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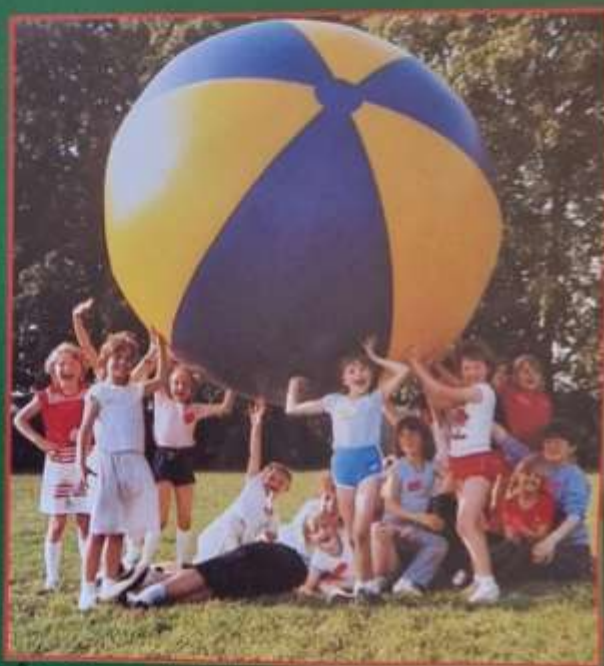
**A Victorian Christmas Card
(See Page 7)**



Winter Warmers

Moments like these are guaranteed to bring a smile to readers who are suffering from the present cold and rain of winter. These attractive photos portray the following—

1. Guides on a visit to Westwood Police Station in Leeds. *Photo courtesy of West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police.*
2. Engtowed Brownies from the 7th Braintree Pack enjoy washing up on a Pack Holiday. *Photo courtesy of J. E. Higgins.*
3. These sailing monkeys come from the 1st Ashburton Pack and are obviously having a swinging time on Pack Holiday. *Photo courtesy of M. Wale.*
4. 'Nothing so lovely as a tree'. These participants of the Bedfordshire County Camp commuted with nature last summer. *Photo courtesy of Peter Rouse.*
5. Nothing but a ball of fun say the Brownies who took part in the Brierly Districts Brownie Revels! *Photo courtesy of June Taylor.*



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Christmas Message

We hope you have found this year comparatively quieter than 1985. However, knowing the commitment you have to our great Association we would like to thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for all you do to help our young people. We also send you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas time.



June Paterson-Brown

June Paterson-Brown
Chief Commissioner



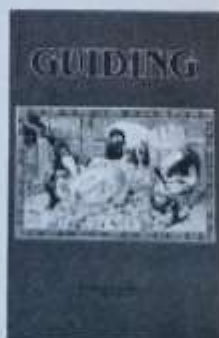
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Anne Dunford
Deputy Chief Commissioner

COVER

The cover illustration for this month's issue is an original Victorian Christmas Card from the collection of Mr David Watkins. As you can see today's 'Traditional Victorian' cards are not really all that traditional.

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Happy Endings

Despite her physical handicap 18-year-old Emily Hyde is well on her way to becoming the prolific short story writer she longs to be. This is largely due to Emily's determination and imagination but also to her fellow Rangers in the 111th Handicapped Unit, based in Bristol, who raised money for a £1,300 computer which will enable Emily to correct her own mistakes. As she has rather limited use of her arms and legs this will be of great assistance to her. Ranger Guide Jessamine Williams handed over the computer and it is, surely, something that all the Rangers in the Unit can be very proud of.

Photograph by kind permission of the Editor, South Hams Gazette.

Shoe Shine Shuffle



These two Brownies were hard at work cleaning shoes in an effort to raise money towards replacing the roof of their HQ which leaked badly. It was a typically wet, Surrey day in the middle of May when the event took place and passers by were offered hot coffee from beneath garden umbrellas. The two Brownies in the picture are Jenny Stapleton and Juliette Roe who worked hard all day, as did the other Brownies, and made the event such a financial success.

Photograph courtesy of Joan Jones and The Cobham News and Advertiser.



Deb's Delight



Last December 22-year-old Debbie Lewis, Assistant Guider with the 5th Pentwyn Brownie Pack, received her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The award was presented by Mr David Parsons who has trained Debbie in Mapping and Compass work for the Expedition/Exploration section of the syllabus. It was a rather special evening for two other Rangers, 17-year-olds Anne Francis and Hazel Williams who received their Silver Awards, and Ranger Challenge Badge and Young Leader Certificate respectively. Both girls are now working towards their Gold awards. It was also a memorable presentation for Mrs Angela Lewis who is not only Ranger Guider and District Commissioner for Pentwyn District but also Debbie's mum!

Photograph courtesy of Western Mail & South Wales Echo.

Medic's Money



This delightful photograph was taken at the official opening of the new Medical Group Surgery at Westhill. The Brownies, Guides and Rangers of the Westhill District raised money as part of their service to the community during the 75th Anniversary year and donated £150 to the surgery. The money was used to purchase sketches and photographs of Westhill, before the developers moved in. It is intended that the pictures will hang in the general waiting area. They are bound to give many people much pleasure and maybe go towards raising the spirits of those who are feeling a little off colour.

Photograph courtesy of Aberdeen Journals.

Caring Carollers

The Laindon East District Guides and Brownies held a Carol Service last year which raised £14. The money, in the form of a cheque was handed over to the special Child Care and Development unit at Basildon Hospital which relies entirely on donations from the public. At this time of year it is important that we remember, not only those unfortunate children who will be spending Christmas in hospital but also the dedicated people who care for them over the holiday, and what better way of doing so than making them the beneficiaries of the Carol Service?

Photograph courtesy of J Connelly



Wedding Eve Awards



This photograph was taken on Royal Wedding Eve outside St James' Palace where Ranger Guides Vanessa Fryer, second left, and Hilary Towers, second right, received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. It is only Gold Award winners who are invited to the special award ceremonies at which the Duke of Edinburgh himself is present, and the day before the royal wedding he was, probably, rather busy. It is to his credit that he found the time to chat to the recipients and indicates the esteem with which he regards the youngsters who work so hard showing great personal tenacity and initiative. The girls were helped by Mrs Valerie Symon who has trained more Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award winners than anyone else in the Woburn district. Also in the photograph are Mrs Fryer, Mrs Miller and Mrs Towers.

Photograph courtesy of Paul R Miller.

The STAR in the EAST



After the disappointment of seeing such a poor view of Halley's Comet, which did not live up to our expectations, we once again turn our backs on it. This was said to be the 'Christmas Star'. Astronomers have been able to trace its movements back some two thousand years. They know that it appeared in 11 BC, and, some authorities claim that this was the 'Star of Bethlehem'. Others are not so sure. They prefer to suggest that the 'star' was a conjunction, that is when two or more planets coming together in the same line of sight make one bright object. They claim that there were three such occasions in the year 7 BC. There are, however, at least two faults in that argument.

Any conjunction would last less than a minute, so how do they account for the star being seen 'All the way' by the Magi? The answer is simple, one conjunction would set them on their way, another would be seen during the journey, and a third would show them the way from Jerusalem. A mere flash lasting half a minute or so, would not inspire any astronomer.

The main reason why this theory can be disregarded is that planets move against the main background of stars. Furthermore, each conjunction would be in different parts of the sky. Consequently, it was not a conjunction.

St Matthew was perfectly clear when he said that it was a 'bright light' so, to be conspicuous against its surroundings, it would have to be so. Let me lead you to a supernova. This is Latin for a big new star.

The Chinese, Koreans and Chaldeans were all keen to study the stars, in fact their calculations were as accurate, in many respects, as our recent ones.

Looking through their records we find that they noted Halley's Comet in 11 BC, they noted the conjunctions of 7 BC, and, perhaps most significantly, in 6 BC they had seen a new star. There was no possibility of collusion as they were miles apart, yet they all noticed this bright new star.

This new star was a supernova, which is caused by some unsighted, gigantic, dark star which, without warning, blows up. It was a gigantic star dying and we see a cataclysmic and spectacular end when the nuclear agents within it burst, sending fiery matter millions of miles into outer space.

We cannot say that such a supernova is unique, but it is a very rare explosion. Our own solar system came into being in the same explosive manner. So what we see, in this Bethlehem Star, is the death of a big star being enlivened into a system with its own sun, planets, comets and so on. New life for old.

The psalmist says: 'The heavens declare the glory of God.' It could not have been better phrased. If we look into the same area of the sky

where the 'Christmas Star' was seen, we should see no bright star, a small, blurred, misty cloud, its central body, its sun, in the process of drawing together fiery matter via its gravitational pull. It is setting up its system where, millions of years on, there may even be a place similar to our earth.

So, at Christmas time, this star reminds us that God, the Almighty Creator is still at work creating new worlds. And that, one day, in the year 6 BC while He was at work on the Creation of worlds, He was also at work on giving the world His son, coming as a baby in human form. He was to be a creator too. He would heal the sick, raise the dead, preach of peace and goodwill among men. He would have to die to complete a final act of redemption. A psalm says: 'For I will consider the heavens, even the work of thy fingers: the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.'

'What better expression to account for Creation by God, always at work. And at the same time on earth His work also continues; 'Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and honour.'

Thus we can end our study of the Magi seeking the new King, a small innocent baby who, later, would be more powerfully Christ the Lord.

The Rev Dr A M Dutton, PhD.

OBITUARY

Miss Dorothea Powell

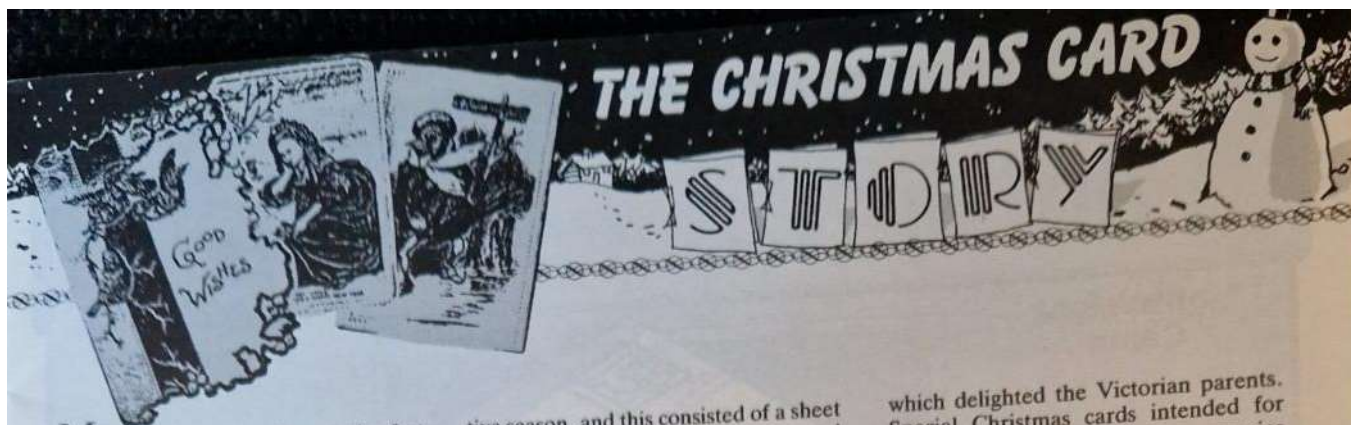
The death of Dorothea Powell on September 2 saddens all those who remember her lively personality. Dot, as she was known by her friends, was particularly well known in Sussex where she held many appointments, including that of Division Commissioner for Hove, an appointment she held throughout the war.

It was during the war that Dot gained her Blue and Red Cord Diplomas. She then went on to train extensively, not only in this country, but also in Europe, Rhodesia and the Sudan. She was a member of both the Council and the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association and, from 1950-1952, was Chairman of the Education Panel. In 1952 she was awarded the Silver Fish, having previously received the Medal of Merit and the Special Service (Beaver) Award.

On retiring as Commissioner from Hove Division, Dot continued her special interest in and concern for young people as a JP, drawing on her experience in Guiding, particularly as Commissioner for Rangers for England. She also had time to devote to her musical interests, playing the viola in a quartet which met at her house.

Dot was deeply interested in everyone and everything around her, and not infrequently drew an analogy for one of her brilliant speeches from such observations. Exceedingly generous, she helped a great many people with her unstinting encouragement and praise. She was a wonderful friend.

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Many people today lament the fact that so few modern Christmas cards illustrate the real, religious meaning of the festival. They might be surprised to learn that the first-ever Christmas card was secular, as were, indeed, the majority of Victorian cards.

The first Christmas card ever produced appeared in 1843 and it came about almost by accident. In December of that year, Henry Cole (later Sir Henry) who founded what is now the Victoria and Albert Museum and who was himself an important civil servant as well as being a painter and writer of children's stories, discovered he was late with his Christmas letters. He therefore asked his friend, John Callcott Horsley RA, to design a special card to send instead.

This first Christmas card was set in a piece of paste-board measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (13 x 11.5 cm), printed by lithography and hand-coloured, and it showed a family gathering: Grandfather and Grandmother soberly toasting on the left, in the middle Father pouring wine, and Mother helping a toddler to sip from a bumper claret glass, and on the right was a shy young maiden trying not to spill her wine with a young man in attendance.

This card shows no hint that Christmas celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, and it carried the traditional message of 'A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You'. Only about a thousand were printed at a cost of a shilling each — a princely sum in those days — and few of these survive today.

The next known card to be produced was a hand-coloured etching designed by W M Egle in 1848. It also depicted jollifications and had a Harlequin and Columbine included on it. For the first time, holly, mistletoe and cherubs made their appearance on this Christmas card.

In spite of these early beginnings the Christmas card was not an instant hit with the public, possibly because it was expensive to send them through the post. Postal charges were still very expensive, but in 1872 a cheaper rate for postcards and Christmas cards in unsealed envelopes was introduced and this led to the sudden popularity of Christmas cards with the public everywhere.

Instead of the Christmas card, people had previously used the 'Christmas letter' to greet their friends over the fes-

tive season, and this consisted of a sheet of writing paper practically covered with coloured illustrations — surprisingly enough, bathing scenes were very popular illustrations! Then, with the new cheap postal rates at Christmas time, G Goodhall and Sons sold the first viable commercial Christmas cards over the counter, and the industry never looked back. Indeed, by 1880, the Post Office had to issue its first 'Post Early for Christmas' poster since the volume of Christmas mail had reached such unprecedented proportions.

By 1895 it was estimated that no less than 200,000 different cards were being produced for Christmas, and these included ornate concoctions adorned with lace, fern and silk, early examples of photographs as well as novelty cards of all kinds and a vast number of comic

which delighted the Victorian parents. Special Christmas cards intended for children portrayed kittens, puppies (often dressed up), and even mice and various garden insects. Of course, Father Christmas was inevitably a great favourite.

The inventiveness of the Victorian Christmas card illustrators knew no bounds. Mechanical cards were popular, and they appeared to be flat but, by pulling a paper tab or a cord or lifting a flap, a pop-up three-dimensional scene was revealed. As well as these 'serious' mechanical cards, many were both amusing and deceptive. Cards held up to the light showed hidden delights: a sleeping boy's eyes opened and butterflies appeared around him. Cards were made to look like imitation wills, cheques, railway tickets, thermometers



cards. In fact, these various designs caused Christmas cards to become collectors' items, and one man, at this time, amassed a great number of different examples which he then divided into subjects; ten of his large volumes contained only representations of robins. But there were many more.

Then, as now, reproductions of old masters were considered to be superior subjects. Most popular of all though, were flowers, fruit ready to be picked and eaten, shrubs and trees, whether seasonal or not.

Babies were also immensely popular, as well as young children. Illustrators of books were employed to furnish paintings of youngsters for these cards, and they set them in Regency-style clothes

and many other subjects.

Eventually it was the familiar romantic winter scene that proved the favourite — stage coaches, snowy rooftops and the like. Some fine artists designed these early Christmas cards.

In recent years, a new trend in the sale of Christmas cards has become popular, that is, cards which are sold in aid of various charitable causes. These will sometimes dispense with the traditional Christmassy illustrations in favour of subjects which highlight the aims of the charities themselves, and by now millions of them are sold everywhere to raise much-needed cash for such worthy causes.

David Watkins

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Lightweight Camp

We had attended many trainings, lectures, talks etc on back packing and lightweight camping and in theory we knew it all so, in spite of our ages, we decided we weren't too old to try!

Plans were made and one very hot Saturday the weigh-in was held. Various items were discarded to reduce the load and after much swapping about of equipment we left armed with an OS map.

After one or two wrong turnings and a very long lunch break we eventually reached our destination, Dunwich Heath. We introduced ourselves to the National Trust warden and, on finding our site, we unloaded ourselves and had 'rest hour'!

Having pitched, hiked to the water tap and organised our camp, we had supper. Washing up done we spent a long time talking over various camps and camping activities. Bedtime was early — not even the nightingales kept us awake.

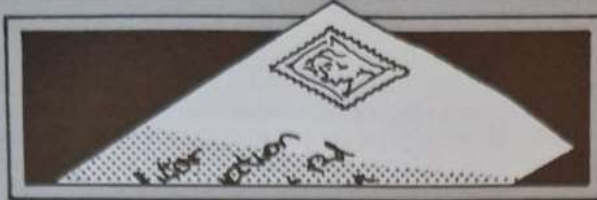
Breakfast was at 6.30 as Val had to be back for mid-day to go sailing. The CCA had tea in bed but was soon up for the tremendous fried breakfast — we gave the dried egg powder a miss!

We made it back in good time. We'd thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and learnt a great deal on the do's and don'ts of mobile, lightweight camping.

4 Suffolk CA's
Name and address supplied

Dedication

I would like to share the fun I had at a County Ranger weekend at Coddessdon Lodge by means of a poem. To Coddessdon Lodge
We did go,
To learn about
What we don't know.
Sue is the one
Who tried her best,
To teach her skills
To all the rest.
The food was great,
We all ate well and we all had lots of fun,
So take a note,



It went off well on behalf of everyone.

So all our thanks,
Should go to Sue,
For such a great few days.
She taught us lots and we all had fun,
In many different ways.

Annette O'Connor,
South Down Ranger Unit,
Berkshire.

Frumps!

With reference to Sandie Kelly's letter (October GUIDING) I must say that I wholeheartedly agree with her, the Brownie Guides' ties are not only ridiculous but are also often forgotten at Brownie meetings. We should all change to neckers, not only Brownies but Guiders too. Lets get away from our frumpy old look and be more up to date and modern. We are not all old age pensioners now! Our future Guiders are getting younger, so let's show them we don't live in the dark ages and do it now, not next year.

Trudy Perrill (Mrs),
Brownie Guider,
2nd Nailsworth Pack,
Gloucestershire.

Uniform Unity

With reference to the letter from Prue Bowles (October GUIDING) I felt that I had to reply. She claims that uniforms are an unnecessary expense to parents but does she, I wonder, encourage the return of the uniforms to the Unit once the girls have left so that they may be resold at a cheaper price to younger girls just joining?

I do not agree with the idea of the girls wearing a plain T-shirt in summer and sweatshirt in winter. She asks 'Is smartness really the top priority of Guiding?' Perhaps not the top priority but I suggest that it is certainly an important factor as we, as Guiders, should encourage the girls to take pride in their appearance.

I say, leave the uniforms of all sections as they are. We should show how proud we are that we belong to the Girl Guides Association by being as smart as we can be.

Rosalind Horne,
Asst. Brownie Guider
unwarranted,
13th Kingston (St Agathas),
Surrey.

Brownie Tidy

May I share with you my idea for keeping Brownie Interest Badges tidy.

Having tried for the last 21 years to find a neat way to keep my badges, I think at last I've succeeded. Plastic sheets, sold by photographic suppliers, for keeping transparencies in. Each sheet has 12 little pockets just the right size for badges. If they are put in alphabetical order it is easy to see when the last badge has been used and so easy to get at. The sheets have holes punched at the side and 3 sheets — which will accommodate every interest badge — can be laced together to form a book.

Having had tins, boxes, envelopes etc, this system really seems to be foolproof.

Dorothea Elliott,
Brownie Guider,
17th Harpenden Pack, Beds.

CADD

As the Festive Season approaches may I send out a challenge to all Guide Association and Trefoil Guild members to carry out a very special Good Turn?

The people that you carry out this Good Turn for will never know about it, will never realise how much they have to thank you for, but they will never need the help and support of CADD (Campaigning Against Drinking and Driving). CADD supports families who are victims of the actions of drunk and irresponsible drivers, they provide advice and help following the death of a loved one.

Twelve months ago our 18 year old daughter was killed in a drink-associated road traffic accident. The person responsible for her death was sentenced to three months detention of which he served two. We are serving a Life Sentence without remission.

Your Good Turn this Christmas is to help prevent drink-drive accidents. Please don't drink and drive, don't let members of your family, or guests at your parties kill innocent people because of alcohol. If you see someone

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who has been drinking heavily attempt to drive a car tell them that if they drive away you will contact the police and give their licence number and the direction in which they are going. A car can become a weapon.

With your help fewer families this year and in 1987 will need the help of CADD but if you know of anyone who needs their help please ask them to write to me c/o GUIDING and I will pass their letters on.

Margaret Dear,
Guider,
1st Mease Valley Guide Coy,
Staffs.

Nuclear . . .

With reference to B W Sketcher's letter (October GUIDING) may I suggest that the only way to 'be prepared' against nuclear accidents in this country is by phasing out nuclear power stations.

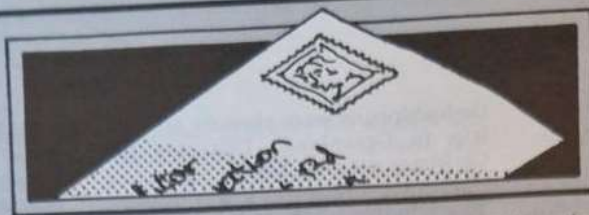
In the last twelve months the children of the North West have been subjected to the fall out from the Chernobyl accident which, coupled with regular exposure to radio-iodine from nuclear power stations within the region, has probably caused them to have a whole body dose above the recommended 1mSv.

Research has shown that we waste over half the energy we produce in this country and electricity generation wastes up to 70 per cent of its input energy.

With better insulation in new and existing buildings, the use of heat exchangers in industry and an overall encouragement for energy efficiency the GNP could double within the next 30 years without the use of nuclear fuels and without our children and our children's children contracting leukaemia, or any of the genetic disorders connected with radioactive discharge.

Our children's health is too high a price to pay for the nuclear industry.

Jean Friend,
Unwarranted Guider,
Royton District Ranger Unit,
Lancs.



Badgers

I am writing to say a big 'Thank you'. In May GUIDING you printed a letter from me regarding County Badge swaps and, to date, I have had over 70 letters from Guides, Guiders and even Trefoil Guild. The letters have come from as far afield as Australia! It has taken me all my time to keep up with the replies so could I please say thank you to everyone who wrote to me. I received swaps, lists and even just friendly letters. My circle of Guiding friends has increased no end, thanks to your magazine.

The County Badges are all being sewn onto a tablecloth so that it may be used at meetings, functions and so that everyone may enjoy them.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone at GUIDING and all my new-found friends a very happy 1987.

Ruth Corin (Mrs),
Brownie Guider,
1st Penzance Pack,
Cornwall.

Singing Circle

The weekend of 19-21 September 1986 saw the beginnings of a new Singing Circle based at Waddow Hall Guide Centre in Lancashire. 23 members managed, in between the singing, to delegate the organisation of the next meeting and form a constitution and to have a very enjoyable time as well. Meetings will probably be twice a year at Waddow Hall — the next being the weekend of 27-29 March 1987. As places will be limited to the accommodation in the Brownie House, anyone who is interested in joining the circle should contact the Secretary Mrs N Allott, 26 Hayfield Ave, Poulton-le-

Fylde, Lancs FY6 7JH so that forms can be sent out in early January.

If you cannot make the next meeting but wish to join the circle, an enrolment fee of £1 plus subscription fee of a further £1 for the year September 86 — August 87 should be sent to the Treasurer Miss R Cook, 125 Oxford Rd, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS5 5EA.

The aims of the Circle are simple — to enjoy singing with other singers; to share songs old and new; to meet and make friends. New members will be very welcome.

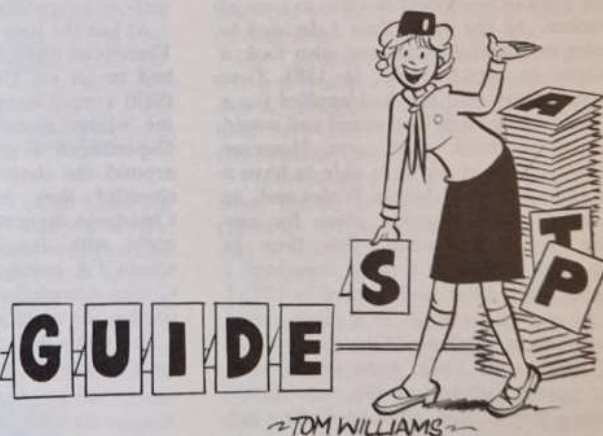
N Allott,
(Dance consultant),
Lancashire West.

F-U-N

After returning to Guides after the summer break to be confronted with eight new recruits and 28 other Guides, we decided to apply ourselves to the task of the pre-Promise challenges. As part of the Exploring the Arts, one recruit returned the following poem.

G is for Guide which I hope to become,
U is for Uniform which then I shall wear,
I is for Interest which I hope I show,
D is for Daydream which I sometimes do,
E is for Enjoyment which I know I shall have,
S is for Sharing with our other Girl Guides.
This was written by Clare Tansill who is 10. She obviously put a great deal of thought into it and it was a joy to receive.

Meriel Dunham (Mrs),
Guide Guider,
4th Dorchester Coy, Dorset.



The Editor reserves the right to cut letters or publish extracts

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

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



NORTHERN

In 1967 I wrote to the Guide Postbox Secretary asking for a penfriend in one of the Scandinavian countries. A few weeks later I received a letter from a Danish girl living and working in Greenland, and we began a correspondence.

Tove worked in the police department in Godthåb, and shared a flat with a friend. Together they ran a local Guide Unit for Danish and Greenlandic girls. I ran a Guide Unit in this country. We used to write and tell each other about our various Guide activities and occasionally sent tapes of the girls singing, some of which I still have. We also exchanged photographs.

A few years later Tove and her friend moved back to Denmark and at last the chance came for us to meet. I sailed from Harwich to Esbjerg then took the train to Fredericia where Tove met me. What a joyful occasion this was as we shared our first holiday together. There have been many since in various parts of Denmark, Norway and here in England, Scotland and Wales. Being keen campers has enabled us to travel more widely and with less expense than if we'd had to stay in hotels etc.

In the 1970's Tove left her office job and went to university to train as a social worker. At the same time I decided to leave residential work and also took a course in social work. In 1981 Tove wrote to say that she had applied for a social work post in Greenland and would be moving back quite soon. However before she went we were able to have a short holiday together in Wales and, as always, made tentative plans for our next holiday together, this time in Greenland, a place I never imagined I would visit. After saving hard in 1983 I spent nearly a month in a place called Qaqortoq in south west Greenland, staying there with Tove. Most of the time was spent walking in the mountains, visiting tiny settlements and finding out all I could about Greenland and its people. A few days were spent studying social problems encountered in the area. I was able to go out on the 'doctor' boat to a very isolated settlement of only 50 people — no electricity and a four hour boat journey though fjords scattered with the most magnificent icebergs. I visited the local hospital, went out with the district nurse and visited a local nursery school. All too soon the holiday came to an end and I had to return to England.

In 1984 Tove visited England and we spent an enjoyable holiday in Cornwall. In 1985 we spent a week well-dressing in

Derbyshire and made plans for my next trip to Greenland. This was for Christmas and New Year.

The Christmas that was different

Greenland is the world's largest island, the greatest part of which lies under the icecap. The icecap at its centre is two miles thick and is a relic of the ice age, leaving only a narrow coastal fringe ice free. It is a land of mountainous landscapes and small townships and settlements scattered along the coast. All are without communicating roads with only sea and air connections — climate permitting as the arctic conditions can play havoc with boat and helicopter schedules. This can make one feel very isolated.

There were difficulties with booking due to the time of year but eventually Tove booked tickets for me in Greenland. The tickets were issued by 'Greenlandair' and, under the conditions of issue, was a clause which gave them the right to return one to their starting point if conditions made it difficult to continue to one's destination. However I went and hoped for the best — after all what is life without adventure!

At last the time came for me to leave. There is no direct flight from the UK so I had to go via Copenhagen. Only one flight a week leaves Copenhagen during the winter months. After arriving in Copenhagen I spent the day looking around the shops; how attractive and cheerful they looked with all the Christmas decorations! I spent the first night with Jenni (a Danish Guider) whom I'd contacted through the Girl Guides Association. So much nicer than staying the night alone in an hotel.

Early the next morning I checked in for the flight to Narssarssuaq in Green-

land. The flight was full and there were many students returning home for Christmas. This was the last flight until after the New Year. The flight was in an SAS DC8, the cabin of which was decked with decorations. The flight time was 4½ hours which passed quickly as we were served with refreshments, including a traditional Danish Christmas dinner consisting of
Smoked salmon with lemon,
Duck in orange sauce, brown potatoes, sprouts, red cabbage,
Cheese,
Rice à l'amande,
coffee and chocolates.

Soon we were over Greenland and what a magnificent sight greeted us: rugged mountains, glaciers and fjords scattered with icebergs. Narssarssuaq soon came into view and, as we landed, everyone cheered and clapped (I remembered this happened also on my previous visit). Soon we were out of the plane and waiting for our luggage, so, while waiting, I went to check on the helicopter. As mentioned earlier, travel arrangements do not always go as planned so it was no surprise to me to find the helicopter timetabled to leave that afternoon would now not depart but, as weather conditions were reasonable, a boat would be leaving for Qaqortoq/Julianeab which was my destination. The journey by boat was over nine hours as opposed to 50 minutes by helicopter. The boat was very full, not very comfortable but is an excellent opportunity to meet and observe the local people. The boat called at three settlements en route. Qaqssiar-suk which is about half an hour away from the airport, across the fjord, then we went to Itellig where the boat seems to stop in the middle of nowhere — passengers boarding here have walked across the peninsular from Igaliko



LIGHTS



where there are some old Viking ruins. From there we travelled down Eriks Fjord (scattered with icebergs) and on to Narsaq and Qaqortoq. Soon it started to snow heavily and when I ventured up on deck I was able to see the Northern Lights wavering across the sky like green and blue ribbons tinged with red. Eventually we came into sight of Qaqortoq. The view was lovely and was very welcome after so long on the boat. The harbour lights, the Christmas tree in the town square, the lights from the houses and lighted Christmas stars in the windows with the background of softly falling snow, made a wonderful sight. Lots of people were on the quayside waiting for passengers on the boat. Among them were Tove and Nina. Together we climbed the hill towards Tove's house and, as we did this, I knew this was going to be a Christmas that was different.

Over the years the Greenland people have been greatly influenced by the Danes and therefore many of the Christmas festivities have a Danish flavour. In Denmark it is traditional to dance around the Christmas tree and to sing carols. I saw this on a number of occasions in Greenland. One afternoon I visited a nursery school for their Christmas party, and watched the children and their parents join hands and walk together around the tree singing and waiting for the 'Christmas Gnome' who brought gifts of fruit, chocolates and sweets neatly tied up in bags tied with red ribbons. The following day I attended a similar event at a school for older children. This time, after singing around the tree, the children called for the 'Jule Man' who arrived dressed just like our Father Christmas and bringing the usual goodies. No trees can grow in Greenland so all Christmas trees have to be imported. They are attractively decorated with paper flowers, stars, heart baskets, drums and cut out gnomes. Many people still have real candles on the trees but one can now buy electric candles which look quite realistic. The Danes I met did not have many paper chains etc about their homes but the Greenland people had lots of very colourful decorations and chains.

December 24 — Christmas Eve is a public holiday in Greenland and all shops and offices are closed. Our Christmas Eve started early as friends joined us for breakfast at 7 am. They arrived carrying lanterns and we breakfasted on freshly baked rolls, cheese, salami, pâté, coffee, etc and, after

exchanging gifts, they left about 9 am. The rest of the morning was spent preparing the Christmas meal which by tradition is had on Christmas Eve, following the church service. The service is held at 4 pm and we had to leave early in order to get a seat, many people had to stand. Many members of the congregation were in national dress and the service was in Greenlandic. One carol was to the tune of 'O Come All Ye Faithful'



and although I couldn't understand the service, the atmosphere was wonderful. After the service everyone went down to the town square to sing carols around the Christmas tree before returning home for Christmas dinner. We had a traditional Danish meal, similar to the one I'd had on the plane. After it was all cleared away we sang carols, read verses, shared thoughts and then opened our presents. Tove had made me some slippers of sheepskin and sealskin, also a cushion. Another friend gave me a picture made in Greenland pearlwork and another gave me a tape of Greenland music. On Christmas day we attended the early morning service in the old Danish church (a new one had to be built as the old one was not big enough). Services are now held in both churches and again the church was full and many people wore national dress. The women wore colourful beadwork tops and sealskin boots and trousers, the men wore black trousers and shoes and white anoraks, they all looked very attractive.

After the service we went for a long walk, the temperature was -10C but we felt quite warm.

There is not a lot of public entertainment in Greenland but where settlements have electricity there are a couple of hours' television each evening and Qaqortoq has now its own cable television. People socialise quite a lot and visit friends for coffee and cookies and to listen to records and tapes. It was a very pleasant time and reminded me of my own childhood days before television.

Our evenings were varied, we visited friends, went for walks or just sat listening to records and talking together. Often the moon was very bright and, with the snow, it was nearly as bright as day. When the weather is fine it can be pleasant to walk in Greenland, the air is fresh and clean and, even when cold, providing one is properly dressed, a walk is really enjoyable. There are days when the winds blow strongly, bringing blizzard conditions and heavy snow and rain, but these conditions change very quickly.

This year's Christmas weather was exceptionally good with lots of snow and sunshine and blue skies and I have many beautiful pictures and photographs including some marvellous sunsets.

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve it is traditional to make snow caves and to put lighted candles in them, they look very attractive and it is a very Greenlandic custom.

We celebrated the arrival of New Year three times. In Greenland the Danes celebrate first at 8 o'clock local time as this is midnight in Denmark. This was celebrated with a firework display followed by drinks etc. At 9 o'clock the celebration was for my benefit because it was midnight in England. For the midnight celebrations we went to join a family who lived high up on the hillside with beautiful views of the midnight firework display. We then had a lovely meal and the New Year had begun.

As we left the house we looked back up the mountain and saw some of the snow caves lit up with candles marking out 1986. Slowly we walked back down the hill and towards home, everywhere was so peaceful and as I walked I knew that, for me, it had been a truly wonderful Christmas and New Year brought about by the Girl Guides Association and the work of the Postbox Secretary.

Ingrid Hitchins

Watch out for the cover of January's GUIDING which depicts a beautiful sunset, taken by the author during her stay, on New Year's Day.



When I asked one of my colleagues at work if she would assist at our Guide Christmas party, she readily agreed to do so. It had been a long time, she said, since she had been at a children's party. Ann had attended a convent school and had fond memories of the parties she had enjoyed as a pupil there. Perhaps I should have warned her at this stage that ours would be rather different, but willing helpers are hard to come by so I did not enlarge on the subject just then.

'Perhaps I should have warned her at this stage...'

Judging by the planning and preparations we had to make, this affair would rival any Hunt Ball. The Patrol Leaders, those busy, bossy teenagers enjoying their first taste of authority, presented me with a list of arrangements to be made. Finding a suitable venue for the party was the first problem. We could not use our normal weekly meeting place, the school hall (no eating) and they did not want to use the Church Hall (no heating). Since the village had only one other hall, known for some obscure reason as 'The Welfare', we chose to hold our party there. With any luck the Playgroup or the Young Farmers or some other group would have already decorated the premises for their own event and would leave everything in place for us.

'... those busy, bossy teenagers enjoying their first taste of authority...'

Food was the next topic. Each child was to bring two 'box suppers.' These boxes would be handed round so that each child got a surprise. I suspected this would be a mistake. The hall would ring with cries of 'I don't like corned beef, potato scones, marzipan' etc.

When we began to discuss music I put my foot down, firmly, on the suggestion that we play records. I had been caught in this one too often, trying to stop and start records for such items as Musical chairs. It was a great relief when one Patrol Leader said that her uncle would come and play his accordion for us.

'... I put my foot down firmly, on the suggestion that we play records'

Making up the programme was no problem at all. It never varies from one year to the next and I could almost recite it from memory. It *must* start with the Grand Old Duke of York and it *must* include Musical Chairs, Forfeits, The Gay Gordons and the Saint Bernard's Waltz. From time to time attempts have been made to include the current dance crazes but they always fail, miserably.

The Guides, of course, were bringing friends to this grand occasion, big cousins, little sisters and those local worthies who somehow get themselves invited to every local function. By the time the day of the party dawned I was, as usual, fraught with anxiety. Would the musician turn up? (He always did.) Would the roads be bad? (They always were.) Would our guests enjoy the programme we had prepared for them?

By seven o'clock the social event of the season was in full swing and all my doubts forgotten. My friend Ann, the one who was used to sedate convent parties, looked on in amazement at the whirling mass of colour and noise. In the brief intervals, the girls clustered in groups and admired each other's dresses.

'Priscilla... was resplendent in lemon taffeta and tulle.'

It was noticeable that Priscilla, who had always insisted that her mother could not afford to buy her a Guide uniform, was resplendent in lemon taffeta and tulle. Others wore bright wool or velvet outfits and they were all beautiful. The boys spent the intervals



arm-wrestling, trying to impress Priscilla. Despite a few grumbles the food was all eaten. Knowing from bitter experience how few children actually like ice-cream, we served crisps and lemonade later in the evening. When some of their energy had been used up we all sat down and sang carols and suddenly all the work and worry seemed worthwhile. It wasn't just any old party. They were Guides, giving hospitality to their friends and it really began to feel like Christmas.

Anna Ross Shearer



NATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Vienna 1986

On Sunday, July 27, Gilwell Park Training Centre was suddenly invaded by Scouts and Guides, instruments and suitcases. The National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra was arriving for its 10th orchestral course, but this year the course included a tour of Austria and Germany, the principal destination being Vienna.

We chatted to old friends and very quickly made new ones. Everyone was allocated a 'plot' in a tent, and so off we staggered.

That evening, after settling in, we had our first rehearsal and it became clear that the next four days at Gilwell were crucial before we set off on tour!

The Gilwell days were spent rehearsing in our sections with the expert help of professional tutors, having full rehearsals which sounded better after each one, and participating in several activities for relaxation — in the afternoons!

Thursday crept up quickly: this was the day of departure. Everyone eventually emerged from their tents, moon still shining, and ventured across the dewy grass to breakfast. We all then left to pack the coaches and start our journey, and off we headed for Ramsgate and by ferry to Dunkirk.

Our first overnight stop, once in Germany, was Köln, where we stayed in a youth hostel. After a very welcome hot meal, everyone went sight-seeing, mainly to the Cathedral, walking along the banks of the Rhine and past the famous 4711 Cologne building. Next morning, we headed back to the coaches to continue our journey.

Augsburg was our next stop where we had a rehearsal in the famous 'Kleine Goldener Saal' — with heavily decorated ceilings and ornate gilt decoration. The only discouraging thing was that the hall was at the top of two flights of stairs which meant hard work having to carry the instruments up and then later down.

Our next stop was Vienna. We arrived on Saturday August 2 and stayed in a youth guest house, very near the Danube.

Sunday was a day of rest and allowed time for sightseeing. Most people walked to the city centre

and were impressed by the Cathedral and sunshine. Vienna is very expensive so we all window shopped.

Monday arrived and also our first concert at a wine farm, in Bad Voslau, a small village outside Vienna. The music was much appreciated by the locals and we were rewarded with a meal of sausage and a sample of the new wine. Also, as an extra bonus, we were given a tour of the wine cellars. The afternoon was rounded off by a little dancing, during which our first-aider had to practise on herself as she sprained her ankle while doing the Conga. Our guided tour of Vienna consisted of a long visit to the United Nations Building and also to the famous Schönbrunn palace.

The next concert to be played was at an International Scout camp at Lilienfeld. The concert took place in a beautiful abbey where we found ourselves peering over the altar and from behind lecterns. That was our last day in Vienna.

The next day was spent on the coach on the way to Erlangen. Another overnight stop at a youth hostel where we spent the evening chatting about our time in Vienna.

Friday was spent travelling to Bonn following the Rhine Valley, and the following morning tour of Bonn was very interesting. After a packed lunch and final rehearsal, we performed a concert in Bonn market square. We played while the audience sat outside cafes, listening to and enjoying the music.

We were all sad at the thought of returning to England the next day — especially as it meant leaving the sun behind!

The coach trip to Dunkirk was uneventful, however, it was lightened for some by the video of 'The Sound of Music'!

The sea was calm and we were soon docking at Ramsgate. The British traffic and roadworks proved the longest and slowest part of the journey. Eventually we arrived at Gilwell at 10.00 pm and after a salad supper, it was time for bed, but we had to find a tent in the dark first!

Once back at Gilwell, Monday was a fun and free day where we provided an informal concert for ourselves. Then Tuesday was our concert at Goldsmiths' College, London, where we performed our full programme.

Wednesday was our good-bye day; addresses were exchanged with promises of writing letters, and then everyone eventually left to their homes all around the country, hoping that we shall meet again next year.

Sally Edwards,
Guider

2nd Davyhulme Guide Company,
Nr Manchester

Joanna Odam,
Guider

28th St John's Brownie Pack,
Bath

The Concert Goldsmith's College

The National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra's concert at Goldsmiths' College on August 12 was a kind of holiday souvenir in which the players showed the folks at home what they had been playing on their tour. A handful of brilliant snapshots was provided by their conductor George Odam who gave us lively glimpses of their holiday surroundings in his introductions to each piece. We listened to Schubert's Unfinished Symphony while imagining the orchestra under the gorgeous ceiling of the Golden Room in Augsburg; and thought of the vineyard villagers at Bad Voslau and the cafe clientele in Bonn swinging to Pineapple Poll and Crown Imperial as well as the more usual Viennese music.

The six pieces — three Viennese and three British — which had obviously been chosen to compliment the hosts and present a gift from home, amply displayed the versatility and skill of the orchestra. Perhaps the most memorable was the drama of Tam o' Shanter which never flagged in its excitement; demanding terrific concentration.

After a long journey home and only one rest day, in which I hear they couldn't resist more music making, they played their music for the umpteenth time with tireless freshness and verve, a real touch of orchestral professionalism.

Nannette A Simmons

PRACTICAL



All Change

Try this game with your Guides or Brownies. B

You will need

Per Six/Patrol: 1, 2, 5 and 10 pences.



The Sixes/Patrols are lined up in each group facing a chair 5 metres away (A), with a chair a similar distance behind the group (B). The coins are placed on the first chair. Number each Six/Patrol member. Call out a sum, eg, '7 pence, No 2'. All the No 2s must race to the chair 'A' with the coins on, take the correct coins needed and race to place them on their chair 'B' and the far end. The first one back to her place wins a point for her Six/Patrol.

On the next call, eg, '12 pence, No 5', all the No 5s must race to chair 'B', take the coins back to chair 'A' and then take the correct currency back to chair 'B' and then back to her place.

Remember to call out the number of the runner last, so that all the girls listen to the currency sequence. You will also need to write down all the possible currency sequences beforehand.

At your next District meeting, suggest a slot on the agenda, where each member brings along a game, to share with the others.



Old Year Revolutions — The Selfless Guider

When did you last do something for yourself, that had nothing to do with Guiding? Think carefully — can't remember? This is the section for you.

Broneirion ... Foxlease ... Waddow ... Lorne ... Glenbrook ... Netherurd.

Step One: Turn to the Training Pages in the centre of this magazine.

Step Two: Find a training at one of the Centres which appeals to you, and which offers something for *you*, for example, a walking training, or Crafts and Skills for All.

Step Three: Apply!

Yoga ... Basket Weaving ... English A Level ... Genealogy ...

Take an evening class. Do something for fun, or different — give yourself an evening doing something you want to do, away from Guiding, away from work, away from household chores. Just a few hours will make all the difference. You might not feel you need it, but give it a try, it could be just the break you need.

Try this recipe — tried and tested by our team of eminent eaters. Total self indulgence for you, your family and friends.

Truffle Cheesecake

You will need:—

175g (6oz) plain chocolate
225g (8oz) full fat soft cheese
100g (4oz) caster sugar
4 x 15ml spoons (4 tbs) rum

(Optional—alternatively 2 drops rum flavouring)

100g (4oz) dry sponge cake, crumbled

75g (3oz) walnuts, chopped

(100g) 4oz glacé cherries, chopped

(75g) 3oz chocolate vermicelli

For decoration: 150ml (1/4 pint) double or whipping cream,

Glacé Cherries, Walnut halves

1. Break the chocolate into pieces, and melt in a bowl over a saucepan of hot water. Remove from heat. 2. Soften cheese in a mixing bowl. Beat in caster sugar and rum until mixture is light and creamy. 3. Stir in melted chocolate, sponge cake, nuts and cherries. If mixture is too soft to handle, chill for 30 minutes before moulding. 4. Press into a log shape mould, or roll into a sausage shape, like a Swiss roll. 5. Coat shaped mixture evenly with the chocolate vermicelli. Chill for one hour. 6. Pipe the truffle cheesecake with whipped cream and decorate with glacé cherries and walnuts.



Old Year Revolutions — The Disorganised Guider

Are there times before a meeting when you wonder whether it'll all fall into place or, afterwards, do you wish you'd had more time to plan things? It's all a question of organisation.

Stock Check

Start with the practical things. Take an afternoon or an evening to sit and revise the Unit records. How is your stock of badges? What stock? Be prepared, put in an order for certain badges *before* you need them.

Planning

Before the start of a new term, do you have your Unit's Programme for the next 10-12 weeks all planned, or do you have so many meetings just marked in as 'Guide night', 'Guide night', 'Guide night'?

Patrol Leaders' Council

It may surprise you how short a time it takes to sit down with your Patrol Leaders' Council and come up with a string of ideas and themes for activities and meetings. More detailed planning can be an on-going thing, the important part is to get the ideas done in the first place.

A Young Leader

A Young Leader will be an absolute treasure, if you work with her properly. Include her in your planning, and outline specific jobs to her, for example, the Unit accounts; or the warm up act, introducing the first game of the evening to keep the girls occupied before the meeting starts and to use up excess energy; or working with new Guides on their Pre-Promise Challenges.

A Cliché For All

'More haste, less speed'.

Above all else, take things slowly, take things calmly. Give yourself time to think and gather your ideas together. Take time to pray and help yourself to develop quietness and organisation inside yourself — then you will find the chaos lifting outside.



Old Year Revolutions — The Helpless Guider

Do you ever find yourself panicking because you didn't know how to do something, or how to handle a situation? Helpless you might feel — but not for long.

Team Work

Guiding is team work — co-operation and working together. The key thing therefore is to recognise the people around you who you can help and become a part of the team.

1 The Patrol Leaders' Council

Even if your Patrol Leaders' Council is young and needs help, you should use them to plan your Programme and help with the decision making. The more practice they get now, in organising themselves and taking decisions, the less help they will need in the future.

2 The District Commissioner

Your District Commissioner has many local contacts in and out of Guiding and will be able to put you in touch with other Guiders doing the same job as you and also experts in particular subjects.

3 The Trefoil Guild

Here you have a body of extremely talented, skilful people, steeped in Guiding, and very willing to help out; anything from baby sitting to Unit sitting.

4 Other useful people to keep in mind, for advice, or for talking to your Unit or to join in on projects are:- The Police, the local church team, the Librarian, Youth Officer, the Scouts, other Youth organisations, eg the Red Cross.

5 Keep up to date with ideas and information, from magazines, national schemes, eg Better Britain Campaign. There are many readily structured schemes to join in — keep an open mind and eyes.

Dear Lord,

There will be times when we are helpless, selfish, disorganised or jaded in our lives and in our Guiding. Help us not to feel guilty about these feelings, and not to try to hide them and ignore them. Give us the strength to help ourselves, and help us not to be afraid to ask for the assistance and advice of others. And open our eyes to heighten our senses, that in times which are good for us, we may recognise the times that are bad for others.

Please help us in our Guiding. Thank you Lord. Amen.



Feeling very nervous and unsure of each other, two Leaders and 11 Rangers and Young Leaders from the Midlands Region met at Birmingham New Street Station on July 14 to begin just over two weeks of camping and fun at the VCP International Scout and Guide Camp near Immenhausen in Germany. After about 30 hours travelling we were soon drawn together and arrived at the camp tired and hungry, to be met by the leaders of the other UK group from Anglia Region.

Camp activities included sightseeing tours of the area around Kassel, a treasure trail in the city and many handicraft workshops. The togetherness between the campers soon became evident, particularly in spontaneous games of French cricket, combining English, German and Italian players. Our strength was soon tested on the overnight hike, producing many blisters over approximately 30 miles.

We were delighted to be able to watch The Royal wedding on German TV. My hostess admitted to watching it three times!

On July 25, the camp ended

producing many emotional goodbyes and our Midlands group travelled with our home hospitality hosts to Bruchsaal, close to the Black Forest. During the next five days life was taken at a more relaxed pace as we visited the nearby towns of Freiburg and Heidelberg and the beautiful surrounding countryside. This time was also memorable for the way the German families took us to their hearts and looked after our every need. We were all sad at thoughts of coming home, and promises of future meetings with our hosts were made.

The two weeks abroad have produced many friendships and happy memories. One memory in particular that I shall never forget, was one evening camp fire when the whole of our sub-camp sang 'Frère Jacques', not only in a round, but in four different languages. This proved that, although we belong to very different nations with different lifestyles and languages, we can be united, not only through music but through Scouting and Guiding, and friendship too.

Lesley Jeffery

VCP International Camp —

Germany 1986



Photo by R J Seadon

The Girl Guide Friendship Fund



Looking forward to Christmas, with all the fun and happiness, special events in your Units and the peace and joy shared with friends and family? I have no doubt that you are, but, of course, Christmas is also a time for thinking of others, particularly those less fortunate than ourselves, and I would ask you to remember the GGFF 'Good Turn' appeal.

To bring greater happiness and comfort to those cared for by the three charities we are supporting this year, I am sure you can send the Fund some money from the District carol service, the Unit stall at the Christmas bazaar, collections at pantomimes or nativity plays, or your Unit could hold a special fund-raising event for the GGFF.

We hope to raise even more than last year's splendid total of £20,000 so that we can help the John Groom's Association for the Disabled with their Norwich project, assist in the building of a new main house for Miss Falconer and her orphan children in Zambia and bring increased comfort to the unfor-

tunate people cared for by the National Society for Epilepsy at their Chalfont Centre.

I know there are many demands on your generosity, but we look forward to receiving your donations — big or small — for these three very worthy causes. Cheques/postal orders should be made payable to **The Girl Guide Friendship Fund** and sent, enclosing a name and address for our official receipt, to:—
**The Girl Guides Association,
17/19 Buckingham Palace Road,
London SW1W 0PT.**

The Christmas appeal doesn't close until January 31 1987, so there is still plenty of time to think of others and do a good turn through the GGFF. Have a very happy Christmas and every best wish for a peaceful new year.

Nancy Roe
Chairman

ADELBODEN

SWITZERLAND

60 years and three generations in the service of tourists. 60 years ago, Headmaster Christian Hari-Germann began to establish the first accommodation suitable for catering for large groups, in Adelboden; in his simple farmhouse in the shadow of the 'Lohnermassif'.

The teacher, farmer and mountain guide had followed, with interest, the establishment and growth of the first hotel in Adelboden. After all, the Haris of the 'Schlegeli-Pension' were his relations! With the perceptiveness of this, always contemplative, mountain man, he had realised that there was no suitable accommodation for the young traveller with little money. Many keen hikers and nature lovers could not afford to come to the area unless inexpensive accommodation was available. Having visited the area once, these tourists would return again and again to the village.

The far-sighted Christian Hari could never have supported his six sons and eight daughters which his wife Margrith had borne him, on his meagre teacher's salary and the proceeds from the farm. Therefore he built a small restaurant adjacent to the house, which was later turned into a museum by his son. The house then served as a Youth Hostel.

As Christian often served as a mountain guide for the guests of the 'Schlegeli-Pension' he became well known and well loved because he was a warm-hearted and happy person. His wife was also held in high esteem as 'Hostel mother'. The demand for cheap accommodation grew to such an extent that Christian, with the help of inheritances and other finances, bought three more farmhouses together with the land. The growing farm provided enough produce to supply the restaurant. The ever-hungry young people filled up with milk, cheese and potatoes.

The increase in tourism and the prosperity of the region led to the founding, by an American lady, Mrs James Storrow, of the Guide centre, Our Chalet. The Chalet was not intended to accommodate large parties so the romantic farmhouses of 'Father' Hari provided the answer. There, Guides from Germany, Austria, Belgium, Israel,



The original farmhouse

the Lebanon and all other countries of the world, gathered in the shadow of the fairytale-like 'Lohnermassif'; performing their toilet in the open air in a trough fed by a brook. When the houses were too full, hay or straw was strewn in the stables to provide further beds.

After 1945 more groups came from other areas of Switzerland and, at the end of the 40s and in the 50s, Guides came from Belgium and then from the UK. Father Hari learnt to speak French and English fluently, and even learnt Italian in his old age.

In 1966, in his 78th year, Father Christian Hari was struck, in the middle of his work, by a heart



Christian and Margrith Hari

attack and died. His life partner, Margrith, who was ten years younger than him, worked hard for another decade then she followed her husband.

Christian's 27 year old son, Mathäus, who had trained as a plumber, stepped into the breach to replace his father while his two brothers worked on the farm. Mathäus took over the restaurant and the administration of the accommodation which was now contained in six buildings, four of which were in Bonderlen and two in Boden.

Together with his siblings Mathäus began to restore and modernise the buildings. Every-

where, he himself installed running hot and cold water, toilets, showers and kitchens. Strawsacks were replaced with mattresses and beds. The houses were beginning to be used more and more in the winter season as the ski industry was beginning to take off in the area.

As the accommodation was not used in the Spring and Autumn, it began to be used as military quarters. In the farmhouse next to the restaurant Mathäus installed a modern military kitchen which served the needs of 120 soldiers.

British Guides became the most faithful visitors to Bonderlen and Boden. They came every year, whatever the inflation rate or however severe the economic crisis. The majority of guests using the Hari accommodation are British Guides, particularly since a young man in England, Mr Paul Jenkins, formed Camptours (now Venture Abroad) which led to an increase in the numbers of those visiting Adelboden. We may say that the visitors from Britain are the most welcome guests of all and the town of Adelboden would not be the same without them. There are Guiders who have been spending their summer holidays in the Hari accommodation for over 30 years. A typical saying locally is 'Wenn die Meitschi mit den blauen Röcken kommen, dann kommt das gute Wetter' (When the Guides in their blue dresses arrive, then comes the good weather).

With its accommodation for 235 this healthy family organisation has to be seen to be believed. It plays an important part in the tourism of Adelboden that one must not underestimate. Here, 60 years ago, a seed was sown which many others have harvested. The work performed today, by Mathäus Hari-Müller and his wife Edith, indirectly profits the whole town.

The best reward for the efforts of this pair, who are still young, is that a son and daughter are prepared to tread in their parents' footsteps and to continue in this family tradition.

**Josy Doyon and
Mathäus Hari**

translated by Debbi Scholes

HOME from HOME



This month sees the start of a four-part series for Guiders, Rangers and Young Leaders, aimed at bringing to light the increasing plight of the young homeless, and to offer advice and sources of information and counselling for those moving away from home.

In the months to come the series will deal with finding somewhere else to live, and the options available and, having found a home, securing it, legally, financially and practically. And we also offer some thoughts on how a young person will feel moving away from home for the first time.



Growing evidence from government reports, local authorities, advice agencies and local surveys all reveal a disturbing growth in the number of young people becoming homeless. For example, a survey in Walsall identified 61 single homeless people under 30 years, during the course of only one month. In March 1986, a study in Stroud, Gloucestershire, revealed 100 homeless young people aged 17-25 years. And in just one year, the Centrepoint night shelter in London's Soho took in over 2,000 young people and had to turn many away. There are no official statistics on how many young people are homeless, no one has a statutory duty to tell but Shelter has estimated that as many as 80,000 young people could have been homeless in 1985.

So who are these homeless young people and why do they become homeless? Anyone can become homeless. Being homeless simply means being without decent, secure, adequate housing. Every homeless young person will have their own story to tell but there are some basic underlying causes of homelessness.

Leaving home to become independent is a natural part of growing up but not everyone has a choice when to leave. Of the thousands of young people leaving local authority care each year, hundreds will become homeless. Once 18, young people can be simply told '18 and you're out!'. Without proper preparation, without adequate financial assistance and support, finding and securing a place on one's own can be, at best, difficult and often impossible.

Many other young people also have little choice when leaving their family home. Overcrowding, poverty and problems with step-parents can lead to intolerable family conflict and tension. Family violence and sexual abuse are, sadly, too often the reasons why some young people leave 'home' and find themselves homeless. As one 19-year-old explained: 'My step-father never liked me. He was all right with his own two, my half-sisters, but he couldn't stand me... Mum wouldn't stand up for me because that might have turned him against her... Anyway, one night he told me to clear off.'

Low incomes and high youth unemployment are making it harder and harder for young people to find homes of their own. There are currently 1¼ million under 25-year-olds unemployed. The risk of falling into the 'no job — no home — no job' cycle is great. Without a home, a secure base, it's harder than ever to find a job and without a job, finding accommodation can be impossible.

The housing options available to young people can be extremely limited. Many can and do stay at home but most will want to leave at some stage. The Review Group of the Youth Service reported, in 1982, that 49% of those interviewed expected to leave home by the age of 20 years and 75% by the age of 25 years. Yet as many as 80% of single 20-year-olds live at home and of those who are still single at 23 years, about 7/8 are living with their parents or relatives. Young people themselves regarded housing and homelessness as one of the most important factors affect-

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ing their lives. 71% of those interviewed expected to find it fairly or very difficult to find accommodation on leaving home.

Home ownership, the preferred option for the majority of people, is only feasible for a minority of young people. The majority are barred by high house prices and low or no income. Renting accommodation can be expensive and good private rented accommodation is scarce to non-existent in some areas. Overall the private rented sector has declined greatly from 24% in 1961 to 13% in 1981. Many landlords are also reluctant to rent to unemployed claimants and may also discriminate on grounds of race or sexual orientation.

Except for a few hard to let estates, council housing is rarely an option either. Local authorities are often unwilling or unable to house young people. Some do not even allow them to register on their waiting lists. Under current legislation (Part III of the Housing Act 1985) a homeless young person is offered little or no protection and, unless they can be shown to be at serious risk of financial or sexual exploitation, they do not qualify for housing. All they are legally entitled to is advice and assistance. This may be no more than an out of date list of bed and breakfast places. Between 50,000 and 70,000 young people do in fact end up trying to make their homes in board and lodging establishments as their last resort. Frequently such places are overpriced and of very poor standard. Some are positive death traps; overcrowded, insanitary and lacking adequate fire escapes.

One of Shelter's housing aid workers described the living conditions of Michelle, who was living in such a place. 'At 18 Michelle was asked to leave by her parents. A shady accommodation agency found her a bedsit, one room in an attic of a very large house, for £25 per week. All the tenants shared one bathroom and one toilet and a kitchen on the ground floor. There was no means of escape from fire and she was constantly bothered by the landlord turning up and letting himself into her room. She was broken into twice and on neither occasion would the landlord fix her lock. The housing aid worker set about finding her alternative accommodation.'

With so few housing options open to them it is easy to understand why so many people become homeless. But it is important to see beyond their numbers and consider what it actually means to be homeless. Having no base and moving around makes contact with doctors, dentists, social services, friends and family extremely difficult. You lose your vote, you have no address to receive mail. Lack of facilities to cook and store food means poor and often more expensive diet. Homelessness means lack of security and creature comforts and a greater exposure to violence, risk and abuse. A home is more than a roof over one's head; it's a place of belonging and a source of identity.

Homelessness is a growing national problem. Last year local authorities throughout the country accepted nearly 100,000 households as homeless. We are now faced with a housing crisis. Housing expenditure has been drastically cut over the last few years; fewer homes have been built yet many more are needed. Over one million households are currently on council waiting lists. What homes there are, are frequently in a state of poor repair. One in four of Britain's dwellings is in need of major repair. The laws of

supply and demand mean that young people, with little or no income, are bearing the brunt of the housing shortage. Yet most young people are not unreasonable in their expectations. The Thompson Committee Review of the Youth Service found that whilst 57% aspired to home ownership, only 22% of young people expected to achieve it. Many would be happy to rent and share with friends.

Good housing is important for everyone. Housing must be given a greater priority. More homes must be built and existing ones improved and maintained. In such a programme, the needs of young people must also be met. Voluntary and statutory agencies should work closer together with improved co-ordination between housing, youth and social services. Factors such as gender, ethnic origin, disability and family circumstances also need to be considered when planning housing to ensure a wide range of provision. Existing legislation should be changed to include and protect young people from homelessness. More good quality emergency and short term accommodation should be provided and the needs of young people identified. Shelter has called on the Government to set up a wide ranging inter-departmental review to do just that.

Young people should also be better informed about the process of leaving home and encouraged to discuss the issue and potential problems they may face. More advice, information and counselling services should be made available which are sensitive to young people's needs.

Some sources are available already. Copies of the 'Leaving Home Manual' — a training manual for workers with young people, which outlines young people's housing options and benefit entitlements and considers the pitfalls of leaving home, in a stimulating way, are available from Shelter for £1.00. (See *May Hear and Now*.) The 'Moving Away from Home' Resource Pack, containing a lively video, the 'Leaving Home Manual' and Leader's handbook is also available from Shelter at £25.00 or can be borrowed from Training Department, CHO.

The Young Homelessness Group (YHG) have produced an exhibition around the subject and a slide/tape 'No Home, No Hope?'; both of which are available for hire. Contact Eric Smellie at NACRO for details.

Also available from the YHG are a series of discussion papers around the issues of leaving home and housing provisions and policies for young people. Entitled 'Moving On, Moving In', copies are available from CHAR at £2.00

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NACRO 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PU.

CHAR (Campaign for Homeless People), 5 Cromer Street, London WC1. (01-833 2071).

Guiding and people with a handicap

Whilst carrying out my duties as a District Nursing Sister in the Liphook rural area, it came to my notice, some time in the mid-70s, that there were several residential homes that catered specifically for handicapped people. As I had some expertise in Guiding, I felt that the introduction of the local handicapped to this organisation would enable them to be integrated and indeed, accepted into the community.

A Brownie Pack was formed in 1976 to cater for girls with mixed handicaps living in Liphook and the surrounding areas. I encouraged the local non-handicapped Ranger Guides to come and help with the group, none of whom had previous experience with handicapped children before. As offers of help came in, a Ranger Unit was formed for the older girls, followed by a Guide Company. When the girls were too old for Rangers we set up a Trefoil Guild Unit, which will cater for them for the rest of their lives. Having stimulated them, we cannot say no more Guiding, but will adapt the activities to their needs as they grow older.

Once we increased our numbers we had to look for a new meeting place suitable for use by a group of handicapped people, with a car park close at hand for their transport, so they could not get lost.

The members are encouraged to tackle the same programme as their non-handicapped counterparts, including all the District, Division and County Guiding events such as Brownie Revels, Guide Challenges, Church Parades (carrying their own flags), County Camps, County Arts Festival and national Guide competitions. At these events other Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders mix with them and learn to be patient and helpful — not frightened.

Rather than placing our members into normal Units straight away, I felt there was a need to educate the Guiders and other members of the Movement not to be frightened of them, this was the reason we started our own group for them.

Although the girls have different abilities, we try to stretch each individual girl to her limits to develop her character and personality just as normal girls are encouraged to do. Inside the residential homes the girls seem to be treated as a total group of handicapped and through Guiding they can become individuals. Each girl can broaden her abilities and they feel that they belong to their own Unit.

The staff of the residential homes do not have time to provide more complex activities like camps, hikes, handicrafts, rope bridges and other outdoor activities. The Girl Guides Association allows for freedom of movement, and enables members to meet lots of different people of all ages and backgrounds. The girls need to mix in with other people to learn behaviour which is acceptable and that which is not. They do not know any different when they only mix with other handicapped people.

Particular enjoyment is gained on our outings when we try to allow them more adventurous activities than would normally be considered possible, such as the occasion when we visited the maze at Hampton Court Palace. I was astounded to find that the girls had negotiated the maze unaided and were out before I had finished a cup of coffee!

I became aware quite early on that many day to day parts of life are missing from these girls and I had tried to remedy this. Little things we take for granted are normally denied them, such as the pleasure of eating fish and chips straight from the paper, climbing over farm gates (with owner's permission), using a telephone and speaking to someone on it.

They all put great enthusiasm into their Guiding and they enjoy giving service to others in the community. They make gifts, cards and decorations at Christmas for the residents of local warden flats. They also wash up the tea dishes at King George's Hospital Fete. Although this may seem a menial task, they thoroughly enjoy doing such domestic chores. They have also given dancing displays, one of which was at a Keep Fit Rally given in aid of MENCAP.



As part of the Guiding tradition, it is natural that we go camping every year. Camp can sometimes be wet, but the girls rise to the challenge and, indeed, benefit physically as well as mentally from the experience. We have one girl who comes out of her shell at camp by talking, which she does not do any other time of the year. The girls are expected to perform all the many and varied tasks required of any camper. This is a time when the girls have a chance to co-operate with each other and become self-sufficient. A special camp to celebrate 75 years of Guiding was held at Foxlease last year and our girls joined 400 other Guides from the County, sharing fun and laughter together, making many new friends, breaking down prejudices and experiencing a sense of companionship in all the activities. This was a memorable experience for all concerned.

In addition, they were invited to dance at the County Rally for an audience of approximately 4,000 people in the Guildhall Square at Portsmouth. Far from being ridiculed, the crowd warmly applauded throughout and cheered at the end.

We would like to see a lot more integration of the handicapped in to the community as a whole. Because of the existence of our handicapped Units, the local Guiders, here in Liphook, are now willing to accept the handicapped girls into their Units. We now have two Downs Syndrome girls in ordinary Brownie Packs who are coping very well and gaining a lot from the experience. One of them, at the age of seven, surprised the other Brownies by reading a prayer at the end of the meeting.

We have learned over the years that if young children get used to the handicapped from an early age, it helps to break down prejudices. As the 'normal' children get older, they support handicapped and prevent their friends of the same age belittling them.

Our aim is to help the handicapped to lead as full a life as is reasonably possible. Both staff and girls are learning all the time from each other. They need to be needed and enjoy being appreciated, as we do.

We are trying to help the community to become even more aware of the capabilities of the mentally handicapped and to realise that there is a life worth living for them and a place for them in the world.

This extract, first published in the magazine THE PARENTS' VOICE, was written by Mary Haggard.

Operation Raleigh The Selector's Story

So far, you have heard in past editions of *GUIDING*, about the horrors of selection week-ends for Operation Raleigh and the joys of the actual expedition. Now I'd like to give you the other side of the coin because I have been a judge at a number of selection week-ends. The qualities required to be a judge are difficult to define but I suspect the ability to watch others struggle without feeling obliged to assist them helps (my friends call this sadism but I couldn't go quite that far). As far as the candidates are concerned they think life is a 'doddle' for the judges; after all the most strenuous thing we have to do is jot down comments in our little books, isn't it? Actually, I find the whole week-end physically and mentally exhausting.

Our week-end starts a little earlier than the candidates, finishes rather later and certainly doesn't give us a good night's sleep (three hours being our timetabled sleep periods). The 12 judges meet at 8.00 on the Saturday morning at the selection base to receive our first briefing and the dreaded 'little red book'. The judges, a varied group drawn from many walks of life, are usually composed of eight men and four women which is about the ratio of male to female candidates. Women judges are much harder to find, our Chief Judge says, and that is most likely the true qualification for my status as judge. We travel out to the car park where the candidates are assembling and straight away go into a programme designed to upset the potential venturers' cool: they are given numbers and referred to by those throughout the week-end, kit is checked and chocolate, food, money, cigarettes confiscated and a spare set of clothing put to one side so there will be something dry for going home. Next, the 'walk in' begins with groups carrying bulky extra items such as water, tents, even canoes, for miles. The walk is a tiring start to the week-end and judges tend to be present but aloof. Personalities in the group are quickly obvious — who leads, who is helpful, who manages to avoid carrying the extra weights, we note them all down. At the end of the walk is a lake — a very cold,

draughty, wet lake and no boat to cross it — everyone suffers and usually remains wet and cold for 24 hours.



When the drenching is over the candidates walk on to the base for the week-end, our local Scout camp-site. The judges have a lovely lunch, the candidates have a swig of water and then an afternoon of extreme physical exercise. They run around carrying telegraph poles, crossing (and sometimes falling into) swimming pools, climbing walls and scrambling nets and everywhere the judges stand writing in 'the little red book' ready for our first meeting at tea-time. Then, over tea and scones we consult. The candidates learn how to skin rabbits, gut fish, make dampers and then have to wait three hours more until they are allowed to practise the skills. They do have time for another swig of water before they start another bout of mental and physical exercise.

Finally in the late evening, they are given some food to go and cook and then set up camp. The judges retire for another jolly good meal before picking up their books to go and view scrag-end of dog-fish being consumed.

Late in the evening the weary candidates are allowed indoors but

only because there are some mental exercises to be done. At last, at about 12.45 am the dishevelled, damp, disorientated candidates are sent to bed but the judges now go to work for another hour, looking at each individual's progress. By the time it is two o'clock we've already been on the go for 18 hours and at least four judges have a further two and a half hours' night exercises still to go because the candidates' weary bodies are due to be shaken back into action. This is the killer, the land of the living dead, as zombies follow the slightly more alert to find the casualties. The policemen who stopped to question the motley crew I was with at 4.00 in the morning, could never have seen a more obvious bunch of burglars around the race course buildings! Then, it is back to bed — one and a half hours for the candidates, three hours for the judges. There is only one more physical test to come, an early morning dip, fully clothed of course, and then the pace slows down considerably, the judges relax and talk a little more to the candidates, the activities are quite gentle: talks, an interview and a live animal experience.

The week-end finishes with the judges serving the candidates a slap-up meal and sending them on their way. Well, that is the end for the hopeful venturers; the judges retire and, in the immortal words of our Chief Judge, we don't come out 'until the white smoke rises'.

You may, of course, ask why do we need to put anyone through such a tortuous experience? Well, the end does justify the means. We try to simulate expedition situations: The walk in from the road head, repetition of boring tasks, the uncertainty of not knowing what will happen next and trying to achieve a specified objective.

I've found judging a very rewarding experience. At first I thought we were cruel but I think it is justified to see how people react to stress and to see how well they get on. I like to think I've helped to give some people the opportunity of a life-time. Mind you, I still don't know who these people are, they are only numbers to me.

Hilary Cooper

CHRISTMAS

ACROSTIC No 79

by Brenda Hughes

Clues

- A. Mary was experiencing it for the first time. (10)
- B. '_____ holy, _____ lowly.' (6)
- C. The Christmas country cooked? (6)
- D. Than a hot — grandson of Benjamin. (8)
- E. Old jokes roasted at Christmas. (9)
- F. Dishonourable information. (3, 4)
- G. Hoped for a Jewish surplice. (5)
- H. Eisenhower. (3)
- I. The Feast of the _____ is imminent. (8)
- J. They came from the East. (5, 4, 3)
- K. Who had one for their elephant ride. (6)
- L. Fed fine is this educated person. (7)
- M. John came out of it and soon after, Jesus entered it. (11)
- N. Useless. (11)
- O. O, the lad felt disgusted. (7)
- P. Put up at Christmas. (11)
- Q. The current ran back. (6)
- R. Robin B. decorates his Christmas parcels. (6)
- S. William is to Anne. (6)
- T. Struggle to make an attempt. (6)
- U. Part of the Christmas dinner. (8)
- V. They were sent by a heavenly host. (9)
- W. Marley's had a great effect on his erstwhile partner. (5)
- X. Saturday is. (1, 6, 7)
- Y. Regard as a spectator. (4, 2)
- Z. In the direction of end to end. (10)
- a. He refused admittance. (9)
- b. Is it our favourite festival? (9)
- d. Traditionally found in the toe of your stocking. (6)

The winner of Double Acrostic No 77 was Mrs N E Chennells of Northants.

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 the following 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**.

A	41	27	87	23	55	230	2	63	111	131
B	67	4	10	50	74	117				
C	48	144	76	90	157	74	60	204	9	103
D	203	115	108	19	37	183	144	77		
E	225	138	154	13	168	185	105	68	73	
F	18	59	107	143	174	40	161			
G	54	188	153	79	73					
H	92	52	146							
I	110	114	35	12	85	38	124	31		
J	1	186	195	178	10	140	144	104	205	95
K	212	87	216	162	122	99				
L	179	42	157	217	201	172	156			
M	28	207	7	191	3	184	33	132	123	51
N	198	16	84	44	155	223	49	173	41	208
O	142	215	134	81	145	224	202			
P	193	100	29	62	165	160	211	75	187	177
Q	119	46	159	187	175	116				
R	218	141	120	128	228	210				
S	113	14	214	226	157	182				
T	170	163	88	65	180	227				
U	39	180	129	127	220	72	171	34		
V	109	45	86	222	174	196	112	136	97	
W	148	197	219	167	94					
X	144	102	213	98	69	25	58	125	189	169
Y	158	36	47	176	150	147				
Z	56	43	133	76	61	118	11	32	221	209
a	8	53	21	15	139	121	229	6	91	
b	89	5	66	20	149	22	199	192	106	
d	126	30	231	101	206	83				

Solution to Double Acrostic No 78

On the morning of the first murder Miss Muriel Beale, Inspector of Nurse Training Schools to the General Nursing Council, stirred into wakefulness soon after 6 o'clock and into a sluggish early morning awareness that it was Monday, 12th January.

Shroud for a Nightingale - PD James

J	1	A	2	M	3	B	4	b	5	a	6	M	7	a	8	C	9	J	10	Z	11	I	12	E	13	S	14	a	15	N	16	J	17	F	18	J	19	b	20
a	21	b	22	A	23	N	24	X	25	J	26	A	27	M	28	P	29	d	30	I	31	Z	32	M	33	U	34	I	35	Y	36	D	37	I	38	U	39	F	40
N	41	L	42	Z	43	X	44	V	45	Q	46	Y	47	C	48	N	49	B	50	M	51	H	52	a	53	G	54	A	55	Z	56	A	57	X	58	F	59	C	60
Z	61	P	62	A	63	N	64	T	65	b	66	B	67	E	68	X	69	C	70	A	71	U	72	G	73	B	74	P	75	Z	76	D	77	C	78	G	79	B	80
O	81	X	82	d	83	N	84	I	85	V	86	K	87	T	88	b	89	90	a	91	H	92	E	93	W	94	J	95	C	96	V	97	X	98	K	99	P	100	
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R	141	O	142	F	143	D	144	O	145	J	146	Y	147	W	148	b	149	Y	150	L	151	X	152	G	153	E	154	N	155	L	156	S	157	Y	158	Q	159	P	160
F	161	K	162	T	163	C	164	P	165	H	166	W	167	E	168	X	169	T	170	U	171	L	172	N	173	V	174	Q	175	Y	176	P	177	J	178	L	179	U	180
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L	201	O	202	D	203	C	204	J	205	d	206	M	207	N	208	Z	209	R	210	P	211	K	212	X	213	S	214	O	215	K	216	L	217	R	218	W	219	U	220
Z	221	V	222	N	223	O	224	E	225	S	226	T	227	R	228	a	229	A	230	d	231	C	232																

PROGRAMME NOTES

D of E Award Expedition Course/ Queen's Guide Enterprise

The Duke of Edinburgh Award — Gold Expedition/Queen's Guide Enterprise course takes place over two weekends; one was held in October, the follow-up weekend takes place in April 1987 at Glenbrook, so that the participants have the following summer for their expeditions and enterprises.

The first weekend concentrates on the planning, organisation and equipment required for the expeditions and enterprises, with plenty of time for the answering of queries and problems.

In the Spring the course will take the form of an overnight expedition giving experience of back-packing and practical use of equipment, with the planning taking place at Glenbrook on the Friday night, going into the local Peak District on the Saturday, to return to Glenbrook on the Sunday.

These weekends give opportunities to meet other Young Leaders, Rangers and Guiders and often lead to the forming of groups to complete the expeditions and enterprises.



Ken Rush



Ken Rush

British Red Cross Society First Aid Course

Foxlease — 23-27 February 1987

Waddow — 30 April-4 May 1987

Have you ever thought 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 £35 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 1981, 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.

The District Team

Foxlease — 30 January-1 February, 13-15 March, 12-14 June

Waddow — 16-18 January, 24-26 April 1987

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.

Music In The Programme

Foxlease — 23-25 January 1987

This course is designed for Guiders who are interested in promoting music in the Pack/Company/Unit and also at District/Division/County level. It is hoped that new ideas will be taken back and shared with others.

Guiders are asked to come prepared to participate in a Victorian evening on Saturday.

Focus on the Programme — Training for Brownie Guiders

Foxlease — 9-11 January 1987

Waddow — 6-8 February 1987

Topics to be covered include putting the Promise into action, Ventures — motivating your Brownies — and challenge for the individual. There will be activities for Sixes and lots of fun for all. Let your Brownies benefit from your enjoyment of a weekend at one of the Training Centres.



TRAINING

JAN FEB MAR

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

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

Foxlease

Jan

- 9-11 Focus on the Programme (Brownies)
- 16-18 1 Focus on the Programme (Rangers)
- 2 Young Leaders
- 23-25 Music in Guiding
- 30 Jan-
- 1 Feb District Team

Waddow

Jan

- 9-11 Lancashire East
- 16-18 District Team
- 23-25 North West England
- 30 Jan-
- 1 Feb Focus on the Programme (Guides)

Glenbrook

Jan

- 16-18 Instructors

Netherurd

Jan

- 9-11 Exploring Netherurd in Winter (Guides aged 12+)
- 12-14 Prospective Trainers
- 16-18 Patrols in Action
- 23-25 Exploring Netherurd in Winter (Guides aged 12+)

Broneirion

Jan

- 2-4 Happy 40th Birthday Broneirion
- 9-11 Back to Basics
- 16-18 Skills of Sharing (by allocation)
- 23-25 Commissioner Team (CC/Div Com/Dist Com)
- 30 Jan-
- 1 Feb International Education (by allocation)

Lorne

Jan

- 2-4 International
- 9-11 South East Belfast
- 16-18 West Belfast
- 23-25 East Belfast
- 30 Jan-
- 1 Feb North Down

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.	

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.

Foxlease

Feb

- 6-8 Insite
- 13-15 Focus on the Programme (Guides)
- 20-22 1 For Trainers interested in Training Abroad
- 2 International
- 23-27 British Red Cross Society First Aid Course

Waddow

Feb

- 6-8 Focus On the Programme (Brownies)
- 13-15 How safe are our children?
- 20-22 Tutor
- 27 Feb-
- 1 Mar Cheshire Border

Netherurd

February

- 6-8 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Renfrewshire Central Division)
- 13-15 Netherurd Singing Circle
- 20-22 District Commissioner (with up to 8 of her Guiders)
- 27 Feb-
- 1 Mar Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Clackmannanshire and West Lothian)

Broneirion

Feb

- 6-8 Welsh Trainers
- 13-15 Working in the Senior Section for Ranger Guiders, YL Advisers and Commissioners
- 18-20 Open Day for Guides
- 23-25 Open Day for Guides
- 27 Feb-
- 1 Mar Home Arts

Lorne

Feb

- 6-8 South Antrim
- 13-15 South Down
- 20-22 Guides' Activities Weekend
- 27 Feb-
- 1 Mar First Aid for Camps and Holidays

Foxlease

March

- 6-8 South West England
- 13-15 District Team
- 20-22 Kent West
- 27-29 Midlands

Waddow

March

- 6-8 Joint Insite
- 13-15 North Yorkshire West
- 20-22 Sefton
- 27-29 Cumbria North

Glenbrook

March

- 6-8 Pennine Way Group Reunion
- 13-15 Walking Safely Advanced (Guiders only)

Netherurd

March

- 6-8 Scottish Junior Council
- 13-15 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places for Mid Lothian)
- 27-29 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places for Dunbartonshire)

Broneirion

March

- 6-8 Young Leaders with their Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 13-15 County Commonwealth and International Advisers
- 14 Wales Outdoor Consultants and COAAs
- 14-15 Programme and Training Committee
- 20-22 Merioneth/Breconshire
- 27-29 District Team

Lorne

March

- 6-8 Armagh
- 13-15 Ulster Junior Council
- 20-22 Ranger Guiders/Young Leader Advisers

Fees at Lorne per Weekend

Ulster Guiders (18 years of age and over)	£12.50
Ulster Rangers/Young Leaders (under 18 years of age)	£10.50
Non-Ulster Guiders	£18.00
Day Only	£8.00

Fees at Netherurd

Shared room per day	£7.50
Double room per day	£7.75
Single room per day	£8.00
Deposit	£2.00
Training for non-residents	£0.50

HEAR AND NOW

Merry Christmas! This month we have a feature on balloon debating, an activity for which there seems to be no bounds! Maybe you could hold a 'Christmas Special' debate at your Unit's Christmas party, while sampling the Light and Tasty delights. These, you'll be glad to see, don't provide any clever ideas on how to use up left-over turkey! In between writing the Christmas cards and packing presents why not let us know what you have been up to recently, or send us any ideas, comments and suggestions you may have for *Hear and Now* in 1987. Please, please try and include some photographs or diagrams to brighten up the section. All contributions to *Hear and Now*, c/o The Programme Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Operation Dragnet

Dragnet is a game held annually in the Lake District for Cumbrian Ventures and Rangers. It is a test of both physical fitness and cunning, with an element of luck involved.

Teams meet at an arranged campsite on the Friday evening, and are taken to an unknown destination, about 35 miles away, at midnight. Teams have one hour before the Catchers are set loose.

During the next 36 hours teams have to make their own way back, on foot, to the base camp, avoiding the Catchers, who are on foot and in cars. Teams have two lives, so if they are only caught once they can keep going.

We arrived at Rydal Hall, the base camp, and at 8.15 pm had our kit checked to ensure we had all the compulsory equipment. At 10.00 pm everyone gathered outside the Hall for the briefing from the group that mainly consisted of lads dressed in khaki — one even had a hat covered in plastic leaves on his head. They all laughed and many decided we would never make it.

Buses took all the 49 teams of four (eight of which were girls) to Rampside, just south of Barrow-in-Furness. They dropped us at 11.30 pm and we set off along the road towards Ulverston, knowing that we had an hour before the Catchers would be out. It was soon up, and we occasionally had to jump into a patch of nettles or thistles to avoid being caught. At Scales, seeing the beams of a car's headlights, we jumped over a gate and hid behind a hedge, praying it hadn't seen us. It passed, but the group behind us weren't so lucky. There was a screech of brakes, doors slammed, people shouted, everyone ran but they were caught.

After that there were several tense moments when we hid in the bracken off an unfenced road, but we were eventually caught just outside Ulverston. Paula was caught in the headlights when a car came up behind us; as it was before 8.00 am on Saturday we only gained a penalty point. We plodded along until we reached Bough, not caring whether there were any Catchers near because we were so tired. It was 6.00 am; we'd been walking for 5½ hours, and were so exhausted that we slept in a wood near Bough until after 1.00 that afternoon!

At 3.00 pm we left the wood and walked alongside a beck for about three miles, experiencing one nasty moment there. We spotted a Catcher on a nearby road so we dived into the long reedy grass, and it wasn't until later I realised that I'd nearly sat on a slug! We had a tough time trying to cross the road when we met it. A car came just as we crossed, but luckily it was going to a campsite nearby. After that it was straight forward, as we dodged between trees, until we were in Grizedale Forest.

Going along the tracks in the forest was easy as Susan had had the foresight to bring along the 1:25 000 map. We walked 5½ miles through the forest seeing only one team of Venture Scouts and no Catchers at all! We arrived at the edge of the wood at 9.00 pm. It was not yet dark so we stopped to cook our evening meal — pot noodles and a Beanfeast. Two to a bivvy bag to give us extra warmth, we settled down to wait for the dark.

At 11.30 pm we left the forest. It was hard work walking across country in the dark so we followed the compass due north. Eventually we met the road and followed it to the river. My feet were exhausted and I was sure my blisters had burst. Skelwith Bridge was the only place near enough to cross, and we didn't want to wade the river because it would mean sleeping wet and thus increasing the possibility of more blisters. Tiptoeing across the bridge we thought we heard a car. Unluckily for us two

Catchers were sleeping beside the road and we woke them up and got caught! With one life gone we set off to Loughrigg Fell. We camped above some woods, hidden in the bracken. It was 4.00 am and we'd walked about six miles in the dark.

At 8.00 am we set off again. The last stretch was going to be difficult because there would be a lot more Catchers concentrated around Rydal Hall. We descended to the road, waded the river and ran beside the wall which followed it. We crossed through a wood and left our rucksacks behind a fence (except Jenny's which we filled with emergency rations, etc). We crossed the road safely and gradually climbed the hill until we were in the wood above the Hall. There was a nasty moment when we spotted a Catcher coming towards us as we entered a wood. We dived into the bracken and stayed there for 20 minutes.

Eventually it was safe and we very slowly worked our way around until we were directly above the finishing field. Within 20 metres of the boundaries we were spotted by some Catchers, so Susan ran for her life to within 10 metres when she was caught. Luckily one of the men in charge said we could have our second life back as we were so close. We ran through the finishing field to the table and clocked in at 10.55 am, and sank exhausted to the ground. The sense of achievement was great — we had completed it — with the added bonus of taking home the trophy for being the first girls back.

I thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to thank all those who organised the event, and would not hesitate to do it again next year.

The Team — The King's Forest Rangers Unit consisted of: Susan Lates, Jenny Lates, Paula Henderson and Katherine Laird.

Katherine Laird

Young Friends of Waddow



Ken Rush

Here is an opportunity for you to be part of a newly formed group of *Young* people — up to the age of 26 — to have fun and make friends and care for Waddow — through taking part in fun days, activities and projects planned and arranged by you.

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Waddow Hall,
Clitheroe,
Lancs BB7 3LD.

Up, Up and Away!

Running out of ideas for these long winter evenings? Well, how about having a Balloon Debate? Balloon Debating may well be an unknown entity to you but it is a popular mind-sharpening pastime which has been passed down through generations of Rotaract Clubs and Law School Students — among many other societies and institutions! The name does *not* come from the idea of the debate being full of hot air (although it all too often could!) but from the idea that the participants are up in a balloon.

To hold a balloon debate you need a team who are 'in' the balloon basket and an audience who are also the judging panel. It is up to you to decide on how many people to have in the balloon but 6-8 is usually a good number, if you have an audience of at least as many again. Obviously all depends on how many you have in total!

Those in the balloon are told that they will plummet to their untimely deaths unless some of the excess weight is thrown out of the basket. All the sandbags and the luggage have been thrown over already so all that is left is the passengers. The audience have to decide who shall go over and who shall be saved — and this is where the debate comes in. Each balloonist has to put their case for why *they* should be saved and also why the other balloonists should be thrown out. The challenge is to justify your own salvation and convince the judging audience that the others in the balloon are less important than yourself!

These are the bare bones of balloon debating and the actual event should be far more exhilarating than it may initially appear! Once you begin thinking about variations and refinements the game can become addictive!

There are two main variations on the basic rules which affect how quickly the debate is over: if you are a large group and wish to have several rounds to give more people a chance to be in the balloon it might be best to give each balloonist a limited time (say two minutes) to say her piece and then have a vote on which *one* is to be saved. Then you can start again with different balloonists — or the winner could remain but the others replaced. The more usual way of playing is to have a vote after each participant has had their say and for just *one* to be thrown over. Then the adjudicator says something like 'but they are still too heavy, the balloon is getting lower and lower — someone else will have to go! Then further rounds of hustings continue until only one is left.

Once you have sorted out the basic idea in your head the fun begins! Most important are the characters in the balloon — few egos are strong enough to stand up to defending themselves to friends (or worse — enemies!) so it is best to pretend to be somebody or something else. The list is endless so let your imagination run riot! An obvious one is to be politicians — but do remember that the debate is *not* about policies or issues but about your value and worth to mankind. Other themes could be writers (imagine Shakespeare battling with Jackie Collins!), monarchs, professions (who is most valuable, a lawyer or an accountant?), trades-people, Soap-stars (Alexis meets Bet Lynch!) ... once the mind gets whirring the list goes on and on!

There is no need to limit yourselves to human battles-of-the-mind: how about European countries trying to defend their place on the map? Or animals debating which is indispensable? You can be as weird and wonderful as you like and get the balloonists to be anything from Guide badges to famous buildings to vegetables! As you get more proficient you can even introduce such things as colours — listening to a group of Rangers debating which is of more value to the world, black or green, is very entertaining!

As it is the festive season perhaps you could arrange an evening of balloon debating with your local Venture Scouts Unit. And, to make it even more of a party, get the debaters to dress up in character — the potential for merriment is great and you can really go to town with seasonal ideas ... how about pitching the Seven Dwarfs against each other? Another easy costume idea is for the balloonists to be items of clothing: the hat could don a large flamboyant hat; the boots, some bright wellies; the dress, a colourful number large enough to slip over normal clothes — the more outrageous the better!

This sort of dressing up is especially good for one variation of balloon debating where the debaters change character between



Jean de Lemos

rounds! Without costumes this changing can be confusing for the audience but if the coat swoops with the trousers there is no doubt as to who is who — and there is also a lot of laughter in the process of the changing! This changearound does however make the debate more taxing for the balloonists as in one round they could be Romeo denouncing Julius Caesar and then in round three they could be Caesar!

There are several ways of staging a balloon debate depending on how spontaneous or formal you want it to be. For example do you ban all heckling from the audience or allow them full voice to interrupt and question? Allowing challenging (etc) can lead to an uproarious time so perhaps it is best to put some restraints on the audience to allow the balloonists their say! It is crucial to have an adjudicator if you are going to allow comment from the floor! Another point to consider is whether or not the debaters themselves should be allowed to interrupt each other. Maybe you could introduce a one minute rule so that everyone is given a chance to have several attacks, defences and counter-attacks!

Another important point to consider is who will be who/what. You can arrange this in advance and tell the balloonists who they will be, giving them time to plan their defence; alternatively you can let them choose their persona themselves — making sure that there is no doubling up; it is too easy to end up with two Van Goghs or three sights (ie no smell or touch!). To make the balloonists really think on their feet you could let them pick a 'character' blind just a few hours (or even minutes) before the balloon is to go up! Much fun can be had from this rather tough method as the players try to find out who Major Bagshot is — not to mention why he is more worthy for this world than Nicolas Nickleby and all the others! Obviously caution must be exercised with this 'refinement' on balloon debating as it can result in antagonism, frustration — and a lot of 'hot air' as debaters try to 'debate' completely out of character due to lack of knowledge and preparation time. Allowing a week (or more) for research should lead to a better debate which can be very educational to all involved — it is remarkable what some digging can unearth about the merits of Napoleon, plastic or Tokyo!

Balloon debating is a snowballing pastime — just when you think you might have exhausted the ramifications and themes somebody thinks of yet another variation or idea! Have fun!

Julia Nellthorp

Second Time Around

Have you ever wondered what becomes of the thousands of tonnes of waste paper, metal, plastic and glass that get thrown away every day? Yes, well Oxfam have the answer, as well as ideas on how to make clothes, games and instruments out of waste materials. 'Do It Yourself/Recycling' also includes follow-up activities which you could use with the Company or Pack. This edition of the bi-monthly magazine 'Bother' is available from Rose Evans, Finance Department, Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ, for 85p including p&p.

Holiday of a lifetime

Last week I went on the holiday of a lifetime. No, it wasn't to California or the Costa del Sol but to Oundle with a group of handicapped Guides and Rangers from our County and their helpers. I was a helper and I looked after Tina, a severely handicapped Ranger. We stayed in an adapted old persons' home which was ideal for wheelchairs. Many of us first needed a lesson in how to manoeuvre a wheelchair up and down steps. We spent much of the next six days visiting nearby places as the area has a lot to offer. We had a cream tea after our tour of Rockingham Castle followed by a slide show about Barnwell Country Park, which we then visited the following day, guided round by a very helpful warden. That same afternoon was probably my favourite part of the holiday when we canoed down the river Nene in Canadian canoes. For those who were less energetic or less able, fishing was available and for three of us swimming was also on the agenda! We went shopping in Peterborough and spent a day at Rutland Water where we all tried our hands at sailing with the superb help from the Stamford Spastic Society and their Trimaran. We then saw Rutland from the comfort of the Rutland Belle, and some learnt to 'fly fish'. There was never a moment

without something going on. Even when nothing was actually planned, in the odd moments before meals, or just before bed, no-one was bored or alone, with groups singing, just chatting or even trying their hands at weight training. We made hats for our medieval banquet and learnt how to 'quill'; we made tortoises and stained glass windows. One evening was spent as guests of the local Phab/Gateway Club when they put on a disco for us.

I am a 17 year old Young Leader and I don't mind admitting I was extremely nervous before I went but, by the time we arrived in Oundle, I felt at ease and thoroughly enjoyed myself. I won't deny that being a helper involved a lot of hard work which was tiring but, without exception, everyone had a great week and made a lot of friends and I am certainly not the only one who is just waiting to go again. It is a fantastic opportunity for handicapped and able bodied members alike and anyone able to go on these holidays would be mad not to!

Janine Barber
1st Digwell Guide Coy,
Hertfordshire.

Lone Ranger

Despite winds gusting to 50 mph, a group of Guides and Guiders from Bournemouth North set off for Brownsea Island. The 'Costello', the castle launch was sent to fetch the party and Mrs Lyn Browning, the Assistant Division Commissioner, was hoisted aboard in her wheelchair. On landing they set out across fields where daffodils were still tightly in bud, and where the peacocks hid from the wind — until the Guides made mating call shrieks and they bolted out of the tall grass!

On top of the hill, at the Baden-Powell stone, Katherine Jones was invested as a Ranger.

Like many girls who go to boarding school, or where there is no active Unit, she joined the Lone Scheme as a Guide. There is a monthly newsheet and arrangements for badge tests and camps are made for girls with no home Guider. Some girls live in the County and go to school elsewhere or vice versa; or some move frequently such as those with parents in the Forces.

Kathy was persuaded to climb onto the Baden-Powell stone for a photograph before exploring the Campsites and South Shore Lodge. All met back in the castle tearooms for a most welcome tea. The 'Costello' had to turn to get into the jetty — just as a wave hit broadside on; those in the wheelhouse got soaked and Kathy had a very memorable trip.

Mrs Dawn Goodson
Division Commissioner,
Bournemouth North

Photo: Mrs. Goodman



Two recipes you could try at your Christmas parties!

Cheesy Garlic Bread

- 1 Crusty French Loaf, 4 oz Butter/Garlic Butter, 4 oz Grated Cheese
- 1 Cut loaf in half lengthways
- 2 Spread generously with butter, then cover this with grated cheese
- 3 Wrap firmly in foil sealing edges well
- 4 Place in embers or hot oven until butter runs into bread and cheese melts

Curry Puffs

- 1 pkt Frozen Puff Pastry ½ lb potatoes small pkt frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 onion, chopped, curry powder, oil for frying
- 1 Boil potatoes and cut into cubes
- 2 Boil frozen mixed vegetables
- 3 Heat oil and gently fry the onion; add the curry powder, potatoes and vegetables
- 4 Roll out pastry, cut into squares
- 5 Place an amount of curry mixture on each square of pastry and roll up sausage roll style. Then cook in a pre-heated oven at 200° C, until golden brown.

Training Opportunities

Insite (Ranger Guiders with up to 4 Rangers)
Exlease 6-8 Feb 1987

— have an opportunity to improve the planning and operation of your Unit Programme along with members of other Ranger Units.

— have an opportunity to learn how to carry out the rôles of members of the Unit Committee either for now or for the future.

— have a great deal of Fun

Insite

Waddow 6-8 March 1987

A joint training with the Scout Association. Look out for further details in this feature.

Crossing the Roof of England

Glenbrook: 6-8 March 1987

A reunion for the walkers who walked the Pennine Way in July and August 1986

Young Leaders and Guiders

Broneirion: 6-8 March 1987

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Waddow: 16-20 April 1987

Young Leaders' Training 10-12 April
Lorne: 10-12 April 1987

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Young Leaders with Brownie and Guiders
Broneirion: 6-8 March 1987

Young Leaders with Brownie
Broneirion: 6-8 March 1987

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.

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Where were you invested?



The Bexhill Division Ranger Unit invested seven of their members in the Whispering Gallery of St Paul's Cathedral, London, last May, during a day trip to London.

Amanda Appleby of Swindon wrote and told us of her Ranger Unit's expedition to the White Horse of Broad Hinton. They had their investiture ceremony on the eye of the horse, as this photo shows, in the pouring rain!

Write and let us know about how you made your investiture a truly memorable experience.

CALENDAR

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APR MAY JUNE

Netherurd
Blyth Bridge, West Linton,
Peeblesshire EH4 7AQ. Tel. 0968 82208

Foxlease

April
3-5 TACADE
24-26 Working Together (by allocation)

Waddow

April
3-5 West Yorkshire North
10-12 1 Bradford East Division
2 OAs and Advisers for Handicapped Members
16-20 1 Duke of Edinburgh
2 Young Leaders
24-26 The District Team
30 Apr
-4 May British Red Cross Society First Aid Course

Glenbrook

April
24-26 Duke of Edinburgh/Queen's Guide Enterprise II

Netherurd

April
3-5 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places for Ayrshire South)
7-11 Patrols in Action
16-20 Patrols in Action
24-26 Ranger Guiders

Broneirion

April
3-5 Avon North
10-12 Focus on the Programme
16-21 Patrol Leaders—Agnes Rand
24-26 Worcestershire
30 Apr
-4 May British Red Cross Society First Aid Course

Lorne

April
3-5 Guiders' International
10-12 Young Leaders
17-19 Easter

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

Foxlease

May
1-4 Woodcraft and Pioneering
8-10 Middlesex East
15-17 London and South East England
22-30 Family Week

Waddow

May
8-10 Northumberland
15-17 North Yorkshire North East
23-31 Arts Week
24-31 Lightweight camp for 14-26 year olds

Glenbrook

May
1-4 Guiders 'Come and Try It'

Netherurd

May
8-10 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places for Inverness-shire)
15-17 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places for Ayrshire North and Bute)
22-24 Insite

Broneirion

May
8-10 Central Glamorgan
16 Guides Cymru AGM
17 Broneirion 40th Celebrations - Cheese and Wine (Friends)
22-26 Guide Event (Patrol In Action)
29-31 Shropshire (Telford South Division)

Lorne

May
8-10 Belfast Trefoil Guild
15-17 Ulster Executive Committee

Lorne
Craigavad, Co Down
Ulster BT30 0BS. Tel: (Holywood) 02317 3180

Foxlease

June
5-7 London Over the Border
12-14 The District Team
19-21 Middlesex North West
25-30 Friends of Foxlease

Waddow

June
5-7 Staffordshire
12-15 Friends of Waddow
19-21 TACADE
26-28 Merseyside

Glenbrook

June
5-7 Walking Safely for Adults (Intermediate and Early Advanced)

Netherurd

June
5-7 Scottish Handcraft Circle
20-21 Friends of Netherurd
26-28 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Gordon)

Broneirion

June
5-7 Gwent
12-14 Shropshire (Oakengate Division)/Anglesey
13 Programme and Training Committee
19-21 Severnside Painting Group Music Arts
24 Friends of Broneirion
26-28 Cardiff and East Glamorgan

Fees at Broneirion (Adults)

Shared room £7.25 per person per night (minimum fee for a weekend £14.50)
Double room £7.50 per person per night (minimum fee for a weekend £15.00)
Single room £8.00 per person per night (minimum fee for a weekend £16.00)
A non-returnable deposit of £2.00 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 £6.00 per day (a five day course will cost £30.00)

Additional fees may be payable for specialised activities.

A non-returnable deposit of £5.00 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 Outdoor Activities Bursary is available for Guiders attending training/assessment courses to achieve National qualifications. Application forms available from CHQ.

CAMPS

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HOLIDAYS

For applications and details of all camps and accommodation at the Training Centres write, enclosing sae, to the Secretary of the appropriate centre (addresses are found on the Training Calendar). Suggest dates and state approximate numbers.

Netherurd

Camp Sites

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

Brownie House

Bookings for the Brownie House for Easter 1987 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, the Brownie House and the Ranger Bothy, are suitable for handicapped members. A 3-berth Holiday Caravan is available for Guiders and friends.

Lorne

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.

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

A cottage available for Ranger holidays; for details apply to: Mrs Emily Liley, 43 Breda Road, Newtownbreda, Belfast, BT8 4BU. Tel: Belfast 703296.

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.

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 Road, Portstewart, Co Londonderry. Tel: Portstewart 2546.

Broneirion

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.

Camp Site and Brownie House

Applications for camp site 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.

Ynsgain

Criccieth, North Wales.

Ty Ni

Brownie Pack Holiday House, available for other sections when not booked for Brownies. Max 12 girls and 4 adults.

Ysgubor Hir

Long Barn. Suitable for handicapped people. 10 and 3 adults.

Y Bwthya

Ranger/Young Leader Cottage, 8 and 2 adults. All houses fully equipped except for bedding.

Camp Sites

Three camp sites, two with flush toilets. All have solid shelter and altar fires. Unequipped. Showers available.

Contact: Mrs J P Griffith, Cefnfaes, 23 Carreg Felin, Llandegfan, Anglesey, Gwynedd, LL59 5YB. Tel: (Menai Bridge) 0248 713134, enclosing an sae.

Waddow

Camp Sites

Suggest date and state approximate numbers and whether an equipped or unequipped site is required. Camps should preferably begin on a Saturday. Please enclose a 50p deposit (non-returnable).

Patrol Camp Sites

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

Ranger Cottage

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 Guiders with Guiders, Trefoil Guilds, Guiders, etc.

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 fridge.

Available for bookings throughout the year.

Glenbrook

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 6 in the flat. Accommodation in 'Derwent', the new purpose built annexe, is for 34 people on a self-catering basis.

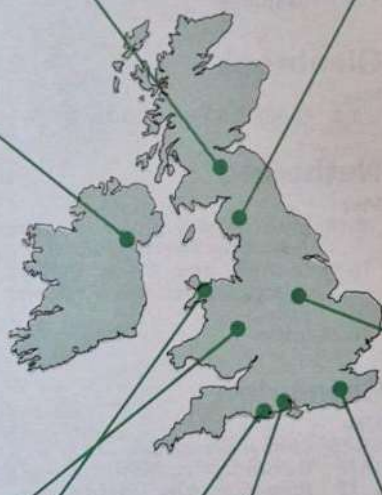
There are two large bedrooms/training rooms on the ground floor with two Guider's Rooms leading off. Above this is a fully equipped kitchen with gas cooking and lounge area. A number of activities are available, including canoeing, walking, caving, rock climbing, etc.

Camp Sites

Four camp sites available, two suitable for handicapped members. Situated in partly wooded grounds. All sites are unequipped.

Blackland Farm

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Brownsea Island

Eight sites are available for Guide and Scout Camps from Easter to 1st October plus South Shore Lodge sleeping 18 plus leaders. For details apply to: Miss Muriel Hunt, 5 Alderbury Close, Swanage, Dorset BH19 2SN.

Foxlease

Camp Sites

Applications for sites for 1987 being considered now.

Camps begin on any day. Some sites are suitable for handicapped people. Four sites for Patrols and camp shelters, equipped with gas, lighting and heating provide opportunities for Rangers and Young Leaders to camp out of the main season. State whether you require an equipped or unequipped site, mark your envelope 'Camp' and enclose a £5 deposit (forfeited if booking is cancelled).

A heated, covered swimming pool is available from March to October.

Barn and Beaverbrook

Applications for the period 1 October-31 March 1987 being considered now. The accommodation is suitable for handicapped members. Priority is given to applicants who have not already stayed in either the Barn or the Lodge.

HQ NOTICES HQ

Thinking Day/ Founder's Day Service

11 am Saturday 21
February 1987

Westminster Abbey and
St Margaret's Church,
Westminster

Allocation of tickets to members of the Girl Guides Association will be made this year through Country/Region Headquarters. **Please do not apply to Commonwealth Headquarters**, as this will hold up proceedings, and **do not apply to your Country/Region Headquarters** until you have been informed through the usual channels of the procedure to be adopted by each Country/Region.

Allocation of tickets to members of the Scout Association will be handled by Counties/Areas.

The same form of Service will be used in each Church. Further details will be given in future editions of all magazines.

National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra Course

The next National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra Course is to be held at Orwell Park School, Napton, Ipswich, Suffolk from July 24-31 1987. The Course will include section tuition by professional musicians and two Concerts, one to be given in the Snape Maltings. Afternoon activities will include such subjects as swimming, tennis and squash.

Acceptance for the Course will be subject to selection and applicants will need to have reached a good standard of playing and to have had orchestral experience. Applicants must be between the ages of 13-22 by July 31 1987. The cost will be approximately £90.00.

Application Forms, which must be completed and posted not later than February 27, are available from the **Programme Secretary, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT.**

Musical Instruments

The Association has recently been loaned a cello made by Thomas Dodd. This instrument is now available for allocation. Applicants must have reached Grade VI. Application Forms are available from the Programme Secretary.

We are very grateful to Miss R D Parker of Gullane, East Lothian for the loan of this splendid cello.

Another cello in the collection, made by William Forster, is also available for allocation to Grade VI players or over. Application Forms are also available from the Programme Secretary.

Sue Stevens Training Bequest

The monies in this fund have been accumulated from Royalties left by Sue Stevens to Foxlease to be used for the benefit of training.

A special summer school is to be held during July 29-August 6 1987 at Foxlease. It is aimed at encouraging Guiders with strong arts interests, and with enthusiasm and ability to pass on what they have gained.

The programme will be organised by Brian Cooke, Drama Tutor, supported by some of our own experts in dance, drama and music. To make the most of this unique opportunity it is felt that numbers of trainees should not exceed 27 (three per Country/Region).

Fees will be subsidised from The Sue Stevens Training Bequest.

For an application form please write to the Guider-in-Charge, at Foxlease, returning this by January 31 1987. Those selected will be notified by February 28.

New from Publishing

The new *Prayers card for Jewish Guides and Brownies* is now available, price 14p, from Guide shops or through the Trading Service. There is a 50p post and packaging charge on all orders under £10.00.

Thinking Day on the Air

For a number of years, some Guides have taken part in an event called Thinking Day on the Air and, for the first time, details are being published in *GUIDING* in the hope that others may be able to take part. This can only be done with the co-operation of a licensed Amateur Radio operator.

The aim is to promote Guiding friendships and contacts which can be achieved by Guides within the UK passing greetings and messages to other Guides and through follow-up activities.

Date

Saturday and Sunday, 21-22 February

Time

Any time between midnight Friday and midnight Sunday.

Special Call Signs

These can be applied for by any radio amateur prepared to supervise the station. A special Call Sign means that unlicensed people, ie Brownies, Guides and Rangers, can speak under supervision for up to two minutes to any station in the UK, USA, Canada or Falkland Islands, contacted by the radio amateur. Applications for Special Call Signs must be made at least six weeks before the event.

Information Sheets and Report Forms

These are available from the **Programme Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT** on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope A4. Please mark the envelope TDA.

Sources of Help for finding operators are local Amateur Radio Clubs, members of the Scout Association who operate Jamboree on the Air Stations or individual amateurs.

Reports of the event held in 1986 are also available from the Programme Department on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope A4.

If in any difficulty please contact the Programme Department.

Fees at Broneirion

Please note:

Fees at Broneirion with effect from 1 January 1987.

Adults

Shared room £8.50 per person per night (minimum fee for a weekend £15.50)

Double Room £9.00 per person per night (minimum fee for a weekend £16.00)

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A non-returnable deposit of £2.00 should be sent with your application form. No receipt will be sent unless a 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 for which she has booked she may be liable to pay the full fee.

Guiders/Rangers/Young Leaders

Fees are £6.00 per day (a five day course will cost £30). Additional fees may be payable for specialised activities.

A non-returnable deposit of £5.00 is required and the total fee is payable before the commencement of the training.

New fees for Foxlease and Waddow appear next month.

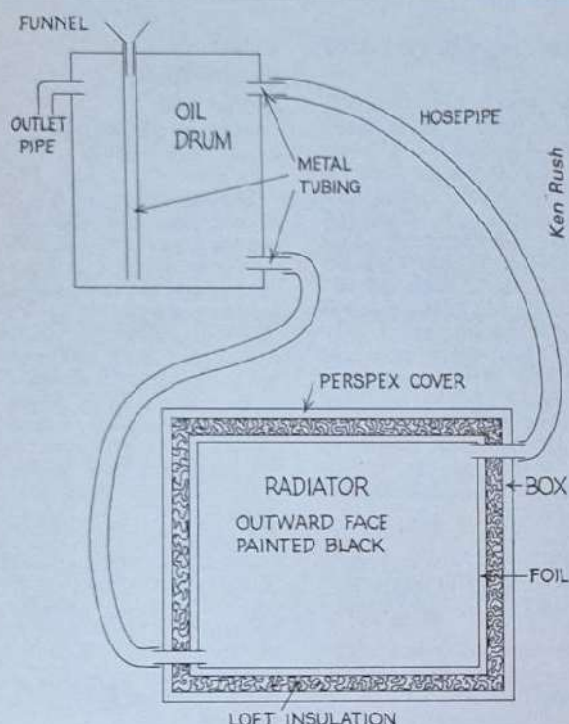
Carol Singing in Trafalgar Square

A choir of the Association will be singing carols in Trafalgar Square on Monday 22 December, 1986 between 4.00 and 5.00 pm. The carols will be mainly traditional and the choir will use the Bethlehem Carol Sheet, 32nd edition. If you intend to bring your Unit to Trafalgar Square, it would be helpful if they had copies of this carol sheet. Many churches use it, but in case of difficulties it can be obtained from: The Bible Lands Society, PO Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks. 10 sheets for £1.00 plus 95p postage. Please make sure that everyone is warmly dressed and that there is a sufficient number of adults to children in your party.

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Make Your Own

CAMP EQUIPMENT



Solar Water Heater

Instructions by **Ron Chapman**, former GSL, 1st Alrewas Scout Group, from an idea originally published in *SCOUTING*.

You will need:

- An old, small, domestic radiator.
- Black radiator paint.
- Loft or other insulation wadding.
- Aluminium foil.
- A 5 gallon oil drum, cleaned out (cooking oil drum from fish and chip shop).
- 1cm or 1/2in diameter copper or stainless steel tubing:-
- 2 lengths 8cm (6in) long
- 1 length same as the height of the drum
- 2 lengths of hose pipe with diameter enough to fit over metal tubes.
- Funnel to fit into metal tube.
- Wooden box, slightly larger than radiator (old drawer is ideal).
- Insulating material for hose pipe (foam pipe insulation or 'bandages').
- Insulating material for drum (polystyrene tubes or tank insulation jacket, etc).
- Perspex sheet, slightly longer than the box.

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How to Make It

Line the box with loft insulation, cover with aluminium foil and lay the radiator inside. You will need to make slots or holes in the box for the pipes leading into and out from the radiator. Paint the exposed face of the radiator black.

NB. Make holes in the drawer as shown and solder the metal tubing into position; two holes for circulation pipes, one long one for filter pipes as shown and screw a piece of perspex as a cover onto the box.

Fill with water, expose the radiator box to sunlight and raise the drum higher than the heater to allow the water to circulate. As the water in the radiator

becomes warm it will circulate upwards into the drum, drawing cooler water down into the heater. If cold water is poured down the funnel an equal amount of warm water will come out of the outlet pipe.

Hints for Guiders

1. Almost all the materials can be obtained from junk yards, rubbish skips, etc.
2. Bright sunshine is not necessary (although it helps) but the radiator must be positioned towards the light. While keeping the outlet pipe from the radiator higher than the inlet pipe, tilt the box so that it faces the sun.

ARE YOU THE...

District Assistant?

'Old greying Medusa' Rita M Knowles, contributes to our series this month, with her article on Hertfordshire's three person District Assistant team.

Somewhere in the depths of Hertfordshire lurks a monster — a triple headed Gorgon, benignly smiled upon by Those Above.



You will find no illustration in POR.

The mythical Gorgon was 'one of three winged females, of terrifying appearance with enormous teeth and serpents for hair'. Old greying Medusa here can claim the locks. The other two are more gorgeous Gorgons.

In Berkhamsted our multi-monster wears at least half a dozen hats on each of its heads. Its teeth may seem awesome when bared in a hissing smile. 'We have ze vays of helping you' we whisper ominously to cowering young Guiders, bemused by our crazy whizzings across this particular patch. For have we not been seen collectively grass-skirted or individually strolling across woods in red indian garb, or around castles dressed as Giles Cartoon Grandmas, dancing in pairs as clowns in the churchyard or, at Thinking Day, heralding arrivals from foreign parts in a multitude of accents that would put Mike Yarwood to shame? Why — one of us was even a bewitching cover girl for a Hallowe'en issue of *GUIDER*.

Small wonder newcomers look sideways at this creature as it presses yet another meeting/training notice in their hands and lumbers them with the organisation of the next District function.

Hard to think it embodies Young Leader Adviser, Brownie and Ranger Guiders, all with Guide Guider experience and first aid, Camp, Pack Holiday and life-saving expertise. Jointly this anomaly is secretary, journalist, drama examiner, fluent linguist, badminton and netball player, choir singer, flower arranger, hill walker, sailor, skier, wife, mother from tot through 'teens and all those other homely attributes. But this beast is not a force to be reckoned with.

Like Valkyries we sweep our 17-unit area looking for trouble — seldom found — but the aim is to smooth and soothe, not to shriek war cries. It is a team, complementing a young and dedicated Commissioner frenzied by an active toddler and another on the way. Each is a mother-confessor to her own group, building up relationships and pooling problems at a pre-District meeting.

We try to share background as well as dogsbody tasks — that way no-one's in the dark in an emergency.

They were too kind to sack the Old District Assistant when the Young Commissioner took over. But old Medusa would gladly have resigned. 'We need your experience', they insisted. But I know how experience begins to rub shoulders with age. How daily diary consultation is now a must, where once my head would do. I have been glad to help newcomers — and happy to pick their brains and pinch their fresh ideas. And 'I've learnt such a lot' says Gorgon One. 'I've turned out for things I might have dodged and valued those pre-District meetings that made us feel so knowledgeable in general discussion. I feared more established

Guiders might question my suitability — but everyone was so welcoming'.

As a team we bring out diplomacy, experience, responsibility and a sense of fun in each other and it is good to know these resources are there to be tapped when needed.

Endless cups of Commissioner's coffee and chats on trivia have been delightful.

'Shouldn't we . . . ?' I'll venture. 'All done — another biscuit?'

Either I'm totally useless or she's incredibly efficient. I'm worried to find I've grown physically to match the status. Chest swelling with importance — and so is rear end — maybe sitting around or too many biscuits!

Then there is Gorgon Two revelling in feeling 17 again, packed in a mini bus with dark-skinned 'Houris' in a memorable 75th Flame collection, a ruck-sacked rambler switching to rocking a tearful Brownie at the drop of a hat, an instant picker-up of strings, when landed once again with a Medusa family crisis.

'Am I imagining it, or are my fingers getting worn down by too much acquaintance with the keyboard . . . and is my eyesight really failing because of too much X-ray exposure to the photocopier — or are my arms just not long enough any more!? Did you say you wanted those circulated yesterday . . . ?'

So we are an amorphous conglomerate — a bit like Hertfordshire Pudding Stone* really. But I hope we are *not* like that — lumpy, solid and unyielding. I have had a lifetime's abhorrence of the 'navy blue knickers' attitude, the 'we've always done it this way' approach.

With three heads we *can* look wide. But we must go fast forward too.

*Hertfordshire Pudding Stone — a type of rock found in Hertfordshire of assorted pebbles bound together by a natural cement — a rarity.



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BOOKS for Christmas

Knitted Toys by Jean Greenhowe. The Hamlyn Publishing Group, £7.95.

There's still time to make some toys for Christmas presents and with Jean Greenhowe's book the only problem will be to decide which to choose. There are 70 different toys to make, ranging from girl and boy twins (over 18in. high) with several changes of clothing, through a clown, some favourite characters — including a guardsman and a Brownie, and five animals to more than 30 tinies — less than 6in. high — that are especially appealing. Some are intended to be Christmas tree decorations, others are for small babies but there are several little characters — a deep sea fisherman, a cave man and a Roman in a toga — who would make amusing 'presents for fun' for adults. Because they would be finished so quickly and are so charming, many of these projects would be good for a child who has recently learned to knit. The book itself would make a delightful gift if you can part with it.

NAS

The Christmas Road — an Anthology, compiled by Pamela Egan. Church House Publishing, £4.50.

This collection of readings and poems about the true meaning of Christmas is suitable for all over ten year olds! Some pages will make you laugh; the authors include Alison Uttley, Elizabeth Goudge, Richmal Crompton, Philip Larkin and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Something quite different for the Company or Unit at Christmaside.

JVD

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Richard Adams calls his nature diary 'very ordinary' because it is not a catalogue of the rare and seldom seen. It records things observed, without making elaborate arrangements, every single day of a year — a leap year for good measure.

Reading it is no ordinary experience, rather a share in a relaxed but keenly interested view of the world around the writer that will open your eyes to your own environment. Richard Adams hopes his book will inspire readers to begin their own nature diary and he gives an excellent example, never forcing a comment when there's little to say — for one day it's just 'Glad to get back home today.' There are illustrations by John Lawrence on every page, many in colour. This is a lovely book that could solve several present problems.

NAS

Walkers by Miles Jebb. Constable, £10.95.

There's usually a time in the year, however brief, when the most ardent walker will settle to contemplate the hobby from the armchair. A dip into Walkers will provide an introduction to fellow pedestrians from times when walking was more essential transport than pleasant pastime as it now is for many people in this country. Even for those who had little choice in the matter it seems often to have been an experience not to be taken for granted and the present day walker will find new insights into the activity as well as moments of fellow feeling.

NAS

of a share in the above Fund was:

for selling purposes	156.67
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income yield	3.83%

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

Erratum Light on a Boating Subject

Our attention has been drawn to a slightly confusing diagram in the September issue of GUIDING. We apologise and hope this

Easy Crafts by Colin Caket. Blandford Press, £3.95.

There are nearly 200 pages full of things to make mostly from inexpensive materials like paper or scrap cardboard for entertainment, toys, presents, interesting parcels, dressing up, decorations. This could be ideal at this time of year for Guiders needing inspiration for Packs and Companies full of busy fingers. The ideas will be suitable for the rest of the year too and there are more general art projects.

NAS

Christmas Patchwork Projects by Linda Seward. Blandford Press, £14.95.

This delightful and extremely simple to follow book is written by a fashion graduate and has all the style that you would expect that to produce. The items in the book are both attractive and seasonal but could be adapted for all season use. The designs range from tree decorations through cushions and seat



covers to this splendid stocking. It is a must for anyone handy with a needle and those who would like to be.

BH

Postman Pat's Song Book, words and music by Bryan Daly. Hippo Books, Scholastic Publications Ltd, £1.75.

An interesting little book, suitable for the younger Brownie, containing six songs representing characters from the TV series, plus a piano copy if words are not to be used.

MV

What shall we do for Christmas? C10 Publishing, Church House, Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3NZ, £1.95.

A collection of practical ideas for celebrating Christmas with under-tens. Simple, clearly-explained craft work, games and short plays, which could be used for Pack meetings around Christmas time.

JVD

A pocket Guide to the Life and Meaning of Jesus, by Arthur L. Moore. Mowbray, £1.95.

This small pocket-sized book examines three topics — how Jesus lived, who he was, and what he achieved. Suitable for older Rangers and adults, this could be a good basis for discussion.

JVD

Holy Holy is thy name and other sacred songs, by Theodora Gordon Hall and Harriet Hall Williams. Robertson Publications, £3.75.

This book contains 14 spiritual songs suitable for a choir to sing at a special service but, unfortunately, all in unison. The addition of a Descant to some of the tunes would have been an advantage.

MV

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overhead view of the power craft under 20 tons will make it clear.

It might be as well to mention that the red and green port and starboard lights are designed to throw the light over an arc from right ahead to 2 points abaft the beam.

The object of this arrangement is to make it quite clear which way the craft is heading.

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BITS and PIECES

Born to Us

'Shhhhh!' Dilys hissed loudly, irritably and almost effectively, at Daphne and Fenella, who toned their mirth down to muffled sniggers.

'For heaven's sake we're not the Famous Five, get a grip. This is important, and kindly remember you get time off in lieu for this so it's just like any day in the office and I'd appreciate it if you treated it as such!'

'Shhh!' hissed back Daphne, dissolving once more into a fit of helpless giggles.

Dilys turned away in disgust. It was her own fault—you can't rely on the younger staff—no sense of discipline. She should really have come alone, but she felt that it was time that the others were initiated into this all important aspect of the job.

It was coming up to December and time for the birth of the 1987 Schedule for the Training pages for *GUIDING* magazine. The origin of articles for *GUIDING* magazine was a closely guarded secret within the Movement. There was often talk in the office of 'commissioned' articles, articles written by Advisers, ideas from trainers, contributions from Guiders, and Dilys would smile wryly to herself. Such naive conceptions.

But Fenella and Daphne had been kept in the dark for too long and she felt it time they knew the truth. For Dilys was not getting any younger and Training Secretaries don't go on forever (only Outdoor Activities Advisers do that), so she'd brought them along.

At first she'd been pleased to see that they'd come attired as instructed; dark clothing, light shoes, grease smeared faces, woollen hats. But it was when Fenella had produced a large butterfly net, that Dilys had had a slight twinge of nervousness, they were not taking this as seriously as they might.

They'd been stalking now for a good hour, but at last Dilys knew they had reached the spot. 'They're here', she whispered to the others, and the thrill in her voice sent shivers down their spines.

'Daphne, you go that way—Fenella, that way. I'll go this way. And keep your eyes peeled', Dilys instructed. Daphne and Fenella gave each other a sideward glance and then began stalking in opposite directions, whistling and calling, 'Here pagey, pagey, here pagey'.

Dilys frowned at their retreating figures. But they couldn't distract her for long, she was on the trail now, she could feel it. Eagerly she began stepping her way in and out of the rows, sensing instinctively which way she should go. And there! There they were!

Without taking her eyes from the spot she gave the signal to summon Daphne and Fenella to her side. They arrived breathless and excited, still tittering. But seeing Dilys's face they stopped and followed



her gaze. Open mouthed and eyes agog they stared and watched as, slowly Dilys stepped forward and kneeling, lifted up the hallowed gift.

'Well look at that' Daphne breathed incredulously 'I wouldn't have believed it, I *didn't* believe it', Fenella confessed.

Together the three of them gazed reverentially at the bundle in Dilys' arms.

'You see', Dilys said at last, her eyes shining with emotion, 'I was right. This, girls, is our past, and our future, the reincarnation of all our hopes and dreams, the answer to the meaning of Guiding. *THE GUIDER* 1946, rehashed and delivered to us in the form of *GUIDING* 1987—here under a gooseberry bush'.

The Great Easter Gooseberry Bush Trail

Here it is—a rare opportunity for you to join The Great Easter Gooseberry Bush Trail, that great mission where a chosen few discover which *GUIDER* magazine will be revamped for the following year's *GUIDING*. All you need to do, to enter for this moving, once in a lifetime experience, is to send in any ideas, contributions, suggestions, on the kind of thing you would like to see on the Training Pages in *GUIDING*. Post your material to:—

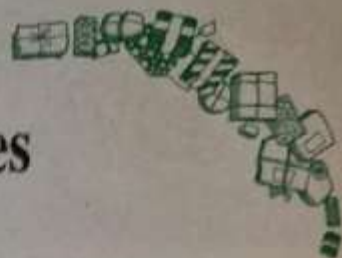
The Training Department
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The lucky 'winners' (and after all, if their mission is successful we will all be winners) will join The Great Easter Gooseberry Bush Trail Team, on this great adventure, which will take place on the slightly earlier trail date of 1 April 1987.

From Behind the Nappy Line

Apologies to followers of this series for its absence from the Training Pages this month. This was due to circumstances beyond the Training Department's and Basil's control. 'From Behind the Nappy Line' will return in January 1987.

Stephanie Spicer



Christmas in other Countries

Throughout the English-speaking world the season of the year when the birth of Christ is celebrated is known as Christmas. This term was first used in the 11th century and simply means 'Jesus Christ's Feast Day.'

In other Christian countries it is known by a different name but the translation is still the same—Il Natale; Natal; La Navidad; Nadolig; Genethlia. Other variations are—Rozhdestvo Christa (Jesus Christ's birth); Boze Narodzene (God's birth); Weihnachten (The Holy Night); Kermis (the evening Mass of Christ).

There are various stories concerning St Nicholas (Santa Claus) but the one which is most known is—

'Nicholas was born in Turkey in the early years of the 4th century. He came from a very rich family, his parents died whilst he was still young and left him a great deal of money. There are many folk tales about the gifts of money he gave, in secret, to the poor people of the town where he lived.

It was the custom in that country that a girl who was to marry made a present of money to her future husband's family before the wedding could take place. In the town there was a poor nobleman who had three very beautiful daughters, they were a very poor family and as there were no sons there would not be any dowry money coming in so that the family would not be able to afford for even one of the daughters to get married.

Nicholas heard of their troubles and he wanted to help them, but he was a very shy person, so he waited until it was night-time, he crept through the streets and climbing up on to the roof he dropped a bag of gold coins down the chimney.

When the girls woke up the next morning, they found the coins in one of the stockings they had hung by the fire the night before. Nicholas did the same thing the next two nights so that all three girls were able to marry, and the custom of hanging up stockings at Christmas time started.

St Nicholas later became Bishop of Myra, his symbol is three golden balls with was later adopted by Pawnbrokers as their symbol.

It must be remembered that Christmas is only celebrated in Christian countries, but here the form of celebration varies.

In Sweden, Christmas is a religious festival, and the parties and present-

giving take place on or around 6 December which is the Feast Day of St Nicholas.

German families gather round the Christmas Tree (usually a real one) on Christmas Eve. They will already have placed their gifts round the tree. Father will read the Christmas Story and they will sing carols. After that the gifts are distributed by the oldest male person present. An old German custom says that, before a child receives its gifts, it must stand in front of the tree and recite a poem.

The custom of British people having Christmas trees in their homes was introduced from Germany by Prince Albert (the husband of Queen Victoria) who prepared one at Windsor Castle for the Royal Children. The use of an Advent Wreath also comes from Germany; the wreath is set up with its four red candles and the first candle is lit on Advent Sunday, two candles the next Sunday and so on until Christmas.

Mexican children enact, in their own neighbourhood, the story of Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. The festivities start on 16 December when all the houses are decorated with green plants, paper lanterns and special Christmas lights. Each evening for nine nights until 25 December, the children go in procession from house to house singing, but they do not stop; on the ninth night they stop at the ninth door they come to, here they sing a special Christmas song; greetings, good wishes and small gifts are exchanged.

In Finland, on Christmas Eve, many children do not sleep in their own bed, but sleep on a pile of straw to remind them of the manger where the Christ-child was born; paper stars are stuck on the ceiling to make them think they are out in the fields. Often the children sleep in the same room as the Christmas tree, and the special advent candles are kept alight all night.

Argentinian families celebrate Christmas very differently—December comes in their hemisphere in midsummer when the crops are being harvested. The night of Christmas eve is the shortest night of the year in that part of the world and, at dusk, all the villagers gather together with their spiritual leader, who starts the celebrations with a long prayer thanking God for all his gifts, especially for his Son and for the gifts of harvest. Then the women sing traditional songs and the feasting starts—and goes on for two or three

days.

On Christmas morning Christian families in Syria leave home at about 2 am to go to church. In their church there are not any seats, except for use by the very elderly or infirm, and everyone stands for the whole of the service. This special Christmas service lasts about 4 hours! The Palm leaves which were used on Palm Sunday are kept and burnt on a huge fire on Christmas morning; this fireplace is in the centre of the church and everyone gathers round the fire to sing old hymns and carols. As people arrive for the service they are given a small piece of incense which, at the close of the service, is thrown on to the fire, so filling the church with the aroma of incense. Children in Syria do not receive their present from Father Christmas but from a Camel—this is to remind them of the camels which carried the Wise men and their gifts to the baby Jesus.

In part of Malaysia where it is an area of rivers and watercourses, the village streets are really the rivers and the houses are built on stilts at the waters edge. The churches too are built on stilts.

Every building has its own quay for landing and people climb up poles and ladders to enter the buildings.

Every Christmas Eve a special service is held in the Church and as part of the service, every participant is given a lighted candle or a lighted lantern. After the Service, all the younger people, who have put on their very best clothes for this occasion carry their lighted lanterns and climb down into their boats, then, as they move along the waterway, they stop at the quay of a church member and sing a Malaysian Carol, they also let off firecrackers as a sign of happiness.

There are many, many other customs associated with the celebration of Christmas in other lands, most bookshops sell books which will give further details. But, when your Unit is celebrating Christmas, do ask them to remember the British Guides and Brownies together with their Guiders who are living in countries which are not of the Christian Faith, and are often forbidden to celebrate a Christian Festival, so they celebrate mid-winter or mid-summer. While we spend our time celebrating with parties and gifts we must remember that it is a religious festival.

Joan Taylor

BOOKS for Christmas

The Editor's Christmas Selection

The Miniature World of Pressed Flowers, by Nona Pettersen. Search Press, £6.95 paperback, £9.95 hardback.

It is very seldom that the sight of a book can make me want to take up an entirely new hobby, but this is one of those volumes. The author points out that the world of miniature pressed flowers is open to everyone, for the species used can be found in towns as easily as in the country. In addition to the many exquisite colour photographs of wall hangings, fingerplates, paperweights, and jewellery, there are detailed instructions and diagrams of how to form the arrangements and make the mounts. The first chapters are naturally concerned with obtaining specimens, and methods of pressing. A practical and beautiful book.

French Provincial Cooking, by Elizabeth David. Penguin, £7.95.

Elizabeth David, more than any other individual was responsible for lifting British cooking out of the doldrums in the years following World War 2. This book was first published in 1960, since which time it has become a classic, with one national newspaper going so far as to claim that one could cook for a lifetime on the book alone.

We have become far more familiar with French and other continental cuisine over the intervening years, but Elizabeth David's book (now in a new edition) is still a gem. If you like cook books to come with glossy coloured pictures, forget it; this is for those who seriously want to master the intricacies and its only illustrations are simple informative line drawings. A most valuable gift for any new cook.

The National Trust Book of Traditional Puddings, by Sara Paston-Williams. Penguin, £2.95.

Here is another wonderfully informative cookbook, again

relying on content rather than on coloured illustrations. It is dedicated to all pudding lovers, and charts the course of the British pudding from medieval times, through elaborate Elizabethan and Stuart confections, to the creams and tarts of the Georgian period and the substantial puds of the Victorians. The author has collected together many old favourites and unusual recipes, interspersed with a wealth of folklore and history. A superb and mouth watering book, with recipes ranging from the delicate lemon and elderflower water ice to the more earthy shirt sleeve pudding. I won't tell you how that one got its name; buy the book, it's well worth its modest price.

The Ambridge Book of Country Cooking, by Caroline Bone. Methuen, £8.95.

Devotees of The Archers will find this book irresistible, with its references to the characters, wildlife and folklore of this famed section of 'Barsetshire'. It will also appeal to all lovers of the countryside, particularly those interested in simple but unusual recipes using everyday ingredients in an unconventional way. The recipes are arranged month by month. Colonel Danby's curried parsnip soup looks interesting for February, and I have already tried September's pudding: stuffed sugar plum pastries. Delicious!

The Christmas Reader, compiled by Godfrey Smith. Penguin, £5.95.

In 1984 the author invited readers of the *SUNDAY TIMES* to send in their favourite passages from literature on the subject of Christmas. So great was the response that he decided to put them into a book with a few of his own favourites. Here is a wonderful collection of prose, verse, stories and recollections, from Stanley Holloway to Queen Victoria, Kipling to Noel Coward, Dickens to Spike Milligan,

Pepys to Billy Bunter. In his introduction, Godfrey Smith says that he detects a revival of interest in reading aloud, and gives many useful tips to the would be reader.

The Happy Christmas Book, by Alison Sage and Helen Wire. Hippo Books, £1.95.

Here is an ideal book to keep children of Brownie age busy and interested for hours and days on end. Stories and cartoons are interspersed with puzzles and things to do, all on a Christmas theme. How to make a pop-up card, sweet snowballs, a carpet sleigh, paper snowflakes, and Christmas games to play, are all amusingly illustrated in bright colours.

Evolution, by Raymond Hawkey. Michael Joseph, £9.95.

An attempt to tell the story of the origins of humankind in a pop-up book would seem to be over ambitious, but this book has succeeded amazingly well. Produced in collaboration with the British Museum, the book begins sensationally with a pop-up of the big bang that created the universe, and a three dimensional model of the earliest organisms. In the next set piece, an air breathing fish hauls itself out of the water and so begins the colonisation of the land. Dinosaurs give way to mammals, and finally to modern man represented by an astronaut on the moon, all in spectacular three dimensional form. The text is phrased simply, in such a way as to attract the young reader to further study, but this is no musty school book. As a devotee of the pop-up, I am always amazed at the intricacy of these wonderful structures offered within the pages of a book, and at how they can be produced for such a reasonable cost. A really different Christmas gift.

A Book of Feasts and Seasons, by Joanna Bogle. Fowler Wright, £7.95.

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Christmas, this volume will be invaluable for Guiders throughout the year. Not just another book of customs, it contains a wealth of rhymes, games, things to make and do, and recipes, all traditionally associated with the Christian festivals. Lesser known stories and legends are included in addition to the universally observed customs. For instance, the section on Christmas goes on to explain St. Stephen's Day, Holy Innocents, and Saint Sylvester. Ideal for schools, youth leaders and church groups.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll. Methuen, £9.95. **The Adventures of Pinocchio**, by Carlo Collodi. Methuen, £8.95.

Every Christmas season brings its crop of new editions of children's classics, and it is hard to believe that they can have anything new to offer. This latest production of 'Alice', however, is unique in that it uses hitherto unpublished illustrations by the Hollywood artist and designer, David Hall. The illustrations were made at the Walt Disney Studio in 1939, in the early stages of preparation of an animated film which was shelved. When the film was finally made in 1946, what a tragedy that no use was made of these remarkable paintings and drawings, which were filed away and forgotten. Tragically too that the artist died in 1964, so never saw his work rediscovered. Forget the sometimes crude treatment which we associate with the animator; these drawings are full of subtle humour and delicacy.

Translated and illustrated by Francis Wainwright, this new edition of the Pinocchio story has no connection with the cartoon of the same name. It is taken from the children's serial which first appeared in an Italian children's paper in 1881. Here is another beautifully illustrated version of an old favourite.

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1986 was chosen by the United Nations as the International Year of Peace. The following article has been reproduced from the magazine *YOUTH CLUBS* by kind permission of the author, Alec Davison, Young People's Secretary for the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). At this traditional time of peace, it will certainly give you something to think about.

Enemies and Friends

Enemies, O Enemies now listen to the drum.
Chaos is the war cry and it summons you to come.
I need an enemy
Someone to damn
When I brand what I'm not
Then I find what I am.
For I love to destroy
What I long to enjoy—
Sweet as anemones, **Enemies.***

Yobo! Wog! Queer! Slag! Commie! Pig! What are the taunts or smears that you have ever had used against you? What was the one that really hurt? Why did that particular one upset you? Was there any truth at all in it or did you object to being lumped together with those others? What are the names and jibes that you use when you get angry or want to get your own back?

The particular words that move us, that upset our feelings, that sting us or which we use to spite others, tell us a lot about our inner selves, about the secret and private bits of us that sometimes even we haven't yet sussed out about ourselves.

Deep within us we have a kind of reservoir of love which has been given to us by all the people, family and friends, who have ever loved us since we were born. We draw on this reservoir to live our daily lives and to relate to other people, without it we wouldn't survive. Some people who have never had enough loving do not survive. Their good feelings about themselves and about life die and they find a way out of life and real living in a whole variety of different ways.

But even if we have always been wanted and very well loved, every single human being also has a shadow side, a source of darkness, as well as a spring of light. A pool of unresolved hurts and fears and life-denying feelings that has been fed from birth and childhood and beyond by all the knocks and neglects and puttings-down that we have buried and not come to terms with. Some are so hidden that they only surface when triggered by something in a strange dream that we have, others are nearer the surface and we can suddenly recall an incident or action that made us weep but which we thought we had for-



'... every single human being also has a shadow side, a source of darkness ...'

gotten but yet in our feelings we find the hurt returned. Until that conflict can really be 'forgiven' and understood in our feelings, not just registered or set aside in our heads, it can never go away and the deepest of our very early hurts as children may never be able to be reconciled — there will always be a bit of us that remains childish.

Can you pause for a moment and try to remember something that still rankles with you; some injustice or misunderstanding that was done to you or something about which you still feel guilty or know that you were really in the wrong? Is there any way you can come to terms with this?

Enemy, O Enemy, I recognise that you're
Trigger of my energy yet undermining flaw.
I want an enemy
Someone to hurt
Who can pay for the time
I've been trod in the dirt.
Who can shoulder the spite
Of my tears in the night—
That's where the venom is, **Enemies***

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Within the Unit can there be any sharing in pairs, within a bond of trust and confidence-keeping, to explore this experience and find a new way of accepting it and understanding it together? It is through the power of friendship that people at all times have best found ways of healing their hurts and not just burying them still raw and open to rancour and fester for ever.

When you and I want to hurt someone with a jeer or when we get really mad by a taunt, we need to reflect on that to see what is going on. We push out our bad feelings about ourselves (sometimes not even recognised bad feelings) on to other people. We project our own shadow on to others. In some weird way, we make, we construct, our own enemies.

Enemy, O Enemy, entwining
from the start,
Prompting my confusion and
enshadowing my heart.
Make me an enemy
Someone to blame
Who can take all the fear
That has filled me with shame
Push him up to the hilt
In my burden of guilt
Verging Eumenides, **Enemies***

Our enemy becomes our looking-glass shadow self. There is something in the other person which threatens something deep in us; something in their life-style or abilities. Ask yourself what this is, for you, when it happens. Your freedom and spontaneity may upset many older people, who long for their youth or your opportunities, so they call you yobo or punk! We all have mixed feelings about our own sexuality. A boy may call another boy a

'poof' because deep down he hasn't come to terms about his own enjoyable feelings about other boys; a girl may call another a 'slag' because she would secretly also like to sleep around.

Ask yourselves why the Nazis so hated the Jews? The skin-heads, the immigrants? The IRA, the Prods? The white South Africans, the Black? The Americans and Russians?

Behind all the social and economic and political factors that you would work out is also something that is much deeper, which gives the passion and the fire to the hatred. For we all make scapegoats of our fears and hurts.

A scapegoat was one of the two goats in biblical times which was chosen by lot to be sent alive into the wilderness. The sins and shortcomings of all the people having been symbolically laid upon it, while the other goat was sacrificed. So a scapegoat is one who is blamed or punished for the fears and hurts and failings of others. Every school classroom has one; every club has one. The scapegoat carries the hidden nasty bit of us. Our enemy is our scapegoat, either the enemy in our families, our streets or among nations. Our enemy is made by our own lack of peace inside ourselves and clever politicians play upon this fact to suddenly create new enemies — say, the Argentinians!

1986 was the United Nations, designated International Year of Peace. Peace can only really begin when we come to terms with our own lack of peace inside us. How often in peace demonstrations can you feel the lack of peace inside the demonstrators? Peace is subtle. Violence breeds violence. If we hate Thatcher and Reagan does that help? We have to change their unlovable policies in other ways. To bring about peace we have the difficult task of loving our enemies; that means loving our neighbours as ourselves, loving the shadow side of ourselves.

This is difficult for we may not even recognise our own personal shadow; we may not dare to be able to admit it, for it shows us what we would really rather be. But it is love and laughter that bring the greatest change, socially and personally, in the long run; not hatred and anger.

We need social change for there can be no peace without justice. But why is it that we find it so difficult to be just and fair to other people — the poor, the unemployed, the stranger, the alien? We call them lazy, or scroungers or freaks because inside us we recognise in them parts of ourselves that we don't like or want to know about. They threaten and touch our fear about the chance of life; there but for the fluke of circumstances go I. How quickly then we scapegoat them and see them not as brothers but as outcasts and we create their wilderness for them.

How about a group project in the Unit, making your own group scapegoat on a big sheet of paper, drawing around the outline of one of the group members on the floor and writing over the 'body' all the really nasty bits of ourselves and our negative feelings about life. Then in a ritual ceremony symbolically tear the scapegoat into small pieces. Try then to explore all the good things about the people we feel are our enemies. Can we find ways to understand them even if we find what they do unacceptable. It is right to struggle to put down evil but is there any longer the justification to hate our enemies? Peace Year must begin with us.

Alec Davison

* The song, *Enemies*, is from *Finger on the Button*, 12 peace songs by the Leaveners, from the Young Peoples' Office, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ (£5 + p&p).

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Writer's Comp

W H Smith has launched the 29th annual Young Writers' Competition, open to anyone under the age of 17. The competition, which is judged by an independent team of writers and teachers, led by Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, is explained in leaflets, available from the customer order counter of all branches of W H Smith or from: **Young Writers' Competition, W H Smith and Son Ltd, Strand House, 7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR.**

Three special cash awards will be presented next July, ten prizes of £50 in the 13-16 years age group, ten prizes of £35 for 9-12 years, and ten prizes of £25 for those of eight years or under. The runners up in each section will receive a specially engraved fountain pen. The book of winning entries from the 1986 competition, entitled *Young Words*, will be published next spring. The closing date for entries is February 23 1987.

House and Home

Maxwell House has pledged to raise £250,00 for the National Children's Home, to help needy children of all ages throughout the UK, who are handicapped or disadvantaged, through their 'Give a Child a Home' Appeal.

The scheme was launched in September when funds were raised by supporters of the National Children's Home who held coffee mornings around the British Isles. Others can help the scheme by collecting labels from Maxwell House Coffee jars and popping them into collection boxes provided in shops and stores around the country. Alternatively, you can use the special Maxwell House collection envelopes which should have been posted through letter boxes in September.

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Resource Catalogue

Oxford's new catalogue of resources for development, including a range of posters, activity ideas and lists of contacts and addresses throughout the UK, is available free from **Janet Moth, Youth and Education Department, Oxford, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ.**



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The Shell Better Britain Campaign has been launched once again this year, providing possible funds and motivation for conservation projects all over the country. The campaign provides an information pack for groups interested in initiating a conservation project and groups can also apply for a campaign grant of up to £500 if their project meets certain requirements.

For further details contact: **The Campaign Administrator, Shell Better Britain Campaign, Nature Conservancy Council, Northminster House, Peterborough PE1 1UA.** For readers in Scotland the address is **Shell Better Britain Campaign, PO Box 191, Aberdeen AB9 8XZ.**

Seed of Knowledge



An education pack, produced by Colman's of Norwich and dealing with the subject of mustard, is now available from: **Colman's of Norwich, Schools Pack, 121 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3PJ,** on receipt of an 18cm x 25cm sae. The pack contains information cards, covering such topics as the history of mustard, which goes back over 3,000 years, the production of mustard, and a recipe booklet. Also included is a full colour poster.

Increased Access

Access for the disabled, to the Royal Opera House, has been greatly increased, thanks to generous sponsorship from Paul Hamlyn. The sponsorship money paid for the installation of access ramps to the side stall areas, enabling 20 wheelchairs to be accommodated and for work to ensure that the increased availability complies with existing fire regulations. From now on the additional 20 wheelchairs will be accommodated at specific ballet and opera performances by removing seats to create the necessary space. Dates of these performances are available from the **Box Office, Royal Opera House, London WC2E 7QA.**

The Spirit of Christmas

The Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood has, once again, staged an exhibition, celebrating the 'Spirit of Christmas'. The theme this year is Christmas Revels and the exhibits include a display of children's party clothes, a teddy bear family preparing their Christmas party and paintings, prints, photographs and books on the theme of great Christmas parties in children's literature. The exhibition is open from December 1 to January 18 1987.



Dick Whittington

Roy Hudd appears in the Churchill Theatre's production of the pantomime Dick Whittington which opens on 15 December for the Christmas period. Party booking rates are available. Apply to: **The Box Office, Churchill Theatre, High Street, Bromley, Kent, tel (01) 460 6677.**

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Copies of the book 'Faxsnax' may be obtained from the **National Office of the Friedreich's Ataxia Group, Burleigh Lodge, Knowle Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8RD.** Cheques should be made payable to Friedreich's Ataxia Group. Gift wrapped copies, sent directly as a gift to someone cost £4.00.

Teddy Bears' Concerts

The Christmas programme for children at the Barbican includes afternoon teddy bears' concerts, (December 30 and January 2 1987) and matinée performances of Howard Blake's *The Snowman* (December 22 and 26).

Full details are available from **The Barbican Box Office (01) 638 4141.**

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Wildlife Photographer

A selection of the best wildlife photographs of this year will go on display at the Natural History Museum from November 28 to February 1 1987. The aim of the competition, which culminates in the exhibition, and which is an annual event, is to reveal, through the work of wildlife photographers, the beauty, wonder and importance of the natural world.

The winner of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year is to be announced on November 27 at a special ceremony. Winners of the other categories, including Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year will also be announced at the same time. For further information contact **The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, tel (01) 589 6323.**

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Under 18's

Anyone under 18 can apply for half price tickets for matinées at the Royal Opera House, by post only. The name of the young person and proof of date of birth is required; a copy of a birth certificate for example. An Under 18's card will be issued and should be returned with ticket applications.

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As the training which is given is rather intensive the classes are divided between approximately four people, consequently one is given the opportunity to rest between each stint. The staff are all fully trained and will be stationed in each of the 40 ski shops around the country which will be allocated one of the Ski Trainers. Many of the Trainers will be situated in Blacks ski shops who already run discount shopping evenings for Guides and their parents. The ski training lessons will also be offered at discount prices for group bookings.

Academic Architecture

Examples of the work of three major British architects are now on show at the **Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1V 0DS**, until December 21. The three architects, Richard Rogers, James Stirling and Norman Foster have all been responsible for major examples of modern architecture, models and drawings of which are displayed in an exhibition sponsored by Bovis Construction Ltd, British Gypsum Ltd, The Canary Wharf Development Co Ltd, The Electricity Council, Gartner, Otis Elevator plc and Pilkington Glass.

Calling All Showmen

Any Guider who is involved in organising an outdoor event, from a national pageant to a village fête, is a showman for the purposes of this most valuable publication, the **Showman's Directory**. This book lists every type of facility or entertainment you could possibly need to book for your event. It gives a wealth of ideas for unusual attractions which would more than pay for themselves by attracting the crowds. Toilet and catering facilities are of course listed in enormous variety from the most basic to the most up market. At the Showmen's Show, held in Bedfordshire in October and promoted by the publishers of the Directory, a wide cross-section of facilities and entertainments were on display. Sheepdog displays included one by Bob Davis, a shepherd whose hobby is showing his dogs at shows throughout the country. Highlight of his show is Jaff, the border collie, feeding an orphan lamb from a bottle of milk held in his mouth — this took six months' training.

Staying with the animals the stand mounted by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust is one which would be a certain crowd puller for any outdoor event. The Trust exists to ensure the survival of rare breeds of British farm livestock, some of which are in imminent danger of extinction.

The Showman's Directory is published by **Stephen and Jean Lance, Brook House, Mint Street, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1HE** — well worth the investment if you are planning major outside events. The 1987 directory and a supplement giving show dates for 1987, costs £7 for the two volumes.



Party Visits

A booklet, giving information to those wishing to take parties of Brownies and Guides to the London Transport Museum, is now available. Copies of the booklet can be obtained by phoning the Group Visits Department on **(01) 379 6344**, or by writing to the **London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2E 7BB.**

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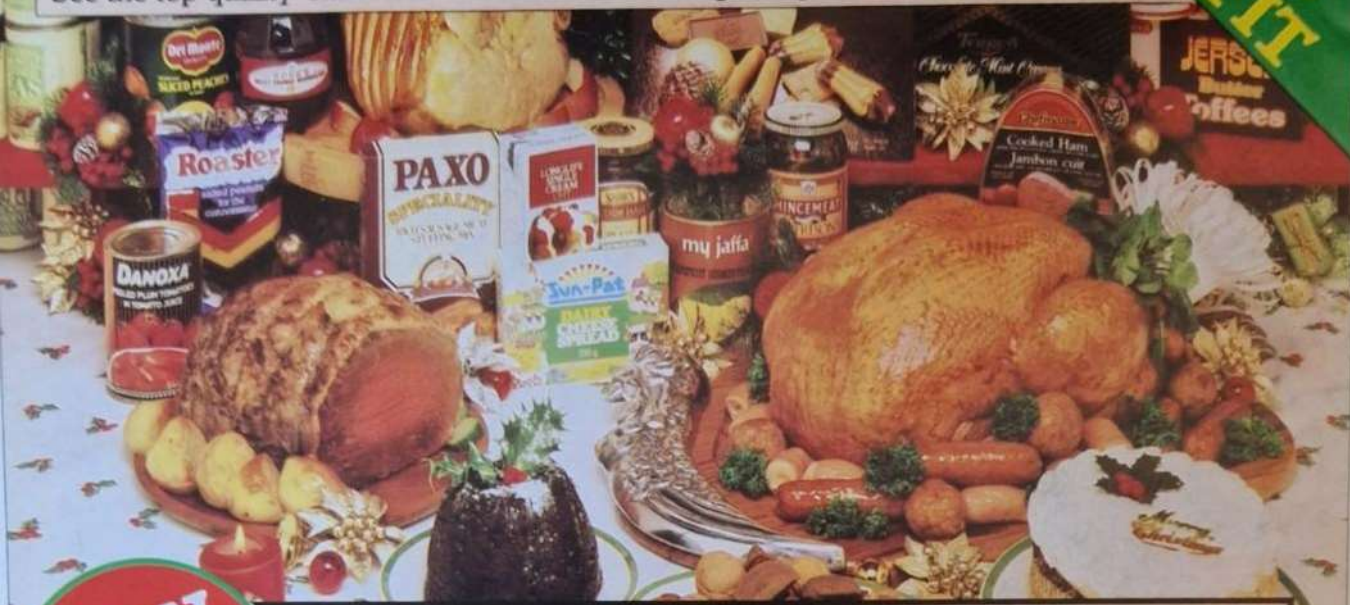
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