



The World Chief Guide

Olave Baden-Powell

Requests

As you may know, my grandmother, Olave B-P, used to live in a grace and favour apartment at Hampton Court Palace. She moved there when she returned to England during the war, after her husband died.

During Coronation Year, 1953, she converted the rooms in her "annexe" into sparsely furnished "dormitories" where she put up about 400 guides (not all at once, you understand !) from all over the world. The rooms she named after the countries - there was New Zealand, Canada, Australia, etc...

So somewhere in Australia there will be perhaps a dozen elderly women (well, they were probably about twenty- something in 1953, so would now be about seventy- something !) who may remember having stayed there, and who just may have photographs of those rooms.

My sister, my daughter and I visited the palace a year or so ago, and they asked if we had any photographs - but we don't !

So I wonder if perhaps you could put up an appeal for photographs / memoirs, etc. on your WebSite ?

Some of your visitors' Grannies may be among those visitors

*Regards
Robin*



Jodie Olden, a Guider from the UK sent this photo. Jodie says:

I have been reading your site with great interest. I am an avid Guider and Guiding memorabilia collector, so was fascinated by the depth of information on your website.

I have recently come across the attached photo which I thought you might be interested in using in your Gallery. All I know of the photo is that it was taken at Greenwich Rally but as for the year - I have no idea! I assume it would have been mid-late 60s? I'd be grateful for any light that you could shed on it for me!

*All best wishes,
Jodi Olden*

If you can help identify the location and approximate date of this photo, please email

Randy Scofield from the USA says:

As a 14 year old scout I remember meeting her briefly at the 1967 World Jamboree in Idaho. Is my memory correct was she there? As I recall she gave a speech and I was just lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time. My memory is that is was pretty sharp for her age at the time.

My sources don't mention Olave attending this event, but my sources are by no means complete. If someone can add this detail to the timeline, please email