

# GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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The Statue of our founder Lord Baden-Powell has been relocated from Baden-Powell House South Kensington to the spiritual home of Scouting, Gilwell. Baden-Powell House has now been sold .

Baden-Powell's statue is made of Cornish Granite which is rare because granite is a difficult material to work with. In 1961 it was the only granite statue in London. The statue stands at 3 metres high and was unveiled on the 12th July 1961 by Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester.

The inscription on the plaque at the sculpture's base reads: ROBERT, FIRST BARON BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL OM 1857- 1941 FOUNDER OF THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.



## Time for Tea

It has been a busy time lately for the **Henfield branch of the B-P Guild**, which makes rather a refreshing change from the inactivity we have endured recently.

One of our main annual events is the Senior Citizens Outing and Meal, unfortunately we could not host this event last year for obvious reasons, but this year we were determined to host some kind of event. We had to change the format for this year, and we managed to host an Afternoon Tea where we had a great turnout of approximately seventy people, who all had a great time and enjoyed the tea, sandwiches and cakes. It was great to see so many cheery faces back in our Village Hall. Hopefully next year we will be able to go back to our usual format.



Our marquee hire service has also been in great demand with a flurry of bookings for weddings and party events. One event in particular was in support of our local Henfield Cricket club who are celebrating their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This makes them one of the oldest cricket clubs in the world being formed in 1771. The cricket club requested that we set up some marquees with BBQ's and a bar which we did, and it turned out to be a wonderful day

## Malvern Branch

Members were invited to a cookout held by the Tigger Explorer unit. The frying pans used were purchased with money donated by Malvern Guild. Delicious Kanelbullar were prepared for members to taste and Guild member Iris took a special interest in the cooking see photo below.

Also shown is Malvern member Zak completing his first Triathlon coming home in just under 3 hours.

Members enjoyed a get together lunch at the Blue Bell Inn and some members enjoyed an organised walk around Eastnor Deer Park, near Ledbury.

On Saturday 28th August members attended a car boot sale and in addition to £85 also raised awareness of the Baden-Powell Guild. Good turnout of people and lovely dry warm day.



**Central Branch.** The Central branch held its August meeting by Zoom and enjoyed a talk and Power Point Presentation from their special guest **Elin Richards** from Iceland. Elin is a World Committee member for the International Scout and Guide Fellowship(ISGF). The presentation highlighted the structure of ISGF and the role of its committee members.

Members discussed their work with the Prajwal School project and have recruited more members to help. With donations that have been made by members, laptops and tablets have been purchased to help the pupils continue their education whilst the school is closed due to Covid. The next branch meeting will be on the **14th October, at 7.30pm**. The special guest for the meeting will be **Hans Slanec from Austria, who is vice chair of the Europe Region Committee.**

We will also have **Verena Lepard** who will lead the meeting in songs from around the world from Scouting and Guiding. Any Guild members who would like to join the meeting are most welcome. Contact the National Secretary for the link.

Central branch member **Robert Nicole** has secured a grant of £300.00 from **Action Earth** to provide plants, shrubs, etc. and to make wooden planters for a garden in a local sheltered housing group.

**Stourbridge Branch.** Are now meeting again and holding their Wednesday morning coffee meetings. They continue to support Age Concern Day Centre with Fundraising and Social Events. **David Harbach** a Stourbridge member is also a Trustee on the board at Age Concern.

**Milton Keynes Branch.** 8 members of Milton Keynes branch enjoyed a day on a boat trip on the Grand union canal on the 12th August. The weather was perfect. Due to Covid restrictions the boat could only carry 8 passengers. So another trip will be arranged for other Guild members. They also enjoyed an afternoon tea at Dobbie's garden centre.



**International Badgers Club ( IBC )** Are holding a meeting on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd October at The Grange Centre, Midhurst, West Sussex. There will also be a meeting on 17th October from 10 am. hosted by the Guild. This will be held at 1st Malvern Link Scout Group HQ, Rodway Hall, Redland Road, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 1LY.

If any member has any Scout or Guide badges they would like to sell or donate for sale, with the proceeds going to our Nepal Project, please contact the National Secretary.

## Guild International Project Prajwal School.

Donations so far have enabled us to purchase laptops and tablets. Guild members are uploading words in English for pupils at the Prajwal school. We need more members to take part in creating sound recordings of words, so that these pupils improve their English. To take part contact Sue Page for details.



## Allan continues to raise funds for the Nepal Project.

Making garden planters of all shapes and sizes has kept Allan very busy with orders from friends to make some interesting planters. Picture shows Allan painting one of his latest designs, a pink flamingo. These have proved to be very popular and there are orders for more. Any member who would like to take up what Allan is doing, give him a call. In October, Allan will start making his Christmas garden decorations.



## National Scout & Guide Fellowship-UK

**International News.** Our International Secretary Sue Page joined the online celebrations in India to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Independence in India. The dancing was part of the cultural presentation.



Sue gave the United Kingdom's greetings and congratulations for an excellent online meeting.

**Friends of Scouting in Europe (FOSE)** Guild member Robin Giles will be attending the 22nd Annual Gathering of the Friends of Scouting in Europe, being held in Bratislava, Slovak Republic from the 7th to 10th October 2021. We look forward to Robins report of his participation from the Gathering.

Did you attend the 1991 World Scout Jamboree in Korea?

## ISGF Gathering for 2022

**28th ISGF WESTERN EUROPE SUB-REGIONAL GATHERING**

**Lille – FRANCE --- 11-15 September 2022**



# Social Gathering (including AGM) 2022

## Imperial Hotel, Eastbourne

Friday 1st till Tuesday 5th April 2022

Half board, includes breakfasts, evening meals and entertainment.

The Imperial Hotel is an impressive Victorian hotel, situated at the seaside end of Devonshire Place, in the heart of Eastbourne. Located just a stone's throw from the seafront promenade, the bandstand and just a short stroll to the town centre. There is plenty of parking in front of the hotel at £2 per night.



**During the Social Weekend the Guild will hold the National AGM**

The hotel is run by the Daish's Hotel Group and the **brochure price** quoted at the moment for this date **Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th April 2022 is £234.00 per person, self drive. £254 by coach, see below.**

With the Guilds AGM coming up in April 2022, this is an early appeal for members to join the National Executive Committee or to become a member representing the Guild for the National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK.

Our current members are not getting any younger and we really could do with some fresh blood.

As you will be aware our organisation does not run itself, but depends on a band of volunteers to organise the activities and services.

Now with all our executive meetings held online, there is no longer a need to travel to these meetings but can now be held in the comfort of your own home.

If you would like to discuss more about the possibility of becoming a member of the Executive Committee, you can join our meetings as an observer. Feel free to contact the National Guild Secretary.

**Assistant webmaster required.**

We are looking for a volunteer to help our webmaster to assist in maintaining the optimal functioning and maintenance of our website. A need to have some knowledge of website management tools is needed.

Apply in the first instance to the National Secretary.



**David Mowbray MBE.** A member of the Scout and Guide Fellowship UK passed away on Thursday 2nd September 2021. David gave so much to Scouting and supported many projects to improve the lives of others. A good Scout "Gone Home".

**Keep informed and get in touch**

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