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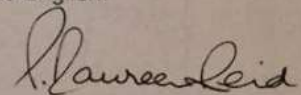
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St Andrew's Day Message from the Scottish Chief Commissioner Mrs G D M Reid

On St Andrew's Day — 30 November — this year, Rangers and Young Leaders from many parts of Scotland will mark Netherurd's 40th birthday as a Training Centre, by planting trees in the grounds, thus ensuring that the beautiful woodlands which we know and love will be there for future generations to enjoy. In this our 75th Anniversary year, and one in which we want to show our commitment to the themes of IYY, it seems right to link the 'wisdom of the woods' of which B-P spoke with the message for the future which the tree-planting symbolises, and the challenge of ensuring that the roots have a chance to establish themselves firmly, and have sufficient care and attention, is one which is taken up by all who play a leadership rôle in Guiding.

St Andrew's Flag is said to represent the diagonal cross on which the fisherman disciple was crucified as it appeared, streaked in white across the sky, on the morning when Angus, King of the Picts, and his army defeated the English in battle near Athelstaneford. Blue skies have been conspicuous by their absence amidst the rain-soaked days of this year's summer in Scotland; yet the vision and inspiration of our Patron Saint, who taught so many the ways of Christ, is present always, and we remember his example with pride and humility.

All members of the Movement in Scotland send warm and loving greetings, even to the English!



Lord Mayor's Show

London, Saturday, 9 November 1985 Time from 10.30

The Lord Mayor's show is one of the biggest shows in the world and the Girl Guides Association is pleased to be included in our 75th Anniversary year. UK Guiding will be well represented with an escort for the Lady Mayoress' horse-drawn carriage and a float which will be headed by a specially formed marching band.

Why not come along to see this exciting pageant. Wave and cheer us along the route and sing along with the girls and the band.

Cover

Excited Guides and Brownies at last are able to greet HRH Prince Charles as he visits the Intelpost exhibit during the Post Office's 350th anniversary celebrations (see page 5).

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Dear Guider

By the time you read this, I hope that every adult member of the Girl Guides Association will have received, via country/region channels, her own personal copy of THE WAY AHEAD - the Association's Forward Plan for the '80's & '90's in which we announce our immediate priorities, future plans and objectives and the means whereby they will be achieved.

The objectives of the plan:

- A FORWARD-LOOKING PROGRAMME FOR GIRLS
- RECRUITMENT AND IMPROVED TRAINING OF LEADERS
- SUPPORTIVE AND EFFICIENT ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION
- MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES
- GREATER INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS
- IMPROVED PUBLIC RELATIONS
- STRENGTHENING OF ADULT NON-UNIFORM SUPPORT GROUPS
- DEVELOPMENT OF OUTREACH

relate primarily to work at Association level.

The purpose of my open letter to you is to invite every country/region; every county; every division; every district; every unit; and, indeed, every individual member to set her own aims and objectives within this basic framework.

Why do we need even this basic framework, and particularly a formalised document, when I am quite sure that many of you will have said on reading it, "but we are doing this already".

BUT ARE ALL OF US DOING IT ALL: AND ARE WE ALL DOING IT AT THE SAME TIME?

The Forward Plan has enabled us to define our priorities - to identify and concentrate on those tasks which our members (through the Executive Committee of the Council) consider most important. It enables us to plan and co-ordinate our activities in the most Guide and cost-effective way.

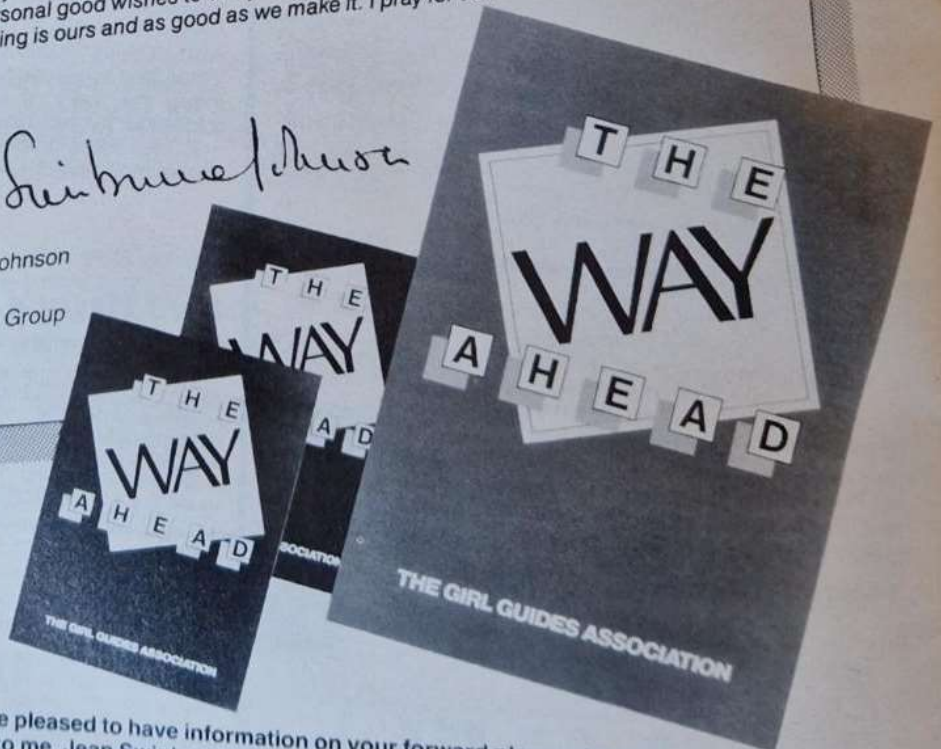
Without clear goals, different forces pull in different directions. Only by working together to achieve our pre-stated aims in a planned and sustained action can we be sure of moving forward. Not drifting, but ensuring that we are able to continue to provide and expand opportunities for girls who wish to share and enjoy guiding for many generations to come.

May I conclude by thanking all those who have helped in the preparation of the Forward Plan and offer my personal good wishes to every Guide and every Guider in the pursuit of her own objectives. Guiding is ours and as good as we make it. I pray for us all.

Yours in Guiding,

Jean Swinburne-Johnson

Jean Swinburne-Johnson
Chairman
Forward Planning Group



The Forward Planning Group will be pleased to have information on your forward plan and to give and receive advice and guidance. Please write to me, Jean Swinburne-Johnson, Chairman, Forward Planning Group, The Girl Guides Association, 100 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT and I will bring any correspondence to the Group for your attention.

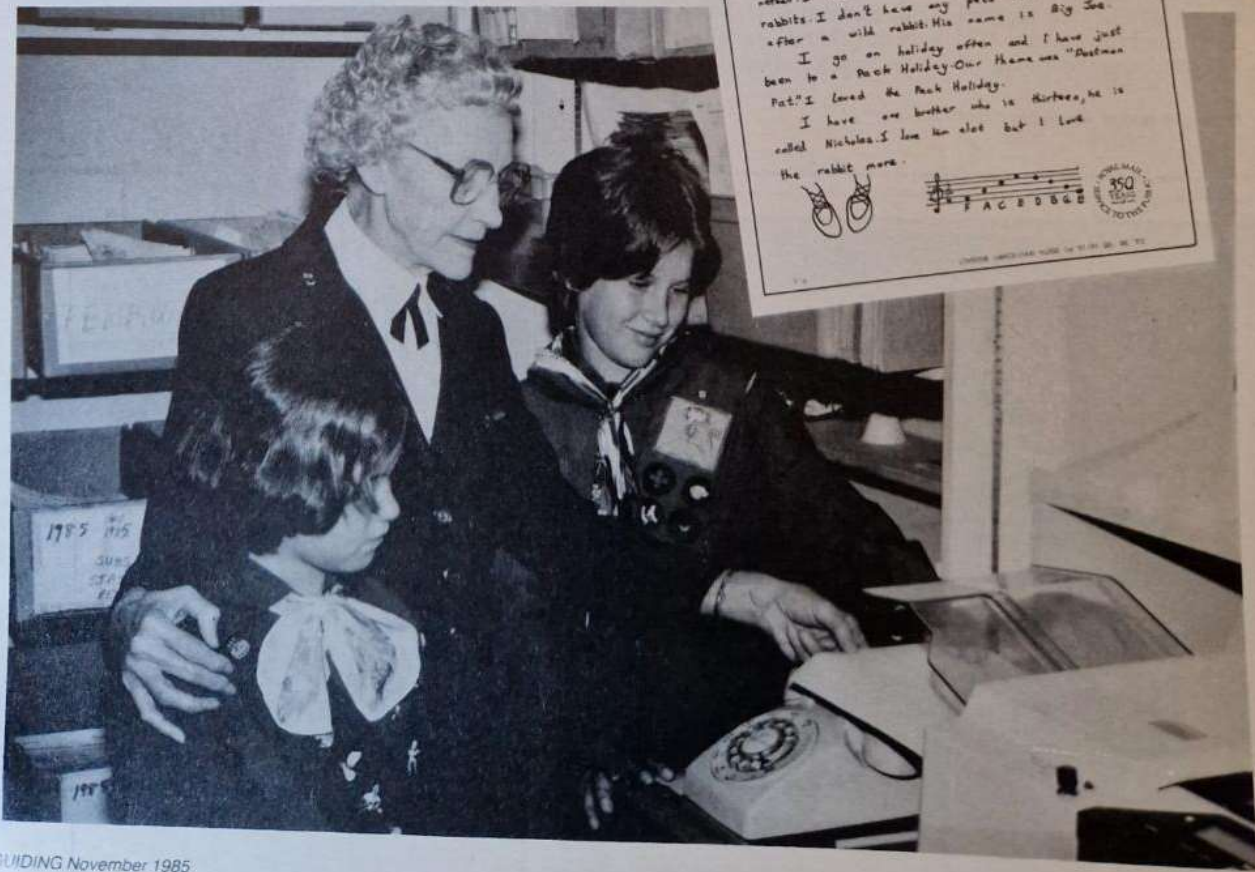
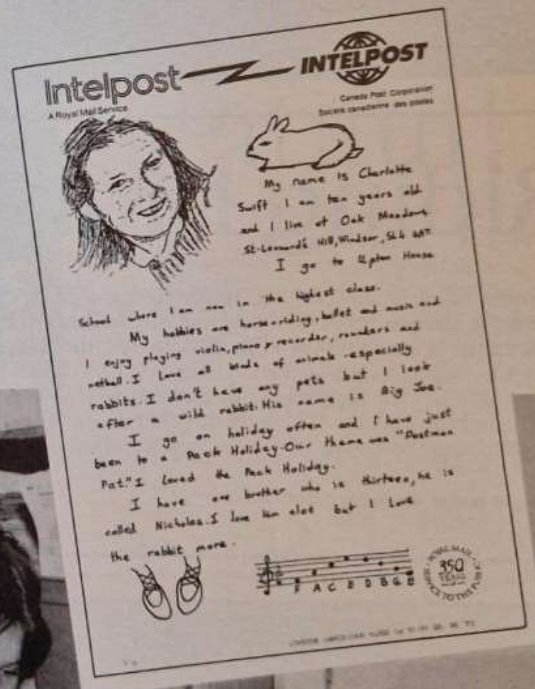
ARE YOU RECEIVING ME?

It's not everyday you are invited to try out the latest electronic wizardry but that's just what happened to girls from the Windsor division who joined in the Post Office's 350th Anniversary celebration at Bagshot Park, Surrey on 30th July.

Seven girls, representing all sections of the Association, plus a Guider, were there to help demonstrate INTELPOST, the Royal Mail's public facsimile transmission service—the ultimate accessory for the pen pal who has everything! At the flick of a switch INTELPOST can transmit documents across the oceans in less than 60 seconds, in this case to Windsor, Ontario, Canada where girls from the Girl Guides of Canada were ready to receive them.

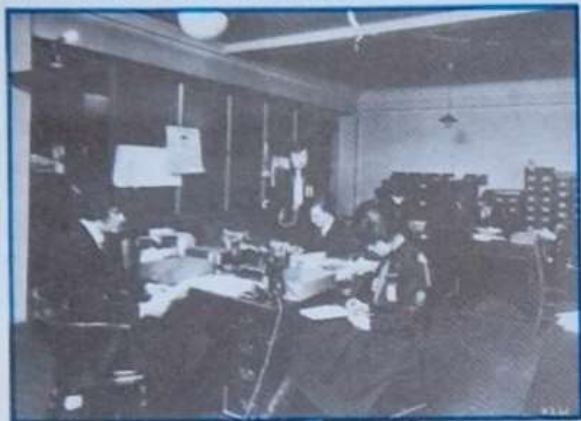
Both the Canadian and the British girls had prepared information to send through the system, consisting of short biographies, information about their own town and an introductory message, all on a specially designed letterhead. One Canadian girl wrote memorably about the rabbit she looks after saying, "I have one brother who is thirteen, he is called Nicholas. I love him a lot but I love the rabbit more".

Apart from the excitement of receiving and sending messages to Guiding friends so far away, the highlight of the day was the special guest HRH Prince Charles, who stopped to talk to each of the girls and made this a very special day indeed.



General Office

From left to right: Miss H Diamond, Miss A King, Mrs L F Rogers, Mrs Harriss, all one time staff in the General Office at Headquarters in 1923. Miss A King, who sent in the photograph, was enrolled in 1918 and joined HQ staff in 1919, when HQ was a flat, overlooking the Royal Maus, in Palace Street. In those days all the staff had to wear uniform and the shop staff were lined up and inspected every morning! Miss King left HQ in 1934 but after the war, became a founder member of CHQ Trefal Guild, and is still an Associate member of CHQ Fellowship.



Riding High

Brownie Kate Smallwood and Guide Rebecca Mears presenting a cheque for £333 on behalf of Chalfont St Peter District to a member of The Riding for the Disabled Scheme (Miss Jackie Croome). The District raised this money at a Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy to start off their 1985 celebratory year 'Thinking of Others'. Riding for the Disabled was the choice of the Brownies and Guides.

Photo courtesy of: Buckinghamshire Advertiser



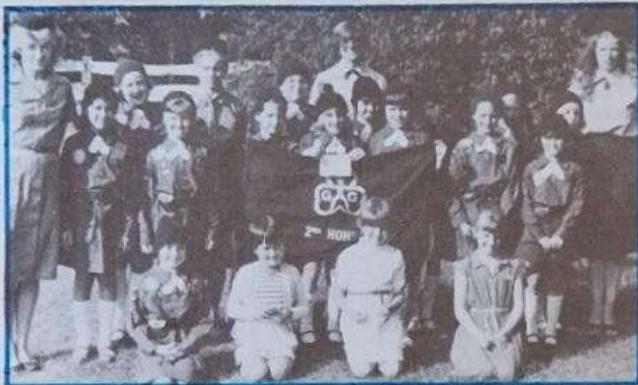
Crafty Caithness

Wick and District Guides and Brownies posing for a souvenir photograph with the 16' x 18' mural which they have completed as part of their 75th celebrations. The mural was designed in competition by 14-year-old Gillian Hutchison of the 3rd Wick Guides in response to an invitation by British Rail, Highland Region, who have been making efforts to revitalise local stations in the North. The work of the painting which will be seen in the railway station at Wick, was shared by all the Guides and Brownies.

Photo courtesy of: J. Macdonald

Walking Tall

Footsore, wet and weary Brownies, Guiders, Mums and Dads, walked 20 km over four nights in the Dutch Marshes, Bergen to raise money for the **Rubella, Deaf and Blind Association**. The Brownies succeeded in raising DM 455.00 for a very worthwhile organisation. The cheque was handed to Mrs Cook, the District Commissioner.



Pitiful!

The 7th Malvern Brownies at the Big Pit Mining Museum, Blaenavon, South Wales, which proved to be a very popular part of their Pack Holiday, held at Devanden, Gwent in July. They were taken down 400 feet into the mine to see the old coal seams, and an interesting time was had by all.

Photo courtesy of: Memory Photographs, Pontypool

Where There's Muck There's Brass

When retired haulier Tommy Buckworth needed his collection of carriages and horse drawn carts cleaning for the summer for the Eston Branch of Riding for the Disabled, the answer was easy. He asked the Marske and New Marske District Guides of Cleveland to help out. In return for their help the Guides would receive half the gate money and half the takings from horse drawn carriage rides. The Guides spent nearly a whole day polishing paintwork, washing metal-work and dusting the leather, but shortly before lunch on the day of the Carriage Display the heavens opened! However, about 150 people braved the weather and the Guides raised around £70 for their new district HQ appeal. The riding group for the disabled raised a similar amount.

Photo courtesy of: Darlington and Stockton Times



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN ULSTER

1985 has been crammed with activities for all age-groups and hopefully every member has had the opportunity to take part in many of our special events.

PRESS LAUNCH

Our year had a really good send-off in January with a special Press Launch at our training centre, Lorne. We were delighted that the former Chief Commissioner, The Lady Baden-Powell, was with us on that occasion. Representatives of the media, the Ulster Executive Committee, the Ulster 1985 Committee and Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Guiders viewed an exhibition of 75 years of Guiding in Ulster and heard details from the Ulster Chief Commissioner, Mrs Eves, of our Special Service Project — the collection and selling of waste plastic containers for recycling. The money raised is to be used to provide clean water for Tilonia, a village in Rajasthan, India (see June *GUIDING*).

In April Belfast County Guides and Scouts produced a joint Gang Show which ran for a week in the city's magnificent Grand Opera House. The cast of 150 are to be congratulated on an excellent show and the special number 'Happy Birthday, Guides' was a fitting tribute to 75 years of Guiding.

In June County Armagh organised a Flower Festival in Shankill Parish Church, Portadown. The theme was 'Spirit of Guiding' and a series of 27 beautiful exhibits, constructed of flowers and natural materials depicted subjects such as 'Lord and Lady Baden-Powell', 'the Brownie Pool', and 'the Eight Point Programme'.

North Down County produced a tapestry in ten panels, depicting the history of Guiding, about 1500 people were involved in sewing these canvasses in the ten districts and the completed work won a first prize in Bangors 'Using Your Hands' Exhibition.

It is impossible to mention all the events organised throughout Ulster this year but other projects have included the production of an Ulster Girl Recipe Book by North Antrim County and South Down's publication of an Activity Book. Special County, Division and District Camps were run, Thinking Day services held and birthday cakes baked and eaten. The prize for the largest cake must surely go to South Down who were presented with a cake by men of the 1st Devonshire and Dorset Regiment. It was six feet long by two feet wide and weighed 575lbs!



GUIDE WEEK

Our Flame Ceremony was held at Lorne on Tuesday 25 June. The Ulster Chief Commissioner, Mrs Eves and the party who had accompanied her to Buckingham Palace arrived in a 1911 vintage car and were greeted by Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Guiders, some in International costume or old-fashioned uniforms. Before the flame ceremony Mrs Eves made a special announcement — the Northern Ireland Bunny Movement (for girls from 4 to 7 years) had been officially recognised as part of the Girl Guides Association in Northern Ireland. Representatives of the Bunnies were welcomed and then each of our County Commissioners with their Ranger escorts received their flames from Mrs Eves. After a large birthday cake had been cut by our President, Lady Gibson, there was time to walk round and look at the camps of 1910 and 1985, also view various exhibitions, and to have a quick snack. Bicycles, a milk float, a pony and trap, horses and inflatable dinghy, a yacht (on its trailer of course) and a Sinclair car were among the methods of transport used by the County Commissioners and their escorts. However, North Antrim stole the limelight — they used a helicopter!

Later that week parties, fun days, flame ceremonies and good deeds were organised by Counties, Divisions, Districts and Units in every part of the country and with the start of the school holidays 'wellies' were polished in preparation for the camping season.

HIGHLIGHT '85

Ulster's Patrol Camp was held on the Lorne and Glen Road sites in August. The weather could have been much worse and only one of the eight sub-camps had to be completely evacuated on the last night. Able-bodied and handicapped Guides participated in a wide range of activities, including raft-making and many other water sports, branding crafts, griddle cooking, pop-mobility, pioneering and trampolining.

The sub-camps, named after well-known International camps of the past, competed in 'It's a Knock-out'. This was not won by Orbit (the staff sub-camp) despite their valiant, if somewhat unorthodox approaches to each event. Our local commercial radio station, Downtown, broadcast a three hour live transmission from the Camp which included a quiz, interviews with Guides and Guiders and of course records. Unfortunately, the main campfire was washed out but 350 campers and over 50 guests squeezed into Lorne and tried their best to raise the roof.



CAMP ERNE '85

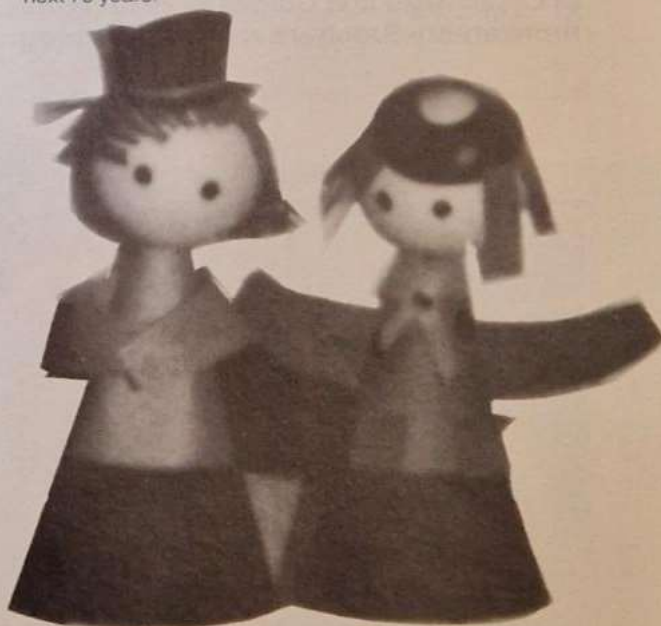
About 130 Rangers and Young Leaders from Ulster and the South of Ireland attended this event at Castle Archdale in Fermanagh's Lakeland. In spite of poor weather the girls were able to try many of the 21 activities provided, such as wind-surfing, water skiing, carving, archery and crafts. Visitors were made most welcome and the Camp staff were delighted that Mrs Patricia Banks, Chairman of the Guide Week Sub Committee was able to attend.



RECEPTION AT STORMONT

This reception, hosted by Mr J Killedder MP, Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly was one of the few events this year exclusively for Guiders. After speeches of welcome by our host and Mrs Eves, the Chief Commissioner, Guiders enjoyed tea, chatted to local Assemblymen who gave conducted tours of the magnificent building, and sat and listened to music provided by the band of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. We were very pleased that both Mrs Sheila Walker, Chairman of the 1985 Committee and Mrs Patricia Banks were able to be with us for this memorable occasion.

We are looking forward to the visit this month of Dr Helen Laird, former chairman of WAGGGS who will be here to speak at our Ulster Annual General Meeting. It is hoped that her visit and all the memories of this very busy year will help us to be prepared in the best Guiding sense to go forward, looking wide for, and meeting the challenge of, the next 75 years.



BY JANET PRITCHARD

Ulster Deputy General Secretary



GUIDING 75 AT THE **CRYSTAL PALACE**

VALERIE J STROUD

Public Relations Adviser London and South East England

In 1909, at the Crystal Palace, a few courageous girls gatecrashed a Boy Scout Rally and demanded to be Scouts too. On 27 April this year, 20,000 Guides gathered there once again to celebrate the success of our great Movement which has given fun, friendship and a way of life to millions of girls and women the world over.

The day was the vision of our two Chief Commissioners, Mrs Eileen Burbidge and Mrs Shirley Strong. A committee chaired by Miss Margaret Simonds together with an army of helpers brought it to fruition. The basic contents of the day were easily agreed: lots of activities highlighting fun with purpose; a pageant to make full use of the Crystal Palace stadium; a short Act of Worship at which every Company in the Region would be represented by their Colour. All this was to be achieved on a budget of £3 per head and Guides were to receive, as souvenirs of the day, the 75th Anniversary Brochure and a glossy programme.



The organisers of Crystal Palace Sports Centre were most helpful and they made all their facilities available. We were the second largest gathering ever held there and the first to plan activities covering the whole 26 acre site. They used the experience of the 1982 Papal visit to advise us on requirements for refreshments, toilets, a dozen special trains, parking and first aid.

On the day there seemed to be a few moments of quiet before the first train arrived and then the complex was filled with girls and Leaders all discovering the delights held within a village of marquees, the large sports hall and on outdoor sites. Whether you wanted to swim, ski, ring handbells or wear an Indian sari; ride on a raft or helter skelter; bounce on trampoline or fun castle, it was all there. Demonstrations of camping from the 1920s to Guide Patrol camping and present day Ranger expeditions received eager visitors. Brownies about to move on to Guides had fun experimenting with make up on their Tawny Owls. Counties in the Region and many firms brought activities to share, entertain and inform. Diana Moran, the Green Goddess from Breakfast Time TV led hundreds in keep fit exercises and the Police gave lessons in basic self defence.

Mrs Sybil Canadine, who had been among those at the 1909 rally, received a pop star welcome as she toured the activities and later the stadium during the Pageant. On at least one occasion she had to be rescued from autograph hunters. In a world where the young are supposed to have little respect for the older generation it was heartening to see the number

of girls who asked to share a Guide Handshake with her.

In the late afternoon our 150 special guests, including Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and the Chief Scout, joined the crowded stadium to watch June Patterson's Pageant of Guiding's 75 year history. 16,000 cheered and clapped every scene that unfolded. We were sad not to have more time to appreciate the scenes but the performers were kept on the move and any static display was cut to the bare minimum.

To talk about 2,000 colours does little to illustrate the size of our Association in London and South East England. Mary Hersant and representatives from every County spent many hours planning and rehearsing so that, as the colours precision marched into the stadium, we might well muse how far we reach into almost every village and neighbourhood. It was sad that, due to the weather, they could not complete the whole display but after weeks of excited rehearsal it would have been a great disappointment to those chosen for the honour of carrying their Company Colour not to mention County and Division Standards if they had not been used at all.

Guiding 75 at the Crystal Palace will long be remembered for the fun, spectacle and laughter; for the friends made and acquaintances renewed. A weighty file of letters at RHQ express one unanimous comment — Thank You for a Super Day of Guiding Fun.



The results of the Inquiry into the Crystal Palace Rally are expected soon and will be published.

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Pen Pal

Recently I was thinking of Thinking Day in 1939. I was a Guide in the 3rd Gravesend Company. On that day we were asked to have a penfriend from another country to help us understand and learn about Guides overseas.

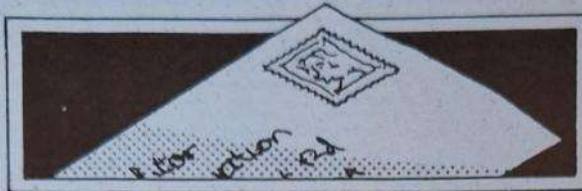
I decided I wanted an Eskimo penfriend. I was told there would be a language problem and was given the name and address of a Girl Scout in Texas USA. Kay O'Neill in Amarillo, Texas was also asked to have a penfriend.

As she was studying Egypt at the time, she decided to have an Egyptian Guide. She was told 'language problem' and she was very upset she could not have a penfriend. She left the Girl Scouts after ten weeks.

Kay was so delighted when I wrote to her and since then, letters have crossed the seas to each other.

In 1958, I went to Texas and it was a wonderful occasion when we first met. I had a marvellous holiday and made many friends. Kay and her husband visited me in 1978 and Texan friends have come to stay here. Kay and I have a wonderful friendship and we would like to say 'Thank You' for that Thinking Day in 1939.

Daphne A. Lloyd (Mrs)
Harrow, Middx



'Flame of friendship' was lit by Mrs Pluthero, and passed to Mrs Millie Drake, who was the first enrolled Guide in Tollerbury in 1917, and representatives of each decade from the, received the flame, spoke briefly of their experiences at that time. One former Guide is now a Guide Guider in the locality, where she feels she can continue the service given by her forbears. Lastly a Ranger Guide passed the flame to a 10-year-old Karen Boulter, who made her Promise as a Guide.

The Service concluded with the singing of the Friendship Song, and was a most moving experience as everyone, uninhibitedly, joined hands in friendship, and the Service has had far reaching effects, more than could have been envisaged.

Sylvia Lord
Guide Guider
1st Tollesbury Company

Cushy

I really feel I must put pen to paper. I have been a Brownie Guider for many years, but one thing that really makes my blood boil is the different standards of Guiders from different parts of the country. On talking and listening to Brownies and Guiders from different parts of the country, how often I have heard the words 'Brown Owl just gave me the badge!' Not just Brownies' words, but also on listening to other Guiders, 'we'll give her the badge, she deserves it!' Sometimes I have heard Brownie

Guiders have given each Brownie on Pack Holiday a House Orderly badge, because they have all made their own beds, or brushed the floor. Likewise the Cook's badge, because they all helped make toast!

Yes, my Brownies work for badges on Pack Holiday but only a badge that has to be done by an individual eg Artist, Toy-maker, Craft etc, and I get an independent person to test them individually.

I wonder what other Guiders think? Could there be tighter control over the way Guiders can obtain Interest badges? Perhaps the busy District Commissioners could check up now and again on their Packs and respective Guiders, or do they already do this in different parts of the country?

Name and address withheld.

All faiths

I was concerned to read the letter 'Duty to God' in September GUIDING where the writer Dorothy Bush asks 'Are we a Christian Organisation?'

We are a Movement for all faiths. One of our basic principles is that 'membership is open to all — provided they are prepared to make the Promise'.

There are many girls in sponsored and open Units who follow the Christian, Jewish and Moslem faiths, to mention but a few.

As Guiders we try to encourage each girl to keep her promise according to her own religion. The Founder's Forward in POR

contains the words 'Our aim in training the girls, is the education and development of character through their individual enthusiasm from within, and not by imposing upon them collective dogmatic instructions from without.'

It is the same today as it was when this was written in 1916. Let us please keep Evangelism in its rightful place — our purpose must be to enrich each girl's experience of her own religion.

Naomi J Benson (Mrs)
Chairman, The Jewish Guide Advisory Council.

Duty to God?

In reply to Mrs Bush's letter in September GUIDING, no, we are not a Christian Movement. We are a world-wide Movement. Baden-Powell said 'duty to God' and 'the guidance of religion' quoted in his book 'Lessons from the Varsity of Life' these are the aims of Scouting and Guiding. Also to 'train young people in the spirit of mutual toleration and friendship'.

Baden-Powell said 'our religious policy is the simple basic foundation of most beliefs in the world, love of God and love for one's neighbour'. But he did not say Christianity.

P J Blyth (Mrs),
Chew Magua, Bristol.

Undivided

As a Brownie Guider taking an active part in 1984 and 1985 celebrations, can I make a plea for the future Guiding celebrations?

Instead of each section celebrating separately, which will mean events in 1987 (Rangers), 1989 (Brownies) and 1990 (Guides), can we not celebrate together, so many years of Guiding? After all, in our titles we are all Guides now, as the wearing of the 75 badge by all sections this year underlined.

One compromise might be to have a celebration of 'Guiding' (not Guides only) in a split year, instead of a calendar year. Many groups plan their activities from August to August, thus the next celebration year would run from August 1989 — August 1990. This would cover many anniversaries of Girl Scouts/Guides/Rosebuds and Brownies, and as many Rangers are involved with other Sections they would not be neglected.

The result might be less exhausted Guiders, Brownies less jaded by over-celebrating and a more unified approach to the celebrating of Guiding by all sections.

Nancy Gilmartin,
Brownie Guider, Kirkcaldy,
Scotland.



Experience

It was felt that a most fitting start to Guide Week would be a Service of Thanksgiving for the 75 years of the wonderful Movement of Guiding.

The Service was devised and compiled by the present Captain, Mrs Sylvia Lord, and conducted in the Congregational Church by the Minister, Rev John Arnold, assisted by the Church Secretary, Mr Leslie Carter. We were honoured to welcome our County Commissioner, Mrs Joan Pluthero, our Division Commissioner, Miss Bess Taylor, who gave a most inspiring address, and our District Commissioner, Mrs Rita Hegerty.

During the Service our own



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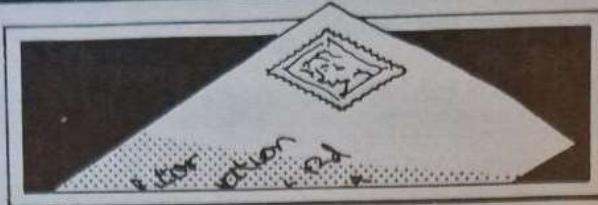
Dragon

Saturday, 11 May saw the invasion of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground by a mass of brown, blue and aquamarine-clad bodies, and numerous dragons. There were stuffed dragons, felt dragons, dragons on hats, dragons on neckers, there was even a live dragon — whose legs belonged to a County Commissioner!

Dathliad lived up to its name and was indeed a 'celebration' of 75 years of Guiding. The day was the Welsh Finale of competitions run from Unit through to County level. All County winners were invited to display their work/performance their arts for the thousands of guests including HRH the Princess Margaret, our President, the Lady Baden-Powell The Chief Commissioner, Miss Ray Charles, Chief Commissioner for Wales as well as numerous visiting Chief Commissioners from across the border, Advisers and Civic dignitaries.

All counted there were 86 challenges for Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, Guiders and Commissioners, ranging from choral speaking in Welsh to a model campsite for Guides in the year 2,085; from inventing a new camp gadget to illuminating a scroll of friendship; from making a soft toy for a children's home or hospital to a rock or pop group in English or Welsh.

The afternoon began with a parade by Guiders, but the climax of the afternoon was the concert at which the standard of performance reached its peak. It opened with what must be one of the biggest campfire sing-songs on record (about 4-5,000) which



produced some wonderful effects when singing rounds. This was followed by a Ranger harpist, Welsh Folk dancing, a Pack of Brownies singing a song written by their Guider, 'Elderberry', to celebrate 75 years, and many others. After joining hands together for several choruses of 'All Join Hands Together' and three very loud cheers the concert came to a close, and Builth Wells was once more returned to normality!

Feeling proud of our great Movement and privileged to have been invited to such a memorable and special occasion, we proceeded to make our way home.

A Griffiths and E Rothwell
Aughton Old Hall District,
Sefton.

Help

Help! Were you or any of your Companies present at the 21st Birthday Camp at Achachairdeis 10-12 May, and did anyone take photographs of the actual cake cutting ceremony?

I am willing to pay for a copy of this, as it was my daughter who performed the cake cutting along with our County Commissioner, Mrs H McMillan. Anyone who can help can contact me c/o GUIDING magazine.

E Laurie (Mrs),
Brownie Guider, Shettleston,
Glasgow.

Ode to Camp

First to Weymouth we must go. All hurry up — don't be slow. Quickly to the ballroom great; Meet all the Guides, no-one was late. Divided into Sub-Camps four, we then headed for the door. 'Keep together all you Blues' — not one can we afford to lose'. Then four hours of 'up and down'; some were ill, some wore a frown! Off the boat, into the house bus — let's just check that's all of us. At last the Camp-site we espied, and quickly each and every Guide was sorted into tents — all five; now it's good to be alive. Saturday — gadgets, duties, fun. Now the real Camp has begun; Walk to beach and barbecue, and then sing songs — quite a few. A very stormy start to Sunday, but some Guides walked by Saint's Bay. Others did crafts and orienteering and 'Guides Own' was well worth hearing. Monday dawned wet; couldn't sit and mope — tents had to be moved up the slope! But Tuesday, it was fine — hooray! It's another activity day: Lots of things to try and do; swim and boat and rifle too. Then Herm — a day trip for us all. And one that we shall long recall. Back to Camp — we were quite late — But a WAVS meal did await. Too soon the last full day arrived — a Guernsey tour had been contrived. Sight-seeing, crafts and shopping too — there seems so much we could do. But singing, then, must end our Camp (we're thankful — it's not been too damp!). That Guernsey Guiders planned for us; that Guiding Spirit meant no fuss. Now all we're really asking for, is 'can we soon come back for more'.

P A Briggs,
Bridgwater, Somerset.

Promises

Nine Girl Guides — all brand new
Seven straight from Brownies plus another two.
All had heard that Guides were fun
Now the pre-Promise challenges had begun.
All eight points were recovered fast
The time for making promises was here at last.
Just one thing we had to know —
For the Promise ceremonies —
where to go?

We had such fun — it was a lark
At the candlelight ceremony in the dark.

Natasha and Geraldine were in seventh heaven

These two made their Promises — that left only seven!

Elaine just wondered well 'would she be able'

'Only' all her spare time is spent at the stable.

'No problem!', 'delighted', we fixed it of course —

Her Promise was made whilst riding a horse.

Four of the Guides had set their sights high

Their ceremony was no pie-in-the-sky!

At Crystal Palace they had me floored

When Promises were made on the highest diving board.

Sarah's a dancer and very good too

And she knew exactly what she'd like to do.

So Sarah and Charlotte our two dancing belles

Made their Promise in a studio at Sadler's Wells.

These nine Guides really did their best

And for us two Guiders it's time for a rest

Hang on! There's Brown Owl — what did she say?

'There's a flying-up on Friday — will that be okay?'

Oh! Oh! Here we go again.

Mary Cooke,
26th Streatham Company

Call Sign

If any Units are interested in participating in the Thinking Day On the Air event for amateur radio stations they will need a radio amateur (preferably someone with a connection with the Guide Movement) who is prepared to apply for a special event call sign. Possible sources of help are local Scouts who may have Jamboree on the Air stations, individual radio amateurs or radio amateur clubs. If anyone has difficulties I will do my best to help them if they contact me c/o GUIDING.

Applications for a special event call sign will need to be made as soon as possible, preferably by early December.

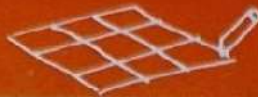
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PRACTICAL



Scotland — Brownies

Try these traditional Scottish songs and the actions that go with them.

Jock McCuddy



The Brownies, formed into a circle, skip round clockwise. At the end of the verse they yell 'Hech', kick up the right foot, and start round anti-clockwise.

The Big Ship

The big ship sails down the Illey Alley oh,
The Illey Alley oh, the Illey Alley oh,
The big ship sails down the Illey Alley oh,
On the fifteenth of November.

The Brownies stand in a line, holding hands. The end Brownie puts her hand against a wall or tree, to make an arch. As they sing the leader of the line skips round and passes under this arch, followed by the rest of the Brownies. The end Brownie does not go under, but allows herself to be pulled round with arms crossed, facing the opposite direction to the rest. The leading Brownie then goes under the arm of the Brownie next to the end one, and so on, till everyone is turned round with arms crossed.

JOCK Mc CUDDY

Hey, Jack, Mc Cud-dy, My
G B G D D G

cud-dy is over the dyke, — And
G G G B G A A D

if ye med-dle my cud-dy My
G G B B G D D D

cud-dy will gie ye a bite. Hech!
D E D C B A G G

Scotland — Brownie/Guides



The first Brownie to reach the caller, takes over as caller — the others returning to the far end of the room to begin again.

The caller could have her back to the Brownies, so that she doesn't know how near they are to her. You will need someone to watch, so that eager Brownies do not do a hot bottle step instead of a cold bottle step!

Peevers

You will need

Chalk to mark out a grid
A pebble per Brownie

Known in the South as Hopscotch, Peevers is a game the Brownies can play in their Sixes. Mark out a grid as shown in the diagram, with 'Heen' (which is the Orkney word for 'Home') at the top.

Each Brownie has a pebble and they take it in turn to throw, firstly on to square 1. The thrower hops over square 1, to straddle square 2 and 3, and then goes hop, straddle, hop to 'Heen' and back again, stopping on 2 and 3 to pick up her pebble. And so each Brownie goes. Then the first Brownie throws her pebble on to square 2, hops to squares 1, 3 and 4 and then straddle-hops to 'Heen' and back again, hopping onto 3 to pick up her pebble. The thrower's foot must not touch the square on which the pebble lies, nor must she hop when she should straddle or vice versa. If she does she is out of the game. So the game continues, with each Brownie throwing onto each square in turn, until the winner reaches 'Heen'. However if the thrower throws her pebble onto the wrong square she forfeits a go and must wait again until it is her turn again.

Curling — Brownies or Guides

Organise a curling tournament. Curling is a Scottish game, usually played on ice, originally with flat stones. Improvise with well stuffed bean bags, with a piece of material across the top to serve as a handle. Two Patrols/Sixes line up at a time to each skim their bean bag across the floor towards a set target (ie a tennis ball). The nearest bags to the target win a point each for their team. Finish up with the two highest scoring teams competing against each other.

Steps — Brownies

The Brownies line up across one end of the meeting place, facing the caller at the other end of the room. The aim is, by following the caller's instructions to be the first to reach the caller. The calls are:

'Giant Steps' — Brownies take largest (walking) steps they can, 'Baby Steps' — Steps must be heel to toe, 'Banana Steps' — Sliding Steps, 'Scissors' — Jumping while crossing legs, 'Hot Water Bottle' — Fast Steps, 'Cold Water Bottle' — Slow Steps.



Scotland — Guides

A Scottish Quiz

Give your Guides a Scottish quiz to test their knowledge of the country. The answers to some of the questions below can be found in the Netherurd booklet*. If your Guides haven't heard of Netherurd before they may be interested to learn about Scotland's Guider's Training Centre.

Questions

- 1 Name the Patron Saint of Scotland.
- 2 When is Scotland's Patron Saint's Day?
- 3 What is the national emblem of Scotland?
- 4 Name the capital of Scotland.
- 5 Answer 'Yes' or 'No'; Robert the Bruce's body is buried in Dunfermline Abbey.
- 6 Name two traditional languages once spoken in Scotland.
- 7 Answer 'Yes' or 'No'; Robert Louis Stevenson was born in Edinburgh.
- 8 In what Scottish county is Scotland's Guider's Training Centre?
- 9 In which architectural style is the house built?
- 10 How does the training centre get its name?
- 11 How are the rooms in the house maintained?
- 12 What is unusual about the entrance to the training centre?
- 13 Name a traditional Scottish sport.

Answers

- 1 St Andrew
- 2 November 30
- 3 Thistle
- 4 Edinburgh
- 5 Yes
- 6 Gaelic and Celtic
- 7 Yes
- 8 Peeblesshire
- 9 Georgian
- 10 From the Gaelic 'urd' meaning, a height, and 'nether' meaning the lower part, thus Netherurd, which was the name of the land on which the house now stands.
- 11 Many of the rooms are adopted by counties of Scotland and these counties furnished and continue to contribute to their respective rooms.
- 12 A whalebone forms an arch over the entrance.
- 13 Curling

*Obtainable from Netherurd House, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire, EH46 7AQ, Price 50p plus a stamped addressed envelope.

Scotland — Rangers



Prepare a culinary evening with your Rangers. Give them these recipes the week before, so that they can collect the ingredients and utensils ready to bring to the meeting (or perhaps you could meet at one member's house).

Skirle

A savoury dish from Aberdeen — so named because when the mixture is put into a hot pan it 'skirls', squeals or frizzles.

You will need

2 teacupfuls of oatmeal, 1 medium sized onion (finely chopped), 4oz fat, ½ teaspoon of salt, and pepper.

Method

Melt the fat in an iron stew-pan, add the onion and cook till tender, but do not brown. Stir in oatmeal, add seasoning and mix well. Cook over a gentle heat for ½–¾ hour stirring frequently. Serve hot with mashed potatoes and a glass of milk!

Oatcakes

You will need

Fine oatmeal, Pinch of salt, Pinch of baking soda, cold water.

Method

Mix meal, salt and soda with cold water to a fairly stiff consistency. Sprinkle baking board with meal, flatten the mixture into a rind and roll out, as thin as possible. Cut into four and rub over with meal with the palm of the hand, brushing off surplus with a pastry brush; repeat process with the other side. Carefully lift the cakes onto a greased baking tray, using a palette knife. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes or until the edges curl up; then toast under the grill until crisp.

Potatoes

A savoury way of doing potatoes from Banffshire.

You will need

1 oz butter, an egg yolk, 3 oz breadcrumbs, pinch of sweet herbs, a little chopped parsley, salt and pepper, 7 oz milk, 7 large potatoes.

Method

Beat the butter to a cream, add egg yolk and beat a little longer. Mix in the rest of the ingredients, adding the milk gradually until you have a mixture of a dropping consistency. Wash the potatoes, but do not peel them; cut a slice off the bottom so they stand; cut a slice from the top to form a lid and then, using an apple corer take out the hearts of the potatoes. Fill the centres with the savoury mixture, put on the lids, and bake in a hot oven for an hour.

These recipes are taken from 'The Scottish Gift Book' (now out of print)

For Richer

"Dear Sir, I am writing to you this evening in high hope that you will give me some relief, because the days seem so dreary to me as I work hard in a factory all day. I have heard you have made up a plan of cheering those poor working girls by forming a girl guide troop. I have taken a great fancy to the boy scouts movement, and wish if it is in your power to do something in way of a little pleasure for us unfortunate working girls, as I have to work from 6 o.c. in morning till 6 o.c. in evening and when I am finished working I have nothing to cheer me up. please send some hope if I do not ask too much of you. boys have pleasure in playing football, cricket and a merry time in the fields and woods, while girls have nothing at all to enjoy themselves with. Please send me answer. I remain, yours truly."

(Girl Guides Gazette, 1914)

The above letter was written by an Irish girl who worked in a paper mill factory for 12 hours a day, 60 hours a week. Until 1937 it was still legal for women and young people to work up to 60 hours a week in non-textile factories, and to clock up as much as 600 hours' overtime per year. We should remember too that paid holidays were introduced relatively slowly into Britain, and that as late as 1938 only 3 million people were entitled to them, and then only for one week. Guiding therefore, with its out of door Company meetings and its exciting and adventurous activities must have been a real joy to working girls. As the little paper mill girl said, girls were offered very little in the way of entertainment. Those of you who have read the 'Story of the Girl Guides' will recall what one group of girls said to a Greenwich clergyman: "It's a shame, Mr Money, you do everything for the boys and nothing for us girls." Guiding then was very definitely for the girl who had to earn her own living from an early age, and who endured a dreary life in squalid conditions without the comfort of a good family environment. Guiding not only gave her a new interest, but could and did teach her skills with which to improve her lot. Baden-Powell had always intended that this should be so. He wrote in his 'Scheme for Girl Guides': "... you want to attract, and thus raise the slum girl from the gutter." Nor is it without significance that the very first Guide article in the first instalment of 'Home Notes' in August 1910 was entitled 'Our Working Girls' — an article which went on to say: "It is appalling to see the state of thousands of young

1st Buckingham Palace Company Colour Party



Viscountess Cave, who represented Rhodesia and North Borneo on the Guide Imperial Council and was awarded the Silver Fish in 1926.



women growing up in our factory towns where we find them wandering aimlessly about the streets all the evening with no amusements provided for them, and running the risk of falling into terrible habits."

Life was very hard in an Edwardian slum, and Guiding was a real boon — not only because it was different, because it was fun, but also because those at the top who ran the Organisation had such a refreshing attitude: "The idea is not to have a school; the scheme is play." No wonder then that a hapless enquirer, writing to the 'Girl Guides Gazette' to complain that her Guides did not respond well to sitting and sewing, was answered in no uncertain terms:

"We are afraid we sympathise with the girls more than with you. You should put yourself in their place and if you had worked in a factory from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. perhaps you would not feel inclined to sit down and learn how to sew..."

Part of BP's great vision for Scouting and Guiding was that both Movements should transcend the rather rigid barriers of the day imposed by class and wealth. "We are here dealing with women of all grades," said B-P in the 'Girl Guides Gazette' of 1916, "but more especially the poorer." This was as it should have been, for it was the poorer girl whose need was the greatest. The Edwardian slum was still uncomfortably close to Dickens's 'Coketown', or at least not as far removed from it as Edwardians might have wished. No wonder girls flocked to join the Guides, and no wonder Agnes Baden-Powell was able to write in the first Guide Handbook:

"Already this training has been found attractive to all classes, but more especially to those by whom it is so vitally needed — the girls of the factories and of the alleys of our great cities."

However, Guiding was not exclusively for any one type of girl. How could it be? Companies sprang up in private boarding schools such as Roedean, St James's West Malvern and Bedford College, Regent's Park. Many privileged girls were introduced to Guiding through their mothers, whose help and support Agnes Baden-Powell had enlisted at an early date, and who allowed Guides to camp in their gardens or parkland. Conversely, some of the gentry took up Guiding because their daughters insisted on becoming Guides, and several early Companies rejoiced in the names of their Patronesses, for example Lady Baden-Powell's Own (in Dorset), Lady Marjorie Dalrymple's Company (in Scotland) and Lady Rachel Byng's

For Poorer

by Cynthia Forbes

'Thorough' Company (in Hertfordshire).

Then again, it was not only the poorer girl whom Baden-Powell wanted to attract, but also the "refined girl" because the main object of Guiding was "to give them all the ability to be better mothers and Guides to the next generation." Guiding was just as much for the girl who was "overdressed" and who, according to 'Pamphlet A's' rather stern strictures, was learning to live an aimless, profitless life.

B-P knew that his scheme for Scouts would work, for had he not proved this by the success of his camp on Brownsea Island, where boys from different backgrounds had mixed so well together in 1907? Guiding was to prove that what worked for boys, worked equally well for girls, though strangely enough B-P himself was not convinced that it would, and therefore suggested training girls on different lines, as we shall see. Village Companies sprang up; Companies where the blacksmith's daughter and seamstress's daughter might well be in the same Patrol as the girl from the big house, or the school-mistress's daughter. Mrs Sybil Canadine (one of the Girl Scouts at the Crystal Palace Rally in 1909) remembers that her particular Company consisted not only of girls who were already earning their living at the local factory, but also those who, like herself, were more fortunate. As far as the children themselves were concerned, the world was divided into two categories only — Guides and non-Guides.

Where the adults were concerned the situation was more complicated. In Britain in 1910 it would have been almost impossible to have reached adulthood, and yet be unaware of the different social strata which went to make up society. Some adults were no doubt very good at endorsing the thinking behind Baden-Powell's Brownsea Island experiment, but it cannot be denied that the official Guide attitude was at best self-conscious as this rendering of the 4th Guide Law, which appeared in 'Home Notes' in 1910, indicated:

"A Guide is a friend to all and a Sister To Every Other Guide no matter to what Social Class the Other belongs."

This Law was followed up with the admonition that a Guide must never be a snob. A true Guide "accepts the other as she finds her, and makes the best of her."

Everyone was agreed that Guiding should be for all girls, but there were some pretty firm demarcation lines, in that it was generally accepted that the rank and file should be composed of the poorer girls, and the leaders and officers should come from more privileged backgrounds. Thus, in August 1910 the following appeared in 'Home Notes':

"Thousands of young girls are applying to become Guides; the great difficulty is to find a sufficient number of educated girls as officers."

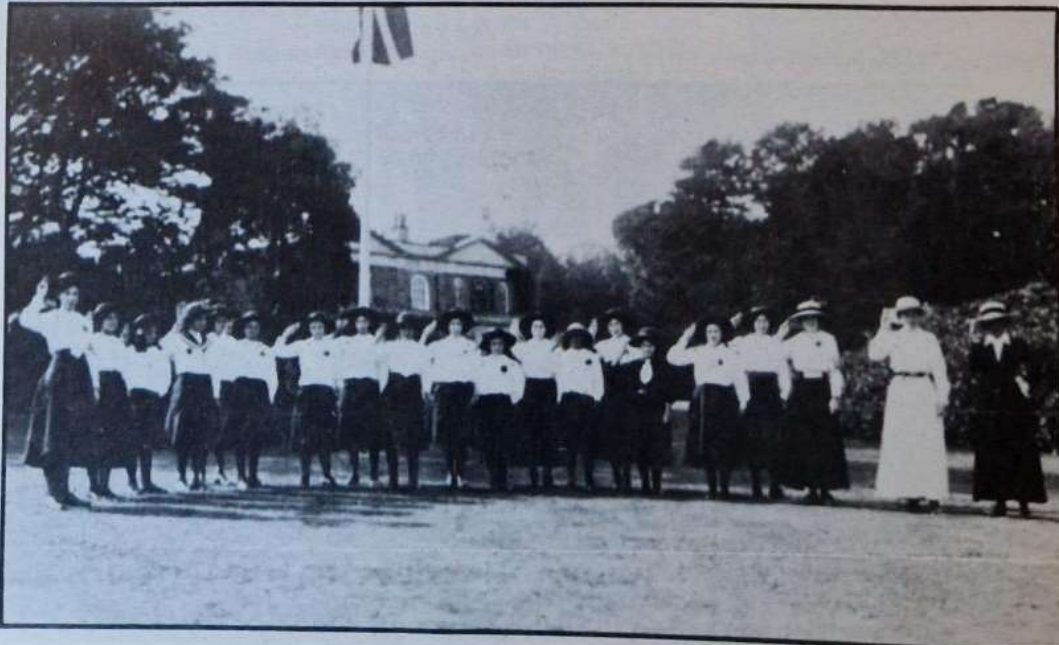
B-P himself endorsed this attitude. In his 'Scheme for Girl Guides' he wrote:

"Where it is desired to start Girl Guides it would be best for ladies interested to form a Committee who would then get hold of *the right kind of young ladies* to act as Captains and apportion to these their recruiting districts."

Now even today 'well educated' is used in some job advertisements as a euphemism to denote someone from a particular type of background, though fortunately for us, more often than not 'well educated' in 1985 means just that and no more. As far as 'young ladies' are concerned, the words conjure up genteel seminaries, Cheltenham, Jean Brodie's 'gals' and not a few prunes and prisms! Yet the viewpoint quoted above should not be regarded as shocking, nor in any way remarkable, for it merely represented an accepted way of life in 1910, and it would be unreasonable of us to expect people to remain unaffected by the prevailing opinions and conventions of their day. Then again, during this period a family *had* to be comfortably off in order to be able to afford to give their sons, let alone their daughters, a reasonable education for a reasonable length of time. It is therefore not so surprising that it was these girls who became officers. We must remember, too, that Baden-Powell lived in an age which saw nothing peculiar in the verse (later omitted) from the well-known hymn 'All Things Bright And Beautiful' which ran:

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A Cornish Guide Company in the grounds of their County Commissioner, Robin Bolitho



For Richer For Poorer

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"The rich man in his castle
The poor man at his gate
God made them high or lowly
And ordered their estate."

The Victorians would have found nothing remarkable in such a sentiment for it was a comfortable and orderly thought that each man had his appointed station in life. It was growing less comfortable, however, ever since the industrial revolution had spawned the entrepreneur and the new industrialist. Social strata were developing and changing as were attitudes — but attitudes take longer to change.

Just as Guiding was recognised as being of great assistance to the working girl, so it was seen as being of great benefit to the well-to-do, rather idle young woman. Here is a quote from the first Handbook:

"The Girl Guides system of training also gives a grand field for national work to young women who have had a better upbringing, but whose lives are at present largely wasted in doing nothing that 'counts'. These can be invaluable as Captains and instructors of their less well to do sisters."

So these "girls of leisure" as 'Home Notes' called them, could make good use of their time by joining the Girl Guides as officers, and by recruiting others less fortunate than themselves. It was Companies with these "daughters of ease" that responded so well to the pleas for equipment, clothes and boots made by poorer Companies, and in an article earlier this year we have seen how Guides raised money in order to send these less fortunate girls on much needed holidays.

Guiding was for everyone, but a certain class 'segregation' for want of a better word was recommended. Baden-Powell wrote:

"Then among women, class distinction is more pronounced than among men. There is a bit of a gulf between the delicate lady of the castle and the fighting slattern of the slums. Whereas men of whatever class are much more equalised . . . for these reasons the training laid down for Boy Scouts, though it applies pretty generally to all boys whether from Eton or from East Ham, does not apply equally well to all girls even when altered in details to suit

the sex. With girls it has to be administered with greater discrimination (you do not want to make tomboys out of refined girls . . .)"

This was why it was necessary to get hold of the "right kind of young ladies", and this was also why the first handbook suggested that:

"In order to preserve girls' manners it is advisable to form Patrols of friends so that the Company — or Patrol at least — may be of the same class . . . let birds of a feather flock together."

Similarly:

"In some places ladies have made up the Patrols in their own families, in others there are poor girls and hard working girls' Patrols. Each Patrol has its own good qualities and each Patrol is made up of friends . . . girls who have the same objects and similar wishes keep in the same Patrol; they need not knock up against girls with other views if they like to form a separate Company."

To sum up then, yes, Guiding was for the rich and the poor, the high and the low. B-P always intended that it should be, and Brownsea Island pointed the way. The children themselves proved that Guiding was synoptic, comprehensive and all-embracing; and in this respect they were much more 'advanced' than the adults. The latter were at first somewhat shackled by the conventions of the day, but this should not be regarded as untoward or unusual. It would have been very curious had the case been otherwise. Then again, the observance of the social conventions of the day most probably helped the young Girl Guide Movement. An Organisation which was comprised solely of poor girls could so easily have been transformed into another Girls' Friendly Society, another Snowdrop Band of Purity, or some other worthy institution for the working classes. The fact that Guiding also attracted more fortunate girls saved it from this fate; but those well-to-do girls would most probably not have been allowed to join Guiding in large numbers had the parents thought their daughters would be allowed to mix freely with "all sorts" and pick up 'undesirable' habits. Some kind of restriction was necessary. Such considerations are mercifully not ours today, and we can join wholeheartedly with the Chief Guide, who felt able to write in 1919:

"What strikes newcomers most in our Guide sisterhood is the wonderful link that it forms between all kinds and ages of people."

And so say all of us.

1st St. Michael's Band Mission Guide Company c. 1911





BROWNIES MAKE MUSIC

Bang, Rattle, and Scrape!

Part Two

by Carol Chambers

How is your singing coming on? Beautifully, I'm sure; so, perhaps now you may be ready to start thinking of ways of enlivening the overall sound. What better way than making some instruments?

Home-made instruments can, very roughly, be placed in three groups — Bangers, Rattlers and Shakers, Scrapers. Of the three groups, Shakers and Rattlers are usually the easiest to assemble, whilst Bangers tend to be the most difficult.

To make a Shaker, all you need is a container and some contents. This may seem rather basic, but really anything will do. A tin with a lid that can be firmly fixed, a yogurt pot with a lid, an egg-box, a washing-up bottle etc. The contents can be anything from a few grains of rice, some paper-clips, dried peas, macaroni etc. It is highly unlikely that any two Shakers will sound the same, and it is far more interesting to have a wide variety of sounds. The only note of warning concerns lids — do be careful that they are very securely fitted.

Rattlers are just as much fun, because you have such a wide choice of objects. A small delicate sound can be produced by stringing ring-pulls from cans onto a circular piece of wire, or using milk-bottle tops. A slightly stronger sound would come from bottle-tops, strung up in a similar way. An even better idea for using bottle-tops, is to make a hole in each one and attach four at a time on a long nail to a broom handle, perhaps using fifteen nails. As long as the bottle-tops are still free to move, the broom-handle can be shaken or hit rhythmically on the floor. It can also be painted and have ribbons and streamers flowing from it. Heavier metal objects

such as spoons, can-openers and bottle-openers can be just as effective; tie them securely with string.

A Scraper can be very simple, like the sound of your finger-nail scraping along the teeth of a comb. In fact, anything that has a ridged surface can be scraped. Look in the kitchen — what about a food-grater, a plastic bottle with ridges, an egg-slicer? All of these can be scraped and will make a different sound depending on the hardness of the Scraper, from wooden lollipop sticks to metal spoons. To make your own Scraper, you will need a length of wood or bamboo, approximately 30 cm (12"). Saw several shallow notches along the top edge of the wood and then scrape with your chosen Scraper.

Bangers take longer to make and require more in the way of materials. To make a drum you will need a body and a head. The body can be a metal tin, a cardboard tube, or even a clay pot, and the size is immaterial (*Do remember to remove all sharp edges from tins*). The head must be fairly strong — heavy duty plastic or rubber being the ideal. Cut a circle approximately 12 mm larger than the drum. Now comes the difficult part. The head must be stretched quite tightly and this is achieved more easily if you work in pairs. One method is to tie string around the head, pulling it tight rather like putting on a jam-pot cover. Another method is to use a metal coat-hanger shaped like a circle that will just fit over the head — remember to tape any sharp edges. Large rubber bands may also achieve the same result. There is a short-cut to avoid the problem of the head; use wide sticky-tape and take it in strips across the end of the body. Use a criss-cross pattern and pull the tape tight. This is just as effective and much easier!

Perhaps my favourite way of producing sounds is with found objects. A found object is precisely that, anything you have found that can be hung up and

hit. Different sizes of clay-pots, metal spanners, an old saucepan, any old parts of vehicles, like hub-caps. This may seem rather outrageous, but you will have the most marvellous collection of sounds and great fun can be had by all in the collecting and sampling of objects.

The decoration of instruments is just as important as the making of them. Not only will an instrument look better for being painted or varnished, but it then becomes the personal property of that Brownie, almost like an individual stamp. If you intend to paint, remember to mix a PVA Medium with all water-based paints. This will avoid flaking of paint, helps with adhesion and leaves a pleasant sheen. Wood is often improved simply with a coat of varnish.

A final cautionary note; making instruments should be fun and it will be if you are well-prepared in advance. If you intend using tools, give careful instructions to the Brownies and watch at all times; nails, sharp edges on tins, hammers, saws etc must all be treated with caution; I am sure you do not want to end an evening by giving First Aid!

Next month, we will look at ways of using these and other instruments in music-making.

GUIDING OFFER!

GUIDING magazine in conjunction with Trading Service, are giving away 10 copies each of 'Musical Fun with the Brownie Pack', 'Music Time for Brownies' and the tape 'Songs and Singing Games for Brownie Guides'. Write your name, address and Unit name, on a postcard, and send it to:

The Training Secretary,
'Brownies Make Music' Offer,
Programme and Training
Department,
The Girl Guides Association,
17-19 Buckingham Palace Road,
London SW1W 0PT.

to reach us not later than Friday, 13 December. The first 10 names pulled out of the post bag will each receive copies of the books and tape.



The World Centres 1986 Programmes

Olave House 1986 Programme

London Week — 5–11 July

The programme highlights the history and heritage of London, and includes visits to historic and tourist London sites. Participants age 18+. Deadline for applications 1 February 1986.

United Nations Year of Peace Project 'Sharing Experience in Peace Education' 24 September – 1 October 1986

Programme: A one week training session for leaders to include discussions, sharing and exchange of ideas, practical information for leaders on how to help girls to develop peaceful attitudes in the world.

Participants (aged 18+) are limited to two per country and the total number of participants will be 20. Participants are to have some experience in peace education when working with (Girl Guide/Girl Scout) people. Participants will be selected for their interest in peace education. Application deadline 1 March 1986.

NB Applicants should apply to their own National Organisation.

Christmas Week — 20 – 27 December 1986

Programme: A traditional English Christmas, including carol singing, a concert or theatre, Church services, time for Christmas shopping and a traditional English Christmas Day. All ages welcome. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Application deadline 15 September 1986.

Trefoil (Guild) Special

Session 1 18–20 November 1986 Session 2 25–27 November 1986

Open to all members of the Trefoil Guild. Limited to 22 per session. Application deadline 15 September 1986.

Programme: A 'week-end' in the middle of the week to enjoy London before Christmas. Activities to include items for Christmas shopping and to look at London Christmas decorations, a trip to the theatre and socialising at Olave House.

For further details regarding costs etc. please write to **Olave House, Guider-in-charge, 45 Longridge Road, London SW5**. Please enclose a SAE when writing to Olave House if requiring a reply.

Our Chalet Winter Season 1985–1986

Our Chalet



Christmas and New Year — 22 December – 5 January

The Christmas holidays are usually very popular, and preference is given to young, active participants who can stay for the whole length of the session.

Ski-ing Holidays — 5 January – 23 March

Within this period individuals and groups are invited to come and spend international ski-ing holidays at Our Chalet. Often individuals find it too expensive to travel on their own, and it is hoped that National Headquarters will encourage more members to come, by organising groups and travel during this period. (CHQ organize a Ski Party each year, lasting two weeks in January. Members of 16 years and over may apply.

Winter Photography Session — 9–16 February

Help will be given with photography. If you are interested in joining this session, please write to Our Chalet and we will be able to tell you more about the plans for the session.

Something Different — 2–8 March 1986

Places will be reserved for good parallel skiers who would like to participate in a little more adventurous programme. Depending on the weather and the snow, we would like to try some touring and/or off piste skiing. Please tell us you would like to join this group when you apply. It will be possible to arrive before the session to ski for some days.

Cross Country Week — 9–16 March

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

Friends of Our Chalet and Trefoil Guild Session — 9–23 March

This session is intended for 'Friends of Our Chalet', Trefoil Guild members and others (husbands are welcome) who are interested in spending a holiday in the mountains, enjoying the international friendship, snow and sunshine. During the day, the main programme will be skiing, cross-country and downhill, but it will also be possible to go on short walks.

Easter — 23 March – 5 April

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

Summer Season 1986

Friends of Our Chalet and Former Staff and Helpers Session — 1–12 June 1986

This is a session for those who would like to meet the spring in the mountains and enjoy the flowers. Some places will be reserved for former members of staff and helpers, to come and stay at Our Chalet again, and perhaps meet old friends and have the opportunity to meet new ones.

Exploring in the Alps — 15–26 June

Anybody over 14 years of age is invited to participate in our international holiday sessions. The programme will consist of hiking in the mountains and bus trips to get to know other parts of Switzerland.

Music and Song Session — 29 June – 10 July

This session will include the Chalet Songbooks — old and new. Bring your instruments and enjoy making music together.

Exploring in the Alps — 13–24 July

Exploring in the Alps and Walking and Climbing Session 27 July – 7 August

Places are reserved for participants who are keen to take part in long mountain walks and simple climbing. No climbing experience is necessary but participants must be used to walking and be physically fit. Please tell Our Chalet you would like to join this group when you apply.



Exploring in The Alps — 10–21 August

Helen Storrow Session (by invitation) — 24 August – 4 September

Invitations will be sent to National Organisations for two participants from each country, aged 18–25. There is the possibility of applying for some financial help from the Falk Memorial Fund.

Family Session — 7–18 September 1986

Bring your family for seven (minimum) or eleven nights, to Our Chalet. Baby sitting will not be provided. This is an opportunity to explore the area with your family. Suitable walks and activities will be available.

Friends of Our Chalet and Trefoil Guild Session — 21 September – 2 October

Autumn is a beautiful time in the mountains and everyone (including husbands) is invited to enjoy Our Chalet at a more peaceful time of the year. Husbands will be accommodated in a nearby Chalet.

Service Week — 21–27 September

Come and help Our Chalet to do some simple maintenance and clearing up, paying for your own food. Please state your specific skill when applying. Why not stay until the end of the session (October 2), enjoying a few days holiday.

For further details regarding costs etc please write to: Our Chalet, Guider-in-Charge, 3715 Adelboden, Switzerland. Please enclose an International Reply coupon obtainable from a Post Office when writing to Our Chalet if requiring a reply.

Day Visitors

Approximately 4,000 people visit Our Chalet during the year. Visitors are always welcome when Our Chalet is open. It would be appreciated if visitors would notify the Guider-in-Charge in good time of their intended visit.

Please note that Our Chalet is closed during the following periods for cleaning and holidays and that no visitors can be shown around.

April 5 – June 1 1986

October 2 – December 22 1986

and the following Saturdays: June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, September 6, September 20.

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

Our Cabaña Sessions for Adults in 1986

Friendship Sessions for Girls — 1986

(Girls 13 to 18 years old)

March 22 to 29, April 1 to 8, June 2 to 10, June 12 to 20, June 23 to July 1, July 3 to 11, July 14 to 22, July 24 to Aug 1, August 4 to 12, August 14 to

22, August 25 to Sept 2, December 5 to 12, December 15 to 22, December 27 1986 to Jan 3 1987.

Fees — for girls and accompanying adults, \$21.00 US daily plus 15% VAT.

'Music makes the world go round' — 20 February – 2 March 1986

Music has the magic ability to make diverse people a group, to make work more pleasant, to entertain, to lift the spirits. Come lift yours as experts help you to share songs, learn and practice teaching and leading techniques, explore the use of instruments by girls and much, much more.

Return home prepared to develop or improve Guiding/Girl Scouting music programme in your area.

Skill-developing sessions will be interspersed with exciting tours, Mexican crafts, service project and relaxing in Our Cabaña's beautiful sunshine. Write now for more information.

Recipe for Rejuvenation — September 19–29 1986 (ages 50 & over)

Having trouble sticking to those plans for eating better, staying fit and learning to relax? It's easier in our atmosphere of support from Guiding/Girl Scouting friends and Our Cabaña's lovely gardens and pool. Add to these the professional help and advice from experts in nutrition, exercise and mental health and the diversion of trips to Taxco, Tepoztlan and Cuernavaca and you have a truly delightful 'Recipe for Rejuvenation'.

Medical Certificate is required and you must not have undergone surgery within the six months before the event. Enrolment is limited so write now.

Mexico through your camera lens — 29 October – 8 November 1986

Learn to use your camera to full advantage. Experts will offer sessions on getting good quality pictures, using photography to tell a story, preparing and narrating slide shows to meet your purposes.

Instruction sessions will alternate with excursions to practice close-ups, scenery, still life and action shots. At Ocotepc we will capture scenes from 'Day of the Dead' activities. On tours of Cuernavaca Taxco and Tepoztlan you will shoot your own version of a Mexico travelogue.

This event will be helpful to those with Girl Guide/Girl Scouts responsibilities in public relations, promotion, calendar art, training. Bring your own camera and film.

A Fiesta of Ideas — 11–21 November 1986

Focus: Developing leadership skills.

A balance of sharing ideas and training by experts in the subjects is the goal of this session.

Any adult interested in acquiring or improving leadership skills will find help and opportunities to practice.

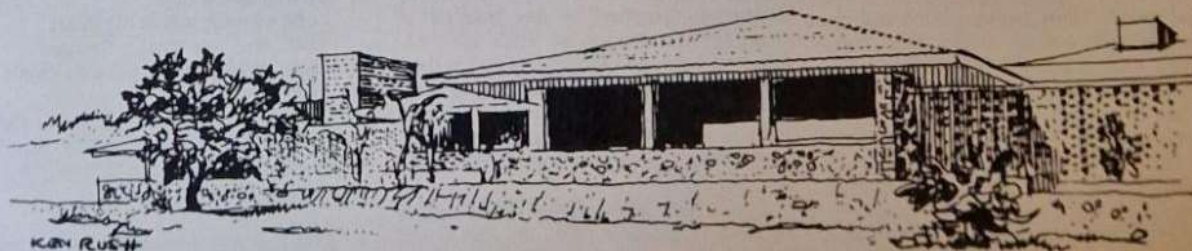
In depth exploration of the focus will occupy the first five days of each session, and the next five will be available for trips and tours, led by Cabaña staff, relaxing by the pool and participating in a community service project.

Make new friends and get to know Mexico while you increase your skills and refresh yourself for renewed vigor and enthusiasm in your Guiding/Girl Scouting job. Adult sessions — Fees for participants \$27 daily plus 15% VAT.

For further information regarding costs etc, please write to Our Cabaña, Guider-in-Charge, Apartado Postal 406, Cuernavaca, Morelos, 62000 Mexico. Please enclose an International Reply Coupon (obtainable from your General Post Office) when writing to Our Cabaña, requiring a reply.

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Our Cabaña



KEN RUSH

THEME EVENINGS

Saint Lucia's Day



Treat yourselves to an Advent celebration, for Saint Lucia's Day, December 13. Lucia (or Lucy) was martyred for her Christian beliefs in the late 3rd Century AD. Tradition has it that Lucia carried food by night to Christians in hiding. Her hands were full of provisions so she had lights fixed to her head to show her the way. Hence St Lucia is representative of light in winter.

Tunnel Tig

The girls run around in pairs. The Guider stands on a chair with a torch, the beam from which roves around the room and above the heads of the girls. If the light shines on a girl, she and her partner stop and are turned to stone — but with their arms raised in an arch. They are 'freed' by another pair passing through the arch.

The room shouldn't be in complete darkness because the girls must be able to see each other, but it should be dim enough for them to see the beam of light.

Guides may enjoy playing this game in the dusk of a Camp evening. Be sure to set reasonable boundaries however.

St Lucia Relay

The Patrols/Sixes line up at one end of the room, with a chair at the other end opposite each team. On the chair are an assortment of 'provisions' (yogurt pots with lids or boxes). The first member of each team, on the word 'Go', races to the chair, runs round it, and picks up a pot or a box. She races back to her team, passing the pot to the next member who races to the chair to pick up another provision. This she must balance on top of the first provision and return to her team as fast as she

can without dropping either provision. So the race goes on as a relay until the last team members have a whole tower of provisions. The provisions must be stacked in the order in which they were picked (so there is a technique involved in choosing the largest provision first to act as a firm base!) If any provisions are dropped the player must go back to her team and begin her race again.

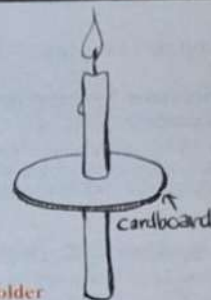
A Saint Lucia Good Turn

Combine an evening of fun with a good turn and share your theme evening with others. Invite a party of old folk along to watch your St Lucia's Day pageant. Hostesses, already in costume show the guests to their seats, while the others prepare for the pageant.

St Lucia Pageant

A St Lucia's Day Pageant is a common event in Sweden. St Lucia is portrayed by a tall, blonde girl, in a long white dress, with a red sash around her waist. On her head she wears a crown of greenery in which seven candles are set.* St Lucia, leading, is attended by any number of maids (in pairs) again in white dresses, with tinsel around their waists and in their hair, and each carrying a candle. Star boys take up the rear, again in pairs and wearing white robes, white pointed hats with golden stars on and carrying a large golden star on a stick.

All should be able to dress up (as long as it's white!) and take part, and the weeks beforehand can be spent making costumes.



Candle Holder

Simply cut a hole in the centre of a circle of card, wedge the candle into the hole and the card will protect the hand.

Before the procession begins one of the girls could read the story of St Lucia.

Enter the pageant, the room darkened so that the effect of St Lucia bringing light is really felt. The song 'Saint Lucia' is sung and perhaps played by some of the maids on recorders.†

The Procession moves in a circle, with the maids and star boys dividing left and right using a slow march type step. For the purposes of performing an entertainment it might be better to form a semi-circle, with St Lucia in the centre and the whole pageant facing the audience. Traditionally Christmas carols are sung, especially Silent Night. Other Swedish songs can be found in 'Musical Fun with the Brownie Pack'; also 'This Little Light of Mine (Sing for Joy)'; 'Light a Little Candle' (Songs for Tomorrow).

Perhaps you could stage a mime or a play based on this Saint Lucia story.

An American Professor went to Sweden to collect a Nobel prize. He was not aware of the St Lucia tradition. But he had a dream in which he saw a beautiful blonde girl with candles in her hair. He thought he was in Heaven and fell in love with the girl in his dream. When he awoke he was able to speak Swedish like a native.

Each year a new 'St Lucia' is elected in Stockholm's Town Hall and is crowned by the current Nobel Prize winner for literature.

After the entertainment the maids and starboys can serve drinks and St Lucia serve cakes to the guests.

Closing Ceremony

Into your closing ceremony introduce prayers and readings from Sweden, or with the theme of light. You may like to finish with this prayer written by an African girl and taken from the 'Lion Book of Children's Prayers':—

Oh thou great Chief
Light a candle within my heart
That I may see what is therein
And sweep the rubbish from thy
dwelling place.

*You must decide what is safest for your evening — to use real candles or torches. Electric candles can be found and these may be best for St Lucia's crown.

†This is a very common song, included in many song anthologies. A music library will certainly have a copy.

PROGRAMME NOTES

International Education

Waddow — 22nd–24th November 1985, 10th–12th October 1986

What better time to look forward than at the end of 1985 a year focused on the history and traditions of Guiding?

We live in a rapidly changing world, when our understanding and knowledge of the diversity of people is being continually enhanced through world-wide communications.

Guiding has always had an international dimension: but is this part of our programme a reality? Are we aware of the opportunities we can offer our girls in developing international understanding and so contributing, even in a small way, to the progress of the world?

The aim of this weekend is to encourage an international awareness which can be projected into the Unit programme. It will include discussions, talks, audio-visual presentations and practical ideas.

Prepare for the next 75 years by making an application now!

Training for Trainers

Foxlease — 22nd–24th November, 1985

This weekend is open to all training licence holders. It is hoped to have workshops on:

The potential of computers in the Programme

The use of video

Drugs/Alcohol abuse

Training methods (for the new licence holder)

Personnel Management

and to provide resource material available for information.

Trainers should apply direct to the training centre.

New Year Event

Foxlease — 29th December '85–5th January '86

An opportunity to join in a Dickensian New Year with songs, dance, music and craft of that era.

The District Team

Foxlease — 24th–26th January, 7th–9th March 1986

Waddow 7th–9th February 1986

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.

Movement and Dance Training

Foxlease — 10–12 January 1986

A challenging and exciting weekend for all those with interest and experience (or sheer curiosity) who would like to know or study about and encourage Movement and Dance in the Unit and at large events. Open to Guiders of all sections — please bring plenty of enthusiasm and your leotard!

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Residential Project

Waddow — 27th–31st March 1986

The aim of the above event is 'to broaden experience through involvement with others in a residential setting'.

This Residential Project at Waddow Hall will bring together young women, over the age of 16, for a purposeful programme in the company of others who are not their usual companions. Activities including service tasks are being planned and it is hoped that there will also be opportunities for individuals to follow some activities of their own choice.

Commonwealth and International Advisers

Waddow — 7th–9th March 1986

Open to all Commonwealth and International Advisers, this weekend serves to help you to carry out your role successfully and with confidence. Come along to learn some new ideas or to share the ones you already have.

'Get into Gear'

Foxlease — 2nd–5th May '86

Waddow — 25th–27th April '86

An outdoor weekend with equipment displays.

New products appear on the market every few months, new materials for weather protection, new designs for clothing, tents, rucksacks, etc. Here is your chance to inspect and try out the latest outdoor gear.

Activities will be linked with choosing, using and caring for outdoor equipment. Whether you are a novice or an 'old hand' everyone has something to learn or to share, so come along and judge the gear for yourself.

British Red Cross

Waddow — 1st–5th May '86

Have you ever thought that there must be an easier way of gaining the qualification necessary to take your Unit away to camp than paying £20 and then attending two hour lectures once a week for eight whole weeks? Well at last there is!

For an approximate course fee of £25 plus the usual accommodation fee, you can follow a four-day intensive course using the latest Red Cross films, and take the examination before you go home. Successful candidates will receive the British Red Cross Standard First Aid Certificate which is valid for three years, covers GGA requirements and also the requirements of the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1986 and which means that holders can act as First Aiders at work.

Applicants should consider applying for a CHQ Training Bursary, and should enquire about other help locally or from their employer.

If your time is at a premium, but you need this qualification, then this course is for you.

Insite

Waddow — 30th May–1st June 1986

Ranger Guiders — are you struggling to get a self-programming Ranger Unit to operate effectively? Or are you experiencing the frustration of having to start all over again because a group of Rangers has just left the Unit? Or would you just value an opportunity to join a fascinating and stimulating weekend for you and your Rangers?

Whatever your reason, why not bring up to four of your Rangers to this residential event at Waddow and with them:

have an opportunity to experience the satisfaction of seeing Rangers planning and working together in a delightful setting;

experience the essential nature of the co-operation needed between Rangers and their Leaders in the running of a Unit;

have 'on the job' training.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Family Training

Foxlease — 23rd–28th May 1986

This training is for Brownie and Guide Guiders who are otherwise unable to attend a training because they have small children. The Programme based training takes place mainly in the mornings while the fathers look after the children and families have time to be together in the afternoons.

'Ebony and Ivory'

Waddow — 28th Feb–2nd March '86

Multi ethnic and multi-cultural issues in Arts and Education.

A chance to find out about the issues confronting anyone working with young people in today's society. Since music is a non-verbal means of communication it provides a good way of achieving cross-cultural understanding, and, even if the area in which you work has no obvious racial mix, these are issues which will effect every child now preparing to be an adult in the 21st Century.



TRAINING

DEC

JAN

FEB

Foxlease,
Lyndhurst, Hants S04 7DG.
Tel: (Lyndhurst) 042-128-2638

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

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

Foxlease

December
6-8 Music and crafts (*Brownie and Guide Guiders*)
29 Dec-
5 Jan New Year Event

Waddow

December
29 Dec-
2 Jan New Year Event

Netherurd

December
6-8 Leading Guide Groups Abroad.

Broneirion

December
6-8 Christmas arts

Lorne

December
6-8 International
13-15 Activities for Guides

Foxlease

January
10-12 1. Movement and Dance
2. Insite
17-19 Sussex East
24-26 District Team (*District Commissioners with up to 7 of their Guiders*)
31 Jan-
2 Feb Hampshire East

Waddow

January
10-12 North West England
17-19 Essex West
24-26 Lancashire South East
31 Jan-
2 Feb County Commissioners, Secretaries and PR Advisors.

Glenbrook

January
17-19 Instructors Weekend

Netherurd

January
17-19 Exploring Netherurd in winter (*Guides aged 12 plus*)
24-26 Exploring Netherurd in winter (*Guides aged 12 plus*)
31-2
Feb Rangers and Young Leaders

Broneirion

January
10-12 Commissioners (*CHQ*) by invitation
17-19 Commissioners' Team
24-26 Insite
31 Jan-
2 Feb District Team (*District Commissioner with up to 7 of her Guiders*)

Lorne

January
3-5 International
10-12 Towards the Adult Leader's Certificate
17-19 West Belfast Division
24-26 Ranger Guiders and Young Leader Advisers
31 Jan-
2 Feb North Down County

Foxlease

February
7-9 Honour Oak
14-16 Isle of Wight
21-23 Focus On The Programme: International Education
28 Feb-
2 Mar Essex East

Waddow

February
7-9 District Team (*District Commissioner with up to 7 of her Guiders*)
14-16 Lancashire East
21-23 Music in Guiding
28 Feb-
2 Mar Ebony and Ivory

Glenbrook

February
7-9 Walking Safely (*Advanced*)

Netherurd

February
7-9 Netherurd Singing Circle
28-2
Mar Brownie and Guide Guiders. (*Includes booking from South Lanarkshire*)

Broneirion

February
7-9 Improve Your Techniques
15-16 Programme and Training Committee
21-23 Guider with three of her Unit
28 Feb-
2 Mar Brownie and Guide General Training (*places for Caernarfon*)

Lorne

February
7-9 South Antrim County
14-16 Outdoor Activities Advisers
28 Feb-
2 Mar South Down County

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.O. (Scottish Commissioners should apply to Scottish Headquarters). Applications must reach C.H.O. at least two weeks before the date of the Training. Bursaries cannot be issued in retrospect.

The Fee Bursary entitles the Guider to £3 for a two-day weekend and £1 for each additional day. This is deducted from the fees at the Training Centre.

The Fare Bursary (available only for travel to the nearest Training Centre) carries a rebate of a Guider's travel expenses in excess of £3. 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 CHQ Training Centres Bursary entitles Guiders to two-thirds of the fee for a two-day weekend training at Foxlease, Waddow and Glenbrook. The bursary is deducted from the fees at the centre.

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

The Outdoor Activities Bursary is worth up to £30 for Guiders attending training/assessment courses to achieve National qualifications. Applications to County/Region Headquarters.

Friends of Waddow Bursary covers the whole fee for weekend training at Waddow. SAE to the Training Secretary for further details.

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

| | |
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| Shared room per day | £9.00 |
| Double room per day | £9.50 |
| Single room per day | £10.00 |
| 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) £16.00. 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 |

HEAR AND NOW

How about spending an hour writing to *Hear and Now*? We know it's hard to find the enthusiasm to pick up a pen to write to some unknown person, especially when you've been wielding the pen all day, but we'd love to hear from you. Perhaps you could tell us about your thoughts on the *Ranger Guide File*. Or maybe there is an activity that you have tried and think other readers will be interested to give it a go. What about a *Quickie*? We're sure you grumble to your Guider about some part of the Programme, so perhaps a letter to 'Speak Out' may be the answer!

Please send all contributions to *Hear and Now*, c/o The Programme & Training Committee, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Training Opportunities

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition course
Queen's Guide Enterprise *Glenbrook* April 11-13

Caving and Rock Climbing
Glenbrook: Nov 1-3

Preparation for Walking the Pennine Way *Continued*
Glenbrook: March 7-9, 1986
This is a continuation of the course started in October 1985.

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course (Mixed)
Foxlease: March 27-31

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Course (Girls Only)
Wadhwa: March 27-31

Scotland's first Queen's Guides



Photo courtesy of G Bain

Morag Mitchell and Alison Paul became Scotland's first Queen's Guides when they completed their final assessments at the end of February. Both girls are members of Westburn District Ranger Guide Unit in Greenock Division.

The presentation took place in May with the broaches being presented by Mr David Kerr, Dep Lord Lieutenant for the County. Also present were Scottish Chief Commissioner Mrs Reid, County Commissioner, Mrs Minto, Division Commissioner Mrs Bain together with a large gathering of family and friends. It was a memorable evening coinciding with a special year in Guiding.

Quickies

Cinderella

Ask the Brownies to find a partner and decide who is going to be Cinderella and who is to be Prince Charming. All the Prince Charmings leave the room. The Cinderellas take off one shoe and hide it in the room. The Cinderellas form a line and the Prince Charmings come back into the room. They must find the shoe belonging to their partner. The first pair where Cinderella has both shoes on is the winner.

Mhairi Reid

Young Leader 2nd Roundshaw Pack
Greater London Croydon

The World Badge

As the UK Girl Guides Association is a member organization of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, we are entitled to wear the World Badge — not just on Thinking Day, but at any meeting, event etc, whether we are in uniform or not.

However it is not just a membership badge, but a badge of unity and is designed to represent the essence of world Guiding. The badge was adopted during the 11th World Conference held in France in 1946.

The following poem may help you to explain to Brownies, Guides and new Guiding members how the World Badge reminds us of the fundamental elements which link together the 108 countries and over 8 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world.

A golden badge in a field of blue
Tells that the sun is shining true,
It shines above and all round the world —
All places where the Guide flag is unfurled.

Two little stars in this badge of gold,
Are the Law and the Promise, we are told.
Each little star has five points —
which makes ten
One for each law is a way to remember them.

The line in the centre, straight and true —
Is there to guide us in all we do
It's a course to steer, a way of life
A way to live in this world of strife.

The base of the stalk — an heraldic find,
Is the flame of the love of all mankind
The flame burns bright, the flame burns high
In the hearts of all Guides beneath the blue sky.

This then is our World Badge — it is a sign
That World Guiding is a light that's here to shine.
So keep your Promise, and with enthusiasm fired
Wear your World Badge with obvious pride.



The Rôle of the Unit Treasurer

Reference: *The Ranger File* — (Page 25)

Now you are the Unit Treasurer and have to handle other people's money — perhaps you have had difficulty organising your own! There is no great skill involved in the job, but you do need to be methodical about keeping a record of the money going in and out of your Unit's Account(s). Your main responsibilities are:

- 1 Collecting the subscriptions from the Rangers.
- 2 Paying any expenses incurred by the Unit.
- 3 Keeping an up-to-date account book.
- 4 Presenting a Treasurer's report at the Unit Executive Meeting.
- 5 Making fund-raising suggestions when necessary.
- 6 Preparing and presenting a balance sheet for the Unit's Annual General Meeting.

Income

This may be from the following sources:

- 1 **Subscriptions.** Keep to the decision made by the Executive about how much is paid and when. Try to be firm about the Rangers paying regularly. Your Executive also needs to decide how and when your Membership Subscription to the Association is made. This is due in March each year, but you may decide to pay a little extra each week to your normal subscription to cover it. Some Units take their Unit Subscriptions monthly, termly or annually.
- 2 **Fund-raising.** If your Unit is operating a busy programme you will probably need funds from time to time for equipment, transport and other expenses. Do not fund-raise unnecessarily — it is not your job to simply build up cash in your Unit's Account — fund-raising should respond to the needs of the Unit and its service to the community.
- 3 **Profits.** Sometimes you will have a small surplus from Camp or an outing and this is better paid into the Unit Account rather than returning a very small sum to each Ranger.
- 4 **Donations.** These sometimes come to the Unit from the District, Supporters Groups, individuals etc.



Expenditure

- 1 **Regular out-goings.** These could be:
 - a Expenses paid to visiting speakers.
 - b Transport costs.
 - c Fees for outdoor activities instruction.
 - d Craft materials.
 - e Theatre visits etc. etc.

With regard to a) it is your responsibility to ask a visiting speaker or instructor if he/she has any expenses and then to pay them. Liaise with your Unit Secretary who, if she is writing a thank you letter, may enclose the cheque with that. If you are sending the cheque then enclose a note of explanation and thanks.

The Account Book

This need not be complicated — a simple Income and Expenditure system is sufficient.

A typical monthly entry may look like this:

| Date | Income | £ | Date | Expenditure | £ |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------|---|-------------------------------|
| 5/1/85 | Subs 12 Rangers @ 25p Contribution to Membership sub. 12 Rangers @ 10p | 3.00 1.20 | 5/1/85 | Jar Coffee Sugar Milk | 2.45 .43 .24 |
| 12/1/85 | Subs. 10 Rangers @ 25p Mem. Sub. 10* Rangers @ 10p Profit from Sale of Christmas Cards | 2.50 1.00 30.00 | 12/1/85 | Milk Expenses to visiting Speaker | .24 2.00 |
| 19/1/85 | Subs. 11 Rangers @ 25p Mem. Sub. 11 Rangers @ 10p | 2.75 1.10 | | | |
| 26/1/85 | Subs 12 Rangers @ 25p Mem. Sub. 12 Rangers @ 10p Receipts for Ice-skating trip | 3.00 1.20 36.00 | 26/1/85 | Badges Rent for Headquarters Secretary's Expenses Cost of Ice-skating trip | 1.40 4.00 1.51 34.25 |
| Total for January | | £81.75 | | | £46.52 |
| Date | Income | £ | Date | Expenditure | £ |
| 2/2/85 | Balance carried forward | 35.23 | | | |

*Ranger Guide File p 26 recommends that Rangers pay their subscriptions whether they are present or not.

Your Unit will have a current account and, as Treasurer, you will be one of the signatories for the cheques (your Guider or Unit Chairman may be the others). If you are building up a healthy balance of income over expenditure, then it is worthwhile having a deposit account in addition so that your funds can earn some interest.

Remember though, if your Unit Programme is sufficiently varied and active, you will not accumulate large sums of money.

Treasurer's Reports and Balance Sheets

Your monthly report to the Unit is simply a statement of what money has been spent and why, and the balance this leaves in the funds. This is useful for the Unit to know so that decisions can be made about giving grants to Rangers to attend Young Leader trainings, special camps, conferences or Ranger trainings. The balance sheet which you will present at the Annual General Meeting may look like this:

Statement of Accounts of the District Ranger Unit for the Year Ending August 31 1985

| Income | £ | Expenditure | £ |
|---|----------------|--|----------------|
| Ranger Subscriptions | 75.00 | Rent for HQ | 30.00 |
| Contribution to Membership Subscription | 30.00 | Secretary's Expenses | 10.21 |
| Profit from sale of Christmas Cards | 30.00 | Chairman's Expenses | 4.50 |
| Profit from Jumble Sale | 46.50 | Transport Costs | 26.70 |
| Donations | 5.75 | Grant to two Rangers for INSITE (Training) | 10.00 |
| Excess from Ice-skating | 1.75 | Membership Subs. to GGA 12 Rangers | 31.20 |
| Excess from camp | 12.24 | (@ £2.60) | |
| Sponsored Sing Proceeds | 80.00 | Treasurer's Expenses | 6.30 |
| | | Replacement Tent pegs | 3.50 |
| | | Purchase of Trangia | 15.00 |
| | | Expenses to speakers | 10.00 |
| | | Refreshments | 20.10 |
| | | Donation to Save the Children Fund | 80.00 |
| | | | <u>£247.41</u> |
| | | Balance of income over Expenditure | 33.83 |
| TOTAL | £281.24 | | £281.24 |

In preparing this balance sheet you should attach all the receipts you have received when making payments.

Once you have mastered the technique of simple account-keeping you will enjoy your rôle of treasurer and, no doubt, improve the management of your own money at the same time!

Sheila Steele

Pen Pal Wanted

Jeanette Thorne, a Young Leader with the 1st Ruswarp Brownies would very much like to write to other Young Leader's in the UK. Jeanette lives in Whitby and is the only Young leader in her area. Please will you write a letter of introduction and enclose it in an envelope marked **Jeanette Thorne, c/o Hear and Now, The Programme & Training Dept 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.**

Calling all students . . .

Going to college may mean leaving your Ranger Unit or finishing as a Young Leader, but you need not relinquish your contact with Guiding. Through the Student Scout and Guide Organisation (SSAGO) you can enjoy a pause from being an active helper in the Movement without completely dropping out.

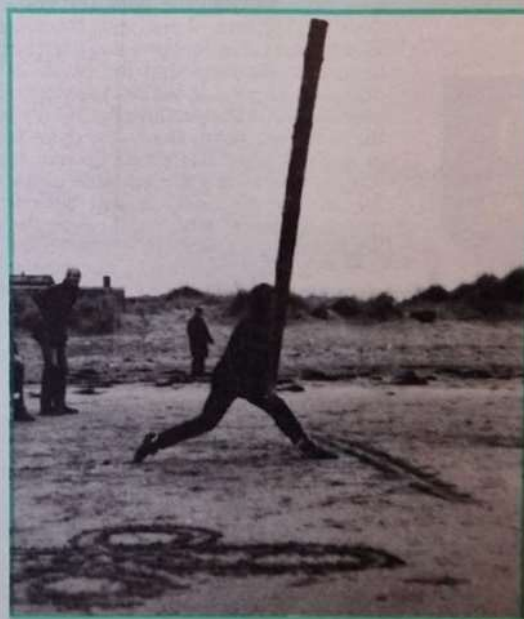
In Edinburgh, the Student Scout and Guide Club is very much a social group with, at present, a fairly small membership. Its size, together with its rôle as both a 'multi-activity' and 'all-faculty' club makes it different in many respects from the main University Clubs; from our simple weekly get-togethers over lunch to skiing or climbing, the programme is varied and unexpected. Recent (less strenuous!) activities have included a visit to the airport control tower and the City's main postal sorting office, not to mention acting as a refreshments team for a local sponsored walk.

Next Easter we are hosting a National SSAGO Rally; there are two every year at different locations throughout Britain. A disco and ceilidh, dry skiing, city tours, archery and judo are just a few of the events planned.

There are many Student Scout and Guide Clubs scattered around the country in colleges of Higher Education, Polytechnics and Universities. So we look forward to seeing you in Scotland for the Easter Rally!

Claire Jarvis

Member of Edinburgh Student Scout & Guide Club Committee



Tossing the caber: St Andrews, November 1984. SSAGO rally.

Errata

The article 'The Ranger' published in the September 1985 issue of **Hear and Now** was written by the **GORDON DISTRICT RANGER GUIDE UNIT** and not by Teresa Hughes. We wish to apologize for our error in crediting the article to the wrong person and for any embarrassment this may have caused.

Speak Out!

Please may I through **Hear and Now** thank everyone who helped organise the International Girl Guide County Camp, held at Howarden 17-24 August 1985.

I was privileged to meet Guides from Sweden, Turkey, Ireland and Scotland, formed many friendships and thoroughly enjoyed the camp of a life time.

Rachel Boye
Colwyn Ranger Unit
Clwyd

I was presented with my Queen's Guide brooch on Sunday 5 May at Hampshire East's Rally at Portsmouth Guildhall, in celebration of 75 years of Guiding.

It is a day that I shall never forget. Our County Commissioner, Mrs Hazel Harden, presented the award to me on the steps in front of the Guildhall and

then I was given three cheers by nearly 4,000 members of the Guide Movement.

Mrs Jean Eburne, South West Region Chief Commissioner, was also present at the Rally, and later wrote to me stating that I was the first Queen's Guide in South West Region.

I would thus like to take this opportunity to express my many thanks to all those people who sent kind congratulations, and those who gave me such support and help whilst I was working for this award; especially the assessors, various advisers, my Ranger Guiders and the three Rangers of my Unit who volunteered to walk around the Isle of Wight with me.

Finally I should like to encourage all Rangers and Young Leaders to take part in this award. Although it seems a rather daunting project, I can say from experience that in the end it is well worth all the work.

Lisa Grayson
Chairman — Bere Forest Division
Rangers
Hampshire East

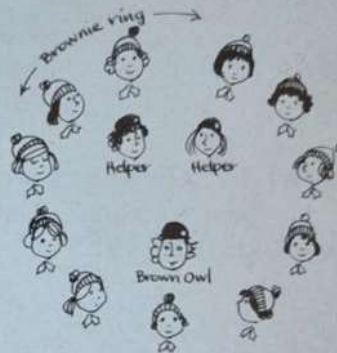
A Suggested Introduction to a Brownie Promise Ceremony

Jenny Orpwood, a Young Leader with the 1st Challow Brownie Pack in Oxfordshire, has sent in this super idea as an introduction to a Brownie Promise Ceremony. Of course, the actual Promise-Making Ceremony follows the wording written on page 34 of the *Brownie Guide Handbook*.

Practise the song and the tune with the Pack before the Ceremony. Don't forget to encourage the Brownies to sing it with a happy voice and keep the song moving at a reasonable pace. Perhaps one of the Brownies could play the tune on a recorder.

Remember that this is a *suggested* Promise Ceremony. It is up to the Brownie Pack to adapt it during the *Pow-wow* in a way that is special to their Pack.

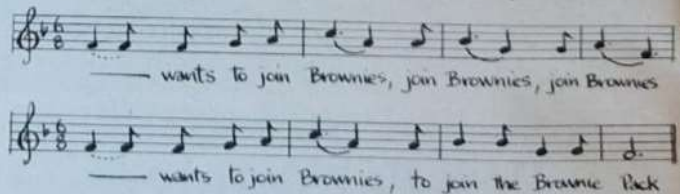
Brownies stand in a circle, with two helpers (eg Assistant Brownie Guider and Young Leader) enclosed in the circle at one end. The Brownie Guider stands at the other end.



The Song:

- 1 wants to join Brownies,
Join Brownies, join Brownies,
wants to join Brownies,
To join the Brownie Pack.
- 2 Does she know her Promise,
her motto and Promise?
Does she know her Promise
And the law of the Brownie Pack?
(Pause, Brownie says 'Yes')
- 3 Yes, she knows her Promise,
Her motto and Promise,
Yes she knows her Promise,
And the law of the Brownie Pack.
(Pause while Brownie goes to one helper and says the motto, and then to the other helper to say her law.)
- 4 Now come and make your Promise,
Your Promise, Your Promise.
Now come and make your Promise,
And join the Brownie Pack.
(Pause while Brownie goes to Brown Owl and makes Promise)
- 5 Now you've made your Promise,
Your Promise, Your Promise.
Now you've made your Promise,
So welcome to the Pack.

BROWNIE PROMISE CEREMONY



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 are:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Practical Pages | pages 14, 15 |
| Make Your Own: Christmas tree decoration | page 33 |
| Local Government in Scotland (Queen's Guide 6a 2) | page 38, 41 |
| How to construct a speech | pages 39, 41 |
| Theme Evening: St Lucia's Day | page 22 |

Glorious Mud

The Darnley East Ranger Unit can be seen here tackling the cold and somewhat muddy task of restoring Nurstead Village Pond. The Rangers dug back into history to discover that the pond was originally created about 200 years ago to provide water for malting the barley in the adjacent barn. However, over the years, the pond has silted up and the Rangers, looking for a suitable project for the Adopt and Cherish Scheme, decided the pond deserved their attention.

Perhaps you could find a suitable conservation project in your area to adopt, restore and cherish. Why not start looking now as it might take some time to complete your enquiries. Perhaps you could start the project in the spring?



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

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

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

Foxlease

March
7-9 District Team (District Commissioners with up to 7 of their Guiders)
14-16 Leicester
21-23 Kent Weald
21-31 D of E Gold Award Course (Mixed)

Foxlease

April
4-6 Kent East
11-13 Focus On The Programme (Democracy in the Unit)
18-20 Cornwall
26-27 London North West

Foxlease

May
2-5 Get into Gear
9-11 Hertfordshire
16-18 Focus on the Programme (Pack Holidays and Camping, including Lightweight Camping)
23-28 Family Week
30 May-1 June South West England

Waddow

March
7-9 Commonwealth and International Advisers
14-16 Focus on the Programme (Basic Skills including Ceremonial)
21-23 North East England
27-31 D of E Gold Award Course (Girls Only)

Waddow

April
4-6 Oxfordshire
11-13 West Mercia
18-20 Focus On The Programme (Pack Holidays and Camping including Lightweight Camping)
25-27 Get into Gear

Waddow

May
1-5 British Red Cross
9-11 Focus on the Programme (The Older Girl in the Unit)
16-18 Training for Trainers
22-26 Young Leaders
30 May-1 June 'Insite' (Ranger Guider and four of her Rangers)

Glenbrook

March
7-9 Arts (Homecrafts)
28-1 April Young Leader Training

Glenbrook

April
11-13 D of E - Queen's Guide Enterprise

Glenbrook

May
1-5 Walking Safely (Advanced)

Netherurd

March
7-9 Brownie and Guide Guiders. (Includes booking from Argyll)
14-16 Brownie and Guide Guiders. (Includes booking from Angus)
21-23 Brownie and Guide Guiders. (Includes booking from East Lothian)
27-31 Duke of Edinburgh Award - Residential project for Gold Award (Girl's section)

Netherurd

April
4-6 Patrols in Action
18-20 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Includes booking from Priory District, Tyne and Wear, and Larbet Division, Forth Valley)
25-27 Brownie and Guide Guiders (includes booking from North Tyneside)

Nethururd

May
1-5 First Aid Course
16-18 Chairmen of County Training Committees

Broneirion

March
7-9 Arts (Homecrafts)
14-16 Clwyd
21-23 Ranger Guiders and Young Leader Advisers
28-1 April Young Leader Training

Broneirion

April
4-6 Trefoil Guild (Conference)
11-13 General Brownie and Guide Training (places for Anglesey)
18-20 Gwent Eastern Valleys Division
25-27 Cardiff and East Glamorgan

Broneirion

May
2-5 Regional and Country Arts Advisers
9-11 Shropshire
16-18 West Glamorgan
24-28 Patrol In Action
30 May-1 June Gloucester

Lorne

March
7-9 Guiding with the Handicapped
14-16 County Armagh
21-23 Young Leaders

Lorne

April
11-13 Ulster Junior Council

Lorne

May
16-18 Ulster Executive Committee

| 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 (over 18 years of age) | £12.00 per weekend. |
| Ulster members (under 18 years of age) | £10.00 per weekend. |
| Non-Ulster Guiders | £18.00 per weekend. |
| Day only | £7.00 per day. |

For details on
How to Apply to
a Training Centre
please see December
GUIDING

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CAMPS & HOLIDAYS



England

Foxlease Campsites

Applications for sites for 1986 should be addressed to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants. SO4 7DE and the envelope marked "Camp". Suggested dates and approximate numbers should be stated, and whether an equipped or unequipped site is required. Camps begin on any weekday. Some sites are suitable for the handicapped 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 accepted now.

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 not returnable) 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 April–30th September 1986 are being accepted now. The accommodation is suitable for handicapped members.

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.

Ranger Cottage, Waddow

This self-catering cottage sleeps 15 people in 5 bedrooms. There is a large, fully equipped kitchen including fridge/freezer, a large comfortable sitting room/dining area, two bathrooms, one with shower, and three toilets.

Applications are being considered now. Rangers will be given first consideration but the cottage is also suitable for Small Pack Holidays, groups of Guides with Guiders, Trefoil Guides, Guiders, etc.

For details apply to the Secretary, enclosing SAE.

Waddow's New Caravan

Why not enjoy a peaceful holiday in beautiful surroundings with your family/friends in Waddow's new caravan?

This is a 6 berth, 25 foot long caravan with separate double bedroom, shower and flush toilet, large dining kitchen area and sitting area. It is equipped with a full size gas cooker, gas fire, electric light and a fridge.

Available for bookings throughout the year. For details apply to the Secretary, enclosing SAE.

Patrol Campsites, Waddow

Two Patrol campsites both fully equipped and each with solid shelter. Also suitable for Rangers for lightweight camping.

For details apply to Secretary enclosing SAE.

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 Guider's 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, canoeing, rock climbing etc. For details contact the Guider-in-Charge enclosing SAE.

Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex

Equipped and unequipped 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. To avoid disappointment Guiders should apply for bookings by 1st February every year. For details, write to the Warden, Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 4HP, enclosing SAE.

Glenbrook Campsites

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



For details apply to Miss Muriel Hunt, 5 Alderbury Close, Swanage, Dorset BH19 2RP.

Brownsea Island

Eight sites are available for Guide and Scout Camps from Easter to 1st October and South Shore Lodge sleeping eighteen plus leaders.

Scotland

Netherurd

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

Brownie House. Bookings for the Brownie House for Easter 1986 onwards 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. A 3-berth Holiday Caravan is available for Guiders and friends. Apply to Secretary, Netherurd, enclosing foolscap SAE.

Wales

Ynysgain, Criccieth, North Wales

Applications for the use of three unequipped 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, "Cefnfaes", 23 Carreg Felin Llandegfan, Anglesey, Gwynedd LL59 5YB (Menai Bridge) 0248 713134, enclosing a foolscap SAE for site information. Ynysgain 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 Campsite and 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.

Lorne Holiday Period

Lorne will be open as a holiday centre during July and August 1986. In pleasant grounds with lovely views and quiet surroundings on the shores of Belfast Lough, Lorne is only six miles from Belfast and is a good centre for sight-seeing tours.

Special terms for parties of Guiders taking the house and wishing to do their own catering. Full details from the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co Down, Ulster.

Lorne Camp-Sites

Lorne offers fully equipped or unequipped camp-sites with solid shelter. Calor gas available. Applications should be sent to Miss Cynthia Mayne, 8 Kilmakee Park, Belfast BT5 7QY. Tel. Belfast 792457.

Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage, Lorne

A cottage available for Ranger holidays. For details apply to Mrs Emily Liley, 43 Breda Road, Newtownbreda, Belfast BT8 4BU, enclosing SAE. Tel. Belfast 703 296.

Magilligan Camp-Sites

Three fully equipped sites with double Calor gas stoves for 24 to 30 campers. Two miles of sands. Large three-room hut with an open fireplace. For details apply to Mrs J Gibson, 61 Station Rd, Portstewart, Co Londonderry. Tel. Portstewart 2546.

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 Christine Gaston, 127 Harberton Park, Belfast BT9 6TX. Tel. Belfast 669391.

HQ

NOTICES

The Association's Awards

Good Service

Laurel

Mrs Win Pearce, County Commissioner, Buckinghamshire

Mrs Betty Kinsey, Division Commissioner, Dolforwyn, Montgomeryshire

Mrs Delia Ronson, Chief Commissioner, Midlands

Miss Mary Taylor-Jones, County Commissioner, Kent East

Meritorious Conduct Star of Merit

Alison Harman, Patrol Second, aged 13, 1st Ingol (St Margaret's) Lancashire West

Despite Alison's difficulties, she shows great determination and courage. She has gained several Badges and is a cheerful and lively member of her Unit, joining in activities to the best of her ability.

Karen Lee, Guide and Young Leader, aged 16, 10th Guernsey

Despite uncomfortable spells in hospital, Karen has shown great courage and remained cheerful and uncomplaining. She takes part in the activities of her Unit whenever possible, and is loved and admired by all who have contact with her.

Lucie Keyworth, Brownie Seconder, aged 10, 3rd Penn and Tylers Green, Buckinghamshire

Lucie is a very keen Brownie, only missing meetings when she has to stay in hospital. Her courage, cheerfulness and high standards when working for badges are an example to all.

Louise Veitch, Guide, aged 11, 8th Northwood, Middlesex North West

Despite difficulties, Louise lives up to the ideals of the Movement. She is happy, enthusiastic, attends District events whenever possible and is an active member of her Pack. Her courage and humour have earned her the admiration of all who have contact with her.

Pooja Sampat, Brownie Guide, aged 9, 11th Roxeth, Middlesex North West

Pooja is a very brave Brownie, remaining cheerful despite long stays in hospital. She shows great fortitude and joins in Brownie activities whenever possible.

Kelly Chiffins, aged 8, 9th Chichester, Sussex West

Despite Kelly's great difficulties she has been a very keen Brownie, attending as many Pack meetings and other events as possible. During her stays in hospital she has worked very hard for and gained several Badges. Her cheerful nature and her enthusiasm are an example to everyone.

Sadly, we have to report that Kelly died soon after receiving her award.

Carol Singing in Trafalgar Square

A choir of the Association will be singing carols in Trafalgar Square on Thursday, 19 December 1985 between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m. The carols will be mainly traditional and the choir will be using the **Bethlehem Carol Sheet** — 32nd edition. If you intend to bring your Unit to Trafalgar Square it would be helpful if they had copies of this carol sheet. Many churches use it, but in case of difficulty it can be obtained from **The Bible Lands Society, PO Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks.** 10 sheets for £1.00 plus 95p postage. Please make sure everyone is warmly dressed and that there is a sufficient number of adults to children in your party.

Youth Year Gala

Tickets are available for the International Youth Year Gala, to be held on November 2 at 7pm. TV presenter Sarah Greene and other celebrities will compeere an evening of music, dance and drama performed entirely by youth groups, including Guides, from around the world.

The International Youth Gala is in aid of Save the Children and is sponsored by the National Westminster Bank. Tickets are available, priced £1-£10, from **Special Events, Save the Children, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD.**

Short Term Investment Service

Monthly interest rate after deduction of management commission.

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| June '85 | 11.56% |
| July '85 | 11.45% |
| Aug '85 | 10.75% |

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

Scout & Guide Trust Fund

On April 30 1985 the value of a share in the above Fund was:

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| for selling purposes | 132.22p |
| for buying purposes | 138.93p |
| Income yield | 4.2p |

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

Thinking Day/Founder's Day Service Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church, Westminster Saturday 22 February 1986

Admission will be by **Ticket only** (see September *GUIDING* for details). Has your Unit been lucky enough to obtain tickets? If so you will want to know the songs which will be sung during the pre-service singing. Details of these will appear in December *GUIDING*.

New from Publishing Dept, CHQ

There is now a colour postcard of the Chief Guide (which costs 8p), to replace the old black and white copy.

A delicately coloured card and poster of the Guide Promise are now available at a cost of 25p the card, 75p the poster.

All of the above are available from Guide shops or from the Trading Service. There is a 50 pence post and packaging charge on all orders under £10.

Guide Stamps

Philatelists among you may be interested to know that Gibraltar has produced a series of three stamps, commemorating International Youth Year, one of which depicts the 75th anniversary logo of the Association. Your local stamp dealer may be able to help you to add this series to your collection of Guiding stamps.

Musical Instruments

A number of musical instruments belonging to the Association are available for loan. These include violins, cellos, viola, trumpets and guitar. Application forms are available from The Programme Secretary, Programme & Training Department. These must be completed and returned by 15 December.

CHQ Ski Party

For details of the CHQ Ski Party contact your CCIA or see December *GUIDING*.

Errata

Unfortunately the CHQ shop hours were incorrectly quoted in the October issue of *GUIDING* as being from 9am until 5.50pm. The shop actually closes at 5.30pm — we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Stop Press . . . Primary Health Care Project

The response to the Project in Sri Lanka has been fantastic! Donations so far have reached the amazing total of £38,000 and they are still coming in! Does your Unit wish it had taken part? Well it is not too late, so why not send for a Pack, try out the activities suggested in it and learn about Primary Health Care. See how original you can make your Project Sheet and if you send the finished sheet to us we will send you a Certificate of Participation. We look forward to receiving your applications.

To obtain the Pack . . . please send a cheque or postal order for £2.00 (made payable to the Girl Guides Association) together with an 11" x 13" stamped (98p) addressed envelope to: **The Primary Health Care Project, The International Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.** We also need to know the name of your Unit and whether you are Brownies, Guides or Rangers as well as the number of people participating in the Project.

Silver Fish Award

Miss Aline Fenwick, OBE, LLB, an Associate of the World Association, has been awarded the Silver Fish for her outstanding service to Guiding, particularly in the fields of law and finance in Australia and to members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Over the past 30 years Miss Fenwick's professional and international experience, with her deep understanding and commitment to Guiding, have been of great benefit to the members of the Movement. She has given her time and knowledge freely to assist in legal and financial matters at home, and her contribution as a member and chairman of the World Constitutions Committee was appreciated by many countries.

Miss Fenwick has always worked for the Status of Women and, as Deputy Chief of this section of United Nations, carried out missions in Argentina, Mexico, United Kingdom, Canada and organised seminars in Mexico, Ethiopia, Japan and Rumania. She is a member of Zonta International, Australia-Malaysia-Singapore Association, Royal Commonwealth Society and English Speaking Union and has travelled extensively to most parts of the world attending law conferences and on private visits.

With all her background of service in many fields and to many people, Miss Fenwick was quite surprised that anyone should consider she had done anything unusual to warrant an award.

The Silver Fish was presented to Aline at the annual meeting of the Girl Guides Association of Australia which was held on 29 October 1985.



Family Fortnight Children's Poster Competition

All children aged 16 and under are eligible to enter. All they have to do is draw and/or paint a poster on the theme of 'Families Forever'. There will be three age groups:

1. Under 7 years
2. 8-11 years
3. 12-16 years

How to enter:

1. Draw or paint the poster on A3-size paper (that is 297x420mm).
2. Put name, address and date of birth on back of poster.
3. Get parent/guardian or Guider to sign the poster on the back.
4. Give the name of the branch, group or organisation from which you heard about the competition, in this case *GUIDING* Magazine.
5. Send the poster to:

**Family Forum Poster Competition,
Cambridge House,
131 Camberwell Road,
London, SE5 0HF.**

to be received by December 31 1985

(Important — do not fold the poster — roll it up and send it in a large used silver foil cardboard roll).

Winning posters will be printed and used across the country as a focus for Family Fortnight 1986.

The judging will take place during January 1986 and the prize-giving will take place during Family Fortnight between 18 and 31 May 1986. Super prizes will be presented by a well-known figure. Prizes, judges and presentation to be announced.

Small prizes will be awarded to the local groups from which the winning posters have been entered.

Please let your Brownies and Guides know about this fun competition.

This photograph shows, from left to right: Miss Aline Fenwick, Miss Eleanor Manning, Lady Price, Mrs Melia O'Donnell, Miss Joan Stevenson, Miss Mary Hill, taken in the grounds of Admiralty House in Sydney, Australia.

The Girl Guide Friendship Fund

Dear Friends

You think up so many ingenious, novel ways of fund-raising — both for the GGFF (for which we are extremely grateful) and for the many other calls there are on your generosity. I'd like to remind you — or perhaps tell you for the first time — of two on-going methods of supporting the GGFF appeals.

In the department that looks after the Fund in CHQ, London, there are always large envelopes of used stamps. When they get enough, they are sold to used stamp dealers and the money goes into the Fund. So when you're writing to the GGFF on other matters it would be really helpful if you could put some used stamps in your letter — even more helpful if they were divided into the categories of British stamps, British special issues and foreign and trimmed to ¼ inch round the stamp itself. Husbands and fathers probably get interesting stamps in offices, etc, so how about getting them to start collecting as well, instead of throwing them into the wastepaper basket?

The other fund-raising efforts that goes on year round in CHQ is the sale of small, hand-carved elephants that come from Sri Lanka. This not only helps the GGFF, but also the Sri Lankan Association. They are on sale at reception as well as in the shop and are hand-painted with delightful designs. In fact, I'd challenge anyone to find two exactly identical ones! Ideal for small gifts at only 25p each.

Hope you are remembering our Christmas 1985 'Good Turn' appeal for

**The Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust
BLISS (Baby Life Support Systems)
Anand Gram Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre,
India.**

Please send your donations, made payable to the GGFF, to us at:

**The Girl Guides Association
17/19 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1W 0PT.**

Best wishes

**Nancy Roe
Chairman**

In Memory of Sue Stevens

Many people have expressed a desire to contribute to some lasting memorial of Sue's work in music. It has been suggested that an instrument be purchased to add to the CHQ collection of Musical Instruments. This loan scheme is one that was very dear to Sue's heart.

Contributions should be sent to **Miss Dora Lockett, Programme & Training Dept., The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT.** Cheques should be made payable to The Girl Guides Association.

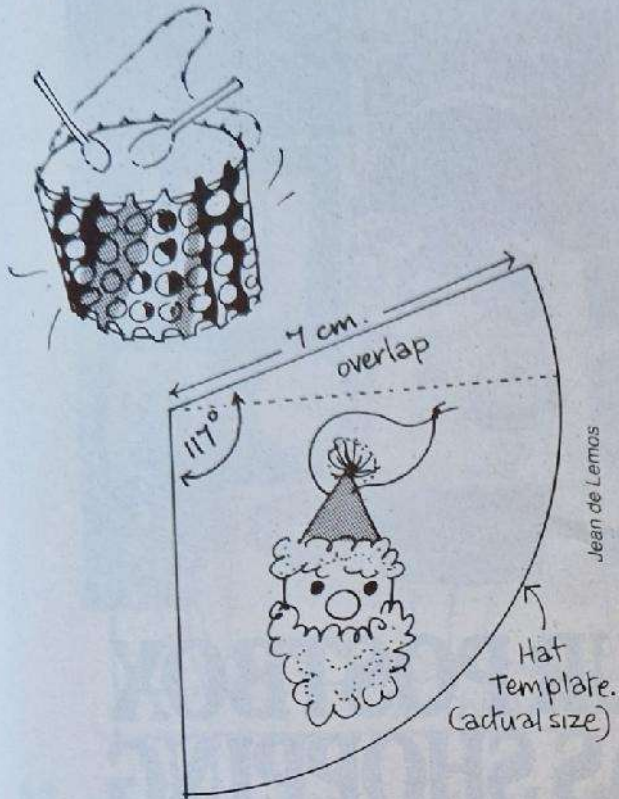
Showtime '85

Hampshire West Guides are repeating their performance of 'Showtime '85' at the Gaumont Theatre, Southampton on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 of December. British Rail will be sponsoring the event and any profits from the show are to be given to charity.

Susan Stevens, who wrote the theme tune for the show — 'We are the new Generation' died in May of Cancer. A record of this song has been made and the proceeds of the sale of this record are to be given specifically to Cancer Research in her memory. These records will be on sale at the theatre.

Tickets for the show are available from **Gaumont Box Office, Commercial Road, Southampton.** There are half price tickets available for children and senior citizens at the Saturday matinee.

Make Your Own..



Part 12: Christmas Tree Decorations

from ideas by Sheila Bamber and Georgina Payne

You will need:

For the drum:—

- One third of a toilet roll tube
- 2 circles white card to fit ends of tube
- coloured paper to cover tube
- 1 cotton bud
- Glue
- sequin waste to cover tube
- thread

For Father Christmas:—

- An empty eggshell
- red felt
- hat template (see diagram)
- cotton wool or white toy stuffing
- small white pom-pom
- glue (eg UHU, Copydex)
- felt pens or paints
- needle
- thread

COLLECT ✂ CUT OUT ✂ MOUNT ✂ COVER ✂ COLLECT ✂ CUT OUT ✂ MOUNT ✂ COVER ✂ COLLECT ✂ CUT OUT ✂ MOUNT

The drum:—

1. Cover tube carefully with paper and tuck excess into centre of tube.
2. Stick card ends on to the tube.
3. Cover paper with sequin waste. This may need to be secured with sticky tape.
4. Cut cotton bud in half and glue on to the top.
5. Tie on a little thread for hanging.

Father Christmas

1. Using a card template, cut hat from felt. Bend into a cone shape and glue, overlapping lower edges as indicated by the line.
2. Glue cotton wool beard to eggshell.
3. Stick hat to open end of eggshell, seam to back. Glue pom-pom to end of hat, and trim hat with cotton wool 'fur'.
4. Draw on eyes and nose with felt pen or paints.
5. Take a stitch from front to back through both thicknesses of hat about one third of the way down from pom-pom. Leave long ends of thread to tie together and form hanging loop.

Hints for Guiders

Use the backs of old greetings cards for the ends of the drum, and remember reflective paper is the most effective on a Christmas tree.

There is no need to blow eggs for Father Christmas, as the open end of the shell is covered by his hat. Crack the eggs carefully near the painted end. Eggshells from baled eggs can be used effectively.

Pom-poms can be cut from lengths of white bobbed furnishing brand. Alternatively make a small ball of cotton wool.

Other ideas

Make little 'hat box' parcels instead of a drum, or use braid to decorate instead of sequin waste.

Different coloured hats and a variety of faces will create the elves which appear in many Scandinavian Christmas legends. Challenge the girls to discover some of those stories and retell them.

Whole decorated eggs will also look effective on a Christmas tree. Incorporate a braid loop into the overall design or secure thread loop to top of egg with sealing wax. Reflective materials (eg sequins) and bright high gloss colours will show up best against the green tree background.



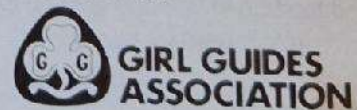
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CAMPING



In which one Guider tells of how she gathered together her team of camp staff . . .



My Guides have somehow persuaded me to take them on a long weekend Camp next summer, but my Assistant Guider, Jean, has never been to Camp before. Two years ago I gained my QM Certificate at the District weekend Camp and last June I went to a three-day Camp with our neighbouring church Guide Company and gained my Health and First Aid Certificate.

My County Camp Adviser and District Commissioner have both recommended that this Camp should be the test for my Camper's Licence. We need a minimum of three adults, one of whom must have appropriate qualifications, but already we have 23 Guides who want to camp so I feel we should have a minimum of four adults. Help!

I will see my District Commissioner at our aerobic class tonight and she might know if there are any Guiders who want camping experience, and enjoy the outdoor life. Perhaps she might also know of a couple of Young Leaders or Rangers who would like to come too. I must 'phone my Division Camp Adviser as she may have more tips and advice for me and she too may have possible names of Guiders.

Good news! My Assistant Guider has volunteered to attend our County lectures on Health and First Aid this winter and is willing to take on the responsibility of being First Aider! With three teenage children of her own, she is used to the knocks, and scrapes thank goodness. I am sure she will cope well, but I must support her on the Camp aspect.

And some more good news! The Division Camp Adviser has just been on the telephone and has given me the name of a Guide Guider in the next District who is desperate for some 'up-to-date' Camp experience, not that camping really changes so much. She was a keen Guide when younger and gained her Patrol Camp Permit. She is a relief cook at the local Old Folks' Home

on alternate Sundays, so will no doubt manage the large number involved in catering for a Guide camp. I wonder if she has cooked on an altar fire before? She is going to our County Camp training weekend and is looking forward to brushing up on her camp skills. The Camp Adviser suggested I might offer her places for a Patrol of her Guides to come with her in return for her services.

Aerobics again tonight and the District Commissioner has come up with two Rangers who are keen to come with us as members of staff and use the Unit's newly purchased lightweight tent. They may not arrive till after Saturday lunchtime as one has athletics and the other a Saturday morning job, but I must think positively and be glad of some youthful support!

A spark of inspiration came to me tonight when our Brownie Pack visited our Company meeting to send us three new Guides. That nice young Snowy Owl beamed enthusiastically when I showed her some photographs of the Camp site and on suggesting that she might like to join us at Camp, she jumped at the offer. She will be a great asset as she knows many of the younger Guides from Brownies and was also with them on their last Pack Holiday. She works at the Sports Centre nearby and will be ideal for on-site activities, especially when my energy is flagging.

I feel relieved to have gathered such an enthusiastic team of Guiders together for this Camp. As Guider in charge, I have overall responsibility for the Camp but I must encourage the Guiders to plan and organise their own areas, and in order to avoid any misunderstandings we will meet regularly and plan together so that we have a happy and successful Camp.

SG.

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CAMPING



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... and another Guider takes a quiet moment in Camp to reflect on the Programme so far.

We've been here three days now and at last we've got five minutes for a cup of tea — still hot — and a sit down! It seems an age away when we squeezed the last equipment and Guides onto the coach, and waved goodbye to the parents.

The field looked lovely as we unloaded but all our tent pitching practise hadn't prepared us for banging in the pegs around the rather fresh cow pats! It was kind of Susan's Dad to replace the guy lines in the Patrol tents but did he have to make them so long? We are all becoming experts at doing sheep shanks! Every year we forget how long it takes to set the camp up and get the first dinner cooked. We were so glad the meal was something simple ... so that the Patrols had something inside them. Even so, we still found a little heap of miscellaneous equipment to gather up into the shelter after it was dark.

Who would ever have believed that every girl had to visit the loo at least three times during what was left of the first night — or that they would be up again by 5.30 am!! We hadn't bargained on real live cuckoo clocks to wake us up ... Later that morning the Guides enthusiastically attempted to build gadgets, but the less-experienced Patrols needed a lot of help. QM took some Guides wooding too, as on their own they seemed to be coming back with only about two sticks each. They really do have to be shown how to hunt for the right kind of wood for their fires. And then there was the Patrol that didn't realise tin foil can't stand heat and roaring flames for long periods of time! We did remind them to wait until they had glowing embers — it was a shame about the chicken legs, but fortunately they all seemed to be enjoying their food, despite our not having chips on the menu once — It may be my imagination too, but I'm sure Heather's spots on her face aren't nearly as angry as they were at the beginning of Camp.

It was good to go exploring off the site yesterday afternoon — everyone ready for a change of scene. The highlight of the trip, was, of course, the ice cream van we passed on the way! The Guides explored the village and noticed a poster for a gymkhana on Wednesday, so it looks as if we'll have a change of programme so that those who wish to, can go; maybe we could combine it with an on-site challenge so there's something for everyone.

The way back brought us through deep bracken just below the site — I don't think we lost anyone completely, but the grapevine tells us there are many plans for building dens and shelters down there — I wonder if they'll be brave enough to actually sleep out in them. There's no reason why they can't return to their tents during the night if they've had enough or are too cold. No doubt the girls will moan, but one of the other Leaders will have to be there with them.

Jane is looking a lot more confident about her job as Health and First Aid person. She's an expert at First Aid, but hadn't had much experience of lats, wash cubicles and incinerators! An unexpected side of her character showed with the discreet way she coped with the bedwetter Sue found she had in her Patrol — everything's been dried out with the minimum of fuss. I do wish parents would warn us of these things beforehand though; it would be much easier.



It's funny how Guides think their tents are soundproof! (... and that we can't see torches on inside them either). I can hear the Kingfisher Patrol making 'secret' plans for tonight's Campfire stunt from here. We found a lovely hollow with a view out across the valley where we held our Guide's Own. That spot would be perfect for a Campfire too. Oh, we had such a meaningful Guide's Own. Doing that Quest badge certainly seems to have helped Marion tremendously — the prayers were so good as they included something for each of us to think about. I hadn't realised Helen's brother was ill. Well done, Marion, for discreetly including it in prayers.

I am really looking forward to our Campfire. Watching the flames reflect back from the faces of the Guides, at the end of a long day is the high-light for me. Enough of my daydreaming; unfortunately I don't think we'll have that pleasure tonight as the storm clouds have been building up over the last hour. I'd better go and warn Sally that instead of pioneering it looks like we'll be using those wet weather games the Patrols prepared.* As a pre-Camp challenge each Patrol supplied two ideas to go into the Camp activities box. We'd better go round the Patrols too, to check there's nothing important left outside — I know how they panic at their first downpour, and rush about tidying up and getting soaked in the process ... because they're too excited to think about digging out the cagoules!

Ah well, it was a good sit down while it lasted!

HG.

* Wet weather ideas: — PIP Card No 13



Service as a Citizen



PART 3

Find Out About Local Government

(Clause 6a) of the Queen's Guide Syllabus

Local Government in Scotland

by Elizabeth Carnegie

Local Government in Great Britain exists to run certain services and perform certain functions which have been allocated to it by Parliament.

The Scottish system of Local Government is different to that in England and Wales, consisting of three types of Council: Regional Councils (9), Islands Councils (3), and District Councils (53).

Each Regional Council area is subdivided into a number of District Council areas. Regional and District Councils have different functions, different councillors elected to be responsible for those functions, and different officials and staffs. Islands Councils combine both District and Regional functions.



Photo courtesy of: Robb Cambell Harper

The Women's Committee (one of the 11 principal Standing Committees) meeting in the panelled Old Council Chamber, within the City Chambers.



Photo courtesy of: Edinburgh District Council

The front entrance of the City Chambers, Edinburgh. The City Council and the Standing Committee meetings are held in this eighteenth century building, five days a week, throughout the year.

To find out what you want to know about the Scottish system, talk to friends who work for Local Government, who are or have been Councillors or have stood for election, or to people active at local level in the political Parties. The kind of questions you will want to have in mind are:

Councillors

- Who can stand for election as a Councillor?
- How are the candidates chosen?
- Who organises the candidates' election campaigns?
- Who organises the Local Government election and sees the rules are obeyed?
- How often do Local Government elections take place?
- Who can vote?
- How many Councillors make up the Regional and District Councils, or the Islands Council, where you live?
- Who are your own representatives?

Functions of Councils

- What are the functions for which Regional, District and Islands Councils are respectively responsible?

Officials and Staff

- Who appoints the Officials and staff of Councils, including teachers to schools, and to whom are they responsible?

Finance

- Local Government is financed partly through local rates, partly by central Government, and partly by charges it makes for services.

- How, broadly, does the system of local rates work, and why is it increasingly considered somewhat unfair and out of date?
- How is the amount allocated by central Government decided, and why is that always a cause for much political comment?
- Who decides what the rates will be in a given Council, and on what basis?
- How are the rates collected?

Committee System

- Local Government works through a system of Committees, which varies somewhat from Council to Council. What Committees and Sub-Committees are there in your Regional and District Councils, or your islands Council?
- Who appoints the Chairman of the Council, and the Chairmen of the various Committees? Who decides on the membership of Committees?
- What is the role of the officials who service the Committees?
- How do the Committees, and the Council, make their Decisions?

HOW TO A SPEECH

BY SHEILA STEELE

'I'm not afraid of making a speech — I just don't want to be around when it happens!'

Not quite what Woody Allen said — he wasn't afraid of dying — but you all know the feeling when you are asked to be the speaker at an AGM or similarly awe-inspiring occasion. You are: firstly, amazed that they finally recognised your talent but terrified at the thought; secondly, grimly determined to say in public all those things you have only ever said in private but terrified at the thought; thirdly, aware that your so-called best uniform is past its best and terrified at the thought. In her article 'Are you speaking comfortably?' (January 1985 *GUIDING*), Pat Corrin dealt with all the aspects of actually speaking in public. This article simply attempts to guide you as to how to construct your speech — *what* you might actually say rather than *how* to say it.

1. Choosing your subject

There may not be of course any choice — you may have been given a title, or perhaps you are a Commissioner who has to deliver an annual report, but whatever the situation, the golden rule in constructing a speech is to consider your audience. This might well be your opportunity to be funny, facetious, provocative or profane, but why have they asked you to speak?

If they have not actually given you a title then ask yourself:

What does my audience *want* to hear?

What does my audience *need* to hear?

What can my audience gain from listening to *me*?

What your audience wants to hear is probably something a) amusing and b) comforting!

Most audiences dread a solemn speaker as much as a lengthy one and whilst they might find your most radical thoughts exciting, you don't really want to provoke a riot or send them home seething with rage! On the other hand, they will need to hear views and ideas which are stimulating, so a certain amount of provocation is acceptable and you can certainly use the occasion for passing on 'messages' relating to your subject, opinions or beliefs.

Finally, when choosing the subject for your speech, remember that the knowledge and experience that you possess was probably the basis from which your invitation came. It is wise to keep to your own experiences therefore, so that your enthusiasm for your subject will be conveyed to your audience.

2. Preparing the Speech

Having decided on your subject, 'Brainstorm' yourself with ideas to stimulate your thoughts. Keep an envelope handy and slip into it any points from newspapers, books, radio and television or other people's conversation which just might be useful. Out of the chaos of your envelope and your ideas will then come the framework of your speech.

a. Think of an Opening

It is usual to thank the person who introduced you but keep this brief and don't deny all the wonderful things which may have been said about you — it can seem like false modesty! Try to make a humorous or thought provoking beginning. If you can gain the attention of your audience immediately, you have a better chance of keeping them with you. Beware of the latest joke on television though, the entire audience has probably heard it before.

b. Write out your speech in some detail

The act of writing out your speech will help to clarify your thoughts, then most of it should be committed to memory. Remember that your audience will only be able to absorb a certain amount of information, so keep to the main points you wish to make. Avoid clichés and long, rambling sentences, and if you are using metaphors, don't mix them! Remember that personal experiences are fascinating, especially if you can master the art of conjuring up mental pictures for your listeners, but a style which is too anecdotal will sound self-indulgent and become tedious. The use of flowery, complicated language can seem pretentious — I once heard a speaker say ... 'We must facilitate their access to cash remuneration', why he couldn't simply say 'We must pay them a wage', I don't know! All speeches have 'high' and 'low' moments; you have to accept that you will not keep the attention of all your audience for all of the time, so slip in another humorous remark or story or make another contentious point to bring everyone 'back to you'.

c. Reduce your speech to notes

By now you will have a second or even third draft which will need to be reduced to notes. You may either use small cards, placed in order, with a section of your speech written on one side only of each card; or small pages, again one-sided, containing headings, cues, and any special quotations. Use the most legible method of writing and leave plenty of space between your lines and each heading. Whichever method you choose, it should facilitate a relaxed, flowing style of speaking and your audience should be hardly aware of the existence of your notes.

It is at this stage that you should think about the length of your speech. Taking into account that you should pause occasionally to allow your listeners to think over what you have said or to allow your personality to have an effect on them, then about 120 words per minute will be your speaking rate. Your notes could therefore contain time signals, thus ensuring that your introduction is short and that you have enough time left for your conclusion.

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HOW TO **CONSTRUCT** A SPEECH

BY SHEILA STEELE

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4. Practise your speech



... If you succeed in fascinating the dog this should be some slight encouragement!

Doubtless you will find talking to yourself embarrassing at first — although if you succeed in fascinating the dog this should be some slight encouragement! Practising, however, will give you confidence. It will help with the timing, and will provide the opportunity for final additions, or editing of the content. The actual speech on the day will be easier, as you will establish a rapport with your audience, and their reactions to what you are saying will encourage you to go on!

During your practise keep thinking ahead and making some additional pauses between headings to collect your thoughts. After two or three practises you will be surprised how well you know the speech.

There are some occasions when a speech needs to be read from a complete script, eg a very formal or particularly demanding occasion where the subject is rather complicated. If this is the case, do not attempt to memorise it but concentrate on reading it well.

The purpose behind the words of any speech is to inform or instruct, influence or amuse, but an effective speaker blends all these intentions into her talk. Remember when constructing your speech that, although its content is important, sincerity and enthusiasm are infectious qualities. The secret is to prepare your material carefully, then on the day, be yourself, relax and enjoy the experience.

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The Public

How can members of the public find out what is going on in local Councils? Can they attend meetings? Speak at meetings? Meet with their own Councillor?

How can individuals influence Councils?

Where in your own area can you get in touch with your Councillors to seek help or give advice?



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Part of the local authority's activities is the organising of public exhibitions. Here, a Councillor (right) is interviewed by BBC TV Scotland, in one of the public libraries administered by the City of Edinburgh.

Tourism and museums are just two of the responsibilities of Edinburgh District Council. Here a visitor is given an elementary instruction in the playing of bagpipes, in front of the Scott Monument (which commemorates Sir Walter Scott, the Edinburgh-born author).

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Norfolk Windmill available for Pack Holidays during school holidays. Enquiries to: with Sae, D. J. Smith, 9 Stonefield Road, Baconsthorpe, Holt, Norfolk NR25 6LP.

Holiday Centre — near Southport, equipped, sleeps 24, suit Brownies, Guides, Rangers, handicapped, mixed groups. Sae foomscap to: Mrs Chester, 202 Fleetwood Road, Southport, Merseyside PR9 9QR.

Lake District Group Holiday Accommodation: Troutbeck School accommodates 24 people on a self-catering basis. Dormitory for 20 and two staff rooms, dining room, fully equipped kitchen, central heating, open all year. £2.85 per person per night — minimum charge £57. Please write for details to the Secretary, Troutbeck Charitable Trust, 14 Church Street, Ambleside, Cumbria.

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Group Accommodation in Switzerland close to 'Our Chalet'. Ring (0865) 60917.

Dinard/a Scout Hostel (Brittany). 8 Boulevard, l'hôtelier, would welcome Guide parties or individuals all the year round. Five minutes from the sea and shopping centre.

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Lancashire West Guide Activity Centre, Guy's Farm, Forton, Lancaster — Holiday House, Campsites some equipped — Information from Mrs. Wellock, 7 Boscombe Avenue, Morecambe LA3 1LW.

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Sangam 1986 'New Look' Programme

Come to Sangam and enjoy Guiding/Scouting, sharing, WAGGGS Day, campfire and country. Enjoy India Day when you can eat Indian and International food, and meet our Indian neighbours. Go on trips to places of interest, shopping, and visiting schools and orphanages. Watch a Hindi film. All this and good food, new friends, swimming, singing and dancing.

Every year there will be three general events with emphasis on the above experiences. Each event will also include two or three days of sharing and activities focusing on specific themes.

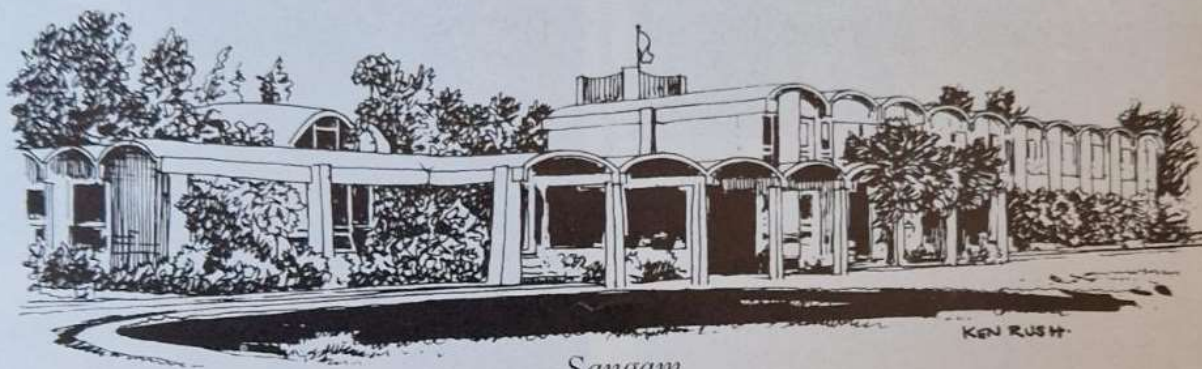
Explore India — 28 September — 7 October
Sangam Experience — Focus on Cooking and
Homecrafts — 3–14 November
Sangam Service Project — 1–14 December

Service to Sangam and Indian children.

The joint Sangam Service Events have been a resounding success. Join Girl Guides/Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in working for Sangam and staffing a childrens' camp. Many of our usual activities will be included.

For further details regarding costs, etc. please write to: **Sangam, Guider-in-Charge, Alandi Road, Yerawada, Pune, 411006, India.**

Please enclose an International Reply Coupon (obtainable from your General Post Office) when writing to Sangam, if requiring a reply.



Sangam

Sangam Experience — Focus on Nature

Conservation — January 6–17

Sangam Experience — Focus on Thinking Day —
February 17–24

Explore India — February 25 — March 5

Make the most of your visit by combining a Sangam event with a tour of North India, (Delhi, Jaipur and Taj Mahal). Save yourself the trouble of planning and booking. Travel with new friends.

Service to Indian Children — March 24 — April 2

Camps for underprivileged or handicapped children from the Pune area are highlights of Sangam's programmes. Sometimes they follow an International event.

We always need helpers to plan and organise these activities. The camps make an overwhelming impression on all those who take part.

International Understanding/Common Links —
4–17 August (Major Event of the Year)

An experience of Sangam and an experience of India, plus a major exploration of 'Peace Comes Through Understanding', through understanding: family and daily life, school and work, the community and its development. There will be sharing, workshops, activities and visits.

Service to Indian Children — 19–23 August

Holiday camp for underprivileged Indian children.

20th Birthday Celebration — 23–27 September

Come back to Sangam and meet old friends or come for the first time and enjoy some of our activities. Join in five days of outings and celebration, ending with a birthday party.

Volunteer Jobs at Our Cabaña

Dates: End of May through end of August, 1986. Also end of October 86 through Mid April 87.

Compensation: Room and Board plus cost of a round airplane ticket tourist class and \$500.00 US Dlls (1985/86) or \$800 US Dlls (1986/87).

How to Apply: Write directly to Miss Maria Laura Aviña, the Guider in Charge, Our Cabaña, Apartado Postal 406, 62000 Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.

Application and reference forms are sent upon request.

Applications must be submitted with signature of the International Commissioner, CHQ.

General Qualifications

1. Be a registered member of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Association in her country.
2. Have evidenced an interest in working with girls of the Senior Ranger level. (A knowledge of Spanish is helpful).

Program Assistant

Specific Qualifications:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Work experience or training in encouraging and evolving a folk arts program.
3. Ability to develop and adapt creative crafts that can be used in working with village children and adults in service, recreational projects.
4. Ability to manage and conduct groups on sightseeing trips.
5. Help to develop and maintain good public relations at and for Our Cabaña.

Waterfront Director

Specific Qualifications:

1. Be at least 19 years of age.
2. Have current Senior Life Saving Certificate or equivalent.
3. Experience in planning water activities and sports program with girls.
4. Ability to manage and conduct groups on sightseeing trips.
5. Help to develop and maintain good public relations at and for Our Cabaña.

All application forms for 1985/1986 posts from members in the United Kingdom must be signed by the International Commissioner CHQ and must be received at Our Cabaña by December 31 1985.

All applications for 1986/87 posts must reach our Cabaña by 15 May 1986 (having been signed by the International Commissioner).

Birthday Gift for Blackland Farm Camp Site

At two o'clock precisely on August 1 a huge yellow van drew into the yard at Blackland followed by a smaller vehicle which was pulling a yellow trailer, on which was a red box. Out of this vehicle sprang three men dressed in blue with bright blue gleaming helmets. A visit from outer space? No, Blackland was about to receive a gift of a red telephone kiosk from British Telecom, Tunbridge Wells, to mark the 75th anniversary of Guiding this year.

Watched by personnel from British Telecom, Guides, Rangers, Blackland staff, committee members and Mr Alan Skeats, Controller, Girl Guides Association, the trailer was manoeuvred into position and with much clicking of cameras the kiosk was expertly landed on the concrete base. Mr Alan Skeats cut the ceremonial ribbon to mark the opening of the box and the Guides crowded in. Afterwards tea and birthday cake was served by the Cophorne Rangers before the visitors making a conducted tour of the site. The following day Engineers from British Telecom transferred the telephone from the site's old box, all part of a much appreciated gift.

Present on this occasion were Mr Mike Gilbert, Tunbridge Wells Customer Service, Area Manager, Mr Gordon Rice, Customer Relations Manager, Mr Peter Bolton, Engineering Manager, Mr Gordon Walters, Personal Assistant to the General Manager, Mr Arthur Angel, who masterminded the positioning of the kiosk, and Engineers. Also present, Mr Alan Skeats, Mr Ron Burgess, Site Warden and Mrs Brenda Burgess, Mr Martin Robinson, Assistant Warden, Mrs Jean Greenaway, Committee Chairman, members of the committee, Guides from Hastings and St Leonards and Rangers from Cophorne, Sussex, who were camping on the site.

If your Unit has not yet sampled the delights of Blackland why not apply now to the Warden who will be glad to forward full details of our equipped and unequipped sites and Brownie Houses. The site offers many activities including rock climbing, canoeing and swimming in the heated indoor pool.
Warden: Mr Ron Burgess, Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Surrey RH19 4HP.



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Memories

Guiding 68 Years Ago

It has just come to my attention that 1985 is the year of the Guide! This means that about 68 years ago I started negotiations to join the Guides and achieve my ambition.

After almost driving my mother mad over it I eventually saw, one day in Cricklewood, North London, a very smart Guide Captain. I tried to persuade my mother to talk to her but was told that I would have to plead my own case. My hopes were dashed when the immaculate vision informed me that she was with a Company which was connected to a private girls' school. After a few words with my mother however, who was a militant suffragette, one of Mrs Pankhurst's personal bodyguard, to my delight it was agreed that I should visit the next meeting. I went to the meeting full of hopeful anticipation and a new life opened for me. I was given the Girl Guides Handbook which I read diligently as I waited impatiently for my enrolment. I learnt to drill and march; the Guide Promise and songs and knots. Finally the great day arrived and, in my smart uniform, I presented myself for enrolment. My parents were proud onlookers.

I remember taking my cookery Badge. My Mother was away from home. I made a steak and kidney pudding; got it all tied up ready to go into the saucepan, and then saw the suet sitting on the table, unused. I took it all to bits, rolled out the crust and spread the chopped suet over, folded and rolled it and put it all back together again. It turned out a treat, rather to my surprise.



Pyjama Pals

Guide Camp was such a joy — we mostly went to Water End Moor where our Captain had two cottages which were fitted up into two dormitories. We had such lovely times, bathing in the river, pyjama parties, camp fire sing-songs, and the chores, how we loved them all.

Less happy days occurred during the 1914–18 War. We all worked very hard in the war effort in the 1st Cricklewood Company. Our Captain and Lieutenant Miss Kate and Miss Lillie, were very fervent, they engaged a tough Army Sergeant to teach us Rifle drill. He treated us as raw army recruits, not school girls and we were all terrified of him. We learned to clean rifles, present arms, form fours and stand at ease and we marched endlessly around the hall. Our arms ached and we were ready to drop, but he taught us well and we felt ready to defend England if necessary.

Several of our Guides also did a two year Nursing course and took an exam at the Royal College of Nurses in Harley Street.

After the exam we moved on to help out where we could. I went with another girl to Willesden General Hospital before school every morning — rising at five and reporting to Matron for our duties. These included washing patients, making beds, washing floors, peeling vegetables and polishing brass door knobs. When we had finished our hours at the hospital we had our War Work card signed by Sister, removed our green overalls and rushed off to school. At the end of the War I received a felt badge with a crown at the top and 1914–1918 underneath for 1,000 hours war work.

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Madge Wick

At Camp



Bathing Belles

Water End Moor



WATER END MOOR

The Happiest Year of my Life

The Happiest year of my life turned out to be the year 1945–6. I had been a Guide since 1926 and when the Second World War broke out we were kept very busy sorting things out. In 1944, when the call came to members of the Movement asking them to help the situation in Europe, lots of us volunteered our names and we were trained to drive ambulances and 5cw trucks. In 1945 we were divided into teams and my team was sent, via Ostend, to Vlotto in Germany.

We carried a lorry full of clothes and a water tank and were finally sent to a camp for Polish refugees near Gumersbach. The only water supply in the camp was a tap so our big tank was very welcome. The camp contained about 900 people, including children, who were divided up and housed in Army huts.

Amongst our supplies were copious amounts of Cod Liver Oil and Malt and Virol and it amused us to see children joining the back of the queue again when they had received their dose.

Soon after we arrived, one of the men asked if we could provide them with something with which to fashion an altar cloth as the Army chaplain conducted a communion service for the Poles as well as for the troops. All we could offer was the white cotton lining for a sleeping bag but we were amazed the following day to see the cloth covered with embroidery and adorned with a cross and two candlesticks made from Army tins.

One day the Army told us that a huge supply of sanitary towels had arrived at the depot. Unfortunately they had arrived loose so we had to carry them away in rugs — we never did find out what the Polish women had done with them!

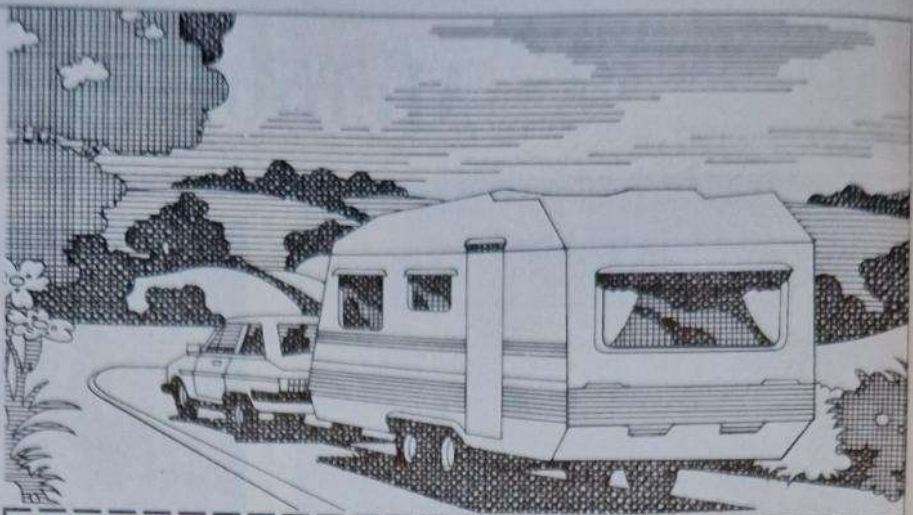
Our team often felt that we would be unable to carry out the tasks that were asked of us but with the help of God we managed it.

Mary Stephen



1985 Caravan and Camping Holiday Show
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 Blu-tac

Give the Guides the following instructions on how to make Rolly

- 1 Trace the picture of Rolly on to paper and colour it.
- 2 Cut out the picture and glue it on to the outside of the matchbox.
- 3 Make holes where the eyes are. A knitting needle could be used for this.
- 4 Trace the diagram of the dots on to the paper and cut it out.
- 5 Place it on the bottom of the matchbox drawer and secure it in place with Blu-tac. Do not glue it yet!



GRAPEVINE

Stowaway

Black and Decker have introduced a new range of household appliances which includes the Stowaway Twosome; a compact iron and a hairdryer which neatly pack together in a case. The duo, which is ideal for travellers who need to be well-groomed on arrival, is universal voltage, costs £22.99 and is available from Black and Decker shops around the country.

Viyella Sews



Viyella have produced a free 16-page colour brochure, in conjunction with Vogue patterns, which gives a wide range of ideas for home sewers. The brochure shows easy tops, skirts, dresses, suits and children's clothes which are all made up in Viyella fabrics.

Viyella is an ideal fabric for the home dressmaker as it is easy to sew, doesn't slip when cutting out or in the machine and holds its shape well while being made up. The brochure is available in shops stocking Viyella fabrics.

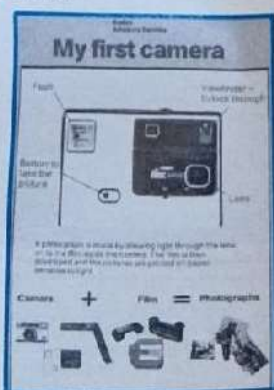


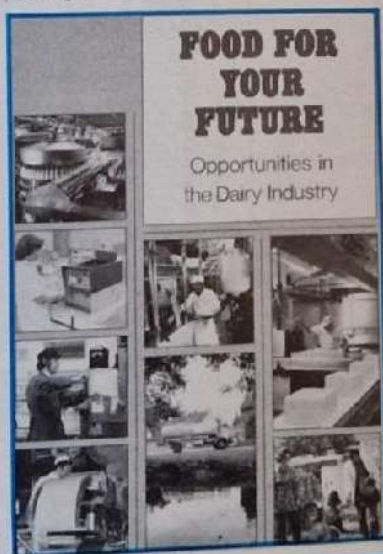
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Milk Knowhow

The Education Department of the National Dairy Council have produced a variety of leaflets, aimed at educating young people about health, food and the Dairy Industry itself. The booklets are either free or cost only a few pennies — for example *Whey — the Versatile By-Product* costs 20p per copy, *The Dairy Industry Today* costs 10p per copy and *Food for your Future* is free. Another booklet *Take Something Simple* is aimed at educating elderly and retired people about food, providing simple recipes containing dairy products, which would also be of interest to younger people and *Taking a Closer Look at Health* is designed to show boys how to take care of their bodies, an area which is often neglected for the male sex. These two booklets are also free. The leaflets are available from: **The National Dairy Council, National Dairy Centre, John Princes Street, London W1M 0AP.** A VHS video, which is designed to illustrate the many types of milk on the market, is available on free loan, together with a leaflet, from the National Dairy Council's film distributing company which is: **Guild Sound and Vision Ltd., at 6 Royce Road, Peterborough, Cambs PE1 5YB, tel: 0733 315305.** Copies of the video can be purchased direct from the National Dairy Council for £14 including postage and packing.



Wash Booklet

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As 1986 is the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book, commissioned at Christmas 1085 by William the Conqueror, there will be a host of events organised around the country to commemorate this event.

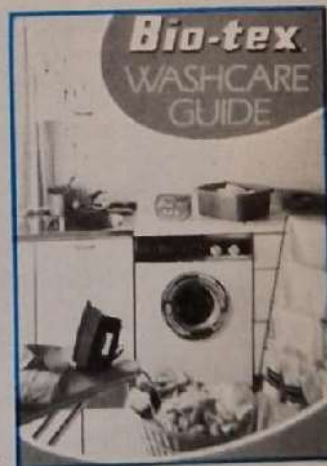
The BBC is already collating a computer base on England and Wales which you will have read about in the May issue of *GUIDING*, in Manchester there will be a Domesday Ball; in Wales there will be an exhibition focusing on Domesday Wales at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth and in London there will be a Domesday week, featuring firework displays, jousting and a Ball. The Nationwide events are co-ordinated by the National Domesday Committee and further details of events in your area and dates etc can be obtained from **Robert Smith, Honorary Chairman, The National Domesday Committee, 104 Kennington Road, London SE11 6RE.**

Study Competition

The Civic Trust Heritage Education Group and the British Travel Educational Trust are sponsoring a competition to study an aspect of heritage education in a country overseas.

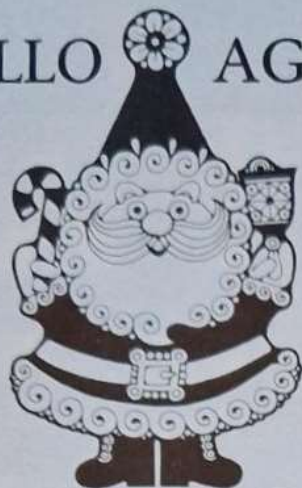
The competition will be open to anyone interested in the educational use of heritage buildings and in encouraging concern for the historic environment in educational establishments.

Applicants should put forward study proposals for a period of overseas study to enable them to produce a report on an aspect of heritage education which would both benefit and have relevance for current practice in the United Kingdom. The closing date for entries is 17 January 1986. Further details are available from: **Brian Lymer, Civic Trust Heritage Education Group, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW, tel: (01) 930 0914.**



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Kemmas 85 — Malaysia

The last time I attended an International Camp, I travelled 6.5 miles to Sir John Clerk's Estate at Penicuik. This year, shortly before Easter I travelled 6,500 miles to attend the International Jamboree organised by the Girl Guides Association of Malaysia which was held on the beautiful island of Penang (Pearl of the Orient) from 10-15 April 1985.

Nine Guiders from all parts of the United Kingdom gathered at Heathrow airport on the afternoon of April 5 to embark on the 16 hour flight to Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital. On arrival in 'KL', we were met by the Malaysian International Commissioner who presented us all with Malaysian Friendship badges. We had a further short flight to the island of Penang, which lies off the north west coast of mainland Malaysia and there we had another warm and friendly welcome from Guides and Guiders from the island who were to be our hostesses for the pre-camp period. Here we received another gift, this time a golden rose with a hard-boiled egg attached; a symbol, we were informed, of love and friendship.

We spent five days prior to the Camp getting over 'jet-lag' and gradually acclimatising to the ferocious temperatures which rarely fell below 30°C, even at night. The highlight of the pre-Camp hospitality was a visit to the Penang residence of Tunku Abdul Rahman who was the first Prime Minister of Malaysia after Independence in 1957. Tunku is now rather elderly but his wit and sense of humour kept us all entertained and we all felt very honoured to have met the man they call Papa Malaysia and who is a much revered figure in Malaysia.

The Camp opened on April 10 on a site close to the Botanic Gardens, and even closer to the jungle! Where else would you be warned to keep your tents tidy or else the monkeys might have a field day amongst your belongings?! Snakes and scorpions were other hazards which we were warned about but happily they stayed away!

Several VIPs visited the Camp during the five days, most notably the Queen of Malaysia, a charming and beautiful lady who gamely hiked all over the site in her full length robe in order to meet as many Guides as possible, undaunted by the muddy conditions underfoot caused by a monsoon shower during the previous night. The Queen also attended the Opening Ceremony, along with Lady Baden-Powell who was another of the visiting dignitaries, and witnessed a most impressive display of fireworks, dancing and singing. The campfire was lit in the most spectacular of fashions — by an explosion of gunpowder! It all combined to make an evening to remember.

Camp activities at Kemmas were divided into two types: in the mornings all the sub-camps competed against one another in a series of challenges — constructing a monkey trap, a water-filter and a ventilation system were just a few of the problems which had to be solved! In the afternoons there was the choice of individual activities such as canoeing, dragon boat racing, umbrella painting, Malaysian dancing and much more.

All too soon the Closing ceremony was upon us, held on the final evening of camp. Once again candles were used, this time to form a huge '75' to remind us of this most



special of years for our Movement. The following day, amid soaring temperatures the Colours came down for the last time and we said our farewells. For the UK party however, the visit was not yet over and after snatching a quick swim at the beach, we boarded a 'plane back to KL' where we spent four days seeing the sights. Skyscrapers mushroom in every direction and it was a fascinating experience.

Thanks are due to everyone who made this trip possible for me: truly the spirit of Guiding was alive at Kemmas '85.

Margaret Winter

*Guide Guider 162 'A' City of
Edinburgh Company
(Braid Division)*

Anniversary Show

In February of this year over 100 Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders from Denny and Dunpace performed in an Anniversary show, after four months of rehearsals.

The girls were clapped onto the stage to the strains of Scotland the Brave. After a selection of Scottish songs and dancing there followed a varied presentation of songs and dances by the Brownies.

The second half of the show opened with a very noisy Can-Can and continued with Country and Western music, songs from musicals, and disco dancing. Our finale included a brief description of Guiding's beginnings and, after the colours were carried on stage during the singing of the World Song, the members of the cast, many of whom were in Guide uniforms from around the world, renewed their Promise.

The Show ended with a spirited rendition of 'The Thinking Day Song' which was written for us by our minister, Mr Chalmers.

Everyone enjoyed themselves enormously and the question which was on every girls' lips was 'When can we do it again?'

Sheila Kerr

*Division Commissioner
Carron Division
Forth Valley County*



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Code to Safety

The guidelines for safe enjoyment of fireworks is emphasised again this year in the hope that November 5 1985 will see less casualties. The Firework Makers' Guild publishes the Firework Code in the form of a poster and sends it to the Department of Trade and Industry who forward it to all schools and Local Authorities on request. Firework retailers are also supplied with leaflets to hand to their customers. A leaflet called 'How to run a Firework Display Safely' and firework posters are available from: **the Consumer Safety Unit, Room 2715, Department of Trade and Industry, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4QU.**



Home Hazards

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals would like to advise pet owners that there are many hazards in their homes which could cause serious injury to their pets. The same principles that apply to children also apply to pets when in the kitchen: care should be taken with pots on hot stoves, steam from kettles and chemicals left around which could be swallowed. Pins and needles left lying around are another danger, as are plastic bags, and rubber bands and electrical wires and flexes should be protected from sharp, nibbling teeth.

Carol Appeal

Anyone who would like to help raise funds for the Aged's National Minibus Campaign through Carol singing and Carol Concerts can receive information, carol sheets, packages and collecting lists from **Help the Aged Carol Appeal, St James's Walk, London EC1R 0BE, tel: (01) 253 0253.**

Wembley Events

Events taking place at Wembley Arena during November include the Chambourcy Youth Band Championships on 9 November, the Benson and Hedges Tennis Championships between 12-17 November and International Netball on 30 November featuring England v The Australian Institute of Sport, Young England v Young Trinidad and Tobago. Further details of these and other events are available from: **Box Office, Wembley Stadium Ltd, Middlesex HA9 0DW tel: (01) 902 1234** between 10am and 9pm Monday to Saturday.

School's Matinees

Schools' Matinees at the Royal Opera House during the 1985-86 Season will include performances by the Royal Opera of *Faust* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and The Royal Ballet's *Nutcracker*, *Giselle* and a triple bill. Information can be obtained from **Mr Tony Mabbutt, Box Office Manager, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9DD.** Information about the Schools' Mailing List can be obtained by writing to the: **School's Mailing List, Marketing Department,** at the above address.

Mary Rose

A 35 minute video film showing the recovery of the historic vessel is available for hire to interested groups. The hire of the film costs £17.25 for 16mm and £9.78 for video for a period of five days (incl of VAT) from: **CFL Vision, Chalfont Grove, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8TN, tel: 02407 4433.**

LFB2

Sadler's Wells are presenting the launch, in London, of a brand new ballet venture for Britain. LFB2, born out of London Festival Ballet, is developing a mix of Modern and Classical Ballets soon to be seen all over the country.

A one week season of highlights from the tour runs from 25-30 November and includes the London premiere of LFB2's production of Paul Taylor's ballet *Aureole* to music by Handel. Further information can be obtained from: **Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4TN tel: (01) 278 8916.**

Modern London

The reminiscences of Londoners, talking about life in the 1920's and 30's, can be seen and heard in a special exhibition at the Museum of London. The stories came to light in a competition run by London Weekend Television in association with Schweppes, following a LWT series, *The Making of Modern London 1914-1939*. History groups and schools in the capital entered projects which had to include an original sound-recording of memories of the period, as well as visual and written material.

Among the award entries were the stories of Madge Wicke, whose Guide memories can be seen on page 43 of this issue. The exhibition will be open until November 10.

Leather Carving

Leather-carving, which is a hobby that many Guides could take up for their enjoyment has its own national competition.

The British Leather Carving Competition, open to all ages, is inviting entries, at £1 per item, up to November 9. There are sections for beginners, the advanced, the disabled, and a section displaying pictures. The prize-giving will be on November 23, with the winners of each section receiving a certificate and £30 voucher, and the most outstanding project gaining a silver trophy and voucher for £100.

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There was a good cross-section of entries for last year's competition that included key fobs, wrist straps, tea coasters, belts and handbags.

Anyone interested in the competition should apply to: **Mr E Hunter, Craftwares Saddlery, 188 Lee Lane, Horwich, Bolton BL6 7JE, Lancashire. (Tel: 0204-695105).**

Errata

We would like to apologise for neglecting to publish the address from which interested readers can order the video, 'The Spirit Lives On' mentioned in the October issue of *GUIDING*. The video is available from: **CFL Vision, Marketing Headquarters, COI Hercules Road, London SE1 7DU.**

Pips...

Grand Christmas Production of *The Magic of Merlin* runs from 6 November - 8 February at **Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 tel: (01) 543 4888/543 0363.**

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