# GUILD News

**Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK**

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## Juan attends COP27 Climate Conference

Central branch member Juan Davila Y Verdin attended the COP27 climate change conference in Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt.
Juan Francisco Dávila from Santa Fe participated as head of delegation for the United Nations University for Peace. Dávila lived in the city of Santa Fe for several years. He is a Bachelor of History at the UNL Faculty of Humanities and Sciences. In Europe, he received a BA in Global Politics and International Relations from Birkbeck College, University of London. He also has an MBA from the International University of Monaco. Most recently, in 2021, Dávila was made a Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Manufacturers, and Commerce (RSA), and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (RHS) of the United Kingdom.
In an interview with El Litoral, the man from Santa Fe made an analysis of how he perceived COP27 in relation to the educational issue. "Sustainable development goal 4 (SDG) that has to do with education for sustainability is somewhat relegated and is hardly mentioned in the COP 27 Conference. They are talking about energy reconversion, implementation, gender, finance, science, but without a solid educational base it is very complex to sustain changes over time."

# Santa's Sleigh comes to Henfield

The villagers became excited about Santa's Sleigh Journey around Henfield during December. The Elf crew at B-P Guild Henfield used the magic dust for a smooth take-off and landing around the suburbs. This has now become an annual event that the villagers look forward to.
The Henfield branch of the B-P Guild were very honoured to be asked by Father Christmas to take him out and about on his sleigh rounds this year to visit all the people of Henfield. This was very challenging this year due to the snow, ice and extremely cold weather; we have recently heard that Father Christmas has just about thawed out after his rounds! We also took Father Christmas and his Elves out on Christmas morning to deliver presents to children and guests at various care homes in and around our area, this is the first time we have carried out these visits since COVID struck, it definitely brought good cheer to all we visited.

We also Held a Jumble sale & auction early in December which was hugely popular and returned a fantastic profit this combined with the Sleigh rounds collections returned a profit of approximately £4,600.00 it was hard work but a fantastic result. This money will go a long way towards funding the events and good causes we support.

# Henfield's support for Ukraine

## Hope and Aid Direct (Ukraine)

Members of Henfield B-P Guild have been busy collecting items urgently needed for those people who are displaced in Ukraine.
Dried foods, Non foods, have been packed into Banana boxes kindly donated by local people around Henfield and the surrounding district .
Guild members David Malkin Duncan Campbell and Russell Carden loaded the donations into a transit van and then transported the load to Hope and Aid Direct Distribution depot in Basildon Essex
Packing items into Banana boxes makes the loading of these goods easier onto pallets and then loaded into larger vehicles which are then dispatched direct to Ukraine.
Pictures show the loaded van for delivery to Basildon and David, Duncan and Russell unloading the boxes at Hope and Aid Direct Distribution Depot in Basildon.
Members at the Plough Inn Henfield enjoying their Christmas Dinner and wish to thank everyone a merry Christmas and their continued support over the past year.

## Malvern Branch support Hope and Aid Direct (Ukraine)

**Members** responded positively and generously to the Ukraine appeal with items of food and non food.
1st Leigh Sinton Cub Scouts also collected for Ukraine. A big "Thank you" June Etheridge.
1st Upton Upon Severn Scouts also made a super collection. Picture on the right shows Scout Leaders Emily Elwell and Stephen Healey loading the boxes for transhipment. A big " Thank you" to Hannah Hopkins GSL for arranging this collection.
**Members** attended the Colwall Gangshow on Saturday 26th November. The Guild sponsored the cost of hiring the hall to hold the event. Both Colwall Scout group and 1st Ledbury Scout group members took part in a very successful show. The proceeds from the show have been passed to the Scouts in the district who are attending the World Scout Jamboree in 2023.
The branch held a Minced Pie Coffee morning on Saturday 3rd December. The Scouts who are attending the World Scout Jamboree in 2023 ran the coffee stall to raise funds to go towards the cost of the Jamboree. Two Ranger Guides also ran a stall to raise funds for their International trip.
**Members** also attended the branch Xmas lunch on Tuesday 6th December at the Royal Oak, Broadwas.

## Milton Keynes Branch.

Members who helped to raise £30,500 attended the Grand Draw for the Milton Keynes Community Foundation.
The Foundation is a non profit making organisation.
A grant making charity focusing on making an impact on local lives. Picture shows lucky winners receiving the first prize, a Skoda car.
Members also enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the Sheldon Lodge on Tuesday 20th December.

## Central Branch

Verena Leppard a member of the Central Branch sent in this photo of the East Sussex Singing Circle celebrating their Christmas meeting at the Horam Scout and Guide HQ. Horam East Sussex.
Members held their December meeting online and held a Christmas quiz.
The December online branch meeting took place with a Christmas Quiz.Hats and jumpers were worn for the festive season.
**Central member Wendy Fraser** presented a framed photograph of Agnes Baden-Powell the Co-Founder and first President for Girl Guiding to member Jane Steen from Eastbourne. Jane will oversee the photo of Agnes to be placed at the Sussex County Guide Camp site.

## Stourbridge Branch.

Members of Stourbridge and District held their Christmas party on Saturday 18th Dec with Christmas carols and a super buffet.

## Gibraltar Branch.
## Tony Retires as Pipe Band Major.

There is change at the top of the Gibraltar Sea Scouts Pipe Band which, at 106 years old, is the oldest marching band and the only pipe band on the rock: Central branch member Tony Galliano stands down after over 40 years of service leading the band. Taking over from him is his Pipe Sergeant, Tarik El-Yabani.
Pipe Major Tony Galliano joined the 5th Gibraltar Sea Scouts in 1964 and shortly after started learning to play the bagpipes, taught by the then Leading Piper George De Veras, soon after the Royal Ulster Rifles arrived on the Rock and their Pipe Major, Albert Price, took the band under his wing by sending instructors to the band. Tony continued playing and took on other duties within the band and Scout Group. He took over the band as Pipe Major in 1980 from Tony Almeida, who still plays today. Tony has also taken the band to play in many festivals in Asturias and the Costa del Sol in Spain. Currently Tony holds the appointment of Band Quartermaster and Badge Secretary of the Gibraltar Scouts. Picture shows Tony on the right handing over Reigns to the new pipe major Tarik El-Yabani.

# ISGF & International Events

## The Peace Light of Bethlehem

The peace light of Bethlehem is a program inaugurated in Austria in 1987 as part of a charitable relief mission for handicapped children and people in need .
It has gone to more than 20 countries in Europe as well as the Americas.

New Sub-Region launched in the Western Hemisphere Region During an online Gathering on **October 9, 2022** a new sub-region was added to the Western Hemisphere Region. This sub-region is called: **Central America & Caribbean sub-region (CACSR).**

## ISGF 11th European Conference Denmark

### 30th July - 3rd August, Ranum Efterskole College

Now is the time to Register for this European event, if you have not already done so. The Conference will take up only one day, Wed. 2nd August. The other days will be taken up by social events and excursions into the local countryside. The registration form will be found on the event website: www.isgf-eu-ro2023.dk
There is lots of information on the website, including details of the excursions and also the after Conference 3 day tour of Denmark. Do consider going to this event, you will make friends (for life) and learn more about what Guilds do in other countries.

Friends of the World Centres. ( FOWWC)**The Baden-Powell Guild UK will now be supporting Friends of the WAGGGS World Centres as a member**. Pax Lodge will be the venue for their AGM on Saturday 25th March for 2 pm. It is hoped that a selection of events throughout the weekend will take place. Look out for online bookings. An Autumn Quiz is planned for 16th October @ 4 pm. The quiz is open to FOWWC groups and their families and friends. join as an individual or as a team. Please E-Mail FOWWC@ yahoo.com Let us know if you want to join in. We will send you the details to your email address.

## National Secretary Receives Medal of Merit

Wednesday 9th November Allan was awarded the Medal of Merit from the Scout Association for services to Scouting in the Malverns District.
Ryan Heath District Team Commissioner presented the award at their district scout meeting.

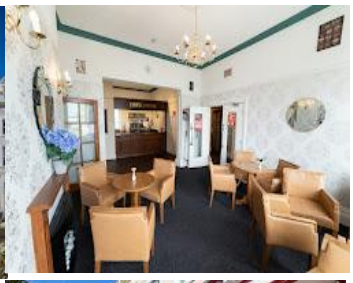
Stamps. Do remember to send your used stamps to the 1st Thundersley Rainbows 20 Bowers Road, Benfleet. Essex SS7 5PZ. Thank you.

National Guild AGM 2023. The Baden-Powell Guild UK will hold the National Guild AGM on line on Sunday 26th March 2023 for 2.30pm. **All members are encouraged to join the meeting.** This will be our 44th National Guild AGM.
Contact the National Secretary for the link to join the meeting.

# 2023 Social Gathering

## Come and join our Social Gathering at the Somerset Hotel Llandudno

## Thursday 5th October to Monday 9th October



The Somerset Hotel enjoys a wonderful seafront location, right on the Promenade at Llandudno. You get a good view of the whole bay and the Gt. Orme from the front of the hotel. The Pier and town centre are just a 5 minute walk along the flat. There are a great many interesting shops and a variety of visitor attractions. The cable car may or may not be running as it is subject to the weather, but the tram will take you to see spectacular view from the top of the Gt. Orme, or you can catch the Vintage Coach right round the Orme. You can while away a morning or the whole day with a train trip up the Conway Valley to Blaenau Ffestiniog with spectacular views on the route. Take your bus pass with you as although you don't get 'free' travel on the buses, you do get a reduction on a day pass. popular trips are to Rhyl or Conway.

The Hotel is run by the Daish's Hotel Group and the online price quoted today (19th Jan.) is **£249**, per person, on a self drive basis, or **£269** by coach from the West Midlands. Provided you book online or by phone **before 15th February 2023.** Online booking can be accessed via: https://www.daishs.com/holidays/ or you can book by phone on: **01202 638840. Bookings at these prices can be reserved with a £50 deposit, there may be a further reduction if you pay in full at the time of booking. If you have any problem with booking please contact: Sue Page 01886 832940 who will be able to help you. These prices will increase after 15th February.**

**Keep informed and get in touch**

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