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## Christmas Message from the Chief Commissioner

**1985** has been a very happy and memorable year for all of us, but also a very busy one. I am sure you are now ready to draw a large sigh of relief that it is nearly over and you can return to normality again.

May I thank all of you for the love and dedication each one of you has shown for the girls with whom you work as Guiders. It is because of you that the Movement flourishes today.

No doubt you will have many happy memories of this 75th Anniversary year and you can take comfort in the thought that in 25 years' time most probably somebody else will do all the work and you will be able to sit back and enjoy the centenary celebrations! I have heard so many stories of Guiding in the old days this year, as I am sure you will have also and all of them illustrate the fun that was enjoyed, even if it did rain, hail or snow. I hope our memories will recall just as much fun.

As the end of 1985 draws near may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy and joyous Christmas time and very best wishes for 1986.

*June Paterson-Brown*



*The Chief Commissioner in the Council Chamber at CHQ, with the bust of Agnes Baden-Powell.*

## Cover

The cover picture this month shows the winning entry in a competition held in Midhurst District as part of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations. The Trefoil Guild members, and friends of Guiding in the District, had to paint a stained glass window, and the entry which was judged to be the best was by Mrs Elsie Cook of Midhurst District Trefoil Guild.



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# Hail . . .

## Welcome to the new Deputy Chief Commissioner Mrs A G Dunford, MA, JP

I am delighted to welcome Anne Dunford as Deputy Chief Commissioner of The Girl Guides Association. Her many friends in the Movement will, I am sure, be as pleased as I am that she has accepted this appointment.

Anne has had a long and distinguished career in the Movement, from her days as a Guide through many different appointments to become in 1978 Chief Commissioner for Anglia Region, from which appointment she retired at the end of September. She has participated in several national and international events and is a member of The Constitutions Committee of WAGGGS. She received the Beaver Award in 1981.

Married to a solicitor with three children, Anne is a solicitor herself. She is a Magistrate, Deputy Chairman of the Ipswich Bench and Chairman of the Juvenile Panel, governor of a girls' school and a member of the Youth Social Affairs Committee of NCVYS. In addition to all of this she has filled her life with many interests, including local history, reading, the countryside, travel, and she is greatly involved in her local Parish Church.

Anne is kind, wise, generous and understanding; she rarely refuses to undertake a job however busy she is, and she always carries it out efficiently and well. I am indeed very fortunate in having her as my Deputy, and the Association will benefit greatly from her talents.



June Paterson-Brown

## In Memoriam



Cicely Douglas, who died on August 11, had so many interests and talents and all were to be used for anyone who wanted them. Her compassion was immeasurable — the prisoner who was forever in and out of detention had her help and understanding, the alcoholic whom it was almost impossible to help was wanted. The list is endless and never, never did she let anyone down.

She would take infinite trouble to solve a difficulty, find someone to take on a job, or seek out and inspire the right person to run an organisation or enterprise. Both Guiding and the Red Cross felt the benefit.

Her faith was very real and true and an abiding strength to her; her spirit was indomitable. Her gaiety and enthusiasm were a joy to all.

Cicely was a member of the Scottish Executive Committee and that at Commonwealth Headquarters, and was on the United Kingdom delegation at two World Conferences. During her time as County Commissioner for the City of Glasgow her leadership and her many gifts were of inestimable value. When she was awarded the Silver Fish, to the pride and delight of her County, she was both surprised and much touched; never was anyone more unaware of her own worth. She was a truly wonderful friend; we shall not see her like again.

KMC



## Girl Guide Friendship Fund

Dear Friends,

Not very long now until Christmas. I'm not, however, thinking of how many shopping days to go, but how many fund-raising days for the GGFF Christmas 'Good Turn'. Those, of course, number over 30 or more, as it doesn't close until January 31, 1986.

Christmas — with its fun, parties and presents, but particularly the reason for our happiness — the birth of a special baby.

Our projects this year seem to be even more appropriate to the season. **Bliss** — baby life support systems — to save the lives of all the 'special' newborn babies by purchasing the vital equipment so often not available at the crucial beginning of life. **Anand Gram**, the leprosy rehabilitation centre near Sangam. Jesus Christ Himself performed miracles in healing lepers. We can't do that, but we can give financial aid to these determined people who do so much to help themselves. Last but not least, the **Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust**, working to bring new hope (and Christmas is traditionally a time of renewed hope) to sufferers from this — at present — incurable hereditary disorder.

Share our happiness and goodwill through the GGFF 'Good Turns' for this Christmas by sending your donations to:

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

Cheques/postal orders should please be made payable to the GGFF and make sure you enclose a name and address so that we may send our thanks and an official receipt for your records.

As usual, to avoid confusion between the GGFF and the Thinking Day Fund, I won't be writing to you for a couple of months. Then I hope to tell you the marvellous outcome of your generosity.

My very best wishes for a happy — caring — Christmas and for peace and friendship in 1986.

**Nancy Roe**  
Chairman



# PLAY, ORCHESTRA PLAY!

Goodwill abounds; the air is full of mirth; jolly times are had by all. You may be forgiven for thinking that Christmas time had crept up on you unexpectedly, but for the members of the former National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra, it had!

Confusing everybody, (especially the Brass section), this residential 'course with a difference' was sprung upon us in its new August slot, sporting a large proportion of new members.

For 1985 the Park was full to the Gilwell's with eager music makers — the Marching Bands of the Associations were also in residence setting us a marvellous example of musical discipline, precise movements and delicate cymbal playing. But could this, (or the new name), possibly reflect on the now infamous first rehearsal, where players, common sense and intonation are usually absent and the resultant noise bears little resemblance to the written score? Flushed with the success of their recent tour of Germany, the orchestra surpassed themselves by producing recognisable strains of the Star Wars march at the first attempt!

The programme this year, including a suite from 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe', the theme from Indiana Jones and a specially written arrangement of Bach's 'Tocatta and Fugue in D minor' by the conductor, Mr George Odam, was chosen with a particular age group in mind as the orchestra had been invited to play in the Bristol Festival for Children in October.

Few musicians have been treated to such a diversity of works each year and it is this, along with the standard of musical grooming from both tutors (from the London Sinfonia and associated with the Philharmonia) and conductor that make this week of music a unique experience.

As the week progressed, everyone managed to settle into the frenetic routine of alternating bouts of intense concentration in rehearsal with what can only be described as the 'intense relaxation' of the activities! Horse riding, pioneering, canoeing, swimming, handcrafts — there's something to suit everyone. Not for nothing are we known as the 'alternative music course!'

The only way to end a week marked by such effort, ebullience and general hilarity as was this 9th course in International Youth Year, was to give a concert to the complete satisfaction of audience, conductor and orchestra alike which was convincingly achieved at Goldsmiths' College, London. This also bodes well for the future — Come along next year to make sure.

Louisa Bharali





# Airing - Caring - Sharing

## Small World

The letter from Angela Griffiths (Hear and Now September) reminded me of my own experience last year. When I went to Exeter University I was allowed to keep up relations, and my warrant, with the 4th Waddington Brownie Pack, South Lincoln. In my second year I moved off campus and into the town where, on impulse, I introduced myself to 21st Exeter Brownies at a church bazaar.

A transfer was arranged and now I am made extremely welcome by both counties as I shuttle back and forth.

The transition can be confusing. A name I knew from 'The Devon Star' (a newsletter) appeared in reports of Guide Week in Lincolnshire where she was a guest of her old County I discovered. It was at a coffee evening held by the 21st Exeter Guide Coy, who meet directly after our Pack, that the distinction became really blurred. While the girls were singing I was musing on how different Units can have much that is in common, making a visitor feel at home. The Guides even looked the same. Come to that, so did their parents and sisters...

The family had lived in the next street to me in Waddington. The oldest girl had been one of my Brownies. I had helped to fill in her transfer form, although we never heard where she had been accepted. She had left my present Pack shortly before I arrived.

Have other Guiders had similar coincidences I wonder?

Jacqui Cant,  
Exeter

## Bodywarmers

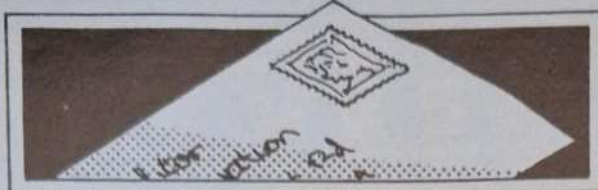
In September's issue of GUIDING a Guider from Harlech suggested that sleeveless jackets could be worn with the Guide uniform. I think this is a good idea and believe the Guide Movement should introduce official bodywarmers as well as quilted jackets, jumpers and even hats and gloves which could all be worn casually when not in uniform.

Fiona Barr  
Young Leader  
1st Carlisle Guide Coy.

## Link Up

Some time ago (after getting permission from our DC) our Brownie Pack formed a link programme with our Guide Company.

Two months before our Brownies go to Guides, they do their 'Link' Brownies on Wednesday and Guides on Thursday, taking with them their Trefoil Book. The night they leave Brownies, all the Guides and



Guiders come to Brownies. Since we started this programme 9 out of 10 Brownies go on to Guides — A Great Success.

So come on Brownie Guiders and Guide Guiders let's get linking, and why not Guide Guiders and Ranger Guiders?

B Costello,  
Brown Owl, 10th Elland Lower  
Edge Pack, West Yorkshire.

## Song & Dance

Well done, Nailsworth Valley District! They sang their hearts out for the Olave Centre, raising £500 by a sponsored campfire.

Let's all follow their example and sing for the Olave Centre. Or dance, or run, or do something else which will be fun and earn money.

As Delia Mulford says in her letter in September GUIDING 'Come on all you other Districts in the country, see if you can beat our figure; then the day when we can all use the wonderful facilities of the Olave Centre may be sooner than 1988'.

Beryl Cozens-Hardy,  
Former Chairman of Fundraising  
for WAGGGS.

## Happy Times

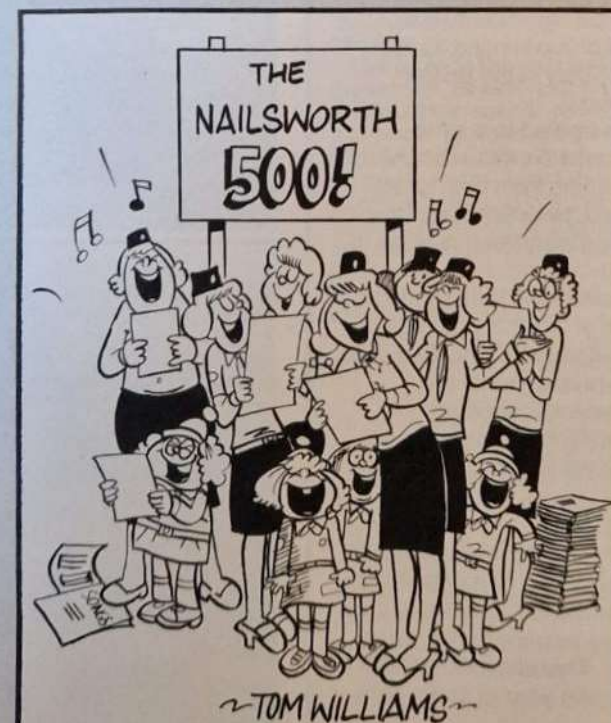
I thought that readers might be

interested to hear about a group of ladies who were all Guides in the 1920's. The Company to which they belonged was started in 1921 with eight of these ladies, who were trained for four months to be Leaders and seconds of the new Company. These 'Guides' still meet regularly, in each other's homes, once a month.

Of the original 12 members, of whom my mother was one, there are now nine, six being members of the original Company. A daughter of one of the Guides has recently joined the group and one lady has returned to the fold, after leaving the District on her marriage in 1930.

These ladies still call themselves Rangers. They meet now, due to ill health, age, transport etc, in an afternoon rather than the first Monday evening of each month.

On each St George's Day the ladies put red roses in the Lady Chapel of St Mary's Parish Church, Nottinghamshire, and one lady hoists the Union Flag in her garden and thinks about the other members. On the anniversary of their enrolment two members remember each other with a telephone call to wish each other a Happy Birthday.



Although the ladies are now nearing 80 years of age, they still remember the happy times of their active Guiding, and base their lifelong association together on friendship.

I wonder if there are any other similar groups?

Mary Browne (Mrs),  
Nottingham.

## Lip Service?

I refer to the article in the October issue of GUIDING entitled 'Was Guiding for Everyone?' which caused me to ponder deeply upon how this question would be answered today in 1985 rather than in 1910.

I fear at the moment that the answer is no.

I am a Guider in the Slough area which is a multi-racial/cultural society. It never ceases to astonish me how the percentage of the non-English population is unreflected in our Companies. However, I notice that it is not just in local Guide Companies that this occurs but also in national organisations such as the National Scout and Guide Orchestra and Band, and at national events such as the Thinking Day Spectacular. We claim that we are an international organisation but 'charity begins at home'.

I accept the enormity of this problem. In times of strife and war the Girl Guides Association has risen admirably to the occasion. In the present day times of Brixton, Toxteth and Handsworth is the Association rising to the occasion? Are we managing to do our little bit? Or do we sit in our hut with our Company of 12 English white girls and hope that the problem goes away? I hope not, but, in the same breath we will have to do something about it. I accept the problems of the huge gap between the differing races' cultural and ethnic beliefs and ours but there is a part for Guiding to play in trying to bridge this gap. If we don't try are we only paying lip service to the Association's beliefs and moral standards?

Where are we going wrong?

T M Hull (Mrs)  
Guider,  
2nd Burnham Coy, Berks

## Wanted

Help! Would anyone with information about the 1st Bridlington Guide Coy in East Yorkshire, between the years of 1916 and 1979, please get in touch with me c/o GUIDING.

As it is our 70th birthday in July of next year I would like to compile items for a book about the Company.

Jackie Page (Mrs)  
Ass Guide Guider,  
East Yorkshire.



# Airing - Caring - Sharing

## Insurance

When an Owl wears specs... I call the attention of all Guiders who wear Glasses. Recently, during an activity game with our Brownies, I accidentally broke my spectacles. I was very disappointed to learn that our Guiders' Insurance does not cover such accidental damage. I feel that while responsibility for such adornments as jewellery, should of course be the Guider's at her own risk, spectacles, which are necessary and can in no way be regarded as impractical, should be covered for us. Household insurance does not cover spectacles unless we specifically name them in a policy, and then outside damage will not always be acceptable for a claim. I hope other Guiders will take heed. Be Prepared and Be Insured.

**I Appleby,**  
Brownie Guider,  
11th Cramlington Brownie Pack.

## Lasting Memory

I would like to reply to Sharon Miller's letter in May *GUIDING* regarding the Thinking Day Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall. She said that she was appalled at the number of people who had taken cameras into the performance. I would like to point out to her that it was possible to have written to the Royal Albert Hall to gain permission for this from the management.

My sister was lucky enough to go to the Thinking Day Spectacular and had permission from a security officer to take photos. That is the only way myself or other Guiders in our Company could have been shown what went on.

**Caroline O'Sullivan,**  
1st Earlsfield Coy, London.

## Census Panic

I was wondering if letter writing is a good cure for panic — so I thought I'd try it. For the second year running the Census figures are down. Are we doing something drastically wrong? Do we have to rush off to more trainings to learn how to do it right?

Fortunately there is an alternative — and I hope that it is a correct assumption — that the actual population over Brownie/Guide age is lower each year. This being the case would account for the drop in Unit Guider numbers as less children means less Units needed.

Is there any way to avoid similar panic next year by showing the membership actual figures as a percentage of the total possible numbers in that age group? Surely there must be (somewhere) someone who could provide such numbers. In this way it would be possible to show that while our membership numbers



are declining our percentage membership of the population is increasing and we can rejoice. On the other hand, if the percentage membership also showed a decline we could then panic with real cause.

**L K Seaton (Miss),**  
Guide Guider 1st Dunstable  
Company,  
District Commissioner —  
Dunstable West.

*The Association always examines the Census figures in detail and comparison with the population percentage figures are made. In some of our age groups our percentage loss is less than the national decline. In others, however, our percentage loss is higher and we are certainly concerned about this. Research into the possible reasons and the ways in which we can improve the situation is an important part of the work now being carried out by the Association's Forward Planning Group.*

## Hallowe'en

I should like to congratulate you on publishing such an excellent

article about Hallowe'en in September *GUIDING*. Rev Mearden clearly spelled out exactly what Hallowe'en is and answered previous letters regarding the subject which have appeared recently in *GUIDING*.

My own Brownie Pack is attached to a Baptist Church which strongly holds a similar view on Hallowe'en. Our Pack has not had a Hallowe'en celebration since 1956 when it was formed, as far as I am aware.

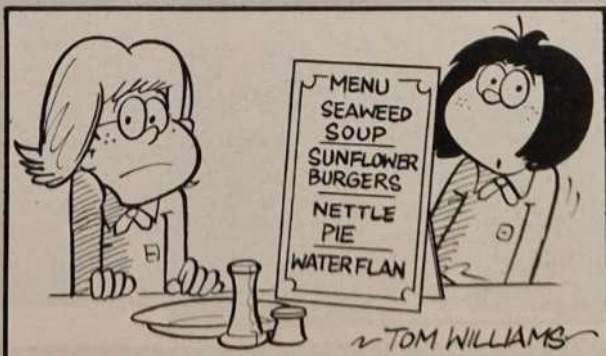
As the date falls so near to Guy Fawkes Night on November 5, if an 'event' is needed, why not choose this date instead which is purely historical, although a little blood-thirsty and of course has political overtones!!

Thank you for an excellent magazine — I find it invaluable.

**Gillian M Ford,**  
Brownie Guider,  
5th Petts Wood West Pack,  
Kent.  
Editor

## Commercial Interests

Firstly tea-making for Brownies — now Meat Cookery for Scouts and Guides — commercial pro-



motions are taking over! We must resist these outside pressures!

In the interests of health we are being urged by the Health Educational Council to cut down our intake of red meat and animal fats, just what the children on the cover of October *GUIDING* are not doing! Surely keeping fit and healthy is an important aspect of our programme.

Furthermore meat is expensive, particularly the cuts shown on the leaflet. Many of our girls have unemployed parents who can only afford the cheaper cuts. Some do not eat it on religious grounds and increasingly there are more and more vegetarians.

This insensitive campaign shows us as a middle class Movement being manipulated by business interests.

**Hilary A Clarke,**  
Brownie Guider Acting DC,  
Bakewell District, Derbyshire.

What do other readers think?

Editor

## Safety

I was pleased to see the photograph on the cover of *GUIDING* in October showing Guides enjoying an appetising meal out-of-doors and I hope it will encourage all Guide Companies to enter their Patrols for the Scout and Guide Outdoor Cooking Competition in 1986.

I would suggest, however, that to maintain high standards of safety and hygiene, hot pans full of food should be lifted from the fire or stove, put down on a firm base for the food to be served and then plates of food carried to the Guides to eat.

At Camp, traditionally, we sit on the ground on 'sitters' and do not use tables, benches or chairs (although Scouts often do). The 1986 Competition is intended to follow the usual Camp methods of Guides or Scouts and tables and chairs are unnecessary.

**Ruth Black**  
Outdoor Activities Adviser

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

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# Kellogg's

## Breakfast Competition

The delighted winners of the Kellogg's 'Happy Healthy Breakfast' Competition, which appeared in the 5 June issue of *THE BROWNIE*, were the 7th Altrincham Brownie Pack.

Their theme, of a Harvester Breakfast, which was reflected in their menu, recipe and table decorations, was judged to be the most nutritious, tasty and attractive by the panel of judges. The final selection was made at The Healthier Living Show at London's Earls Court in September with the 1st Coedpeoth and the 6th Cove Brownie Packs tying for second place.

The winning team spent a fun-packed day in London, visiting Harrods and the theatre, and also appeared on the Saturday morning TV programme, The Wide Awake Show. They also received an exciting set of games for their whole Pack to enjoy.

The following letters were sent to *THE BROWNIE* magazine to tell everyone of their adventures.

Dear Brownie Magazine,

We couldn't believe our ears when Brown Owl told us that we had reached the final of the Kellogg's cookery competition with our 'Happy Harvest Breakfast' entry.

On Friday we all gathered at Altrincham train station chattering excitedly. After having our photographs taken for the local press we boarded our train to London.

We booked in at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Kate and Sally from Kellogg's met us and gave us all a lovely T shirts (sic) and told us that James and Arabella would be at the final.

On Saturday morning we travelled to Earls Court, we were all very nervous. Four of our Brownies set the table with squirrel napkin holders, garlands of corn dollies, name cards decorated with tiny clay fruits, leaf glass mats and bright red place mats. The other two Brownies helped to make the food.

Our table looked lovely but as we looked at the sunshine and the teddy bears picnic tables, we knew that the judging would be difficult. We waited for the results and were very anxious, at last they came — we'd won!

After a photo session with our T-shirts on we received more exciting news, we were to appear on the WAC Show the following Saturday.

In the afternoon, we had an exciting tour round London on a Harrods Bus, followed by a quick shopping trip in Harrods and I bought a feeding dish for my hamster. In the evening we were taken to the Drury Lane Theatre to see '42nd Street'. The show was great, full of bright lights, colourful dresses and tap dancing. Afterwards we returned to the hotel and completed our exciting weekend with a wonderful meal. We had the biggest prawn cocktails and steaks we had ever seen. It will be a weekend we will always remember.

From 7th Altrincham Brownies.  
Hilary Crowther age 9.



Dear Brownie Magazine,

We were very surprised when we were asked to appear (sic) in Radio Manchester to tell everybody about are (sic) Happy Healthy Harvest Breakfast.

We met Dick Hatch and talked to him about the breakfast and after he had finished we had a look at the Television Studios and then we went back to school.

Bye.

Love from the Altrincham Brownies



Dear Brownie Magazine,

I am writing to tell you about our trip to London and 'The Wide Awake Club'. On Friday we met at the station at 2pm and arrived in London at 6pm. Then we met Sally and Kate from Kellogg's and walked to the Kennedy Hotel which was just around the corner. When we arrived we had a meal at the Planters restaurant in the hotel because it was Brown Owl's birthday, after the meal we went upstairs to have a surprise party for Brown Owl. Then we went to bed.

Next morning we got out of bed at 5 o'clock in the morning and drove to the studios with Sally. At the studios we unpacked the food and decorated and after a while we all appeared for the first time on the television. After the studios we all went back to the hotel excited and a little bit tired but unfortunately our days of excitement were over and we had to go back to Manchester.

Love from Kim and 7th Altrincham  
(St Vincents) Pack



# Curtain Down

by Cynthia Forbes

Over the past few months I have been writing on various aspects of Guide history such as camping and uniform. The only difficulty about those kind of articles (if you discount the difficulty in reading them!) is that they tend to encourage us to see the history of Guiding in isolation, as though Guiding were born into a vacuum, without an historical backdrop. In this last article therefore, I should like to look briefly once more at the Britain of 1900–1914, and at the year of the Guides — 1910 in particular.

It was a year which found the country in the middle of a constitutional crisis. The House of Lords had thrown out Lloyd George's 'People's Budget' (1909), not liking the proposed 'revolutionary' new taxes needed to pay for the Liberals' social reforms and their naval armament policy. Such disregard for constitutional custom was shocking, even to many of those who opposed the budget. The matter was resolved in 1911 with the Parliament Bill, which abolished the House of Lords' power of absolute veto, and ensured that in future the Lords might only delay a money Bill for 28 days. It took two general elections, one in January and one in December 1910 however, before the matter was finally resolved. At both elections the Liberals were returned to power, but the price they paid was a heavy reliance on the Labour and Irish vote. Two general elections in one year was disquieting, and the death of King Edward VII (in May 1910) was a further unsettling occurrence. It was only thirteen years since the nation had celebrated Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee — events seemed to be moving too swiftly. But these were not the only reasons for anxiety.

On the surface Britain appeared as prosperous as ever. She accounted for one-quarter of the world's trade in manufactured goods, and as late as 1914 three-fifths of the world's ships were being built in British yards. Coal exports peaked during the years 1910–1914, and mass production, together with improved transport enabled a greater variety of goods to filter through to the working class at a cheaper rate. The growth in a cheap woollen industry created fabrics which were for the first time accessible to a mass working class market, and as early as 1900 the bicycle had become a form of transport within the reach of a large proportion of the population. Agnes Baden-Powell frequently extolled the virtues of the bicycle (there is a sketch of her bicycling through a hoop in 'How



*Not yet obsolete as a form of transport*

Girls Can Help To Build Up The Empire') and a Guide Cyclist badge was amongst those listed in B-P's 'Scheme for Girl Guides' which appeared in November 1909.

But there were signs of declining prosperity for those who had eyes to see. Although coal exports were peaking, coal productivity was actually falling. British prosperity was still based on the old industries of wool and cotton — she was lagging far behind other countries in newer industries such as aircraft, car, wireless apparatus, telephone, chemicals and electricity. Her lead in established industries was being drastically cut (in 1913 Britain produced 8,000,000 tons of steel compared to Germany's 13,500,000, and the United States' 31,000,000 tons). Too much British capital was being invested abroad rather than at home, there was too little incentive for the worker, and complaints about management, Trade Unions and education were growing — complaints not unfamiliar to us today!

The beginning of the twentieth century marked the beginning of Trade Union militancy, and the passing of the Trade Disputes Act in 1906 (which protected the Unions from actions for damages) was a signal for renewed indus-



*1st Leyton Company c.1913*

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# Curtain

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*Carmarthen Girl Guides 1911*

trial unrest. In 1909–1910 there were frequent strikes in mining areas; the dockers went on strike in 1911, and the following year the miners struck for a minimum wage of 5s a day. The development of the sympathetic strike was a feature of the period, and in 1912 over 40 million working days were lost through strikes. At the beginning of the century there were 2 million Trade Union members — by 1914 this figure had doubled.

The Trade Unions were not the only harbingers of unrest. In 1903 Mrs Pankhurst and her daughters formed the Women's Social and Political Union, and by 1905 the Union had embarked upon a policy of militancy. There were also other peaceful alliances which sought to obtain the vote for women, and a huge but peaceful rally attended by ¼ million people was organised by the WSPU in Hyde Park in 1908. The story of the suffragists and suffragettes, and the violent action sometimes pursued by the latter, is well known. However in 1910 suffragette militancy was suspended while hope persisted that a women's suffrage Bill might be passed. When the hope faded, the agitation and violence began anew. Because the Girl Guides were seen to be something new, something which was 'liberating', even daring (ie camping) and above all a Movement

which strove to help a girl realise her full potential, it not unnaturally attracted quite a few suffragists and suffragettes to its ranks.

The question of Irish Home Rule would not lie down and keep quiet either. With the Liberals so dependent upon the Irish vote it was inevitable that Asquith should bring in a Home Rule Bill (1912), and equally inevitable, given the circumstances, that the passing of such a Bill would become the signal for Civil War. However the outbreak of the first World War put the Home Rule Act (passed in 1914) into suspension for the time being.

There was considerable unease concerning foreign affairs as well. The Balance of Power in Europe was a growing cause for concern, for Germany was steadily increasing her military power, while the British looked upon the building up of the German fleet as a direct threat. Europe passed through crisis after crisis, while the arms race was steadily growing. In 1906 the first British Dreadnought was launched — soon the cry went up "We want eight and we won't wait", and two years later eight more were built. The possibility of War loomed large throughout the period. No wonder then that Pamphlet A, when listing the aims of the Girl Guides, put the following aim at the top of the list:

"To make themselves of practical use in case of invasion by being able to find the wounded after a battle; to render first aid; to transport them to hospital; to improvise ambulances, hospitals, etc; to make hospital clothes; to nurse."

While Pamphlet B, under the heading 'The Duty of the Girl Guides' stated:

"This is the work which we women can do among us; and if every village takes its share our Generals will have this care taken off their shoulders, and can afford to go ahead without troubling about their wounded, knowing that they will all be picked up and well cared for by us. The Girl Guides are therefore being formed as a Corps for this work."

In the event the Girl Guides rendered such sterling war service, and so impressed the British Government that members of the Movement were asked to act as Messengers at the Peace Conference in 1919.

Even philosophical thought reflected the growing uncertainties of the age, and the first decade of the new century witnessed the first main attack on orthodox absolute idealism, led by G E Moore and Bertrand Russell.

All was not gloom and doom however. A small proportion of the population flitted from extravagant picnics and



*...themselves of practical use*



# Down

magnificent dinners to grand weekend house parties (an Edwardian development). It was a time for gaiety, glitter and glamour; for dazzling frocks, top hats and youthful insouciance — a truly enchanting period, all the more welcome for following on the heels of Victorian sobriety, and all the more remarkable in that it was enjoyed by so few, and yet is what is most often remembered by so many about the Edwardian era.

It was an exciting time also. Blériot flew across the channel in 37 minutes (just six weeks before the Crystal Palace Rally took place), and six years earlier the first experimental motor bus trundled down a London street. Henry Ford set up his first European plant at Manchester the year the Girl Guides officially began, and by the end of that year there were over 100,000 motor vehicles in Britain. Ehrlich developed the first successful drug to combat syphilis in 1909, Einstein's Theory of Relativity was published in 1905, and Vitamins were discovered in 1912. By contrast, 'Hiring Fairs' were held annually in market towns right up until 1914 (for farm labourers who wished to change their employer) and the horse was not yet obsolete as a method of transport particularly in rural areas — the first Guide Handbook gave hints on how to stop runaway horses, "it is well that everybody should know how to stop a runaway horse, and thus save numerous accidents and injuries".

The Edwardian era was a golden one for publishing. More books were made available than ever before (the first Guide adventure story was published in 1912), and the popularisation of the Classics on an extensive scale (eg Everyman's Library 1906 and Collins' Classics 1903) was one of the most remarkable achievements of the day. Wells, Shaw, Belloc, Hardy, Barrie, Masfield, Forster, Kipling ('Kim' of Kim's Game was published in 1901), Beatrix Potter, Galsworthy, Yeats, Joyce, Conrad — the list is never ending.

Ragtime was popular; so were the new Picture Palaces where the best seats cost 6d, though they were not as yet a real threat to the Music Hall. The first complete sym-

phony was recorded in 1909 and Stravinsky's 'Rite of Spring' was given its first performance in London in 1913 — just one year after Picasso's work was shown in the Capital for the first time. It was a time for experimentation in art (vorticists, cubists and Fauvists), a time which saw the beginnings of what the general public later came to call 'abstract art'.

The average life expectancy for a woman in 1910 (though naturally there were large regional and class variations) was 55 (at the turn of the century it had been 48). Her status was improving (she could vote for, and be elected onto the Parish Council, and her husband no longer had automatic right to her property); but if she was middle or upper class she must have yearned to do something other than the London Season or sit at home waiting for a husband — a husband who was an automatic barrier to her working. Before the war, married women simply did not go out to work, any more than a decent woman went out of doors without a hat. Indeed, women were barred by law from some professions if they were married — a state of affairs which continued until the Sex Disqualification Removal Act of 1919 and later. There she was then, this middle or upper class woman, with fewer children than previously, and a longer life expectancy, unable (because of convention) to work, and most probably with a household of servants to attend to the domestic chores. No wonder Agnes Baden-Powell was able to write in 1912:

"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'."

Even in 1910, in a society with fairly rigid class distinctions, we have already seen that Guiding was for everyone — for "the girls of the factories and of the alleys of our great cities" and for "the young women who have had a better upbringing". This was one of Guiding's greatest strengths. Another, was that it gave girls the satisfaction of knowing that they really were doing something that counted. Neither of those strengths has been lost.



Girl Guides Coronation Procession 1911



# MIDLANDS ALIVE IN '85

Guide Week saw our Chief Commissioner bring the Candle Light from London (sponsored by British Midland Airways) to arrive at the new Birmingham International Airport to a tumultuous welcome. A short trip followed on one of the newest modes of transport, Magluf, to Birmingham International Station and the Guides singing 'Let's Join Hands' as the doors slid open to reveal the Light was emotional to say the least. The Light was paraded through hundreds of cheering and singing children — what a scene and how the public watched. Travelling via Coventry's Reception the Light arrived at Northampton, where, even though dark, a group of singers waited. The following day the Candle Light and Chief Commissioner were taken by helicopter (sponsored by March Helicopters, Northampton) to M H Q at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, landing in the majestic setting of Ashby Castle grounds to a rousing welcome from Brownies and Guides. The sun shone and the media did us proud.

County Commissioners waited to receive the Candle Light at M H Q and after it had been passed to them the senior section took over and transported the Light into their Counties and down to the Units. The Light travelled by Canoe — Cable Car — Fire Engine — Horse and Dray — Pony and Trap — Helicopter — Ambulance — Hand Cart — Sedan Chair — in fact modes of transport too numerous to mention: if it was feasible it was used. By Friday there were parties, fêtes and carnivals taking place with our Light travelling out into the community. Yes indeed — a week to remember.

Midlands gathered again in July for the Dedication of our new Standard, in the modern setting of Coventry Cathedral. We were honoured to welcome our new Chief Commissioner for the UK and Commonwealth, Dr June Paterson-Brown and the Chief Commissioners of the other Countries and Regions. The service was simple but meaningful and left a lasting impression of ceremonial and pageantry. The New Standard was paraded, furled, to the Altar for Dedication and was most impressive as it was unfurled and blessed by the Bishop of Wolverhampton. At the end of the service the new Standard led the procession through the ruins of the old Coventry Cathedral to a Lord Mayor's reception in the historic Guildhall.

August saw 'Magic 85', an international camp at Malvern for over 3,500 Guides including over 500 from overseas, and 300 Rangers. Every County in the Midlands was represented and the overseas representatives came from over 20 Countries. The rain came down but the atmosphere of the whole week was 'Magic'. Guiding at its very best. One could not help but be impressed with the planning and organisation, at least 30 crafts in one large building; and outside: archery — pioneering — horse riding — canoeing — swimming, the list of activities endless. An international evening, England's evening, Carnival night, the dress, both national and fancy, was fantastic; every one lovingly thought out and brought from home or abroad. Truly a week of caring and sharing, liberally laced with fun and fellowship.

1985, a year that will be remembered and recorded for future Guides. We can't say how they will celebrate in 2060 but they will be able to see from hundreds of pictures to be kept in the archives exactly what 'Midland Guides did in 1985'.



**P B PEARSON**  
Midlands P R A





# 'Island Link '85'

## South West Region Camp

As some Brownies in South-West England had felt we should celebrate 75 years with a visit to the moon, we compromised and had a Region Camp on our own special piece of 'abroad' — the Channel Islands.

200 Guides and Rangers from each of the Counties in the Region sailed from Weymouth on 24 May to go to Jersey or Guernsey, gale force winds made it an exciting crossing, but on landing, sea sick Guides soon recovered to eat hot pasties!

What joy on arriving at the beautiful sites to find the Camps already pitched by the Island Guiders. The baggage went over in a container lorry, it was no trouble to unload on Jersey, but on Guernsey the lane was so narrow that the driver had to climb over a hedge to get from his cab to the back of the lorry.

As far as possible the Camps were identical on each island with sub-camps made up of Guides from different Counties, and a Ranger camp. Gateways were decorated with banners depicting the badge of each County, the opening ceremonies were performed simultaneously as were the Guides own Services which used the same service format — the theme of 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'.

The programmes blended local crafts with island tours and walks, and with physical activities, including abseiling, canoeing, orienteering, an assault course, rifle shooting and barbecues on the delightful beaches. Following days

out, an evening meal was cooked by the WRVS as an exercise for them and a treat for us on Jersey, and by the Trefoil Guild on Guernsey.

At the opening ceremonies each Guide had been given a piece of jigsaw and as these were completed in the main marquees everyone could see that they were each part of the whole thing which would only be complete when everyone became involved, and so it became. Many things were learnt, something of the history and Government of the Channel Islands and of their customs and agriculture, but, perhaps most important of all, that Guides quickly and easily make friends with each other having their strong common bond of Guiding. As the boat sailed from the quay on Guernsey at 6.15 am, to begin the homeward journey, 'Go well and safely' was sung by those remaining on the island and picked up by the others on the boat, the atmosphere then reflecting all the fun and joy of Guiding and togetherness that these celebratory Island Camps were all about.

**JEAN EBURNE**  
Chief Commissioner  
SW England Region





# PRACTICAL



## Brownies — Christmas Cards

For these activities you will need:—

A collection of Christmas cards, scissors, stiff white and coloured card, cotton thread, glue.

Additional materials are listed with each activity.

### Gift Tags

You will need:—

Cards bearing small details and pictures, a hole punch

Cut out small details from old cards. Cut rectangles of white card, fold over once to form a little card that opens up. Stick the pictures or decorations onto the front of the white cards. Then make a hole in one corner of the card, using a hole punch, and thread some coloured cotton through, so that the

card can be tied to a present. Alternatively just a flat piece of card can be used, with the decoration on one side and the message written on the other.

### Napkin Rings

Use cards that have a printed pattern on them. The length of pattern you need is about 14cms. About 4cms is the best width for the card, although this will depend upon the width of the pattern you are using. Cut the pattern into a strip of these proportions. It need not be a straight-line strip, the strip may follow the shape of the pattern. At either end of the strip, about a centimetre in, make a cut, at the top of one end and the bottom of the other end. Then bend the strip around and slot the two ends together.

### Bookmarkers

Cut out the picture required from an old Christmas card. From the white card, cut a long rectangle shape, which will be the bookmark. Stick the cut-out onto the bookmark, at the top, or in the middle, wherever you like. Make the cut-out look neater by drawing a bright border around it. A message, a quotation or a favourite saying can then be written on the card.

### Drink Mats

You will need:—

Clear, sticky plastic

On the reverse of the picture from a Christmas card, draw a square, which will be big enough to stand a mug on. Cut out the square and mount onto stiff card. Then cover the card with clear sticky plastic, which will protect the surface of the mat. (Brownies may need help with the sticky plastic)

## Guides — Christmas Cards

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### Silhouettes Cards

You will need:—

Black paper, gold/silver pens

Cut out from old Christmas cards pictures with sharp outlines. Stick the card onto black paper and carefully cut around the outline, leaving a border of black paper. Mount the picture onto white card. Finish off by drawing a border round the edge of the frontpiece in gold or silver.



### Spatter Prints

You will need:—

An apron, toothbrushes, a cocktail stick, plain paper, pins, poster paints, old newspapers, cards depicting holly, robins or nativity scenes

Protect all surfaces, including holly, with newspaper and aprons respectively. Pin down the shape you have cut out, onto a piece of plain paper. Mix the paint fairly thickly with one toothbrush and use it to 'feed' the other brush. Stroke the cocktail stick against the bristles towards you so that the paint splatters onto the paper around the cut-out.

When the paint is dry remove the cut-out, to reveal its imprint. The paper on which you have done the spatter print can then be trimmed and the finished print stuck onto the face of a white card. Alternatively you can spatter print directly onto the card. (See PIP 1 — card 15)

### 3-D Mobiles

You will need:—

Some glitter

This is ideal if you have some duplicate cards. Cut out two pictures exactly the same. If you do not have duplicate cards, then use the one cut-out as a template for the other one, cut from plain card and draw the picture on. Then cut from coloured card an identical shape for each of the picture cut-outs. Stick the shapes together in pairs, so that each pair has a picture front and a coloured back. When the pairs are dry, slit one from top to middle, the other from bottom to middle, and slot the two pairs together. Make a tiny hole, with a pin at the corner of one of the pairs, thread cotton through and the mobile can then be hung from the Christmas tree. Some glitter sprinkled on the mobiles may brighten them up, and they will catch the lights from the tree.





## Rangers — Christmas Cards



### Discussion

Over coffee and mince pies!

You will need:—

A collection of cards, fun cards, very 'religious' cards, funny cards, rude cards

Present the cards to the Rangers and see how they feel about these points.

1. When would these cards be sent. The answer will obviously be 'At Christmas'. All right, what does Christmas represent, what is the meaning?
2. Which of these cards truly reflect the meaning of Christmas?
3. Which cards would you be happy to send to your Grandparents, friends, little cousins, parents?
4. Is it right to send amusing Christmas cards? Is it right to send rude Christmas cards?
5. Ask the Rangers/Young Leaders if there are any people with whom they only communicate at Christmas — how do they feel about this? Some may welcome the annual communication and letter swap, to impart and catch up on the year's news. Others may feel guilty.
6. Do the girls send out cards to anyone and everyone at Christmas, or does each card go with a special thought?

There is scope for discussion also of:—

- the commercial aspect of Christmas
- the charities that produce their own cards — what do we know about them?
- the faiths that don't celebrate Christmas, which are they? do any faiths have a similar kind of celebration? how must it seem to them, to see a festival of which they can play no part paraded so extensively?

Some charities welcome old Christmas cards which they can sell for recycling. The Rangers may like to begin a project, collecting as many cards as they can for such a charity.

## Young Leaders — Christmas Cards



### Activities Advice

Here are some points to consider when introducing activities, such as the Christmas Card activities on the Brownie and Guide sections, to your Unit.

Firstly, when introducing a group of activities, are you going to use them all in the same meeting, or will you use just one each week? You will need to discuss with your Brown Owl the Programme planned for the Brownies, or with the Guider to see what is planned for Guide meetings. Do the activities that you are preparing fit in?

If you are a Young Leader in a Guide Unit, it may be that your ideas will need to be put to the Patrol Leaders' Council to see whether the Leaders would like the activities to be introduced into Patrol Time, or in the main part of the meeting.

You will need to think if it is best to give the girls a written explanation of the activities and leave it for them to work out for themselves, or to explain it to them. Give a demonstration. Don't be nervous about this — if you make a mess of it, they'll be keen to have a go to show you that they can do better!

You could perhaps organise separate tables for each activity. The girls can move from one to the other — but will you introduce a strict rotation system or have a Six/Patrol at a time working on each?

Prepare well in advance. This means thinking of all the equipment you will need and catering for all eventualities (ie newspaper spread out to protect all surfaces, a cloth ready to soak up spilt paint). How many pairs of scissors, pens, brushes, etc will you need? Get these together the week before the meeting.

The girls themselves can often help with the preparation. For example, with the Christmas Card activities, ask them to keep their cards, *before* you break up for the Christmas holiday otherwise by January you may find all the cards have been thrown away.

Why not enlist the help of some fellow Young Leaders? With one of you 'manning' each activity — the girls will have all the help they need and so will you!





Above: The Beaver Patrol, 1st Lisson Grove Coy, London, lines up to be judged by appearances. This was the first stage in a Beaver Patrol Competition organised by THE GUIDE, in 1937, and Edna was the PL of the first Beaver Patrol in London.

## Edna Wagstaff's Album

Edna Wagstaff (now Mrs Revell) was a Guide and Ranger in the nineteen thirties. We hope the photographs on these pages will evoke happy memories among some readers of GUIDING.

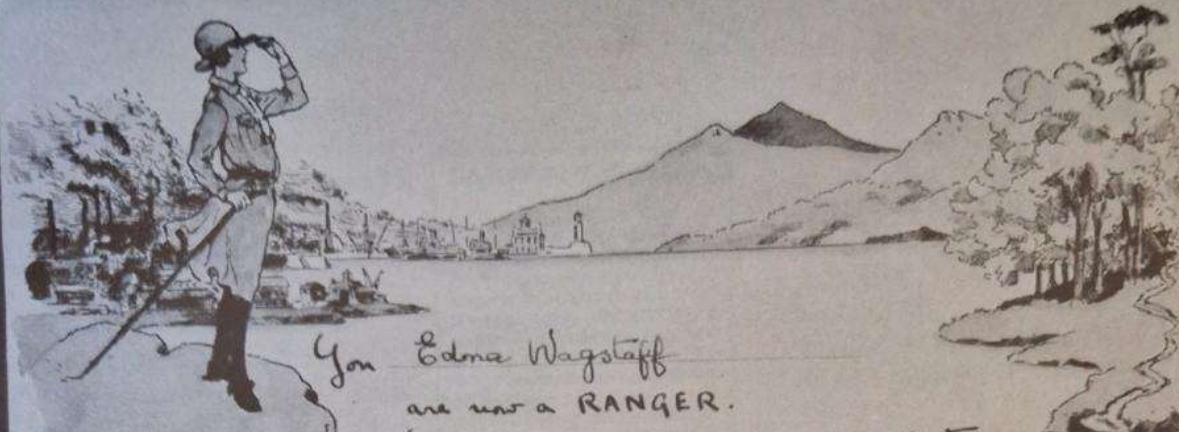


Above: the Beaver Patrol on the way home from a hike which formed part of the competition. Right: on Wimbledon Common the Guides spent four hours collecting facts, figures and nature products for the competition. Mrs Mark Kerr eventually presented the award.

Left: The Lisson Grove Guides at camp with Pembroke Rangers, August 1937, Saundersfoot, South Wales.







You Edna Wagstaff  
are now a RANGER.  
Your duty is to LOOK WIDE and to  
render SERVICE to others when and  
where you can. God speed you in your efforts.

Olave Baden Powell.

Chief Guide

Above: Edna becomes a Ranger,  
September 1938.



Left: Camp at Sarratt, 1938. The wood  
pile was kept constantly supplied by  
the wood Patrol. Below left: Sarratt  
1938, taken on the steps of a barn  
containing straw for Paliasses.  
Below: Sarratt, 1938.

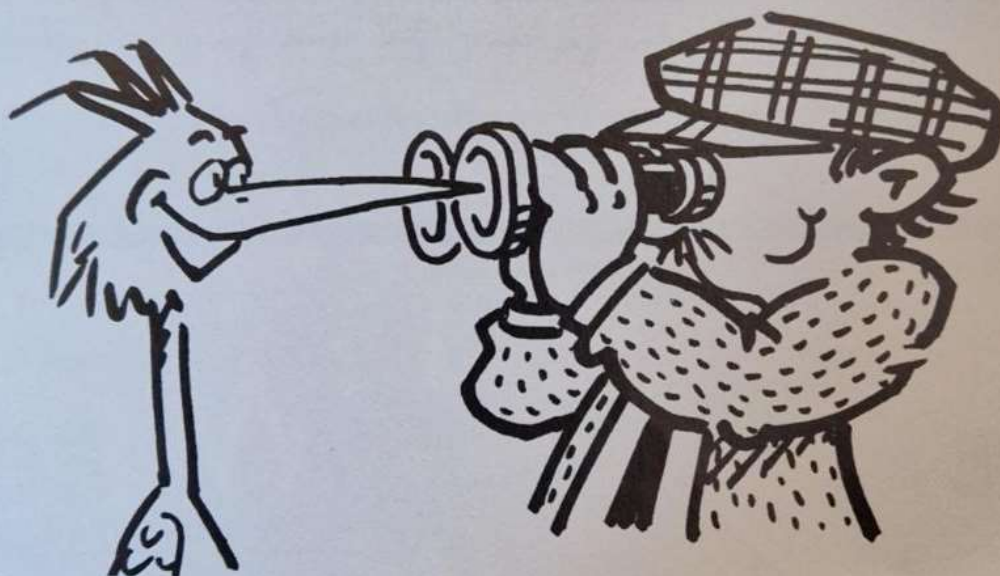
Right: Our Chalet, Adelboden 1938.  
Below right: on Grindelwald Glacier  
during a Ranger holiday 1938.



Do any readers recognise  
themselves? If so we should love to  
hear from them. Editor.







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# Christmas Acrostic No 74 by Brenda Hughes

## Clues

- A. '----- out your hand'. (Matthew) (7)
- B. His name became this when he was 99 years old. (7)
- C. Main mule becomes a name for Christ. (8)
- D. He reproved David for murder. (6)
- E. Bethlehem. (4, 2, 5)
- F. 'His delight is in the ----- Lord' Psalm 1. (3, 2, 3)
- G. Murdered by David. (5)
- H. He and his soldiers put a 'fine robe' on Jesus. (4, 5)
- I. Bale arranged for a mount of sacrifice. (4)
- J. One of those 'keeping watch'. (8)
- K. Brought by an angel. (4, 7)
- L. Abraham did when he agreed to sacrifice Isaac. (6)
- M. Ours is the Lord Jesus Christ. (7)
- N. Jesus cured his mother-in-law. (5)
- O. The den finishes. (6)
- P. Paul wrote more than one. (6)
- Q. A fiery one took up Elijah. (7)
- R. Part of the Trinity. (4, 6)
- S. The ass saw him before his master did. (5, 2, 3, 4)
- T. What the wise men did with their gifts. (9)
- U. 'Paul ----- God and was greatly encouraged.' Acts. (7)
- V. Glean ten for what the Pharisees hoped to do to Jesus. (8)
- W. '----- your hearts and not your garments'. (4)
- X. 'Be ye ----- merciful as your Father also is merciful'. (9)
- Y. Wig they rearranged to describe Paul's letters. (7)
- Z. If your right eye does this, pluck it out. (6, 4)

## Double Acrostic Rules

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

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

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

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B	145	44	19	1	65	75	167
C	31	146	111	102	2	140	6
D	190	56	4	80	198	20	
E	91	60	55	32	28	69	301
F	22	157	9	120	124	33	109
G	148	63	37	147	116		
H	48	67	42	86	144	8	96
I	110	193	176	94			
J	41	151	35	180	17	42	121
K	79	89	71	40	76	23	142
L	123	147	50	47	101	191	
M	74	84	41	180	154	29	138
N	99	177	81	93	156		
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S	44	83	27	10	80	45	143
T	16	68	12	178	104	85	158
U	115	126	82	83	73	174	200
V	136	141	170	198	148	54	88
W	130	145	135	3			
X	64	92	87	45	155	194	191
Y	154	18	78	18	59	182	153
Z	183	36	90	60	174	108	142

The winner of Double Acrostic No. 72 is **Lynne Chesterton of Kent.**

## Solution to Double Acrostic No. 73

Incidentally, the war, in spite of all its evils, did one great good. It gave women their opportunity for showing their pluck and intelligence and their capability for taking on tasks which so far had been considered beyond their powers.

*Girl Guiding,  
Lord Baden-Powell*

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# World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

## Olave Centre Audio Visual Presentations



**W**hy not show your Unit, your District, your Division, your County, the local Trefoil Guild members, the local Association members — Olave Centre — what has been achieved — what still has to be done to complete the memorial of the World Chief Guide?

Perhaps you want to show it as a 'thank you' for support already given, or to encourage continuing fundraising, or to introduce the prospect to your group. There are still many who do not know about this exciting and important development taking place in London.

There are now three Audio Visual Slide and Tape Presentations available:

**Set A** is the original Olave Centre Project presented in 1984 (14 minutes).

**Set B** is the opening of the World Bureau at Olave Centre on 15 February 1985 (13 minutes).

The quality of this presentation is not quite of the same high standard as the others. The Ceremony was indoors; there was a large crowd, as will be seen; and background noise and constant applause seriously affects the tape. It was, however, an historic occasion and many may wish to view the events and share in the day's celebrations despite the technical inadequacies. The material was recorded as well as was possible.

**Set C** is a new Set that includes a few slides from Set A of the World Bureau; a few from Set B; shots of the three World Centres; and describes the urgent need for a much larger Olave House. (14 minutes).

All three start and end with an appropriate song. Each Set has a taped Commentary. The 36 Slides can be shown in a carousel or tray and are timed to fit the commentary.

Each Set may be borrowed free of charge — but when returning after use it is appreciated if postage used in sending to the borrower can be refunded, and the Set(s) returned as quickly as possible after use.

If you would like to borrow one or more of these Sets please give plenty of notice and if you would like to have any further information please send a stamped addressed envelope. The address to write to is: **Mrs Vera Armstrong MBE, Briarholm, Private Road, Rodborough Common, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 5BT.**

It is hoped that a collection may be taken if the show has been enjoyed, or a donation sent to the World Bureau later. All donations should be addressed to: **World Chief Guide Memorial Fund, The World Bureau, Olave Centre, 12c Lyndhurst Road, London NW3 5PQ.** All donations are acknowledged.

Many groups have visited the new World Bureau at Olave Centre — Tuesday is the visiting day — by prior arrangement (see October *GUIDING* for details). They have seen the progress made and the challenge ahead.

For the many who cannot get to London or have a talk from someone who has been to Olave Centre, the Presentations are the next best thing and are well worth borrowing.



## Tootling in Tooting

*Rehearsal for the Lord Mayor's Show  
14-15 September. Somewhere in South London.*

**W**ith all due respect, where is Tooting Bec? Is there life after Balham?

These were the questions many of us asked ourselves early that Saturday morning as we trundled to the sole rehearsal for the 75 piece band marching in the Lord Mayor's Show on November 9.

Not only did we have to master the intricacies of adapted Guide songs and Sousa marches, but we had to learn our left from our right, our heels from our toes and the seemingly simple task of marching in straight lines!

Put them all together and the immediate results were interesting to say the least!

So it developed; rehearsals, marching, marching, rehearsals, much needed sustenance, and then, we had to do it all at once!

It wasn't, I don't believe, until Sunday morning that most began to realise that we could achieve the impossible, though a few stalwarts never lost the faith.

As we slept that Saturday night our nightmares were of the obvious risks of injury while playing the cymbals; the danger of a trumpet player losing her front teeth as she tripped or a self-imposed trachiotomy for a clumsy clarinetist.

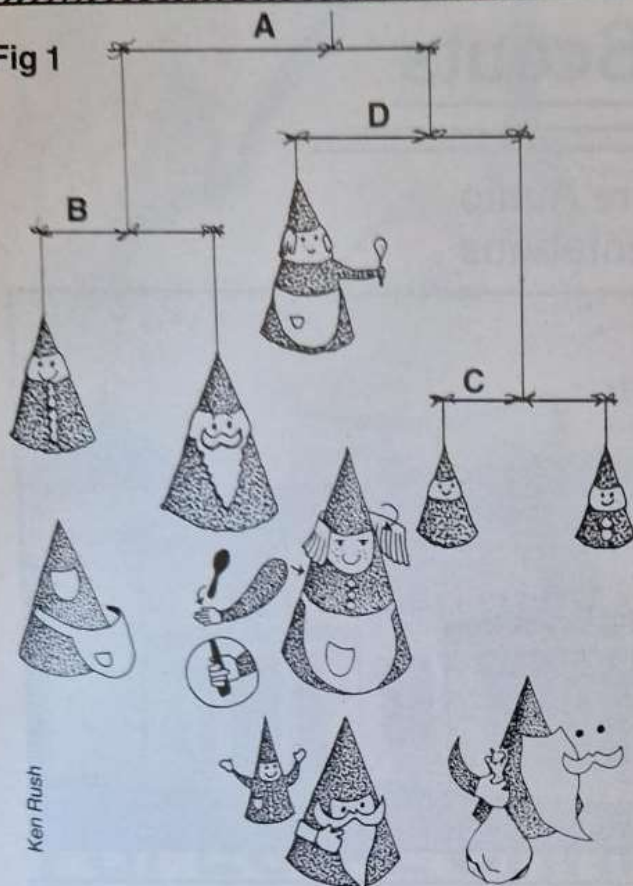
Sunday morning came and went. It would either come right now or not at all. Well — it clicked. We hope you appreciated the results of our hard work on November 9 when our rehearsal became reality.

**Rachel Kyte**



# Make Your Own.

Fig 1



## Part 13 — Santa Mobile

taken from Swedish Scouting Magazine

### You will need:

Coloured shiny paper (red, silver, blue)  
Scissors  
Cotton  
Light cane sticks  
Glue  
A pair of compasses

### How to make it

1. Cut a circle (radius approximately 9cms) from red shiny paper. Cut a line from the edge of the circle to the centre point, and curve the paper round to form a cone. Glue the edges and trim the bottom if necessary so that the cone is free standing. This is the body.
2. Cut out the shape of Santa's beard, face, moustache and sack from silver paper, his arm from red paper and his eyes from blue paper.
3. Stick the various parts onto the body. The hand is folded around the neck of the sack.
4. The Mother Santa is slightly different. Form a cone for her body in the same way as for the Santa. Cut out of silver paper the shapes for her hair, apron, buttons and wooden spoon and her arms and eyes as for the Santa from red and blue paper respectively.
5. Make some Santa children in the same way as the bodies were made for the Santa and Mother Santa, but on a smaller scale. Decorate these with silver faces and blue eyes and perhaps some buttons.
6. Make a tiny hole and thread cotton through the tip of each cone, so that the cones can be

suspended from the light cane sticks which will form the framework of the mobile.

7. Tie a length of cotton onto the centre of each cane. Cane A will act as a support for the other three. Tie one cone on the ends of canes B and C, and a cone on one end of cane D. From one end of this cane A, tie the cotton suspending cane B and from the other end tie the cotton suspending cane D. From the free end of cane D tie the cotton suspending cane C. (See Fig 1.)
8. Your mobile is then ready to hang.

### Hints for Guiders

It may be easier for the Unit, if you make templates of the shapes for the Santa parts, which will fit onto a cone of radius 9cms. The shapes are only simple and can be easily drawn. The Guides/Brownies can then use these templates to draw their own shapes.

Of course the scale of the Santas can be varied, as large or small as you like and the parts can be adapted to whichever scale you choose.

Attaching the Santas on the canes and suspending the canes from each other, will be a delicate balancing operation, sliding the cotton back and forth along the canes until it steadies itself.



# PROGRAMME NOTES

## 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.

## International Education

*Foxlease — 21st-23rd February 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!

## '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.

## 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.

## Focus on the Programme

*Foxlease — 11th-13th April, 16th-18th May 1986*  
*Waddow — 14th-16th March, 18th-20th April, 9th-11th May 1986*

This series of trainings has been specially designed to give Unit Guiders an in-depth look at one part of the Programme, and, as an added bonus time will be set aside for a specialised plenary session on certain subjects such as basic skills including ceremonial, the older girl in the Unit and democracy in the Unit. It is therefore vital that all applicants read the information in the Training Calendar correctly to ensure that they apply for the kind of training they really want.

Here is a marvellous opportunity to concentrate on one area, and to see how it fits in with the other two Sections. We hope to see you there!

## 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.

## '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.

## 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.

## Insite

*Foxlease — 10th-12th January 1986*

*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!

## Movement and Dance Training

*Foxlease — 10th-12th January 1986*

*Waddow — 27th-29th June*

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!





# TRAINING

## JAN

## FEB

## MAR

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Lyndhurst, Hants S04 7DG.  
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Waddow  
Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 3LD  
Tel: (Clitheroe) 0200 23186

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

### 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 Jan- 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 Division
- 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 Feb- 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 Guide 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

#### Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

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

See HQ Notices on page 31 for new fees.

### Foxlease

#### March

- 7-9 District Team (District Commissioners with up to 7 of their Guiders)
- 14-16 Leicester
- 21-23 Kent Weald
- 27-31 D of E Gold Award Course (Mixed)

### 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)

### Glenbrook

#### March

- 7-9 Pennine Way Group

### 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)

### Broneirion

#### March

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

### Lorne

#### March

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



# HEAR AND NOW

**H**appy Christmas. We hope you have enjoyed this hectic year of 75th Anniversary Celebrations. It will certainly be a year to remember — not only for our birthday parties, camps etc, but also for the events which have occurred in the world. For example: Band Aid, Live Aid appeals for the famine in Ethiopia, Rioting in the UK, Hurricane Gloria, and the Earthquake in Mexico. What will next year bring forth?

Well, **Hear and Now** would like to start a new feature called 'light and tasty'. Please send in all your favourite recipes which are suitable for lightweight camping to **Hear and Now**, c/o Programme & Training Dept, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

## 1st Newnham Ranger Guide Unit's Investiture Ceremonies

**W**e are a newly formed Ranger Unit and I thought you'd like to hear about our first set of Investitures.

Frances, Lisa, Bethan, Hilary and I waited at Cambridge Railway Station on 30 March 1985 for the 9.02 am train to London, whilst Glynis and Lynn (our Ranger Guides) and Jane (assistant Guide Guide) were buying the tickets and finding a porter. The train soon arrived and after the guard and porter had put my wheelchair into the guard's van, the guard showed us to some empty first class seats, even though we had second class tickets, because he thought it would be more comfortable for me.

We soon arrived at Liverpool Street Station, and took a taxi to Commonwealth Headquarters. After buying our Uniforms we went up to the Council Chamber. Here we met Mrs Yates, who was going to invest us as Rangers at various tourist locations in London, and Mrs Steele, who was coming as chief photographer. We were given a tour of Headquarters, at the start of which Hilary was invested in The Chief Commissioner's Office. After lunch and a discussion about the Ranger Guide uniform (concluding that the blouses are a lot nicer than the Guide ones, although not as soft, whilst the hats... well... they do look funny!), we walked to Downing Street. We had to wait a while before the policeman would let us through as a large crane was coming out. As we walked down Downing Street, the door of Number Ten opened. Our hearts missed a beat... surely it wasn't Mrs Thatcher?? But no, two of the most ordinary looking workmen came out! We positioned ourselves on the steps of Number Ten and Frances was invested. During her investiture, the policeman on the door changed. The new policeman informed us that Mrs Thatcher was on her way back from Brussels, but had she been there she would almost certainly have come out and joined in the Investiture Ceremony. We were watched by a group of Guides who had to stay on the other side of the road and who probably felt very envious of us.

Photo courtesy of: Sheila Steele.



After a walk to St Paul's Cathedral, stopping en route at McDonalds, Bethan, Lynn, Jane, Hilary, Francis, Liza, Mrs Yates and Mrs Steele went up to the Whispering Gallery, where Bethan was invested. Hilary managed to fight against her fears of heights and look down. I was also invested in St Paul's Cathedral. Then we took a taxi back to Liverpool Street Station (minus Glynis, Mrs Yates and Mrs Steele). The taxi driver was nice and after helping us put up my wheelchair he refused to accept the taxi fare and went on his way.

We got on the train (travelling second class this time) home to Cambridge. It had been a very tiring but enjoyable day.

**Zoë Banks**

*1st Newnham Ranger Unit,  
Cambridgeshire.*

## Quickies

In July I went to a Jamboree in Holland, along with eleven other girls from London and S.E. England. We had a great time and made lots of new friends.

We took part in lots of activities including handicrafts, hikes, windsurfing and pioneering. Here are the instructions for "The Friendship Game" which we learnt at camp.

This game should really be played with a group of people who do not know each other, but this is not necessary.

A group of 8-10 people stand in a circle and close their eyes. Then they reach out and join hands with two different people in the circle (not the person they are standing next to.) When everyone has joined hands they open their eyes. Now they must try to undo the tangle and make a circle again, without letting go hands.

This is a great game because it requires co-operation from all the people.

I enjoyed the Camp very much and would like to thank our leaders and everyone who made it possible for me to go.

**Linda French**

*Young Leader with the 1st Jarvis Brook Brownie Pack,  
Sussex East*

## Jobclubs

**Jobclubs** — a new initiative taken by the Government to try and help long term unemployed people. Jobclubs are self-help centres which have been opened in thirty jobcentres throughout Britain.

Jobclubs are for those people who have been out of work for more than six months. The 'club' provides free facilities, including use of telephones, typewriters, photocopying and stationery with the added advantage of having expert advice on jobhunting readily at hand.

A new member to the Jobclub is given a short introductory course which includes advice on how to improve their interview techniques — such as appearance at the interview etc. A commitment to the club is required whereby members are expected to attend four meetings each week and may remain in the Jobclub until they find work.

Jobclubs have been established in the following Jobcentres: Caerphilly, Canterbury, Cwmbran, Bedford, Bournemouth, Dundee, Durham, Edinburgh, Fleetwood, Hull, Isle of Dogs, Kings Lynn, Leeds, Middlesbrough, Moss Side, Northampton, Port Talbot, Salford, Saltcoates, Shawlands, Sheffield, Shotton, Sparkhill, Springburn, Sunderland, Wallasey, Wallsend, Walthamstow, West Ealing, West Bromwich.

It is planned that the number of Jobclubs in operation will rise to 130 by mid 1986.

If you qualify for membership of the Jobclub, and one is available for your use where you live, why not go along and use it? How about writing to 'Speak Out' to tell us what you think of the scheme, how it is being run in your area and whether it actually helps you to find a job.



## Additional Roles for the Ranger Unit

Reference: *The Ranger Guide File: Unit Management* (p 26)

There are other rôles which your Unit might decide are appropriate and these may or may not be Unit Executive positions. You could decide to have:

### A Catering Officer

Not simply the Ranger who makes the coffee and washes up every week! Your Catering Officer could be the person who is responsible for all catering whether it be the coffee at your business meetings or the refreshments for a hundred guests at your AGM. Your Catering Officer might be a Ranger who is interested in taking up Catering as a career; she might be aiming to take the Camp Catering Certificate; she might be responding to a challenge set by the Unit for her Ranger Challenge or she might simply agree to do the job because it could increase the Units' efficient running.

### A Log-Keeper

This Ranger would be responsible for keeping the Unit Log up-to-date. Your Unit Log is quite separate from the Minute Book and can contain: photographs, maps, drawings, leaflets, theatre tickets, amusing anecdotes from camp, overnight hikes etc.

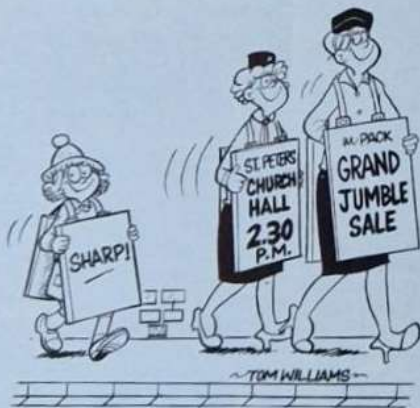
Your log-keeper does not have to be an artist, but someone with artistic flair would no doubt enjoy the job. Remember too that she would rely on all the members of the Unit saving some mementos for inclusion!

### A Publicity Secretary

This Ranger would have responsibility for

- 1 Publicising your Unit Programme (at the church, local Youth Centre, in Schools etc).
- 2 Keeping the Guide Units in your District informed about your activities.
- 3 Seeking press coverage for your AGM, fund-raising events, recruitment campaigns, Camps etc.
- 4 Editing the Unit Newsletter if you have one.
- 5 Organising Unit Open Evenings when you have them.

This rôle would be valuable experience for a Ranger who wants to take up some kind of Public Relations work as a career.



### Social Secretary

This Ranger would have responsibility for

- 1 Organising the more social type of activities in the Programme eg Barn Dance.
- 2 Arranging the Unit's celebrations as needed eg at Christmas, Unit Birthday Party, Rangers 18th Birthday etc. etc.
- 3 Looking after visiting speakers, guests and delegating this task to other Rangers as necessary.

Some of these responsibilities could also be in the area of work of the Unit Secretary, so it is a rôle which is very much supportive to hers.

You may think of other rôles which your Unit needs and it may be that you decide that every Ranger needs some special responsibility of her own.

Alternatively your Rangers holding the three key positions could have assistants. This idea is particularly useful when the dreaded examinations draw near or a Ranger is beginning a new job. When this happens the assistants could take over the rôle temporarily until the pressure is off.

Good Unit Management very much depends on the Rangers who have the responsibilities discussed in this series of articles. Bear this in mind when appointing Rangers to these positions. Hopefully you will usually find volunteers who are interested in the jobs. Remember too that the Rangers on your Executive do need your support and encouragement. When the time comes for you to assume the responsibility of a rôle in your Unit you will have some very useful experiences and a lot of enjoyment.

Sheila Steele



BYC News



Members of the Girl Guides Association Delegation to the British Youth Council, found themselves in Sheffield once again for the AGM from 20-22 September 1985.

The Council Meeting was well attended, with each delegation working hard to help formulate the programme of work for the coming year. Major resources will continue to be channelled into Youth Participation, Youth Rights and International Work. Several aims were highlighted within these categories and include: the implications of the Youth Training Scheme as extended; to inform young people of the various training opportunities available to them; to give continued support to the Young Homeless Group and to raise the awareness of developmental issues in young people in member organisations.

The Project Unit, designed to tackle an area of work which the Council considers to be worthy of special attention, will continue to concentrate on racism. Although this has been the priority area of work over the last year it has proved impossible to fulfil the remit set at the last AGM.

Working Groups to carry out the work mandated by Council will be set up shortly.

A new Executive Committee was also elected. Voluntary organisations continue to maintain a high profile, with Malcom Ryan (Gateshead Youth Forum) entering his second year as Chairperson, while Waheed Alli (Croydon Youth Council) and Kevin McNulty (National Association of Boys Clubs) are also members of the Officers Group.

All in all the scene is set for another year of hard work at British Youth Council

Alison Fyfe

BYC Liaison

## Training Opportunities

INSITE — Ranger Guiders with up to four of their Rangers.  
Foxlease: January 10-12 1986

To find out what happened during the last 'Insite' Training have a look at the article on page 27.

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

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)  
Waddow: March 27-31



## Insite into Insite — A Combined Training for Rangers and Ranger Guiders

Foxlease: 22–24 March 1985

**F**or a Unit of just five months standing, 'Insite' arrived at an ideal time to set us off on the right path.

Four of us (two Rangers and two Guiders) arrived at Foxlease not knowing what to expect, but soon felt at home after getting to know our fellow trainees and trainers. In preparation for a busy weekend, we divided into six groups which would operate as a Ranger Unit over the weekend.

Saturday's session started with a problem that many groups have — where to find ideas for programmes. From unlikely sources, such as a Guider's handbag, letters of the alphabet and a dice we got over 300 ideas. Having got the ideas, the next stage was how to sort out the problems that might arise with the planning, particularly with items such as xylophoning!

Having talked about the theory — we then had the practice. Gate renovation, wood clearing and assessing facilities for the disabled were tackled by the Rangers, with the Guiders being called in to supply the transport, supervise the blow-torch and supply the matches for the bonfire!!

After an active and enjoyable afternoon the Rangers practised their lightweight cooking techniques while the Guiders enjoyed the more formal hospitality of Foxlease, before embarking on a test of compass and map-work around the Foxlease Estate. Hot dogs and a campfire were just rewards for a difficult task.

Sunday brought some very tired people to breakfast but this soon changed when the Guiders found out what the Rangers expected from them!! Counselling, dependence, participation, realism and transport were just a few of the requirements; how many applicants would there be for a job with a description like that?

Guiders soon worried the Rangers with what was expected from them, but after a session on the various Unit duties they returned with renewed confidence to their original Units to put it all into operation and solved the problem of getting a new Unit off the ground.

Some of us are now doing it for real — time will tell with what success it is being achieved, but with the knowledge gained over the weekend the task is not nearly so daunting.

So thank you to all at Foxlease, the staff, the trainers and our fellow trainees.

**Sarah Beard, Amanda Curnow, Cath Fail, Caroline Jenkins**

*Guiders and Rangers of the Caterham Valley Unit.*

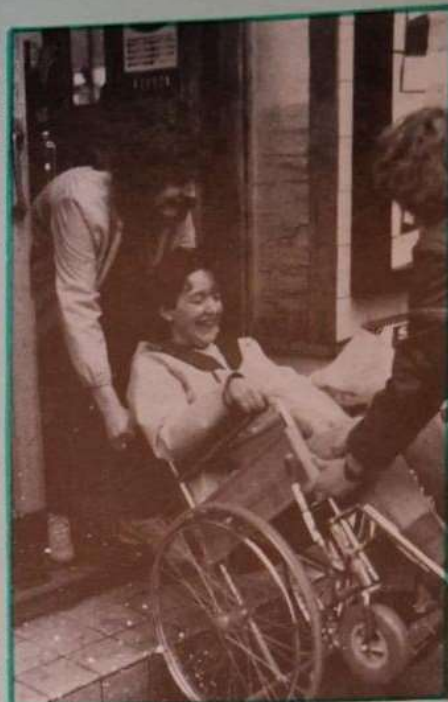


Photo by: Sarah Beard



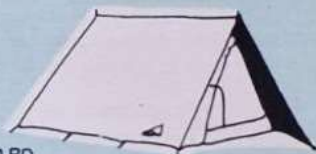
## Lightweight Tents

**W**hen you choose a lightweight tent you will find a bewildering array of makes, models, shapes, sizes and prices.

Prices range from £30 to £300 but the quality for £30 might be doubtful! You should be able to find a good tent between £60 and £150. If you intend to use the tent for only a few nights per year then a cheaper one will last you a long time. If you are choosing a tent for the Ranger Unit which will have a lot of use, then it will be an investment and cheaper in the long run to go for quality and buy the best you can afford.

**Shape** can be triangular (ridge), dome, tunnel or pyramid. A ridge tent can be standard ie the same height at both ends:

eg Ultimate Super Tramp\*  
Sombrero Valencia\*



**STANDARD RIDGE**

or one end can be taller than the other, called a sloping ridge, on the principle that your feet do not need as much room as your head.

eg Vango Force 10\*  
Aquatite Nomad\*

**SLOPING RIDGE**

A transverse ridge tent has a shorter ridge length and the occupants sleep crosswise in the tent instead of parallel to the ridge.

eg Saunders Base Camp\*  
Trigano Bivouac\*



**TRANSVERSE RIDGE**

A standard or sloping ridge tent often does not have a very big porch area for storage or cooking (although most transverse ridge tents have extensive bell-ends or semi-circular porches) and it is possible to obtain ridge tents with extended flysheets to provide additional space — and additional weight, which must be considered if you are backpacking.

eg Campari Venture\*  
Cade Atlas



**EXTENDED FLY**

A ridge tent may be supported by aluminium upright poles or A-poles at one or both ends and there may or may not be a ridge pole. No ridge pole means less weight but look closely at the tent when pitched to see that it stands well without one. A-poles give more room inside and better access through the doorways but more weight to carry.

Dome tents are the shape their name implies and are supported by fibreglass rods, slotted together and fed through the seams of the dome-shaped flysheet.

This can be fiddly to do, although you will get quicker with practice. Domes provide a lot of storage space and are very stable in high winds when well pegged-down because of the symmetrical, curved shape.

eg Phoenix Phreedome 2000  
Ultimate Phazor B  
Lichfield Husky\*



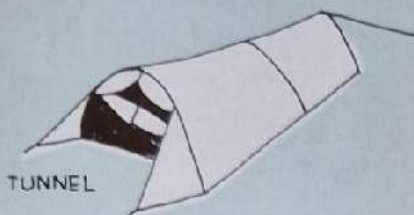
**DOME**

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Tunnel — shaped tents are also supported by fibreglass hoops.  
eg Campari Tunnel\*  
Ultimate Peapod\*



TUNNEL

and there are some tents, looking like ridge tents, which are supported by a single hoop.  
eg Code Savanne (single skin)\*  
Saunders Spacemaker\*



SINGLE HOOP

Pyramid-shaped tents have one upright pole inside or an A-pole between inner tent and flysheet. They provide more height than any of the others, being 4-5 feet high at the apex so that you can kneel up to get dressed instead of lying flat on your back!  
eg Marechal Cap Horn  
Fjallraven Expedition\*



PYRAMID

No particular shape is better than any other — which one you choose will depend on your use of the tent and probably your personal size and preference.

#### Materials

Most lightweight tents have a flysheet and an inner tent but some have only one layer, often referred to as a 'skin'. Double skin tents provide storage space between inner and flysheet as well as insulation from extremes of heat and cold. The flysheet is waterproof and can be made of cotton or more often nylon because it is lighter in weight. The inner has a built-in groundsheet of waterproof material and can be made of cotton or a cotton mixture or man-made fibre such as nylon. Cotton will allow condensation to escape and is, therefore, more comfortable. Condensation can be a great problem in tents made from non-breathable fabric, such as nylon, although these will be lighter to carry, quicker drying and more waterproof. Tents can be made of Goretex or similar 'breathable' man-made fabrics but these tend to be very expensive.

If you choose a double skin tent ensure there is good separation between the inner and the flysheet or you will get leaks when the two rub or flap against each other in bad weather. It is, of course, important to pitch the tent correctly to obtain the proper separation.

If you choose a single-skin tent choose one with sufficient room inside so that you will not keep touching the roof when moving about inside.

#### Choosing

Consider the following questions before you make your final choice: Are you going to carry the tent about on your back?

Important — weight, storage space for overnight gear, ability to pitch the flysheet first is very useful in bad weather.

Where will you use it and at what time of year?

Important — stability in high wind, separation of inner and flysheet in wet/windy weather, quality of materials for mountain/snow use, which may require a specialist tent.

Are you likely to live in the tent for several days at a time on one site?

Important — storage space, headroom, easy access.

How quickly can it be pitched and struck when speed is necessary?

Does it require two people to pitch it easily and correctly or can one person do it?

Remember — fibreglass hoops can be fiddly to assemble; A-poles for a pyramid tent have to be positioned exactly to obtain correct pitch.

Further Information can be gleaned from

1. Catalogues from retailers of camping equipment — compare prices, you may find a bargain! YHA and Scout Shops give discounts to their own members and Guide groups.
2. Manufacturer's literature — look at the features of good quality tents then try to find cheaper versions of those you want.
3. Specialist magazine eg *THE GREAT OUTDOORS* and, particularly, *PRACTICAL CAMPER*. This monthly magazine (80p) carries a regular feature 'Which Tent?' with a wealth of information — prices, dimensions, materials, weight, shapes etc and regularly publishes the results of tests on new models.

Finally when you have chosen your tent look after it well — pitch, strike and pack it carefully, do not store it away until you are sure it is clean, dry and in good repair. Do not splash it with food, cooking fat or detergent or allow sparks to blow on to it if you wish to keep it waterproof. Clean off bird droppings or other stains with clean water. Keep aluminium poles straight and uncrossed, try to push in pegs without bending them but if you accidentally bend a few pegs, straighten them out with pliers before you store the tent away. Carry the pegs in their bag so that they cannot poke into the lightweight material — the same applies to the spikes on poles — and never enter the inner tent wearing shoes or boots so that you do not damage the lightweight groundsheet. Inspect the rubber bands, d-rings and hooks regularly and renew them when needed. With care and common sense you will have years of use from your tent. Happy camping!

\* Makes and models quoted are examples of the type only and are not intended as recommendations.

Ruth Black

Outdoor Activities Adviser

## 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 — Christmas Cards

Theme Evening — Jewish New Year for trees

Make Your Own — Santa Mobile

Local Government (Northern Ireland) Queen's Guide Clause 6 a 2

Boats and Boating

pages 14, 15

page 33

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pages 38, 39

## Zoos Fight Back

In the light of the recent controversy surrounding zoos and their functions (see *Hear and Now* June 1984) the National Federation of Zoological Gardens of Great Britain and Ireland has responded by trying to present the facts to the public.

The Federation believes that the public does not see beyond the fun aspect of the zoo and is only too unaware of the conservation and educational aims of our Zoos and Bird Gardens.

The Press is always ready to cover the latest news about the efforts on the part of Zoos around the world to encourage Giant Pandas to mate and successfully produce offspring — the story has wide appeal — but not so many people realise the full extent of the breeding programmes conducted by responsible zoos. The Federation feels that it is important for the public to enjoy their visits but they must also be made cognizant of the animals which are endangered in the wild and the work that is being done, not only to breed the animal in captivity, but also to re-introduce the animal into its native habitat. A good example of this is Przewalski's horse which is shortly due to be re-introduced into its natural habitat in Russia and Mongolia where it has been extinct for 50 years. Despite the popularity of chimps' tea parties and the like, Edinburgh Zoo has discovered that chimps who become used to behaving in a certain way with keepers and for spectators, are unable to respond in a normal way with their fellows. For a Zoo such as Edinburgh where the breeding programme for chimps is of prime importance these chimps must be discounted from any breeding programme. This indicates that the Zoo's prime concern is for the animal rather than with pleasing the public which, in a time of economical recession, is a difficult line to take.

In July of this year the Federation organised the first 'National Zoo Month' to promote the fun aspect of Zoos, but also to bring the visitor and animal closer together. It was hoped that, by doing so, and by the accompanying publicity the critics would be made aware of the serious and valuable scientific research conducted by Zoos. The Federation is aware that other non-member zoos may have differing motivations for keeping animals but on the whole these places are beginning to discover that other forms of leisure interests are more lucrative and less trouble than the keeping of wildlife.

Despite the fact that Television has brought all manner of creatures into our front rooms, this experience of animals is rather detached and can lead to the feeling that, as long as there are the images of the animals recorded on film there is no real need to conserve them.

Of course, in an ideal world where the animal's natural habitat was secure and unchanging and man did not persist in being the hunter, Zoos would indeed only exist for our gratification but, as long as these ideal conditions do not exist, at least the presence of a concerned public in zoos ensures that the well being of animals will not deteriorate as it might in a laboratory.

Debby Scholes

Why not use this article and the article called 'Time for a Change?' published in June 1984 *Hear and Now* as a basis for a debate on animal captivity? We would be very interested to hear your views on the subject, so please drop us a line, address on page 25.



# CALENDAR

MON TUE WED  
23 31

## APR

## MAY

## JUN

Netherurd  
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

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

### 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

### Glenbrook

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

### Netherurd

April  
4-6 Patrols in Action  
11-13 Brownie and Guide Guiders  
(includes booking from  
Renfrewshire)  
18-20 Brownie and Guide Guiders  
(Includes booking from Priory  
District, Tyne and Wear,  
Larbert Division, Forth Valley)  
25-27 Brownie and Guide Guiders  
(Includes booking from North  
Tyneside)

### 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

### Lorne

April  
11-13 Ulster Junior Council

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.

### 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 Training  
30 May-  
1 June South West England

### Waddow

May  
1-5 British Red Cross  
9-11 Focus on the Programme (The  
Older Girl in the Unit)  
16-18 Training for Trainers  
23-26 Young Leaders  
30 May-  
1 June 'Insite' (Ranger Guider and four  
of her Rangers)

### Glenbrook

May  
1-5 Walking Safely (Advanced)

### Netherurd

May  
1-5 First Aid Course (qualifications  
for Camper's Licence and Pack  
Holiday Licence)  
9-11 Brownie and Guide Guiders  
(includes booking from  
Ayrshire South)  
16-18 Chairmen of County Training  
Committees  
23-25 Dundee County Team  
30 May-  
1 June Edinburgh Braid Trefoil Guild

### 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

May  
16-18 Ulster Executive Committee

Please see page 31 for  
details of applying for a  
Training Bursary

### Foxlease

June  
6-8 Northamptonshire  
13-15 Co-operating in the Senior  
Section  
20-22 London and South East Region  
26 June-  
1 July Friends of Foxlease

### Waddow

June  
6-9 Friends of Waddow  
13-15 West Yorkshire West  
20-22 Lincolnshire South  
27-29 1 Movement and Dance  
2 Advisers for Handicapped  
Members

### Glenbrook

June  
13-15 Caving, Climbing, Canoeing

### Broneirion

June  
6-8 London/Brecon  
13-15 Gwent  
17-19 Trefoil Guild Training  
20-22 Sevenside Painting Group  
27-29 Wirral

### Netherurd

June  
6-8 Scottish Handcraft Circle  
13-15 Brownie and Guide Guiders  
(includes booking from  
Inverness-shire)  
21-22 Friends of Netherurd

#### HOW TO APPLY TO A TRAINING CENTRE

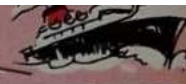
Any Guider may herself apply to attend a training course at the Centres, provided she has reached the age of 18 years. (At the discretion of the Commissioner a member aged 17½ who is working on the Adult Leader's Certificate may also apply for a Guider course.)

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

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



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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 will be accepted from 1 October 1985.

### The Barn and Beaverbrook Lodge, Foxlease

Applications should be sent to the **Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants SO4 7DE**, giving alternative dates and enclosing an initial deposit of £1.00 (which is non-refundable) and a foolscap SAE. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in either The Barn or Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st 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, caving, 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.



Kern Rush

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

### Ynysgair, 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, "Ceinfaes", 23 Carreg Felin Llandegfan, Anglesey, Gwynedd LL59 5YB (Menai Bridge) 0248 713134**, enclosing a foolscap SAE for site information. Ynysgair 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 703296.

### 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

### Meritorious Conduct

#### Star of Merit

Victoria Jones, Sixer, aged 10, 1st East Coker Pack, Somerset

Victoria shows courage and determination in overcoming her difficulties. Her positive attitude towards life, her sense of humour and concern for others endear her to all who have contact with her.

Trudi Caroline Heiser, Sixer, aged 11, 1st Comrie Pack, Perthshire

Trudi is a very enthusiastic Brownie and takes part in all activities. She has worked hard and gained many Badges, and remains cheerful and uncomplaining despite difficulties.

## Christmas GGA Shop Closures

All GGA shops will be closed from 23-29 December inclusive. They will also be closed for stocktaking on 30 and 31 December and will reopen on 2 January 1986.

## CHQ Musical Instruments

Do you have a girl in your Unit who would like to use a good instrument to further her musical studies, or do you know a girl who would like to borrow an instrument as a beginner? If so, there may be one available for loan amongst our collection for her. Applications will be considered in January for the loan of some violins, cellos, trumpets, a viola and a guitar. Application forms are available from the Programme Secretary, Programme & Training Department. These must be completed and returned by 15 December.

## Thinking Day/Founder's Day Service

Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church, Westminster  
Saturday 22 February 1986

Pre-service singing will take place before the services, and although song sheets will be provided, listed below are some of the songs it is hoped will be included.

Title	From
Alleluia	Sing for Joy
All night, all day	GG Song Book No 1
Bread and Fishes	Songs for Tomorrow
A Song on my Lips	Our Chalet Song Book
It's a small world	Our Chalet Song Book
Light a little candle	Songs for Tomorrow
O come and go with me	Gilwell Camp Fire Book
A Song for Thinking Day	
A Sangam Song	
I listen and I listen	Musical Fun with the Brownie Pack
Wonderful World	Musical Fun with the Brownie Pack
The World Song	
Praise the Lord	Help Your Patrol to make Music
Thank You	Faith, Folk and Clarity
Sing Hosanna	Our Chalet Song Book
He's got the whole world in His hands	Come and Praise (BBC)

NB: As previously announced, admission to the services is by ticket only. It is hoped to publish in February GUIDING details of the hymns to be sung.

## New from Publishing Dept CHQ

A revised edition of *Pack Holidays* is now available. This useful illustrated book is a detailed guide to organising your own Pack Holidays and is ready in time for you to plan next year's holidays. *Pack Holidays* is available from GGA shops and the Association's Trading Department. It costs £1.40 and there is a 50p postage and packing charge for orders under £10.

## Short Term Investment Service

Monthly interest rate after deduction of management commission.

July 1985	11.45%
August 1985	10.75%
September 1985	10.53%

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

## Scout & Guide Trust Fund

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

for selling purposes	132.52p
for buying purposes	139.22p
income yield	4.24%

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

## Broneirion Residential Fees

The new fees listed below will take effect from January 1986. (The old fees are listed on the right.)

Adults	New Fee	Old Fee
Shared Room	£7.25 per person per night [minimum fee for a weekend £14.50]	£6.50
Double Room	£7.50 per person per night [minimum fee for a weekend £15]	£6.75
Single Room	£8 per person per night [minimum fee for a weekend £16]	£7

A non-returnable deposit of £2 should be sent with your application form.

No receipt will be sent unless an SAE accompanies the deposit. Should a Guider fail to notify the Guider in charge at Broneirion in good time of her inability to attend a training which she has booked, she may be liable to pay the full fee.

### Guides/Rangers/Young Leaders

Fees are £6 per day (a five day course will cost £30). Additional fees may be payable for specialised activities. A non-returnable deposit of £5 is required and the total fee is payable before the commencement of the training.

## BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE

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

**The Fee Bursary** entitles the Guider to £3 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 a weekend training at Waddow. SAE to the Secretary, Waddow for further details and application form.





**"THIS CHRISTMAS, WILL YOU SING  
SOME CAROLS TO HELP SOME  
CHILDREN WHO'VE NEVER SEEN A  
CHRISTMAS TREE OR HEARD A  
SONG IN THEIR LIVES?"**

**Cilla Black**

Sense is the charity organization formed to help people born both blind and deaf, and their families.

As you can imagine, everything we do to help costs money.

And while we'd appreciate any donation, here's an enjoyable way you can help Sense, without it costing you a penny.

Just organize a carol concert – in a local hall, outside a station or at a shopping centre, or just by getting a group of friends together. We'll loan you all the carol booklets and collecting boxes you need.

After the concert, simply return the song books, and the money you've collected. However much or little you can collect, you can be sure you'll be helping someone escape from their dark and silent world.

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# THEME EVENINGS

## Jewish New Year for Trees



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This is a fairly minor festival in the Jewish calendar, but never-the-less, still one that is acknowledged and celebrated, especially in schools and at Brownie and Guide meetings.

Tu Bi-Shevat (the name of the festival in Hebrew) falls in 1986 on January 25. Begin preparing for it now and it will be a welcome celebration after the excitement of Christmas and the New Year. It is customary to plant young trees and seeds on that day.

The purpose of the festival is to thank God for nature, for fruits and for the trees. To commemorate 75 years of Guiding, the Jewish Guide Advisory Council are planting some trees in Israel.

Even if you are not Jewish, or do not know any Jewish Guides, you will still know that you will be celebrating with Jewish sisters throughout Guiding.

### What's my Centre

All the Brownies/Guides congregate at one end of the room. At the other end are three zones, one is marked 'Pip', the second 'Stone' and the third 'Seed'. The Guider has a list of fruits and she calls out 'What's my centre?' ... and then the name of a fruit. The Guides have to decide whether that fruit has a stone, a pip or a seed in its centre, and race to the appropriate zone. Those Guides on the correct zone, for example on the 'Pip' zone, following the call 'What's my centre?' ... apple' gain a point for their Patrol.

The game is a fast one, with the Guides having to think quickly as they race to the zones, and then back to the other end of the room each time, ready for the next fruit call.

A list of fruits and their centres is included to help you.

### FRUITS

STONE	PIP	SEED
Plums	Grapefruit	Gooseberries
Peaches	Mandarines	Blueberries
Cherry	Tangerines	Loganberries
Apricot	Oranges	Bananas
Guava	Apples	Kiwi
Mangoes	Pears	Grapes
Nectarines	Limes	Pomegranate
Damson	Lemon	Meiuns
	Oranges	Passion Fruit
	Satsuma	Pineapple
		Blackberries
		Strawberry
		Currants
		Raisins

The rest of the evening's activities then commence, but during the course of the evening the spies must try to plant their 'bugs' and the BSAs must keep an eye out for them. If a BSA sees a spy planting a bug she keeps quiet, until the appropriate moment. This is when the Guider, towards the end of the evening gives a signal (a whistle call). At this, all BSAs rush to collect the bugs they have seen planted and to bring in any spies they saw planting them. They have to be able to say where the bug was planted and by whom.

During the evening, if a spy feels that it will be too difficult for her to plant her bug — she can pass it on to another spy.

But of course, she cannot be sure who else is on her side — she must take the risk when she passes the bug on. The person she passes the bug to may be a BSA who at the end of the evening will hand in the bug and capture her too!

Points are awarded as follows:

- BSA 1 point for each bug found
- 1 point for each spy captured
- Spies 1 point for each bug not found
- 1 point for each spy not captured

### Trees Please!

Are any of your Unit working for their Woodman badge? Perhaps you could encourage some to start, with this offer of packets of seeds given away free by The National Tree Council. This will help especially with Clause 2 of the Woodman badge. If you would like some seeds, please write to: **Tree Council Free Seeds, Unit 5, Seager Building, Brookmill Road, London SE8 4JT.**

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### An Open-Air Gathering

It's all too tempting now the winter months are here to stay indoors in the warmth. But why not brave the elements, wrap up warm and hold part of your evening outdoors — this would be especially topical if you live near a wood. See if you can find a fir tree, and lead your Unit carrying torches, and lanterns, through the woods to gather around the tree. Parents and friends could come along too, to join in with songs and readings.

Suggested songs are: Land of the Silver Birch, Tree Song, Mango Walk (*Girl Guide Song Book 2*); Hebrew Peace Round (*Songs for Tomorrow*); Cherry Trees, Somewhere There's a Forest (*Our Chalet Song Book*); Tall Trees (*Diamond Jubilee Song Book*); Whispering Trees (*Sing for Joy*).

Then all back to the meeting place for warm drinks!

The *Woodland Book for Guides and Brownies* by Brenda Morton offers lots of ideas and activities, and is available from GGA shops and Trading Service, price £3.



### Chestnut Bugs

You will need: a collection of chestnuts

One half of the players are foreign spies, trying to plant bugs around the room, to eavesdrop on confidential conversations! The bugs are small (they look very like chestnuts) but they are extremely effective. The rest of the Unit are British Secret Agents and must find the bugs.

Firstly all the girls are lined up facing the wall with their eyes shut and hands behind their backs. The Guider walks along and taps on the shoulder those who are foreign spies and into the hands of various spies she slips a 'bug'. So the players do not know who is on who's side. Those 'untapped' are British Secret Agents (BSAs).

### A Fruitful Celebration

It is a tradition of the Jewish New Year for Trees festival to eat 15 different types of fruit that grow on trees. Firstly see if the Brownies/Guides can think of 15 varieties.

Find pictures of different types of fruit, pin these up around the room, and challenge the girls to write down the name of each fruit.

Prepare a large fruit salad as a refreshing snack for the girls. Perhaps you could find some of the more exotic fruits for the girls to try, eg pineapple, kiwi fruit, pomegranates.



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# BROWNIES MAKE MUSIC

## *Bang, Rattle, and Scrape!*

### Part Three

By Carol Chambers

**L**ast month, we talked about making instruments and trying to produce a variety of sounds. I do hope you were successful. We now have to think about ways of using these instruments, to enhance your music-making.

Let us imagine that your Brownies have spent a number of weeks making a selection of bangers, scrapers, shakers etc, and have also collected a number of round objects. When all the paint and glue is dry, the first inclination of any Brownie is to make a noise, and with everyone shaking and banging together, it really will be a dreadful row. Don't worry about it; don't try to stop them; let them get it out of their system. After a while, the noise level will decrease, and that is your moment to begin.

There are two ways of using instruments; I mean anything from a suspended spanner to a violin. The first way is the more traditional approach, mainly as an accompaniment for songs or other short pieces of music. As a starter, teach the Pack a lively song, something like 'Thank You' (*Musical Fun With the Brownie Pack*). When the tune has been learnt, suggest some ideas for adding instruments. You might be very brave, and simply say: 'Do what you feel!' But this could be utter chaos. You might suggest banging, scraping, etc on the beat, without actually defining to the Brownies what the beat is. Or you could be more structured and suggest an arrangement as in Fig 1.

To try this idea, you must be very sure yourself. It looks, in musical terms, far more complicated than it actually is. Fix in your mind the four beats in a bar, and then the different rhythms should fall into place relatively easily. Keep everyone in time by clapping the beat yourself. The whole Pack playing together, even with the suggested rhythms, could well be too loud and completely drown the singing. Look at the words of the verses and either try to interpret those words with different instruments or simply select a different group of instruments for each verse.

If you have a Brownie who plays a more traditional instrument, ie flute, violin, then do use her ability also. She will probably be only too pleased to display her talents to the Pack. Many song books today have guitar chords written in above each line of music. Ask your instrumentalist to play the note that is the name of each guitar chord, rather than the tune. In this way, your song will be enhanced with some simple harmony. See Fig 2.

And, of course, if you have a guitarist, use her also. In this way, an interesting accompaniment can gradually be built up. One word of warn-



ing; none of this beautiful music-making will happen overnight. Do not expect the Brownies to learn a new song, get used to playing their instruments together and produce a perfect performance all in one evening — little and often, should be your motto!

The second approach to music-making is perhaps more unorthodox but can be so interesting. Think of the instruments in terms of the sound that they produce, and encourage your Brownies to experiment. For instance, a shaker can be rolled gently or a banger can be tapped with fingers. Now ask your Brownies to close their eyes. Describe a situation to them: a) you live in a house near the sea. It is late at night and very foggy. You are lying in bed listening to the sounds outside. b) It is a crisp Autumn evening and you are taking your dog for a walk in nearby woods. c) You are an explorer walking through the jungle, listening to the animals around you and the gentle whistle of the wind high in the trees.

Talk quietly and slowly, repeating important points. After a few moments of further thought, ask the Brownies to open their eyes and interpret the situation in sound. The results can be quite astonishing and so imaginative. You may even find that the girls are uninhibited enough to use their voices to make sounds.

Obviously, this sort of work must be approached carefully. It will not work if the Brownies have just been playing loud, active games; they do need to be calm! If the session works, be more adventurous another time; develop a story with sounds. The beauty of working in this way, is that you need not have any musical ability, only an ability to tap the imagination.

Next month, we will turn our attention to singing games and action songs.

Fig. 1

<p>Bangers</p> <p>4/4</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>d d</p>	<p>Rattlers</p> <p>4/4</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>d</p>
<p>Shakers</p> <p>4/4</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>♩ ♩ ♩ ♩</p>	<p>Scrapers</p> <p>4/4</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>♩ ♩ ♩ ♩</p>

Fig. 2



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"Yes that's right officer. Aged twelve, dressed in blue tunic and skirt. Oh yes - and there are twenty four of them!"





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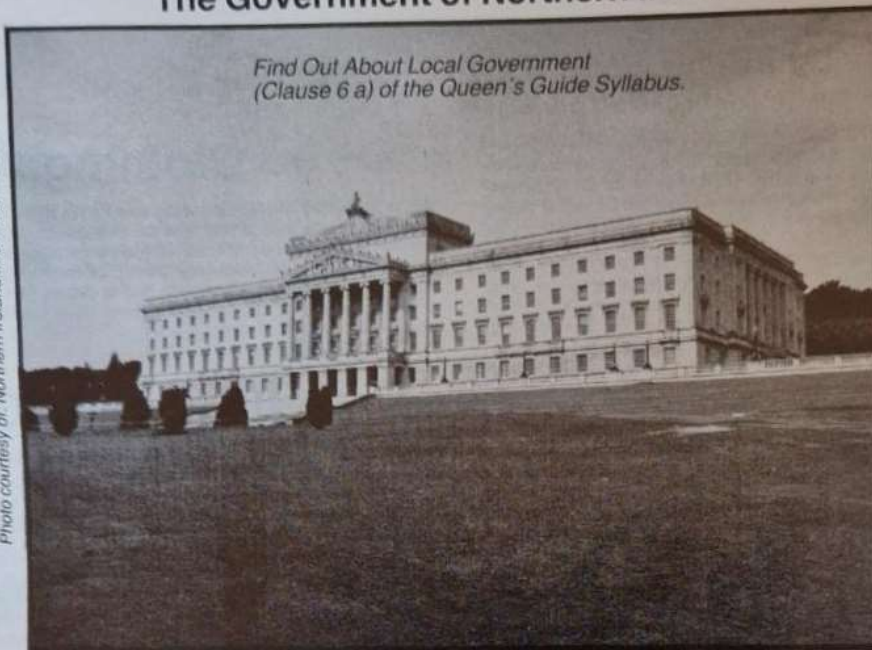


## PART 4

### The Government of Northern Ireland

Find Out About Local Government  
(Clause 6 a) of the Queen's Guide Syllabus.

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Local Parliament

Parliament Buildings, Stormont

From 1801 to 1921 Ireland as a whole formed part of the United Kingdom and was governed under laws made by the Parliament at Westminster. In 1920 that Parliament passed the Government of Ireland Act which gave both North and South their own Parliaments and their own systems of courts. Northern Ireland opted to remain part of the United Kingdom and Southern Ireland became a self-governing dominion — The Irish Free State. In 1949 the Irish Free State left the Commonwealth and became a Republic.

In Northern Ireland the local Parliament (from 1932 situated at Stormont) had the right to make laws on 'transferred' matters — local government, certain aspects of civil and criminal law, agricultural, education and planning. Matters of imperial or national importance were 'excepted' and 'reserved' and dealt with at the Parliament in Westminster where Northern Ireland is now represented by 17 MPs.

This devolution of power continued until March 1972 when the Stormont Parliament was suspended at a time of civil unrest within the province. 'Direct rule' was introduced and matters which had been the responsibility of the Stormont Parliament were transferred to a Secretary of State for Northern Ireland who, with four assistant ministers, exercises executive power within the province. Laws are usually made by Order in Council.

'Orders in Council' are rules made by powers delegated by a 'Parent' Act of Parliament, in this case the annual

Northern Ireland Acts. These orders vary in importance. Some are debated at Westminster, some merely approved and some need not be laid before Parliament at all but can be the subject of a Parliamentary question. Laws made by Stormont before 1972 will be called 'Acts' eg Equal Pay Act (NI) 1970 but most of those under 'Direct Rule' will be 'orders' eg Sex Discrimination (NI Order 1976).

In January 1974 power law was vested in a one-chamber elected 'Assembly' but this experiment collapsed after the Ulster Workers Strike in May 1974. 'Direct Rule' was re-introduced and has been renewed annually since.

In 1982 a new 78 member Northern Ireland Assembly was elected. It does not have law making powers but can scrutinise, debate and has the right to be consulted. The six committees of the Assembly monitor the six departments of the Northern Ireland Civil Service and the original idea was that power could gradually pass to these committees but there has been no movement as yet.

The general policy of both the Stormont Parliament and 'Direct Rule' administrators has been to keep in step, more or less with legislation enacted in Great Britain but in certain areas, eg land law and family law, Northern Ireland retains essential differences.

#### Local Councils

The present system dates from 1973 when 26 new local councils were set up for Northern Ireland. They are called City Councils (Belfast and Lon-

donderry), borough or district councils. They may be chaired by a Lord Mayor (Belfast), Mayors or chairpersons, but whatever the name the powers and functions of all councils are the same.

They have direct responsibility for recreational and cultural facilities environmental health, refuse collection, cemeteries, tourism, building regulations and miscellaneous licensing.

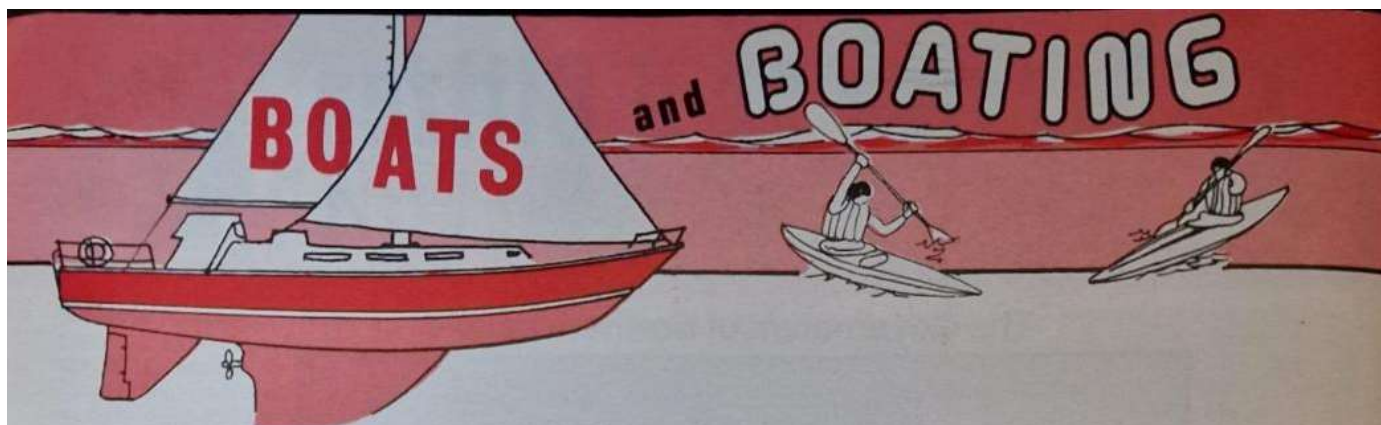
They also nominate representatives to sit on the various statutory bodies which administer education, health and social services and fire protection. This is quite different from the councils in England which have direct responsibility for education, housing, fire services, police, and personal social services.

Each Council in Northern Ireland has a consultative function. Planning, roads, water, and conservation are all administered by Government Departments and they are obliged to consult each district council about measures affecting their particular area. An example of this can be seen in the opposition of Belfast's Planning Committee to Wimpy's application to the Department of the Environment to open a restaurant in the Robinson and Cleaver listed building.

This right to be consulted by Government Departments and the right to be represented on Statutory Boards may fall far short of the power exercised by English County/District Councils but it does have the advantage of moving sensitive problems out of the political arena.

Joan Whiteside LLB





**B**oating has always had a place in the wide range of activities open to members of the Girl Guide Association. There are a number of ways you can try the sport, one of the best is to go to an approved centre where you pay for the use of craft and have the benefit of being taught how to sail or paddle correctly, and you will enjoy it more if you learn the right way.

Having had a taste of boating in this way you may decide you would like to have your own Unit craft. How do you decide what kind of craft you want? Well, first you must decide if you want to sail, row or canoe. Over the next few months, these three forms of boating will be discussed in detail, and subsequent articles will deal with mechanically powered craft, care and maintenance of craft and Rules of the Road Afloat.

But, remember that any craft used by a GGA Unit, whether it is on long loan or owned by the Unit must be inspected annually by a suitably qualified or experienced person and a certificate of seaworthiness issued. On receipt of an up-to-date Annual Boat Certificate, the Assistant Adviser (Boating) for your Region, will issue an official GGA boat registration sticker. This sticker should be displayed on the craft in a prominent position for purposes of identification.

## Canoeing

The Girl Guides Association canoe qualifications are based on the British Canoe Union awards and both girls and Leaders would benefit from training within the BCU training scheme.

At least the basics of canoeing or kayaking (to define these terms, a kayak is decked and has a cockpit for the paddler, a canoe is the undecked open craft that is often called the Canadian canoe), can be learned in a swimming pool, which makes capsizing more comfortable. It would, however, be a mistake not to get onto the river or lake as soon as possible. Some instructors feel that canoeists should learn how to deal with a capsize at an early stage. However there is the chance that the more timid ones could be put off by being forced to capsize before they feel ready to cope with it. The instructor will have to judge for her/himself, what is appropriate.

## Personal Buoyancy

A life jacket or buoyancy aid will always be worn when kayaking, but care must be exercised with the lifejacket that has inherent buoyancy plus the means of inflation. The lifejacket should *never* be inflated in the kayak as the excess buoyancy may impede or prevent escape from the cockpit of an inverted kayak. The inflated lifejacket is intended for the situation in which the paddler has to wait some time for rescue. The recommended personal buoyancy aids are those bearing either the British Standards Institute Kite Mark or the British Canoe Union/British Canoe Manufacturing Association Mark (see fig 1).



Fig 1

## Clothing

The right clothing for canoeing and kayaking is important. In warm weather, shorts and a tee shirt are adequate, but a woollen jersey should be kept handy in case of a change of weather. A waterproof suit is very necessary, not only to keep off the rain but to keep out cold winds. In very hot sun a cotton hat is necessary to guard against sunburn and sunstroke. If you intend to go canoeing or kayaking throughout the year a wet suit is recommended.

## Getting In and Out

Getting in and out of a kayak without assistance should be achieved as soon as possible. From say, knee deep water, the paddler should place her hands on either side of the rear of the cockpit, put in one leg and sit down, then bring in the second leg. The paddle will be held in one hand against the kayak whilst getting in. If the bank or landing stage is more or less level with the cockpit coaming, the paddle can be placed across the kayak and the paddler gets in in a similar manner as when wading. When getting into and out of a kayak transfer your weight from the bank to the kayak, and vice versa, as smoothly and quickly as possible. Avoid pushing against the bank and stopping half way.

## Capsize Procedure

To obtain the BCU One Star Award, which is quite elementary, the paddler has to capsize and get herself and the kayak ashore. The usual practice in the event of an intentional or accidental capsize, when the bank is nearby is to go to one end of the overturned kayak, put the paddle alongside the craft and swim, pulling or pushing it to the bank where it can be emptied and turned over (see fig 2). Never turn a kayak right side up before it is brought ashore or it will take in a lot more water and be very difficult to handle.

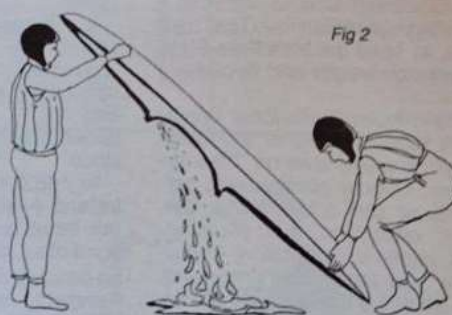
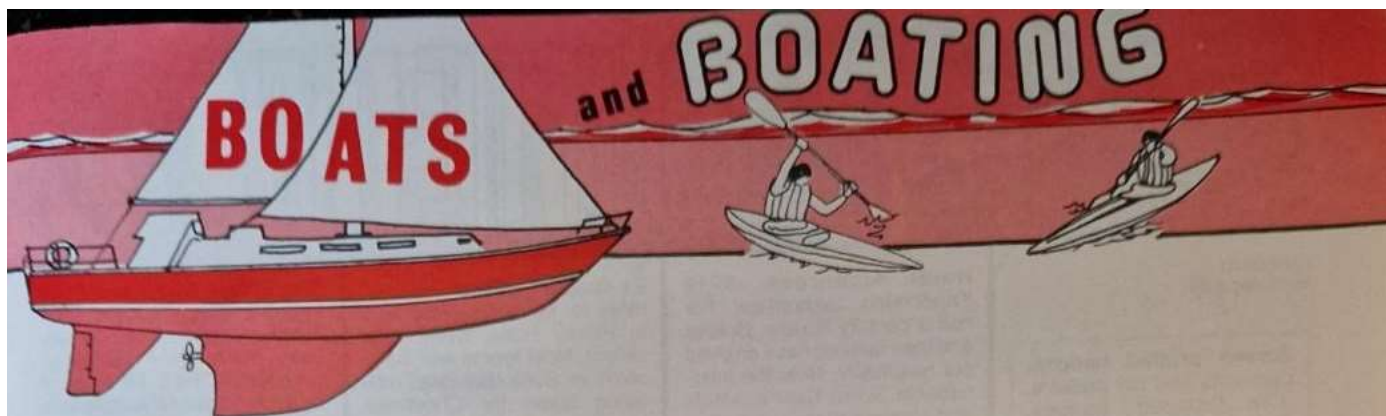


Fig 2



Line drawings by Ken Rush





## The 'H' Rescue

For the BCU Two Star Award, the paddler has to capsize and take her place in a rescue. What is known as the 'H' rescue and involves three kayakers, is used in deep water. Two kayakers can cope with the capsize by coming alongside, one on each side of the upturned craft, making a bridge with the paddles (fig 3) and with the help of the paddler in the water bringing the third kayak up onto the paddles. The water is then drained out and the craft turned right side up, returned to the water and held while the paddler gets back aboard.



## Paddles and Paddle Technique

There are a great many types of paddles on sale and the choice is yours. There is the single bladed paddle for the canoe (fig 4) and the double bladed paddle for a kayak; the most efficient ones are feathered ie the blades are at right-angles to each other (fig 5).



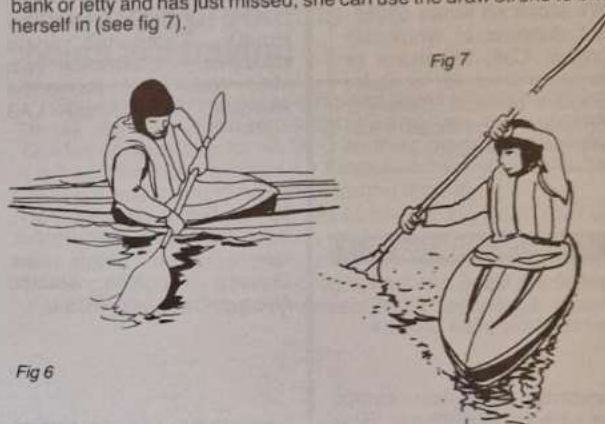
To find the right length of double bladed paddle for your height, place one blade on the floor beside you, reach up to the other end and if you can just get your fingers over the edge of the blade, it is the right size for you. The single bladed paddle presents no great problem, just find one that feels comfortable to handle.

The double handed paddle is not difficult to use but it helps to have a short session on the bank before going afloat. The hands should be placed about the width of the shoulders apart on the shaft of the paddle. The most power will be achieved by pulling with the hand at the end where the blade is in the water and at the same time pushing on the other end; long slow strokes are better than short stabbing ones.

Beginners will find that they tend to pull more strongly on one arm, we nearly all have one arm stronger than the other and we have to learn to compensate for this. Learning to steer the course you want is not too difficult and with practice will soon be achieved.

A kayak or canoe in common with a rowing dinghy has no brakes except the paddle(s) but obviously they have to be used differently. To stop a kayak, paddle backwards with short fast strokes, do not try

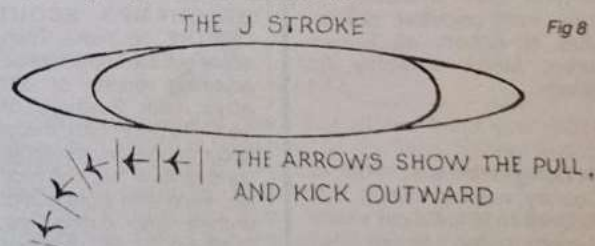
to do more than just dip the blade into the water and press very briefly; if you try to lengthen the stroke you could capsize. It is very useful and necessary to be able to back paddle; start gently and keep a good look-out to your rear. To turn fairly sharply paddle forward on one side and backward on the other. When you become more proficient try the spectacular telemark (an expert swing to stop short)! Slapping the water with the paddle is a way of recovering if you feel you are losing your balance (fig 6). If the paddler wants to get her craft alongside the bank or jetty and has just missed, she can use the draw stroke to bring herself in (see fig 7).



## The Open Canoe

We have now covered the basics of kayaking. The open canoe is not so dissimilar except of course there is no deck so in the event of a capsize there will be more water to deal with. The paddling technique is different because of the use of the single-bladed paddle. The 'J' stroke is usually employed to paddle a canoe; it propels and steers (fig 8).

If the paddler is alone in a canoe she sits right aft and if two people are paddling they sit or kneel at each end.



## Canoe Activities

The events for canoes in regattas usually include a slalom, when canes or light poles are suspended over a course and the competitors weave their kayaks between the poles (called gates). The penalty for touching or missing a gate is usually five or so seconds added to the time taken over the course.

There are many possibilities for kayak or canoe expeditions. The main thing you need to learn is to load your craft properly and how to port it round locks etc without damage.

Canoe polo is another aspect of the sport that is becoming very popular.

If you really want to specialise it is recommended that you join a canoe club or a canoe camping club, preferably one that is affiliated to the British Canoe Union. If you contact them at **Flexel House, 45/47 High Street, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 1JV**, or telephone **Weybridge 41341**, they will give you the address of a recognised canoe club in your area.

**Flora Ardley**



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**We stock all kinds of first-aid supplies at wholesale prices. Call, telephone or write for price list to: Caledonian Medical Supplies, 68 Underwood Road, Paisley, 041-889 8868.**

## CAMPING/HOLIDAYS

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**Edmonton Division campsite**, adjoining Chigwell Row Site, Essex. Solid shelter and equipment available. Use of Chigwell amenities. Easy reach of London. Details: Miss Pharaoh, 100 Latymer Road, London N18. 01-807 6682.

**'Topstones', Leicestershire.** Several sites available. 10 miles from Leicester. Sae to: Miss N Abbott, 46 Craven Street, Melton Mowbray, for details.

**Arkengarthdale.** Herriot Country, walking, touring, D.B. & B — £11.50 in Singer's comfortable home. Singer. Tel. 0748 84203.

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**'Our Chalet'**, for details of low cost inclusive arrangements to the International Guide Centre at Adelboden, contact the official agents, YHA Travel, 14 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HY. 01-240 5334.

**Hotel Alpenrose**, 3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland. For half a century Scouts, Guides and their families have enjoyed our hospitality. Near the International Scout Centre. Meals and accommodation at moderate prices. Fam. A. Carizzoni — Rohrbach. Tel: 010 4133 75 11 70.

**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.

**Camp Sites.** Warren Farm, Beaulieu, Hants. Solid Shelter, toilets. Private beach. Sae: Stevens, 25 New Zealand Avenue, Salisbury, Wilts.

**Snowdonia, Double Hostel.** Accommodates 24 and 26. Suit Brownies, Guides, Rangers, handicapped. Also Camp Site. Foolscape sae: Mrs M Jones, 21 Llys-yr-Eifl, Caernarfon LL5 52LJ.

**BELCHAMPS SCOUT CENTRE.** 50 Years. Thirty acres of Essex countryside, adjoining woods of 360 acres, near Southend on Sea. Purpose built indoor accommodation available, consisting of six dormitories, each with eight bunks, kitchen and dining hall. Climbing Wall, Archery, Badminton, Table Tennis, Assault Course, Nature Trail, Hot showers, invalid toilet. Staff run Camp Fires and Scout's own. Scout Shop and Providore — including groceries etc. Indoor Swimming Pool ten minutes from site. Special celebration activities weeks: 24th-30th May; 19th-26th July; 23rd-30th August. No bookings 27th-29th June. Sae (large) for brochure, Resident Warden, Holyoak Lane, Hawkwell, Essex SS5 4JD.

**Ex-Guider offers reduced rates for Movement Members in Family Hotel**, overlooking Solent. Most rooms with Bathroom en Suite. Bookings now being taken for Christmas, New Year and Autumn Breaks. Brochure available. Springvale Hotel, Seaview, Isle of Wight. Tel: Seaview 2533 (code 0983 71).

**Farnham, Surrey:** Herons Wey, Surrey West County Site, ten sites, solid shelter, some flush toilets. Equipment for hire. Sae Mrs Bunyan, 1 Rosemary Avenue, Ashvale, Aldershot, Hants.

**Somerset-Campbell Room** Scout/Guide Centre in beautiful Quantock Hills. Fully equipped 24. Facilities for year-round use. Sae: Mrs Briggs, 36 Old Road, North Petherton, Bridgwater.

**Providence Hall, Gower.** Ideal for Pack Holidays, near beaches and National Trust land. For details send Sae to: Mrs M Edwards, Hillcote, Old Kittle Road, Nr. Swansea, S. Wales.

**Alderney the unspoilt Channel Island.** Escape to tranquility and friendship. G. Griffin, Farm Court, Alderney, C.I. 0481 82 2075.

**The Shaws Camp and Pack Holiday Site**, Cudham Lane North, Cudham, nr Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 7QT. Tel: Biggin Hill 73413. 98 acres of unspoilt fields and woodland in beautiful Kent countryside; ideal for rambling, footpath walking and other rural activities in Darwin's homeland, yet within reach of trains to London. The accommodation comprises three fully equipped Pack Holiday homes, sleeping 20, 24 and 26 respectively. Equipped or unequipped camp-sites for large or small groups. The site has an assault course, a permanent camp-fire circle and a well-stocked camp shop providing provisions, souvenirs, etc. Open all year. Foolscape sae to Warden for details.

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

**Come camping on the canals** — Charter a traditional narrow boat, fully fitted to accommodate 12 people in camping standard; 24 per 'pair' of boats, with first-class skippers to make everyone's holiday really enjoyable. Or self-drive a luxury 4- or 6-berth. Full details from: Foxton Boat Services Ltd, Bottom Lock, Foxton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire. Tel: Kibworth 2285.

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*"Of course I remembered the compass. I even put a new pencil into it."*



# CAMPING



## Part 4 — Summing Up

No Camp can be over until the final assessment has been made. There are always valuable lessons to be learned and noted for the future whether it be from a Patrol in someone's garden or thousands in an international Camp. So even when we appear to be looking backwards, in reality we're looking forward.

'I am so glad that you could all come round today so that we can make sure we haven't forgotten anything in our final assessment of Camp. Now that we have the tents thoroughly dry I have arranged for the Patrol Leaders to come and help fold them up this afternoon. I'm sure the people who use the church hall will be glad to have it all back in order again. Perhaps one of the Guides will write to the Church Secretary and thank them for putting up with our "mess".

### ... thank them for putting up with our 'mess'.

'Before we get down to each one of us saying how we felt about the Camp do we owe any more money to anybody — petrol expenses, postage, etc, or have we any outstanding bills — eg with the local shopkeepers? No? Oh good! Then I think we will have kept within our budget nicely. What a good job we allowed that extra money for emergencies — I don't know whether you call all the ice cream an emergency — but I think with the way the weather was, it was money well spent. I remember one year we sent all the Guides to the local cinema to get them off the campsite but indoors, the weather was so atrocious and it was the only place where they could be dry and warm!

'Right QM, your turn to tell us about your department. Did the Guides do their share in the kitchen or do we need to have special training with the Patrol Leaders so they know how much we expect them to do. Would any of the Patrols be ready for their Patrol Camp Permit next year?

### ... do we owe any more money to anybody...

'I see you've made a list of surplus food — by the look of it we did very well and it seems to be only the emergency supplies that are left — if anyone wishes to buy anything get it when you're going home. Oh, what's this at the bottom of the list? **Needed two milk jugs and four trays.** Perhaps if we make one list of all the things we are short of we can keep our eyes open during the "Sales".

'Apart from the routine jobs of the First Aider I don't think you had much to do this Camp, did you? That's your treatment notebook is it? I hadn't realised you had so many casual visitors — but most of them only had scratches and as there's no further treatment mentioned you must have got them all in the early stages. I'm glad you made sure you spoke to all the parents before Camp — it did mean we could be aware of any

likely problems. It amazes me how well parents will open up to medical people about all sorts of things. I really didn't appreciate the home problems the twins are having to cope with — I'm glad they could come. It would give them all a break in the house.

### I really didn't appreciate the home problems the twins are having...

'On behalf of the Guides, congratulations are surely in order to our Activity Organiser. I don't think I've ever seen the Guides concentrate for so long as they did on those natural craft activities you brought for them — I think you must have known it was going to be so hot during the day.

certainly saw more and enjoyed it better going when they did.

'Thank you for all these lists you've given me of equipment and stores that need attention — perhaps we can have a Camp get-together when photographs have been printed and make it a general "repair and reminiscing" evening?



'Finally, can we just check that all the "thank you" letters have been written to tradespeople, the local minister and the doctor — it was kind of the doctor to visit us even though you could really call on him for help.

'Again, to all of you, many thanks for helping to keep the Camp going. I feel it was a great success — it only remains for me to draw up the balance sheet ready for our next parents' meeting, and to see the Leaders this afternoon, and hear what they're going to say. Hopefully it will be: "Let's do it again!"

MEC

#### Publications

The following list of publications may also prove useful:—

*Camps and Holidays* by Elizabeth Robertson (GGA)

*Notes on Camps and Holidays* (GGA)

*Health and First Aid for Camps and Holidays* (GGA)

*The Spur Book of Camping* (A and C Black)

*Know the Game — Camping* (A and C Black)

*Modern Lightweight Camping* by Pat and Hazel Constance (Hale)

But don't just confine yourself to this list; look wider and ask your local librarian for suitable books; visit specialist centres and study their stocks.



# GRAPEVINE

## SOS Talisman

SOS Talisman jewellery, with its internationally renowned symbol, makes an attractive and useful Christmas present. The jewellery is available as pendants, bracelets and watch attachments and comes in 120 or so different styles and finishes. With the information strip, secured inside a heat and water resistant capsule, which reveals all the personal and medical information required in an emergency SOS Talisman jewellery can be a life-saving gift. All Talisman products are available from jewellers, chemists and department stores throughout the country as well as direct from their offices at Talisman Ltd, 21 Grays Corner, Ley Street, Ilford, Essex IG2 7RQ.



## Campbell's 'Souperhero'

Campbell's have launched a £1 million promotion which will give anyone the opportunity to nominate a 'Souperhero' for a cash award. All you have to do is collect as many as possible of the special labels from Campbell's Condensed soups which are in the shops right now. For every six of the special labels collected, Campbell's will send £1, plus a personal message to the chosen Souperhero. There is no restriction to the number of labels you collect, as long as they are in multiples of six, and a maximum of £1 million is available to be claimed. The Souperhero can be a charity, a deserving individual or even yourself. There were 12 million cans of the special label Campbell's Condensed soups produced. So, if you know of a worthy 'souperhero', start collecting.



## Family Bulletin

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Autumn edition of the Family Bulletin, published by Family & Youth Concern, please write to Family & Youth Concern, The

Responsible Society, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK19 6BU — the bulletin will cost 25p (free to members).

## Write Now

More information on the current BBC Education Series, 'Write Now!' — the Post Office now has a special offer for anyone who wishes to obtain a 'Write Now!' letter pack. The pack contains a set of eleven full-colour cards with hints and advice on how to write a range of many different letters — letters of complaint and condolence, love and thank-you letters as well as job applications and apologies. Letters from famous people are also featured on the cards and included in the pack is a sheet of colourful self-adhesive seals useful for brightening up letters and envelopes.

To obtain one of these letter packs simply purchase a £1.70 stamp book of 10 x 17p first class stamps, carrying details of the offer for the pack. These stamp books are available at all post offices throughout the country. To receive the pack you will need three 17p stamps — so the rest of the stamps can be used for all the letters that the owner of the pack will have learned to write.



## PDSA

Pets aren't always as safe in the garden as you would think. There are endless dangers in any ordinary garden which the PDSA lists in its leaflet called *Are Animals Safe in Your Garden?* This and other leaflets on keeping pets, *Keeping a Cat*, *Keeping a Terrapin* etc., are available free of charge by writing to: PDSA PR433 Dept, PDSA House, South Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2LB. Please enclose a sae — and any donations will be very welcome as the PDSA is dependent entirely upon public support and receives no state aid.

## BWPA

Are you interested in aviation? If so why not join the British Women Pilots Association; the BWPA exists to promote an interest in aviation, either as a hobby or a profession. Members, who range from novices to pilots with professional qualifications, keep in touch through flying weekends, newsletters and social events. They are also given advice on many things such as flying training and aviation careers. Further information is available from The Membership Secretary, BWPA, 25 Fouberts Place, London W1V 2AL.

## IYY

As you must be aware, 1985 is International Youth Year. For those who are not sure exac-

tly what this means, IYY England has produced an interesting booklet which outlines and explains the purpose and objectives of IYY. It also details the positive contribution young people are making to society and IYY England's local and national programme. Although IYY is drawing to a close this booklet is still available by writing to: IYY, 57 Chalfont Street, London NW1 1HU.

## Showman's Directory

The Showman's Directory and Show Dates for 1986 are now available to the public. The Directory includes lists of Firms, Contractors and Organisations whose main interests are in 'Outside Events' ie — Agricultural and Horse Shows, Fêtes, Festivals, Rallies, Carnivals, etc. The Show Dates for 1986 at £7 a copy — includes the Showman's Directory which can be purchased separately for £4. Please write to Stephen & Jean Lance Publications, Brook House, Mint Street, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1HE or phone Godalming 22184.

## The Wholemeal Bread Story

Allinson Wholemeal bread have produced a teacher's pack containing material for children's homework and special projects. The pack contains workcards which provide information, experiments and suggestions for the teaching of a healthy diet, and recipe leaflet. The pack is being mailed free to schools and colleges; however, additional copies of the Teacher's Pack, recipe leaflets at £1 for 20 and a separate colour leaflet at 60p for 10 can be obtained from: Karen Atkinson, The Allinson Wholemeal Bread Education Service, 644 Bath Road, Taplow, Maidenhead SL6 0PA.

## Copydex

'Let's Make Toys' is a classroom handcraft leaflet produced by Copydex. It contains easy-to-follow instructions and illustrations on how to make a hobby horse, a Hissing Sid snake, Ninepins and dolls house furniture. To obtain a copy of the 'Let's Make Toys' project and details of 20 other projects in the series which include making mobiles and masks, send 20p postal orders or stamps for postage and packing to Copydex Adhesive, Stanhope Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3DD.



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# A Funny Thing Happened . . .

There was so much going on in 1985 — we can't believe that everything ran smoothly and according to plan. But like most things that go wrong, we can look back and laugh and say, 'Well it wasn't so bad after all — in fact we rather enjoyed it, hic-cups and all!'

We would like to hear about 'The Funniest Thing That Happened (to you) in 1985'. Humour is never easy to write — but give it a try. We will print the most humorous pieces that we receive.

Send your articles in to:

The Programme and Training Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT, to reach us not later than 1 March 1986. All entries will be read by our panel of eminent judges.

We look forward to hearing what happened to you in 1985!



*"What do you mean, you sneezed?"*

## WAGGGS Resource Material

'... it should be remembered that international education is an essential part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Because of this, we have a wonderful opportunity to open doors to a wider world, to give girls a chance to search and share and, through this, develop mutual knowledge, understanding and love. In turn, this leads towards a better and more harmonious and peaceful world — and this, surely, is our goal.' (taken from 'WAGGGS a Programme for International Education')

From October a Resource Pack, containing selected publications produced by The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts not currently available through the Trading Service, will be obtainable from CHQ, Foxlease and Waddow, for an initial period of six months.

These packs have been put together in response to requests that WAGGGS material should be more easily available. Sales will be closely monitored during the six months and, if demand is sufficient, it is possible that arrangements may be made to sell the packs through the Trading Service.

The contents of the pack are as follows:

**International Handbook** — a description of the work of the World Association and guidance on organisation of international events. A valuable resource for international camp organisers, County Commonwealth and International Advisers (CCIAs) and others interested in the international aspect of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting. Revised edition 1977.

**Shared Experience** — an attractive guide for leaders and trainers on service projects or working in development education. This book gives practical advice in an easy-to-read style.

**Public Relations Brochure** — a full colour

brochure outlining the structure and objectives of WAGGGS. An excellent public relations resource and handout for events.

**WAGGGS Information Sheet** — a simple and handy sheet listing Member Organisations and briefly describing the aims and structure of WAGGGS. Useful for new leaders and as a PR handout.

**World Centres Leaflet** — a new leaflet giving practical information for those planning a visit. Included is information on local transportation to the Centres, accommodation, medical requirements, programme and travel hints.

**Looking Wider** — an attractive WAGGGS/UNICEF brochure presenting a survey of some of the projects Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are undertaking world-wide, in fields closely related to the work of UNICEF. Included are literacy schemes, vocational training, emergency relief and work with the handicapped. This brochure contains photographs and is suitable for display purposes.

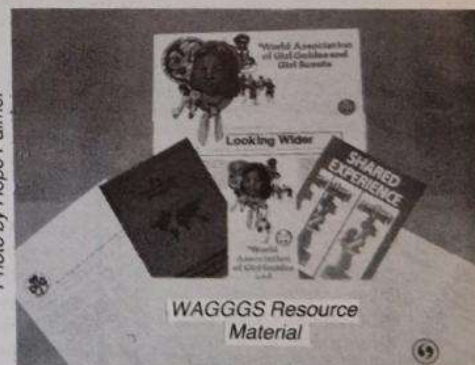
### Ordering the Pack

To order the pack simply write to:

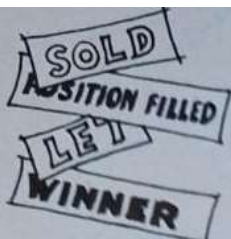
The International Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT enclosing £1.70 to cover the cost of the pack, plus postage and packing, or you can collect one from Foxlease or Waddow, where the price will be £1.10.

We would be interested to know how you use the pack in your Guiding and if there is any other information which you feel would be useful to you.

Susan C Millett  
Resources Supervisor  
(International Department)







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## Canal Adventure Cruises.

Aboard our fleet of six 12-berth skippered economy camping or luxury converted craft. All boats are fully equipped — you just need a sleeping bag and food or, if you wish, we can supply these as well. Friendly, helpful staff and reasonable prices. Warwickshire Fly Boat Co., Shop Lock Cottage, Stockton, Nr Rugby CV23 8LD. 092 681 2093.

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**East Devon.** Beer. Seaside Headquarters available for Pack Holidays and indoor camping. Sae please: Mrs Bartlett, Endsleigh, Barline, Beer, Devon.

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

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

**Packington Village Hall.** 1½ miles Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Welcomes Brownies and Guides, £15.00 per day. No extra charges for heating and lighting. Coaches can be arranged for transport and day trips at moderate charges. Sae: Mr C. G. Westwood, 46 High Street, Packington, Leicestershire. Tel: Ashby 412012.

**Little Trees campsite,** Pease Pottage, Crawley. 3 large sites with solid fire shelters/toilet cubicles. One large hut with gas lights. For details contact: Mr D. Whinder, 13 Rosedale Close, Gossops Green, Crawley, West Sussex.

**Glasgow Girl Guides** campsite, Gartocharn, overlooking Loch Lomond. Large camping area including four equipped sites, no solid shelter. Applications from 1st February to: Miss J. Renfrew, 150 Aros Drive, Glasgow G52 1TJ.

**'Heartsease', West Wickham,** Kent. Small, equipped Pack Holiday House, sleeps 29. Enclosed, wooded site, good local amenities, trains to London. Booking now. Large sae: Mrs Hazelwood, 34 Pickhurst Rise, West Wickham, Kent.

**Outdoor pursuits** anywhere in the country. Minimum 3 day courses. All sites serviced including camps. Graded programmes allow participation from 7 years upwards. Recognised by Education Authorities. Contact: Pegasus Adventure, 52 Commercial Street, Ystalyfera SA9 2HS. Tel: 0639 844972.

**Sarratt, Herts.** Equipped sites, solid shelter. Sae: Miss Phillips, 6 Moorcroft Way, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 1LA.

**Silver Sapling:** Lancaster and Morecambe Division campsite in beautiful wooded area on edge of Morecambe Bay. Equipped and unequipped sites. Excellent facilities now with electricity. Details: Mr F Barnby, 10 Kirklands, Hest Bank, Lancaster. Tel: (0524) 822994.

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**Special offer** to Guides and Brownies. During 1986 we offer a carefree holiday at 'The Beacon' Hastings. Full Board, Accommodation, price includes transport on arrival & departure. Excursions by arrangement. Large premises, sports facilities, for £60.00 per week. Write to: Mrs F. Auer, Wilton House School, Catsfield Place, Nr Battle, East Sussex TN33 9BS.

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**Come and camp** in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg. We have three places to offer you: (1) Our Centre International pour Guides in Luxembourg-City. (2) Our Training Centre of Colpach-Bas near the Belgian Border, five miles from Arlon. (3) Our Guides' home in Esch-Alzette, near the French border. For further details, please apply to: Association des Girl Guides Luxembourgeoises (AGGL), 61a Route de Trèves, L-2630, Luxembourg.

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**Gaddesden Row Guide Centre.** Equipped Pack Holiday indoor centre with campsite, telephone. Suitable Brownies, Guides, Rangers. Near Whipsnade, easy reach London. Miss J. Webb, 8 Flint Cottages, High Street Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP2 7AJ.

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# Our Chalet CHQ

## Ski Party, 1986



**H**ave you been reading the exciting articles about the party (1985) in *GUIDING* magazine? Have you ever wanted to learn to ski? Have you ever wanted to visit Switzerland or Our Chalet in the winter time? Do you prefer to travel with other people rather than alone? Then this holiday is exactly what you are looking for!



**Dates:** Saturday, 18 January to Sunday, 2 February 1986  
(due to an early morning departure on Sunday 19th January, you may wish to travel to London on Saturday 18th January, and stay overnight in suitable accommodation).



**Costs:** Travel from London Gatwick or London Heathrow (depending upon numbers) departing on:  
19 January — to Switzerland. Return by air on 2 February 1986.

Inclusive of full board and dormitory accommodation at Our Chalet.

Insurance: GGA Policies

Administration:

£251 approx  
£6  
£1  
**Total £258**



**Not Included:** Hire of skis — (last year's price was approx 35 SF for two weeks)  
Hire of boots — (last year's price was approx 20 SF for two weeks) if required.  
Allow at least 150 SF per week for Ski lifts, in addition to spending money.  
Overnight accommodation in London if required before departure.

**NB** If accommodation in a superior type of room is allocated or required, **the following supplements per person, per night, are payable, direct to the Guider-in-Charge, Our Chalet, whilst in Switzerland.**



### Photos

Top Right — Our Chalet

Centre Right — Tschingelochthorn near Adelboden

Bottom Right — American Room, Our Chalet

Above — Skiers on the slopes at Adelboden

Bed in 7 room	2.00 SF	According to availability of rooms at the time of your arrival, members may be placed in a more superior room and must be prepared to pay the supplement involved.
Bed in 5 room	4.60 SF	
Bed in 3 room	6.60 SF	
Bed in a single room	9.60 SF	

### Who May Apply

Any members of the Girl Guides Association **aged 16 years and over**. Applications as soon as possible please. (If possible before 6 December 1985).

To apply, please complete an event Nomination Form (in triplicate, orange coloured forms), obtainable from your County Commonwealth and International Adviser. Forms to be forwarded via Country/Region to the International Department, CHQ.

**Muriel Dunn**  
International Secretary



# BOOKS for Christmas

**Halley's Comet Pop-Up Book**, by Patrick Moore and Heather Couper. Published by Dean International. Price £7.95.

What is Halley's Comet? Where does it get its name from? Why does it appear only every 76 years? These are questions that children will be asking over the next few months. This book has been written to help children understand what a comet is and how best to actually view the event. For professional and amateur stargazers alike detailed information is given on the comet's location and its orbit from October 1985 until May 1986. The book is a superb piece of paper engineering displaying history, star maps, viewing equipment and experiments that will be carried out while the comet is in the earth's vicinity. A book that will delight and educate children if they can stop their Fathers from playing with it.

MSC

**Map Skills Book** by Chris Warn. Published by The Ordnance Survey. Price £4.25.

Although this book is aimed at the education sector it will be of great interest to anyone wishing to learn map reading or more about their surroundings and landscape. It is divided into three sections. Basic Skills — fundamental map skills for all ages, Examination Skills — using maps in public examinations and Life Skills — the use of maps in everyday situations. Each section is broken down under different headings with an exercise to test your learning ability. The book presents subject areas like history, geography and social development and would prove an asset towards examinations in these subjects as well as general education. It has nearly 200 illustrations including map extracts and provides a comprehensive map work course that would benefit those interested in Hillwalking and backpacking as well as those interested in taking map reader badge. A definite asset to any Unit for reference.

MSC

**Decorating Cakes for Special Occasions**, by Polly Pinder. Search Press. £10.95.

Decorating Cakes for Special Occasions is a must for all cake lovers. It is a beautifully illustrated hard-back book with colour photographs throughout. Learn how to ice a cake the professional way and the art of using colours correctly. Then, when you've got the techniques, make a cake for that special occasion: engagement, retirement, passing of driving test, by following Polly Pinder's easy to follow step-by-step diagrams. Diet freak, teenage party, lazy gardener and harassed mother are just a few of the other

imaginative designs created for you to impress all your friends.

SAT

**Create Your Own Stage Faces** by Douglas Young. Bell & Hyman £9.95.

Anyone who's been roped in to do the makeup for a pantomime or Christmas show will find this book invaluable. There are detailed instructions and suggestions for all kinds of straight as well as character, overseas, historical and fantasy makeup. If your particular problem is making up a cast of 25 turn to the last chapter: Organising Group Makeups and chaos will be averted.

NAS



Make-up tips

**The Pritt Craft Book**. Knight Books. £1.25.

This is an ideal book to keep children happy and quiet. It is intended to appeal to adults who will want to buy it for children especially for those long winter evenings and wet weekends. It teaches the art of following instructions and making things — from photo frames, puppets, masks, and on to Christmas decorations and Easter Bonnets. All the ideas are cheap and fun using Pritt throughout. It is a good glue for children as it is non-toxic and 'clean'. Knight books are running a publicity campaign for Pritt.

OMC

**The Brownie and Girl Guide Annuals 1986**, edited by Rosalind Woodhouse. World International Publishing Limited. £3.25.

The Brownie and Girl Guide Annuals are superbly edited this year by Rosalind Woodhouse. Both have a mixture of carefully selected articles to suit the age groups. The Brownie Annual has features on birthstones, theatre cats, piggy banks and mazes while the Girl Guide Annual features the true facts behind a kiss and the events that happen after you phone the fire brigade. There is, of course, an ample supply of exciting stories and puzzles in both, together with a competition. At £3.25 each the Brownie and Girl Guide annuals are sure to be a welcome Christmas Gift for any Brownie or Guide.

SAT

**Group Fund Raising — A Handbook for Local Organisers** by David Saint.

Print Force Publishers, 6 Angel Hill Drive, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3BX. Price £3.95 plus 25p p&p.

Everything you want to know about fund raising from Antique Fayres to Wacky Races. David Saint has written a very useful book based on years of experience at a local and national level. Two-thirds of the book is full of ideas to add variety to the usual jumble sales and summer fetes. Not only are some of the 100 odd ideas unusual, for instance a pavement picture competition, but each contains good advice and deals with problems that might arise.

The rest of the book covers the law, publicity, checklists and useful names and addresses.

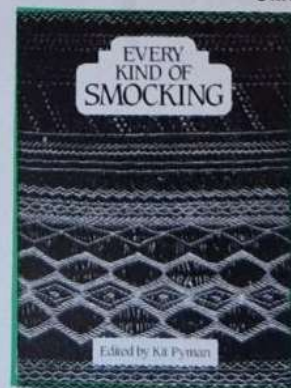
As someone who is involved in Scout and PTA fund raising, I found this book an interesting read and a useful reference. I look forward to trying out some of the ideas.

PB

**Every Kind of Smocking** by Kit Pyman. Search Press Ltd. £11.95.

Smocking is never out of fashion and in this book all kinds of smocking are explained and illustrated. There is a brief history of the Smock, the development of the traditional pattern, and the smocking stitches. Children's clothes in particular use smocking in a practical way to allow for growth and activity and the fabrics are very suitable for gathering. Patterns are given for a variety of clothes for the early years of childhood and these are illustrated with excellent coloured photographs. Among these articles is a silk Christopher gown, an all in one romper and some delightful dresses.

OMC



**Christmas Book**. Kingfisher. £5.95.

This lovely book would make an ideal present for any child who loves reading. It is a collection of stories, poems and carols for the twelve days of Christmas and is guaranteed to keep children quiet for at least some of the holiday.

The stories are a mixture of old and new, ranging from The Fairy Ship by Alison Uttley and Early on Christmas Morning by Lois Lamplugh, to The Little Fir Tree by Hans Christian Anderson and The Christmas Story, retold from the Bible.

Although The Christmas Book is aimed at children of Brownie age, I'm sure that no adult will be able to resist reading it — having a read before popping it into a stocking.

LAH

**The State Apartments At Buckingham Palace A Souvenir** by Deric Evans. £3.50 (£4 including p. & p.)

This souvenir booklet is based on the author's observations as a member of the staff of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award over 25 years in attendance at Gold Award Receptions. It is illustrated with reproductions and artists drawings, together with a pull-out chart of the location of Royal homes in Great Britain. The booklet is intended as a special souvenir for those who have been invited to Buckingham Palace, particularly holders of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

The net proceeds from the sale of the booklet after deducting printing and production costs are donated to The Duke of Edinburgh Award for assistance to handicapped young people.

Remittances should be sent to: The Literature Dept., The Duke of Edinburgh Award, 69 Dublin Street, Edinburgh EH3 6NS.

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**The Working Woman's Guide** by Liz Hodgkinson. Thorsons PGL. £4.95.

Any woman trying to combine a career with raising a family will be perfectly aware of the difficulties of being a success as worker as well as mother. Liz Hodgkinson's book offers advice on a personal level on a variety of issues from helping to decide which career-path to take by choosing the appropriate O and A levels to maternity rights for the working woman. The book successfully combines suggestions and ideas with facts about a wide range of topics. Each chapter ends with a useful list of books and leaflets for further reading and information.

The advantage of this book is that Liz Hodgkinson speaks from experience and with concern for the welfare and rights of working women. It may not be every woman's wish to reach the 'top' of her chosen career (for those who do there is a chapter on how to do just that) but most working women will benefit from Liz Hodgkinson's positive approach to maintaining a career without losing the pleasures of family life.

ED



# BOOKS for Christmas

**Campbell's Clockwatcher's Cookbook** by Clare Latimer. Published by Esmonde Publishing and Vandenburg Associates, Price £2.95.

For busy cooks everywhere Campbells have produced a quick, handy Cook recipe book to help save time in the kitchen. Each recipe, which contains Campbell's soup, is designed to enable you to produce tasty dishes in the minimum of time (no dish takes longer than 30 minutes to prepare) whether you are cooking for the family or for a dinner party.

A typical recipe is for Asparagus Loaves for which you need: 750g (1½lb) strong white flour 1 tbsp dried yeast 2 tbsp warm water 295 (10.4oz) Campbell's Condensed Asparagus Soup

Put the flour into a bowl. Mix the yeast and water together and leave to stand for five minutes. Pour into the flour mixture with the soup. Mix well into a pliable dough. Turn out onto a well-floured surface and knead for five minutes. Grease 3 x 600ml (1 pint) loaf tins. Divide the mixture into three shapes and place in tins. Cover with a damp cloth and leave in a warm place for one hour. Preheat the oven, 200c (400f) or Gas 6. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes or until it sounds hollow when you tap the bottom of the loaf.

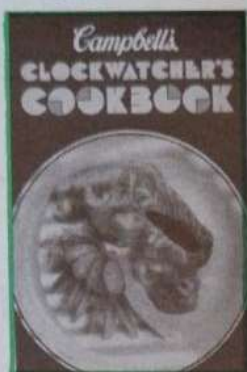
If three loaves are too much you can freeze some of the mixture.

Campbell's are offering free copies of this Colourful Cookbook to the first ten readers who apply, enclosing the coupon at the bottom of this page. Even if you are not amongst the first ten lucky readers, you will receive a Campbell's Cookery Leaflet.

The address to send your coupon to is **Campbell's Cookbook/GUIDING, Vandenburg Associates, Public Relations Consultants, 178-202 Great Portland Street, London W1N 5TB.**

The book is available from all good book shops.

DS



**What Shall we do for Christmas?** by Doreen Storr. Published by CIO Publishing, £1.95. A collection of easy, practical ideas for celebrating Christmas with under-10s-plays, craft work and activities which have all been tried and tested.

VD

**Helping Your Handicapped Child** by Janet Carr. Published by Penguin Books.

This informative book seeks to help parents and others teach social and practical skills and to cope with the behaviour problems of handicapped young children.

Minute steps are taken in every circumstance — how to react and how not to, so much so that any parent concerned about an offspring's outrageous behaviour would find counsel here.

The book is written with mentally handicapped children in mind, the delayed milestones of feeding, dressing and toilet training are dealt with and the value of reinforcement to obtain progress.

Reinforcement (almost bribery but not quite!) takes many forms from cuddles and praise to favourite food or drink and including extra pocket money if this would be understood.

County Advisers of handicapped members would find this book and its appendices valuable reference material in their quest for knowledge concerning mental handicap. Guiders are increasingly aware of their training needs in this respect.

DGS

**Remember, Remember.** Search Press, £8.95.

'From quiet homes and first beginning, Out to the undiscovered ends; There's nothing worth the wear of winning, But laughter and the love of friends' (Hilaire Belloc) ... **Remember, Remember** is for your own everlasting diary of personal occasions, birthdays, anniversaries and general 'dates to remember' for whatever reason. With quotations and poems from world-famous writers and philosophers on every page, together with delicate line drawings and colour plates of flower studies, this is a little book to be treasured. It would also make an acceptable birthday or 'thank you' gift.

AMM



Made to treasure  
See column 4

**The Wind in the Willows**, by Kenneth Grahame, Badger, £8.95.

When this classic came out of copyright some years ago, there was an explosion of new editions. Owen Wood's delicate drawings, expressing his own highly personal view of the masterpiece were originally commissioned in 1967 for the first French translation of the book. Now they are seen for the first time in this country, introducing a new dimension of this well loved story.

JVR



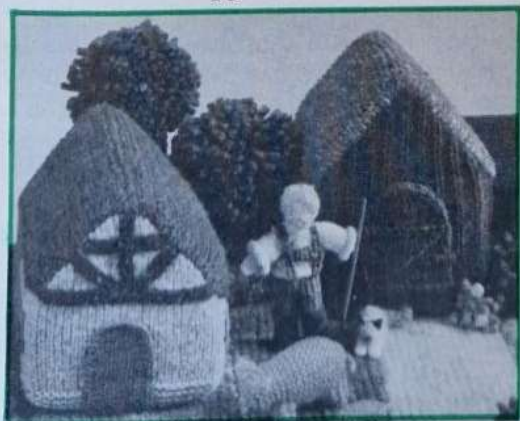
Needlecraft presents

**Needlecraft Presents** edited by Pam Darlston. David and Charles, £10.95 hardback. **Made to Treasure** edited by Kit Pyman. Search Press, £5.95 paperback, £12.50 hardback. **The Knitted Farmyard** by Hannelore Wernhard. Search Press, £1.75 paperback.

It may be a little late to start embroidering a Christmas present now but the Christmas holiday — for some — is the time when fingers itch to have something to make. That's when a book full of things to make could be the best present ever. Needlecraft Presents suggests sixty gifts to make at home and offers scope for skills in knitting, chochet and lacemaking as well as sewing and embroidery. Some of the gifts are large, some useful, all are attractive and many you might never have thought of before. The last chapter is called Bazaar Bestsellers — even if this year's bazaars are thankfully over there's always next year and some of these gifts are so tempting you might even want to have a bazaar! **Made to Treasure**, based entirely upon embroidery, is full of ideas for things to make for special occasions — a christening robe, a wedding headdress, commemorative samplers (including a 'Brownie' one) and a lovely quilt based on a child's drawings. Planned as heirlooms they could make gorgeous presents for the future.

Either of these would be an ideal present for a Guider who has a crowd of busy fingered Guides hungry for ideas in all kinds of stitchery. **The Knitted Farmyard** helps you to create just that: a farmyard in which everything — fields, buildings, people and animals — is made from scraps of wool. Great fun to make and a source of delightful small toys.

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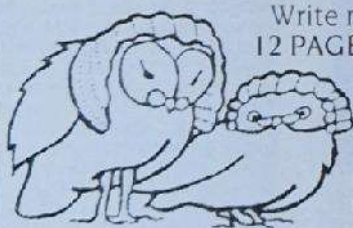
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# THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY Essay Competition 1985-86

Each year the Royal Commonwealth Society holds an essay competition which is open to the young people of the Commonwealth. There are certain rules which must be observed and for the fortunate few there are valuable prizes.

In the 1984/85 competition the Girl Guides Association did not win any major prizes but once again two of our members were awarded 'Highly Commended' certificates and one was awarded a 'Commended' certificate.

This year a new class for people under the age of 12 has been introduced.

## Rules:

1. Entries must be sent to Commonwealth Overseas Department at CHQ accompanied by the Coupon at the bottom of the page, which must be signed by the Guider, to arrive not later than Monday 27 January 1986.

2. On the front page of each entry please give:

Name	Age group
Date of Birth	Entry Class
Company Name	
Home address	Length of Essay

3. Essays should be handwritten, with a wide margin on the left hand side of each page. (A handicapped person may type their essay but an explanatory letter must be enclosed).
4. A list of books read for information must be given together with details of any other sources of information used.
5. The essay may be supported by diagrams, maps, illustrations, but it must be remembered that it is an essay competition and the judges will concentrate on the written work.

A small prize will be awarded by Commonwealth Headquarters to the best essays submitted in each class, up to six essays in each class will be submitted to the panel of judges appointed by the Royal Commonwealth Society.

**Class A** Candidates of 16 and under 19 on 31 December 1985. About 1,500 and not more than 2,000 words on one of the following topics:

1. The Commonwealth Secretariat is 20 years old in 1985. Assess its achievements and anticipate its rôle for the next 20 years.
2. Discuss the statement 'The Commonwealth is more widely known today for its conferences than for its achievements'.
3. 'The maturity and well-being of a nation is reflected in the growth and development of its artistic activities.' How far is this true of any Commonwealth country known to you?
4. On a number of occasions it has been predicted that the Commonwealth was about to break up but this has not happened. What, in your opinion, are the strengths of the association?

**First Prize:** International Air Travel — Return flight for two from the winner's country of residence to the United Kingdom — or, if won by a UK resident, to another Commonwealth country. Arrangements for this study tour will be made jointly by the winner's school and the Society's Headquarters.

**Second Prize (Margaret Best):** £30.00 cash and £20.00 books.

**Third Prize:** £20.00 cash and £15.00 books.

**Fourth Prize:** £15.00 cash and £10.00 books.

**Special Prize (Sir Alwyn Ezra):** £15.00 cash and £10.00 books.

**Class B** Candidates of 14 and under 16 on 31 December 1985. About 1,200 and not more than 1,500 words on one of the following topics:

1. The importance of the Commonwealth lies in the fact that it contains the world's major problems in a microcosm. Is this true?
2. You have been asked to design a new flag either for your own country, or for the Commonwealth as a whole. Describe the flag you would like and explain how its colours and markings symbolise the history, activities and hopes of the people under it.
3. Write an imaginary conversation between a Commonwealth leader of the past and one who is prominent in the affairs of his or her country today.
4. The Commonwealth Secretariat is 21 years old in 1986. Suggest ways in which this birthday might be celebrated.

**First Prize:** Regional Air Travel for two. Arrangements for this study tour will be made jointly by the winner's school and the Society's Headquarters.

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**Fourth Prize:** £10.00 cash and £5.00 books.

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**Class C** Candidates of 12 and under 14 on 31 December 1985. About 500 and not more than 750 words on one of the following topics:

1. Write an account of life in any Commonwealth country either one

hundred years ago or as you imagine it would be one hundred years from now.

2. Write a letter to a penfriend describing three features of life in your country which might interest someone of your own age in another Commonwealth country.
3. Give an account of what is being done about nature conservation in the country or continent in which you live.
4. Describe which animals, birds and reptiles you would choose and why, to make up a zoo representing Commonwealth wildlife.

**First Prize (Kenneth Whitty Memorial):** £50.00 cash and £20.00 books.

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**Class D** Candidates under the age of 12 on 31 December 1985. About 450 and not more than 650 words on one of the following topics (relevant illustrations may be included):

1. Write a letter to a friend in another Commonwealth country telling him or her about the most memorable day of your life.
2. Discuss, with reference to your own country, the opinion that life in the country is more enjoyable than life in a town.
3. Compare your way of life and hobbies with that of children of your own age in any other Commonwealth country.
4. Describe your most frightening animal or bird or reptile, explain how it spends its time and why you are so fearful of it.

Prizes for Class D are kindly donated by the Royal Commonwealth Society Guernsey Branch.

**First Prize:** £25.00 cash and £15.00 books.

**Third Prize:** £15.00 cash and £5.00 books.

**Second Prize:** £20.00 cash and £10.00 books.

**Fourth Prize:** £10.00 cash and £5.00 books.

**Special Prize (Sir Alwyn Ezra):** £10.00 cash and £5.00 books.

All teachers and candidates are reminded that failure to observe the regulations governing the Essay Competition will result in disqualification. Please read carefully the regulations over the page. Certificates are awarded in all classes for Highly Commended and Commended essays.

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## ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION

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I certify that the enclosed entry is the unaided work of the above named Ranger/Young Leader/Guide

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# GRAPEVINE

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## Jorvik Viking Centre

The winter months are an ideal time to visit York's Jorvik Viking Centre as the crowds of summer tourists have disappeared and there is more time to view the exhibition and speak to Centre staff. The Viking Centre, which is a detailed reconstruction of the city of York as it was a thousand years ago, runs special attractions throughout the winter months including Christmas activities, a Festival of Viking events where there will be a 'best-Viking-beard' competition and a children's design-a-Viking-poster competition and so on.

Parties of 20 or more can be arranged in advance by writing to: **Bookings Department, Jorvik Viking Centre, Coppergate, York YO1 1NT, or by phoning (0904) 643211.**



## Paradise Mill Silk Museum

This year's Museum of the Year Award, for achievement with limited resources, went to the Paradise Mill Museum in Macclesfield. The museum is a working silk museum containing the last hand-loom weaving loom in Macclesfield with adjoining designer's office etc. There are guided tours, lasting about an hour, when visitors can see demonstrations of various silk processes. Other places worth a visit include the Sunday School Heritage Centre, which houses two free exhibitions on the history of Sunday Schools, and the refurbished Victorian class-room where groups can dress up, as part of the visit, and see the many features associated with schooling in Victorian times. Groups requesting further details or advice on planning a visit should contact: **Karen de Lewandowicz (Education Officer), Paradise Mill Working Silk Museum, Park Lane, Macclesfield SK11 6TL, tel: (0625) 618228.**

## Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood

This Christmas, the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 9PA, is putting on a seasonal exhibition on the theme of the Christmas crib. The exhibits include old and modern cribs from around the world, the cen-

trepiece being from Naples. The exhibition will also show how some of the main figures in the crib have been interpreted by different artists through the ages — the infant Christ, the Angels, the Wise Men, and the Shepherds. The exhibition runs from Sunday 1 December to 12 January 1986 and is open 10.00–18.00 Monday to Thursday and Saturday, 14.3–18.00 Sunday. The museum is closed on Fridays.

## Natural History Museum

This December, trees will be on 'trial' for their lives at the Natural History Museum in a specially commissioned family show. 'Green Treason' which is sponsored by the museum and Good Housekeeping Magazine, will put the case for and against trees to a jury from the audience through the use of comic verse, song, quotations and colourful characters. Performances will benefit the Woodland Trust, and tickets are £1 each including a complimentary glass of sherry or squash. They can be obtained through the November issue of Good Housekeeping or by writing directly to **Gill Oates, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, tel: 01-589 6323.** The show is being performed at 4.30pm on Monday 9, Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December 1985.

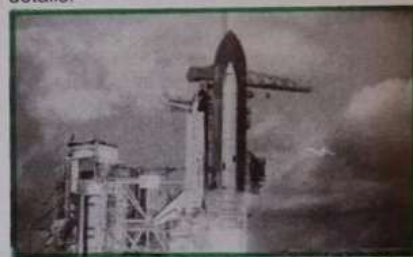
## V & A

There are two exhibitions at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London at the moment which will attract anyone with an interest in modern and historical fashions. *Shots of Style* is a selection of *Great Fashion Photographers chosen by David Bailey* and consists of photographs of fashion through the century from magazines such as Vogue and Harper's Bazaar, taken by the likes of Sir Cecil Beaton and Norman Parkinson. This exhibition is in the Henry Cole Wing of the Museum and will run until 19 January 1986. The other exhibition is aptly named *Knit One, Purl One — Historic and Contemporary Knitting*. The exhibition follows the history of knitting with the help of displays including part of a 12th century stocking, and a 17th century Italian tunic in silk and gold. There is also a collection of contemporary fashion knitwear. The exhibition is on show in Room 40 until the summer 1986. The museum is open on weekdays 10.00–17.50, Sundays 14.30–17.50, but it is closed on Fridays.



## National Museum of Photography, Film and Television

Visitors to the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford are now able to share the experiences of crew members on a Space Shuttle flight in a film called *'The Dream is Alive'*. The images projected onto an enormous 52' 4" x 63' 8" screen, at the museum, have been described as 'the closest thing to being there'. The new film includes footage of a pilot's eye view of a Space Shuttle landing and images of astronauts sleeping and eating in the weightlessness of space. There are several shows daily — except on Mondays when the museum is closed — and the film will run for a few months. Tel: **Bradford (0274) 727488** for details.



## Royal Opera House

Through a generous donation from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, the Royal Opera House is able to present a special scheme which will allow members of the public who would not normally be able to afford to attend a ballet at the Royal Opera House to do so. From 10–16 January 1986, The Royal Ballet will present one performance of *The Nutcracker*, three of *Manon* and two of *Giselle*. The ticket prices range from £1–£3. Seats for these performances are not available for direct booking but will be arranged through a wide variety of groups and voluntary organisations. For full details contact: **Camilla Whitworth-Jones at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9DD or call 01-240 1200 ext 155.**

## Royal Observatory

Unfortunately, due to very popular demand, the group bookings to visit the Royal Observatory, when Halley's Comet will be with us, have been taken up very quickly and are now completely full. However, visits to the Observatory are always interesting and there will be open evenings from 9 December to 20 December for anyone who wishes to see the Comet through the telescope at the Observatory.

## Royal Academy

Until 22 December, the Royal Academy of Arts has an exhibition of *German Art in the Twentieth Century*, which includes painting and sculpture from 1905 to 1985. The artists range from those under the stylistic heading of Expressionism to artists from the Bauhaus school of art and modern German artists.





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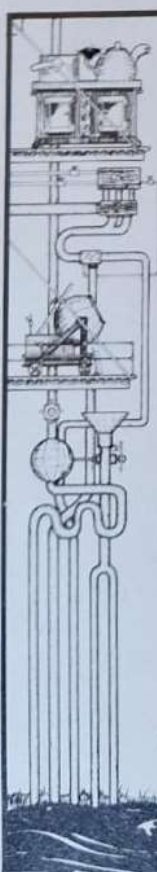
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## Captions to Photographs (see overleaf)

Top left:

A Dutch Guider, staying at Our Chalet, tries her hand at playing the Post Horn.

*Photo courtesy of: Margaret Stephenson.*

Top centre:

This clown carried the flame for a Division in Oxfordshire during this year's 75th Anniversary Celebrations. The photograph won first prize in the Oxfordshire Photographic Competition.

*Photo courtesy of: Marie Ruij.*

Top right:

'Cats' came to Pitch Hill Division's weekend Camp earlier this year when the Brownies descended on the Guides to pay them a visit.

*Photo courtesy of: Jan Jesson.*

Middle left:

The concentration involved in this craft activity is obviously intense for the Antiguan Brownie in this picture.

*Photo courtesy of: Coral Tomlin.*

Middle right:

Here we see the beautiful results of the Endon Well Dressing in Staffordshire. The wells this year depicted the 75th Anniversary of the Girl Guides Association.

*Photo courtesy of: Liz Joy.*

Bottom centre:

Helen Carter and Tracey Foley took part in the Guides' Dance Movement Section of the Lincs North Humberside South's Festival of Arts in July of this year.

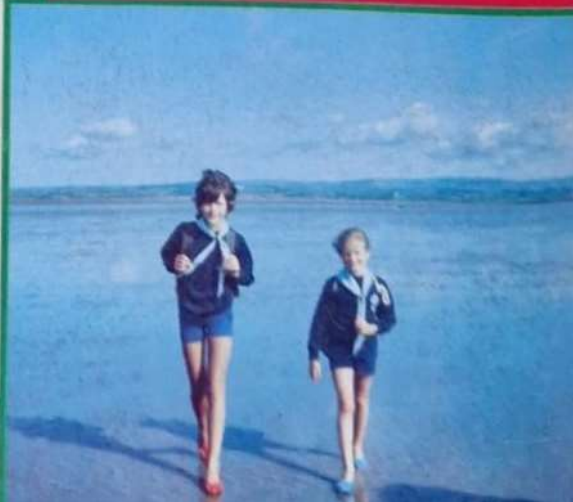
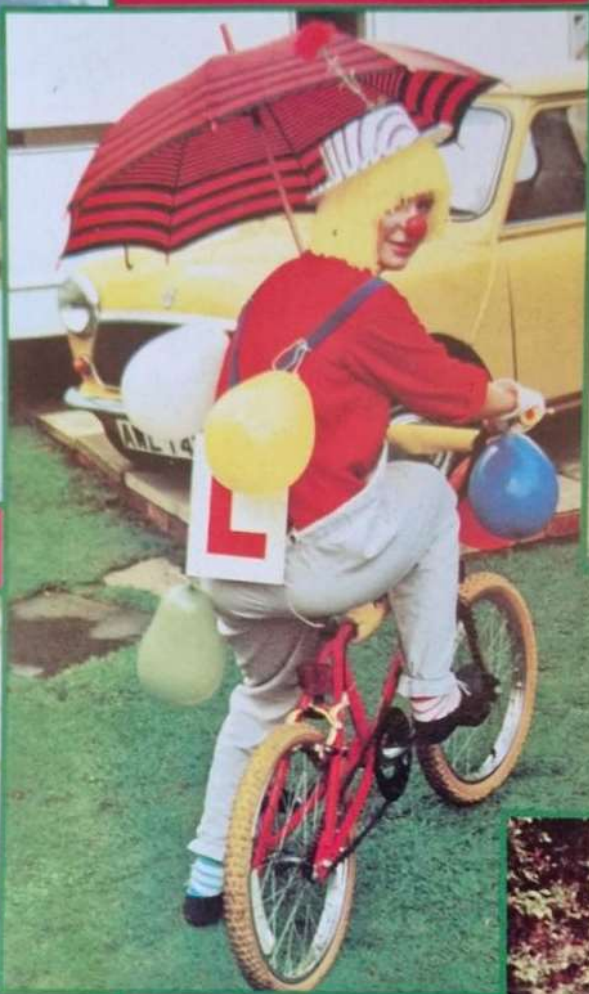
*Photo courtesy of: Sandy Everitt.*

Bottom right:

Caroline and Alison Wainman take part in a guided walk across Morecambe Bay.

*Photo courtesy of: E Rothwell.*





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