

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

Issue No 4 Date July 2020

We are pleased to announce that the European Scout Foundation and the European Scout Region-WOSM are proud to certify that the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain is a friend of Scouting in Europe.

Friends of Scouting In Europe (FOSE)



Serbia: Scout House Gets a New Roof

Happy news from a supported project: the roof repairs of the Scout house in Bela Palanka (Southern Serbia) have been completed.



In the photo you will see that the old damaged roof has been removed by the construction workers. The new structure looks much more solid. The local Scouts helped the construction workers with the tiles. The new roof looks great! The donations of the Friends of Scouting in Europe make possible these kinds of concrete improvements. Thank you for your generous support.

Allan and Sue Page attended a virtual meeting of FOSE via Zoom on Wednesday 20th May. There were 63 FOSE members in attendance to hear all the latest news and to watch a presentation on their projects. During the meeting, Allan & Sue were welcomed and the above Certificate was virtually presented.

We Welcome our New Members.

Geoff Rayment, Milton Keynes Branch. Chan Hung Woo, Central Branch. Robin Giles, Central Branch.



HENFIELD BRANCH - Change at the "Top"

Like many of you we have not been particularly busy with Guild activities over the last few months due to the CV-19 pandemic, but we have been able to keep in touch and have our usual monthly meetings, although these have had to take a different form and thanks to technology, we have been able to "Zoom" each other. We have had up to 26 participants at our monthly meetings, it was a bit chaotic to start with, but we soon got the hang of it.

One of our meetings was the AGM where we had some changes of appointments. We would like to welcome Terry Cox as our new Chairman, he has taken over from Robin Wadey who has done a sterling job for the last two years. Graham Norris who has taken over the role of secretary from Derek Gardener, who has diligently carried out this role for the last 25 years. Both Robin and Derek will support Terry and Graham for the next year until they are comfortable in their new roles. The Henfield B-P Guild would like to extend a huge thank you to Robin and Derek for their hard work and dedication over previous years. We look forward to working with Terry and Graham in the future.



The Rogues Gallery at one of our new "HI TECH" meetings; we must learn not to all talk at the same time and turn the TV off in the background!

This Lock Down has given us time to do some of things we have been meaning to do for many years but have never quite had the time to get round to it. Below is a little poem and picture of how one of our members has spent their time. Poetry and Carpentry, who knew we had such talent in our midst.

Andy's Spare Time

I thought I would share my epic adventure before I'm too old and suffering dementia.
Twenty years ago I acquired some Iroko, a wood for outside, they would take me for a long ride.
What could I make? A bird table or a gate, a seat of some kind, I am sure the neighbours wouldn't mind.

So, in Andy's spare time, while composing this rhyme, some benches I would make,
Little did I know how long it would take.
Work on my benches was terribly slow, hardly surprising with a young family in tow.
With Gemma eleven and Thomas just seven, helping Daddy was my kind of heaven.
And then they confided our work here is done!
It seemed the Spice Girls and FIFA were so much more fun.

Ten years on, and my benches half grown, the Henfield Club flat was to be my new home.
No room for a workshop to tinker away, my benches in storage to fight another day.
Not one to go off the rails, I spent my spare time on the Henfield Club ales.
Whilst having a beer with my mate Dave the rave, I was unaware of my road he would pave.
He said why don't you join the B-P Guild, I'm sure Andy's spare time would be easily filled.
After several more beers and no sign of a spillage, he said you'll have forty new mates and do good in the village.

Seven years at the flat and a good time had by all, four people and two dogs it was clearly too small.
It was time to move home, but not far would I roam, with Heidi by my side, Wantley east I would reside.
A new workshop I would build, with a little help from my friends at the Guild.

So out of mothballs my benches came again, to be worked on when marquees were cancelled due to rain.
After a day at the office to help the coffers grow, to my workshop I would go.
Crack open a beer and get in first gear, no rushing about just slow and steady, until a cry from the house that dinner is ready.
So, in I would go as quiet as a mouse, to disguise the fact, I'm walking dust through the house.

With a virus spreading from China to Henfield, Andy's spare time was abundant and chilled.
I've worked on my benches throughout this lockdown, and they have progressed with a leap and a bound.
Twenty years in the making was rather frustrating, but now they are complete.
Please come and have a seat!
We'll have a couple of ales and swap a few tales, a group of friends getting together again.

And if you're in need of Andy's spare time, now I have finished composing this rhyme.
I will be there without any fears, just be prepared it could take me another twenty years!



Well done Andy, I make it four years a seat! Still definitely quicker than I could have done it!

Please all Stay Safe and Take Care and hopefully we will all be out of this mess very soon.

Kevin Dawkins
Henfield B-P Guild

60 years involved in Scouting.

Adrian French a member of the Milton Keynes Branch has been involved around Scouting for the past 60 years. Adrian is seen here being invested as a member of the 10th Dorking Wolf Cub Pack. Congratulations Adrian a great achievement

Branch News

Milton Keynes Branch have been meeting via Zoom for the past few months as well as sending out a weekly Newsletter. This has been full of interesting facts about Milton Keynes, (did you know they have a Brewery called the 'Concrete Cow'?) and most weeks a fiendish Quiz. The town has also done its bit for the environment with the planting of 22 million trees.



Malvern Branch have also been keeping in contact with its members via a weekly Newsletter. Each one has been 'themed' around the activities that the branch would have been taking part in, or a particular date - the latest was published on 'Midsummer Day'. Its quizzes and 'spot the deliberate mistake' have also been popular and many members have delighted in pointing out the editors typing, grammatical and spelling errors also. The branch is hopeful that it will be able to resume its usual activities in September and that over the 'dry' summer months that it might be able to attend a couple of Car Boot Sales to garner a little income, having had to cancel most of its usual fund raising events.

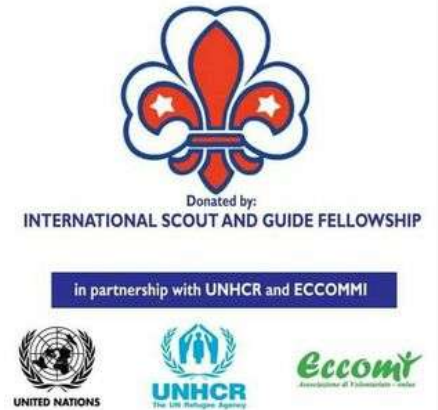
International Scout and Guide Fellowship News

To all ISGF members,

On behalf of ISGF World Committee and World Bureau, I would like to thank you for your donations and support on the IMVEPI Shelter Project in Uganda. Your generous contribution in this project has helped to achieve our goal : to build 50 huts for the refugees in the IMVEPI settlement. Your support has made a significant contribution to the success of this ISGF Global Project. Your support is invaluable to us, thank you again. I also would like to thank Mathius Lukwago, former Chairman, for the time and energy devoted to this project.

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes.

Zalillah Mohd Taib, Chairman ISGF World Committee



Mike Randle

17th February 1961 – 10th May 2020.



It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Stourbridge branch member Mike Randle. Mike had underlying health issues and became a victim of Covid 19. His numerous scouting leadership appointments included Kinver Camp Warden, and District Explorer Scout Commissioner. Mike will be sadly missed by many, but the dedication and enthusiasm he had for Scouting, and his passion for the wellbeing of young people, will leave a lasting impression with all who came into contact with him.

Brian Gyngell

1936 - 2020

We are saddened to report the passing away of Central Branch Member Brian Gyngell. Brian was involved in Scouting all his life and was known as the Badger being that he was also involved in the International Badgers Club collecting Scout and Guide badges. Brian spent a great deal of his time supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital and gave a great deal of support to the "Wishing Well Appeal". **A True Scout Gone Home.**

Keep informed and get in touch

National Secretary Allan Page. E-Mail allan.page@talk21.com

Website: <http://www.badenpowellguild.org>

Facebook: Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

Patron: Hon Wendy Baden Powell(Granddaughter of B-P)