

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our members



Members of Henfield B-P Guild have been very busy with their Christmas activities.

It seems the elves at the B-P Guild are on Santa's "nice" list again this year, because we're pleased to report that they've received their annual missive from the man himself, delivered by Rudolph, who made a terrible mess in the Guide Hut Car Park, but that's another story asking them to assist him on his sleigh rounds. We're thrilled to say they have graciously accepted, and the Sleigh Rounds and Christmas Morning Deliveries are back again! Members of the Guild erected the village Christmas Tree and decorated the tree for the festive season.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas
And a healthy New Year!

We'll Dispose of your
Christmas Tree

On Saturday
10th January 2026



For only £10 per tree

Henfield B-P Guild will collect it from your home
and recycle it in an environmentally friendly way

Henfield members
raised just over £5,000
with their door-to-
door collections with
Santa in his sleigh to
fund the 2026 Senior
Citizens Outing in
September



Milton Keynes Branch begin to celebrate the Christmas Festivities

This year our Christmas event came in **four parts**.

Part one was to place and decorate our annual Christmas tree at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter & st Paul Church in Newport Pagnell

Part two was a visit to the Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum our treasurer Barbara is one of their committee members, to have a look around the exhibits and in particular a model train layout of the local main and branch layouts in the Newport Pagnell area from days gone by which had been designed and built by Chris another of our members which he had loaned to the museum for a local history event.

Part three was a short branch meeting and finally part four was our Christmas Meal at a local hostelry. All in all, a jolly good day was had by all



Malvern Branch held their Annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday 10th Dec at the Yew Tree Inn Colwall, being the last event of the year. The branch had a successful year fund raising and making donations to good causes. One of the events during the year was to help man the road barriers in Ledbury town for the Christmas Light switch on. A cold day and a job to keep warm.



Some of our members are involved with helping the Warren Oak Scout Campsite. A delivery of a new tractor required our members to be trained to use it. Unfortunately, Sue could not reach the peddles, so we have only 5 drivers. A new woodchipper and frail will help to keep the grass down and the hedging in good shape. Malvern Branch donated a new bladed strimmer to Warren Oak to help maintain the hedging close to the floor



The Christmas Peace Light around Europe

East of Korsør lies the village of Vemmelev in whose church where a very well-attended family- and peace light service was carried out today began with an atmospheric Lucia procession.

Afterwards, a group of scouts from KFUM assisted Vemmelev with the lighting of the church's Peace Light as prelude to the church's family worship.



Snapphane scout guild, well we have changed our name to Kristianstad's scout guild. The second to last activity of the year, Christmas Cottage, where we tie wreaths and dress Christmas bucks. As usual, we start with mulled wine and gingerbread. Christmas porridge and ham sandwich will follow. At the coffee and almond mussels lottery draw and



Bertil showed a slideshow with pictures from all our activities throughout the year. A much appreciated and pleasant afternoon.

Peace light and message was shared in Frederikshavn Church Solemn and sincere with scouts, students of the music school, the church choir, SGG from Hirtshals and Sæby, citizens from the entire local area. It was particularly nice that 2 selfless people from Torslev picked up the flame in Our Lady's Church in Aarhus, when they heard that we had not found any option for collection. We decided to turn on the light ourselves with the motto, message and community in mind. - In the parish all the lamps were converted into the real flames, which the participants then brought on into the world. SGG is deeply grateful for the gift from 2 complete "strangers" people. When the Peace Light is carried out in the churches in Sæby, Volstrup and Skæve on Sunday, it will so be the Flame from Bethlehem.





12th Europe Conference Ayia Napa, Cyprus.

20-24th March 2026

Members who have booked to go to the 12th Europe Conference, would you please let the International Secretary know that you are attending. If any member attending would like to be a delegate for NSGF-UK, please contact the international Secretary allan.page@talk21.com

News from NSGF-UK

Did you know we are twinned with Amistad Internacional Scouts y Guia Espana Spain



ISGF WORLD COMMITTEE NEWS

The world Committee in Action Throughout 2025

In 2025, the World Committee stayed actively engaged through a series of online meetings held on 21 January, 19 March, 17 July, 8 October, and 2 December. These regular touch points helped keep our work on track and our discussions moving forward. The Committee also met in May in Brussels, Belgium, for its annual in-person session, a valuable moment to dive deeper into key topics and strengthen team connections.

Both the meeting minutes and the annual accounts are now published online and available to all NP/IS, reinforcing our commitment to transparency. Regional Presidents were invited as observers to the online meetings, encouraging stronger collaboration and a shared understanding of global priorities.

Above all, 2025 highlighted the power of teamwork. Thanks to everyone's dedication and collective spirit.



Words from ISGF Chairman

Dear members of ISGF, Time has passed so quickly, and here I am once again writing to you as we approach a new year. 2025 has been quite a whirlwind, if I may say so... The world and its leaders often seem a bit lost. Our planet is suffering, and our communities are facing increasing challenges. Throughout the year, NSGFs around the world have remained active, engaged, and close to their communities. For this, I want to thank you sincerely for your work, your dedication, and your commitment to our Law and Principles. As we reach the end of the year, I also want to warmly acknowledge all our members around the world. Some of you celebrate Christmas, others celebrate differently, and some do not mark this season at all. My wishes extend to each and every one of you. Let us all hope that 2026 brings a more peaceful world, where we can continue to spread our good spirit and be messengers of peace. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2026 bring you new adventures, new projects, and above all, health and prosperity. And let us not forget to leave this world a little better than we found it.

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