

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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We are proud to announce that we have changed our name from the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain to the **Baden-Powell Guild UK**. New badges are being made to identify our organisation and its new name.

A Note from your new Chair - Andrew Younie

I thought I would introduce myself to those I have not met yet – but before I do that I would like to thank David Harbach for his tenure as chair and the excellent committee he managed to curate, and that I have inherited.

My Scouting 'career' started with Cubs, then Scouts and then as a leader. I grew up in the 8th Enfield Group and it was with them I got involved in the B-P Guild.

As my parents were in the Guild, I was there in the early days and remember well the times at Eastnor, a chalk pit in Kent, a scattering of ashes at Kinver and a rainy Bedford.

I also remember Chris Gittings, who was probably the funniest speaker I have listened to.

Going through the family phase, we moved from Enfield and I became a Scout Leader in Harlow, which was very different and then a Town and Country Guild Member

I think it is essential that the Guild looks forward and the continuing effort will be to attract younger members who will provide extra energy and ideas.

The Guild is already evolving as we plan for the future, we have changed our name and badge for some really good reasons. We are now having Central Branch meetings on zoom which means that names from across the country are turning into friends – everyone is welcome so please join in sometime.

The Guild has a wealth of experience in its ranks, many of the issues that young leaders are having, our members have knowledge of. One of the issues to address is how we can help even more than we do.

The Baden-Powell Guild is unique in that it has groups and individuals, and that it combines service with social activities – making us a Scouting/Guiding community. Our branches do the most interesting things as well as supporting their local group(s). We must reinforce the message that we are not a charity, but a Guild of people ready to have fun as well as providing help to Guiding and Scouting, and to the wider community.

I will always be delighted to hear from any members, especially those who have other and additional ideas to mine. Conversations will draw us closer together and make us stronger. My email andrew.younie@gmail.com and I know that in the future you will be able to reach all the National Committee members via our website.



Zak takes lead on Walking the Long Mynd.

Guild member Zak who is also a member of the Scout Association took a group of Scout leaders from Hereford & Worcester Scout County on an organised walk. The circular route was 15km over the Long Mynd in Shropshire starting and finishing at Carding Mill Valley. Zak gave his team help and practice with their navigation skills. Zak's other Scout Association permits include Abseiling. More hill walking with Scout teams are planned during the year. The maps for this walk were sponsored by Malvern Branch.



PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CUP

At the AGM this year, the outgoing Chair, David Harbach, awarded the Chairman's Cup to Milton Keynes Branch.

Allan Page the National Secretary and took the opportunity at their picnic meeting on 20th April to present this Trophy to Adrian French, Chair of the Milton Keynes Branch. A rota will be drawn up, so that all the members get to have the cup during the course of the year.



Central Branch.

The Central Branch held their April meeting online and their special guest was Purna Shrestha the founder of the Nepal Educational Support Trust.

Purna gave an update on the situation at the Prajwal School in Chaughada, Nepal. Chaughada is close to the border with India who are experiencing a severe Covid pandemic, he predicted that they might have to go into lockdown and the children would once again be working from home.

As with most education in Nepal the children have to pay to go to school, unfortunately some of their parents have lost their jobs and are finding it difficult to pay for their children's education.

Purna will be trying to raise £3000 for the school this year and he is also setting up Scholarships for children at the Prajwal school to help pay for their education.

Each Scholarship is £200 and that pays for a year's education, including uniform. Members discussed with Purna the idea that we could also help by reading a story for the younger children via a video app. which he can provide. This would help the children to learn and improve their English language. These ideas will be discussed again at the May branch meeting.



Milton Keynes Branch have a picnic meeting.

For the first time this year, on 20th April, members met in an outside face to face meeting at the Milton Keynes Tree Cathedral. Tables and chairs were set up and members contributed food and drink to be shared.



Malvern Branch. Fourteen members held their first outdoor meeting with a lunch on Friday 23rd April.

A donation of £50.00 was agreed to be given to support the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. Malvern members usually help each year with hosting children from Belarus however due to the pandemic their stay in Malvern has been postponed again for this year.



Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides Malaysia

The Fellowship of Former Scouts And Guides (FOFSAG) Malaysia was formed in 1986 to federate all the various Trefoil and BP Guilds throughout Malaysia with a view of establishing a single national organisation, for affiliation to the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides, now ISGF.

Allan Page, first met Tajinder Sohanpal at the World Conference in Sydney in 2014. They kept in touch and met again at the World Conference in Bali in 2017, with Allan subsequently visiting Kuala Lumpur and meeting other members of the B-P Guild. The resulting friendship led to Sue & Allan Page being invited to the FOFSAG Malaysia, AGM, in May 2021.



International Badgers Club Meeting 17th October 2021.

The International Badgers club will be holding a club meeting on the 17th October from 10am to 4pm Rodway Hall, Redland Road Malvern Link WR14 1LY. Any member who has any Scout or Guide badges they wish to exchange or sell on to other members contact The National Secretary or National Treasurer for more details.



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Gilwell reunion - September 2021. We await news as to whether there will be a physical or virtual or a mix of both at Gilwell Reunion this year.

The Scouts of Montenegro are building their first national Scout Campsite and Training Centre. They have submitted an application for a small contribution towards this work. These pictures, of a model of the planned site look amazing!



The postponed ISGF World Conference 2020 due to COVID-19 will take place from **Tuesday 22 February to Sunday 27 February 2022** in Madrid, Spain.

Where: The venue is hotel Meliá Avenida América, very close to Madrid Barajas airport and with excellent connection to the city centre by metro, bus and taxi.

Accommodation in Madrid:

- hotel Meliá Avenida América, Calle de Juan Ignacio Luca de Tena, 36, 28027 Madrid <https://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/madrid/melia-avenida-america>
- Scout hostel Madrid, Calle Entre Arroyos, 19 Bis, 28030 Madrid <https://www.hihostels.com/hostels/scout-madrid-hostel>

Registration: New participants must fill in the form at the following address: [New Registrations](#)

Theme: "growth, fun, friendship, service, adventure and diversity"

Participation fee (prices for new registrations):

- From €925,00 based on double occupancy till €998,00 per person
- From €1.420,00 based on single occupancy till €1.490,00
- From €800,00 in a shared 8 persons room Scout hostel till €840,00
- From €650,00 without accommodation till €690,00

The registration fee includes: Attendance of the Conference, coffee break, meals (except Alcalá de Henares (optional order picnic), dinners, transportation during the conference (if applicable), visit to Alcalá de Henares, participants kit.

Pre-tours and post tours: Andalusian Circuit or Castilian Circuit 17 - 22 February 2022

ANDALUSIAN CIRCUIT: a rugged land of medieval castles, broad beaches and Moorish-tinged cities.

CASTILIAN CIRCUIT: Get to know the surroundings of Madrid and its national heritage such as Toledo, El Escorial, Ávila, Segovia.

Prices: One-person single room €508 and two persons in double room €770

See this link to post tours: <https://madrid2020.aisg.es/en/travels/>

[The pre-tour to Fatima](#) in Portugal will take place on **19 – 22 February 2022**

For further details please email the NSGF UK International Secretary: sue.page3@btinternet.com

Stamp Collections.

Peter Pilbeam co-ordinator for the collecting of stamps asks would you please check that you have put sufficient value of stamps on the package before posting to him. Peter suggest that you use the size checker at the post office counter.



So what have you been doing during Lockdown

Our National Secretary has been busy making more garden planters. The proceeds for these will be going to one of our charities.

Sue Page writes:

During Lockdown I have been working on my Family Trees.

I have managed to add some information and grow new

branches. I first started work on my family genealogy 25

years ago, in recent years, being a member of the Baden-

Powell Guild has taken up a lot of my time, lockdown has

enabled me to spend time on my computer seeing what additional information is now available. It has

been interesting and enjoyable and has filled many an hour whilst unable to go out and about.

As lockdown eases and we are able to travel more, I intend to spend some time visiting Archives.

Most of all I'm looking forward to actually being able to meet up with other Guild members.



Anthea Fish has also been busy during lockdown by knitting this jumper.

[Well done Anthea](#). You may well now get requests to knit more.



The Answers to the March Quiz

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| 1. A Beaver. | 6. 1,760. |
| 2. Steptoe and Son. | 7. Sir Walter Scott. |
| 3. Bravo. | 8. David Herbert. |
| 4. Linseed Oil. | 9. The Shannon. |
| 5. Clementine. | 10. Lima. |

May Quiz. *No Googling ! instead why not share this quiz with loved ones and friends and get all the answers via good old teamwork or alternatively, cheat @ answers on request. Enjoy.*

A sample of a question and the answer. (12S of the Z)= 12 signs of the Zodiac

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| 01 (8 L on a S) | 14 (4 A 20 BB I AP) |
| 02 (6 B to an O in C) | 15 (12K OTRT) |
| 03 (26 MIAM) | 16 (BCBC) |
| 04 (AAADKTDA) | 17 (20,000 LUTS) |
| 05 (66 B of the B) | 18 (15M on a DMC) |
| 06 (12 is a H on the BS) | 19 (3W on a T) |
| 07 (18 Hon on a GC) | 20 (86400 S in a D) |
| 08 (76 T L the BP) | 21 (4Q in a G) |
| 09 (23P of C in the HB) | 22 (6F on a C) |
| 10 (7DS) | 23 (8T on a O) |
| 11(36 BK on a P) | 24 (13L in a BD) |
| 12 (8N in an O) | 25 (17 I T C R O 4913) |
| 13 (6P on a ST or a PT) | |

Answers in the July edition.

My thanks to Peter Pilbeam Central Branch Member for the quiz. Ed.

Guild Website. The Webmaster is currently constructing a "Members Area" on our website. Members are asked if there are any special sections they would like to see installed, please contact kevin.clay@outlook.com