GUILD News

Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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We support riding for the disabled, see branch reports page 2

Henfield Guild helping to raise funds for new Community Scout Centre Henfield. See branch reports page 2

Our thoughts are with those affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria

News from the branches.

Central Branch. The branch monthly meeting was held on Thursday 9th February online. The guest speaker Caroline Poulton who gave an interesting presentation about the Friends of the World Centres. The Cabana Centre in Mexico is opening again and will be under new Management. The Baden-Powell Guild have now registered as a member of the Friends of the World Centres.

Central member Tony Galliano with his son and 3 grandsons celebrated Founders day at their home in Gibraltar.

Malvern Branch supports Riding for the Disabled (RDA)

A donation for £100.00 was given to the Leigh Sinton RDA branch on Monday 6th February.
Members held a coffee morning at Morgan Motor Car Cafe in February and took the opportunity to look at some of the Morgan cars on display. They will now hold a coffee morning at Morgan's Cafe on a regular basis.
Members attended their annual church service to renew their Scout and Guide Promise at the Methodist Church in Ledbury. This was followed by a Sunday Carvery Lunch at the Full Pitcher Ledbury.
Members joined in the Planning meeting for the County Scout Shirejam event to be held for Hereford and Worcester. Approx 4000 Scouts Cubs and Beavers will be taking part in the 3 day event this August.
A donation of £100.00 each given to Maya Goodger a **Senior Guide** towards her International travelling costs to Scandinavia and Charlotte Walker a **Scout** towards the costs for her trip to the World Jamboree 23. Further donations of £85.00 to Libby Middleton a **Scout** for her trip to Kandersteg and £200.00 to Ellie Jones a **Scout** towards her costs to the World Jamboree 23

Henfield Branch. Many of our members are heavily involved with the charitable (Clarkes Mead Trust) that is in the process of raising funds to rebuild the Henfield Scout Hut The old hut which was built many years ago by the B-P Guild has served fantastically well for all those years but it was definitely getting past its best, and was becoming dangerous and unusable . The Scouts moved out in the summer of 2022 to temporary accommodation at another local site. This allowed us to start work on the site and the old scout hut was demolished late last year and construction of the new hut has started this year and the frame work is going up now 2nd week of February. This new building will be known as the Henfield Scout and Community Centre.

It has been designed in such a way that areas of the building can be hired out to different community groups or clubs when not in use by the Scouts thus aiding a large section of the community and raising funds to finance the buildings ongoing costs. Please see website http://www.henfield-scout-cc.org/

We have been battling against rising costs recently as has everyone and the costs are rising faster than we can raise money, one recent initiative was to create a "go fund me page" which can be found here https://gofund.me/a62f695e. **A donation to this project would be very much appreciated.**

National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK

The National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK (NSGF UK) is the member organisation of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) for the UK. ISGF usually only recognise one organisation per country (there are exceptions in specific circumstances).

Therefore in the UK where there are 2 organisations, Baden-Powell Guild UK and the Scout and Guide Fellowship UK, they come together in a Joint National Committee (JNC) to form the National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK (NSGF UK).

The Joint National Committee is made up of 3 members from each of the 2 organisations. In the B-P Guild, the 3 members are nominated by the National Executive Committee and elected by the membership at the AGM every year. Once on the JNC members can serve for up to 6 years but must then take a break for at least one year.

With a couple of breaks I have represented the B-P Guild on the JNC since 2013. I am heading towards the point at the AGM in 2024 where I will once again have completed 6 years and must step down. This time as I am moving on to represent the Western Europe Sub Region on the Europe Region Committee. I will be taking more than a year's break.

Therefore, from 2024, the B-P Guild will need to find a member to replace me on the JNC. The other 2 members are experienced & expected to be on the JNC for a number of years yet.

What do you need to know to represent the B-P Guild on the JNC? Very little. You will need to be a member and to know what the Guild's Purpose, Motto, Principles Aims and Objectives are. These are all detailed in the Constitution, which you can get from the National Secretary. Armed with this information the only other requirement is a willingness to be involved and possibly an interest in International affairs. The JNC only meet 'as required' and this is usually only 2/3 times per year, online via zoom, and the meetings usually last no more than an hour. If you would like more information, please speak to me, email or phone, if you are interested speak to any member of the B-P Guild NEC. This is a very small job, but a very important one for the B-P Guild.

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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
Information will be on the website, including details of the excursions and also the post-Conference 3-day tour of Denmark. If you would like to join this tour you need to register by 31st March.
There is a direct flight to Aalbourg from Stanstead. You will need to book for Sunday 30th July, with return on Thursday 3rd August (unless you are going on the post-Conference tour). The outgoing flight is AALFR1251 and it departs at 7.30am, you will need to be at the airport at least 2 hours before the flight time. The return flight from Aalbourg to Stanstead is on Thursday 3rd August AALFR1250 and it departs at 17.35pm. There will be transport provided and included in the Conference price from the airport to Ranum and back to the airport. For more details and to book a flight, see https://help.ryanair.com/hc/en-ba. There are flights from other airports in the UK but for most of these you will have to fly to Amsterdam and then change planes for Aalbourg.
If you book for the post-Conference tour it finishes in Copenhagen and you will need to book your return flight from there. **Do consider going to this event, you will make friends (for life) and learn more about what Guilds do in other countries.**

2023 Environmental Projects! What are our members doing? We want to hear from our members what you are doing at home or in the community to help improve the environment and save energy. Write to us send us photographs .

B-P Guild Henfield branch members organised after Christmas a "Christmas Tree Disposal Service" in their district and collected 220 Christmas trees. The trees were then chipped and composted. This raised £1,140.00 and went directly to the Henfield Scouts and Community Centre Building Appeal (HSCC)
www.henfield-scout-cc.org
A friendly environmental way for disposal and a way of raising funds.

Well Done Henfield. Ed

Do you have a member success story? Tell us about your most adventurous holiday.

Project Nepal: We now have an updated presentation for our International Project Nepal. Members and branches are welcome to contact us to arrange a viewing of the presentation.

Membership Fees 2023 now due. Thank you to those of you who have paid their membership fees so far for this year. We are pleased that so many of you continue to support the Baden-Powell Guild UK.

National Guild Gathering Llandudno October 23

Details for the Gathering will be in the May edition. Have you made a booking to attend

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