

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

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The Henfield Branch of the B-P Guild have been pretty active throughout the Christmas period. It started at the tail end of November with the erection of the Village Christmas Tree, which added a well needed bit of sparkle and Christmas cheer.

They decided that they would operate the Sleigh Rounds, take Santa around the village and blast out some Christmas carols as we went. The main aim of this, being a morale booster to the people of the village rather than a money raising exercise. Therefore, this year we had a limited number of Elves assisting Santa and no knocking on doors or giving out sweets (Bah Humbug).

But to our great surprise so many people turned out on their doorsteps, with plenty of children being dragged out of bed or away from the TV to wave to Santa as he went by. We were really proud to be able to get out and feel as though we were doing something positive in the community. This was also the first test run of our new Sleigh which has been completely rebuilt by a group of dedicated volunteers throughout 2020. You may recall our old Sleigh got damaged beyond repair last year by an extra-large pothole! Glad to report that the new MkIII Santa Sleigh worked perfectly.

One of the last fund-raising activities that we had for the Christmas period was the Xmas Tree Collection and Disposal Service, this is where they charge people £10 to come and collect their old tree and dispose of it in an environmentally friendly manner. All funds that are raised by this service, which is usually in the region of £1,000 goes directly to the Henfield Scouts Community Centre (HSCC) www.henfield-scout-cc.org. This project is getting very close to the commencement of construction and it is hoped that a start can be made in Spring 2021, needless to say that every pound and penny counts and is vitally important.

Very best wishes for a happy and healthy year and stay safe.

[A message from Bear Grylls \(taken from Facebook\)](#)

For me, this festive season is about one thing: kindness.

It's something we've seen a lot of from our Scouts and volunteers in 2020. You've spent the year helping others, even when you've been having a tough time yourselves. You've done everything you can to support young people. And the way you've supported each other is truly inspiring.



Central Branch Nov 2020 meeting. It was good to have a diverse range of members and to hear how they are carrying on with help to Scouting and Guiding and their communities. Central branch member Robert Nicol is also Chairman of the 1st Livingston Scout Group Scotland . So as well as his interests in Guild work Robert is busy helping to run a very lively Scout Group. Robert takes great interest in all of the Group's activities and oversees the Groups risk assessments, also helping with a night hike. The Scouts in the group are now in 2 sections and attend meetings fortnightly to meet Covid rules in Scotland. The Group are now sorting out their camping equipment ready for a fresh start next year. *Good work Robert, ED.*

The Central Group held their January online meeting and their special guest who took part in the meeting was **Lesley Bowers, National Guild Master for the Baden-Powell Guild of New Zealand.** Lesley's time of day being 12 hours in front of us, meant joining us early in the morning. Lesley gave a presentation of New Zealand Guilds structure and their membership of the Asia Pacific Region (ASPAC) of ISGF.



The Central branch need's a co-ordinator to arrange future meetings. It is a small job, to liaise with the Guild webmaster to produce a link for the monthly online meetings, forward this link to Central Branch members together with an Agenda. Please volunteer by speaking to the National Guild Secretary

Malvern Branch.

Members of the branch have been busy making buying and selling Christmas trees and Christmas ornaments for the garden. They have proved to be very popular and were sold as soon as they were made. A good way of raising funds for your projects. After the exertions of their 'Walking Quiz' round the Christmas Shop Windows in December, Malvern branch decided on an online meeting for January. Members were asked to bring an item Poetry or Prose. As you can see some of the items were hilarious, others were more sombre. We had Poems on Winter, Spring and Summer, giving us something to look forward to.



In February Malvern Branch will be holding their AGM online and joining in with other NSGF members for the Thinking Day Quiz on Monday 22nd February.



Milton Keynes Branch. Held their virtual meeting on the 5th January to discuss their programme and to elect a new chairman.

National Baden-Powell Guild AGM 2021

The National, Baden-Powell Guild, Annual General Meeting will take place online on the 21st March 2021 at 11am.

All registered Guild members with an email address will be sent a link to join the meeting.



International News.

The Australian Baden-Powell Guild will be holding their National Gathering on the 19th - 21st February 2021.

The Greater Mumbai Scout and Guide Fellowship from India supported poor students with digital gadget tablets, for their online study during the present Covid-19 period. The Fellowship initiated a project to provide 10 tablets to the school in Kune village, 100 km from Mumbai. This is being done jointly with the local Rotary Inner Wheel Club. The Fellowship contributed an amount equivalent to 500 USD.



School in Zimbabwe gets support from ISGF member



Willard Nyambiya, Central Branch member of Zimbabwe since 2016, informed the media that the **Guinea Fowl Primary school in Gweru** has been supported during the COVID crises.

Gweru is situated in the midlands of Zimbabwe approx. 277 kilometres from Harare, the capital city.

Willard together with a team donated hand sanitizers, masks, gowns and thermometers to the Guinea Fowl

Primary school. This school has about **680 children** who will soon start lessons. The children must share the school desks so social distance is a real challenge.

Scout and Guide Fellowship (SAGF) – Rabbit Project

Members of SAGF are participating in a rabbit breeding Agri-project, in conjunction with the Scout unit at St Joseph's Secondary School, Kakidu, Mityana, Uganda. SAGF are providing money to build a hutch and run, with one Buck rabbit and six Doe's. The initial outlay is approximately £250, with additional costs for food and veterinary care. The aim of the project is to enable the Scouts to learn more about animal husbandry and the setting up of a micro enterprise. Profits, if any, would go towards its expansion and to supporting local scouting. They are offering Guild members the opportunity to be involved in this project. *Further details from Sue Page – sue.page3@btinternet.com*

The National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF UK) invite the BP Guild members to an online Founder's/Thinking Day Quiz. Monday 22nd February 2021 at 7.30pm. The evening will consist of a picture quiz, a memory game, and a few general knowledge questions. After the quiz there will be an opportunity to reflect on the day and to renew our Scout or Guide Promise. If you wish to take part please email the SAGF secretary and she will send you the zoom invite. janewardropper@btinternet.com. **We look forward to celebrating together.**

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) World Bureau has moved.

The former World Bureau building will be transformed into social rental housing.

The new World Bureau will be conveniently located near to Brussels Central Station.

Address: ISGF. Room619. 6 Avenue des arts. Saint Josse Ten Noode. BE 1210 Brussels. Belgium.



A Scottish quiz

Can you name the 3 Edinburgh Football teams who have their name on the Scottish Cup itself .??? Tricky.

What was Scotland's capital before Edinburgh ??

Where did Scotland get the thistle as its national plant from , (Which Battle)

Where did Scotland get the Saltire flag from (Name the Battle)

Where was the Icelandic national anthem written (name the city)

Marmalade was one of the biggest industries in Dundee. From where did the recipe come from ?

Send your answers to the Editor.

We need an Assistant Webmaster

To help our Webmaster, to assist in overseeing the optimal functioning and maintenance of our website. There is a need to have some knowledge of website management tools.

Apply in the first instance to the National Secretary.



Ken Brixton – sadly, Ken died on 16th November a year after he left Malvern to live near his son & family in Durham. Initially Ken lived in a block of retirement apartments and was well looked after by his granddaughter Rhian. His sight & hearing deteriorated and after a couple of falls it was decided that he should move into a residential home. He moved as lock down came in and was unable to have visits from his family. He then caught & died from Covid-19. Ken was 93 when he died and had been involved in Scouting from 8 years of age. He will be much missed in Malvern Guild.

SCOUTING WAS KENS LIFE



Harry Hooper - friends and members of the Milton Keynes Branch said their final goodbyes to a Scouting friend and branch Chairman. Harry was the main driver in starting the Milton Keynes branch. He had spent most of his life in some form of Scouting from a cub to a District Commissioner. A true gentleman who always had many stories to share.

Harry was also a keen member of the International Badgers Club.

A TRUE SCOUT GONE HOME

Guild Shoulder Flashes

We are currently out of the Guild Shoulder Flashes. These items come from New Zealand and we were due to top up the stock at the World Conference in Madrid during the Summer of 2020. The plan now is to try and find a supplier in the UK. Apologies in the meantime for not being able to supply these.

Keep informed and get in touch

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