

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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Our National Gathering. We had a great time.



No complaints about the accommodation the meals provided were good. The staff in the hotel looked after us very well. Met old friends and made new ones. What more could a Gathering want. We encountered some hidden talent with some of our members in Line Dancing. Perhaps we should line up some competition for our next Gathering. Some of our members even won the evening quizzes. We do have some bright members.

We did have some serious Guild business to do. The AGM. During the meeting our President read out our "Patrons message". The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer gave their annual reports. The NSGF representative gave a report. The Chairman presented his Challenge trophy for 2021 to Robin Giles for his work with our Central Branch.

Approval by the membership took place at the AGM to amend our Guild Constitution.

Thank You Certificates were awarded to Henfield Branch for their Community work. A Thank You Certificate to Sue Page for work as the National Minute Secretary. Keith Parks for his work as Accounts Scrutiny. Anthea Fish for her service to the NSGF-JNC. Colin Norman for Chairing the Environment Workshop. Verena Leppard for her work with the Singing Circle. Jane Steen for organising the Jubilee Walk around Eastbourne. Allan Page for his work with the Nepal Project.

A visit to the Eastbourne Heritage Museum and a coach trip to Battle and Rye were among some of the trips arranged

Donations made to the Guild's International Project Nepal

Ruth Fisher on behalf of the 1st Eastbourne Trefoil Guild donated £40.00 to the Nepal Scholarship Project .

Allan Page made a donation for £300.00 to the Nepal Scholarship Project.

Welcome New members.

Claudie Guremand, London (Central Branch) Jane Steen, Eastbourne (Central Branch)

Thomas Verdin, London(Central Branch).

Branch News.

Central branch

C B member Oilhana Laguardia took part in the London 5K Winter Warmer Fun Run at Crystal Palace on Sunday 27th February.

Oilhana said this was an amazing experience for my first 5K run race ever.

Most of my thoughts while running were with Ukrainians as well as other personal challenges and projects. **Well done Oilhana, ED**



March meeting

Present: Kevin Clay, Robin Giles, Allan Page, Sue Page, Alec Fraser, Andy Younie, David Bunce, Verena Leppard, Peter & Iris Skilton, Colin Norman, Juan Dávila y Verdin (speaker).

Apologies: Robert Nicol & Janet Ditchett.

Robin Giles welcomed all present, especially our speaker Juan Davila y Verdin, who is a member and attended COP 26, representing the University of Monaco. Juan gave us an overview of COP 26 and his experiences there. Despite the restrictions due to Covid, LFT testing and 3 sets of security to get in every morning, everyone had been able to mix quite freely. Its main drawback was the absence of any high level representation from Russia and China, who are 2 of the greatest polluters of the environment and without their participation there can be very little progress. Its greatest asset was the ability of small, especially micro nations, most of whom are islands, to be able to bring attention to the fact that if global warming does not stop, they will disappear. He spoke of the UN setting 17 Goals and its hope of achieving them by 2030 – we are not on course. At COP 26 there was a section for Youth Representation, which were mostly students. Juan highlighted that there was an imbalance in the attainment of degree level education in the world, with some students taking 9/10 years to achieve what students in the highly developed western world achieved in 4/5. COP 27 was scheduled to take place in Egypt, he felt it was good to take these events to the oil producing countries. Unfortunately international law is not binding and the only way to achieve a better environment was through pressure, particularly on global companies who in some countries have more power than the governments. Very few of the top 100 global companies were present at COP 26.

Juan then answered questions, which highlighted that it was 'big business' rather than governments which were going to save the world, there is a big disconnect between the public and private sectors in their attitude to the environment and climate change.

Malvern Branch.

Sunday 6th March 2022, the Malvern's Scout District planted a **lime tree** in the Deer Park at Eastnor, Nr. Ledbury, Herefordshire, to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Photo is of Pauline Richardson, Chair of the Malvern's District Scouts and B-P Guild member.

Guild treats Senior Citizens to Sunday Afternoon Tea together with Scout Jamboree team. The Jamboree team are fundraising to help pay for their trip to the World Jamboree in Korea 2023. The Guild gave each Jamboree Scout £10 and challenged them to turn this into as much as possible. Our Senior Citizens enjoyed their sandwiches, tea and cakes.

Guild members supported the 1st Upton Scout and Guide Group with their "Coffee Morning". Upton Guide Leader seen here running their book stall. The coffee morning was well supported by the Scouts, Guides and parents. Malvern branch members presented a new union flag to the 1st Leigh Scout Group, Cub section.



Countrytastic 15th April. Members helped with duties at

the Countrytastic Family Fun Day. More than 5000 children with parents enjoyed an educational show aimed at children under 10 to experience a hands on event with food, farming and the countryside at its core. There were plenty of indoor and outdoor activities.



Henfield B-P Guild. Member Stan Renal's, along with other branch members organised and arranged a "**Prostate Screening Clinic**" in conjunction with the Prostate Cancer Support Organisation in Henfield village. 445 men turned up to be tested. The test is a simple blood test and the results are emailed directly to the individual giving a green, amber or red colour code result. Those who receive an amber or red code are urged to contact their GP for further tests. All branch members supported this initiative and arranged all the publicity and paid for the hire of the village hall. Members laid on lunch for all the volunteers from the Prostate Clinic Support Organisation. Although the tests were free donations were gratefully received to finance the work carried out by the Prostate Cancer Support Organisation. As this was such a great success Henfield members are now looking to make this an annual event in their calendar.



Well Done Guys. ED

Used Postage Stamps

You may remember that we sent all the used postage stamps that had been collected by Guild members to the 1st Thundersley Rainbows, who are collecting for the Bone Cancer Research Trust. We have now received the following.

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for supporting the 1st Thundersley Rainbows appeal for as many used stamps, horizon labels and other philatelic items that they can collect to raise vital funds in aid of Bone Cancer Research Trust. So far, we have raised over well over £300 because of the generosity of your members and this accounts to over ten hours of vital research...



We will be carrying on this project as an ongoing scheme with our Rainbows and so we are always grateful for any amount of stamps to be sent to us at any time. We would love to receive stamps from around the world as well. The girls have been amazed that so many people have supported them and have loved having some of your letters read out at meetings. We are also now collecting picture postcards of any age and any subject.

I have a Facebook group Friends of BCRT – Postage Stamp Appeal & More! This will give you all the latest news as well so please let all your friends know about the group if they use social media.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/943082032840697>

I am happy for the contact details to be shared. Until there's a cure....thank you.

Mrs Terri Bush 1st Thundersley Assistant Leader

Also Known As The Stamp Lady Friends of BCRT –

Postage Stamp Appeal & More!

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Ukraine Appeal. A big thank you to our members who have donated to the Ukraine Appeal in your own way. Your donations will make all the difference to the people being displaced from their homes and country.

News from NSGF-UK.

We are pleased to tell our members that €500.00 has been donated to the Scouts in Poland and Slovakia from the International Emergency Aid Fund. These Scouts will use these funds to help them with the Ukraine Relief work they are doing in their countries. **A big "thank you" to our members who have contributed to this fund.**

Environment Project

This photo was sent in by a member. The duck has made 4 visits in the last 4 years to his garden to lay eggs and raise ducklings in the duck house. The picture shows 12 eggs in the duck house and mother is having a rest from sitting on the eggs. In the next newsletter July, we may see some ducklings. The Duck house was one of the many items made from recycled pallet wood by one of our members. It will count toward the Chair's Challenge, see below.



Our Chair's Challenge

As a continuation of the Central Branch initiative on doing a little bit to help environmental issues, the Chair has issued a Challenge to all Guild members. This is to attract and encourage wildlife by the provision of 'animal homes'. As former Scouts and Guides we are perhaps more aware of our wildlife, as most of us have done a fair bit of camping and seen both sides of wildlife, beautiful butterflies and birds and pesky ants and wasps.

The challenge is to get 100 pictures of members methods of attracting wildlife. This can be bird tables, insect homes, bee hives, duck houses, whatever is suitable for you and your environment. Send a picture to the National Secretary who will publish it in the Guild Newsletter. If the picture shows wildlife feeding all the better.

It is not much in the "grand scheme", but it is a little and that is much better than nothing. In issuing the Challenge the Chair said, "having just moved, I have put up a bird table and all the local birds are completely ignoring it. I have tried all sorts of food but no visitors. If anyone has any idea how to get birds to visit, I will be interested to hear what they did or perhaps they are all so well fed where I live".

This is not a best bird table competition, but just a record of what we are doing, so a plate with breadcrumbs had equal value to those major structural constructions that can be bought in many DIY shops.

I look forward to seeing the pictures and getting to our target. **Andrew Younie, Chair.**

How to make a mini nature reserve



- 1 Choose your site**
Choose a safe place to put your window box – somewhere like an old bench or wall at an easy height for inspection.
- 2 Gather your materials**
 - window box
 - a small log
 - yoghurt pot
 - some compost
 - a rock
- 3 Fill the box with compost**
Always use peat-free compost and save our precious peat bags.
- 4 Add a few features**
Dig in the yoghurt pot and add the small log and rock.
- 5 Leave!**
- 6 Keep a diary**
Record the changes you see. Make notes using guidebooks and take a photo every week.
- 7 Management**
Remove out of control plants or cut them back with scissors.

put compost right up to top of box

rock

log

yoghurt pot buried up to the rim and filled with rainwater

look under rock for small creatures

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

with thanks to patrick roper for original idea (windowboxwildlife.blogspot.com)

Re-use, Reduce, Recycle, Repair - this slogan came from our Workshop in January. Send in your ideas and photos for inclusion in the July edition of the Newsletter.

The next National Guild Executive meeting will take place by zoom on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7.30pm. We invite members to join the meeting as "observers". Contact the National Secretary for the link to join the meeting.

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