

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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Henfield Guild members behind the scenes making their Senior Citizens Day happen. [More on page 2](#)



Members gather at the Somerset Hotel Llandudno. [More on page 2](#)



Our Central Branch member Juan F. Davila y Verdin received the Freedom of the City of London. The ceremony took place in the Chamberlains Court at the Guildhall London and was conducted by the Clerk of the Court. The granting of the Honorary Freedom of the City of London is extremely rare and generally awarded to either a person (Civilian) or Military in recognition of their exceptional service and in Juan's case to **Information Technology**. One of the many ancient benefits of receiving this award is to be able to drive your flock of sheep over London Bridge. The Picture shows Juan getting some practice before doing so.



Henfield Senior Citizens. "Didn't they have a lovely day"

A large team of Henfield Guild members did a fantastic job in making their local Senior Citizens enjoy a day out by coach and putting on a dinner with entertainment.



Guild National Social Gathering. 5 days of Fun.



The weather was perfect for our National Gathering in Llandudno during the first week of October. Our members enjoyed the warm weather touring in and around the Llandudno area. Members visited a number of interesting places The Great Orme by tram. A walk along the Pier. Sightseeing on the Big Red Bus. A train journey to Blaenau Ffestiniog taking in the scenery along the Conway Estuary. Conway Castle. Some members visited Portmeirion.

After diner members took part in the evening quiz and bingo. We had members who won one of the evenings quiz game and a member won on one of the bingo sessions. Members enjoyed being together for a social chat an opportunity to get to know each other. We celebrated Iris Skilton's birthday with a surprise Birthday cake. Sunday afternoon the members of the National Committee took the opportunity of being together to hold a National Committee meeting. Members at the Gathering had the opportunity to attend the meeting as Observers. **A memorable gathering.**

Scouts who attended the 25th World Scout Jamboree South Korea .

Our journey to South Korea started over two years ago. We were accepted onto unit 86 and began the experience of a lifetime. We all had just over £4000 to raise, which is not easy by any means, and collectively took part in many different fundraising activities. Learning lessons and gaining new skills along the way.

By the time the 25th World Scout Jamboree arrived, things were not quite as expected.

Following 14 hours of travel, we began our adventure in Seoul, spending time adjusting to the heat and getting our bearings. We spent time exploring and we started meeting scouts from across the world just walking around the streets. There was a true family and community atmosphere- if you saw a scout from anywhere in the world, a high five, fist bump, or cheer was given, and it was like a new friend was made. Before the jamboree, we spent time in Seoul, including visiting the North Korea border (the DMZ).

Our first hurdle was a delay in going to the jamboree site, as the conditions were deemed unsafe at the time, however after waiting 8 hours in the hotel, we made it in time for the opening ceremony, featuring the president of Korea and Bear Grylls! Many activities were cancelled on site, so we spent our time trading badges and chatting to other nationalities, exploring the site, visiting food and culture tents, or chilling at camp. On our third evening, we sadly discovered that the UK withdrew us, with the main 4 reasons being Heat, Food, Sanitation, and medical facilities. We were disappointed but knew it was what was best for the health and safety of UK scouts.

But our adventure wasn't over, as we were taken back to Seoul. We were all amazed and taken aback by the kindness of the Korean people, they made us feel so welcome and gave us so many opportunities. In Seoul we went to football matches, dog cafes, shopping streets, museums and much more. Paparazzi and people photographing us wasn't an uncommon occurrence, we felt like celebrities and had many people offer to buy us drinks, meals, asking if they could help in anyway and apologising! We featured on Korean news and some of our unit members ended up on ITV! Not to mention the local news back home. Things written in the press were true, however they failed to mention any of the positives!

After the whole site had been evacuated due to the incoming Typhoon, the organisers put on an amazing closing ceremony and K-POP concert where 45000 of us were reunited.

We met so many amazing people and took every chance to learn about different ways of life and scouting across the globe, this continued even on the flight home where we were joined by Swedish, Norwegian, Ecuadorian (and Geordie) scouts.

We are so grateful for all the support we received throughout our journey and hope to inspire other scouts to dream big!

We would like to thank the BP Guild for all their help over this journey and everyone who has supported us.

While the 25th world scout jamboree in South Korea wasn't what we expected, it was an experience and opportunity of a lifetime; filled with memories we will never forget.

The picture shows some of the Scouts, from The Malverns Scout District (Worcestershire) being given £10 and a **challenge** to turn it into as much as they could towards their fundraising for attending the World Jamboree.



Guild members visit Kandersteg.

A party of Baden-Powell Guild members from Victoria Australia went to stay at Kandersteg, Switzerland during September. Guild member Greg Davies said, my boots are just about worn in and I am just about worn out. Today we went to, you guessed it, another lake. Near Thun. Walked the old part of town then took a paddle boat across the lake and returned home by train. Walked part of a 130km running track that was run today in the mountains as a national event. We had wonderful times with like minded friends.



Allan Welcomes Maxine.

Our National Secretary invited Maxine Gibson member of the Baden-Powell Guild Victoria Australia to his home during her travels of Europe. Following her stay in Kandersteg Switzerland, Maxine visited Milan, Rome, Paris then on to the UK. Maxine then travelled on to Scotland before travelling on to London then to Beijing for more sightseeing. Then home to Melbourne.



Allan raises £500.00 for Prajwal School Nepal.

During this year Allan has been busy recycling pallet wood by making garden pots and garden seats to raise funds to support our international project Prajwal School. From October Allan will now start to make Christmas items that can be displayed in the garden. This is a good way of recycling pallet wood being environmentally friendly.

International Scout and Guide Fellowship News.



Granada is a city in the south of Spain which has been a melting of cultures and has managed to bring together people from all over the world. It is a friendly city where art, culture, gastronomy, crafts come together and where the sunsets in the Alhambra have a special charm.

What: 30th World Conference

Where: Granada, Spain

When: Tuesday 17 September – Sunday 22 September 2024

Theme: *Commitment*

Registration fee: includes all plenary sessions, lunches, tea breaks and dinner for 4 nights.

Venue: Congress Centre Paraninfo of the University

Accommodation: Hotel Los Abades Nevada Palace 4*, Granada.

For more details including costs and Registration please go to the website: <http://30Wconf.org>

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