

# GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

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## Introducing new National Committee members.

We are delighted to welcome Adrian French and Andrew Younie to the National Committee. Adrian and Andrew were elected by the membership at this year's National AGM, held in Llandudno, North Wales.



Adrian is a member of our Milton Keynes branch and takes an active role in the branch as Secretary. Adrian has spent many years helping and supporting Scouting and has held a number of positions during this time.



Andrew is a Central Branch Member and lives in Taveley, Bishops Stortford. Andrew has a Scouting background and was at one time a Venture Scout.

We look forward to Adrian and Andrew joining the National Team.



## Meet our Stamp Collection Officer.

We are pleased to announce that Central Branch Member member Peter Pilbeam will be taking on the Stamp Collection position with immediate effect. Please send all your used postage stamps to Peter at his home address 46 Devonshire Park Road, Stockport. SK2 6JW.



We are particularly interested in collecting Commemorative and Anniversary stamps.

## News from the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF)

### 29th ISGF World Conference 2020 postponed

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Dear Friends, Warm Greetings from the ISGF World Committee and the World Bureau. We are facing a health crisis unlike any in the 75-year history. The COVID-19 Pandemic has rapidly covered the globe according to the last updates.

There are many activities, projects and games that we can do online to continue promoting our bounds of friendship and to help others. As Adult Scouts and Guides our creativity is our best resource. ISGF members around the world can have meetings online, using Skype, Go to meeting, Jit.si Meet, Instagram, WhatsApp, Facebook, and many other applications.

The Spanish host committee of the ISGF 29th World Conference, World Committee and the Secretary General had an online meeting on Saturday 4th April 2020 and decided to postpone the event till 2021.

A referendum will be sent to the Member Organisations through the World Bureau in order to officially postpone the 29th World Conference as soon as possible.

Yours in Fellowship,

**Zalillah Mohd Taib**  
Chairman ISGF World Committee. International Scout and Guide Fellowship

**Update:** the referendum, actually asked for permission to postpone the 29th World Conference to 2021, NSGF UK voted in favour. Further meetings between the host committee and world committee will take place in

May. We can expect full details as soon as something definite has been negotiated and agreed.



## Our International Project - Nepal Educational Support Trust.

We've raised an astonishing £ 740.00 to support the Prajwal School in Chaughada Nepal. A cheque for this amount will be sent to Purna Shrestha, the founder of the NEST. Purna will use this money to buy more equipment for the school. We look forward to more pictures showing the progress within the nursery at the school.



**Update:** due to COVID-19 the school is presently shut and Purna has been unable to travel to Nepal, however he has sent some photos to the children in the Nursery.



## Friends of Scouting in Europe UK

The National Guild Secretary is pleased to tell you that FOSE-UK continue to give their financial support to the European Scout Foundation which provides grants for projects in Eastern European Countries.

## News from our Central Branch Members: Robert Nicol

I am chair of the 13th West Lothian (1st Livingston) Scout group based in Livingston Station (Deans), here in Livingston Scotland.

We held our recent Group Executive meeting via e mail and it went well. All relevant business was discussed and that kept us up to date.

Our group area is North West Livingston, plus a couple of local villages nearby. We have the use of the Livingston Station Community Centre, which has 2 halls and various meeting rooms, which we use as well. It enables us to do badge work at the same time as other sections working.

We hold Beavers on a Tuesday night and Cubs and Scouts on a Thursday night.



My other voluntary work is with Cyrenians / OPAL (Older People Active Lives).

I started as a driver about 18 months ago, and then started to take meetings and classes as well. Initially I was covering a Wednesday in a village called Uphall, but they asked me to do more volunteering, so I covered a few more mornings and afternoons in other places mainly collecting people and taking them home. I sometimes got involved in the group activities as well.

I do a Wednesday morning befriending phone call with a client, who cannot get out much and he enjoys a blether about football, politics, shopping problems etc. He was a cub and scout in a wee mining village called Newarthill near Motherwell many years ago and always asks what Scouting is like nowadays. Gets in the blood does it not?

## Henfield Branch: By Kevin Dawkins

### It's Life Jim, but not as we know it !

In these strange and rather unnatural times, where we are all penned in & locked down at home, our normal Guild activities have been somewhat curtailed, and we are not very active in our usual ways. However, it does allow different activities to come to the fore, and one up-side noticed by one of our members who is a keen amateur Astronomer, Neil Featherstone, is that the reduction in worldwide travel has resulted in a considerable drop in airborne pollution which has enabled him to take this stunning photograph of the Whirlpool Galaxy. This galaxy is 23,000,000 light years away, it is 30,000 light years wide and contains about 100 billion stars (I don't think he has had time to count them all!). This galaxy is about half the size of our own galaxy the Milky Way.



On seeing this picture, our very own Poet Laureate; Denis (the Bard) Muirden, sprang into action and penned this little ditty:

"There was a young Guildsman called Neil who scanned the night sky with great zeal. His telescope was sound and soon a Galaxy he found, 23M light years distant - unreal !!!  
What will he find next to keep us all vexed?, Mercury, Mars or even Uranus, Hayley's Comet would be fine or a sun that doth shine, But please - no Corona Borealis! "

Although our usual fund raising and support activities have all been put on hold for a while, some of the guy's have found ways to support the local community and the NHS, by volunteering to collect prescriptions and shopping for people that are unable to get out and about for whatever reason.

Some of our members who can't go out themselves have volunteered to phone other members of the community who may be lonely and have no one else to talk to, and to reassure them that there is still a world outside that cares. Various other members have signed up for the NHS voluntary service to carry out numerous different tasks.

One of the slightly stranger requests, that one volunteer had to help out with was to drive their clients car around the block a couple of times, because they had heard that the tires will "stick to the road" if the car is not moved for a couple of days!

Hopefully we will be able to get back to near normality in the not too distant future, we definitely don't want to be measuring that in light years!

Please all Stay Safe and Take Care.

Kevin Dawkins  
Henfield B-P Guild



"We are an organisation of Adult Scouts and Guides that does not look back on the past with nostalgia, we are constructive critics, to bring the best of the past to the FUTURE"



**We regret to announce the passing away of Don Younie.**

Don was a keen supporter to the 8th Enfield Scout Group, Enfield Middlesex. He held a number of positions over many years with 8th Enfield. He was also a member the Guild National Committee. We send our condolences to Don's family.

**A good Scout gone home.**

**For those of you who are old enough to remember £-s-d have a go at the quiz.**

**Tell us what you're doing during Lockdown**

**We want to hear what our members are doing during Lockdown.**

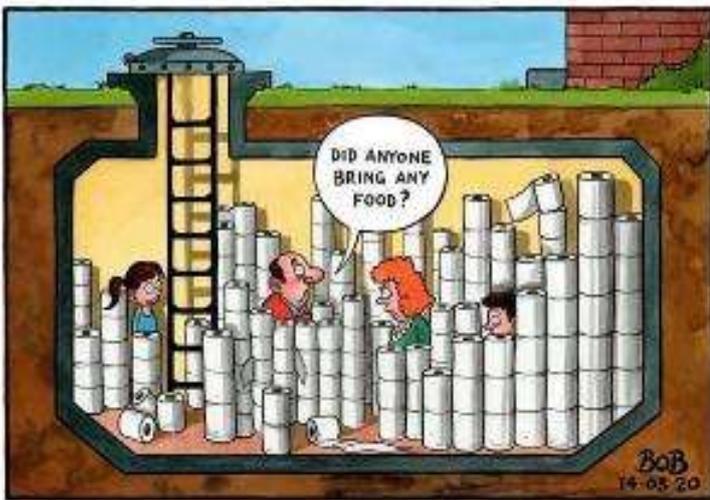
It's a good opportunity to get those little jobs done around the house. Turn out the garage. Repair the lawnmower. Learning another Language. Build a boat whatever you are doing, we want to hear.

Our National Secretary has locked himself in his shed and has been busy making gardening boxes from scrap pallets. " No orders thank you".



**Old money terms :- £ S D  
(Do you remember it?)**

	£	S	D
<b>A pig</b>			
<b>Headgear</b>			
<b>A leatherworker</b>			
<b>A cycle</b>			
<b>Sun, moon, star</b>			



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