.

Menu Planning

You will need:
Women's magazines
scissors
glue
card

Challenge each Six/Patrol to put together a menu from recipes found in the magazines. They can cut the recipes out and stick them on card to form a meal plan; several of these could then be put together to form a week's meal plan. This can lead on to discussion about nutrition, cost, suitability of meals for different seasons etc, and some of the recipes could be tried out.

Breakfast time

Older girls who are always rushing around from one activity to another, often develop erratic eating habits, and breakfast is one meal that they often think they can do without. Discuss the breakfast habits with your Unit and challenge the girls to produce a variety of breakfasts which are nutritious and yet do not upset their desires for good figures.

One-letter game

You will need:
26 large cards, each with a letter of the alphabet

Place the cards face-down in the middle of the room. The Brownies form a circle around the cards, and hold hands. They all walk round in time, saying the following rhyme:

'Pick up a card, fruit, meat or sweet,
'Here's something good for all Brownies to eat!'

One Brownie then picks up a card and shows it to the others who try to think of a healthy food beginning with this letter. When a suggestion has been made, the Guider refers it to the whole Pack, asking their opinion, and why the suggested food is, or not, healthy.



Section III — Fitness I

Skipping Marathon

You will need:
1 skipping rope
per Patrol/Six

Challenge each Six/Patrol to a skipping marathon. Each member skips for one minute while the other girls count the number of times the rope turns. When the minute is up, another member takes over. Give them a time limit, at the end of which the group with the highest number of 'skips' wins.

Cat and Mouse

You will need:
1 small ball

Divide the Unit into two; one half forms a circle and chooses one girl to go in the middle. The other half forms a straight line outside the circle. The game starts with the girl in the centre of the circle, holding the ball which she throws to any girl who is standing in the circle. The ball is then thrown back to the girl in the centre. This is counted as one throw. The girl in the centre then throws the ball to

the next girl in the circle, and so this continues, counting every throw, if the ball is dropped, the counting starts from the beginning again.

Meanwhile, the girls standing in the straight line take it in turns to run around the outside of the circle. When all the girls have run around the circle once, the groups change over. The aim is to achieve as many 'throws' before the next group takes over.

Country Dancing

Why not have a country dancing evening. Records can often be borrowed from the local library, and many of them have the instructions telling you how to carry out each dance. Your local Arts Adviser or Drama and Dance Adviser will be delighted to help you, or you may be able to contact a local expert to help you. What a delightful way to keep fit! This could develop into a fund-raising idea — why not hold a Barn Dance one evening for parents and friends.

Lose your Bean

you will need:
14 beans

Two girls, each holding seven beans, chase the rest of the Unit. Anyone caught must take a bean but continues to play. The first catcher to lose all her beans shouts 'Stop'. The Brownies who have no beans are congratulated, and two new catchers are chosen, given the beans, and the game starts all over again.

PAGES

FITNESS AND HEALTH



Section II — Health

Slogans

You will need:
paper and pens

Challenge the girls to make up their own health slogans, giving them the traditional example: 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away'. Slogans could be made to remind them to: clean their teeth, brush their hair, manicure their nails, wash their feet etc. This could lead on to commercials and advertisements: each Patrol/Six imagines that it is working for the Health Education Council and uses its slogans to produce either commercials for the TV or advertisements for different magazines.

Treasure Chest

You will need:
1 large golden key, cut out of cardboard

A fairy godmother once gave a princess the gift of health. To help her keep it, she also gave her a health treasure chest (imaginary) with a golden key. Each Brownie has a turn to mime this game: she unlocks the chest, opens it, and takes out something imaginary eg toothbrush, apple, comb, nail scissors, etc and uses it. The other Brownies put up their hands if they think they know what the

object is. One Brownie names the object, and another explains what it is used for. This game can introduce some health tips in a tactful way. If you think you will need to feed in some ideas, here are some more possible objects: shampoo, sponge, nail brush, pumice-stone, toothpaste, soap, handkerchief, glass of milk, orange, clean socks.

Problem Page

You will need:
a good selection of teenage magazines with health/beauty problem pages (the girls will be able to help you)

Give each Patrol a pile of magazines and ask them to find the problem page in each one. They should then cut out appropriate letters with problems about health/beauty and cut out the answers eg 'I'm very spotty', 'I'm overweight', 'My nails keep breaking', 'My hair's greasy' etc. Each Patrol should aim to find six problems. Be prepared for this to take a considerable amount of time as the girls will get absorbed in the problems and you may find that some useful discussion comes out of it. Also be prepared to explain anything they don't understand...

When the problems have been found, they should be separated from their answers and any tell-tale names should be removed. Patrols then exchange their problems and try to fit the jigsaw together.

This could be developed by giving Patrols the problems, for which they have to write the answers.



Section IV — Fitness II

Aerobics

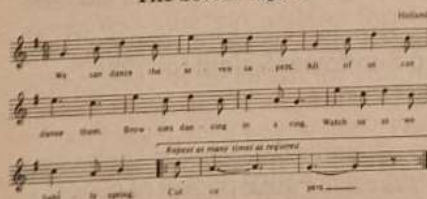
You will need:
cassette recorder
cassette with work-out routine
suitable clothing
or
local expert

Make use of the current keep-fit trend: have an aerobics evening. Most girls will have suitable gear: leotard, tights, leg-warmers etc and will be only too happy to display it. If you're going to lead it, do make sure you try out all the exercises at home first, and don't try to do too much. You may find that your Young Leader would be happy to do a session for you, or what about contacting a local expert — there are lots of them around!

Action Songs and Games

Why not combine fitness with dance and song? The following song-game has been taken from a book called 'Musical Fun with the Brownie Pack' which is full of more of this type of thing, and is available from GGA Shops and Trading Service.

The Seven Capers



MOVEMENT

Brownies skip round in a circle until the word 'Spring' on which they stop and jump. In each verse on the words 'Cut capers' they perform a new action as follows, always adding to the previous actions.

1. Kneel on left knee.
2. Kneel on right knee.
3. Left elbow on ground, chin on hand.
4. Right elbow on ground, chin in hand.
5. Left hand and forearm on ground.
6. Right hand and forearm on ground.
7. Head resting on hands on ground.

The verse is repeated with its dance until the last line is sung seven times and all the seven capers are performed.

Keep Fit and a little bit more...

Rangers and Young Leaders have a special responsibility to their Unit and to the community in which they live, and could well help someone else as well as trying to keep themselves fit. Challenge them to find someone of any age who cannot swim but who would like to learn. They will have to be prepared to teach them on a regular basis if that person is to make any progress at all.

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With Mrs Mubarak, wife of the Egyptian President.

the oldest part of Cairo, itself a strange mixture of magnificent Mosques, Churches and the Citadel. Modern housing and road developments (some only half finished because the money ran out) and traffic jams that outshine London exist with donkey carts laden with country produce in the middle of it all! All this is surrounded by poor biblical-looking villages with houses with flat roofs, goats, sheep and chickens everywhere, well scrubbed washing hanging from windows and balconies, and women carrying bundles on their heads, the men in the Coffee Houses smoking 'Hookah Pipes'.

Going to tea at a Boating Club on the Nile to be met by a Red Carpet and an Egyptian Guide carrying a tray of pink roses was a real treat. There was a button hole for each of us. Two dinners at famous Sporting Clubs were organised for us by the Scouts. Mrs Mubarak came to the Closing Ceremony by which time we had completely come to terms with the arm waving and didn't need translations. The whole camp was invited to morning tea at the Presidential Palace. We found tables laid on the lawn groaning with crested china, silver rose bowls with the most mouth watering cream cakes, gateaux and savouries. That did nothing for the calorie counting! Mrs Mubarak made a point of sitting and talking at every table. At the end of the visit we had a photograph taken with her on the steps of the Palace.

Did I say 'sedate way of life'? The pace did not let up even when we dispersed to home hospitality, Emma, Alison and myself being guests of the President of The Egyptian Guide Association, Professor Ghamrawi. We were whisked around New Year Parties, an Egyptian Evening at the Sheraton Hotel, shopping and another visit to the pyramids we hadn't seen before with a ride on a camel. A real treat was the English performance of the Son et Lumière. This was followed on the way back to camp by a meal in a Wimpy bar!! One of us, living in

a rural area had travelled 2,000 miles to make her first visit to said establishment!

In less than two weeks we shared much fun and laughter not only with Guides from Egypt, but from Yemen, The Oman, Kuwait, Kenya, Greece, France, Denmark, Sudan, The USA and India. We became stars of TV, this being the first event of its kind. The TV Company paid us several visits and came with us on a sight-seeing visit to Cairo. We exchanged badges, postcards, keyrings, books and anything else we could think of. If my address book is anything to go by we will all be suffering from writer's cramp for many a long day. It's not only the great sights we will remember, but people in the street who, on hearing our English voices, wanted to shake hands and say Happy New Year. The small children who crowded round to practise their English, many like my hostess's grand-daughter, who sat proudly on my knee copying her English homework and doing her 'English sums' using her fingers. She is just five and a half years old.

Many friendships were made during the camp, not only international ones. People who were total strangers only hours before departure have become fast friends and are looking forward to meeting up again in the not too distant future. Surely this was a Christmas that none of us will ever forget.

Report and photos by Brenda Barker,
Leader of Party

Pyramid and Sphinx



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Painless Brownie Outings



Part Three of a four-part series, designed to give practical and basic help to those who have not yet discovered any natural maternal instinct, and who would rather not learn the hard way!

Is there such a thing as a Painless Brownie Outing? I found myself asking this question as I sat down to write this article, and I still don't really know the answer. We must enjoy it, otherwise we wouldn't keep on organising them year after year, and let's face it, it's a good feeling at the end of the day when you return home after a successful day out. So for all you non-mum Guiders out there, I've put together as much practical advice as possible, in the hope that your first few outings will be as painless as possible.

The organisation and planning beforehand is of paramount importance. The first thing you will have to do is to decide what sort of outing you are going to undertake. There are all sorts of possibilities: zoo, safari and adventure parks, exhibition, museum, castle, farm, television studio, sightseeing, pantomime... the list is endless. The outing might be the natural conclusion to a theme your Pack has been working on, or it could have been suggested during a Pow-wow.

The next thing is to decide what kind of transport you will need to take you there. If you are only going on a local visit, you may be within walking distance, or you may be able to call on the girls' parents to fetch and carry, but be sure to check insurance details first. Otherwise you will have to look at other possibilities: local bus, train or coach. Timetables and fares may be decisive factors with the bus or train, as it is unwise to have a tight schedule for getting from the bus-stop or station to your destination. Another consideration is that you will be travelling with other members of the public, and the girls will have to be very considerate.

British Rail often do group discounts and special offers, so it

is worth finding out what sort of deals they can offer you. Should you decide to go by coach, it is well worth getting several estimates from different firms. You will need to know approximately what size coach you would like to hire, and do be sure to tell the coach company that the outing is for youngsters, as this may make a difference to the driver they send. You may also like to check that the girls may eat on the coach. Look after the driver, as a friendly driver is someone to be cherished!

Having looked into the possibilities of transport, you can now work out the approximate cost of your outing, which will have to include things like: hire of coach, tip for the driver, entrance tickets, incidental drinks/snacks/ice creams, programme etc. The cost can only be approximate at this stage as you will not know how many girls will actually participate, but remember that it is better to charge too much money than not enough, as you can always make a refund, but it is difficult to ask for more.

The next stage is to find out who is interested in going on the outing, but don't be fooled into thinking that just because everyone has put up her hand in eager anticipation, that they will all turn up without further ado on the day. There are two things to consider here: our young ladies today seem to have very full social calendars, so the date that you have selected may clash with a school trip, a ballet or judo exam, or an ice-skating day with some friends; then there are the parents who not only have their own social calendars but who are also the ones who will have to fund the outing. As far as they are concerned it is just another demand on the already over-taxed purse. As a parent with three children, I know from experience that hardly a week goes by without one of them asking for money for this outing, that disco or whatever. So don't be perturbed if, out of the 24 you had hoped would take part, only 10 agree to go. It is nothing personal, and the 10 who agree to go will appreciate your effort. There is always the possibility of inviting girls from another Unit, and the Guider may be very grateful for such an offer.

Having found out who is interested it is vital that you follow up the interest with a detailed letter to the parents. Not only will such a letter give them confidence in your ability to lead and organise, but it will also give them all the details in black and white, rather than a garbled message from their daughter. Your letter should give all the details: destination, transport, time and place of departure, what the Brownies should wear, what they should take with them (rainwear, packed lunch, sitters), whether pocket money is needed, approximate time of arrival home, and of course, the cost. Your letter should also have a tear-off slip at the bottom which will give you the information you need (see the example on page 21) and, if you are relying on parents' cars for transport, will help you to sort out lifts.

If at all possible, you should now go and visit the venue yourself. Do find out where the toilets are, as I can assure you that on the actual day there will be several girls who will be desperate for the 'loo' as soon as they arrive (that is, if you haven't had to stop on the way already). Find out if there is anywhere for your group to eat their lunch indoors, just in case it rains (not that they will have much left as most of it will have been eaten on the coach journey). Is there a lost property place? Someone is bound to lose something.

Now find your helpers. Should you be lucky enough to have a choice, steer clear of the well-meaning, but neurotic mum. She may cause you more problems on the day than all the Brownies put together. I would always organise that age group into smaller groups beforehand, making sure they are with at least one friend and that they are introduced to the adult who is in charge of them. It could be the first time that little Susie has been out without the family so she needs to feel secure.

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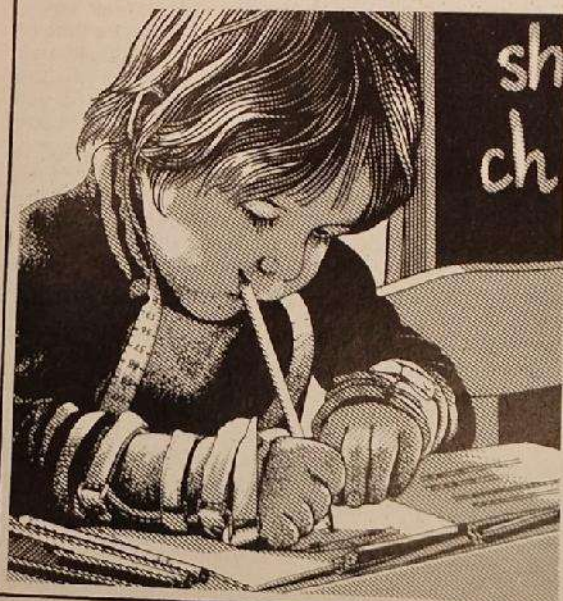
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by Anne Broxton

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On the actual day, do remember those buckets for the coach journey, as you will not be lucky enough to have a Pack without one travel-sick member. And don't forget the rubbish bags for the return journey, so that you leave the coach as clean as possible. On arrival at your destination, select your place and time of departure. Allow plenty of time for the girls to look around the gift shop, as it often appears to be the highlight of the day out. They have to spend every penny they have brought with them, and they usually spend a long time deciding exactly what they are going to buy. The last thing before you all get

onto the coach again should be another visit to the 'loo'.

There is no doubt about it, you will feel exhausted after a long day out, but if it's any consolation, you non-mum Guiders have a distinct advantage over the rest of us. We will have to listen to the kids telling us about their adventures with dad. We will have to console dad who has had to cope with the kids all day, and start making the tea, tidying up etc... and they'll think they've done us a favour by giving us a day off! You're lucky — you'll be able to sit down, put your feet up, and have a well-deserved cup of tea.



Please cut here →

Name of girl _____

My daughter may/may not* attend the outing on Saturday 6th June.

I enclose £ _____ (cheques should be made payable to
_____th Brownies)

We will be able to take/fetch* _____ girls to/from* the event.

Signed _____

*Delete where applicable.

ASK

THE FAMILY.....



A Family Cookout

Six fathers write about their experiences at a Foxlease Family Week.

The prospect of a week's holiday spent looking after the children, washing up four or five times a day, without visits to the 'local' may not seem, at first sight, every man's ideal image of the way to spend his hard-earned vacation. You might be forgiven for considering the writers deranged, or at best, slightly 'unhinged'. After all, who does wear the trousers... or the apron...? What is all this leading up to? The answer?... Family Week at Foxlease.

Family Week at Foxlease? Your initial reaction was probably similar to ours when we were first asked by our Guider wives, 'How would you like to spend a week at Foxlease?'

Where?... What?... Why?... When?... How much? Read on, all is about to be revealed!

Foxlease, to the uninitiated (like us, until this year), is a Girl Guide Training Centre near Lyndhurst in Hampshire. The Centre normally caters for the training of Guiders, camping and Pack Holidays. In addition, each year, Foxlease opens its doors to a limited number of families related to Guiders. Hence, 'Family Week' offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the facilities and amenities of Foxlease as a family on holiday. Our own experiences during the 1983 (May) Family Week were such that it can be fully recommended to anybody looking for a safe, relaxed, comfortable, varied and reasonably-priced holiday.

Family Week is all about 'togetherness'. Six families from far-flung corners of England, complete strangers, came together and were encouraged to get involved in all aspects of the communal life at Foxlease — from singing 'grace' at breakfast to washing up the last coffee cups at 11.30 pm! Nobody escapes!

Children were well catered for. The trainers and staff organised many activities for the children throughout the week — art and craft sessions, treasure hunts, camp-

fire and cook-outs, games and singing, to name just a few. A birthday party, complete with cake and hats, was arranged at short notice. During the week, under the guidance of the two trainers Coral and Kathleen, the children constructed a beautiful collage about the growth of an oak tree. They could play in the grounds in complete safety and could also swim, or play in the games room.

There was no chance of Mums and Dads getting bored either! While Guider Mums were put through their paces during morning trainings, Dads were gainfully employed occupying offspring by walking in the forest, playing in the games room/TV lounge or visiting somewhere in the car. Afternoons were free for families to spend as they wished and because of the location of Foxlease, there is a wide choice of things to do, and places to go. During the evenings, after children were settled in bed (or so we assumed!), we had the chance to test our co-ordination with sword dancing, strum along in the guitar class and tune our musical ears with bell-ringing. These activities, again organised by the trainers

Coral Tomlin



Coral Tomlin

'We had the chance to test our co-ordination with sword dancing'

Making garlands during a craft session



Kathleen Kelly

PROGRAMME NOTES

The District Team

*Foxlease — 18th-20th May, 26th-28th October
Waddow — 5th-7th October*

The emphasis at these trainings is on the District Team and the value to be gained from working together and discovering the support members of the District can give each other. Help is given in understanding how the Programme develops from Brownies to Guides to Rangers and how District events can be used to encourage self-programming at all levels. It is an ideal opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere and to exchange ideas, skills, problems and experiences. District Commissioners are asked to bring a group of Guiders from all Sections and of all levels of experience. If your District has no Ranger Unit, perhaps the Ranger Guider of the Unit which serves your District could be asked to join you.

Training in the Programme

*Foxlease — 7th-9th September
Waddow — 11th-13th May, 20th-22nd July, 7th-9th September, 28th-30th September*

As most District Commissioners will have been able to arrange training locally for those Guiders working towards their Adult Leader's Certificate, the aim of these weekends is to help Guiders who already hold the ALC and are now looking for further help with the Programme. Please note that there are two separate groups:

1. Brownie and Guide Guiders
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders Advisers

The Adult Leader's Certificate in the District (District Commissioners and/or District Assistants)

Waddow — 1st-3rd June

During this weekend, the Adult Leader's Certificate will be looked at in detail. Help will be given on how the new Guider can best be introduced to her job, how really applicable training can be found, and how the best can be made of visiting the Units of other Guiders, and how the Commissioner, District Assistant and District can best support her locally. Applications will be welcome from District Commissioners with their Assistants, or Commissioners on their own. District Assistants who have specific responsibility for helping new Guiders will also be welcomed.

The Guide and Ranger Programmes

1. Division Commissioners
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders Advisers

Foxlease — 15th-18th June

These weekends have been set aside especially to give Division Commissioners, Young Leaders Advisers and Ranger Guiders an opportunity to examine the challenges and responsibilities of the Programme for the Senior Section, and the special part which the Division Commissioner has in connection with the Queen's Guide syllabus.

Putting on a Production (County Arts Advisers and Guiders of all Sections)

Waddow — 4th-7th May

For producers, stage-managers, costume designers and makers, musical and dance directors! This training will aim to give practical help with Putting on Productions. It will begin at the beginning and involve acting with crowd work, music, dance, costume and sets, sound and lights. We have 1985 in mind and hope that Counties (or Divisions and Districts) will send teams of four and that individuals will come along too.

Guiding with Handicapped Members (Guiders of special Units and other Guiders with handicapped members in their Units)

Waddow — 22nd-24th June

A practical weekend of training with ideas on how to make the most of the Programme with regard to individual needs and abilities. Specialists in individual handicaps will be dealing with specific problems of integration. Guiders preparing to receive a handicapped member into their Units are also welcome to come along.

Relating Outdoor Skills to the Programme (Pioneering and Woodcraft)

Waddow — 18th-20th May

Pioneering and Woodcraft are two of the elements which make up the fun and adventure of Guiding. If you have never tried your hand at the skills involved in these exciting activities or if the girls in your Unit have not had the opportunity to enjoy pioneering and woodcraft, then this weekend is for you. Instruction will be given in the skills required and information on equipment and safety procedures will be available. With many ideas for projects and activities, a chance to see the place of pioneering and woodcraft in the Programme and first-hand experience of the fun and excitement we can offer our Unit members through these activities, this must be an opportunity not to be missed.

Guide Week

Glenbrook — 18th-25th August

This event is open to Guiders aged 12 to 14½ at the time and up to three from any one Unit may apply to come. It offers them the experience of living together with other Guiders at an 'indoor camp' whilst taking part in outdoor and indoor activities appropriate to the Guide Programme. These could include, for example, outdoor cooking, pioneering, hikes, campfire, swimming, pony trekking, archery, crafts and Patrol games. We hope that they will be encouraged to share some of what they learn with their own Patrol afterwards. Early application, enclosing an SAE is advised.

Holiday Period (Guiders, Trefoil Guild members, their friends and mothers)

Foxlease — 12th-23rd July Waddow — 15th-30th August

Each year a period is set aside so that the Training Centres can offer their hospitality and accommodation to Guiders and members of the Trefoil Guild, together with their friends and mothers. Come and enjoy a holiday in these lovely houses and the beauty of the surrounding countryside. If you have never been to Foxlease or Waddow, why not write to the Guider-in-Charge for more details?

Canoeing (Training and Assessment)

Glenbrook — 15th-17th June; 21st-23rd September

Open to Guiders, Rangers and Young Leaders, these weekends are for those who have some experience and would like further help towards gaining a canoeing qualification.

Patrol in Action

Foxlease — 23rd-30th August Waddow — 27th-31st July

This summer there is an opportunity for Guide Patrols to enjoy a session at Waddow and Foxlease. The Patrol will stay in the house, and will be involved in an interesting Guide programme. They will work together as a Patrol during their stay, and they do need to be a Patrol that usually works together, not a Patrol especially put together for this event. Further details in the May issue of TODAY'S GUIDE.

Working with children with special social needs (Guiders of all Sections)

Waddow — 3rd-5th August

This weekend is intended for Guiders of all Sections and Commissioners who may have children who are socially deprived living in their area. Social handicaps differ, from those where the parents have very unorthodox life-styles; broken homes; or children in care; one-parent families (sometimes the result of a parent in prison); families often on the move; or perhaps in special circumstances such as those in the inner city areas of large towns or Greenham Common. Those leading the weekend will be people who have experience of the difficulties which these children face, and the aim is to help members who may be asked to take one of these children into their Unit, or are already dealing with this situation.

Summer School (Creative and practical skills, indoors and out)

Foxlease — 13th-20th August

This is a unique opportunity to enjoy exploring the beauties of the New Forest and the local sea shore, while refreshing skills or learning new ones. You will be able to choose from such things as: homecraft, heraldry, music, church architecture, pioneering and field studies. There will also be a chance to try your hand at golf, riding and boating. Come and join us for a week of challenge, fun and relaxation!

TRAINING

MAY JUN JUL

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

Foxlease

- May
4-7 Using Your Environment in the Programme (*Guiders of all Sections*)
11-13 West Glamorgan
18-20 The District Team (*District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders*)
25 May- Family Week (*Guiders with their husbands and children*)
2 June † aged 2-8 years)

Waddow

- May
4-7 Putting on a Production (*County Arts Advisers and Guiders of all Sections*)
11-13 Training in the Programme
1. Brownie and Guide Guiders
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders Advisers
18-20 Relating Outdoor Skills to the Programme (*Pioneering and Woodcraft*)
25-28 Young Leaders

Lorne

- May
18-20 Ulster Executive Committee

Netherurd

- May
4-6 Guide and Brownie Guiders (*places reserved for Forth Division, Forth Valley*)
18-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders (*places reserved for Dundee*)
11-13 Ranger Guiders — Out and About
25-27 'Towards '85' Arts training for County Arts Advisers and Guiders of all Sections

Broneirion

- May
4-7 Craft Workshop
11-13 General Training (*Places reserved for Central Glamorgan*)
18-20 General Training (*Places reserved for Eastern Valley Division, Gwent*)
20 Welsh Executive

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

Foxlease

- June
8-10 Surrey East
15-17 The Guide and Ranger Programmes
1. Division Commissioners
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders Advisers
22-24 London and South East England (*by allocation*)

Waddow

- June
1-3 The Adult Leader's Certificate in the District (*District Commissioners and/or District Assistants*)
7-11 † Friends of Waddow
15-17 County Durham and South Tyne
22-24 Guiding with Handicapped Members (*Guiders of special Units and other Guiders with handicapped members in their Units*)
June 29 North West England
July 1 (*by allocation*)

Glenbrook

- June
15-17 Canoeing (*Training and Assessment*)

Netherurd

- June
1-3 Scottish Handcraft Circle
8-10 Edinburgh Braid and other Trefoil Guilds

Broneirion

- June
9 Welsh Programme and Training Committee
10 Welsh County Personnel Day Conference
15-17 General Training (*Places reserved for Cardiff and East Glamorgan*)
23 Friends of Broneirion Gathering
30 June- 1 July Taste of Wales (*By invitation*)

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

Foxlease

- June 28-
July 3 † Friends of Foxlease
6-8 Hampshire West
12-23 † Holiday Period (*Guiders, Trefoil Guild Members, their friends and mothers*)
26 July-
1 Aug Young Leaders' Week

Waddow

- June 29-
July 1 North West England (*by allocation*)
6-8 Nottinghamshire
13-15 Using Your Environment in the Programme (*Guiders of all Sections*)
20-22 Training in the Programme
1. Brownie and Guide Guiders
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders' Advisers
27-31 Patrol in Action

Glenbrook

- July
20-22 Walking Safely Training (*Guiders only*)

Netherurd

- July
30 June-
3 July Exploring Netherurd in summer (*Guides 12+*)
9-14 Patrol Leaders' Event (*By invitation*)
9-14 Patrol Camping and Woodcraft (*In camp, Guides with at least one weekend's camping experience*)
16-21 Patrol Leaders' Event (*By invitation*)
21-28 Pioneering Plus Camp (*Guides with at least two weekends' camping experience*)

Broneirion

- July
8 Welsh Executive Committee
13-15 General Training (*Places reserved for Worcestershire*)
17-21 Patrol in Action (*Groups of not less than four Guides from a Patrol*)
24-28 Four Days of Fun (*Event for Guides*)

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.
Note... for further details about training weekends, see the Programme Notes overleaf.

HEAR AND NOW

FOR RANGERS, YOUNG LEADERS AND YOUNG GUIDERS

Have you made your plans for the summer yet? No doubt you'll all be as busy as ever, with more than enough ideas and probably not as much time or money as you'd like to be able to carry them out. If you don't spend too long thinking about it, and you're eligible, you'll just have enough time to apply for an Olave Baden-Powell Bursary (see page 26); or you could enter the Competition for Young Navigators and maybe win yourself something very useful (page 28).

If your career future is looming up on the horizon and you've no clear idea of the direction you want to take, don't miss the opportunity of getting your free monthly copy of 'Newscheck' (see page 27).

Keep your ideas coming for the 'Quickies' feature, and send any contributions to: Hear and Now, c/o Programme and Training Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1 0PT.

Wonderful Woodlarks

by Angela Griffiths

Assistant Guider 1st Mumbles Guide Company

Last summer I was lucky enough to go to Woodlarks campsite, near Farnham, Surrey, a camp for physically handicapped Rangers and Guides, in answer to a notice I had seen in *GUIDING*. The campsite was absolutely beautiful as anybody who has been there will tell you. There were lovely tall trees all around the open space in which many tents were already pitched. In the middle of the area was a group of trees with wide-spreading branches, in the shade of which a chapel had been made with an altar and seats. Other facilities on the campsite included a heated swimming pool, a launderette and drying room, a campfire site, store room and fireplace, a dormitory, beds put in the tents for those who needed them, a dining hall and specially adapted loos, showers and baths.

There were 35 handicapped and 35 Ranger/Young Leader helpers and the camp was split into seven Patrols of ten. Each Patrol had three tents and it was left to the girls who slept where. Each Patrol had two PLs, one handicapped and a Ranger/Young Leader helper, and a PLC was held most days so that everyone knew what was going on.

We were fortunate enough to enjoy a variety of activities. We spent a day in Windsor shopping for presents and my Patrol hired three motor boats and went for a trip down the river. We went swimming and canoeing; cooked on open fires, and challenges were set throughout the week.

I shall never forget some of the things that happened. One Ranger Guide decided to try out someone else's wheelchair and soon found herself hurtling down the hill out of control being chased by a Ranger/Young Leader helper trying desperately to catch up with her! On the first night I was helping a physically handicapped Guider to arrange her bed. After finishing I asked her if she would need any help in the morning. She replied, 'I'll be fine as long as I can get my legs on'. Her 'legs', to my relief, turned out to be calipers!

We would get up at about 7 every morning to wake the rest of our Patrol. Then we washed and dressed in time for breakfast. Bedtime for the Guides was about 9 pm but the Rangers were allowed up a little longer. Ranger/Young Leader helpers were then allowed to go swimming or go for a walk as they liked as long as two of them stayed on site from each Patrol, and we had to be back by 10.30 pm. QM would always have something hot for us to eat and drink by then

as this was often our main meal of the day. By this time we had fed our Patrols at other mealtimes, there wasn't much time for us to eat ours. We would then drift off to our tents and go to bed, only to get up about two or three times in the night to take someone to the loo.

The camp was hard work, I'll admit that, but because it was also much fun I don't think we really noticed until afterwards. I have never been on such a rewarding camp as this. The biggest reward was in seeing the girls enjoying themselves and doing things that most of us take for granted and improving day by day. Everyone enjoyed themselves, able and disabled alike, and many of the Ranger/Young Leader helpers hope to go again this year.

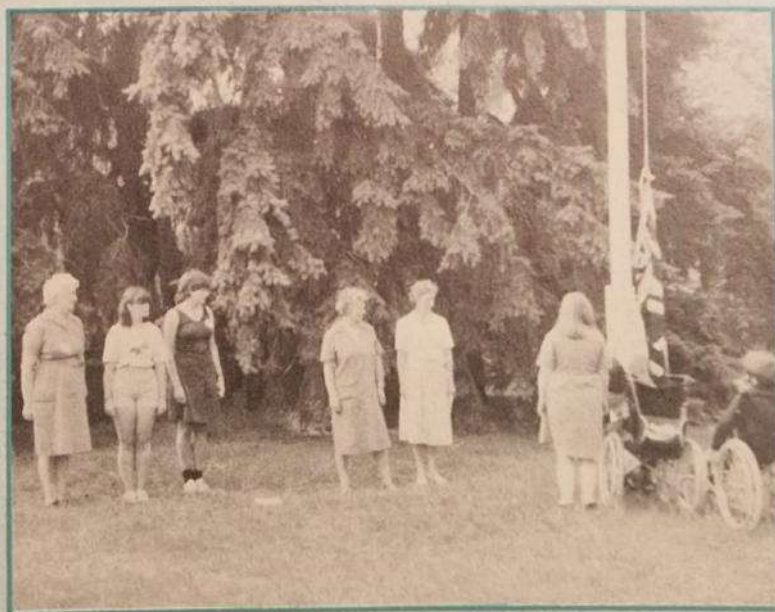
If you get the opportunity to go on a camp like this, please take it. It was a fantastic experience and has opened my eyes to many things. Look for the ability not the disability for they are 'enabled though disabled'.

NB

If you are interested in helping at a Woodlarks camp this year, you will find details on the HQ Notices page of *GUIDING* magazine.



Photos: A Griffiths



Speak Out!

Poor Show

I recently went as a Young Leader with a party of Challow Guides/Brownies to see 'Holiday on Ice' at the Wembley Arena. Whilst I was there, I noticed several other parties of Guides, many of whose uniforms left a lot to be desired. For example, many did not have uniform skirts (several were not even navy blue!) The rest of them seemed to be wearing mini skirts (Denim) or skirts with slits, which are surely not considered uniform!

I appreciate that not all families can afford to buy uniforms, but surely there can be no excuse for uncleaned Promise badges, or badges in the wrong place? Maybe I am old-fashioned, but I believe that the image that the general public should get of the Guide Movement should be an efficient one, which should be reflected in their dress. Perhaps some financial help could be given by Companies/Districts?

I would like to end on a complimentary note, by saying that it was nice to see so many well-turned-out Young Leaders and Rangers at the Ice Show, who obviously take a pride in their appearance, and who could possibly teach the Guides to do the same.

Jenny Orpwood

1st Challow Brownie Pack,
Wantage RGU
Oxon

Handbook

In reply to a letter by A Miller in the January edition of *Hear And Now* on the subject of a Young Leaders' Handbook, I would like to say that I think it is a brilliant idea. Such a book could prove very useful if the right kind of information was included. A few pages in the Ranger Guides' Handbook is not enough!

The handbook could contain the information given in the pull-out Young Leaders' booklet included in *GUIDING* a few months ago. A selection of the best 'Quickies' could be included along with details of the various trainings available at Waddow and Glenbrook, how to apply, who to contact etc.

I should also like to point out that **not all Young Leaders are Rangers!** There are such things as mixed Venture Scout Groups and I'm sure that there are plenty of Young Leaders who are neither Rangers nor Venture Scouts. It seems to be assumed, as shown in the new Queen's Guide syllabus for which one needs to gain the Ranger Camp Permit, that all Young Leaders are or wish to be Rangers. This is not so!

Karen Holliday
238th Birmingham

Ranger/Young Leader National Event

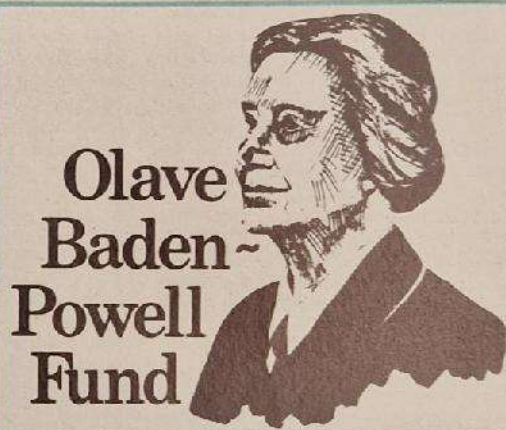
April 10-14 1985
Sheffield University

A National event, the first for many years, is now being planned by a committee of Rangers and Young Leaders from different parts of the country. The formation of the committee followed a 'think tank' in Birmingham to which each Country/Region Chief Commissioner was asked to send a Ranger and a Young Leader.

The Committee members would like your views on the content of the programme and may be contacted through your own Country/Region office. If you want a say in this event, here's your chance. In the meantime watch this supplement for further news and keep the dates free!

Name	Section	Country/Region
Miss A Paterson	Ranger	Scotland
Miss H Lyon	Young Leader	North West England
Miss J Stamper	Ranger	North West England
Miss A O'Flaherty	Young Leader	Ulster
Miss P Rickards	Ranger	North East England
Miss C Townsend	Ranger	Wales
Miss Y Taylor	Young Leader	Midlands
Susan Bryson	Ranger	London and South East England

Addresses of C/R offices can be found in POR page 89.



Bursary Scheme 1984

For details of how to apply for any of these courses, please refer to the Training Calendar and the Programme Notes Page in *GUIDING* magazine.

***Canoeing (Training and Assessment)**
Glenbrook: 15-17 June; 21-23 September

***Young Leaders' Week**
Foxlease: 26 July-1 August

***Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course (Rangers and Venture Scouts)**
Foxlease: 7-11 August

***Young Leaders' Weekend**
Waddow: 25-28 May

Here's a challenge for you, with opportunities to go orienteering, make a raft and to learn other skills and crafts; to share games and activities, and to discuss any of your problems. Apply now to the **Guider-in-Charge, Waddow, Clitheroe, Lancs.**

1984 could be your year for dreams to come true! If you are a Ranger or Young Leader and have been saving up for something you long to do, you could be eligible to receive an Olave Baden-Powell Bursary. But don't spend too long thinking about it, as your application must be in by May 31 1984. Send a SAE to: **The Secretary, Olave Baden-Powell Fund, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT**, and then:

1. Before completing your form, talk about your dream with your parents, Guiders and Commissioners.
2. Get someone to write a letter supporting your request, to enclose with the form.
3. Be sure to give details of your dream; how long you've had it, how much you've saved etc.
4. Return the form and letter(s) to the Secretary by 31 May 1984.

How About An Outdoor Weekend?

Have you ever thought about going away for a short weekend with a group of other Rangers or Young Leaders? There are lots of details and aspects to be considered, but the Dunbartonshire Rangers would like to share their planning with you — it may give you some ideas, and even the extra bit of confidence you need...

The idea for an Outdoor Weekend was first discussed in May at a meeting of the County's Ranger Guiders with the Ranger Adviser. Rather than have 'too many cooks' or leave all the work to one person, it was decided that two Guiders and the Adviser would handle the overall planning, with all Guiders responsible for communicating with their Units. The choice of activities was a compromise between what the Guiders felt the Rangers would enjoy and what was economically reasonable.

Rowardennan Youth Hostel was thought the most suitable venue as it has its own canoes, and is ideally situated for the West Highland Way and Ben Lomond. The Warden was also most accommodating when we wished to use the hostel during the day, do disco-dancing at night, and when we kept changing the number of those attending. Economy, we felt, was an overriding factor as it is usually the Rangers themselves who pay for events like this, not their parents.

This is what the programme looked like:

Saturday

5.00 pm Hostel opens. Rangers could arrive at whatever time suited (to allow for Saturday jobs etc). Food not to be prepared in YH — fish and chips from local shop recommended.

7.00 Welcome
7.30 Disco dancing instruction until 9.00

9.30 Cake and Hot Dogs
Registration for Sunday activities
Lights out

Sunday

8.30 am Cooked breakfast
10.00 Start activity
3.30 Soup and filled rolls
4.00 Rangers Own
4.30 Youth Hostel task

The outdoor activities we offered were: canoeing, hill walking, walking the West Highland Way, and orienteering. Indoor activities included: macramé, puppet making, whittling and painting. Instructors were found from our own County team and there were also one or two very helpful friends and relations, and local experts. All instructors were aware of official Guide safety regulations and adhered to them.

The list of clothes and kit needed included the following items:

Arrival and Rangers Own — Uniform
Disco dancing — anything within reason
Canoeing — sandals, shorts, warm sweatshirt and towel
Orienteering, hillwalking — walking boots or trainers, trousers (not jeans), kagoule, hat, warm jumper, small pack, plastic bottle for drink, compass
Craft — uniform and scissors

As well as this the girls were asked to bring night requirements and toiletries, a small first aid kit (plasters for blisters), a sheet sleeping bag, cutlery, crockery and packed lunch for Sunday.

Health forms had to be filled in by everyone and those who wanted to canoe had to bring a letter of permission. Each Guider brought with them a tea towel, Youth Hostel and Leader Cards. Leader Cards (SYHA), allow someone over 21 to take 14 non-members into the Youth Hostel, and as many of the Rangers were already members we only needed three Leader Cards between us. Guiders who were not members of the SYHA used Guest Cards.

When working out the cost of the weekend we had to take the following things into consideration:

Youth Hostel charges, travelling expenses of instructors, YHA canoes, food and craft materials. We eventually managed to set the cost at £4.50.

You may be interested to know of some of the problems we encountered:

1. Communication. From the start of the planning until the weekend itself, breakdowns in communication were a slight problem. Dates for gathering information, deposits etc always seemed to be stretched.
2. Canoeing. Despite an additional £1.00 being necessary and bad weather, almost twice the number of Rangers that we could safely allow wished to canoe. We had to ballot for places.
3. Clothing.
 - a. Despite the fact that we stipulated *no jeans*, many girls wore them. Jeans chaff legs and when wet, stay wet! Cheap crimplene trousers may not be the height of fashion but they do dry on your legs and are soft when wet.
 - b. Although the girls who went canoeing brought a change of clothes for canoeing, many forgot to bring a spare bra...
 - c. The rain and wind meant that training shoes were not suitable for hill walking.

All in all it was a really worthwhile weekend and we are now planning an indoor weekend as our next venture...



Photos: Mrs M Macleod



Free Careers Magazine

The Manpower Services Commission is offering free copies of their monthly careers magazine to any member of the public who wishes to go on their mailing list. The February issue of 'Newscheck' contains items on The Business and Technician Education Council; Occupational Training Families; work as a countryside ranger; letters and reviews of many interesting and useful books.

Get a copy for yourself or your Unit by writing to: **Newscheck, COIC, MSC, Moorfoot, Sheffield.**

The Young Leader's Scheme

by Jan Evans, Young Leader Consultant

What fun to be a Young Leader in 1984. The Programme changes which came into effect in September 1983 have brought with them some exciting changes in the Young Leader's Scheme.

The Scheme is for girls who want to help with Brownies or Guides and as well as receiving training in leadership they have opportunities to share in exciting activities, and learn new skills, with a group of other Young Leaders.

A girl may join the Scheme when she is fifteen and with the help of her District Commissioner, with whom she fills in the registration form, she will be attached to a Unit. It is her choice whether it is a Guide or Brownie Unit but if it is a Guide Unit then it is advisable that a change is made from the Unit in which she herself was a Guide. This will help her to assume her new role and have wider experience in the Movement. The registration form is passed to the County Young Leaders Adviser who welcomes the Young Leader to the Scheme and keeps her informed at all meetings and trainings both within the County and at the National Training Centres. The Young Leader will receive a card which sets out the training syllabus. This is divided into two sections each with several clauses. Part I is to develop and challenge the Young Leader personally while involving her in activities with her own age group. If she is an invested Ranger she is exempt from Part I as it is so similar to the pre-Investiture challenge. Part II involves the Young Leader in work within the Unit, where she takes a full part in the planning and running of the meetings. She will help the Brownies or Guides to learn new skills, games, songs and also help them to choose challenges, carry out activities and use their Handbooks. A Young Leader may not be assessed for Part II of the Scheme until after her sixteenth birthday.

The uniform of the Senior Section is worn by both Young Leaders and Rangers and consists of a navy blue skirt, aquamarine blouse and navy blue cap. A Young Leader may wear the white leadership bar on the left epaulette of her blouse when she has either completed Part I of the Scheme, become an invested Ranger, or shown sustained effort during six months of training.

When a Young Leader has successfully completed the syllabus she will receive a certificate which shows she has leadership skills. This is

an achievement in itself and although the training experience will be very useful if the Young Leader goes on to take her Adult Leader's Certificate it is of extreme value whatever career she decides to follow. Of course, a Young Leader must make her Promise, or renew it if she has been a Guide, like every other member of the Movement, before the Certificate is actually awarded.

The opportunity that now exists for a Young Leader to work for the Queen's Guide is a thrilling bonus to the Young Leader's Scheme.

Photo: Hazel Bailey



1984 Competition For Young Navigators

A week at sea with the Royal Navy; flying in a jet and gliding with the Royal Air Force; across Europe on the flight deck of a British Airways jet liner; a week at sea in a merchant ship or a square rigger; compasses, clocks, binoculars and books are just some of the splendid prizes that young people from 8 to 18 won in the Royal Institute of Navigation's Competition in 1983. All they had to do was to write about getting from one place to another, for that is what navigation is all about.

Potholing, walking, climbing, cycling, sailing, exploring and flying are some of the activities about which the competitors wrote. Several described how animals navigate and one wrote a software programme for a jet aircraft. The judges take age and opportunity fully into account. Individuals or groups may enter.

The same competition with similar prizes is being run in 1984 and the prize-giving will be in London in early January 1985. This will include illustrated talks by navigation experts, and tea.

For further details and an entry form send a SAE marked 'Annual Competition for Young Navigators' to: Programme and Training Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.



Quickies

Mary Poppins

This is a quick game to warm everybody up at the beginning of a meeting. It is for Brownies or Guides and was sent in by Heather West of 1st Bardsey Brownie Pack.

Choose four girls: two to be 'sweeps' and two to be 'Mary Poppins'. The 'sweeps' chase the rest of the girls and try to catch as many as possible. Once caught, a girl has to stand still. She can only be freed if Mary Poppins comes up to her, when she has to say the magic word: 'Supercalifradgerlisticexpiallidocious'. Then she can start running around again. Change the sweeps and Mary Poppins occasionally, and play the game until everyone is warmed up or worn out!

Have you got a good game up your sleeve? Send it to us and share it with others.

Which Way Now: Options

The Careers and Occupational Information Centre (COIC) of the MSC have produced an information pack 'Which Way Now: Options' which shows how the choice of subject at school can affect a young person's future. The pack contains information of nearly 500 jobs and is available free of charge from COIC, W1101, Moorfoot, Sheffield.

Have a look at...

Don't forget to have a look at the rest of GUIDING magazine to keep yourself in touch with what's going on in the Guide Movement. Features which may be of interest to you this month are:

Practical Pages — Fitness and Health	pp 15, 16
Painless Brownie Outings	pp 19, 21
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Glenbrook is for you!	pp 46, 47

CALENDAR

MON 23(31)

AUG

SEP

OCT

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

Netherurd
Blyth Bridge, West Linton,
Peeblesshire, Tel: 0968 82208

Broneirion
Llandinam, Powys
SY17 5DE. Tel: (Caersws) 068 684 204

Foxlease

August

- 7-11 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course (*Rangers and Venture Scouts*)
13-20 Summer School (*Creative and Practical Skills, indoors and out*)
23-30 Patrol in Action

Waddow

August

- 3-5 Working with Children with Special Social Needs (*Guiders of all Sections*)
15-30 † Holiday Period (*Guiders, Trefoil Guild members, their friends and mothers*)

Glenbrook

August

- 18-25 Guide Week

Netherurd

August

- 10-13 Together for Music (*Guides with an interest in music*)
17-19 Exploring the Home Arts (*Guides aged 12 +*)

27 August-

- 3 September Trefoil Guild Holiday Week

Broneirion

August

31 July-

- 4 August On Target (*Event for Guides*)
6-10 Trefoil Adventure (*Event for Guides*)
13-16 Three Days of Fun (*Event for Guides*)

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room per day	£8.00
Double room per day	£8.50
Single room per day	£9.00
Deposit of £2.00 cheque or postal order only.	

† Weekends marked with this sign are subject to VAT.

Fees at Glenbrook

Shared room (for weekend course) £15.00. All activities, equipment and VAT are included. Optional activities extra. Deposit of £2.00 cheque or postal order only.

Fees at Broneirion

Shared room per day	£6.50
Double room per day	£6.75
Single room per day	£7.00
Deposit	£2.00

Foxlease

September

- 7-9 Training in the Programme
1. Brownie and Guide Guiders
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders Advisers
14-16 Middlesex North West
21-23 Relating Arts Skills to the Programme
28-30 West Mercia

Waddow

September

- 7-9 Training in the Programme
1. Brownie and Guide Guiders
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders Advisers
14-16 West Yorkshire South
21-23 Midlands (by allocation)
28-30 Training in the Programme
1. Brownie and Guide Guiders
2. Ranger Guiders and Young Leaders Advisers

Glenbrook

September

- 21-23 Canoeing (*Training and Assessment*)

Netherurd

September

- 7-9 Music in the Programme
14-16 Brownie and Guide Guiders (*Places reserved for Berwickshire*)

Broneirion

September

31 August

2 September

- Llais y Ddraig — Welsh Junior Council
7-9 General Training (*Brownie and Guide Guiders*)
14-16 Welsh Song Book
21-23 International Training (*By invitation*)
28-30 General Training (*Places reserved for Clwyd*)

Fees at Netherurd

Shared room for day	£6.50
Double room for day	£6.75
Single room for day	£7.00
Deposit	£2.00
Training for non-residents	£0.50

Fees at Lorne per Weekend

Ulster Guiders	£8.50
(Guiders other than Ulster)	£12.50
Ulster Trefoil Guilds	£8.50
Other Trefoil Guilds	£15.00

Training Calendar Foxlease

October

- 5-7 Sussex East
12-14 A Practical Approach to the Promise (*Guiders and Commissioners*)
19-21 Warwickshire
26-28 The District Team (*District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders*)

Waddow

October

- 5-7 The District Team (*District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders*)
12-14 Lincolnshire South
19-21 Lincolnshire North and Humberside South
26-28 Wirral

Glenbrook

October

- 19-21 Walking Safely Training (*Guiders only*)

Broneirion

October

- 5-7 General Training (*Places reserved for West Glamorgan*)
12-14 International Training (*By invitation*)
19-21 Welsh Outdoor Activities Conference
26-28 General Training (*Places reserved for Essex West*)

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 Guide 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 Guide'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 Guide attending a Promise and Law or 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.

Camps & Holidays

England

The Barn and Beaverbrook Lodge, Foxlease

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DE, giving alternative dates and enclosing an initial deposit of £1.00 (which is non-refundable) and a foolscap SAE. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in either The Barn or Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st October — 31st March 1985 will be accepted from 1st April 1984. The accommodation is suitable for handicapped members.

Foxlease Camp Sites

Applications for sites in 1984 should be addressed to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DE, and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates and approximate numbers should be stated, and whether an equipped or un-equipped site is required. Camps begin on any day. Some sites are suitable for the handicapped and one site is particularly suitable for Ranger camping. A £1.00 deposit (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and a foolscap SAE should be included. Applications are being considered now.

Foxlease Coach House

Formerly known as the Annexe, the Coach House makes an ideal centre for Rangers. Available Easter, Spring Holiday and periods in the summer. For details apply to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, enclosing a SAE.

Waddow Camp Sites

Applications for sites in 1984 are being considered now and should be addressed to the Secretary, Waddow, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 3LD, and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates and approximate numbers should be stated, and whether an equipped or un-equipped site is required. It is preferred that camps begin on Saturday. A 50p deposit (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and a foolscap SAE should be included.

Waddow Caravan

The Caravan is available for bookings throughout the year. For details apply to the Secretary, enclosing a SAE.

Waddow Pack Holiday House

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

Glenbrook, near Sheffield

Accommodation available in the house for 30 or in the flat upstairs for 10. Groups must be self-catering and must guarantee 20 in the house or six in the flat. Accommodation in 'Derwent', our new purpose-built annexe, is for 34 people on a self-catering basis. There are

two large bedrooms/training rooms on the ground floor with two Guiders' Rooms leading off. Above this is a fully equipped kitchen with gas cooking facilities, and a large hall which provides a dining and lounge area. A number of activities are available, including canoeing, walking, caving, rock climbing etc. For details contact the Guider-in-Charge enclosing SAE.

Glenbrook Campsites

Four campsites available, two suitable for handicapped members. Situated in partly wooded grounds. All sites are un-equipped. For further information about camping and activities available, write to the Secretary, Glenbrook, enclosing a foolscap SAE.

Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex

Equipped and un-equipped sites available in 175 acres of fields and woodland, with swimming pool, simple rock climbing and pioneering facilities (equipment may be borrowed). Canoeing on nearby reservoir. Restrop and Wagtail Lodge, furnished bungalows for 27, the latter specially adapted for the handicapped, are on the site and in addition a six berth caravan is sometimes available. For details, write to the Warden enclosing SAE.

Brownsea Island

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

Scotland

Netherurd

Camp Sites. Applications for equipped sites (four) are being considered now.

Brownie House. Booking forms for the Brownie House from Easter 1984 onwards are available and applications are being accepted now. During Scottish school holidays priority will be given to Scottish Packs.

Ranger Bothy. The Bothy is equipped for eight Rangers and two Guiders. One Camp Site, Brownie House and Ranger Bothy are suitable for handicapped members.

Holiday Caravan. A 3-berth is available for Guiders and friends. Apply to Secretary, Netherurd, enclosing foolscap SAE.

Wales

Ynysgarn, Criccieth, North Wales

Applications for the use of three un-equipped sites, all suitable for the handicapped. Ti Ni, a fully equipped (except for bedding) Brownie House, Ysgubor Hir, a single storey house, fully equipped (except for bedding) and suitable for the handicapped — can be made to Mrs J P Griffith, Swyn y Gwynt, Pen-

rhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd LL48 6RH, telephone: 0766 770355, enclosing a foolscap SAE for site information. Ynysgarn is within a few minutes of the sea.

Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys

Holiday flats are available all the year round for family holidays or for parties of up to 12 Rangers with their Guider. Self-catering, fully equipped, with metered electricity. Apply to Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion.

Broneirion, Camp-Site and Brownie House

Applications for the campsite and the Brownie House for Pack Holidays are being considered now. Bookings for the Brownie House, outside school holidays, for Guide and Ranger groups may also be submitted. All applications should be made to: The Assistant Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys, SY17 5DE, enclosing a SAE.

Ulster

Note

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

Holiday at Lorne

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Full details from the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co Down, Ulster.

Lorne Camp-Sites

Lorne offers fully equipped or un-equipped camp-sites with solid shelter. Calor gas available. Applications should be sent to Mrs F Hartley, 1 Station View, Carnalea, Bangor, Co Down. Tel Bangor 67088.

Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage, Lorne

A cottage available for Ranger holidays. For details apply to Miss Hilda Hirst, 119 Haypark Avenue, Belfast 9, enclosing SAE.

Magilligan Camp-Sites

Three fully equipped sites with double Calor gas stoves for 25 to 30 campers. Two miles of sands. Large three-room hut with an open fireplace. For details apply to Mrs R F Scott, Derrymore House, Limavady, Co Londonderry, enclosing SAE.

Glen Road Camp-Sites (nr Lorne)

Fully equipped for campers (one large or two small camps). Excellent hut for solid shelter with electricity. Bookings should be sent to Mrs F R Lee, 45 Golland Park, Belfast, BT5 7NU, enclosing SAE.

HQ

NOTICES

The Association's Awards

Good Service

Laurel

Mrs Patricia Noble, County Commissioner, Essex West.
Mrs Edna Musgrave Rawson, County Treasurer, West Yorkshire West.

Meritorious Conduct

Certificate of Merit

Heidi Meyer, Patrol Leader, aged 16, 2nd Poppleton, North Yorkshire South.
Gina Byrne, Brownie Guide, aged 10, 4th Whitton, Greater London West.

The Jewish Guide Advisory Council

Our Annual Service will be held on Sunday, 13th May 1984 in the London Area. All Jewish Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders are invited. Members of Open Units will be particularly welcome — please will Guiders inform the members within their Districts and Units.

Full details available from:
The Secretary, JGAC, Mrs Lena Davis, 48, Stonegrove, Edgware, HA8 7UA.

'What Every Guider Should Know About Insurance'

Page 10 of the 1983 edition. In the paragraph headed 'Boats, Canoes etc' mention is made of the GGA Certificate of Seaworthiness, which has now been replaced by the GGA Annual Boat Certificate. Please therefore amend your copy of this booklet accordingly.

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Scout & Guide Trust Fund

On 31st January 1984 the value of a share in the above Fund was:

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2-9 June
Hampshire Trefoil. Mrs E Slade, 22 Fowler Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants, Tel Farnborough 54841;

23-30 June
Durham Post Rangers. Miss L Milbanke, 30 Alexandra Park, Sunderland SR3 1XJ;

30 June-7 July
Essex East Handicapped Guiders and Rangers. Mrs D G Sporle, 109 Flemming Ave, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 3AU;

21-28 July
Birmingham Extension Guides. Miss L Bateman, 127 Short Heath Road, Erdington, Birmingham, M23 6LH Tel 021-382 3775;

28 July-4 August
Chailey Heritage Guides. Miss S Blades, 12 Summerfield Close, Minchinhampton, Glos GL6 9JX Tel Brinscombe 884 549;

4-11 August
Pathfinders (women 18+). Rev Gillian Bobbett, 38 Sandown Ave, Swindon SN3 1QQ;

18-25 August
South West Region Handicapped Rangers. Miss S Luxon, 3 Wentworth Close, Toddington, Dunstable, Beds LU5 6AG;

25 August-1 September
Explorers (Girls under 18). Mrs A Crawford, High Wray, Lodge Hill Road, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.

Olave House and Baden-Powell House, London

Permission forms are required for parties staying at these Centres and must be completed in the usual way. Completed forms should be sent to: Miss C Pryce, 11 Riverains, 71 Vicarage Crescent, London, SW11. Telephone (01) 228 6763.

The Girl Guide Friendship Fund



Dear Friends,

Well done — and very many thanks for raising the magnificent total of almost £14,000 for the Girl Guide Friendship Fund Christmas 1983 'Good Turn' appeal.

The three charities received their cheques at a brief ceremony in the Council Chamber at CHQ on 21st March. They were presented by Brownies and Guides representing the hundreds of you from all over the UK and such places as the United Arab Emirates, Holland, Cyprus and the Sudan who had contributed.

Once again, the fund-raising events were extremely varied and interesting, from a sponsored 'work-out' to carol singing, proceeds from a Masonic ladies' evening, helping at a horse show, sales of work — you name it, you did it!

Although you receive your receipt and personal letter of thanks from our hard-working honorary secretary, I would like you to know that I have read each and every one of the letters

sent to me with your donations — heart-warming, often amusing and always so wonderfully friendly.

Thank you for all the support you have given — and I know will continue to give — to the GGFF and, through the Fund, to those causes that have looked to us for help.

You may like to know that, from the Disaster Fund which the GGFF administers, we recently sent £250.00 to Sangam, the Guide 'home' in India. This was to help in the re-building of their extensive compound wall which was brought down by torrential rains early in the year.

We have also received letters from Branch Associations saying thank you for the money we sent each of them from the 1983 summer project. They congratulate you on your hard work to raise the money and appreciate the thought and love that went with it.

Nancy Roe
GGFF Chairman



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1. Be clear what the problem is.
2. Decide what information you need, and how to get it.
3. List possible solutions to the problem and then look at all the arguments for and against.
4. Choose a course of action.
5. Carry it out.
6. Look at what happened and then record your findings and opinions in an interesting way.

To make these guidelines easier to understand I shall outline an example of a project that could be tackled and researched on a very local level, and I hope this will give lots of ideas about other issues that could be approached in a similar way.

Consider a Local Park

Suitable themes could be:

1. Is our park effective?
2. Does the park give value for money?
3. The changing park — for better or worse?
4. Can the park cope with the increasing population in the area?

Or you could use a critical suggestion such as 'This land would be better used for housing estates' and seek to show why.

Don't take the present set-up for granted. Parks belong to the community and reflect its way of life, past or present. Is anybody thinking about the future? It will be a marvellous park which, in somebody's view, cannot be improved. This means that you must decide, somehow or other, what people hope to get from the park. How do people benefit from its existence or from changes in its character? Who would suffer, anyway, if it became a housing estate?

Ideas of the sort of information you could seek

The fact that this is a public park means public ownership. But the public as a whole are too numerous and disorganised to run anything, so in fact it will be owned and run by an organised public body such as the Town or County Council, the National Trust, a board of conservators, or a government department. Find out the exact name of this body and the address of its officers. This may be easy — the details could appear on the park notice board, or it may involve quite a search. Look in the local paper or an estate agent to get an idea of

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Does your local park meet the needs of the community?

what the land nearby is worth. If the land could be sold it would get thousands of pounds per acre for building. What does town planning mean and how does it stop this happening? Who made the town plan and who approved it? Do you approve?

To get a good basis for your research you could look at the history of the park. It is most likely to fall into one of three groups:

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And then ask the question: *is it continually being developed and altered to meet the current needs of the community?*

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POR Amendments



Religious Policy

- 6.2.(e) After Secretary of the Religious Consultative Panel, add c/o Programme and Training Department, CHQ. (See also 15, Sponsored Units.) For further information, see *The Guide Handbook, Guider's Edition*.

17.

International Relations

- 7.(b) After Queen's Guide delete Badge and substitute Award.

19(A) The Association's Awards

Delete paragraph 3 and substitute

A County Commissioner may award a *Good Service Brooch* and/or a *Good Service Certificate* to a Guider in her County for excellent service.

The Brooch may be worn both on uniform and out of uniform.

19(B)

Long Service Bars

Metal bar, navy blue with white knot for 15 years' service; metal bar, navy blue with green knot for 25 years' service. A Guider who has given 15 or 20 years' service to the Association, not necessarily continuously, is entitled to wear a Long Service Bar. To qualify she must currently hold a warrant or appointment card and have held a uniformed appointment (or appointments) for which a warrant or appointment card is issued for a total of not less than 15 or 25 years. The wearing of a Long Service Bar is optional.

Only one bar may be worn at any one time.

The Long Service Bar is worn only in uniform.

NOTE: (i)

Service with the Salvation Army as a Commissioned Leader in the Lifeguards or Sunbeams qualifies with Guide Service for a Long Service Bar.

(ii) The Guider applies for her Long Service Bar through the usual channels to the County Secretary. If doubt arises as to the Guider's qualification the County Commissioner adjudicates, subject to the right of appeal.

26.

County Appointments

3. The County Advisers
(a) Below The County Public Relations Adviser insert The County Ranger Adviser

34.

The Brownie Guide Section

4. The Pack Leader
Delete gained at least one Eight Point Badge and substitute been in the Company for at least a year.

35.

The Guide Section

1. The Guide
Delete 16th birthday and substitute 15th birthday.

36.

The Ranger Guide Section

5. Delete existing clause (b) and substitute:

(b) *Young Leader's Scheme.* A Ranger Guide or other girl between the ages of 15 and 18 wishing to specialise in leadership within the Movement registers as a Young Leader and works for the Young Leader's Certificate. A girl may become a Young Leader at the age of 15. She must, however, wait until after her 16th birthday before being assessed for part 2 of the Young Leader's Certificate.

48.

The Camping Qualifications

1. The Camper's Licence

'Guider' on the third line of this section should be in italics.

- 48.1 The Camper's Licence Conditions (i) After a small camp add:

At the discretion of the District Commissioner and CA this number may be reduced to one for a Ranger camp.

48.3

The Holiday Licence Conditions (ii) After a small holiday party add: At the discretion of the District Commissioner and the appropriate County Adviser, this number may be reduced to one for a Ranger holiday.

48.5

The Patrol Camp Permit Conditions (ii) After parents beforehand add:

She may take a total of seven Guides with her if all are members of her Patrol.

48.7

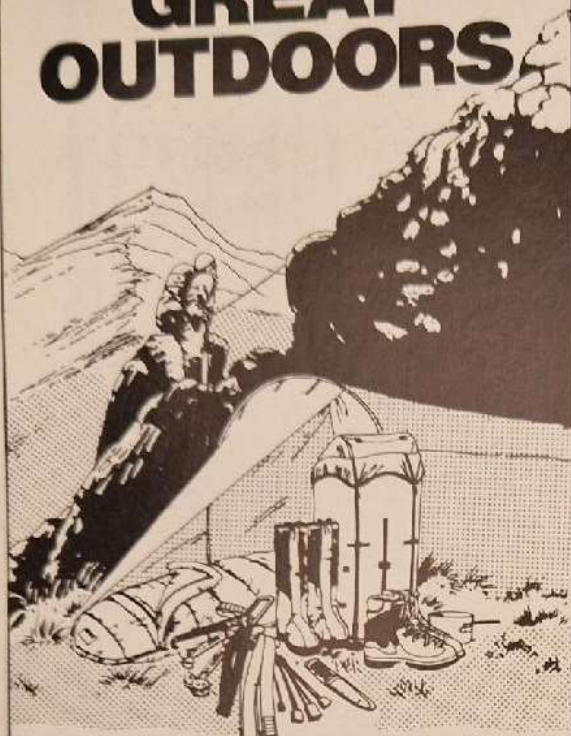
The Health and First Aid Certificate Requirements (ii) delete and substitute:

Have attended as an adult member of staff throughout a camp or indoor holiday approved by the appropriate County Adviser and run for the Section for which she wishes to qualify.

Camps and Holidays with Special Conditions Attached

- 49.1 Camps and Holidays without a Qualification (iii) After YHA members insert or who are included on a Group Introductory Pass or Leader Card held by the Guider.

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50. 1. The Training Licence
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2. Registered Experts
Delete should be and substitute are

Water Safety — Bathing

- 56.4 **The Endurance Test** (d) *Delete* an unconscious person and substitute a person acting as an unconscious patient

The Adult Uniform

- 59.3 (c) **Awards and Badges:** *Guide Awards*
Amend (iv) to read (v)
Add new clause

- (iv) Good Service Brooch
Right Breast between other
Guide awards and the Long
Service Bar if present

- 59.5 **Positioning of Badges Below or D of E Gold Award in two places insert or**
SSAGO/SAGGA Badge

60.

The Ranger and Young Leader's Uniform

5. Positioning of Badges
Delete Interest Badge
Before Star delete Service and substitute Ranger
Delete Eight Point and substitute Trefoil
After Queen's Guide Badge insert or Brooch

61.

The Guide Uniform

3. Positioning of Badges
Delete Eight Point and substitute Trefoil
Delete Queen's Guide Badge
Move Pack Leader's Stripes to left cuff
Move Patrol Purpose Patches down to right cuff, and insert Patrol Interest
Pennant Badges above them. Re-label full-length figure.

- 61.4 **Travelling Abroad** *After* Union Flag Emblem *delete* Left Shoulder and substitute Left breast above the Promise Badge
Delete NOTE; and following sentence and substitute:

NOTE: On her return home the Guide removes the Union Flag Emblem and wears a World Flag Emblem on her left shoulder during the time she remains in the Guide Section.

62.

The Brownie Uniform

1. Uniform
After Shoes or School Sandals Brown insert or black
Distinguishing Marks
63. 5. County Appointments
Below table add:

NOTE: There are no special distinguishing marks for Division Advisers. They wear plain navy tabs and County Badge on hat.

REGISTERED GOODS

Page Registered Goods in Group A

- 87 *Delete* Eight Point and substitute Yellow, Green and Red Trefoil
After Ranger Stars add and Challenge Badges

Registered Goods in Group B

Delete Queen's Guide Badges and substitute:

Long Service Bars

Queen's Guide Brooches and Certificates (Ranger Guide Section)
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Adventure of



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Matthew Kelly, presenter of the 'Adventure of a lifetime' television series, with the 16 competitors in the final elimination.

The chance to take part in an 'Adventure of a lifetime' was an irresistible challenge to more than one thousand young people when Central Television launched a competition under that name late last year. Inviting entrants aged between 12 and 14 years to answer questions about great explorers and write an account of their most interesting outdoor experience, the prize at stake for the six winners was an expedition to Nepal in the company of Colonel John Blashford-Snell and Matthew Kelly of 'Game for a Laugh' fame — plus regular appearances on television!

After all the entries had been scrutinised, 32 names were drawn up and invited to Blackwell Court Scout Centre, near Bromsgrove in the county of Hereford and Worcester, to take part in elimination tests. These were spread over four days and filmed, at the end of which the top half-dozen were announced and preparations for the dream visit able to begin. It became apparent that a large proportion of the finalists are, or have been, members of the Scout and Guide Movements and, when 32 competitors had been whittled down to 16, no less than 11 of these boys and girls have had Scouting and Guiding experience. As the final set of elimination tests began, the skills learned in the Movements were to prove very useful.

'No, you need a square lashing there, it'll pull things really tight...' As the cameras moved in through the driving rain and snow to film the four teams constructing sledges, the voice of Sara Beale could be heard above the others, organising and offering ideas to the rest of her group. This was the first test of day three, placing the spotlight very closely upon the last 16 competitors to discover their compatibility, motivation, ability to communicate and use practical skills, all under the omnipresent eyes of the cameras. A close spotlight it needed to be, too because weather conditions had become extremely poor and it was difficult at times even to see the

young people as they battled bravely against the elements as well as each other. Some of the television team were less than happy but, as one so perfectly put it, 'If the kids are still outside and enjoying themselves, I'm blown if we're packing in!'

Early that morning had come news that the National Union of Squirrels had deemed their territory unsafe and the proposed treehouse building had been cancelled, one of many changes to the programme necessitated by the weather. Undaunted, however, the competitors set to work on their sledges, culminating in a race with the heaviest member of each team aboard. The conveyances were devious and well-designed, full of juvenile scientific principles and practicability but, although none of them fell apart during the race, some theories and aspirations were somewhat dented by the sheer difficulty of pulling the sledges through the snow and rain!

Although it might have been possible to have formulated a precise points system for scoring, and awarded the places on the Nepal trip to the most successful, the judges were looking for qualities difficult to evaluate in purely statistical terms. One of the most important was personality in front of the cameras and confidence when being interviewed, without any rehearsal, by Matthew Kelly. A potential Chris Bonington may be ideal for the future of mountaineering but no use at all for television if unable to communicate in more than grunts and mutterings!

But as the tests took place, the 16 finalists ceased to be merely a collective group and became 16 distinct individuals including Pauline Turner, a Queen's Guide from the 39th Reading, always cheerfully down-to-earth and at ease with everyone; Tristan Carlisle-Kitz, a Scout from Aberlour in the wilds of Banffshire, and Welsh-speaking Rhyddian Wilson, from Ystrad-Meurig in Dyfed, exuding Celtic charm; tall, dark-haired Amanda Neely from Godalming in Surrey, and small and fair Sara Beale from the 1st Bideford Guide Company in Devon. Some of the contestants proved particularly skilled at pitching hike tents, others discovered that archery was their

A Lifetime

forte, others again found cooking bangers and beans to their particular liking.

The day was extremely busy and punctuated by the constant relocation of cameras, second and third takes of certain shots, special interviews and the painstaking minutiae of television programme making. The archery test had to be carefully set up to ensure that the intrepid forward cameraman did not suffer a painful injury, perfectly-pitched tents needed adjustment to accommodate a sound recordist laden with equipment, indelicately-protruding backsides pointing straight at the lens were frowned upon! Nevertheless, this all demanded another virtue — patience — and left the film crew exhausted but the children raring to go!

That night was particularly cold but, well-equipped with two sleeping bags each, the hours under canvas were enthusiastically received. All the finalists had camped before, many with Companies or Troops, so that was one test at least that was more familiar.

Providing invaluable back-up to the event was the Service Team from 'Operation Raleigh', recruited for full-time employment until this ambitious expedition commenced. Known, from an esoteric acronym, as the SWOTs, this crew dreamed up the challenges and liaised closely with Central Television in presenting each element of the tests. Their offering for the final day of the elimination was a series of bases, each of which, when completed, yielded a letter of a code to assist in the discovery of hidden treasure (of the edible variety). Abseiling down a tree, competitors chanced upon a letter pinned to a branch, having made a human pyramid



Above, Matthew Kelly conducts an interview before the cameras after the teams had cooked bangers and beans over a small wood fire.

Below, ditto: burnt offerings!



another letter was revealed, successful recovery of a container from a 'no-go area' produced a third and negotiation of one of the most devious blind trails ever constructed gave the last. With a touch of ingenuity and a hint of luck, the treasure was soon located beneath a convenient pile of snow and consumed with alacrity!

As the sun began to set and bring to an end a long weekend that none of the 16 competitors will ever forget, Matthew Kelly gathered the nervous hopefuls together and announced the judges' decision. Made with great difficulty, he added. As the six names and two reserves were read out, certain faces lit up with huge beams of thrilled delight and others offered genuine congratulation. Tempered by disappointment, undoubtedly, but with no hard feelings at all. Sara Beale will be representing the Guide Movement in Nepal, Justin Wiggins, Jason Halliwell and Keith Woodcock the Scouts. Four out of six from our brother and sister Movements is a record of which we can be proud and which indicates once again the value of Scouting and Guiding to young people.

'Adventure of a lifetime' will be featuring in the autumn television schedules, showing both the elimination tests and the expedition proper, including a visit to a jungle camp, travelling by canoe over crocodile-infested waters and taking part in a rhinoceros census, among other exciting activities. It should make marvellous viewing — I can hardly wait!!

Andrew Shields
Features Editor, SCOUTING



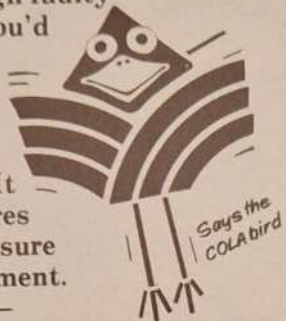
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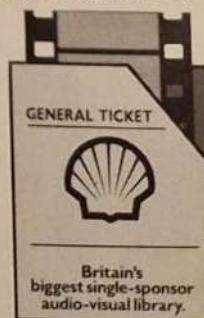
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Who would suffer if your local Park became a housing estate?

Investigate Park Management

From the orderly way in which the park is laid out and run, there is evidently organised management. Who is responsible? If, as usual, it is the local council, find out about its parks committee: when was it set up, and how does it function? A good report of one of its debates may be in the local paper and may tell you a great deal. Possibly one councillor has proposed a major improvement, like a new tea room or swimming pool and others have declared it would cost too much. You may know, or know of, some of the councillors concerned. All have been elected by the local people and they may not get elected again if their ratepayers think they are not doing their job. Are they?

The actual work in the park is administered by a local government official, the Park Superintendent, whose work is delegated by the park's committee of the council. Find out as much as you can about the role of this official and his relationship with the elected body.

At this stage it would also be worthwhile investigating the overall cost of running the park, taking salaries etc into consideration, and what proportion of the rates are allocated in this direction. You are entitled to be told this sort of information from your local council offices.

Park Bylaws

Park Bylaws can also be most interesting to consider — for example there are bylaws governing the holding of meetings and trading restrictions. Some are very out-of-date and only apply to certain areas — in London on one common the park keeper is obliged to bury every dead cow he finds and charge the owner 12½p for his trouble! Don't go into detail on every bylaw but select a few and see if they make sense.

People in Parks

Parks are planned for the benefit of everybody. Do you think that's true? Obviously different age groups have different needs for recreation in the open air. At this, the most important stage in your project, you have to find out the real amount of public use and enjoyment. You must discover who comes, why, and when, how long they stay and what they do.

Are the facilities for regular team games adequate? How many pitches are there? Do many people participate in unorganised sport such as running, riding, rowing, fishing, sledging etc? People of all ages use parks for pitch and put, bowls, children's playgrounds, sand pits and paddling pools. Apart from activities like these, which are continuous, is the park used for special occasions such as annual carnivals and bonfires? To make sure of your facts try looking through the files of your local papers at the public library and see how often the park gets a mention. You may be surprised to find how large a part your park plays in the life of your community.

The other questions to consider would be transport to and from the park, and refreshment facilities.

You now know a great deal about the attractions of each feature and the numbers of people who come to enjoy them. What does it all amount to? The final stage in your project is to make an appreciation of the park as a whole, to decide whether there is the right balance between the different ways in which a limited space of ground is used. The answer depends on the degrees of activity which you have just assessed. Be careful not to let your own preferences upset your judgement. The town parks committee and its managers have to consider all likely forms of use and the local demand for them. There is always someone who wants more of one thing, even if it means, in a limited space, that there must be less of another!

Summing up

Now that you have looked at the park from every possible angle you can bring your project to an end. Consider how the park might be improved. Perhaps this cannot be done to any real degree. The people who plan and run it may be making the best use of limited land or a difficult site and limited money. But, more likely, you will have found things could be improved. There may, for example, be stretches of ground lying idle which could be used for more games pitches; or there may be a real need for more seats, shelters or cafés. List these possible improvements and place them in what you think is their order of importance.

It is *your* park. Your parents and neighbours pay for it out of the rates on their houses and shops. As soon as you have a vote, you will have a share, albeit a very indirect one, in its management by your local council. As the last step in your task decide whether you can really rate the park as a success. Finally if you think you have made a good report and discovered real possibilities for improvement, see if you can influence the people who can bring about changes. Send a copy of your report to the Parks Superintendent and the appropriate committee of the council, and if possible invite a

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and staff for our benefit, were purely 'voluntary', with only gentle arm-twisting to encourage us to participate!

For some, perhaps, the greatest attraction would be the '5-star' accommodation and excellent food ('cuisine' sounds pretentious!), allied to the sheer beauty of the surroundings and the interesting rambling character of the house. Foxlease is ideally situated for exploring the New Forest or for making a day trip to the Isle of Wight, via Lymington, Bournemouth and Christchurch are both within easy reach and, for the children, a visit to the model village at Wimborne is a memorable experience.

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And if this has whetted your appetite, Family Week is taking place from 25th May to 2nd June this year. See the Training Calendar for further details.



Carol Tomin

'The children constructed a beautiful collage about the growth of an oak tree'

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Different age groups have different needs for recreation



committee member to a Unit meeting to put your case. New ideas do sometimes take hold and lasting improvements may arise from your careful study.

This is only one idea for the type of issue that could be taken up and it illustrates the amount of research and consideration that any issue of public concern requires before all the viewpoints and arguments can be explored. The one major danger of taking local issues is being swept along by one interested pressure group, particularly if the issue is party political; but if you bear this in mind it will be very interesting and challenging to research issues of real local importance to the Unit.

General Sources of Information

1. Local newspapers and past files
2. Public libraries — community information services
3. Councillors
4. Council departments
5. Parish councils
6. Particular experts on your subject
7. Local branches of all political parties
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Glenbrook is therefore ideally situated for all kinds of outdoor activities, and aims to provide an introduction to them rather than to provide facilities for experts in any particular field. Activities include canoeing, pony trekking, archery and walking, and for the over 14's there is the chance to go caving, and climbing. Emphasis is placed on the safety aspect of each activity and the Safety Regulations of the GGA are complied with. All the activities are within a five-mile radius of Glenbrook, and a 15-seater minibus is available for transport to and from each venue. Basic equipment for all the activities is available from the centre, and the hire for this is included in the activity charge.

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Once a month 'ready made' training weekends are held at Glenbrook, specialising in outdoor activities and details of these courses appear every month in the Training Calendar of *GUIDING* magazine. The 'Walking Safely' trainings are linked to the stages of the Walking Safely Training Scheme and are open to Guiders; caving, canoeing and climbing weekends are open to Guiders, Rangers and Young Leaders; and there is



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Claire Garland, concentrating hard!



Janet Poole

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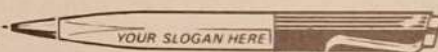
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Animal Issue

Guides can certainly keep Guide Law 6, 'A Guide is kind to Animals and respects all living things' with the help of this month's magazine. They will find plenty of ideas for challenges and targets in the beautifully illustrated charts, 'Do you eat flowers?/Hawthorn Superstitions', 'Water for birds/Up with the lark', and the centre spread 'Pet care and the Guide Law'. Other interesting features on the same theme are 'Make something for an animal — A place to sleep for a dog or cat' and 'A run for Guinea pigs'. A short story for those interested in horses is about a Member of Parliament who put forward the first law to protect horses in our society, and Guides can also have fun doing the Quiz 'Are you a winner in the Pet owner stakes?'

Two new badges start this month. 'Pioneer' — showing the correct way to use a saw and axe, 'Agility' for those interested in keeping fit and healthy. Guides are also shown how to experiment with new hairstyles from the target page in the handbook (p47). Other subjects of interest are 'Guiding round the world — Yasmin in India', 'How to arrange a pets' evening in your Company and information on the Quest Scheme. Certainly an issue not to be missed.

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May Review

Brownies will be kept busy throughout May with super topics of all varieties. The Help at Home charts show them how to clean brass, a basin and make a bed (all of which help towards the House Orderly Badge), tidy a toolshed and clean their shoes.

Centre spreads are informative and beautifully illustrated with 'May Day Customs', 'Animal Cartoons' (Animal Issue May 9) 'Prepare for Pack Holiday 1 and 2' — especially helpful for Brownies who have never been away before, and 'Go somewhere different' Pack Outings.

In the Try Something New series Brownies can have fun with a 'Chimney Pot Survey', 'Flower arrangements' and making 'A Wobble Board'. Other craft ideas include 'A Toadstool Pin-cushion' and a 'Brown Owl Notice Board'.

The badge for the month is Animal Lover and the stories are 'The New Beginning', 'The Great Gingerbread Bake' and the 'Islanders Plight'. For general interest Brownies can read about 'Dolls through the Ages', 'Oakapple Day' and follow the Brownies in the Promise Corner.

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TODAY'S GUIDE — How to help your Patrols to use their Patrol Pages — Have a Pets Evening

by Coral Tomlin

From my own experience, a Pets Evening can be a very interesting event. A lot can be learned about the girls by watching them with their pets. How do they treat them? Do they know how to feed and look after them, or is it poor Mum who does the work? Are they really trying to keep Guide Law 5.

The Patrol which decides to have a Pets Evening may need some help from you regarding the most appropriate time to hold it. If the other Patrols are all doing something noisy then the animals may become excited and uncontrollable. If they want the Patrols to judge, and not many of them will be present that evening, they need to either think of another way of judging, or postponing it until the Patrols are there. It is not necessary to have judging, but from experience the girls seem eager to prove their pets are the best.

Do encourage them to talk to the rest of the Patrol about their pet. Ask them to talk about the feeding and care of the pet, whatever it is, where it sleeps, how much exercise it needs and how often it has to be cleaned out, or washed. You could also encourage the girls to demonstrate how good they are at walking to heel, or coming to the call, or any little tricks which would interest the rest of the Patrol.

Make sure *before* they bring their pets that they can control it, and that none of the girls will be frightened by it. Red-Kneed Tarantulas and Boa Constrictors are definitely to be discouraged. Also check that all the dogs will get on, and that the kitten is not likely to end up on top of the highest cupboard defying all attempts to get it down long after the meeting has finished.

Arrangements need to be made for the clearing up of possible accidents, and of course for the washing of hands after the handling of the pets.

It makes a nice ending to the meeting to have the animals in the horseshoe, but budgies should be covered up while you give out notices as they are apt to appeal to a wider audience.

The girls may need to be made aware of the distraction the animals can cause during the reading of prayers, and self control should be encouraged before the reading begins.

If rosettes or certificates are to be awarded then this can be done in the horseshoe too.

One last word of warning — allow the girls with dogs on leads to go out first, as dogs, leads, girls and other impedimenta cause chaos in a small doorway.

Encourage them to have a go at having a Pets evening — it is great fun.



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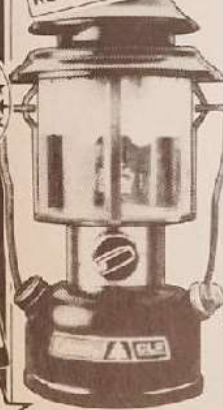
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