

ON THE 24 DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 1952.
PAMELA PRESTON.

*was enrolled a Member of the
British Junior Red Cross joining
with others all over the world to help
the Sick & Suffering.*

E. V. Chinnon.

COUNTY DIRECTOR

BRANCH

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

P. R. Preston.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

GIFTS FOR OVERSEAS BRANCHES

by Devonshire Juniors

Preparing play material and coloured vests for sick children.

PARCELS FOR KOREA

by Bedfordshire Juniors

Sending hospital parcels for T.B. children and hospital patients.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE *by*

Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Juniors

Albums being prepared for exchange with Junior Red Cross groups in other countries by Link members from the Palace School for Crippled Girls, Ely.

PREPARATION OF INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION MATERIAL

by Northern Ireland Juniors

Dressing dolls in national costume to send to exhibitions in other countries.

OVERSEAS EXHIBITION

A display of Handcrafts made by Juniors in the Overseas Branches.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY JUNIOR SECTION



Programme

of the Displays of Activities given

in the Presence of Her Royal Highness

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OF KENT

Patron of the Junior Red Cross

at

ST. JAMES'S PALACE

(by Gracious Permission of Her Majesty The Queen)

on

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th, 1954

at 3.30 p.m.



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Cadet Unit 4874 Banbury

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They will be sleeping on mattresses on
the floor and should bring with them a towel
and toilet things.

Supper and breakfast will be provided

Barkas Steward

Assistant County Director York. Tumors.

FIRST ROYAL DUTY ALONE WAS FUN

Princess Alexandra replies 'Wotcher'

SHE CAPTIVATES THE CHILDREN

By PATRICIA KEIGHRAN

SEVENTEEEN-year-old Princess Alexandra carried out her first public engagement without her mother yesterday by going to a reception given for her at St. James's Palace by the Junior Red Cross.

The Duchess of Kent, had she been there, would have been proud of her daughter.

Princess Alexandra, a slim poised figure in a uniform designed specially for her as Patron of the Junior Red Cross, obviously enjoyed the experience of being a fully fledged royal personage.

As she listened to a speech by Lord Woolton, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross, she was trying to appear grave and grown-up, but in no time she gave up the attempt and grinned back at the beaming faces of the 300 youngsters lined up in the magnificent Throne Room.

Lady-in-Waiting lends

her mirror

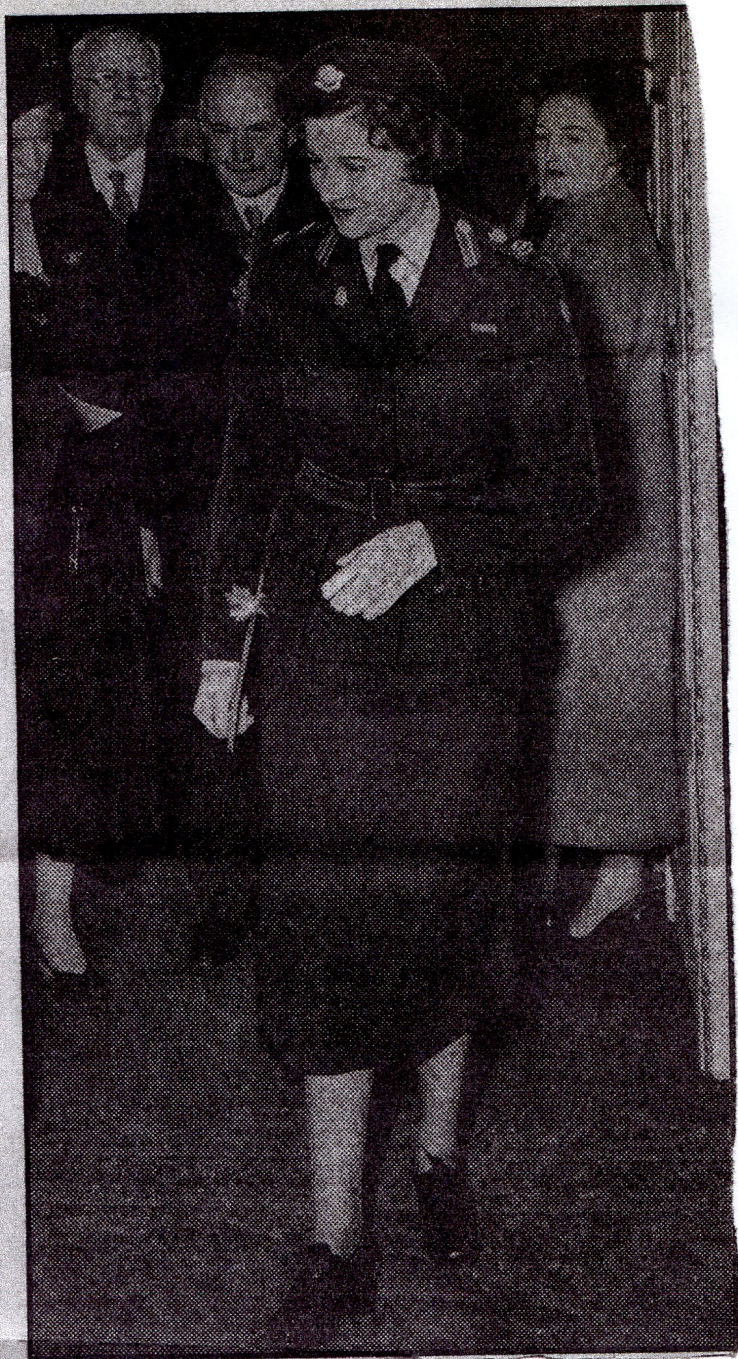
She was delighted with the ruby-and-diamond Red Cross badge presented to her by Miss Barbara Coke, the director. When it was pinned on to the neat navy-blue lapel of her uniform she peered down at it, saying: "I can't see it properly," until her Lady-in-Waiting produced a compact mirror.

Children, who had come from all over the United Kingdom to give a practical display of their training, were captivated.

The Princess toured the two rooms where carefully drilled youngsters were giving displays.

"Wotcher" was the greeting from one cheery nine-year-old who forgot all he had been taught about bowing and saying "Ma'am." But the Princess replied "Wotcher" with a twinkle in her eye.

It was an informal afternoon and the informality continued through tea, when the Princess's gloves dropped beneath the table. She groped for them unsuccessfully, then said: "Oh, bother," and scrambled lower to retrieve them.



Princess Alexandra arriving at St. James's Palace yesterday.

WORK BY BRITISH JUNIOR RED CROSS

PRINCESS TO OPEN LONDON DISPLAY

Princess Alexandra will carry out her first public engagement as patron of the British Junior Red Cross when she visits St. James's Palace on June 11 to see a display of work by the junior members of the society.

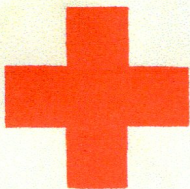
Directors of youth and juniors have been invited from all branches in England and Wales, each of whom will be accompanied by one junior Red Cross member; the Oxfordshire branch has been asked to take one home-bound member.

Miss Barbara Steward, director of the juniors in Oxfordshire, will be taking John Hayward, aged 12, of 26, Weyland Road, Headington, who has been selected for the work he has done for the junior Red Cross in spite of severe handicaps. This has included designing the cover for the Christmas number of the "Junior Journal" which is circulated in all Red Cross branches in the British Empire and making a leather purse which was sent as one of the exhibits to the Australian junior Red Cross exhibition of arts and crafts.

In addition, the following juniors have been selected as part of the guard of honour for the Princess:

Mrs. Lauchbury, Cadet Officer, Oxford 2; Mrs. Jefferson, Cadet Officer, Oxford 42; Susan Wheeler, Link 78, Marston; Ann Smith, Link 102, Oxford; Susan Jefferson, Unit 129, Chinnor; Rosemary Ireson, Unit 184, Goring; Janet Witts, Unit 2133, Chipping Norton; Hilary Robinson, Unit 3155, Oxford; Michael Lewis, Unit 3429, Oxford; Rosemary Dinage, Unit 3933, Henley; Margaret Brownhill, Unit 2449, Cowley; Jill Thorne, Unit 4519, Woodstock; Gillian Read, Unit 4547, Oxford; Jennifer Tennant, Unit 4562, Oxford; Ann Homer, Unit 459, Bicester; Ann Kinsham, Unit 4702, Kidlington; Angela Ilee, Unit 4704, Oxford; Pamela Preston, Unit 4874, Pampton; Judith Hulcup, Unit 4076, Marston; Christopher Yeend, Unit 4714, Banbury.

The big article is from a daily paper. The smaller article from Oxford Mail or Oxford Times. My name is right at the bottom. About 3rd from end of list



BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

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OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH

101, Banbury Road
Oxford.

Instructions to Juniors

Friday June 11th

Juniors to be at 101, Banbury Road, Oxford, by 12.30 p.m. punctually, having had their mid-day meal.

A picnic tea to be brought by each Junior. No bottles of fizzy drink to be included.

Uniform must be perfect, including white socks (plain) and black or brown shoes.

Proficiency medals will be worn.

Juniors may travel in coats, but neither coats nor cardigans will be worn at the reception.

Any Junior arriving here improperly or untidily dressed will not be allowed to proceed to London.

After the Reception Juniors will be allowed to see over St. James's Palace.

The journey to and from London will be in a private coach, and two officers will be in charge. The coach is expected to arrive back at 101 Banbury Road between 9.00 pm and 9.30 pm.

Juniors living in Oxford should make their own arrangements for getting home and any parents calling for their children may wait in the Office.

Juniors living in the county will please read the attached instructions about arrangements being made for them.

H.B. Steward

Assistant County Director Youth and Junior.

img298 This is a picture of the front and back cover of the program from 'The British Red Cross Junior Section for the Programme of the Displays of Activities given in the Presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent Patron of The Junior Red Cross at St James's Palace on Friday June 11th 1954' and has been kept by Pamela Collins née Green (sister of Harry Green). Pamela says "In 1954 I went as Bampton's representative to St James's Palace to be part of a guard of honour at Princess Alexandra's first solo engagement"

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Junior Red Cross." Princess Alexandra was Patron of the Junior Red Cross. Pamela Preston's name is on the third from bottom line of the right-hand cutting where a list of the people chosen to give a guard of honour for Princess Alexandra is listed.