

1914

Brownies were originally called Rosebuds and were founded by Lord Baden-Powell after the younger sisters of the Guides and Scouts showed an interest in joining the Guide Association.

The Girl Guides Gazette said that Rosebuds wore a dark blue skirt, knitted jersey, cap or tam and the Rosebud Brooch.



Mary

This Rosebud may have been called Mary as it was one of the most popular names of the time. Other names were Dorothy and Margaret.



Promise Brooch

.... Was given when a Rosebud made the following promise:



On my honour I promise to do my best:
1. To do my duty to God and the king and
2. To do a good turn every day.

What kind of things would Mary do as a Rosebud?

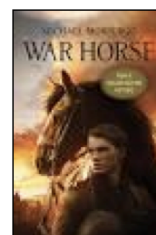
Rosebuds didn't have a programme to follow like the Brownies of today but they did contribute to their local community with the Guides by doing such things as collecting clothing and household items for the war effort.

As a Rosebud Mary was expected to know:

- What flags formed the Union Jack.
- How to fly it correctly.
- To tie knots like the reef knot, clove hitch and many others.
- Do bending exercises.

What was happening at this time?

- WW1 began.
- People mostly had lamps lit by gas and cooked on open fires. A few rich people could afford electricity.
- Many people had no hot water or toilets in their houses.
- There were no washing machines. Clothes were washed in a big tub and rubbed clean on a scrubbing board.
- Owners of horses were forced to sell them to be used to pull guns in the war. Have you read or seen 'War Horse'?
- In 1914 soldiers in the battlefields of France stop fighting at Christmas Time and instead both sides met in 'No Man's Land' where they sang Christmas Carols and played football.



1915-1933

Rosebuds were not very keen on their name. In 1915 Lord Baden Powell's sister Agnes suggested the name 'Brownies', who were helpful little creatures in a fairy story she loved.

There were several variations of uniforms for the Brownies, of which Helen is wearing one. The blue uniform continued as an alternative until 1921.



Helen

This Brownie may have been called Helen as it was one of the most popular names of the time. Others were Beatrice and Alice.

1917

Most uniforms were brown or navy dresses with a knitted cap or rush hat and brown tie.

1929

Brownies were officially allowed to wear brown socks instead of stockings.

Promise Badge

.... was given when a Brownie made the following promise:



On my honour I promise that I will do my best:

1. To be loyal to God and King
2. To try to help others, especially those at home.

What kind of things would Helen do as a Brownie?

By 1916 Brownies could work for the Entrance Test, Second Class Badge and First Class Test.

To pass her First Class Test a Brownie would be expected to:

- Clean knives, forks and spoons.
- Clean boots and know how to dry them when wet.
- Make Doll's clothes or a Brownie overall.
- Fold clothes for mangling.
- Knit a pair of socks or wristlets.
- Know how to apply a triangular bandage.
- Understand and carry out 6 physical exercises.
- Make a milk pudding.



What was happening at this time?

- German U boats attacked merchant ships in the Atlantic.
- There was rationing of sugar, meat, butter and bacon.
- WW1 finished in 1918.
- Women over 30 were given the vote in 1918 and in 1928 it was given to those who were 21.
- Instead of being pulled by horses buses had engines.
- The Loch Ness Monster was sighted for the first time.



This is a mangle to take the water out the clothes



Have you heard about the Suffragettes and 'Votes for Women'?

1934-49

Betty

A summer uniform was introduced for the Brownies as well as a cotton cloth cap. Scottish Brownies were more likely to wear a hand knitted cap with tassels.

Later they were given the choice of wearing a gold rather than a brown tie as long as the whole pack wore the same tie.

This was one of the most popular names at the time. Others were Barbara, Judy and Margaret.



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To do my duty to God and the King
To help other people everyday, especially those at home.



During the Second World War the badge became a solid oval or rectangle. Metal became so scarce that Brownies were allowed to invent their own badge.



What kind of things would Dorothy do as a Brownie?

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- Understand and carry out 6 physical exercises.
- Make a milk pudding.
- Carry a message of 12 words in her head and deliver it correctly.

What was happening at this time?

- WW2 began in 1939 and ended in 1945.
- Betty would see the film Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.
- Monopoly was a new board game.
- Computers were the size of a whole room.
- Plain crisps were sold with a small blue packet of salt inside.
- Yo-yos were a popular toy.



Six Group Emblem

A Brownie Pack was divided into groups of six girls called a Six. Each Six was called after 'little people' such as Elf, Imp, Sprite or Gnome.



1950-1966

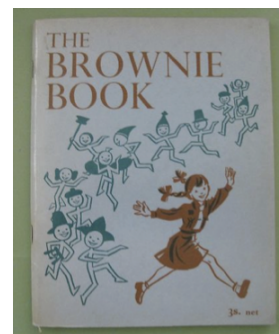
A brown wool beret was introduced for Brownies in 1950 and stockings were changed to socks.

In 1964 they were allowed to wear cardigans.



Dorothy

This was one of the most popular names at the time. Others were Lisa, Kimberley and Michelle.



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What kind of things would Dorothy do as a Brownie?

The test was called the Golden Hand (First Class) and had four sections. Examples of what was included are:

- **Intelligence**
Tie up and address a parcel for the post, using a slip knot.
- **Handicraft**
Lay and light a fire.
- **Health**
Skip thirty times without a break.
- **Service**
Carry a message of at least twelve words in her head for over five minutes and deliver it correctly.

What was happening at this time?

- Dorothy may have listened to Children's Hour on the radio.
- The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth was held in Westminster Abbey.
- Many people bought their first television to watch the Coronation.
- We saw the first Blue Peter programme.
- Scrabble was a new game.



Proficiency Badges

Dorothy would work hard for these badges.

Notice that the word 'Brownie' is not on them.

Can you guess what they were for?



1967-1990

In 1967 a new brown cotton dress was introduced for the Brownies with a yellow cross-over tie.

In 1973 a brown knitted hat with a pompom was worn instead of a beret. In Scotland however the knitted hat had been worn for sometime.

Susan

Susan was one of the most popular names at the time. Others were Jennifer, Amy or Melissa.



Old and new ties.

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And to help other people, and
To keep the Brownie Guide Law.



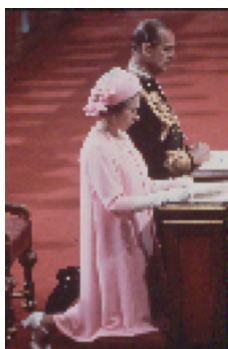
What kind of things would Susan do as a Brownie?

During her time in Brownies Susan would undertake three separate 'Journeys'. They were the Footpath, Road and Highway. Each journey covered what was called the 'Eight Point Programme'.

She would also take part in a project called a 'Venture'. This was something the whole Pack could do together - like organizing a Coffee Morning to raise funds.

What was happening at this time?

- Coronation Street and Dr Who began.
- Man landed on the moon.
- Holidays abroad became popular.
- The Queen celebrated her Silver Jubilee.
- The first Video game was sold.
- Prince William was born.
- First Nintendo Game Boy was sold.

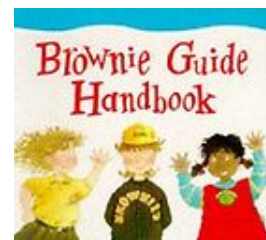


1990-2001

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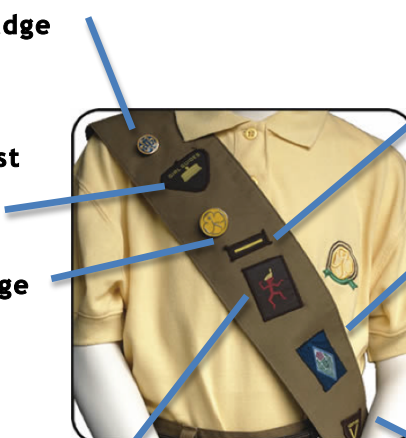
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World Badge

Interest Badge

Promise Badge



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This shows she comes from Scotland

This is her Six. The Kelpies

Venture

What was happening at this time?

- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles came along.
- The National Lottery arrived.
- First mobile phones were on sale. They were HUGE!
- World Wide Web - WWW - was set up.
- Toy story was filmed.
- Princess Diana was killed in a car crash.
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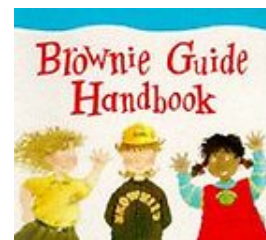
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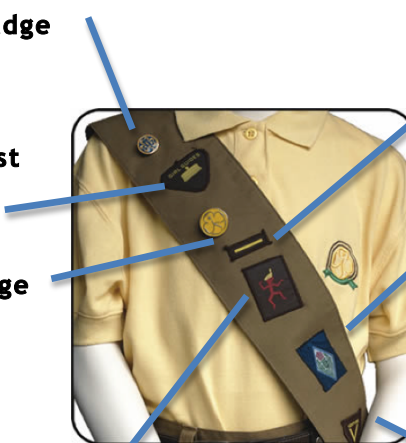
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2002 -

Chloe

Brownies

Today's Brownie Uniform was designed by dresser to the stars - Ally Capellino.

It is a mix and match collection which keeps the Brownie colours with a touch of sky blue. It includes : hooded jacket, leggings, body warmer, t-shirt and skorts (shorts with a flat front like a skirt).



This is one of the most popular names today. Others are Olivia, Melissa and Emily.

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This is the emblem for her Six

Interest Badges

Promise Badge



90th Birthday of Brownies



What kind of things does Chloe do as a Brownie?

In 2003 a new programme was launched called *The Brownie Adventure*. It is full of new challenges, activities and badges for girls aged 7-10 years.

Brownie sleepovers are popular.

New badges such as **Disability Awareness** and **Environment** have been

What has been happening?

- In 2001 planes destroyed the Twin Towers in New York.
- In 2005 terrorism came to London when a bus and a subway train were attacked.
- Barrack Obama become the first black President of the United States.
- The Olympics were held in London.
- Prince George of Cambridge was born.

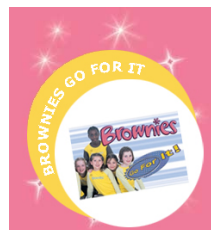


What does Chloe do as a Brownie?

Sleepovers



Learns new skills



The Big
Brownie
Birthday

Pack Holidays and Camps



Gets
to know new people