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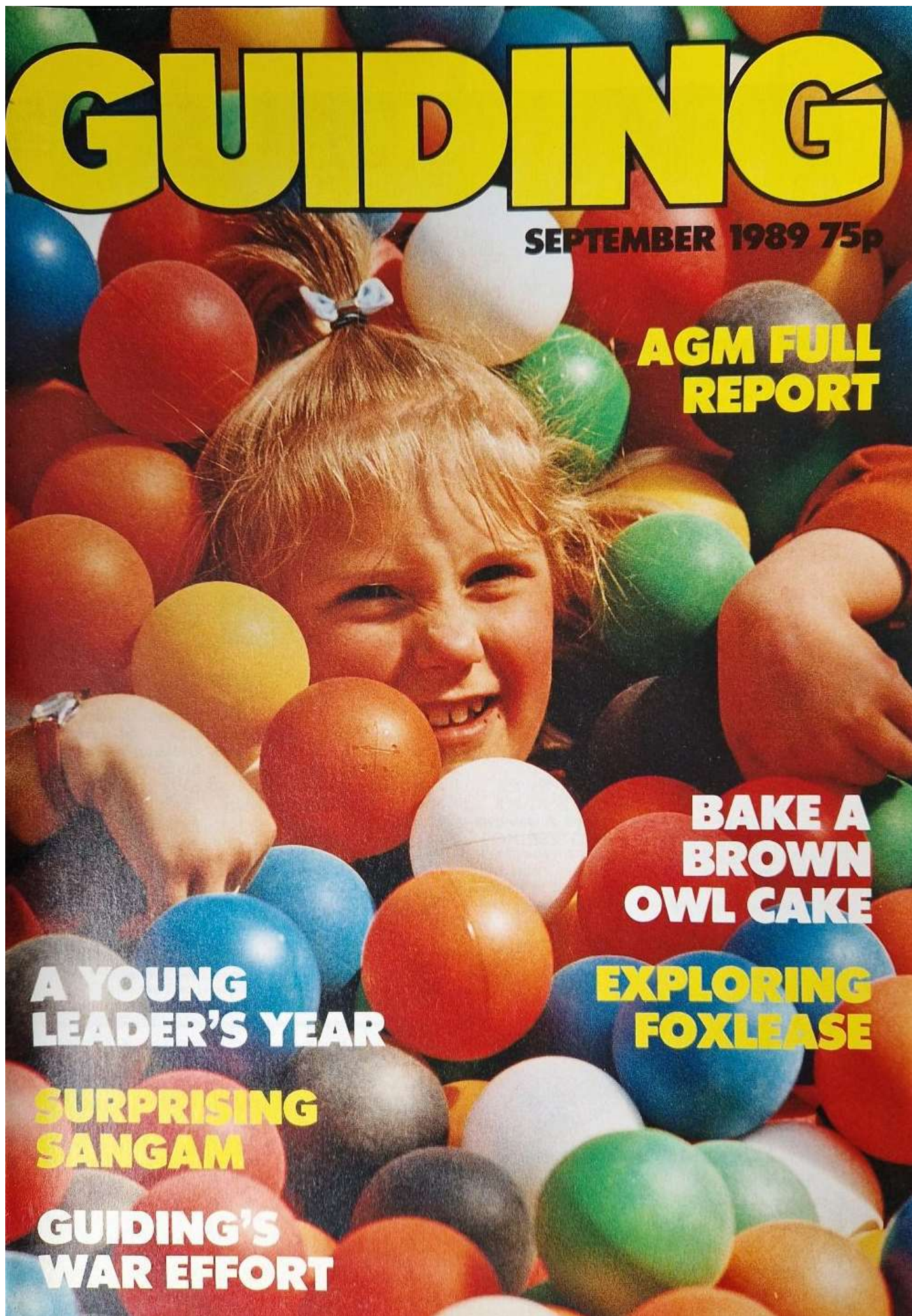
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## COMMENT

While travelling to Wales recently, I was reading the very first Girl Guide handbook, published in 1912 and subtitled *How Girls Can Help To Build The Empire*. Robert Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes, who wrote this first handbook, aimed to 'get girls to learn how to be women — self-helpful, happy, prosperous, and capable of keeping good homes and bringing up good children'.

Along with all this desire for 'womanliness', however, Baden-Powell had very great expectations for our girls. Last month I suggested that we all try to combat litter dropping in this country — and I still think that is a very worthwhile aim — but, in 1912, Baden-Powell was expecting the girls to be brave in the face of all kinds of physical danger. He wanted them to be able to stop vandals and thieves, to know how to save lives and be prepared to face all kinds of hardship.



A Frontier-woman's Ride for Life.

Our attitudes are, perhaps, somewhat different nowadays. Since Guiding started, there have been two terrible World Wars and countless other conflicts in many countries. Modern methods of warfare are so dreadful to contemplate that we are not likely to encourage girls with stories of brave deeds under enemy fire. We place great emphasis on training the girls to be workers for peace and international understanding — but B-P did this, too, of course.

Is our society plagued with so much more violence that we are afraid to encourage the girls to combat it, or to learn how to protect themselves? It is surely right to be concerned with the safety of the girls: to teach them the dangers of going out alone, rather than encouraging them to learn methods of self-defence, which could well be ineffective against today's criminals.

But are we, I wonder, expecting enough of them? Perhaps we should be doing more to encourage real fortitude, to train the girls to be properly prepared for all kinds of eventualities. So that they become the sort of resourceful people — mentally and physically — who could cope if all the sophisticated props of modern life were suddenly removed. Could your Guides and Rangers help to sustain and succour others if there was no gas or electricity, no safe water supply, no means of communication, no shops or easy food supplies?

Dr JUNE PATERSON-BROWN  
Chief Commissioner 3



## FRONT COVER

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## BROWNIES IN WONDERLAND

A Mad Hatter's Tea Party was just one of the delights in store for 4,000 Staffordshire Brownies, when they celebrated their 75th anniversary at Kibblestone Park near Stone.

The Park was transformed into four fantasy lands inspired by the famous Lewis Carroll story *Alice in Wonderland*.

Youngsters from 207 Brownie Packs were greeted at the entrance by a giant white rabbit, who let them in through a 'rabbit tunnel' specially constructed out of wire and camouflage materials.

Staffordshire Girl Guides County Commissioner, Mrs Jean Broad, wore a blonde wig, Alice-style dress and pinny, and other Guiders also dressed up as well-loved characters from the book.

The event, which took almost two years to organise, was intended to be a different and very special celebration.

As Mrs Broad said: 'The Brownies didn't have a dull moment.'

# ROUND UP

## BREAKFAST ASSEMBLY

Headmaster Philip Skelton found he'd bitten off more than he could chew, when he agreed to act as gourmet guinea pig for the 1st Cuddington Guide Patrol.

Mr Skelton found himself eating breakfast in front of 380 pupils at Auriol Middle School in Epsom, including Patrol members Rachel Thomas, Laura Male, Tara Shortland and Alison Burn.

The girls were taking part in the competition run by British Meat and the GGA to celebrate British Food and Farming 1989.

Their menu of orange juice, muesli and bacon, egg and sausages proved a bit of a mouthful for Mr Skelton.

'I usually only manage a cup of coffee on the run,' he said.



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## DINNER IN THE PARK

Television star Stephen Yardley also sampled the culinary skills of the 1st Cuddington Guides — but in slightly more relaxed circumstances.

Stephen, who plays Ken Masters in *Howard's Way*, feasted in Shadbolt Park on such mouthwatering delights as Steak a la Shadbolt with potatoes and Salisbury salad and Surpris de Surrey (fruit salad).

Attentive 'waitresses' Bonnie Brown, Clare Andrews, Chloe Everitt and Hannah Woodcock made sure Stephen cleaned his plate.

Guide Leader Gillian Hodder said afterwards: 'He was very good with the girls. They were chatting to him as if he were an old friend.'

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## ANNUAL SERVICE

Over 1,000 guests ranging from Rainbows and Brownies to District and Division Commissioners enjoyed the Jewish Guide Advisory Council Annual Service in London.

After the service, on the theme of 'Building', the Brownies were given a special tea party and magic show to mark their 75th anniversary.

Other treats included a

talk from a Brownie Guider on her recent visit to Sangam in India and a special hand-painting session.

The afternoon ended with the presentation of the Jewish Chronicle Trophy for the best magazine.

The winning Guide Company was the Orchid Patrol, 6th Whetstone Guide Company and the winning Brownie was 28th Watford Brownies Pack.

## AWARD FOR ANNA-MARIE

Disabled teenager Anna-Marie Edwards has been presented with the Star of Merit by Staffordshire County Commissioner, Mrs Jean Broad.

Anna-Marie, who has been confined to a wheelchair since she was 12, is now a Ranger for the Stone Outward District.

As a Guide, she took part in many activities, including camps and holidays, a District show, abseiling and gained her B-P Trefoil Award.

District Commissioner Maureen Recine said: 'Anna-Marie has had to make many adjustments to her life. She is an inspiration to all members of her District and loved and respected by everyone.'

STAFFORD & STONE NEWSLETTER



## GOLDEN DAYS OF RANGERS

An amazing 50 years separates these photographs. Formed in 1938, members of the 1st Battersea Rise Ranger Unit have kept in touch with each other through a world war, energy crisis, coronation and

numerous Chief Commissioners by means of an 'Old Ranger Association'. They meet three times a year and are very proud that 21 original members were able to celebrate their golden anniversary. Who says friendships made through Guiding don't last?







**When Professor Judith Chessells was a medical student, children suffering from cancer died. Now at least two-thirds and maybe more are cured.**

**'And I mean really cured, not just enjoying temporary remission,' Professor Chessells assured members of the Scout and Guide Associations, who thronged the old library at London's Guildhall in June.**

They were there to celebrate the 'overwhelmingly successful conclusion' of the biggest fundraising project ever undertaken by the two Movements — raising £500,000 to rebuild the Haematology and Oncology Ward at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Earlier, one of the driving forces behind the campaign, Shirley Strong, Chief Commissioner for London and South East England, had told a delighted audience that not only had the target been reached, but nearly another £390,000 had flooded in.

The surplus will provide a Trust Fund to be used to endow the ward, and Professor Chessells, a consultant in the Department, was there to talk about her work and explain how the money would be used to help sick children.

Her patients, she explained, now get well and grow up to encounter new problems... arranging mortgages, getting married and having children. 'I really do think things are improving. We have made tremendous leaps and bounds in the laboratory in understanding how these conditions develop,' she added.

New and improved treatments were worked out through clinical research in wards like the Guide and Scout Ward at Great Ormond Street. The extra money raised, she explained, would be spent on further research aimed at curing even more children.

'We are really looking forward to looking after our patients in a new purpose-built ward,' Professor Chessells said. 'We feel most pleased and grateful that the money has come

**Young Leader Karen Lee and Venture Scout Duncan Kellaway present a cheque for £389,400 to Mrs Caroline Bond, chairman of the Great Ormond Street Hospital's board of governors**

from children themselves working out what to do and thinking about it. It is one of the happiest and best aspects.'

Her work on the ward involved looking after children suffering from blood disorders and cancer, she explained. 'Now we will be able to treat them in the best possible environment.'

Accepting the cheque for £389,400, Mrs Caroline Bond, chairman of the hospital's board of governors, announced that 'the development for which you worked so hard has, in fact, been started.' She added: 'We thank you from the depth of our beings.'

She paid particular tribute to the work put in on the project by Mike Gooderson, who is Assistant County Commissioner (Handicapped) for Greater London Central and the Group Scout Leader for the hospital's Scout and Guide Group.

The cheque was handed over by 16-year-old Duncan Kellaway from 7th Purley Venture Scouts and Karen Lee, a Young Leader with 18th Letchworth Brownies. Finding herself in the limelight came as a big surprise to Karen. She was only asked to make the presentation after she arrived at Guildhall.

In welcoming the guests, Shirley Strong explained that although the joint project had been a 'daunting and ambitious task', no one should ever 'underestimate the power of a Ranger Guide, Venture Scout, Guide, Scout, Cub, Brownie, Rainbow Guide, Beaver or their leaders.'

The outstanding result, she said, demonstrated 'how seriously our young people and their leaders take the third part of their Promise.'

She thanked individuals and companies who had given special help both with the appeal and the evening's reception.

The idea of making a contribution

# *gosh, we did it!*

to the Wishing Well Appeal was, she explained, originally suggested by the Scout Counties of Greater London. The invitation to become involved was accepted with 'alacrity by the 19 Counties making up the London and South East England Region of the GGA.'

Soon members of the two Associations, both in the UK and overseas, wanted to help. They were asked to undertake a one-off good turn for the hospital during a particular two weeks last autumn.


Ingenious money-spinning notions ranged from taking part in a pancake marathon to holding a duck derby and included staging a bun fight using 2,500 stale buns!

Marion Allford, Director of the Wishing Well Appeal, congratulated the two Associations for raising so much money for the hospital, when cash was required for their own needs. 'We can never thank you enough,' she added.

The Chief Scout, Garth Morrison, congratulated everyone concerned, adding that it was a fine example of co-operation between the two Associations and a pointer to those 'who don't co-operate as well as they might.'

Final figures released show that the Appeal has raised a staggering £48.6 million, with a further £6m pledged.





Happiness is  
being in the Red  
Flower Patrol

## ALL YOU NEED IS... HAND SIGNALS

A trip to Sangam, the Association's World Centre in India, for many members remains a dream that may never come true.

But for the lucky ones who manage to make the journey, how does reality compare with their technicolour dreams?

According to three people who've made that trip of a lifetime, it is truly a memorable and stimulating experience... with a few surprises thrown in.

# Guiding in



Guider Gil Turner's first impression of India was ... 'awful'.

'Nothing had prepared us for the sight and smells of the slums — the begging bowls and running sores — and, what is particularly worrying, is how quickly you get used to it,' she said.

Gil was representing Suffolk Girl Guides at a Work in the Community project at Sangam.

She was joined by 19 other Guiders and Scouters for the 12-day event, which was followed by an indoor camp for underprivileged Indian children.

The team visited a village with two Bombay Rangers, to see how a clean water service project was coming along.

The children there had never left the village and spoke no English — it had taken the Rangers two years to gain their confidence, after they were initially mistaken for missionaries.

Gil found that the girls tended to run away but the boys gradually drew closer when the visiting team got out footballs and frisbees.

'It's amazing what you can achieve with hand signals and, in the end, these lovely children were delighted to do anything we asked, from leaf rubbings to printing and singing action songs, which seem to be universally known,' said Gil.

From there it was on to Anand Gram (Village of Joy), which is a leprosy rehabilitation centre.

'It began as an unauthorised colony on private property but now the villagers build their own dwellings, produce leather goods and hand-made textiles and are mainly self-sufficient with their own farm,' explained Gil.

During the second half of her stay Gil helped out at the indoor boys' camp and every day was filled with fun activities, sports and games.

The boys enjoyed everything that was put before them, including washing-up duty,' laughed Gil.

'They looked after one another and patiently shared equipment — my own children and the Brownie and Guide unit have suffered ever since if they argue over turns,' she



Doomed to the slums

laughed.

The aim of the camp was to broaden the children's outlook and experience but Gil believed it had a similarly powerful effect on her.

'I learned a great deal about myself and not all of it good,' she admitted.

'For instance, you're put in a Patrol and you're supposed to plan things together and compromise but when everyone happens to be a Guider, everyone wants to take charge.

'But then I learned that if you remain objective it becomes a lot more fun,' she added.

For Gil, Sangam was 'an experience not to be missed' and Barbara Conway, a Brownie Guider in Harrow, readily agrees. She spotted an advertisement in *GUIDING* asking for volunteers to help with planning and implementing a children's camp.

Barbara, married with three daughters, was worried about the trip and leaving her family behind. But with their support and encouragement, she was soon on her way.

'We arrived at Sangam on American Thanksgiving Day and the American girls there had prepared a huge feast — after we'd eaten we were so exhausted we flopped into bed,' said Barbara.

A few days later 24 young boys from a special school for the deaf arrived for camp.

Most of the children had speech problems but — like Gil and her group — Barbara and her team used simple sign language.

Their enthusiasm was amazing — their hands and faces saying everything they couldn't,' said Barbara.

'We concentrated on visual activities and games. I think their favourite was *The Birdie Song* tape I took with me because, although they couldn't hear it, they screeched with delight at the actions.'

For Barbara: 'Sangam is a wonderful place, with a very special atmosphere and it's doing amazing work with its local community.'

She added: 'At Sangam you can see the true spirit of Guiding at work and my dearest wish now is to return.'

Lucky Avril Lugg is spending 12 months there working as a Voluntary Programme Assistant, which involves planning programme courses for the Guiders.

Avril sampled Christmas under the hot Indian sun but she kept with tradition and decided to go carol singing.

'On Christmas Eve, armed with carol sheets and torches, but not the usual bobble hats and gloves, we set off,' she said.

'We sang at about 20 homes in the Phulenager Colony, which is a housing estate across the road from Sangam, and it was enjoyed by all — Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims, as well as Christian families,' added Avril.

Avril almost missed out on her dream trip because of problems with travel insurance. But the GGA's Insurance Department was able to arrange special rates for her under the Private Travel Insurance Scheme.

It seems that a visit to Sangam, for however long or for whatever reason, is sometimes enlightening, usually fun and always unforgettable.

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# FOXLEASE

## A SPECIAL SORT OF MAGIC



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There are no ghosts creeping beneath the floorboards at Foxlease, the first Girl Guides Association training centre at Lyndhurst, Hampshire, despite its long history and distinctive character.

But Guider-in-Charge, Mrs Hilary Chittock, admits that Foxlease does have 'a special sort of magic'.

'It is like a Mecca to many people,' she said over a mug of coffee in the Georgian elegance of the Hampshire room.

'One of our visitors, a Canadian lady, said it had been her lifetime ambition to come to Foxlease. She finally made it when she was 70 years old.'

◀ The green leafiness of Foxlease ... a welcome haven for city-dwellers.



An aerial view of the house and grounds. ▲

The pull proved equally strong for another woman, who remembered seeing a picture of Foxlease when she was a ten-year old Brownie — 40 years later, she too realised her dream.

The estate is situated in the heart of the luxuriant New Forest and derives its name from 'lease' which means a 'clearing in the forest'.

But, with spacious grounds stretching for more than 65 acres, it seems a very large clearing indeed.

Foxlease was given to the GGA in 1922 by Washington-born Mrs Archibald Sanderson and the Princess Royal.

MARIA CARLSON



For the Guides, it meant the first home of their own and the fact that their Royal President, the Princess Royal, had endowed the house with money she received as a wedding gift, made it even more special.

Today it is one of the GGA's most popular venues for training sessions, camps and Pack Holidays, welcoming thousands of visitors a year.

It is, then, a major responsibility for the Guider-in-Charge, who must not only ensure the safe and smooth running of the centre, but also preserve its special atmosphere.

'I never imagined that I would be in this position, and I suppose it has given me a few extra grey hairs, but I love it here,' said Hilary simply.

In fact, Foxlease has provided the background for many milestones in Hilary's own life.

She originally came on camp as a Guide and later as both a trainee and a trainer.

'Ironically, I spent my 21st birthday here, and trained with my husband here on a Duke of Edinburgh training course on our first wedding anniversary,' she laughed.

Hilary, her husband and their two children, aged ten and 11, now live in a bungalow on the estate, alongside the cook and the estate worker's families.

Hilary said: 'I think it's marvellous for the children to grow up on a 65-acre estate and it's also nice that we've brought children back to what used to be very much a family home.'

A charming reminder of those times can be found in the India and Pakistan dining room, which originally opened into the garden and where Mrs Archbold Saunderson's children used to play in wet weather. The hooks of their swings are still visible in one of the ceiling beams.

Memories of all kinds are to be found around Foxlease. In the cupboards of the dining room there are postcards from the Baden-Powell family and by the door of the Bucks room is a picture painted by the Founder himself of the garden of the Baden-Powell home in Kenya.

Many of the house treasures come from far corners of the world. In the South Africa room there are books, a Zulu shield and the head of a springbok. While in the West Africa room, you will find bedcovers from Sierra Leone and stools from Ghana, as well as rugs and pictures from Nigeria and dressing-table runners from The Gambia.

For most people, though, the heart of the house is in the breathtaking beauty of the white and gold Scotland drawing room.



BLACKWOOD

Designed by Robert Adam, it is believed there is only one other room like it in the whole country. The gold decor is real gold leaf and the crystal candelabra was given by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Through the double doors there is the London room, with a replica candelabra and a gilt mirror above the mantelpiece — a gift from Miss Synge, the first Captain of 1st Buckingham Palace Company.

In an effort to cope with an ever-increasing number of visitors, the 18th Century coach-house, which stands in the estate grounds, has been refurbished with five single and four double rooms upstairs and dormitory-style accommodation downstairs, which can be booked by Rangers and Guides.

It was officially opened by Princess Margaret on July 21.

This is in addition to the 23 bedrooms in the house itself; 12 camp sites; the Barn, which is let for holidays and Beaverbrook Lodge, a former cowshed that is now a self-contained centre suitable for all ages.

It seems that however many visitors flock to Foxlease, there will be room for them somewhere — but what is there for them to do?

Naturally, Foxlease offers a wide range of outdoor activities, including water sports in the covered swimming pool, canoeing, riding, archery, orienteering, brass rubbing and visits to places of interest, like the nearby cities of Winchester and Salisbury.

'Our idea is to give people a taste of different things and they can pursue them later if they want,' explained Hilary.

In the evenings, the favourite

pastime is still the traditional camp fire, which often carries on into the wee small hours.

'We get used to late-night parties, especially when the house is used for Guiding and Scouting seminars,' laughed Hilary.

Which brings her back to the chief principle of Foxlease: 'We're not running a hotel where you feel anonymous and no one talks to you — this is a Guiding home and you can be assured that a warm welcome will always await you,' she added.

DAWN EGAN Hilary Chittock





# GUIDING THROUGH THE WAR



Digging for victory — planting a hospital vegetable garden

What does it mean to you, the event that destroyed young lives by the million and tore two worlds apart?

It's looking back time again. In anger, no doubt. With sadness, certainly. And yet not without some humour, either — such is the perverse legacy of war.

September 3 is the 50th anniversary of the day the Second World War broke out, to spawn events — and memories — of unimaginable horror and incredible heroism. And alongside horrendous battles lost and won, alongside the Blitz, ration books and clothing coupons, GI brides, evacuees and Forces sweethearts, all took their place in history.

Everybody did his or her bit. And that included, of course, members of the Guiding Movement. Not that anyone should have been surprised. We already had previous experience from World War One.

Then, as well as providing practical help and skills, the Guides were occasionally called upon to show coolness and presence of mind in danger.

When Folkestone was bombed from the air in 1917, Guides attending a religious service close by carried on as though nothing had happened.

As the clergymen was moved to write afterwards: 'As long as life lasts I shall remember with admiration and pride the perfect self-control and cheerfulness of those 80 daughters of England.'

At the end of the First World War it was hoped that there would be a

new era of world peace — it lasted just over 20 years.

As the country braced itself once more for all-out war, the President of the Board of Education appealed to all youth organisations to continue their work, which was particularly important in the existing time of strain and stress.

For the Guide Movement, it was very much like 1914, but on a far greater scale, as membership had increased so dramatically.

Many Guiders joined the Services, the Red Cross or St John Ambulance Brigade on a full-time basis, leaving units without Guiders.

But the Guide training proved its worth when nearly all such units carried on just as efficiently under their Patrol Leaders.

When the air-raids began, Guides and Guiders stuck to their posts resolutely.

A typical story is the devotion to duty shown by one of the members of the Packing Room Staff at Headquarters in September, 1940.

She was due to collect a magazine article written by the Chief Commissioner for *The Guider* from an address near to where she lived.

Having spent the night in an air-raid shelter, the next morning she found the roof had been blown off her house and all the windows broken.

In spite of all this, she knew the article was needed urgently and set off to collect it — arriving at the address, she discovered a bomb had been dropped on that street, too.

Luckily, the house in question was almost unscathed, the article was found and brought to Headquarters.

Only then did the member of staff return to help salvage her own home.

The Movement continued to stand firm despite obvious difficulties.

Camping suffered a setback with so much of the country now zoned as 'restricted areas' — finding a site was an achievement in itself.

Then there was food and petrol rationing to consider, as well as equipment shortages and, of course, the great danger of 'Flying Bombs' as the war dragged on.

But the Movement would not be discouraged. One Company arrived at their site to find a strange object in the middle of the field. Approaching it cautiously, they guessed it was a dead doodlebug.

'I hope it is very dead,' said the Captain.

Luckily, it was and the Guides levered the wreckage into a ditch



before pitching their tents around the scorched grass where it had burned out.

As the Founder of a world-wide Movement, Lord Baden-Powell prophesied in 1940: 'The war has pruned our Movement — but the roots are still there. When the spring-time of peace returns, in God's good time, the plants will put out new shoots in greater strength and profusion than ever.'

Indeed, the shoots were already sprouting. Guides had been asking since the beginning of the war what they could do to help relieve suffering once it was over.

This led to the idea of raising money for an 'Army of Goodwill' — teams of Guiders which would help rebuild Europe by feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and transporting people and goods. It became known as the Guide International Service.

There was no lack of candidates for the tremendously arduous training: camping in Welsh mountains in mid-winter; transporting supplies across rough country in trek-carts and managing without food or water for many hours.

Teams were sent to Europe and Malaya in 1944, where they soon

discovered the benefits of such tough preparation.

There were many tests of courage: a Dutch boy sought out the GIS team posted in the Netherlands and told them he had found coal and fuel left by the Germans in an airfield.

He told them: 'Of course the field is mined, but I know where the mines are. You have transport. Shall we go?' They went and returned with coal and potatoes for the Dutch civilians.

In another incident, four volunteers were sleeping in a derelict building which had been converted into a hospital. They were woken by several Dutchmen who announced that they had come to remove the bomb they had put there earlier.

'It was meant for the Germans, but when we heard English ladies were here we thought we had better take it away,' they explained.

The 'English ladies' were much relieved when the bomb was safely removed from the chimney close to their heads.

Such examples of calm, cool courage and presence of mind in the face of danger earned members of the Guide Movement international respect and recognition.

The Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) had expressed the nation's feelings in her Thinking Day message in 1943 when she said: 'Greetings and good wishes from my sister and myself with our sense of pride and thankfulness that Guides everywhere are taking their share in the great fight against evil.'

Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, 'took her share', too. Still devastated by her husband's death in 1941, Olave found solace in her work out in Kenya.

She also received dozens of heartening letters describing the heroic deeds of Scouts and Guides in Britain and war-torn Europe and decided to return to England to see for herself.

Back home Olave threw herself into Guiding activities, sensing that when the war was over, the Movement could play an important role in restoring international relations.

She was following her late husband's instruction to 'make Guiding the biggest success that ever was for the good of others'.

**If you have any wartime reminiscences — sad, humorous, or inspiring — and feel you'd like to share them, then write and tell us at GUIDING magazine.**

**DAWN EGAN**

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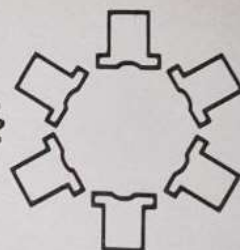
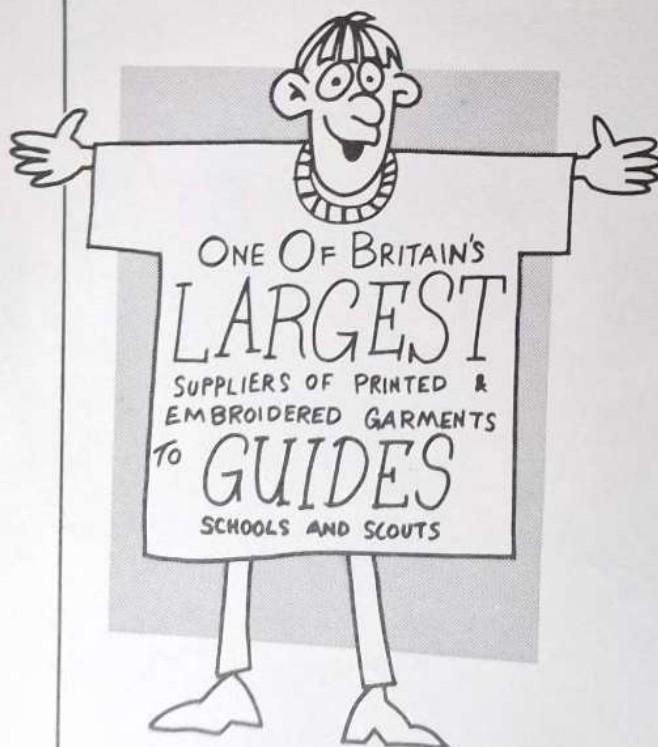
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A visit to one of the three centres run by the Wood Green Animal Shelters is a must for any animal loving Guiding unit. The three animal shelters, in Wood Green, London, Heydon, Hertfordshire and Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire, have provided shelter for sick, stray and abandoned animals for the past 55 years.

The Margaret Young Home at Godmanchester is the newest of the centres and is regarded as one of the most up-to-date of its kind, with its modern accommodation and sophisticated medical facilities. It's set in 30 acres of idyllic countryside — an ideal picnic spot for visitors to the centre.

On admittance to any one of the shelters, each animal is examined by a vet and then housed and, if necessary retrained.

For some badly abused animals, this may mean learning to trust human beings again.

The Shelters' staff try to find new homes for the animals and make regular follow up visits to ensure that the animals are being properly looked after. There's also an adoption service for people who'd like a pet, but can't keep an animal in their own homes.

The Shelters also run a National Pet Register Scheme, which is successfully reuniting lost pets and their owners throughout the British Isles.

Of course, all this wonderful work costs money and, as a registered charity, the Shelters are completely dependent on public support. In its regular magazine, *Critters Club News* the Shelters' Young Supporters' Club lists the names of Brownie and Guide units which have already lent a helping hand.

Janette Murphy, the organisation's promotions manager, extended an invitation to members of the Movement to visit the centres and see for themselves what is being done for the animals in need of help.

For more information, write to Janette at: Wood Green Animal Shelters, Highway Cottage, Chishill Road, Heydon, Royston, Herts SG8 8PN. Telephone: (0763) 838329.

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## PONDWATCH

A scheme to reverse the loss of ponds and canals — Pondwatch — was launched earlier this year by entrepreneur Richard Branson.

It is organised by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and gives the whole community the chance to improve its own environment.

Those taking part in the nationwide project adopt a pond or stretch of canal to observe with the aim of protecting the plant and animal life. Each volunteer will receive a Pondwatch pack with instructions on how to find plant and animal life.

It also includes two full-colour wallcharts, an infor-

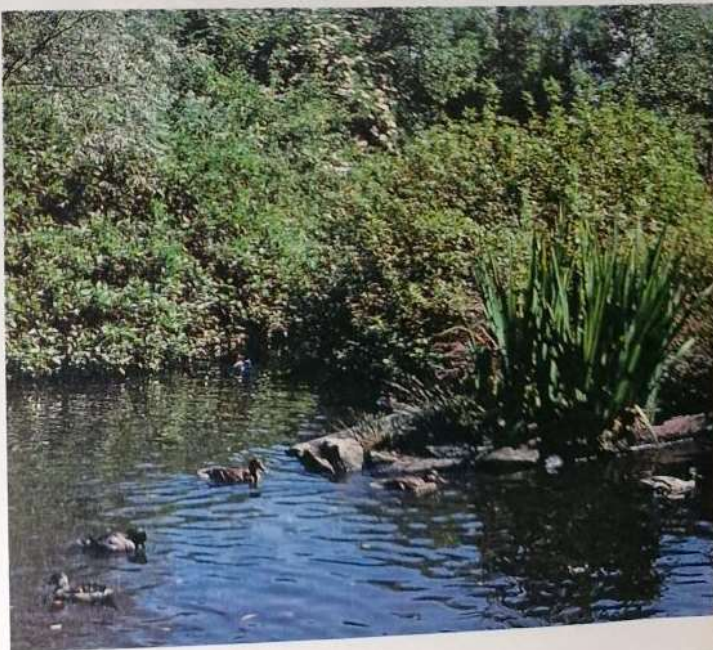
mation booklet and a 'bug dial' to help with identification.

All discoveries made by 'Pondwatchers' will be incorporated into the National Wildfowl and Wetlands Register. This attempts to list all wetlands in the country and will, it is hoped, help the Trust to protect them from destruction.

To join the scheme and receive a free Pondwatch pack, write to: Doug Hulyer, Head of Education, The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire GL2 7BT enclosing a 50p foolscap-sized sae.

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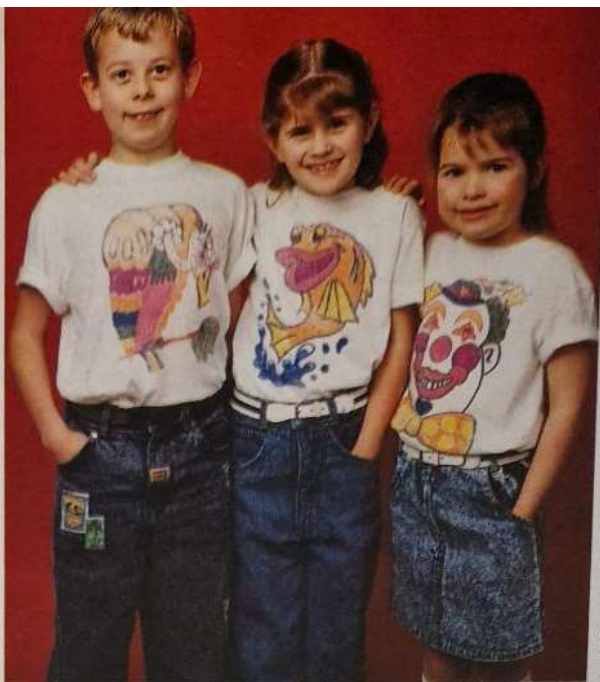
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## FESTIVAL OF FAITH

Pilgrimage, music, art, dance, prayer and workshops are only part of the Festival of Faith and the Environment, which is being held in Canterbury from September 15 to 17.

The event has been organised by the World Wide

Fund for Nature and other major groups who believe in caring for our natural world.

Three pilgrimages are planned as part of the Festival and they are open to environmentalists and non-environmentalists; to followers of different faiths and to non-believers.

The cost is £10 per

person per day and covers food, basic accommodation, first aid and transport for luggage.

Anyone who would like to take part in the pilgrimage can get further information from: Cherry Duggan, WWF United Kingdom, Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1XR or telephone 0483 426444.



Sheer wartime nostalgia from Cosmetics To Go.

## WAR-TIME NOSTALGIA

Gas masks, Vera Lynn songs and GI brides are hot news at the moment as September 3 marks the 50th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

Cosmetics To Go has made its own contribution to the nostalgia boom with 'Forces Favourites', a range of original beauty products from the Forties.

They include such good old-fashioned stalwarts as Vanishing Cream at £3 for 50ml, Mistress's Lipstick,

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Enlist the help of Forces Favourites from: Cosmetics To Go, BFPO 29 High Street, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1AB or telephone free on 0800 373366.

## HUNT IS ON

The search is now on for top amateur fundraisers and leading it is TV star Michael Groth, a former presenter of 'That's Life'.

Michael is the new chairman for the Fundraisers of the Year national award scheme, sponsored by fundraising specialists Webb Ivory.

Its aim is to give recognition to amateur fundraisers who give their time and effort unrewarded.

The 1989 winners will share prizes totalling £13,000 for their favourite charities.

Last year, wheelchair-bound Marion Andrews won the top prize of £3,500.

There will also be three other major awards, regional cash prizes and a special category for Britain's top young fundraiser.

The lucky winners will be presented with their prize at a special award ceremony at the London Hilton in December.

Any fundraiser is eligible providing he or she is not receiving personal payment.

Nomination forms can be obtained by ringing the Webb Ivory hotline on Preston (0772) 51773 or by writing to Michael Groth, Webb Ivory Fundraiser of the Year, Primrose Hill, Preston PR1 4EL.

## GALA CONCERT

One of the world's greatest orchestras, The Philharmonia, will perform free of charge at a benefit concert at London's Barbican Centre on September 18.

The event, organised by Quest for a Test for Cancer, is in aid of children's research and the programme includes Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* and Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Famous actors will be selling programmes on the night so it's an opportunity to star-spot, as well as support a worthy cause.

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## REFLECTIONS

An exhibition to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of photography is taking place in London's Barbican Art Gallery until October 1.

Through the Looking Glass' contains 250 works by 70 different artists dating

from the Second World War to the present day.

The four main areas covered are landscape, portraits, social documentary and art photography.

Artists include Richard Long and Helen Chadwick.

The exhibition takes its title from a quote by the late British photographer,

Tony Ray-Jones: "Photography can be a mirror and reflect life as it is. But I also think it is possible to walk like Alice through the looking glass... and discover another kind of world with the camera."

Admission to the exhibition is £3 for adults and £1.50 concessions.

## WASHING BLUES

Getting a decent shine on a Viking longboat doesn't sound easy, but this was just one of the wackier entries in last year's Vehicle Wash Competition.

The fundraising competition, organised by The Children's Society, is running again this year and it's hoped there will be a big response from youth groups and schools.

The individual and the group which raises the most money for the society will receive a £100 cash prize and there will also be prizes for those in the 'most unusual wash' section.

The money raised will go towards helping more than 11,000 youngsters, including the disabled, the homeless and those who are unemployed or experiencing family break-up.

The closing date for the competition is October 31, 1989 and entry forms and shampoo are available from: Room CW1, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL.

# NETWORK

## UNDER CANVAS

If you're looking for a new tent this year, forget trudging

ing around the shops and take a look at the new Vango video — *A Tent for all Seasons*.

The video shows all 31 tents in the Vango range and describes the main features of each one.

There's the best-selling Force Ten, the high-tech Hurricanes or, for the first-time buyer and those with an eye for space, there is the Discovery range, which has ridge, tunnel and dome shapes to choose from.

Many camping dealers are now showing the video and others, without the in-shop equipment to show it, will lend you a copy to view at home.

You can find out which shops have the video by telephoning Vango on 0475 44122.

## FASHION TRIBUTE

A special 80th birthday tribute is being paid to Hardy Amies, one of the fashion world's most respected couture designers, at the Museum of London.

It reveals the behind-the-scenes world of high fashion and demonstrates all the processes involved in creating launching and marketing an entire summer collection of 60 garments.

As well as photographs, there will be design

sketches, fabric swatches, embroidery samples and completed outfits.

Hardy Armes, who set up his own company in Savile Row in 1946, can list the Queen and other members of the Royal Family among his dedicated customers.

Two garments from Hardy Amies's summer range: an elegant red silk evening dress and a tailored wool summer suit will become permanent features in the Museum's collection.

A series of free lunchtime lectures and workshops in conjunction with the exhibition will be held in late September and early October and will include a lecture on London and the World of Fashion; A Personal View by Hardy Amies himself.

The exhibition ends on  
October 29 admission free. '17





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CLAIRE AGNEW  
Young Leader

1st Woburn Sands Guides  
Rucsac

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1st Woburn Sands Guides  
Rucsac

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Brownies

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#### HELEN WEBB

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#### RACHEL WEBB

1st Nailsworth Guides  
School trip to India

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#### ELAINE BOYLE

1st Wick Rangers  
Camping Equipment

#### SARAH CLARK

124th Glasgow Guides  
Camp in Denmark

#### FIONA CRUICKSHANK

222nd Glasgow Guides  
Camp in Ireland

#### MARIANNE DONNACHIE

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Rucsac

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275a Glasgow Guides  
Rucsac

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Germany

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#### LAURA HUNT

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Camp in Ireland

#### GILLIAN HUTCHISON

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Living — Mexico

#### HELEN JORDON

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Camp in Denmark

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#### JANICE NELSON

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Camp in Ireland

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124th Glasgow Guides  
Camp in Denmark

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Camp in Denmark

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295th Glasgow Guides  
Holiday in Switzerland

#### PAULINE TAYLOR

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Tennis Racquet



# a personal VIEW

The old adage states that charity begins at home and it is often also said that it shouldn't end there — a point which I accept — but, as far as Guiding is concerned, it does not seem to touch base anywhere near home.

The District/Division/Region/National notices come along with more pleas for funds: local handicapped youngster/new hospice in town/Olave Centre/PolioPlus — all worthy causes, and some units even get a mention on TV for their fundraising achievements. All while others have to struggle to pay membership subscriptions and hall rent for the year.

They could, of course, try holding a fundraising event, but who would attend as no one ever goes to their open evenings — not even the Guides — and they have difficulty finding sponsors, as all the local schools do at least two sponsored events a year. Neither is extra weekly subs the answer for them. For when their girls say 'Mum didn't have any change this week', they really mean she didn't have *any* money.

Many units have to try to do good turns in less concrete ways — collecting foil, stamps and so on (and buying second-hand uniforms in charity shops), yet they feel guilty because of this constant pressure to

raise money for others. Can we not slow down a bit and consider why some Counties can have thousands of pounds carried forward as surplus for the year (and call for more), when their own Brownies are sharing pencils and scrap paper and can't afford uniforms? I wonder if Commissioners are aware of the problems in their areas and ever think of doing something about them?

If there are Guide Companies/Brownie Packs with fundraising skills to spare up and down the land, could they not adopt a less well-off unit somewhere? Not in an undeveloped country, but here in the UK! I can tell a true tale of a Brownie staying in the Pack until the upper age limit, because she was waiting for her bigger sister to leave Guides and pass on the blouse. When her Guider found out, she came up with a solution. Her own spare blouse was large, so she persuaded a middle-size Guide to take that and hand hers over so the Brownie could come in!

Another financial problem is trainings. I accept that Guiders need training, but time is not the only problem. Distance becomes a threat when there is no car and one has to consider bus and train fares. The ideal would be to take the money from unit funds. But then it is back to the drawing board and the same Guider has to find new fundraising

ideas to replace the money and keep the unit going.

I know of two Guiders who went on the car boot sale circuit, not as members of the Guide Movement, but for themselves, to raise money so that they could continue Guiding. At £10 a week it was tough and they would willingly have put in that amount of money to have a day off — if they could have afforded to.

I know some areas are lucky, with a Local Association which will raise funds for anything, including Guiders' uniforms. Other Counties run a 'hard-up fund', but many who need the help are ashamed to ask. There are even units with Supporters Groups, along Scout lines, but others would be truly amazed to find even one interested adult, never mind a whole group.

I feel that if we are to continue as a viable youth organisation, we have to think seriously about what we do with money. I speak not for those who need help with adventurous activities, but those who need help to keep a unit financially alive. Could there not be a 'national fairy godperson fund' so that Guiding fundraisers could give a percentage of their money to help their sisters?

If the National Fund could feed individual County Funds, the money could find its way to those in need channelled, thanks to their inside knowledge, by local Commissioners without individuals having to ask for it! The Movement will then be more accessible to many youngsters who miss out on Guiding fun at the moment.

Tim and Willy seem to be making a good start for us, but the rest of us need to walk before we run and get the basics funded first.

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## BEST OF THE BEEB WINNERS

Ten lucky Guiders will soon be taking a trip down memory lane, thanks to BBC Records.

They have each won a double tape

set of a classic BBC radio show in our *Best of the Beeb* competition (see April's *GUIDING*).

Tapes will soon be on their way to: Mrs L Avery from Banwell, Avon; Mrs P Larkin, Bronborough, Wirral; Mrs H Talbot, Malvern Link, Worcestershire; Mrs J Stagg, Orpington, Kent; Mrs Porter, Maidenhead, Berkshire; Mrs M Munday, Worthing, Sussex; Ms C Wilson, Bangor, Co Down; Mrs H Williams, Bootle, Merseyside; Mrs H Jones, Sheffield and Mrs S Hender-son, Hooton, South Wirral.



**Do you care enough to speak out?**

# JOIN THE JUNIOR COUNCIL

## **WHO?**

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We discuss issues relevant to Association members and girls/women in general. We make suggestions and recommendations to the Association and we are a youth link to the Executive Committee.

## **WHERE AND WHEN?**

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## CALLING ALL SCHOOL LEAVERS

Are you going on to University, Polytechnic or College of Higher Education this autumn? Then you can become a member of the Student Scout and Guide Organisation, SSAGO. This is a national organisation for people who want to remain in contact with Scouts and Guides once they have left home.

Students can join either through their particular University/Poly or College or individually. Three rallies are held each year — one each term — so that all members can get together. It is held at a different venue each time.

For further information please write to the secretary: Miss Sarita Bennett, 40 Oak Tree Lane, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6HX. Or, for individual membership, to the chairman: Miss Karen Simpson, 8 Huntsfield Road, Chepstow, Gwent NP6 5SA.

'Please join — it's a sure way to avoid that feeling that you don't know anyone, when standing in a crowded hall at Freshers' fayre. I hope you know which stall to head straight for,' says Sarita, who is at Birmingham University.

There are SSAGO clubs at the following universities: Aberystwyth; Bangor; Bath; Birmingham; Bristol; Cambridge; Durham; Edinburgh; Essex; Hull; Imperial College, London; Lancaster; Liverpool; Loughborough; Newcastle; Nottingham; Oxford; St Andrews; Salford and Southampton and at Coventry and Portsmouth Polytechnics.

## OUR CABAÑA

Two volunteers are being sought to work at Our Cabaña from the end of May to the end of August next year. The vacancies are for a **Programme Assistant** and a **Waterfront Director**.

Room and board, plus the cost of a round trip air ticket (tourist class) and 500 US dollars will be

provided.

Anyone interested in these jobs should contact their International Commissioner. Applications must reach Our Cabaña by December 31, 1989.

## FOXLEASE BOOKINGS

Foxlease camp site and indoor accommodation: bookings are now being taken for 1990. Enquiries to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire SO4 7DG.

## BADGE BOOKS

New Badge books are now being produced annually to make it easier to update badge syllabuses. Each issue includes new and amended syllabuses and are dated on the front cover.

It is less costly to produce new bound books than it is to produce loose-leaf pages and binders. Loose-leaf introduces the problem of numbering, which includes putting new badges in the correct order and the differing lengths of amended syllabuses.

If these syllabuses were printed in full in the magazine they would probably take up the whole issue. In order to keep Guiders up-to-date, we print a list of the new and amended syllabuses in the September edition of *GUIDING*.

### BROWNIE

Chess ★ Radio Communication ★ Science Investigator ★ Seasons

### GUIDE

Camper — The old Camper syllabus is now Advanced Camper ★ Care of Elderly People ★ Chess ★ Confectioner ★ Lifesaver ★ Science Investigator ★ Seasons ★ Water Safety

### RANGER

Chess ★ Science Certificate

Amendments have been made to the following:

### BROWNIE

Animal Lover ★ Athlete ★ Brownie Friendship ★ Conservation ★ Cyclist ★ First Aider ★ Pack Holiday ★

Pony Rider

### GUIDE

Agility ★ Braille Communication ★ Camper ★ Collector ★ Commonwealth ★ Conservation ★ Cyclist ★ Europe ★ Farmer-Farmworker ★ Bee-keeper ★ Friend to Animals ★ Guide Friendship ★ Heritage ★ Interpreter ★ Water Rescuer ★ World Association ★ Conservation PIP

### RANGER

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Please Note: The Guide Pioneer Interest Badge is re-introduced.

## WAW!

### WADDOW ADVENTURE WEEK

Like to camp, but no opportunity through the unit?

Never been to camp, dying to have a go, but a bit apprehensive?

Guide or Guider, lively and active, crafty, ready to try anything, once?

Come on your own, with a Guide friend, bring your Patrol, your Guiders, but, DO COME TO WADDOW, AUGUST 4 to 11, 1990.

Cost for the week — £50 —, includes all food, day out, most activities and insurance, (£10 non-returnable deposit to be sent with application.)

For application form and details, send self-addressed stamped envelope to: Guider-in-Charge, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 3LD.

## TEMPORARY CHQ SHOP CLOSURE

To enable the CHQ shop to be modernised as part of the CHQ refurbishment, the shop will be closed for one week from Monday, 16 to Saturday, 21 October, 1989.

For four weeks, from Monday, October 23, the temporary shop entrance will be in Palace Street and from Monday, November 20 the shop entrance will be in Palace Place (see plan in next month's issue).

Please note that during

refurbishment the CHQ shop will carry a more limited stock than usual. If you are planning a special journey to London and intend visiting the shop during October, please telephone to check that it will be open and has everything you want in stock. Items can be ordered with two weeks notice. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## SHORT TERM INVESTMENT SERVICE

Monthly interest rate after deduction of management commission:

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May 1989 11.30 per cent

Additional 0.5 per cent per annum for deposits of £2,500 and above.

### TRUST FUND

On May 31, 1989 the value of a share in the Scout and Guide Trust Fund was:

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

## BURSARIES

Bursaries are available to help Guiders cover the cost of training sessions at various training centres.

### CHQ BURSARY

● for any adult member of the GGA attending a training weekend at Foxlease, Waddow or Glenbrook, excluding those organised by a Country/Region.

● is restricted to two-thirds of the cost of shared accommodation for a weekend.

● no-one should receive more than one such Bursary each year.

● applications should be made at least six weeks in advance of the training by the District Commissioner to the Training Administrator, CHQ.

● Please note that Scottish Commissioners should apply to SHQ.

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## OUTDOOR BURSARY

● for adult members of the GGA and Rangers and Young Leaders to attend courses to obtain qualifications in outdoor activities.

● the courses do not have to be organised by or held at the GGA national training and outdoor centres but Outdoor Bursaries are available to attend courses at Foxlease, Waddow, Glenbrook, Broneirion, Netherurd, Lorne, Hautbois, Blackland Farm and Ynysgain.

● applications are considered on a 'first come — first served' basis and should be made on an application form available, along with an information sheet, from the Training Administrator, CHQ.

## FRIENDS OF WADDOW BURSARY

● for further information and application form send an sae to the Secretary, Waddow.

## OTHER BURSARIES

● your District Commissioner has details of other Bursaries in her *Commis-*

*sioner File*, for example, Ernest Cook Bursary, Angela Thomas Bursary and so on.

## JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

The 32nd Jamboree on the Air will take place over the weekend October 14-15, 1989. This is an annual event in which Scout Radio Amateurs from all over the world contact one another from their Radio 'Shacks'. Licensed Guide Operators, or those with links with Radio Amateurs, are welcome to join in the fun! Details are available from JOTA, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW.

## AIR TIME

West Yorkshire South Rangers will be on the air from 10am to 3pm on Sunday, September 17 — their call sign is GB2 RSC — during a weekend survival camp at Robin Hole camp site, Burley Woodhead, near Ilkley. The radio station has been organised for them by Wakefield and

District Radio Society.

## JEWISH GUIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Guide Advisory Council will be held on Sunday, October 19, 1989 at a venue in North West London. For any further information, please contact Mrs Hilary West, Hon. Secretary, 01-907 3509.

## BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Why not come to a Building Confidence weekend with the CHQ Training Team at Waddow on November 10-12, 1989? This will be a weekend with a difference — entirely devoted to you and finding your hidden abilities. We will work in a small group, building on your strengths and skills to help you become more assertive.

The aim is to help Guiders increase confidence in themselves and their strengths and skills as leaders.

For further details on the programme, or information about bursaries, please contact the Training Manager, CHQ.

Applications should be made direct to the Guider-in-Charge, enclosing an £8 deposit and an sae. Early applications are advisable as places are limited.

## STOKE MANDEVILLE SPORTS WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 1990

Guiders — please see September *TODAY'S GUIDE* for details of this opportunity for some of your Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders.

The weekend is geared to a wide range of disabilities and the medical/first aid personnel present will be very familiar with the regular treatments, drugs and facilities that may be necessary for some of our members.

**DOREEN SPORLE**

Adviser for Handicapped Members

# WORLD NEWS

In last month's *GUIDING* we announced that a logo had been chosen for Pax Lodge. Now Dr Helen Laird, Chairman of the Pax Lodge Fundraising Committee, explores the background on how the logo was selected and the significance of the design.

It was chosen through an international competition. In August 1988 the World Bureau of the World Association sent out a circular inviting design submissions from the Member Organisations.

Many drawings were received from around the world and it proved a difficult task to choose which should become the logo.

The World Committee had a chance to view the submissions in March, but it wasn't until May that the newly appointed Pax Lodge Committee selected the winning design from Australia.

22 The very attractive logo, which will

now appear on all Pax Lodge documents and material, links the past with the present and future. In the centre of the logo is the World Badge, reminding everyone that Pax Lodge is a World Centre, which will be a focus for International Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting activity.

Below the badge is a dove bearing an olive branch, symbolising peace to which all members of the Movement can contribute in small ways by deepening their international understanding and forming friendships with girls and women around the world.

The dove floats on water, a reference to the logo of Our Ark — the original World Centre in London.

Mrs Patricia Noble, the Chairman of the Pax Lodge Committee, is well known in UK Guiding and is currently the President of the Trefoil Guild.

The other members of the committee are: Mrs Heather Brandon, South Africa; Miss Kirsten Flatsund, Norway; Mrs Patricia Goudheart, Australia; Mrs Pat Hawkey, Canada and Mrs Marie Ruiz, UK.

The Committee has a heavy agenda. Plans to be made for the opening, plans to be drawn up for



the first trainings and events which will take place in 1990 and long term plans for the future.

Already many Guiders and Trefoil Guild members have made enquiries about bookings. Watch out for announcements about Open Day events and when and how to apply for places at trainings or short stay accommodation.

The first event planned for Pax Lodge is a seminar entitled *The Heart of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting*.

It is open to 18-30 year-olds and takes place from May 4 to 13 next year. Some places will be available for longer stay student/young working women residents from late spring, 1990.



# diary of a DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

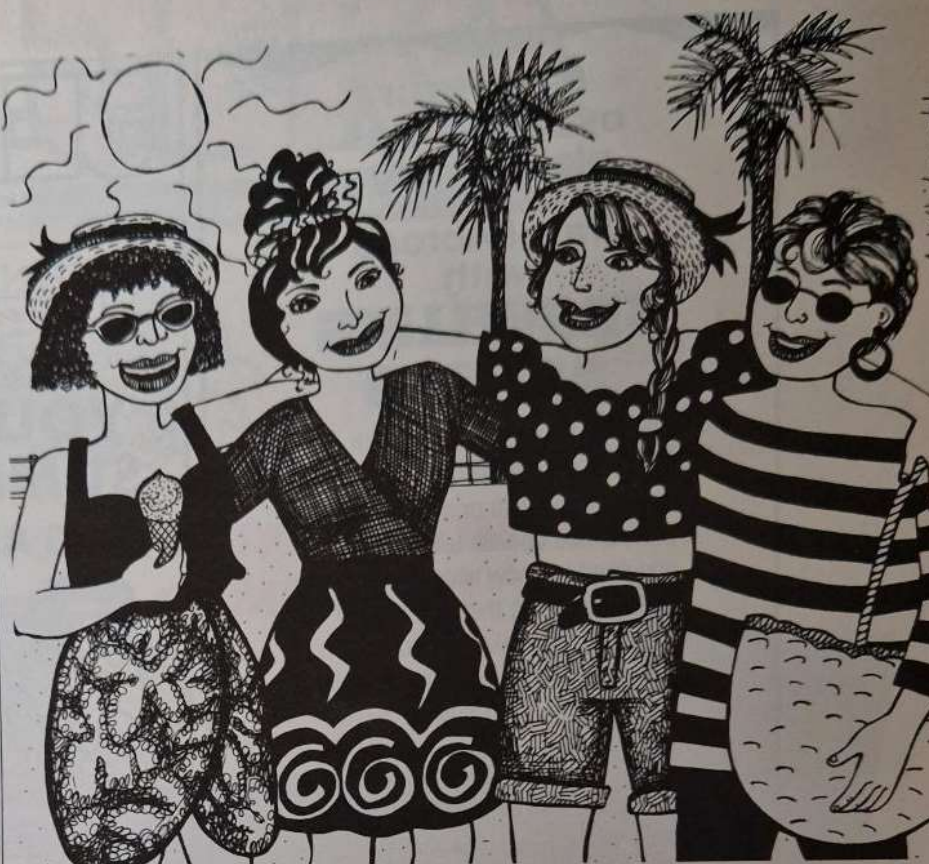
At the start of the term despondency reigns and it's certainly catching. With the break from regular weekly meetings, the Guiders have been dismayed at the lack of response to their various summer outings. The only really good turnout was for Brownie Revels, which went very well.

I was a bit surprised when one of them asked if I had been a Rosebud — by that stage of the day I felt old enough to have been, but didn't realise I also looked the part!

It was a new lesson for many of the Guiders — that if the meeting's not at the same place, on the same night, the interest does not seem to be there. I have been trying to convince them of the pleasure that comes from working with the few who do turn up. I think it's mostly that parents get out of the routine of setting aside the evening for meetings during holidays.

For one of my Guiders it was almost the final straw, when she received a letter from a Guide along the lines: 'I've had enough of your Guides so I decided to give my service to another Company'. I gather this came out of the blue with no discussion or hint of any problems, so I could understand the Guider's distress. We settled for a cup of coffee and composed a kind reply along the lines of: 'Thank you for your letter and let me know if you want a transfer form', with no comment on the content. It seemed wiser that way.

A brighter note is a new Brownie Pack starting this term and the Brownie Guider had quite a good slogan for her communication literature: 'If you leave it 'til tomorrow it



could be too late, but it's never too early to put your name on the Brownie list'.

A summer highlight was the Guides' trip abroad. They had a great time and brought back as many gifts as they took with them. They are now geared up with penfriends — not all boys — and ready for attacking the rest of the Europe badge with keen interest, as well as fund raising to go again next year.

I'm working on persuading the Guider-in-Charge to do a fireside training for the rest of the District — inspire them with the programme and photos, then hit them with the planning. That's the sort of thing they can invite me to help staff — a fortnight in the sun is more my idea of fun than a wet weekend camping

in England.

Our plans are now in full swing for an Autumn Bazaar — each unit selling anything they like. Thus avoiding the argument about who gets the books and who does the toiletries. But they do have a colour each to stick with. I've heard it works well in some areas, so we'll give it a try to boost unit as well as District Funds, as our treasurer objects to spending what little money we already have.

As I close my diary again there on the pending heap — still — is the District Standard. My secretary has formed a breakaway group to start planning its Dedication Service, but I do hope she's planning it very slowly — at about the speed of my sewing. I'll get it done before I retire, but it may only be the day before.

## THE BOOZE GAME

Here's a chance for Guiders, Rangers or Young Leaders to win a super cash prize and contribute to the battle against booze.

Organisers of The Booze Game are

asking young people aged 11 to 25 throughout the UK to design a game — it could be a quiz, a board game or a computer game. The aim of the game is to bring home the sensible drinking message, using information about alcohol in a lively, interesting and fun way.

The top prize is £500 for your unit and £250 for the individual winner.

And the best entries will be used for learning materials and computer games, targeted at other young people.

The funding for this novel and exciting approach to alcohol education was provided by Comic Relief, through Charity Projects, and the Health Education Authority.

With your help The Booze Game will reach the parts other alcohol education initiatives cannot reach! So, watch out for the entry forms that should be coming to you shortly through your County channels. Letters should be marked Booze Game, Guiding Activities, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.



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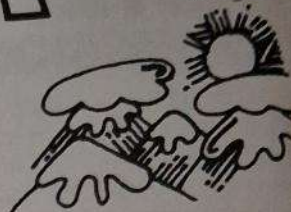
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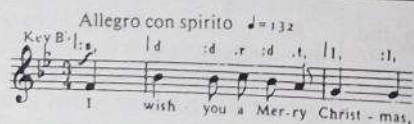
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# YOUR LETTERS

## RELIGIOUS BADGES

In March's *GUIDING* we ran an article that asked whether religious badges have any place in Guiding. And what type of badge we should have. Several readers replied, here are a final selection of letters:

## ENRICHING

I disagree with the view that one badge should be adaptable to all faiths.

In running Guides, one is very often involved with different religious practices and the Guide Promise itself shows an awareness of other people's beliefs, as well as the striving for friendship.

When we come to a Religious Knowledge badge then we are talking about the individual girl and the pursuit of her own religious knowledge and practice. This obviously must be in the faith in which she is being brought up, and the Guide badge should help her to enrich her experience, by her own initiative.

She is always being made aware of different religions by the TV, the radio, her school, her friends.

She should absorb this, but at the same time she should be sure of her own faith.

I have had experience of helping girls with both the Ki-Ro and the Quest badges. The Ki-Ro is excellent because it is clear; the Quest is not readily comprehensible to a 10-12-year-old Guide, so it is off-putting. (I doubt whether a Guide would actually get to the end of reading the syllabus.)

Our thanks are due to

the people who bother to plan badges for Catholics, Church Army, Baptists — the Quest is not a step in the right direction — it would be just too much of a muddle.

**RUTH GERAHTY**

Ex-Guider and  
Ex-District Commissioner

## TOLERANCE

I, too, am a trained Catechist, but I do not view the Religious badges in this light, but rather as a voluntary expression of a child's desire to deepen her Promise of love and service to God through her Guiding and in the tradition in which she is attached. I have been an active member of the Movement for nearly 55 years and have had time to study B-P's thoughts. I feel our present method is his spirit and that of POR.

As regards the Ki-Ro Scheme for Catholic Brownies and Guides, this has been praised by Catholic and non-Catholic alike. I have talked to many Guides and, in my experience, the girls are proud to wear their own particular badge, while at the same time having an understanding of the loyalty and tolerance of others who do not share the same outlook.

May I remind the writer of the original article that: 'In my Father's House, there are many mansions' and that Unity does not mean uniformity.

**SISTER EDNA BRICE**

Religious Studies  
Department  
St Mary's College  
Strawberry Hill, London

● This correspondence is  
now closed.

## RUMBLING RAINBOWS

As a Rainbow Guider, I cannot help but wonder if 'the powers that be' are underestimating this particular section of Guides.

Rainbows have very retentive memories, even those aged four-and-a-half can learn the Promise off pat in a few sessions. They know and understand what it means, that it is in three parts and they know that Guides and Scouts use a left handshake. Are we to say: 'Yes, these parts of Guiding are for everyone but you?'

I thought the key word for Guiding was flexibility, but it seems I am proved wrong. Before these rules are made, why not ask the Rainbow Guiders their opinions?

The Rainbow Guide would be proud and feel special to stand alone (but among friends) and salute, say her Promise, receive her badge and left hand shake like other members of the Movement.

I realise that, in certain cases, a child of Rainbow age may not have the ability to remember the Promise or say it alone, and I suggest in these cases the whole Unit should say it with her — the way we would any Brownie or Guide in this position.

Finally, how does one make a ceremony special and one to remember if one cannot salute, shake hands or even say the Promise alone?

I would be interested to hear other Rainbow Guiders' opinions on these points, or to receive any ideas for a suitable Promise ceremony, as I

feel the Promise Pack still does not give enough information.

**ANGELA BRADY**

Rainbow Brite  
Thorngumbald, Hull

I question whether a five-year-old really understands what 'make a Promise' really means and many five-year-olds would be mortified if they had to say the Promise on their own. Most five-year-olds would not be able to salute, but nowhere in the guidelines have we said that Rainbows cannot shake hands.

As far as 'teaching and guiding' these youngsters through the elements of Guiding is concerned, we have always emphasised that the five elements of Guiding and the Eight Point Programme is common to all sections — including Rainbows. To make a 'ceremony special' it has to be relevant to every girl in the Unit and, by not laying down rules, we have endeavoured to do just that. A good Guider knows what will be appropriate for her girls and can then devise a meaningful ceremony — the girls themselves often have wonderfully imaginative ideas.

**BETTY STEVENS**

Rainbow Consultant

## PARTY PLAN

On September 30 this year, the 1st Bruggen Brownies will be 35 years old. We intend holding a party to celebrate the occasion and would love to hear from any ex-Brownies or Guiders from the Pack.

We will be adding any letters or photographs to the scrapbook, which was compiled to celebrate the Pack's 21st birthday.

Here's hoping the readers of *Guiding* will be able to help us and make



it a great birthday in this very special year for all Brownies.

**KATHY MANDALL**  
Brownie Guider  
1st Bruggen Pack  
Germany

## THANKS

I am the leader of an expedition going to Kenya to carry out a project in a remote village north of Nairobi. I'd like to thank the Ranger Guides of Buckingham for the contribution they have made to our expedition.

To aid the women's groups, the WIs in Buckinghamshire have given old hand-driven sewing machines. The Rangers have made us sewing kits to take as gifts to the women. They have put in everything needed from thimbles to tape; pins to buttons.

So far, I have received 30 kits: some have included photos of the unit; some are just lovely fancy boxes made by the girls. Surely this is what our Movement is about — working together.

**Mrs PATRICIA PULLINGER**  
ADC(VS) Buckingham/  
Winslow District

## A CHANCE MISSED

Your May issue raised three very important points:

Personal View spoke of our co-operation or non co-operation with Scouts. We had, as a Movement, a great chance to move slightly closer when Rainbows were formed. We could have copied the Scout idea of tracksuits — eminently practical and visually identifiable with Beavers.

Edna Cohen wrote about denominational badges. She is quite right. We should encourage our girls to seek shared values, not heighten awareness of differences/divisions. Respect for others and their belief comes from

understanding why people do certain things on special days.

Somebody mentioned lack of coloured faces in a choir. What about the new catalogue? Couldn't you find one black or brown face to model for the uniforms? Did you try?

In our District, three Guiders immediately complained that all the faces were white. What an advertisement. Our locality does not have a high ethnic population, but we are aware of their sensibilities.

**JENNY WHITTLE**  
Assistant Guider  
21st Fulham

**The photographs for the Trading Service catalogue are taken each year at one of the Association's camp sites or training centres. The models are members of the Association and are chosen more or less at random from those people who happen to be at the centre when the photographs are being taken. They are therefore selected first of all on availability and secondly on willingness and ability to model and natural photogenic appearance.**

## KEPT OUT

I would like to take up a point made by Bob Le Vaillant in his letter in July's *GUIDING*. He said: 'As I understand it, Scouting and Guiding has no barriers to membership.' But, as I understand it, it is open to anyone who can actually understand the Promise and the Law of the Movement.

This effectively bars membership to one section of society, namely youngsters who are intellectually impaired, (mentally handicapped).

Yet some of these youngsters could benefit from being in the Movement, even though they may not understand the meaning of the Promise and Law. I believe that it is time that

this requirement was relaxed for this section of the community, so helping them to become useful and accepted members of the community in which they live.

**W CUBLEY**  
Scout Leader  
Revidge Fold United  
Reformed Church  
Blackburn

## COOL HEAD

I am writing to tell you about Melissa Goldup aged nine who is a Brownie with 3rd Willesborough Pack.

Melissa was playing with her twin brother and sister when Mathew fell on to the greenhouse and cut his arm severely.

Melissa told Mathew to keep still and shouted for her mum. When mum saw what had happened she panicked, but Melissa told her not to cry, went into the house and dialled 999. The ambulance was quickly on the scene and Mathew was rushed to hospital to have 14 stitches in the nasty gash.

Melissa's mum is justly proud and so am I. I feel this deserves an award of some kind as, but for her quick thinking, things would have been so different for Mathew.

**MARGARET HARVEY**  
Brownie Guider  
3rd Willesborough Pack  
Ashford, Kent

## UNDER AGE

I feel that I have to congratulate all those concerned with the recent *Live Issues* articles.

It is about time that the Guide Association gave more advice and assistance to leaders dealing with girls who live with the diversity of peer and social pressures of today's world.

Frank and open articles, such as those on teenage sexuality and alcohol, can only be of value to us all.

However, I would like to clarify one point raised in the Alcohol article (June). The £60 barrel penalty mentioned for landlords falling below brewery targets is, as far as I am aware, applicable to one brewery and one of their schemes only.

No responsible licencee or his/her staff would knowingly sell alcohol to an under-age drinker, their licence and their livelihood would be at risk.

My husband and I have been Whitbread public house tenants for the last four years and we have never allowed the sale of alcohol to under-18s. I have been a warranted Guider for 20 years.

**MRS KAREN LAIRD**  
Guide Guider  
7th Bournemouth  
(St Andrews)

## CELEBRATING

Woodmansterne Village Guides will be celebrating their 60th anniversary this autumn and would be pleased to hear from ex-Guides and Guiders who would like to attend their celebrations on October 28, 1989 or who would like to pass on news and recollections.

**HAZEL CLUFF**  
Guide Guider  
1st Woodmansterne  
Village Guides

## GET IT RIGHT

The following rhyme may interest the writer who criticised the *Blue Peter* presenter's pronunciation of Powell. It was composed by B-P and I found it in some notes on the life of B-P issued by the GGA in November, 1956.

Let's have the NAME quite right!  
Man, matron, maiden,  
Please call me Baden,  
Further for Powell,  
Rhyme it with Noel.

**DOREEN AUGUST**  
PRA Suffolk



## DEAR DIARY...

Whether it was just to keep track of appointments or a bulging volume full of four-page epics on why we loved — or hated — so and so, most of us have attempted to keep a diary at some point in our lives. But personal organisers seem to have pushed diaries to one side.

Of course, the ubiquitous personal organisers are more than just diaries. With their various attachments, supplements and essential pages of information, they become part of our support system — all neatly bound in leather — without which our lives shudder to a halt.

Just as we now can't be without our personal organisers to help us plan the days ahead, many women throughout history have regarded their diaries as their most trusted confidantes.

Writing a diary used to involve a lot more than jotting down lists of appointments and family birthdays. Instead, there were blank pages to be filled with innermost thoughts and impressions.

Filling those pages was an important part of many middle-class women's days because they had a lot more time on their hands than women today.

In her autobiography, *Window On My Heart*, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell describes the end of the last century as: 'a leisured age when educated people read more and wrote more than they do today'.

She kept her diary religiously from

the first day of the century. She said: 'I was not quite eleven years old and I smile now to turn the gilt-edged pages of the tiny diary, only some two and a half inches by two, with Olave embossed in gold letters on the red leather binding.'

Some of her earliest entries are simply brief notes saying what she had done that day but, as she grew older, her writing became more expressive. It obviously helped her a great deal in writing her autobiography because her past was at her fingertips and her memories ready to be re-lived.

Writing diaries can actually be good for us. Discussing your problems with someone else is often the best way to sort out your feelings, but putting them down on paper can also be very therapeutic.

In her book, *Centuries of Female Days*, Harriet Blodgett reveals some fascinating facts when she takes a peep under the covers of the personal diaries of 70 women who lived between 1599 and 1941. And, of course, highlights one of the problems of diary-keeping — you never know who will end up reading your private thoughts.

Apparently, women's interests haven't changed much over nearly 400 years. Love, fashion, beauty, marriage, childbirth and family life were the main concerns of these diarists and still dominate our lives. But one word missing from this list could be the key to why women today do not keep diaries — careers.

And it could be the explanation why, although keeping a diary sounds like a good idea, these days few

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## TALKING POINT

women — or men for that matter — have the time to record their thoughts and impressions.

Young girls may have the time — and the interest — but once the schoolwork starts piling up, the diary is often abandoned. It seems a shame when, as Harriet Blodgett points out, 'there is always something to learn about the people of the past'.

Where would we be today without the likes of Samuel Pepys and his gripping account of the Great Fire of London, or Anne Frank's personal saga of persecution during the Second World War? Not only do such diaries provide us with fascinating reading, they also make a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the past.

Let's hope that there are some budding diarists out there who can pass on to our great-grandchildren their impressions of what life was *really* like in 1989.

Do you keep a diary? Do you feel the urge to pour out your thoughts on paper? Why do you think keeping a diary has lost its popularity?

JUSTINE CHATting

## RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN

A children's charter protecting vulnerable youngsters across the world from neglect, cruelty and exploitation takes a big step closer to reality this year.

It is officially enshrined in the final text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child — and it looks like being formally adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December.

There's still a long way to go. Twenty countries must ratify the Convention to give it legal status and establish it as an international children's watchdog with real teeth.

Britain could lead the way, if it responds to a plea from the international children's organisation UNICEF. They're urging youngsters to sign

a petition calling on the Government to be among the first to ratify the new 'bill of rights'.

The document underpins every child's right...

- To a decent standard of living — good food, clean water, a suitable place to live, medical attention, and the chance to be with their families or 'those who will care for them best'.
- To free education and play.
- To protection against violence and exploitation.
- To speak their own languages and practise their own religions and cultures.
- To meet together to express their views.
- To protection from being used as cheap labour — or as child soldiers.

In London last winter a conference was warned that the situation in many countries was worsening for children — although, like adults, they're covered by the Declaration of Human Rights.

All Governments that sign the Convention will have an obligation to ensure its provisions are met, although there may be difficulties harnessing existing legal machinery to prevent rights, once achieved, being violated. UNICEF hope that increased public awareness will help to overcome this.

If you would like an information sheet or a copy of the text of The Convention on the Rights of the Child send an sae — A4 size — and, if possible, £1 to cover costs, to: Information Dept, UNICEF-UK, 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3NB. Petition forms are also available.



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## BEHIND THE SCENES

### IF IT HURTS — IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

'Interesting, varied and stimulating'... that's how 22-year-old Sue Danks sums up her job as a chartered physiotherapist. But she's the first to admit that, sometimes, her patients are a little less enthusiastic about her profession.

Sue explained why: 'Imagine the scene: the first day after a big stomach operation and the physio breezes in saying: "have a good cough, it won't hurt!" ... hence we have the nickname "Physio-terrorists."

It's not a very flattering description, but Sue understands why it's sometimes used... a session with a therapist can hurt! 'Getting the patient to understand that you are doing these painful things for their benefit is half the battle,' she believes.

That's why excellent communication skills are necessary and Sue is convinced that her Guiding background has been a great help when it comes to 'getting on with people, talking to them and explaining things.'

Sue has been in the Movement since she was seven, when she joined the 5th Stoneleigh Brownie Pack. She took a three year break when she began her studies at the Middlesex Hospital School of Physiotherapy.

Three years later on qualifying, my priorities were to get a job — and to return to Guiding,' recalled Sue. It wasn't long before she'd fulfilled both ambitions, landing a post at Epsom District Hospital... and becoming Assistant Brownie Guider with the 3rd Stoneleigh Brownie Pack.

Sue has been there for two years now and holds two part-time posts. As a 'rotating physio', she does a round of four month stints of each of the speciality wards. This way, she's been able to broaden her experience.

We treat children with asthma, broken limbs and severe handicaps;

elderly patients with strokes, chest infections and broken hips, critically ill patients on ventilators and many sports people who have sprained ligaments, hamstring tears and cartilage problems,' she explained. And, of course, there are patients with less serious, but still painful, problems like tennis elbow, sciatica and headaches, who can all be helped by a few sessions of physio.

Physiotherapy includes the use of

bodied schoolmates.

This involves collecting information by means of questionnaires and interviews with head teachers, teachers, parents and pupils.

Integrating the disabled into the community is something that Sue feels very strongly about. And, thanks to Guiding, she's been able to see the benefits of doing so at first hand.

She says: 'Guiding and Scouting give an ideal opportunity for handi-



Sue uses an ultra sound machine to reduce pain and swelling in the muscles, tendons and ligaments. Her colleague, Nicky, posed for the photo.

electrical machines, manipulation, ice, heat packs, massage and exercises. Self-help techniques are equally important.

'We place a great deal of emphasis on the patients helping themselves at home,' Sue stressed. 'There is little point in us relieving their back pain if the patient then goes home, sits slumped in a saggy chair for several hours and thus increases the pain!'

Although she's adamant about not getting too involved with the patients', Sue obviously cares a great deal about the people she helps. She spoke with affection of a recent case... 'a gentleman who'd had his leg amputated... he'd been in a lot of pain before the op and was only too glad to have the leg removed. I was there with him when he walked out of the hospital with his false leg.'

Sue is in the fortunate position of being able to combine the rewarding nature of her work on the ward with research work. Her task is to look at the integration of children with physical disabilities into 'ordinary' schools.

The 1981 Education Act stated that children with physical disabilities should be educated, where possible, in "ordinary" schools alongside their peer group,' explained Sue. It's her brief to find out whether this is in fact happening in her area and if so, how successfully the disabled children are being integrated with their able

capped children to mix with their peer group in a relatively non-competitive atmosphere. The children can set their own challenges according to their abilities.'

As far as Sue's concerned, taking a disabled child into a Pack or Company presents the Guider with an 'ideal challenge'.

'We often set challenges for the girls, but rarely for ourselves,' she said. 'A challenge is something that needs to be worked at — but the results will be worthwhile. The sight of a Brownie, in full uniform, wheeling herself around the toadstool into Brownie ring is one which I won't forget in a long time.'

But Sue's Guiding links aren't limited to the Brownies. She was recently chosen to represent the Young Guiders of Surrey East in the Regional Young Guiders Forum. At the moment, she's also assisting with a Ranger Unit. And, as her boyfriend, Peter, is a trainer with his old Scout Troop at Stoneleigh, Sue is, not too surprisingly, asked to help out with the Scouts as well. But she doesn't seem to mind too much... not even when: 'A romantic Valentine's meal this year was spent in the local hamburger bar with five Scouts after an evening's swimming!' Now that's dedication for you...

LEIGH MURPHY



It's time to start fund raising for the Girl Guide Friendship Fund's Christmas Good Turn '89. We've invited the Chairman of the Fund, Lady Joyce Crowther-Hunt to announce the details of this year's appeal.

What about helping the British Diabetic Association's Educational Holidays for five-to-12-year-olds? Or helping to buy a playbus for under five-year-olds, through the National Playbus Association?

These are the two Christmas Good Turn projects for you to support with your fundraising efforts from now until the end of January, 1990. Let me tell you more about them.

## THE BRITISH DIABETIC ASSOCIATION

The British Diabetic Association was started 50 years ago by the writer H. G. Wells and his doctor, R. D. Lawrence. Both men were diabetics. There are over a million diabetics in the United Kingdom, and diabetes remains one of the unsolved health problems in the world today. A great deal of money goes into research, and teaching people how they can learn to live with the disease.

Diabetics do not produce enough insulin in their bodies, which means they need to have insulin injections or tablets and be very careful about what and when they eat. They also have to take exercise, learn how to test their blood and urine, and give themselves insulin injections.

Fourteen junior educational holidays are arranged in this country every year for 500 five-to-12-year-olds. They are held in residential schools during the summer holidays and last for two weeks. There are 35 to 50 children in each group, with a minimum of 16 staff, including two doctors, two or three nurses, two or three dietitians and eight leaders.

These group holidays are an excellent way of helping young people to become more self-reliant. They learn to live with their complaint and to look after themselves away from home, among other young diabetics.

So, besides being taught the various aspects of diabetic management, the holiday aims to show the youngsters they can lead near-normal, active lifestyles.

They enjoy swimming, games of all kinds, riding, walks, day trips and arts and crafts. All these activities build up their self-confidence and

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happiness, although they will never be able to forget their diabetes altogether.

The price of a fortnight's holiday is about £160, excluding travel costs. This is very expensive for many parents and that is why we're counting on your support. How many young diabetics can you help to send on educational holidays in 1990?

stimulate and amuse them, under the guidance of helpers and parents.

Playbuses are brightly painted on the outside, with exciting interiors. Upstairs there is a kitchen, a carpeted area, home and book corners, and lots of table-top toys. Downstairs there's a sand pit, a water play area, easels and space for craftwork. There is a toilet on board, plus water, heat and power.

Have you ever seen one of the buses? If you do see one of them around, why not ask if you may look over it and explain that the GGA is hoping to raise enough money to buy one.

It takes £6,000 to provide a bus ready for conversion. How about it?



Last year, £11,600 was raised through the Christmas Good Turn Appeal. Part of the money was used to buy this tractor for one of the Home Farms Trust centres at Old Quarries, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

## THE NATIONAL PLAYBUS ASSOCIATION

The Playbus scheme was started in Liverpool 20 years ago, when there was a real need in the city for children under five to have playgrounds on wheels. This scheme caught on and is now nationwide.

There are now 450 playbuses on the roads of Britain and still many more are wanted by the association. The playbuses go all over the country from Aberdeen to Penzance; from Lowestoft to Bedford — in fact anywhere their presence is requested.

They drive to rural areas, small towns, large housing estates and depressed inner cities, bringing joy to the very young and new ideas about play methods to parents.

Thanks to the playbuses, the children can play together in safety with the right sort of facilities and toys to

If we manage to raise the amount, the GGA will have its contribution acknowledged on the outside of the bus with the painted inscription, 'Given by the Girl Guides'.

Now it's up to you to do your best to make this Christmas Good Turn Appeal bring joy and laughter to the young diabetics, and the under-five-year-olds in 1990.

Detailed information leaflets on both projects can be obtained from: The Girl Guide Friendship Fund, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT. Please send a 23cm x 13cm (9" x 5") sae. I look forward to hearing from you.

The Christmas Good Turn runs from September 1, 1989 to January 31, 1990. So please start planning your fundraising activities now.

**JOYCE CROWTHER-HUNT**  
Chairman

Girl Guide Friendship Fund 29



## OPEN DOOR

Jennifer Ann Lynch, who lives in Barbados, is about to publish her first book. At the moment she is too busy studying to continue working with Brownies. However, she is anxious to 'contribute something to the Movement to make up for the time I cannot give in practical service.' And, she enclosed some graces she has written. We thought you'd enjoy reading them.

Loving Father here we meet,

be among us while we eat.

Working farmers, with working hands sent us this food, from distant lands we give you Lord this silent prayer our lives, our labour and our days.

At six today our table is spread we who are hungry here will be fed now we say our evening

grace a breath of praise to God we raise.

Drink to quench, food to eat strength to work with from the food we eat, food for our bodies, our minds and our souls thank God his blessings always will flow.

The moon has risen the sun has gone down thank you dear Jesus

for foods for our tongues we here have food give those who have none thank God for broth hot and rolls that are round.

Morning has come the sun bids us rise thank God for rains which come from the skies to make the ground rich and fertile to yield quenching the thirsty and the hungry to feed.

## IN FOCUS

A clean-up poster painted by a South Woodham Ferrers Brownie is to be used by the town's environment committee to help its anti-dog mess campaign.

Valerie Kildea, aged nine, combined her love of animals and her community work with the town's 4th Brownie Pack to produce the poster.

It is designed to remind

dog owners to discourage their pets from fouling on public footpaths, pavements and play areas.

Valerie's posters will appear at various sites around the town.

It's not the first poster painting success for the artistic Brownie.

Last year Valerie designed a poster to advertise her school's summer fete.



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# princess ROYAL

## AND THE WALL-TO-WALL BROWNIES

The Princess Royal linked her work as royal head of the Save The Children Fund with the worldwide activities of the Guiding Movement, when she was guest speaker at the Association's annual general meeting.

It all began, she said, when she was... a Brownie.

When I am asked when I first became involved in the Save The Children Fund, I'm very much inclined to say it was when I first went to Kenya,' she told Members and friends on May 13 in London's Westminster Central Hall.

In fact, it was much earlier than that because in my Brownie/Girl Guide days we knitted squares... I never envied the person who had to sew them together!

None of us had any idea where those squares and blankets were going. Now I know and, fortunately, I can spend a little time telling people just how useful they are. Those blankets are worth a considerable amount to everybody who owns them.'

The Princess Royal referred to the Guiding Movement's global membership, when she talked of her extensive travels as the Save The Children Fund's tireless working president.

She confided: 'I was just looking at your census of membership from countries around the world because I do see an awful lot of Brownies and Guides on my travels. Frequently, the roads seem to be wall-to-wall Brownies.'

'Of those 37 independent Commonwealth countries who are members, I have been to 23 and the Save The Children Fund works in 14. I suspect that in those countries the Guiding Movement already has con-

nections with the sort of work that the Save The Children Fund is doing.'

The Guiding Movement's campaign to save lives by combating disease was praised by the Princess. 'You have done your own projects in primary health care and are supporting the extended programme of immunisation against polio,' she said.

'Vaccination against polio is vital all over the world on a constant basis. The necessity for the vaccine has become very much more critical, so your particular support for that, and for the immunisation programme for the other six major childhood diseases, is very welcome.'

The Princess Royal outlined the history of the Save The Children Fund and gave the annual meeting a comprehensive picture of its considerable life-saving efforts in the fields of basic hygiene, health care, nutrition, and diet. She also highlighted the contrasting roles, here and overseas, of children in their family units. This, she said, was 'something that today, the Guiding Movement around the world can see directly.'

In some countries, children of eight or nine are responsible for the family livestock and are working on the land in their teens. The role of the Association in attracting those youngsters and being able to spread out to widely-differing backgrounds of youngsters is so important,' said the Princess.

What wasn't so obvious, said the Princess Royal, was the Save The Children Fund's role in Britain. She went on: 'Guides and Brownies all over the UK do a fantastic amount of fund raising for all sorts of things. I'm sure they're encouraged to keep their eyes open and look around them.'

There are lots of places in the UK

where young people grow up at a disadvantage because of the effects of poor housing, unemployment and discrimination.'

The Save The Children Fund, she added, worked with families and local authorities to provide help for local communities. But some community centres weren't being used because local people didn't know what to do — 'The Fund had to put in leaders to start people off.'

The Princess Royal told the meeting: 'Yes, you can look around and say, "We need that." But who is actually going to put their hands up and do it? You know about that because you once stuck your hands up and look where you are! It is an exercise in getting people to join in which is so important, so that you can help support those who need support.'

She went on to praise the volunteers whose energy and imagination 'make the Girl Guides Association the highly-valued youth movement it is.' The Founder of the Save The Children Fund, Eglantine Jebb, the Princess was sure, would have been 'very busy supporting the girls' equivalent of the Boy Scouts... if she had not been committed to the Fund.

'She would have understood the value of continuing the education process by harnessing young girls' energy and curiosity in a wide range of activities that would broaden their horizons and in groups from very differing family backgrounds.'

'We should never miss opportunities to encourage interest in and tolerance of other individuals. The understanding takes a little longer. Both in the Save The Children Fund and the GGA, we cannot expect young people to learn without good examples from their elders.'

The Girl Guides Movement in all it tries to do, sets an example of awareness and willingness to help others. That should decrease the potential work of the Save The Children Fund in the future.'

The Princess concluded: The Association's support for the Save The Children Fund is not just gratefully received. The knowledge that there are so many young people who are aware and concerned for children elsewhere is enormously encouraging for all our staff, be it from headquarters or our field workers overseas.'

The next generations are our constant concern and the more awareness and understanding we can achieve in those generations, the better the long-term outlook is likely to be for many thousands, if not millions, of children.'

### PRINCESS'S MESSAGE

A message from Princess Margaret, President of the Girl Guides Association, was read to the meeting by Betty Clay. It said: 'I am so sorry I cannot be with you this afternoon. I send my best wishes to all of you assembled at Westminster Central Hall for a successful meeting and for your work during the coming year.'



The Guiding Movement must not rest on its laurels or assume that it will automatically continue to prosper. That was the message from the Chief Commissioner, Dr June Paterson-Brown, when she presented her report.

She said that during the previous year, the Association had made some 'very positive' moves to ensure that it could look forward to a successful future. She continued: 'In the early days of this century, the girls themselves got Guiding off to a flourishing start.

'Our dreams of providing the right opportunities for successive generations of girls call for continuous work and effort on the part of their leaders — us.' She added: 'I hope that history will see 1988 as a culmination of several years when Guiding took a long, hard, and honest look at itself, a year when we began to put many of our plans into action.'

Two vitally-important events had taken place:

1 Publication of the results of the National Market Research Survey.

2 A management training conference at which Country and Region Chief Commissioners with their teams had discussed with the Chief Commissioner and her team the most efficient ways of managing the Association — it seemed overdue for review!

Dr Paterson-Brown said that the latter part of 1988 had been spent addressing in detail the issues arising from the conference. Similar follow-on conferences were taking place in the Countries and Regions.

The Market Research Survey had indicated clear priorities: 'We have to provide the adventurous activities and the camping opportunities which the girls so definitely want, and we have to help and support our leaders and increase the resources available to them so that Guiding may flourish and provide the girls with the right opportunities.'

During 1988, the Chief Commissioner went on, moves were started to cut the red tape from existing qualification requirements. The aim was to simplify regulations — 'and we started to plan a great deal more practical training and support for our Guiders.'

Anglia Region now had its own training and activities centre, Great Hautbois House, fully operational after many years of hard work. The Chief Commissioner, who went to the opening, referred to visits she

# ACTION STATIONS

... THAT'S THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S CALL AFTER A YEAR'S 'SOUL SEARCHING'



Guest speaker — the Princess Royal.

had also made to outdoor events including the North-East Region's International Camp for Guiders; Anglia's International Camp; the Scout and Guide Jamboree in Essex; the opening of the new Jarman Centre, in Cambridgeshire; the Glasgow Garden Festival and the Cheshire Border International Camp.

She said: 'They only reinforce for me the knowledge that we need more and more camp sites and outdoor facilities so that ALL the Guides can camp and have fun, and not just some.'

At many of the camps, Dr Paterson-Brown saw the invaluable help given by members of the LINK International Fellowship, part of the Trefoil Guild. Members of the Trefoil Guild raised more than £50,000 for Pax Lodge — 'We are all very proud of them,' she said.

Fun and adventure did not always mean outdoor or strenuous activity, said Dr Paterson-Brown — 'although two young Guiders with disabilities

who joined Operation Raleigh had plenty of both and the experience of a lifetime.' A different kind of adventure was enjoyed when the Scout and Guide Band toured Japan and the Scout and Guide Orchestra toured the US. Enthusiastic reports from the girls told of the fun and sense of achievement.

The Chief Commissioner went on to tell the meeting: 'Our Forward Plan gave great priority to increasing the Association's participation in community development and involvement and 1988 saw us taking new steps in this field.' She referred to the Primary Health Care Project in Sri Lanka involving two groups, each of eight Guiders, spending a month in rural villages teaching, with Sri Lankan Guides, the importance of primary health care.

There was also the Rotary International PolioPlus world-wide appeal to raise cash to eradicate polio and other childhood killer diseases. Dr Paterson-Brown added: 'But we have



also embarked on a PolioPlus Project — as we did with the primary health care — which includes educating our girls about the importance of immunisation and how the vaccines for the children are transported along a cold chain from the factory to the rural villages where they are used to immunise children.

We have made contact with Guides in four developing countries — Jamaica, Peru, Uganda, and Thailand — and they are supporting the project in their own countries. One day, hopefully, some of our members will be able to visit those countries and see the cold chain working.

The Chief Commissioner turned to community needs at home and abroad and said that the Community Involvement and Development Group had taken great strides in 1988 in ways in which Guiding could meet community needs in this country. The group had produced a report — *Guiding For Everyone* — giving guidelines for the extension of Guiding to areas where there was little or no presence.

I hope that this outreach will enable any girl in this country to join the Movement if she chooses, whether she lives in the inner cities, among ethnic minorities, or in deprived rural communities. Dr Paterson-Brown continued, 'I'm sure that we all agree that the more children from different backgrounds can learn to love, respect, and help each other through Guiding and Scouting, the better their adult future and their world will be. Guiding is a great force for peace and good. It is up to all of us to harness this power.'

On the international scene, more than 7,000 members travelled abroad in 1988 and a large number of Guide visitors came here. The Chief Commissioner visited some Commonwealth countries with Margaret Banks, Commissioner for Branch Associations, and it was interesting to see Guiding in those parts and to meet the girls and the Guiders.

At home, while the Association had spent much of the year 'soul-searching', 1988 had been the year of the Rainbow, with Rainbow Guide Units springing up all over the country. Meanwhile, members of the Junior Council, led by Penny Brown, spent a 'very lively' year discussing issues and examining their own function.

During the year, a lot of money was raised for many charities, said Dr Paterson-Brown — 'but I should particularly like to congratulate the Scouts and Guides of London and South-East Region on their most

successful Appeal for the Great Ormond Street Hospital. They raised over £800,000, enough to build and endow a Leukaemia Ward. Members from all over Britain had contributed to the appeal.

The revised Brownie Handbook and the new Training Qualifications for Adult Leaders and Commissioners had both been greeted with enthusiasm. Concern to provide the right kind of Programme and activities for both present and future membership had led not only to the Market Research, but to two important Ad



The General Secretary welcomes the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Elizabeth Flach.

Hoc Groups, one to study the age groupings and one to consider the provision of the Programme for girls of 14 and over.

All these far-reaching projects and new initiatives were part of the Forward Plan. 'We are now into the period of doing rather than planning, and the Forward Planning Group has completed its remit,' said the Chief Commissioner, who thanked Mrs Swinburne-Johnson and members of the group for their work and vision.

**Dr Paterson-Brown looked to the future...**

Demographic projections, she said, showed that by the year 2000 a 'very large' membership could be expected. 'Shall we be ready to meet the challenge?' she asked. 'Unless we take positive and immediate steps to keep our present Guides — to give them the opportunities they ask for — we could be depriving ourselves of our hard core of leaders for that anticipated child boom. That is why the work of Programme and Training and the Ad Hoc Committees is vitally important. It is proof of our commitment to and indeed confidence in the future.'

The Chief Commissioner said it wasn't sufficient to talk about adventure and fun — 'We MUST try to find the resources and the money to provide them. That was why Outdoors Activities Adviser Carol Selwyn-Jones

and her team were working so hard with the regulations and qualifications and why the Chief Commissioner's two younger sons ran in the London Marathon to raise cash.

'I think back to those girls at the Crystal Palace in 1909,' said Dr Paterson-Brown. 'They were willing to stand up and be counted. Can the same be said of us today? Do we have the same charisma, the same vibrance, the same pioneering spirit? Could we create a Guide International Service today if we had to? Of course we could!'

The Association's 750,000 girls and women in this country had a powerful voice she declared, then asked, 'But are we saying and doing enough? There was so much to say about the advancement of girls and women alone. The Chief Commissioner added: 'Our Outreach, Primary Health Care, and PolioPlus Projects are fine — but they are only the start and we must never stop seeking new fields in which to work. The year had closed with the Association looking positively to the future. 'We are ideally placed to help the girls and women of this country as no other organisation can,' said Dr Paterson-Brown. 'We must get on and do it.'

The Chief Commissioner thanked all the volunteers and staff who had worked so hard during the year.

Before reviewing the year, the Chief Commissioner had given delegates some items of news. The Silver Fish Award to Deputy Chief Commissioner Anne Dunford, the expected completion of modernisation work on CHQ — early in 1990, and the latest on the new uniform designed by Jeff Banks. It would be April 1990 before the uniforms — previewed on *The Clothes Show* on TV — would be available and they would be phased in 'over a period of three years or more.' Dr Paterson-Brown thanked Mr Banks and also Clive Dibben and Research Services who collated more than 10,000 questionnaires on the uniform. All gave their services free.

The Chief Commissioner also paid tribute to Princess Margaret's keen involvement 'in all that we do'. As President of the Association, Princess Margaret continued to entertain Queen's Guides to tea at Kensington Palace after presenting them with their brooches. She had also opened the City of Dundee Outdoor Centre in Perthshire and a District Scout and Guide HQ in Quedgely in Gloucestershire. Dr Paterson-Brown added, 'On behalf of us all I should like to thank our President for her unfailing interest, support, and guidance.'



A King helped to shape events which led to the formation of the Scout and Guide Movements. It was a historic moment recounted by Betty Clay when she chaired the Association's 66th annual general meeting.

She told the Princess Royal that King Edward VII — the Princess's great-great-grandfather — had 'urged my father to retire from the Army in order to devote his time fully to promoting Scouting, as being the most valuable service that he could give to his country.'

She went on: 'With your great concern and work for children, particularly those in distress, you must feel encouraged on your travels to see Scouts and Guides, one-and-a-half million of them in this country, still giving that most valuable service to their country and to the world.'

Mrs Clay told the meeting of her visit, in April, to Hong Kong where a pageant of 16,000 young people was dominated by a vast portrait of her mother, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell. 'Those children, who had been rehearsing for over a year, will remember that they took part in the Centenary of the World Chief Guide,' she said.

Memories of her mother, she told the meeting, were constantly cropping up in various quarters...

In Oxfordshire, she had been reminded of her mother's distinctive, multiple handshake — 'where two or three people put out their hands together and then she could shake hands all along the line with two or three people at a time.'

Then, from out of Africa, came a letter from a Guider who wrote: 'She was the inspiration for Guiding, always smiling encouragement and ready to do anything to spur us on to keep going.'

Mrs Clay quoted a World Association circular which said: 'As time passes, memories and writing and pictures may fade, but within the World Association the name Olave Baden-Powell will not be forgotten.'

## BUDGETING FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

A year of 'considerable achievement and progress in so many directions' was reflected in the Association's finances, said the treasurer, Peter Lloyd-Owen, when he presented the audited accounts to the meeting.

Resources had been applied, he said, not only to day-to-day services in support of the Association's wide range of activities, but also to long-term investment 'vital to the future of Guiding'.

Mr Lloyd-Owen said that through 34 annual subscriptions and support

# WHAT A KING TOLD THE FOUNDER



Betty Clay recalls memories of the World Chief Guide.

for the Association's own trading service, members had contributed nearly 90 per cent of the regular income to headquarters.

There were also continued Government grants and an exceptionally high level of legacies and donations, which had benefited both the Endowment Fund and the Trust and Special Funds.

A 'significant' increase in operating costs over and above the effects of inflation was recorded 'as the implementation of the Forward Plan gained momentum.'

However, said Mr Lloyd-Owen, there was still a 'satisfactory' operating surplus which, together with funds from other sources, was essential to improve property and equipment, for additions to Endowment Fund

investments, and for working capital requirements. 'These are part of our long-term investment in the future,' he said.

The treasurer referred to the current modernisation of the CHQ building — the Association's 'most valuable material asset.' The substantial cost was being drawn from reserves set aside during several years.

Meanwhile, Mr Lloyd-Owen continued, development of the Forward Plan went on 'while inflation, regrettably, appears likely to remain with us for the foreseeable future.' To ensure adequate funding for future objectives, the Executive Committee had decided to increase the annual subscription to headquarters by 25p to £3.

Mr Lloyd-Owen paid tribute to the service, goodwill, loyalty, dedication, and enthusiasm of Association members. And he told the meeting: 'The value of Guiding to you depends on what you intend to do with it, the opportunities you mean to grasp and the challenges you are prepared to meet.'

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Communications Division at CHQ.

## ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

The following were elected: (to serve from May 14, 1989, until the 1992 AGM):

**Lady Beevor** (elected by The Council); **Hilary (Billy) Everett** (elected by London and South East England); **Jacqueline Goddard** (Anglia); **Marjorie Godden** (South West England); **Ruth Griffith** (Wales); **Lois Loudon** (re-elected by The Council); **Helen Lunt** (North East England); **Frances Moffitt** (re-elected by Ulster); **Gillian Robertson** (Scotland); **Anne Thompson** (North West England); **Constance Topping** (nominated by the Commissioner for Branch Associations); **Sheila Watson** (Midlands).

At the Extraordinary meeting of The Council on February 16, it was agreed that no members of The Council would be elected to the Executive Committee at the 1989 and 1990 AGMs and that the matter would be reviewed at the 1990 autumn Council Meeting.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Treasurer Peter Lloyd-Owen came up with this splendid plea to Guiding people everywhere: 'May I please ask that more of you — many more of you — do subscribe to and read the excellent magazines which are published by the Association specially for you.'



# PROGRAMME DIARY

## FUTURE TRAININGS

### ADVANCED WALKING SAFELY

GLENBROOK:

November 10-12 1989

March 16-18 1990

November 16-18 1990

Have you reached the Advanced Stages of the Walking Safely Scheme? If so, these courses may be for you. Each weekend can be tailor-made for those attending so as to help you practise navigation, give experience in group leadership, improve your own walking skills or help in any other part of the syllabus.

On these weekends of the year we hope that the weather is not too good so that you can experience poor conditions and visibility in difficult country under skilled leadership.

### ARTS TEAM

WADDOW:

December 8-10 1989

Trainers: R Brown

P Dalton

S Steele

This weekend will provide an opportunity to share ideas with those who have a similar role in other Divisions and Counties. Arts Advisers, Assistant Arts Advisers, Consultants and Secretaries of Arts Committees are welcome and also Programme and Training Advisers/Chairmen with a concern for this area of the Programme.

The sessions will include opportunities to explore aspects of the Arts at your own level; probably textiles, words and movement and making your own music. Arts weekends have an atmosphere of friendship and sharing in the joy of creating activities. Additional sessions will explore the management of the Arts. How do you encour-

age the creative progress of the individual? What are the best ways of using the creative resources of the wider community? How can members of an Arts Team support one another? Why do we need an Arts Team in the context of the whole

share experiences and problems with other leaders. A Christmas theme will run throughout the weekend.

Come and join us — what about filling a minibus from two or three different units in your Division or County.



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Programme? Are the Arts a soft option or a real adventure into creativity? (This weekend is not for those who want a soft option!)

If you would like to join the search for answers to these and other questions please apply. TRY to come as a team so that the weekend can continue back home.

### INSITE

FOXLEASE:

December 1-3 1989

This weekend is planned to help you work together to extend your unit's programme as well as helping you to explore the working of a Unit Committee.

Leaders at the weekend will have the opportunity to observe and learn from seeing unit members planning, discussing, organising and, hopefully, developing in confidence to use the skills acquired. You will also have the chance to

Don't forget you can try and apply for financial support from your local Youth Service to help pay for a weekend such as this.

### EXPERIENCED GUIDERS

FOXLEASE:

November 10-12 1989

Trainers: C Hughes

F Lamb

WADDOW:

November 14-16 1989

Trainers: D Bayley

E Suddes

November 24-26 1989

These weekend and midweek trainings are aimed at Guiders who have held a warrant for five years or more and who wish to explore aspects of running a unit and operating the Programme in depth.

There will be opportunities to get up-to-date with changes in the Programme, extend your Guiding skills and to share experience and problems with other

experienced Guiders. Topics to be covered will include the whole Programme from Rainbows to Rangers and Young Leaders, using your team and issues of the day. Your requests will also be incorporated, so specify any subjects you want covered when you apply.

### ADULT LEADERSHIP SCHEME STAGE III

FOXLEASE:

November 10-12 1989

WADDOW:

November 14-16 1989

Trainer: R Boocock

November 24-26 1989

Trainer: S Bamber

Stage Three of the Adult Leadership Scheme requires that we should extend our Guiding skills. One way of doing this is by attending a course at a GGA centre. These weekend and midweek trainings will provide an opportunity to experiment with a long cherished interest and many opportunities will be available. There will also be a session concentrating on extending understanding of the Promise.

### PORTFOLIO

FOXLEASE:

October 13-15 1989

Trainers: K Roberts

W Redman

Portfolio is now established as one of the methods of training within parts of both the independent voluntary and statutory sectors of the Youth Service. The GGA has piloted this as a method of helping some members to gain a Training Licence qualification, and will continue to explore the value of the approach with this and other groups involved in undertaking training.

This weekend is aimed



at Country/Region and County Programme and Training Advisers/Chairmen, Trainers, Tutors and those working in a supervisory role in Voluntary Youth Organisations or the Statutory Sector and will provide an opportunity to explore more closely the building of a 'Portfolio' over a weekend.

During the weekend you will find out about the 'starting from strengths' approach to training, to have experience of starting to build a 'Portfolio', to look at material produced to support the approach, to discuss ways in which a 'Portfolio' approach can be developed in a variety of settings and to share the experience with trainers from other Voluntary Youth Organisations and the Statutory Sector.

## WORKING THE PROGRAMME WITH YOUR UNIT

### WADDOW:

**January 19-21 1990**

(Brownie and Guide Guiders)

**March 23-25 1990**

(Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders)

### FOXLEASE:

**October 6-8 1989**

(Brownie Guiders)

**June 8-10 1990**

(Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders)

**November 2-4 1990**

(Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders)

Run out of ideas to introduce to your Brownies, Guides and Rangers? Having difficulty with some of the skills relating to the Programme? Why not come to a *Working the Programme with Your Unit?*

There will be an opportunity to try your hand at a large number of different activities with prepared notes and instructions for you to take away.

There will be lots of help for everyone and a chance to exchange skills, ideas and problems whatever your experience.

## PROSPECTIVE TRAINERS

### FOXLEASE:

**October 6-8 1989**

Trainers: E French  
S Brown

**January 26-28 1990**

### WADDOW:

**October 26-28 1990**

An ideal opportunity for all those who have already begun the process of becoming a Training Licence Holder to meet other Guiders in a similar situation from throughout the UK.

The weekend will provide valuable training sessions taken by experienced trainers, with the bonus of being able to discover the wide range of facilities Foxlease and Waddow have to offer.

## CAMP AND PACK HOLIDAY ADVISERS

### WADDOW:

**November 10-12 1989**

Trainers: A Lampson  
H Merrington

Have you ever felt that you do not have the skills necessary to promote camping and Pack Holidays? This weekend is aimed at those Advisers who feel that they need help in this area. Many other topics will be covered including ways of easing the transition from Pack Holiday to camp.

## DISTRICT TEAM

### FOXLEASE:

**January 12-14 1990**

**June 1-3 1990**

**October 25-28 1990**

### WADDOW:

**July 13-15 1990**

**September 7-9 1990**

"You are not born with group skills, nor do they magically appear when you need them. You have to learn them." *Joining Together* by Johnson and Johnson.

The District is one of the most important groupings within Guiding and these training sessions will concentrate on the benefits

that can be gained from working together.

It will provide an opportunity to look afresh at the day to day activity of local Guiding and enable the District to make plans and carry out future projects.

It is an ideal chance to get to know each other in a relaxed, happy atmosphere and to exchange all those ideas, skills, problems and experiences. Working as a team can be fun and the support engendered lasts for many years to come.

District Commissioners

are asked to bring a group of Guiders from all sections in the District and of all levels of experience. If the District has no Ranger Unit invite the Ranger Guider of the Unit which serves your District.

Foxlease, June 1-3 and Waddow, July 13-15 will have a special emphasis on the out-of-doors.

**To apply for any of the training weekends mentioned, apply to the Guider-in-Charge at the appropriate centre enclosing an £8 deposit and an SAE.**

## TRAINING DATES

### FOXLEASE

#### OCTOBER

**6-8** 1. Prospective Trainers

2. Working the Programme With Your Unit (Brownie Guiders)

#### NOVEMBER

**10-12** 1. Adult Leadership Scheme Stage III

2. Experienced Guiders

#### DECEMBER

**1-3** Insite: on a Christmas Theme

### WADDOW

#### SEPTEMBER

**2-4** Staff Reunion

**8-10** Working the Programme With Your Unit (Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders)

#### NOVEMBER

**10-12** 1. Tutors Weekend

2. Camp and Pack Holiday Advisers

**14-16** 1. Adult Leadership Scheme Stage III

2. Experienced Guiders  
**24-26** 1. Adult Leadership Scheme Stage III  
2. Experienced Guiders

#### DECEMBER

**8-10** Arts Weekend

Please note that Prospective Trainers, December 1-3, has been cancelled.

### GLENBROOK

#### SEPTEMBER

**27-1 October** Canoeing/Caving/Climbing

#### OCTOBER

**20-22** Young Leaders, their Guiders and Advisers

#### NOVEMBER

**10-12** Advanced Walking Safety

**For full details of future trainings please send an SAE to the Guider-in-Charge of the appropriate centre.**

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#### GLENBROOK

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## WADDOW

### DECEMBER

29-Jan 2 New Year

### JANUARY

12-14 North West England  
19-21 1 Development Group  
2 Working the Programme With Your Unit (Brownie and Guide Guiders)  
26-28 Greater Manchester West

### FEBRUARY

2-4 Lancashire South East  
9-11 Cheshire Forest  
16-18 Insite  
23-25 Commissioners

### MARCH

2-4 Lancashire West  
9-11 1 Junior Council  
2 CHO Training Team  
16-18 North East England  
23-25 Working the Programme With Your Unit (Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders)  
Mar. 30-April 1 Leicestershire

### APRIL

6-8 Bedfordshire  
12-17 Hilite on Patrols  
20-22 Lancashire South  
27-29 West Mercia

### MAY

4-6 Essex West  
11-13 Oxfordshire  
18-20 Midlands  
25-27 Family Weekend

### JUNE

1-3 Merseyside  
8-11 Friends of Waddow  
15-17 Nottinghamshire  
22-24 1 Guiders with Girls of Other Faiths  
2 Rainbow Weekend  
June 29-July 1 North Tyneside

### JULY

6-8 1 CCAs and CIAs  
2 BGIFC Trainers  
13-15 District Team (Outdoor Bias)  
20-24 Guiders with their Guides, Rangers/Young

Leaders  
July 27- Aug 3 Walking at Waddow

### AUGUST

4-11 Waddow Adventure Week  
16-30 Holiday Period

### SEPTEMBER

7-9 District Team  
14-16 Cleveland  
21-23 North West England  
28-30 Derbyshire

### OCTOBER

5-7 North Yorkshire South  
12-14 West Yorkshire South  
19-21 Lancashire Border  
26-28 1 Tutors  
2 Prospective Trainers  
3 For Those Involved in Training Guiders: Ranger/Guide/YL  
Topic: 14+

### NOVEMBER

2-4 North East England  
9-11 Lancashire North West  
16-18 Warwickshire  
23-25 Cumbria North  
Nov. 30-Dec 2 1 Music in the Programme  
2 Community Development

### DECEMBER

7-9 Ranger/Young Leader Advisers/Consultants/Commissioner  
Topic: 14+

## FOXLEASE

### DECEMBER

28-Jan 2 New Year

### JANUARY

12-14 District Team  
19-21 Guildford Division  
26-28 1 Tutors  
2 Prospective Trainers

### FEBRUARY

2-4 Esher Division  
9-11 Worcestershire  
16-18 Insite  
23-25 Sussex East

### MARCH

2-4 Essex North East  
9-11 International Opportunities  
16-18 1 Heart of the Matter  
2 CHO Training Team  
23-25 London North West  
March 30-April 1 South West England

### APRIL

6-8 1 First Aid Course  
2 Placid Water Skills II  
12-17 12+ Outdoor Adventure Time  
20-22 Adult Leadership Scheme: Stage III, Clause II, Camp Skills  
27-29 Arts

### MAY

4-6 Middlesex East  
11-13 1 Rainbow

2 Rutland  
18-20 Hertfordshire  
25-29 Family Period

### JUNE

1-3 District Team (Outdoor Bias)  
8-10 Working the Programme With Your Unit (Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders)  
15-17 Cornwall  
21-26 Friends of Foxlease  
June 29-July 1 Surrey West

### JULY

6-8 1 Science and Technology  
2 District Commissioners  
13-15 CHO Training Team  
July 21-Aug 4 Holiday Time

### AUGUST

11-19 Summer School  
22-25 Pursue a Hobby  
Aug 29-Sept 2 Out and About at Foxlease

### SEPTEMBER

7-9 For Those Involved in Training Guiders: Ranger/Guide/YL  
Topic: 14+  
14-16 Midlands  
21-23 Lincolnshire South  
28-30 Kent East

### OCTOBER

5-7 Northamptonshire  
12-14 Dorset  
19-21 South West England  
26-28 District Team

### NOVEMBER

2-4 Working the Programme With Your Unit (Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders)  
9-11 Avon South  
16-18 Ranger/Young Leader Advisers/Consultants/Commissioner  
Topic: 14+ Somerset  
23-25 Nov. 30-Dec 2 Wiltshire South

## GLENBROOK

### JANUARY

19-21 Instructors

### MARCH

16-18 Advanced Walking Safely

### MAY

4-6 Walking for Ranger/D of E/QGS Intermediate

### JUNE

15-17 Leicestershire  
22-24 Canoeing/Climbing/Caving

### SEPTEMBER

14-16 1 For Those Involved in Training Guiders: Ranger/Guide/YL  
Topic: 14+  
2 Caving/Climbing/Canoeing (concentrating on BCU Qualification Testing)  
21-23 Midlands

### OCTOBER

12-14 Walking for all including the family  
26-28 Ranger/Young Leader Advisers/Consultants/Commissioner  
Topic: 14+

### NOVEMBER

16-18 Advanced Walking Safely

See Programme Diary on Page 35/36 for addresses of the Training Centres.



Glenbrook

SANDY EVERITT

# TRAINING CALENDAR 1990



## HOW TO DO...

# FANCY DYEING

A dyeing session may be a lifesaver for any wardrobe, perking up the colour of an old and faded dress, or giving a new lease of life to that off-white-with-a-blue-tinge T-shirt you've had lying around for months.

But dyeing can also be a crafty way of giving the girls a chance to use their imaginations. And the different techniques are ideal for any Guider, as they can be adapted to suit girls of all ages.

## DYES

The most economical dye is a cold water dye, like Dylon's Cold Water Dye. It costs about £1 for a five gram tin but you'll also need a Fixer. Dylon Natural Fabric Dye is a little more costly, but the fixer is incorporated in the dye. Cold dyes tend to produce better results when experimenting with different techniques.

Whichever dye you choose, you should use a bucket or bowl big enough to ensure free movement of your articles. Apart from that, you will need a spoon, some salt, and plenty of water.

Natural fabrics absorb dye well. But combination fabrics, for example part polyester, part cotton, can be dyed to give a pastel effect because only the cotton takes up the dye. Fabric for dyeing should be white or a pale pastel to produce the best results.

Make sure that you and the girls are wearing some sort of protective overalls over clothes or uniforms — dye and fabric paint are difficult to remove.

## BATIK

The art of batik can prove a bit fiddly for Brownies but is suitable for Guides and Rangers. It does involve hot wax so obviously care must be taken.

38 Batik is an ancient

method of creating designs on fabric, using wax and a cold water dye. The parts of the fabric which get 'waxed' resist the dye and remain the colour of the natural fabric.

The wax can be splashed, dotted, striped, stencilled — the possibilities are almost endless.

If a particular pattern or design is desired, for example a trefoil, then the design

you can apply more wax, and follow the dyeing procedure again, or just remove the wax either by ironing the article between two wads of newspaper or boiling in detergent washes. The article should then be washed and ironed dry.

## TIE DYEING

This method is a lot easier than batik, but just as effective. By tying a T-shirt at

dry. The girls will enjoy making their own special wrapping paper this way.

## MICRODYEING

This isn't something you can do with the girls at a meeting, not unless you are lucky enough to have a microwave stashed away at your meeting place! But the girls could try at home, if they are working for their Craft badge.

The advantage of microdyeing is that it is very quick. T-shirts are an ideal subject to be transformed but, whatever garment is used, it must not have any metal attached, like zips or buttons.

Dylon Natural Fabric Dye is ideal for this method. A pint of water should gradually be added to the dye in a small bowl. Then the T-shirt should be scrunched into a ball and placed in the bowl. Once the bowl is covered, the T-shirt can be cooked on full power for four minutes.

Keeping the T-shirt well scrunched, it should be rinsed under the cold tap until the water runs clear.

When experimenting with dyes, why stick with fabrics? Many white or pale flowers, like carnations or marguerites can be dyed unusual colours. To do this, Dylon Cold Dye should be dissolved in warm water, and two teaspoons of glycerine added.

When the solution is cool, the flower stems can be placed in the dye and, after about an hour, the colour will begin to appear on the petals. The final depth of the shade depends on how long the flowers are left in the dye.

Why stop at flowers — dried grasses, feathers, even egg shells can take the plunge and emerge a shade brighter.

JUSTINE CHATTING



Justine shows off her microdyed T-shirt.

needs to be outlined with a very soft pencil (about 6b) on the fabric.

The wax, ordinary candle or paraffin wax, has to be quite hot so that it appears transparent when brushed on to the fabric.

As wax is inflammable, the best way to heat it up is on an electric hotplate — it can be put in a saucepan or deep heatproof dish. The wax can be applied with an ordinary bristle brush.

The instructions on how to mix up the dye will be on the packet. Once you have done this, you need to add enough cold water to cover your article. It should be left for one hour, and then rinsed thoroughly in cold water.

Once it has dripped dry,

random with string, and placing it in dye as before, a totally original design can be created. To create stripes, the fabric should be folded into a narrow strip and bound at regular intervals. A marbled effect is easily achieved by scrunching and binding with string.

For a cheaper alternative, try tie-dyeing paper. By folding the paper into pleats, squares, or simply twisting or scrunching, ordinary paper can be transformed. The edge of the tied paper should be dipped in the dye for a few seconds and blotted between wads of newspaper. You can use several colours if you like. Once satisfied with the final design, you can remove the string and iron



# RAINBOW GUIDERS

## PROGRAMME PAGES

### RAINBOW ROUNABOUT

All over the country, Rainbow Guide Units are springing up and existing Units are still feeling their way, trying out new ideas and activities with their girls. Here Rainbow Guiders from West Yorkshire West describe their first big event.

It all started at our first meeting for Rainbow Guiders in the New Year. As there were quite a few new Guiders, our Adviser asked us to split into two groups. The new Guiders discussed Rainbow Guide policies, while we more experienced Guiders were asked to exchange programme ideas.

After an hour spent chatting, we had not only passed on our experiences but also discovered a shared enthusiasm for organising a County Rainbow Guide get-together. We decided it should be called Rainbow Roundabout, as suggested by one Guider.

Out went the first letters to all 12 Units in the West Yorkshire West Area. What a response! At first count, 148 Rainbows all wanted to join in the fun.

Obviously working out a programme that could keep 200 Rainbow Guides occupied (yes, the numbers kept on growing as new Units formed) turned out to be a major task. We needed plenty of activities. The ideas came swarming in. One great advantage was that the Rainbow Roundabout was to be the day before Mothering Sunday. So it was decided the main focus of the afternoon should be making gifts for mothers.

Each Rainbow would make a Teddy Bear brooch for herself and heart-shaped boxes with sweets to put in



LYN M. BROOMAN

them for her mum, as well as a pot pourri sachet. The girls would also make a shaker to be used as a musical instrument for the 'sing-along' scheduled for later that afternoon. And, to work off any spare energy, country dancing was also arranged.

The big day arrived. A quiet church hall in the centre of Halifax soon came to life, as eager Rainbow Guides started to arrive. What a picture they made as all 200 congregated in the main hall. There were red, yellow, violet, blue and orange tabards everywhere.

After an introduction by our County Adviser and greetings for the Rainbow Guides from our County Commissioner, it was all systems go. Rainbow Guides with bright eyes and smiling faces went bobbing in and out of rooms, hands full of the goodies they had made. Then came the big highlight of the afternoon. A buzz went around the hall: 'The magician has arrived'. How he managed to keep all the

Rainbow Guides enthralled and involved was truly amazing.

At the picnic teatime, sandwiches and orange juice went flying everywhere, but no one seemed to go home hungry.

Time, too, was flying and soon we had reached the sing-along, arranged by two musically-talented Guiders before we sang *The Goodbye Song*. Then 200 exhausted, but happy, Rainbow Guides went home, leaving behind Guiders and helpers. We still don't know who were more

tired.

Who would have thought all this could follow a simple conversation! Roll on our next Rainbow Guiders' meeting.

● Obviously the Rainbow Guides had a wonderful time. And like all well-brought up girls, they wrote their thank you letters. Aimee, on behalf of the girls from 1st West Vale District, summed it all up: 'Dear all, Thank you for having us and helping us to make things. I liked making the sweets!'





# GETTING OUT AROUND YOUR VILLAGE

Those of you who are lucky enough to live in a village have lots of opportunities to try out many types of activity. It is easy to take for granted all the facilities available and sometimes we need to awaken the girls' interest in what is close at hand. The out-of-doors is there to be enjoyed and explored, whenever the weather is right, in all the seasons of the year.

Before planning your activities, remember to ask permission to use fields, woods and access points. Also consider the boundaries you will use and, of course, the safety aspects when near water and roads and so on.

A simple activity that can be adapted for all sections is a picture trail; it may need a little preparation for the Brownie Pack, but Guide Patrols and Rangers can plan and draw their own trail and challenge others to solve it.

Starting from the village hall, the first clue will be a drawing; it could be a holly tree or any well known

landmark. The second clue could show church gates, and so on, depending on what is to be found in your particular spot.

The trail should finally lead back to the hall, or other appointed place. Each Six/Patrol could collect a piece of coloured wool hidden at each spot — or a message in written Morse code which would continue the fun by asking for an item to be found or a further activity undertaken.

Another favourite is a Quickie Survey. You have just landed here from space and the girls are part of the advance party that must go outside the spaceship and discover what this land has to offer. They have only a short time to see what four-legged creatures are around and anything else with two legs, vegetation and so on. You can always make this a little more exciting by drawing animals and birds and cutting them out of cardboard and hiding them in advance around the site.

Have you ever conducted

a Hedgerow Survey? Try to find a hedgerow that has not been cut down low, and which is irregular in line. Begin your survey by trying to date the hedge using Dr Max Hooper's system: first measure off a 33 foot stretch and count the species of shrubs growing there. If only one species is found, the hedge will be around 100 years old; if there are two, the hedge was planted 200 years ago; if three, 300 and so on.

Remember, the smaller common plants of the hedge — brambles, nettles and so on — don't count. Once you have dated your hedge, go on to find out the inhabitants of your marked stretch, looking at the top, in the middle and below, and keep a record of the happenings throughout the year.

**Churchyard Quest:** Remember first to ask permission to explore the church and churchyard, both fascinating places. Try asking the girls to find the oldest headstone, make

a collection of epitaphs or take wax rubbings of the intricate carvings and make those into a collection.

Can they find out the age of the church and if it has lots of interesting features like stained glass windows, sculptures and so on? Perhaps they could devise a church guide for visitors, setting out the various points of interest or compile a quiz which visitors can follow while exploring the church — perhaps the unit could do this as a service for the church. Why not make a copy of one of the stained glass windows using black paper and coloured tissue paper?

If your church is open and has a visitors' book, why not ask to borrow it one evening and produce a map showing where all the visitors came from over a given period. This could lead on to exploring Guiding in other countries and other parts of the UK.

**Select a Spot:** One evening plan and go out and draw, paint or take photo-

Great Guiding in the  
out of doors.



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graphs of the village beauty spots and then hold a Company competition, perhaps this could provide a theme for an open evening. Villagers could be asked to judge or vote for the most attractive local beauty spot. If you've opted for photographs, maybe one could be turned into a postcard and used to help raise money for the community.

While out and about you may spot a corner or space that your unit could 'adopt'. You could either take on the task of keeping it tidy or maybe turn it into a garden or pleasant place for people to look at and enjoy. This, too, could be part of service for the community. Another idea is to deal with litter on a regular basis in and around the hall.

Service that is meaningful can be difficult to find in rural areas, but don't forget your local church may have links with missionaries who would welcome help. Chat



Help me slip my jacket on and let's get going!

to your local clergy, perhaps they know of someone who would come and talk

about their work to the group and give you ideas of the kind of help that is

most needed.

There are lots of activities that groups can do by making use of the natural materials available. Collages using leaves and interestingly shaped twigs and stones can be effective.

Of course, one of the most exciting activities for a rural unit is planning how to make a visit to the nearest big city or place of interest. There are lots of decisions to make: how to travel; will the times of the post bus fit in with the service buses at the other end; will there be enough time to do everything; what food should be taken; where to visit first; will it be a large group or Patrol? After the visit the next task is to make a picture record to keep or display at an open evening or maybe it could be the start of a scrapbook of the Pack/Company's travels and activities.

PAULINE BROWN

# GUIDERS!

Supplement the handbooks by giving each Six or Patrol their own copies of Brownie or Today's Guide magazine.

Each is packed with things for Brownies or Guides to do and make either as groups or as individuals.

## BROWNIE AND TODAY'S GUIDE

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# BROWNIE GUIDERS PROGRAMME PAGES

## USING OUR RESOURCES

Do you buy **BROWNIE**? Do your Brownies buy it? Do they even know of its existence? The only way most Brownies will hear that there is a magazine for them is through YOU. The circulation is not as big as we would like, so it isn't possible to have it available for 'impulse buyers' at local newsagents. That means **BROWNIE** has to be ordered.

This puts quite a responsibility on you, because after all you are the Association's advertising agent. However, since you have been doing the job for some time when you publicise the Handbooks, uniforms and so on, the extra task shouldn't present you with too many difficulties! But, somehow, when it comes to interesting Brownies in their own magazine, we seem to fall down on the job. Brownies who have seen the new, revamped **BROWNIE** love it.

The masthead on the front page reminds us that **BROWNIE** is 'for Brownie Guides aged 7-11 and their Guiders'. Perhaps, if we made more visible use of **BROWNIE**, we would do a better job of 'selling' it. There are sections that are obviously aimed at an individual, but what is a Brownie Pack but a collection of individuals?

There are items in it for everyone. If you need convincing let us take a look at some recent issues. First and foremost (on the front cover and again inside) is the girls' heroine, Super Brownie.

Often the storyline is a fun way of putting over the message from one of the Eight Points. Super Brownie can do things that are impossible really, but the stuff of which girls' dreams are made.

The theme running through April 6's **BROWNIE** was ponies. Super Brownie and her friends, Laura and Jane, went pony trekking and rescued a stranded pony.

There is also a quiz to test how much the girls know about ponies. And, of course, looking up the answers they don't know helps them learn more.

In that issue the centre spread shows some of the different types of ponies that are native to either England, Scotland, Northern and Southern Ireland or Wales.

It is just the sort of double page feature that any horse-mad young girl would love to pin up on her bedroom wall.

You could create a game out of the feature by cutting out the ponies and asking the girls to guess their names and pin them on a map near where they originate.

But, for any girls who aren't interested in ponies — are there any? — there were amazing facts from Wise Owl, a fun recipe and instructions on how to make a denim purse.

Sometimes the message to be got across is clear cut. **BROWNIE** for May 18, contained — in the comic-style format — a serious warning about water safety. Indeed, the whole issue had a watery theme.

In June 1's **BROWNIE** there is a super idea to help the new Brownie working on the *Promise Badge Book* — a cut-out doll with Brownie uniform to colour in and cut out. This is an interesting way to deal with 'know about your uniform' and is *much* more fun for a seven-year-old than any amount of chat about what goes in the wash and what gets brushed.

Are you nervous about

the international aspects of Brownie Guiding? Don't be — **BROWNIE** can help. In June 1's issue you are supplied with facts about France and Guiding in France, plus a French story. This is one of an occasional series that provides you with programme ideas on an international theme.

There are usually games, recipes or craft ideas, which mean that items from other countries can be brought into an 'ordinary' Brownie meeting with no fuss, or can be saved up for a 'special' evening, if you file all the material.

Often the theme chosen for a particular issue could give you a theme for a meeting or provide you with material for your Brownies to use in a challenge.

The issue for June 15 has a lot about animals and butterflies, including the story of Noah's Ark — this might inspire a Brownie who needs to write a prayer.

There is also a Quest Quiz on different religions. Done in Sixes, this could provide you with a starting point for an opportunity to think about doing our Duty to God. This kind of item can be copied\* (without the answers!).

Perhaps what you fear is technology? **BROWNIE** can help you there too. In the editions for May 18 and June 15 there are experiments to try. These could be tested in Sixes; with groups or with individuals. As always, remember that you don't have to be an expert in everything, our publications are there to help you.

Have you thought about actually buying enough copies of **BROWNIE** out of Pack funds to have one per Six? It could go the rounds among the girls, especially if they all go to the same

school. You could find one or more of the girls get fed up waiting her turn and decides to buy her own!

Another advertising gimmick — and a good way to win yourself a few minutes peace — is to take along your own back numbers. If you can manage, make it one per Brownie, but certainly try one or two per Six. Each Six is challenged to find at least two ideas, which they would like to follow up somehow in the Pack. They can choose whatever appeals, either a craft, a story, an idea for a challenge, an Interest badge, an idea for a venture...

Another way to encourage interest is to get your Brownies to write to the Editor. Imagine the thrill of seeing their own Pack name in print! Interesting letters about events, poems, and clear photographs of Brownies actually *doing* things are always welcome.

Copies of **BROWNIE** have to be ordered, either from your own newsagent (50p every two weeks) or direct from Subscriptions, Financial Services Division, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT. By mail for one year **BROWNIE** costs £16.64 or £22.88 (Overseas) or £16.64 (BFO), which includes postage. It's not a lot of money for such a useful publication.

● Bearing in mind the cost of photocopying, it is often cheaper to buy the full number of magazines you require. That way you have the material in full colour.

**Don't forget to order **BROWNIE** from your local newsagent for your girls. The magazine is a supplement to their handbook.**



# JUST HOW TO FOLD AND HOIST A FLAG

Many Guide Companies start their weekly meetings with a Colour Ceremony. If it is one of the Patrol duties on a Company rota, it provides plenty of regular practice in knot-tying for Yellow Trefoil Guides and helps develop self-confidence for those who form the Colour Party.

## FOLDING AND ROLLING THE FLAG

Flags come in different sizes but they are all folded in the same basic way. First learn the names of the various parts of the flag and flagpole (Figure 1). Now practise folding the flag following the various steps in Figure 2. When folding and rolling, remember to keep the strop corner on the outside of the roll at every stage.

## HOISTING THE FLAG

Untie the halyard from the cleat and tie a clove hitch in one end (Figure 3). Slip the clove hitch over the toggle and pull the end of the halyard tight. Use the other end of the halyard to tie a sheet bend in the loop at the end of the strop (Figure 4). Gently hoist the rolled flag to the top of the flagpole, always remembering to send the toggle up first (Figure 5). Be careful not to pull on the sheet bend or the flag will unfurl before it reaches the top. Fasten the ends of the halyard around the cleat, leaving the sheet bend end slack enough to pull.

The folding and hoisting of the flag can all be done before the ceremony begins. This way Patrols have the opportunity to teach newer members just how the job is done, and there is no assembled Company to watch fumbling fingers and to laugh at mistakes.

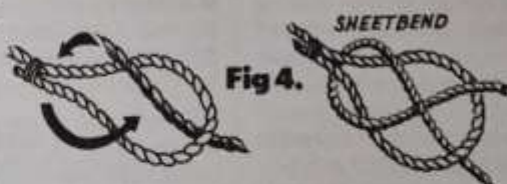
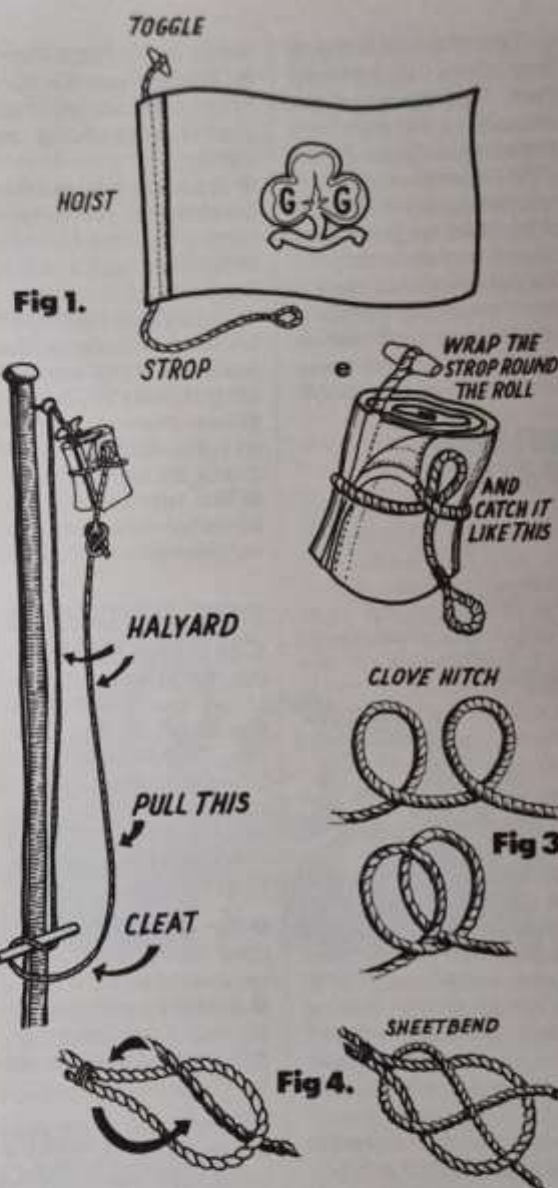
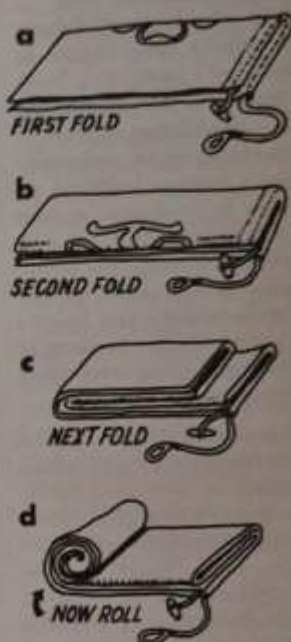


Fig 2.



## BREAKING THE FLAG

When the Company is assembled, the Colour Party marches to the flagpole. The Guide in the middle steps forward and gives a sharp tug on the sheet bend end of the halyard. As the flag breaks, the Company salutes. The slack of the halyard is wound around the cleat. The Guide steps back into place and marches her Colour Party away.

## LOWERING THE FLAG

The procedure for lowering the flag is quite simple as it follows the above steps in reverse. To prevent the flag from trailing on the ground, the Guide puts it over her left shoulder as it is being lowered. She unties the knots with the flag in this position. Always wind the ends of the halyard around the cleat, and re-fold the flag before putting it away.



# GUIDE GUIDERS PROGRAMME PAGES

## SETTLING IN

How good is *your* Company at helping new Guides to settle in? Coming to a Guide meeting for the first time can be a bewildering experience: new faces, jargon, ceremonial and Company traditions do little to welcome a new member to the fold. Yet, with a little forethought and preparation on your behalf, the first few weeks of a new Guide's Guiding life can be some of the most exciting of her whole first year.

Your new Guide may be completely new to the Movement.

Ensure that you or her new Patrol take time to tell the new Guide all their experiences, adventures, challenges and activities in the past year: this would act as an introduction to Guiding jargon.

## VISITING THE COMPANY

For a Brownie who has no connections with her future Guide Company, the move up to Guides can present a daunting prospect. Some girls have older sisters to pave the way; others have school friends who have already become Guides.

Connections or no connections, the move to Guides can be softened by a well-prepared and well-timed visit to a suitable Guide meeting and, if Brown Owl will come along too, the visit will be all the happier.

Ask Brown Owl to give each prospective new Guide a copy of the *Blue Pocket Book*. This is full of things to find out about Guides and gives the visiting Brownies something to do during the Guide meeting, instead of just standing around feeling conspicuous.

Patrols can invite one or two of the Brownie visitors

to join them for Patrol Time, when they can help them find some of the answers to the questions in their *Blue Pocket Books*.

Play games which will help the visitors to feel part of the team; set a problem-solving activity which can involve everybody; have a short sing-song including lots of songs the Brownies already know and some easily-learned fun songs.

## WHICH PATROL

Once a Brownie has decided she definitely wants to join the Guides, the question arises: Which Patrol? Finding the right Patrol for each new Guide is a decisive factor in the early weeks for, if she is not happy, she will probably leave. Consider the following possibilities:

- Is there a friend the new Guide would like to be with?
- Would two new Guides be happier if they *both* joined the same Patrol?
- Does every Patrol *want* a new Guide?
- Would Brown Owl be able to give some advice if she were invited to a suitable Patrol Leaders' Council?
- Has the Pack Leader any hints to offer?

Remember to consult *all* those concerned, not least the girl herself so that she feels she is joining a group of friends and not merely being 'put' with a Patrol that needs another Guide.

## PART OF THE FAMILY

How do you prepare your Patrols for their new members? A few suggestions at the Patrol Leader's Council could be all that is needed:

- Enter the new Guide's

details in the Patrol File.

- Give the new Guide a Patrol job which will introduce her gently to the Patrol.

- Show the new member the contents of the Patrol Box.

- Tell her about future Patrol plans.

- Do a Patrol 'Getting To Know You' Challenge (see November, 1988 and April, 1989 *TODAY'S GUIDE*).

- Give her some back copies of *TODAY'S GUIDE* to look through at home.

- Tell her about Patrol duties or any Company ceremonial.

## PRE-PROMISE CHALLENGES

Who helps the new Guides to set their Pre-Promise Challenges in *your* Company? The Handbook tells a new Guide that it will be her Patrol. Patrol Leaders will need reminding of this Patrol job. Pre-Promise Challenges can be:

- Something a new Guide does on her own and in her own time.
- Something she does with the rest of the Company.
- Something she does with her Patrol.

Clearly, the more challenges a new Guide completes with her Patrol the sooner that Patrol will accept their new member. Patrols should help a new Guide incorporate any Patrol plans into her Pre-Promise Challenges and, if possible, help her to complete one or two challenges during her very first evening.

It makes sense for the Patrol Leader to sign the new Guide's Pre-Promise Challenge Record, as it encourages an ex-Brownie to see that most of the things she does in Guides will revolve around her Patrol.

By letting the Patrol Leader monitor the new Guide's progress, you are helping *her* to take on responsibility and allowing yourself a little more time for all the other Guides. Everyone should be aiming for a Promise Ceremony in just a few week's time. If you, the new Guide, and the Patrol are all aware of that, the Pre-Promise Challenges will be completed in no time at all.

## PROMISE CEREMONY

The new Guide will have read about the Promise Ceremony in her Handbook, which puts forward such ideas as candle-lit ceremonies, musical, outdoor, or camp fire ceremonies or more formal ceremonies.

The new Guide's Promise Ceremony should be an occasion so important to her that she will never forget it. It therefore follows that she should play a major part in its planning.

Ask the Patrol to discuss the matter with her and encourage them to be as imaginative as possible. Could it be before, after or during some other Guide event on the horizon: Camp, Thinking Day, District Fun Day, for example?

At some stage *before* the Promise Ceremony you will need to talk to the new Guide, of course, to find out what she has done for her Pre-Promise Challenges, to discuss the ceremony and to have a chat about what the Promise means to her — and you. But that's another chapter...

● **TODAY'S GUIDE** is, of course, available by direct subscription from CHQ or by placing a regular order with your local newsagent and not through the Trading Service.



# RANGER GUIDERS

## PROGRAMME PAGES

### TIME TO CHALLENGE

The idea of an individual challenging herself to do the best she can is nowhere more evident than in the Ranger programme.

The word 'Challenge' is there in the Pre-investiture Challenge as well as in the Ranger Challenge itself. The Ranger who decides that she will undertake the Ranger Challenge, having first completed her Pre-investiture Challenge, should find that in many ways the rest of the Unit will become involved too, although she may be the only one working towards completing it.

In planning the Programme for the coming year, it will be important for the Executive to know if anyone is going to need time at Unit meetings to plan a particular event, or share a particular activity with others in the Unit as part of either of the Ranger Challenges, or a certificate, award or qualification. This does not mean that it is necessary to impose starting times or once-a-year decisions on members, but it does open the way for you, and for other members of the Unit Executive to enquire, rather than wait for people to decide that it is time to do something a bit more positive.

### THE RANGER CHALLENGE

**Action:** Read through Pages 41a and 41b of the Ranger Guider file. This sets out clearly the areas of discussion, what must be talked through before the Ranger finally decides what she is going to challenge herself to achieve. It is more usual for a Ranger to take each of the Challenges individually, fitting them into her

own programme at a time when it is most suitable for her, than for her to plan the whole thing at one time. There is no time limit, no common standard to achieve. There is no detailed syllabus for any one section of any of the Challenges.

The whole experience is one of personal decision-making in selecting the activities or experiences; and then of accepting the decision of other people in the assessment of the acceptance of the standards achieved. When members of the Unit are involved in the Ranger Chal-

lenge, there is little need to create 'decision-making situations'. They become an integral part of the real Ranging process.



### WHAT DECISIONS?

The first important decision for the individual Ranger is to tell the Unit that she plans to start on the Challenge. This is important and Rangers really do need to be told this. The Challenge is based on: 'I want to achieve within this activity or that experience — do you as a Unit accept this; will you set me a goal, a standard to work toward?', rather than: 'I've done this, will it count?' Having informed the Unit, the Ranger must choose the activities and experiences

- Why she's chosen that particular activity
- What she is hoping to achieve — what is her aim
- What her plans are — how she is going to set about achieving her aim
- What support she will need from the Unit

- If this activity is to count toward other awards, for example, Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- How she is going to record what she has achieved, or how she is going to bring back to the Unit the experience that she has had.

It is only when you and the Unit have this information that you can set the standard to which each Ranger will work. Always remember that what is a challenge for one person may be really easy for someone else, and so the more that you know each girl, the more accurately you can help the Unit to set achievable, and yet challenging standards.

If, from the information, it seems that this is going

to be little more than a repeat of past achievements, then you really have to give the Rangers the lead in to saying so, in an appropriate manner. The quiet, shy Ranger for whom even stating that she wants to make a start on the Challenge may have been extremely daunting, will need support in quite a different way to the more confident members of the Unit. The 'loner' in the Unit will find it hard to ask for support, to suggest a group activity that involves everyone else, whereas an outgoing girl may find this quite easy, and things that she must do alone to be really difficult.

Be aware of these differences — quite often the Rangers are much harder on each other than we would ever be. You may have to put on your 'quietly moderating hat' to ensure that the standards set are within the current capabilities of the Ranger in question. When the suggested line of action has been discussed and the standards of achievement have been agreed, then it is 'all stations go!' The action involved is the responsibility of the individual Ranger, but there is nothing more disheartening than working away at something only to find that no one else is particularly interested. It really is up to you to train the Unit into the habit of asking — how is it going, what was it like, when are you going to show us what you are doing? If you do this, the Rangers will too, and the participants will get used to being asked. This helps them to keep going, or at least to ask for extra support.

Interest, encouragement and praise are all positive, motivating forces — do use them regularly.



## COPING WITH...

# A LOCAL SHOW DISPLAY

### DON'T TAKE THE PLUNGE

If you are faced with the task of setting up a display at a local event, the route to disaster is to plunge straight in and start designing it. Stop first and think what you are trying to do. Whether your group has been allotted a place in a Christmas fair in the church hall or decided to tackle the wider audience at the county agricultural show, the rule of The Three Ms applies: Message, Materials, Method.

Message means what do you want to say and to whom do you wish to say it. Materials are the physical items you have or can find to put the message over. Method is how you devise a display that will attract attention and convey your message. The Three Ms work in that order.

### A THEME

Message and audience are inseparable and you must consider them together in your planning. Think about the people likely to come to the show and how many of them will be — or could be — interested in Guiding in some way. Then ponder what you might effectively say to them. Have you a specific message, like recruitment, or do you need to transmit a general impression of Guiding today, perhaps as a background to fund raising?

Whatever you decide to say, a theme will help to discipline your display and give it the cohesiveness that will concentrate your efforts and the passing audience's attention.

Remember that you will be competing for attention and that an in-built interest in Guiding should not be assumed. Therefore, your message must be immediately recognisable, pal-



Assistant Guide Heather Rickards, and Unit Helper, Julie Reeves of 1st Pilning Guide Company, Severdale Division.

atable and digestible. Your audience will move on at once if it is not — and you could be placed only yards from the tea and cakes, guaranteed to draw the adults, and the T-shirt stall that will pull the youngsters!

Do not try to include too many strands in your message. A single thread works best.

### MESSAGE

Once your theme or message is determined, you can set about deciding what will put it across effectively. There are five elements to remember: words, pictures, movement, sound and colour. Most of the time, the greatest of these are pictures and colour — they catch the eye more than words — and music and movement are more difficult to provide.

To begin with work out what pictures will illustrate your theme and give impact to your message: photographs, drawings, paintings,

posters (if they are relevant). Ask permission to use them if they might be someone's copyright. Next, consider what tangible objects would be eye-catching, even capable of being handled. Remember frail and precious items are a problem.

### MUSIC

Music requires the organisers' approval and may not be practicable indoors. It also requires permission because it will almost certainly be copyright (ask advice from the Production Manager at CHQ). Movement can be anything from a video (copyright again, unless it's amateur) or a simple turntable to a hanging mobile or a goldfish in a bowl. If it moves, people will look.

Words should be considered last, because the visual elements of your display will determine what needs to be said. Essential elements are: a large identifying title board or banner displayed high enough to be seen at a distance (let

them know you're there); bold titles for the main segments of the display and brief captions identifying all pictures and objects, large enough to be read without peering.

### COLOUR

The fifth element, colour, comes in here. Bold colours, but not too many of them, enliven a display. Coloured backings for display boards; coloured table coverings; simple coloured frames for black and white photographs; bunting; tapes; flowers — use your imagination. But beware of writing or typing on coloured backgrounds because this reduces legibility.

Good pictures are wasted if they are too small. Use a few of the best, not an assembly of small snaps. Spend a little money on a blow-up or two for centrepieces. Mount photos and documents to prevent them curling or fraying.

If you have examples of girls' work or other more or less solid objects, don't simply lay them out on tables. Fix them on vertical boards (pegboard makes this easy) and, if you use a table, create different levels with boxes under the cover.

If it is an indoor show, see if a couple of spotlights could be rigged to emphasise key aspects of the display. If you are outdoors, don't be afraid of crude tricks like giant arrows that direct the eye.

Lettering lets you down if it is less than professional, so avoid amateur sign-writing. Use *Letraset* or a similar system, readily available from art shops, and don't forget the prefabricated display materials obtainable from the GGA Trading Service.



## I SPY

Whether indoors or out, reconnaissance is vital. Check the exact dimensions of the space available to you; its location, in relation to the flow of people; who will be next door to distract your 'customers'; whether power is available; where the natural light comes from indoors and the prevailing wind direction outdoors.

Enquire about storage, if the show goes on for more than one day, and what the organisers' insurance covers.

Out of doors, whether in a marquee or in an open shell stand, look at the ground surface, anticipate

the worst and plan for wet and windy weather. Prepare to secure everything firmly and protect delicate items and surfaces with transparent plastic sheeting.

Watch for uneven ground. Wobbly tables endanger your displays and insecure stands can endanger staff and visitors.

## SIMPLE

A display functions like a poster: it needs to be simple if it is to succeed in winning attention and conveying a brief message. So be wary of the 'artistic' individual who wants to design pretty patterns or embellish your basic theme with decorative touches.

Be sure to draw a scale plan of your space, listing the items to be included and sketching roughly how they all fit together. Items should be grouped logically, placing the key elements at adult eye height to avoid stooping or stretching. It's best to work from left to right if there is a consecutive story to tell and use vertical displays rather than flat surfaces. A display is not a work of art, but a method of communication.

## SHORT STINTS

On the day, make sure there is a rota for staffing, so that your display is never abandoned. If girls' work is shown, have some

girls (and that means articulate rather than decorative) there to talk about it — but keep their work stints short.

If there are leaflets to give out, keep them in a dispenser, not in a loose heap with a rock to weigh them down. Make sure there are plenty of extra copies. Have a clipboard on which interested callers can write down their names and addresses.

Finally, it pays to have a toolkit on hand. Don't forget to arrange for transportation and storage of items that could be used again and organise security if you are collecting money from sales or donations.

PAT BOWMAN

# EXHIBITION WINS NEW RECRUITS

**Severdale Division, Avon North County, has already proved how effective good visual aids can be in arousing local interest.**

Originally, the idea — suggested by the Division Commissioner, Elizabeth Cross — was to hold an exhibition last year. However, the planning team soon realised they needed more time to get it right.

So the organisers decided to hold the exhibi-

tion — Guiding Today and Tomorrow — this spring and link it to the Brownies 75th anniversary and the centenary of the birth of the World Chief Guide.

The whole of the Division were involved, explained Avon North's PRA Elsie Caines. Each of the Districts within the Division designed and arranged a display based on the Eight Points.

A uniform fashion show was staged by 30 girls and

Guiders, while many more took part in dancing and pioneering displays,' she said.

The exhibition had some instant results: a new Guide Guider was recruited and another referred to a neighbouring Division; two visitors expressed interest in becoming Rainbow and Brownie Guiders and a third promised to return to Guiding in 'the near future'.

Mrs Cross, the Division Commissioner, commented: The event was designed to bring to the public eye the aims and Programme of Guiding in a colourful way.

This was achieved... It also gave the Division, which covers a large area comprising urban, suburban and rural communities,



an opportunity to work together and to achieve something very worthwhile.'

The Division was helped by having as their PRA a professional communicator, Adrian Phillips, who was able to provide extra resource material and that expert touch.

'It showed what can be achieved by using local resources and expertise of those in and outside the Movement,' said Mrs Cross.

The exhibition was visited by both the Euro MP, Richard Cottrell and the local MP, John Cope. And invitations were sent to every District in the County.

'As a result of this event, two more Divisions have planned their AGMs around public relations in the near future,' added Mrs Caines.

Pointing the way.

The County Commissioner for Avon North, Mrs Patsy Iles, pauses to admire one of the attractive displays and talk to Severdale Division Commissioner, Mrs Elizabeth Cross.





# YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME PAGES

## KEEPING ACCOUNTS

As a Young Leader you will have to handle money. Here Gill Brunson of Berkshire gives some tips.

The following guidelines on finances are drawn from POR.

The Unit Guider is responsible for the finances of the unit, including the fixing of the amount of the members' subscription and keeping the unit accounts. The Unit Guider may delegate the recording of the unit accounts but not the responsibility for seeing that they are accurately maintained.

All funds held on behalf of the unit, other than petty cash which must be kept to a minimum, must either be kept in a Society account with the Post Office or a bank or be invested in the name of the unit. There must be two signatures for withdrawals: the signatories must not be related to one another and must be approved by the appropriate Commissioner.

All accounts, Unit, District, Division or County, must be audited annually. It is the responsibility of the appropriate Commissioner to see that this is carried out.

There are three golden rules to keeping accounts:

1. Whenever someone gives you any money WRITE down the amount and his or her name AT ONCE. Receipts should be given to verify that you have had the money. (not necessary for weekly subs).

2. Whenever you pay out any money you must ask for, and keep, the RECEIPT to show what you have paid. Try to cross reference receipts against your records by numbering your receipts.

3. Do your accounts REGULARLY.

How you actually keep your accounts is up to you. The Association does produce a Unit Accounts Pack. However, a book or file paper ruled up in a similar way can be used instead.

The system used most widely for keeping accounts is quite simple. The main feature is that income and expenditure are kept separately on opposite pages of the book, making it easier to see them distinctly.

Separate balance sheets should be produced for any special activities you do, for example: Camps, Pack Holidays and so on.

It is probably a good idea to get into the habit of producing a balance sheet for any activities you organise: hikes, swimming, trips and so on. You can then give this sheet to the Unit Guider to put with the accounts.

Above all, remember that it is other people's money, not yours. So be careful.

## RECORD KEEPING

Each Unit will have its own system for keeping records. They may include printed forms, notebooks set out in columns, or a set of index cards. As there are so many ways of keeping records, these are just some ideas on what you should be recording.

- Names, addresses, telephone numbers of all members of the unit, including Guiders and Unit Helpers.

- A detailed record for each Brownie or Guide, including date of birth, school, progress in unit, badges achieved and camps attended.

- A weekly programme record of what was done at each week's meeting.

- An inventory, list of equipment for instance: tennis balls, camping equipment

and books. You can also include on this list who borrowed what and when.

## MONEY MATTERS

1. Draw around several of our coins. Some of them have very distinctive outlines, but others are very similar in outline such as a 5p piece and a £1 coin.

Challenge your Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Guiders to put the correct coin on each outline. Once they have touched an outline with a coin, they are not to change their minds.

If you have someone who thinks this is too easy put a very short time limit on it.

2. Most young people now handle money regularly, but how observant are they?

Ask questions about what's on the coins. You will need to have a set of coins available for them to check their answers.

### Some sample questions:

Which way does the Queen's head face?

Is the Queen's head on every coin of the realm?

What is on the reverse of the 50p coin?

Note: Did you know the head side is called the obverse?

What is on the reverse of a 2p coin?

What is on the reverse of a 1p coin?

Which is larger, a 2p or a 10p?

Which is the biggest (in size) — 1p, 5p, £1?

Which coin has the linked hands on the reverse? Do you know why?

On which coin does the Queen wear a crown rather than a tiara?

Which decimal coin does not carry the word 'New Pence'?

Which coin has a portcullis on the reverse?

How can you tell the difference between a Scottish pound coin and a Welsh one?

Does every 5p bear a thistle?

3. Helston (of Flora Day fame) in Cornwall has a Coinagehall Street. Does this have anything to do with money? And what about the Cornish Coat of Arms?

Come on, Helstonian Young Leaders — write to us with the answer.

Are there any places near where you live which have names associated with money?

4. This year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Olave, Lady Baden-Powell. Could you invite someone to come to your meeting to talk about what kind of money was in use from 1889 to 1910?

Many people still have a few of the 'old' coins, and they might bring them along to show your unit.

5. What do the following look like? Challenge your Guides to find out by the next meeting:-

- farthing
- halfpenny
- threepenny bit
- sixpence
- shilling
- florin
- half a crown

Which of them is still legal tender?

6. Where did the word 'Salary' originate?

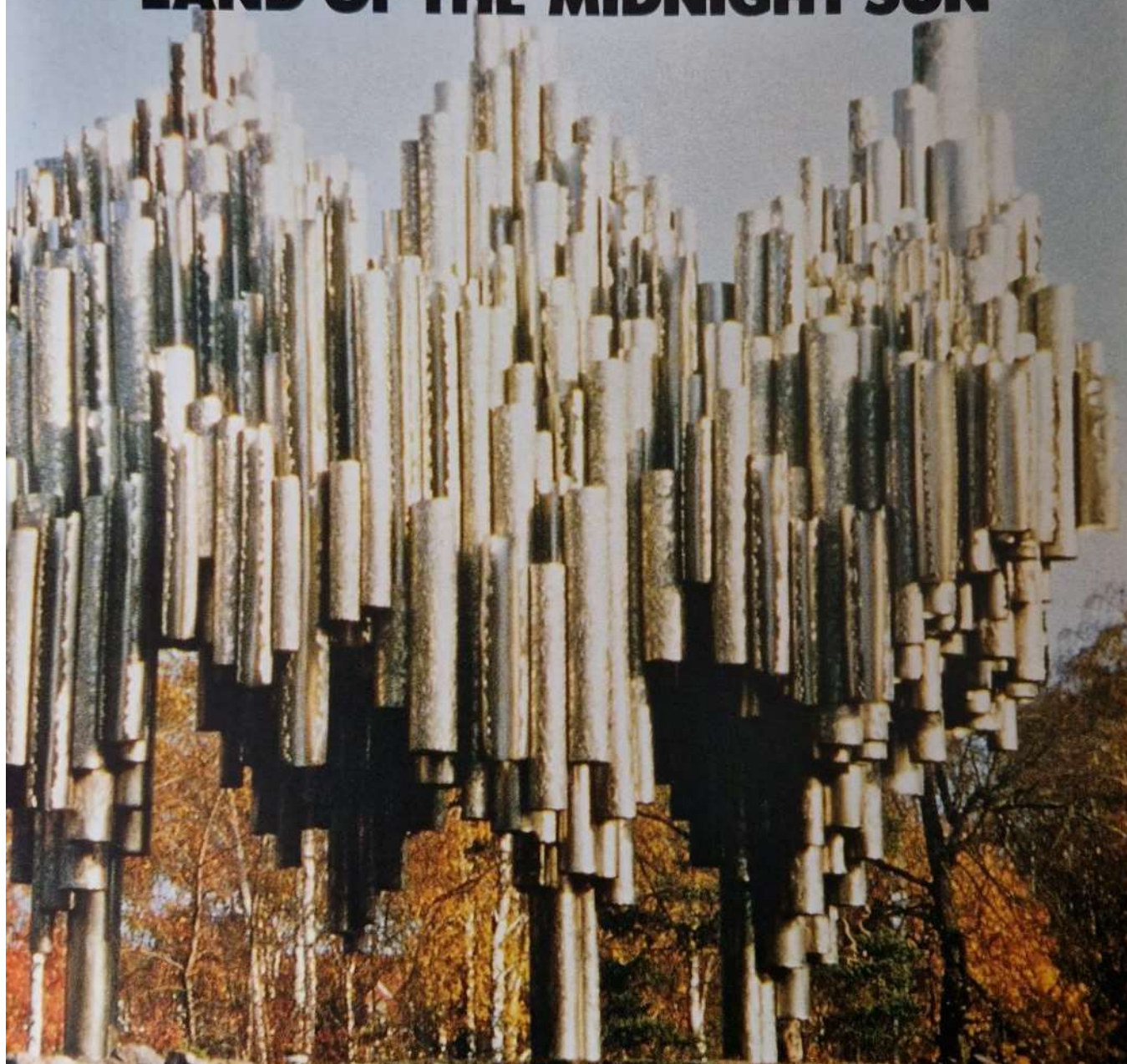
Could a Six or Patrol act out a scene showing a Roman soldier receiving his salary?

7. Do you have any activities or play any games based on money in your unit? Please write in and tell us about them, just to prove that Young Leaders actually read these pages!



# FINLAND

## LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN



Finland is a land of lakes: the very name Finland means 'lake-land'. The country boasts more than 60,000 lakes, though no one has actually counted them all! A glance at a map of the country shows that much of southern Finland is water, and further north nearly as much is marsh. Most of the ground

The strikingly original monument to the famous composer Sibelius.

between the water is made up of forests, making Finland a land of blue and green in its short, but surprisingly warm, summer; or a land of white and green in the long, cold winter.



# ONE WORLD

The lakes are waterways through the country, the forest gives timber, wood-chips and wood-pulp for industry and export. Birch twigs from the forest, plus cool lake water or cold snow also make up the ingredients of that other most Finnish institution, the sauna!

The whole of Finland was in the grip of the Ice Age until only 10,000 years ago — 'yesterday' to a geologist. As the ice moved over the land, it scraped the landscape bare and dug hollows in the hard rock. When the ice-sheet melted, it left uneven spreads of sand and gravel. So the Ice Age created the present Finnish landscape: the lakes and marshes; the low forested ridges; the areas of bare rock and the poverty of the soil.

The name Finland also tells us something about this country's history, for it is a Swedish name. The Finns call their homeland SUOMI, and both names appear on all postage stamps. The Swedes began to conquer Finland in 1155, and 200 years later it became just another province of Sweden. Swedish became the language of education and administration, and Swedish people settled along the coast.

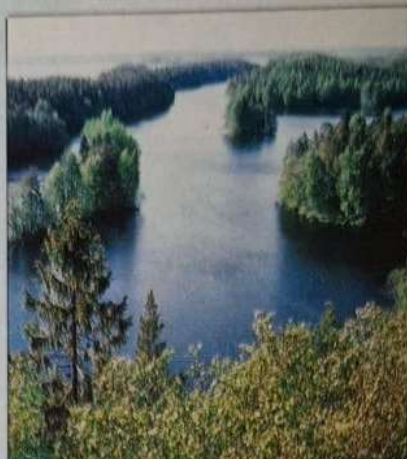
Swedish rule lasted until 1808, when Russian troops conquered the whole of Finland and made it part of the Russian empire. To begin with, Finland enjoyed some self-rule, but gradually the Russians took away these rights and, by the end of the last century, made Russian the official language.

These changes made the Finns determined to fight for their own independence — and the opportunity came during the Russian Revolution of 1917. Finland declared itself an independent country, with its own distinctive blue and white flag representing water and snow.

Finland's anguish was not over. During World War II, the Russians once more poured over the border. The Finns sought German help against their old enemy. By the end of the war, Finland had to forfeit some land to Russia and pay crippling reparations.

Since then, the Finns have rebuilt their shattered country into one of the most prosperous in Europe. They have declared their neutrality, but are very aware that they live where Western and Eastern Europe meet.

The agony and triumph of the history of Finland's quest for independence is portrayed in the marvellous musical poem *Finlandia* by the famous Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius.



FINNISH TOURIST BOARD

The summer beauty of one of Finland's 60,000 lakes.



The sensible way to get around in winter ... on skis.

Finland is also very much a part of northern Europe. A small part of the country — less than many of us think — lies north of the Arctic Circle. This is the land of the midnight sun in summer — and of continual darkness in winter. But the rest of the country enjoys long summer days — with

long winter nights as the other side of the coin.

Fewer than five million people live in Finland; a million of them in the larger towns of the south. Exactly where the Finns and their language originated is a bit of a puzzle. It seems that about the time of Christ,



they moved towards present-day Finland from somewhere east of the Ural mountains, in central Russia.

The Finnish language is loosely related to Estonian, Hungarian and the language of the Lapps. But it is quite unlike any of the main European languages. Fewer than 3,000 Lapps live in the far north: they probably retreated there with the arrival of the Finns. Some of them still keep the Lapp language alive.

Just over six per cent of Finland's population is Swedish-speaking, and has its own Swedish schools. The children have to learn Finnish as their second language — just as Finnish speakers have to learn Swedish. Most of the Swedish minority live in the south-west.

Many towns and villages have two names: places with a Swedish majority have the Swedish name first on road signs and maps.

The rights of the Swedish minority are recognised within the Guide and Scout Movement, too. Guiding and Scouting in Finland from one organisation divided into 18 Districts. One of these is not strictly geographical, but caters for Swedish-speaking Guides and Scouts. The other 17 Districts cater for Finnish Guides and Scouts from the Gulf of Finland to beyond the Arctic Circle.

Guiding and Scouting were established in Finland in 1910. Both Movements were banned by the Russians. They were revived and thrived with the coming of independence in 1917. To begin with, there were three Guide organisations — all recognised by WAGGGS in 1928 — but they merged into one Union in 1943.

Increasing co-operation with the Scouts led to the formation of a joint organisation in 1972. Administration and training were merged, and strict rules ensure equality of regions, languages and sexes.

At the local level, Troops and Packs can be mixed or single-sex, and many remain either Scout or Guide units, but join in a variety of joint activities.

At Brownie level, seven to ten-year-olds are SUDENPENTU, or Wolf Cubs, with the badge of a wolf. Girls and boys work through five stages: the Welcome (for newcomers); Pikkuhukka (little wolf cub); Hukka (young wolf); Susi (wolf); and then transition to Guides or Scouts. The badges for each stage show paw-prints or a wolf's head.

Guides are VARTIOIKAINEN (literally 'at Patrol age'), and they can work for Third, Second and finally, First Class awards and a number of Interest



FINNISH TOURIST BOARD

Badges. They work on a Five Point Programme, emphasising service; outdoor and camping skills; knowledge of the Movement and of their own society; nature and conservation; and craft skills.

In a country with a long coastline and many islands, of lakes and waterways, it is not surprising that Sea Guides and Sea Scouts flourish. They have their own special emphasis and badges within the one Movement.

Another branch with its own special emphasis is Radio Guiding and Scouting, which joins in JOTA and TDOTA with such enthusiasm that many British Guides and Scouts have made contact with their Finnish counterparts.

#### At the Market Square, Hels.



FINNISH TOURIST BOARD

SISU (the Finnish word for 'guts') is Guiding and Scouting for the handicapped, whose special badge is a frog surrounded by a sheet bend.

Older Scouts and Guides can become VAELETAJA, the equivalent of Rangers, at 15. The units are self-programming, and the leader may be the same age as older members of the group.

Camping and outdoor activities such as pioneering, cross-country skiing, orienteering, hiking and boating are always popular.

Peace education is another important element in the Guide and Scout Programme. With it goes a strong international emphasis and interest in supporting activities in poorer countries.

Finnish members take up opportunities to go to international camps overseas and are also eager to welcome their brothers and sisters in the Movements to Finland.

They have produced a delightful illustrated guidebook called *A Scout's/Guides Introduction to Finland* in English, and through the Helsinki headquarters offer to arrange home hospitality and shared activities with Finnish Guides and Scouts.

Like all Finns, they know they have a country to be proud of — one that is worth sharing with others.

**A ship in the ice-filled harbour at Helsinki.**



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You don't get to know Anne Dunford without becoming her friend. This means that a very great number of people in Guiding, both at home and abroad, were delighted when the Association honoured the Deputy Chief Commissioner with its highest award, the Silver Fish.

Anne's record of good service to Guiding is a most impressive one. She has been a Guide and Ranger Guider, a District, Division and County Commissioner in Suffolk. For seven years, she was a most well-loved Chief Commissioner of Anglia Region. Under her wise and efficient leadership, Anglia strengthened its identity, established a sound and business-like organisation, and was very much a Region where girls and leaders alike benefited from the inspiration and the care of their Chief Commissioner.

She has served on the Executive Council of the Association, as an elected member, ex-officio as a Chief Commissioner, and now as the Deputy Chief Commissioner. Anne has given enormous service through her wise counsel and through her unfailing ability to tackle any problem, however difficult, with tenacity and skill.

She has done a great deal of valuable work as our representative on the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services. It was a great compliment for Guiding, when she was

# silver fish for ANNE DUNFORD

appointed a vice chairman in 1988 and when she was invited this year by the Department of Education and Science to serve on a steering committee for periodic ministerial conferences with the Youth Service. It is obvious from both these appointments that she presents a very high profile and excellent image of the GGA to those outside.

Since she took on the appointment of Deputy Chief Commissioner, Anne has done so much both in her invaluable help and support to the Chief Commissioner and in all her efforts for Guiding in this country. Yet she has also worked extremely hard and successfully for BGIFC and has earned the respect and esteem of WAGGGS for her service on their Constitutions Committee. She is one of a task force of four given the mammoth task of revising the WAGGGS Constitution and the chairman of the group has paid tribute to Anne's very steady and creative work.

Anne Dunford is a very able and wise administrator of whom Guiding is justly proud. She is unfailingly



ANNE JOHNSTON

Mrs Betty Clay presents Anne Dunford with the coveted Silver Fish Award.

caring and encouraging to her friends and, in her quiet and unassuming way, an embodiment of the aims and ideals of Guiding. We congratulate her on a most well-deserved honour.  
E.M.B.

## up PERISCOPE

It may not have been 20,000 leagues under the sea, but it was the next best thing for the 1st Buckhurst Hill Rangers when they were invested on board the working submarine *HMS Onslaught* in Portsmouth.

The Unit, formed earlier this year, was given special permission to 'go aboard' the famous vessel and received a warm welcome from the captain and his crew.

The girls were shown around the engine room and officers' mess and took a peek through the periscope in the control cabin, before tackling the climb up the conning tower.

It was only when they got to the

top that one of the Rangers discovered she was scared of heights.

The Unit asked to be invested in the torpedo room — next to the tubes where the huge missiles are fired — with the First Officer in attendance, of course.

Then it was time to take the speedboat back to harbour for a celebratory meal and a visit to the funfair.

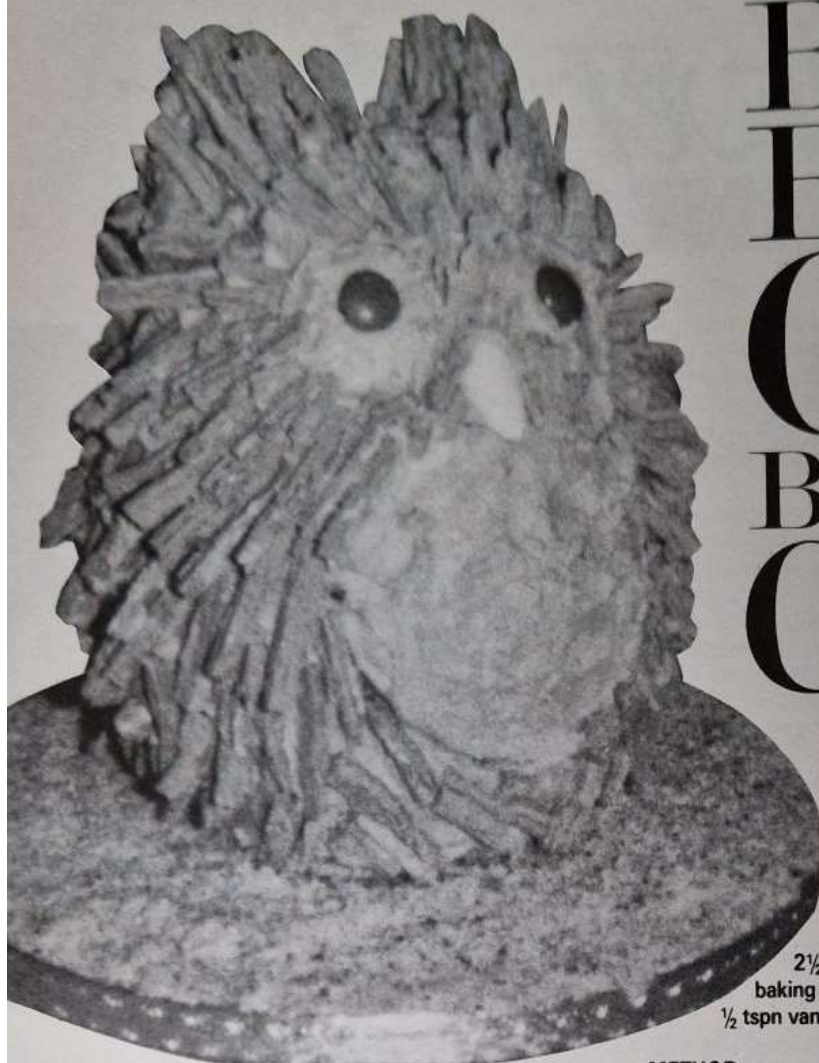
During their action-packed weekend, the Rangers also managed to fit in several ferry rides, some swimming, a trip to the Gosport Museum and a look at the remains of that other well-known seafarer, the *Mary Rose*.

Ahoy there, shipmates! — the 1st Buckhurst Hill Rangers on board *HMS Onslaught*.





# BAKE A BROWN OWL BIRTHDAY CAKE



Sarah's owl cake.

2½ level tspns  
baking powder  
½ tspn vanilla essence

As soon as the photograph of Brownie Sarah Barnacle and her super owl birthday cake arrived at *GUIDING*, we knew our readers would want to have a go at making one.

So we asked Sarah, a member of the 18th Stevenage Brownie Pack, if she could help.

Sarah, who lives in Fry Road, Chells, Stevenage, explained: 'My mummy made it for me.' And she asked her mum to write down the recipe and icing instructions.

'We both hope that lots of Brown Owls and Brownies enjoy making and eating it as much as we did,' she added.

## BROWN OWL CAKE

### INGREDIENTS:

10oz/275g soft margarine

10oz/275g castor sugar

5 standard eggs

54 10oz/275g self raising flour

### METHOD:

1 Pre-heat oven to Gas Mark 3, 325°F, 170°C.

2 Brush two 1½ pint pudding basins with melted fat.

3 Place margarine, sugar, eggs, flour, baking powder and vanilla essence in a bowl. Beat for 1-2 minutes. Divide mixture between pudding basins and level the surface of mixture with a spoon.

4 Bake in centre of oven for 1¼-1½ hours. If cooked, cakes should spring back and have begun to shrink from sides of basins. Cool for 5-10 minutes; loosen edges with round-ended knife; turn out and leave to cool on a wire rack.

### DECORATION:

2oz/60g desiccated coconut

green food colouring

1 (9in) round silver cake board

1 rounded tblspn golden syrup

### BUTTER ICING:

1 level tblspn cocoa powder

2 tblspn boiling water

6oz/175g butter or soft margarine

12oz/350g icing sugar (sifted)

2 brown-coloured chocolate beans

half a large brazil nut

7 large chocolate flake bars.

### METHOD:

1 Place coconut in small basin, add a few drops of green food colouring and mix until evenly coloured. Brush cake board with warmed golden syrup; sprinkle with green-coloured coconut to represent grass.

2 Blend cocoa and boiling water in a bowl; add butter or margarine and icing sugar. Beat until fluffy.

3 Split each cake in half horizontally; sandwich halves together with a little icing. To level the cakes, trim tops of each cake if necessary. Spread flat side of one cake with icing and sandwich together to form a large oval cake. Place cake on board and cover cake with the remaining icing, making icing thicker at each side of head.

4 Using a palette knife, shape ears with icing.

5 Using a pointed knife, mark two 1½ins rings on top of owl for eyes. In centre of each place a chocolate bean. Below eyes, mark an oval, 3½ins across, to represent downy front. Place half a brazil nut in position for beak.

6 Using a sharp knife, cut chocolate flakes into sticks. Stick flakes into icing. Cover completely, except for features and front.

Happy eating.



Clare Denison is a resourceful Young Leader who, for the last three years, has produced a booklet packed full of games and activities for her Guides to try at camp.

She first got the idea after taking part in some of the Camp Challenges when she was a Guide. Clare explained: 'I enjoyed them so much that I thought the rest of the Guides would too.'

'So, when I became a Young Leader, I used some of the same challenges to produce a different booklet each year.'

Clare, now 18 and just finished studying for four A levels, manages to come up with 50 challenges each year. They are divided into five sections: Exploring the Camp Site; Fun and Adventure; Camp Skills; Giving Service and Cooking, Eating and Using Hands and Head.

Each Patrol is encouraged to tackle at least three challenges but there is no bar on how many they choose to try.

Clare points out: 'It is a Patrol effort and everything chosen must be done by everyone.'

Her suggestions for one camp included making a sketch map of the camp site... using their feet; inventing a really useless gadget that actually works; carving a totem pole; carrying out a burial ceremony for a dead animal and cooking an egg on a piece of string.

The Guides are left very much to their own initiative as to how to carry out simple challenges, like making skirts out of ferns, but where instructions are needed, these go on the camp notice board.

'Patrols get a Camp Challenge badge when they complete at least three in each section. There is an additional prize for the Patrol which completes the most,' Clare explained.

She also works out wide games. One that proved very popular was a Journey into Space. Clare said: 'For this I used some ideas from an outline I had from a County training, adapted others and made up some of my own.'

Clare also arranged for the equipment needed for each 'planet' to be provided. Once at camp, together with other Young Leaders, she worked out where each planet would be and a compass bearing for each one.

She added: 'On the day we had to set up and equip each planet with the right instructions.' Then, helped by three Guiders, the Young Leaders made sure each planet was manned.

Clare, who is a member of Great

# CLARE'S CAMPING CHALLENGE



This intrepid 'astronaut' devised a super space suit for Clare's Journey Into Space wide game

Bookham Rangers, became a Young Leader three years ago with 4th Bookham Guides.

She has her Young Leader certificate and has just completed all the clauses for her Queen's Guide.

Although she produced a booklet for this year's camp, Clare wasn't

able to be there to organise the girls. The dates clashed with a trip to Mexico where Clare was taking part in the Experiment in International Living, representing London and South East Region.

However, she was back in time to go camping with the Rangers.



# PEOPLE *and* PLACES



OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE

## THEY'RE A KNOCKOUT

▲ TV presenter Stuart Hall tests the culinary expertise of the Orchid Patrol of the Fifth Oldham (Waterhead) Company.

The five girls dished up a special two-course supper of Stilton steak and a strawberry and cream desert, as part of a cooking challenge organised by the GGA and British Meat to celebrate British Food and Farming 1989.

## TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

► Basking on the beach was the order of the day for over 70 Brownies celebrating the Brownies 75th anniversary — and their teddy bears went too.

Teddies of all shapes and sizes did a spot of bear-faced sunbathing, along with their owners from Distington, Westfield and Harrington. Our picture shows Lindsey Oglethorpe, Marie Hughes and Haley Weston . . . with friends.



## WATERY FUN

▲ Looking slightly damp but happy are the Dorset Rangers, after an invigorating day spent swimming, sailing and canoeing.

The girls were taking part in an activity weekend organised by the County and it looks like a 'splashing' time was had by all.

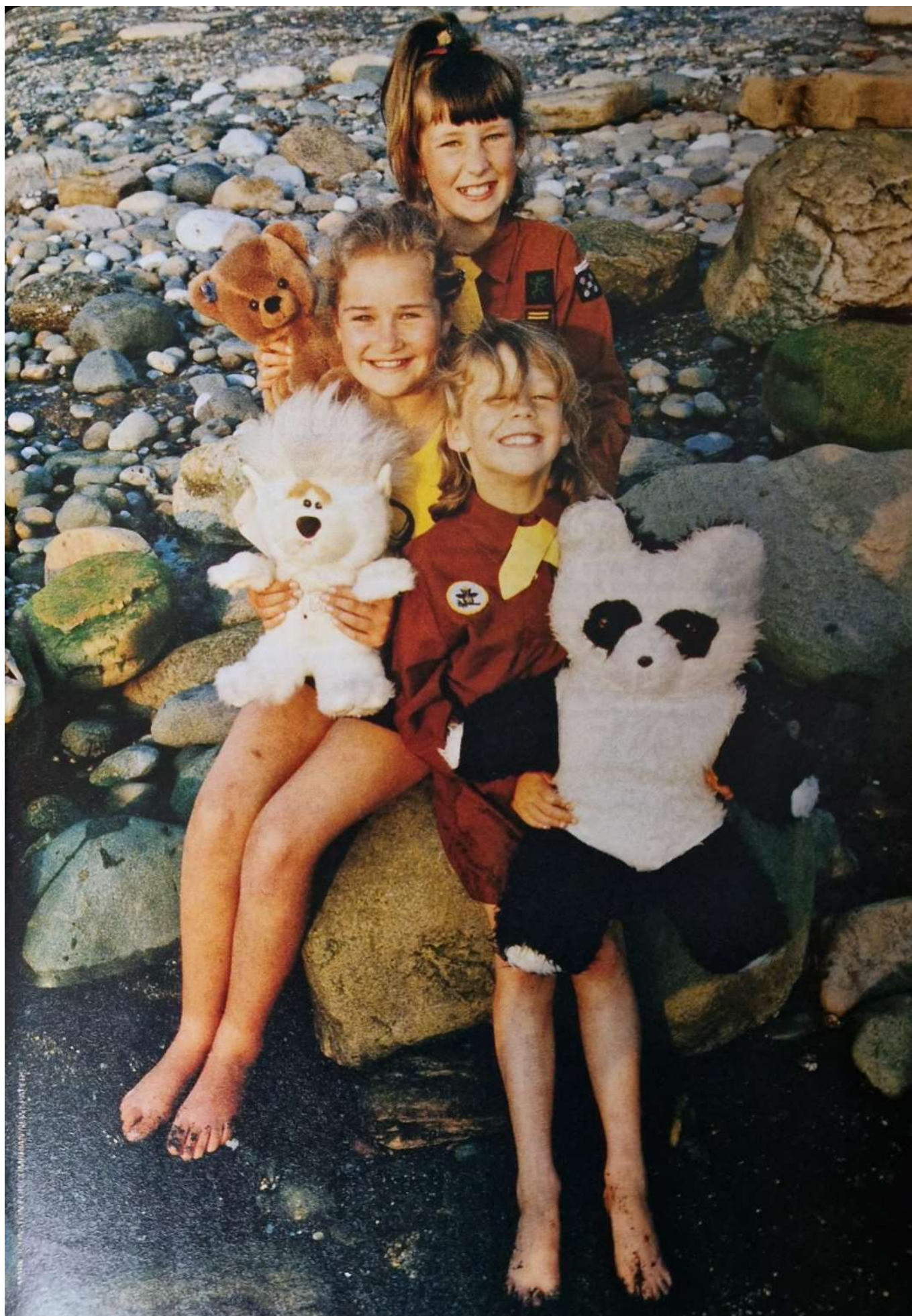
## SURPRISE FOR JANE

◀ There was a surprise in store for Jane Garside when she stepped down as Chief Commissioner for North East England. Her successor, Pat Cliff, had arranged that four girls — a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger — should each present her with a doll dressed in appropriate uniform.

On hand to capture the look on Jane's face was Margaret Whittaker, who has also just retired after five years as the region's PRA. And she let us into a secret — dolls were an excellent choice as Jane is going to be a Granny.









# A MUCH LOVED COUNTRY

## BACK IN TIME TO ROMAN BRITAIN

Three miles north-west of the famous Cheddar Gorge, high in the Mendip Hills, lies the tiny hamlet of Charterhouse. Here, nearly 2,000 years ago, the Romans mined lead from the limestone rock of the Mendip Hills.

Charterhouse is now a nature reserve run by the Somerset County Council, complete with field centre. The reserve is easily accessible by car but, if you prefer to walk, the best place to start from is Cheddar Gorge. If you walk straight up the gorge, through Blackrock Nature Reserve and up Velvet Bottom, you will reach Charterhouse. Come with me on one of my visits.

Today I am going to have a look round the reserve and see what wildlife I can find and also what signs there are of the lead mines left behind by the Romans.

It's obvious when you first look round the reserve that there's been some form of human activity here, because the ground is distinctly lumpy. Large mounds covered with grass, gorse and heather, drop down into deep valleys and rifts. A little stream runs through the reserve which widens out into a series of pools.

The ponds are now blocked by much vegetation, mostly reed mace and among it, flourish kingcups, the large member of the buttercup family that is so fond of water.

The big pond here is a spawning place for toads — but I see only one swimming in the water. There are also lots of small fish — spine sticklebacks.

Skirting the edge of the ponds, we eventually come to a small wood of alder trees. Some of these have wooden boxes attached — they're for the local bat population. During the summer, the bats often use the boxes, either as roosting or breeding places.

I walk through the wood and reach a track which takes me past the old kilns used by the Victorian miners. These are a series of artificial tunnels, 70 or 80 feet long, made of limestone, about four feet high, into which the lead ore was placed, and a very hot fire lit. As the heat evaporated, the lead stuck to the limestone ceiling and, when the ore was cleared out and the fire removed, small boys were sent into the tunnels to scrape the lead away from the roof and into containers.

I'm now back among the grassy hummocks of the old lead mines of Charterhouse. Sheep are grazing here and down in the grass there's a large black beetle, moving slowly along. I pick him up. He's a scarab beetle. These beetles lay their eggs in the dung of farm animals like sheep, and the larvae live off it. Before actually laying its eggs, the beetle rolls the lump of dung into a neat ball and buries it.

Further along the path, lying among the grass, I come across a pellet from a bird of prey. It's a narrow pellet about two inches long and is

composed mainly of the feathers of a cock blackbird. So I'd guess that this is the pellet of a sparrowhawk. Sparrowhawks are now quite common in the area, having made a comeback in the last ten years.

Here and there among the grassy hummocks are limestone outcrops where the underlying rock is exposed. The limestone is crumbling as a result of the action of the weather. If you examine it, you can see the tiny seashells which prove that this area once formed the bed of a shallow sea. The seashells and sea creatures have been fossilised in the limestone deposits.

I have now found a little hole with something living in it, so I poke about inside with a piece of grass and see if I can coax the occupant out. Sure enough, out pops the beautiful violet ground beetle. It's a long black beetle and, if you turn it over, the underside is a brilliant violet colour.

In early spring, the grassy hummocks are drab and colourless, but in the summer the place is ablaze with gorse flowers, heather and uplands plants.

At the far side of the reserve are the remains of a Roman fortress and a Roman road runs away across the Mendips along which they transported the lead which they refined here.

JOHN ALDEN

Slag heaps from the old lead smelting works at Charterhouse.





# LEAD-FREE FUEL TAKES THE LEAD

The runaway success of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day earlier this year was visible proof of just how much we as a nation care for needy children in Africa.

Later this month, National Lead-Free Petrol Week offers a chance for motorists to show they too care about children — nearer home. Drivers will be asked to tie a green ribbon to their car aerials signalling they've switched to unleaded fuel to help create a cleaner atmosphere and a healthy future for Britain's children.

The week — ending on October 1 — is the last triumphant promotion by the Campaign for Lead Free Air — CLEAR — formed over seven years ago to publicise the dangers caused by the emissions from leaded petrol.

CLEAR's campaign director, Jane Dunmore, explained: 'We want people to start putting their children first. They don't deserve to be poisoned by inconsiderate motorists.'

Dr Robin Russell Jones, CLEAR's medical adviser, said the key points about lead are that it is a poison that can affect children at low levels of exposure and it is non-degradable.

CLEAR is credited with contributing enormously to speeding up the introduction of unleaded fuel in Britain. Launched by Des Wilson, an experienced campaigner, it had to overcome jibes that a bunch of cranks were running an emotional campaign.

A London businessman, Godfrey Bradman, put it on its feet financially. Concern for his own children's health prompted him to move his family out of London, but he felt duty-bound to help other families.

CLEAR pressed its case on two issues — health and the environment. Slowly, it collected medical and scientific evidence of the damage caused by lead pollution — not only to human health, but also to food and wildlife.

Recalling how he became involved in the campaign, Des Wilson said he made up his mind on discovering that, unlike many other environmental pollutants, lead just goes on building up in the atmosphere around us.

He added: 'We produce and add to that build-up over 3.5 million tonnes every year. Scientists have demonstrated that the lead in our bodies is already around 500 times higher than natural levels.'

The industrial exploitation of lead has led to its widespread dissemination all over the globe, so that it's in the air we breathe, in the dust children pick up on their fingers, in the water we drink and in our food.

'It's clear that as more and more of this poison accumulates around us, we're building up for generations to come a legacy of pollution that will have devastating effects.'

On the brighter side, since the Government's significant price incentive in this year's Budget and the increased availability of lead-free fuel, British motorists are changing over at an increasingly rapid rate. At the beginning of June unleaded sales reached 20 per cent of leaded petrol — an increase of six per cent in only two months.

Even so, Britain lags behind many of our neighbouring countries. Fifty three per cent of West Germany's petrol sales are lead-free, Denmark's are 34 per cent and Norway's are 27 per cent. The United States, where unleaded petrol first went on sale in 1970, is set to use almost totally lead-free fuel by next year and Japan already sells over 95 per cent lead-free petrol.

CLEAR forecasts that half of Britain's motorists will have switched to lead-free by next year and reckons that four million vehicles in Britain could run on unleaded without needing adjustment and a further nine million could do so with only minor adjustment.

Derek Bryce-Smith, professor of organic chemistry at Reading University, a former oil consultant turned anti-lead campaigner, first voiced his concern over the link between lead emissions and reduced IQ and increased behavioural problems in children back in the Sixties.

'Evidence shows the effects of lead on almost every aspect of learning and behaviour. There is undoubtedly an intellectual effect, although the magnitude of it is still debated,' he said.

Lead was first added to petrol in the 1920s as a way to boost the octane rating. Technological advances have now made it possible for the oil companies to produce the sort of very high octane petrol that suits modern car engines without needing to add lead.

CELIA CURTIS

## CAROLYN GOES ON CARBONFLO

Former Girl Guide, Carolyn Hobbs of Horsham, West Sussex, is testing out on her F-registration Morris Minor a war time product that could come to the aid of car owners wanting to run their vehicles on lead-free petrol without having them specially converted.

The catalyst, called Carbonflo, was first developed to transform low octane fuel to 100 octane fuel to fly Hurricane fighters in a joint venture with the Soviet Union.

Six pellets, enclosed in steel gauze, can be inserted in the petrol tank of the majority of vehicles. In the case of heavy goods vehicles, an adaptor is fitted into the existing fuel line.

Keen to do her bit towards reducing pollution in the atmosphere, Carolyn says using Carbonflo means no adjustments need to be made to the engine — the only stipulation being that the engine needs to be properly tuned in the first place.

The pellets will normally outlast the life of a normal engine and remain active for about 250,000 miles. On larger vehicles it is recommended that the pellets are replaced every 100,000 miles.

Carolyn, who paid £55.20 for six pellets, admits she has encountered a lot of scepticism as to the efficiency



Switched on to lead-free fuel... Carolyn Hobbs

of Carbonflo. The motoring organisations and motor manufacturers are refusing to endorse the product on the grounds that it has not undergone sufficiently exhaustive tests.

'I suppose it will take some time for it to be widely accepted, but I'm relieved to be running on lead-free,' she said.

Owner of a recycled paper stationery business, Carolyn gives conservation presentations locally and hopes to be asked to address Guide units.



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# a year in the life of

## A YOUNG LEADER

**Alison Petts used to be a member of the 3rd Baildon Methodist Guides' Primrose Patrol, until she became a Young Leader with the 7th Baildon Methodist Guides near Shipley, West Yorkshire.**

I arrived home sticky and plastered in jam after my first exhausting meeting as a Young Leader. It was our annual jam-making session and this time I wasn't one of the over-enthusiastic jam-makers who vanish when washing up time comes. I was the one cleaning up and wiping sticky surfaces — as well as the Guides.

The Christmas pantomime loomed on the horizon. This year I was viewing it from a different angle. I was the one persuading — or do I mean cajoling? — Guides into believing they'd be a perfect Snow White or excellent as one of the Seven Dwarfs.

Although I had to cope with the gruelling task of learning lines, I had my fair share of problems dealing with costumes and scenery.

Then, on the evening of the performance, just as I was looking forward to enjoying watching, one of the Guides became ill. Guess who had to fill in and I still had to clean the devastated dressing room littered with discarded costumes and an assortment of abandoned tubes of make-up, as well as attending to the props. I vividly recall wondering if it really was so much better being a Young Leader.

It was amusing to watch the Guides at the Christmas disco doing exactly what I'd done in previous years... chasing Scouts and match-making for friends.

The event which really took me

behind the scenes of 'leadering' was the Guide leaders' Christmas Dinner. It was amusing, although slightly worrying, to listen to the year's funny events being retold, especially the snippets of hysterical things individual Guides had done. Luckily none of my exploits were rehashed.

It was interesting to see leaders out of their uniforms presenting a rather different image.

I shouldn't really have needed convincing that Guiders look different out of uniform, because my Grandma was a Guide Captain and

started her own Ranger Unit.

One evening, while the Guides were preparing for an arts competition, I wandered around and helpfully offered my assistance to one particular group. One Guide commented: 'You're becoming more like a Guide leader every week'. I'm still not entirely sure whether this was intended as an insult or a compliment.

After taking my GCSEs this summer, I was really looking forward to going to camp. Even though, this year, I realised I might find it difficult to adjust to my new role.

Having gained my Baden-Powell Trefoil, I always feel some sense of relief when fellow Guides are struggling to gain the final Guide award. Then I can reassure them that it is worth it and that it is imperative to persevere.

The one point which has been brought home to me is just how much work is involved in organising a Guide meeting. I was oblivious to it all when I was a Guide. I was actually invited to a Guide leaders' programme planning meeting where, as well as meeting new friends, the time and involvement required really came home to me.

I am very happy and content in my new position and I am hoping to continue in this challenging, enjoyable role.



As a Guide, Alison collected a fine crop of badges.





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