

GUILD News



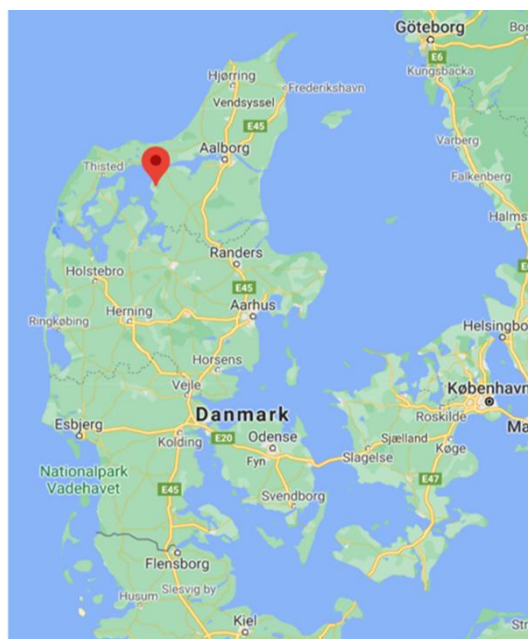
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Sct. Georgs Gilderne
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Preparations for the **European Conference in 2023** are in full swing. St. Georgs Gilderne in Denmark is the host, (National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Denmark) from **Sun. 30th July to Thurs. 3rd Aug 2023**



The conference takes place at Ranum Efterskole in Himmerland. Ranum is situated in the northern part of Jutland near the beautiful Lim Fiord. The closest town (and airport) is Aalborg, about an hour away. Transfers from Aalborg to Ranum will be arranged for participants at the Conference. The college has a restaurant quality kitchen capable of providing a wide range of food requirements. Dietary needs can be noted on the registration form.

The 'theme' of the Conference is: **Togetherness – Inspiration – Sustainability**. This will be visible in the many activities offered during the Conference. There will also be the possibility of 'Home Hospitality' or a post Conference tour to see and learn more about Denmark.

Registration is now open, and the registration form is available via this online link: www.isgf-euro2023.dk. If anyone is unable to access this link a copy of the registration form is available from Sue Page sue.page3@btinternet.com or 01886 832940. The cost will be €650 per person for accommodation in a 2 bed room with shared bath/toilet (two rooms share one bathroom). This amount covers the Conference Fee, accommodation, all meals and joint excursions. A single room with shared bathroom costs €760. There are a very limited amount of rooms with private bathroom costs €690 or €810 respectively.

You can learn more about Ranum, the Efterskole College and the Conference by visiting the conference's own website www.sct-g.dk/euro2023

Here you can also find all the newsletters sent out leading up to the conference itself.

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The Holiday Homes Trust

Today the Holiday Homes Trust is thankfully enjoying one of its busiest seasons yet, following a troubling few years during the pandemic. Having been in existence for over 50 years there have been many changes along the way. Back in the late 1960s, Charles Porter, a former Rover Scout decided to redesign his front garden. In pride of place, he installed a wishing well, which turned out to be magical, because as people passed by, they threw coins into it. Within a year, Charles had collected the princely sum of £400, which went a lot further back then.

Charles had two great nieces with disabilities, and he knew how difficult it was for them to go on holidays. An idea came to him, he would use the money collected to buy a specially adapted caravan, so his great nieces could have the chance to have a proper holiday. Charles then thought there must be lots of families who find it difficult to have a proper break, so he decided to make the caravan affordable and available to any family that was disadvantaged and/or living with disabilities.

It was from this small and frankly unusual beginning, that The Holiday Homes Trust developed and grew into a well-established charity that it is today. Its aim is still the same, to provide accessible and affordable holidays to individuals and families to help provide a break away from the stresses and strains of everyday routines and create happy memories.

The Holiday Homes Trust is based at The Scouts Headquarters, Gilwell Park, Chingford. It now owns and manages eight wheelchair adapted caravans and two standard holiday homes - spacious static caravans, situated in some of the most sought-after UK holiday destinations.

The caravans sleep six people comfortably and are self-contained with a well-equipped kitchen, and a wet room or shower room. The adapted caravans have a wheelchair accessible showers and hand rails for assistance. The main bedrooms will have a movable hand or ceiling pulley to help with getting in or out of bed. The internal doors and connecting corridors are wide enough to manoeuvre a wheelchair and many have decking area so have outdoor relaxation space. As the caravans are sited on holiday parks, the park passes are included so Holiday Homes Trust's guests can access all the park activities and facilities. This ensures holidays are not only fun-filled and flexible but also easier to manage on a budget.

As a charity, Holiday Homes Trust raises funds in two distinct ways, through caravan bookings and charitable donations and grants. Most of its income comes from holiday bookings, so it is important there is full occupancy throughout the season. The 2022 summer months' bookings are looking very buoyant, but there are some spaces if you are looking for a UK based holiday. We are also taking reservations for 2023. Our season starts in March each year until the end of October, with a week's stay costing as little as £250. In addition, The Trust offers anyone associated with the Scouts movement an instant 5% discount. Guests who return in two consecutive years also receive a 5% discount.

Caravans are located at: -

- Church Farm Holiday Village*, Pagham, near Bognor Regis, West Sussex (Haven)
- Devon Cliffs Holiday Park*, Exmouth, Devon (Haven)
- Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, Filey, Scarborough (Haven)
- Golden Sands Holiday Park*, Mablethorpe, Lincs (Haven)
- Seashore Holiday Park, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Haven)
- Hoburne Naish Holiday Park, New Milton, Hampshire (Hoburne Holidays) Not adapted
- Devon Bay Holiday Park, Paignton*, Devon (Hoburne Holidays) Not adapted
- Rockley Park Holiday Park, Poole, Dorset (Haven)
- Pentewan Sands Holiday Park*, St. Austell, Cornwall (Independent)
- Littlesea Holiday Park*, Weymouth, Dorset (Haven)

*indicates where we have local managers' vacancies – see below.

As an organisation associated with the Scout movement, you will not be surprised to know that The Trust offers volunteer opportunities. Ideally, at each site The Trust would like to have a local manager in place to oversee the caravan and help with any issues arising. As The Trust's office is based in London it relies on the Parks' owners' services and local cleaners to help guests when needed. The local managers provide support and guidance and can be as hands-on as their time allows. Some managers meet and greet the guests to check everything is ok, others prefer to help with the end of season and pre-season checks. We do have several vacancies for this volunteering opportunity (* indicates where we have vacancies), so if you are located nearby and think you would be interested in taking on this role, than please contact The Trust to discuss further.

If you are involved with organisations that fundraise, why not consider The Holiday Homes Trust as your adopted charity. Your fundraising efforts will make a huge difference to its work providing affordable and accessible for families living with disabilities or are disadvantaged. And if you shop with Amazon, think about using the Amazon Smile function and select The Holiday Homes Trust, so it can receive a small percentage of your spend as a donation from Amazon!

It is amazing to think what coins thrown into a wishing well over 50 years ago has generated and it is hoped with your support The Holiday Homes Trust will continue for another 50 years of providing many more families with happy holiday memories.

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Malvern Branch News. Bromsgrove District Scouts were in need of Hi-Vis vests for district activities. So the Guild stepped in and purchased vests for them. Seen here Guild member Iris Skilton presenting the vests to Pete Dodman from Bromsgrove District.

Low Nash Award. This year the Low Nash Award was awarded to 2 Assistant Cub Leaders, Thomas Kennedy and Maya Cobban. Both will share the trophy for a duration of 6 months each. Maya was away on holiday when the presentation took place. the trophy was presented by member Peter Skilton to Thomas Kennedy.

Sue steps in to cover the role as District Chairman

for the Malverns Scout Dist AGM Weds 13th July. Seen here with Sue is Dave Cashmore the District Treasurer. Allan Branch Chairman and **B-P Guild visitor Maxine Gibson from Melbourne Australia** and the 1st Upton Upon Severn Scout Leaders

and Cubs formed part of the Guard of Honour to welcome the arrival of the Commonwealth Jubilee Baton by boat on the river Severn at Upton during its journey to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.



Milton Keynes Branch

Members of the branch enjoyed a trip in an electric canal boat. The 2 hour cruise was taken on the Grand Union Canal and as you can imagine was very peaceful and quiet.

Henfield B-P Guild, Senior Citizens Outing 2022

I am pleased to report that we were able to hold our annual Senior Citizens Outing and Meal on Sunday September the 4th. We have not been able to host this event for a few years due to COVID, although we did manage to put on a much-reduced Afternoon Tea last year, but it wasn't quite the same.

Thankfully this year we have been able to get back to normal and provide our usual outing and meal. We did have a slight concern that attendance may be low as nerves regarding COVID remain, but we needn't of worried as just over one hundred of our Senior Citizens applied to join us.

The event starts in the morning with a coach trip, this year they took the scenic route to Arundel in West Sussex where we stopped for some refreshments and an ice cream, then we travelled back to the Henfield Village Hall where we laid on a four course meal consisting of soup and a roll, roast beef with all the trimmings, pudding and if there is any space left cheese and biscuits. All the food is carefully prepared and cooked by the Guildsmen.

Our local Scouts and Guides turned up in force to help us serve up all the dinners and take away all the finished plates, they were a massive help to us, and we all enjoyed the youthful energy they brought. The entertainment we laid on went down really well and we even had people up and dancing in the aisles.

Our thoughts are now turning to more fund-raising activities, and we have Jumble sales in October and November, then it is full steam ahead for our Christmas activities. I think it will be here before we know it, busy times ahead.



The 2023 National Guild Annual General Meeting

The National Guild AGM for 2023 will be held online Sunday 26th March 2023.

What do all these people have in common

Paul Cattamole - S Club 7 - singer. Mike Harding - singer and comedian. Sir Paul McCartney - singer-songwriter. Sir Cliff Richard - singer-songwriter. Karl Green - Herman's Hermits - singer. Mark Feehily - Westlife - singer. David Bowie - singer-songwriter. Norman Cook 'Fat Boy Slim' - DJ. 'H' - from Steps - singer. George Michael - singer-songwriter. Ian Wallace - singer. Jarvis Cocker - singer. Boy George - singer-songwriter. Mark Feehily - Westlife - singer. David Gilmore - Pink Floyd - musician. Pete Waterman - record producer.

The answer is that they are all involved in the Music Industry

Guild member Zak Climbs The Matterhorn. Zak and partner Laura took the challenge to climb the Matterhorn and stopped to admire the Swiss Summit at 4478 metres.



Ukraine

How can we help. Well we can by donating items that the people and children of Ukraine need who have been displaced in their own country by a war.

The Guild have linked up with **HOPE and AID DIRECT** a registered charity that is helping Ukraine in their hour of need. A list of items needed have been sent to our members and how to despatch your donations.

Please help us to help them.



For more information contact
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Our Environmental Project

Recycled pallet wood can be used for many things



Garden Bug Boxes



Hedgehog Box outside



Hedgehog Box inside

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