Terminology Uncut

I make no apology
For this anthology.
We have to sort out
Our terminology!

Times have now changed
And we need to change too.
Read this clarification
And yes I mean you!

Whether you've been in Guiding
For three decades or three weeks,
Many of us need to make
A few linguistic tweaks.

You're not a *Guider* – no, not anymore
Instead you're a **Leader**, unlike before[1].
I hear what you're saying – 'I am a *Guider'*
But there are guidelines we should be obeying.

No longer should there be a
Guider-in-Charge
Instead an **Event Leader**
For events small and large.

It's **role** not *appointment*,
Whatever you've heard.
We've read the guidelines
And **role** is the word.

Adult Leadership Qualification is no more –
Drop the word *Adult* says Girlguiding law.
And whilst on the subject, *warrant* is out –
Leadership Qualification has much more clout.

Now on the topic of going away –
You need a **Residential Qualification** today.
A *licence* is for driving or owning a gun,
Not taking members away to have fun.

(Stick with me friends, I'm almost done)

Now if you are a Brownie **Leader**
You may take your unit away.
Be sure you don't term it a *Pack Holiday*
It's a **Brownie Holiday** – there is no other way.

Another archaic term to be told –
Girlguiding UK members don't *get enrolled*[2].
Instead **make your promise** if you so desire,
And also, in fact, you need never retire
As now here in Guiding – (this has to be said)

You can be a Leader until you are dead.
At 65 you become an Assistant,
So can't be *Event Leader* even if you're persistent.
As long as it's sa*fe*, you can still be a Leader[3].

I hope this verse has made you chuckle
And that things ameliorate.
Let's all use the right terminology
And keep Girlguiding great.

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[1] Since 2006, in fact
[2] And haven't since 1968!

[3] Read the 'Adults in Guiding' section in the Policy part of the Manual: http://goo.gl/PAQSG