

A WEEK AT THE VIEW

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As I'm sure everyone is aware, I'm a member of the Girls' Brigade, and I do Journalism at university. What you probably didn't know is that in January, I spent a week doing work experience at the View, which is the Girls' Brigade magazine. I wrote this article for the View, and edited it for Parable magazine.

The GB Head Office is in Didcot, so I only went in from Monday to Wednesday, travelling there and back on the train. I worked from home on Thursday, and then met Catherine Burt, the Editor, in Central London on Friday.

I spent most of Monday meeting everyone and finding out their roles. That afternoon I chose some possible images for the summer cover, and wrote a title. I was thrilled when I saw the cover design, with the title and one of the images I chose.

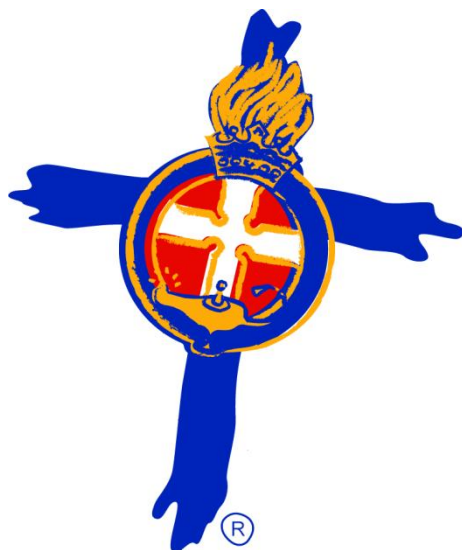
It was amazing to be given such important work – on Tuesday and Wednesday I wrote some news stories and a full page feature! On Wednesday afternoon, Catherine arranged with me what I would do on Thursday, and where we would meet on Friday.

On Thursday, I spent a couple of hours researching and thinking of ideas for design and articles. I had a look at some other youth organisations magazines, and I think the View is already the best! I also reviewed a series of books, and spent the afternoon writing another full page feature.



I met Catherine and Liz Sarkodie at Covent Garden tube station, and we went to a little Christian cafe. I interviewed Liz about YouMatter, the project she runs, for an article about that. After lunch, Catherine and I discussed my ideas from the day before, how my week had been, and the interview article.

The week was wonderful, and I'm sad that it's over. I really enjoyed it and feel it was a useful experience, so now I'm just waiting to see the issue of the View with my work in it!



GIRLS' BRIGADE

For more information on Girls' Brigade England and Wales, check out the website:
www.girlsb.org.uk

Or talk to Wendy Gray, Lyddy Gray or Jackie Searing, who are all GB leaders.

Our Girls' Brigade company meets on a Tuesday in the Church hall, and we have Boys in Trust, too. With time to play and make friends, badgework that teaches real skills, and bible stories, GB is both a Christian group and a fun club.

Explorers / n:vestigate aged 4 to 8 from 5:30pm to 7pm

Juniors / n:gage aged 7 to 11 from 6pm to 8pm

