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Editorial

Hello Everyone,
Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the magazine.

Sadly, Malvern Branch has to announce the sad passing of long standing member Connie Brixton. The National Committee sends sincere condolences to her husband Ken, and all the family.

This will also be my last magazine as Editor as I am standing down at the AGM. This is due to family commitments and difficult circumstances.

Pat Parks

Newsletter from the National Secretary

It's very encouraging to see that our branches are actually working with Scouting in their districts supporting Scout events and purchasing equipment that Scout Groups need and helping to raise funds for Scouts to take part in the World Jamboree.

Good to see that new members continue to join us and enjoy the activities we are involved with, please keep the momentum for new members going.

The National Committee recently held two workshop meetings with the purpose of looking at "The Way Forward" by developing a Five Year Plan to ensure the Guild continues into the foreseeable future. More workshops are planned. Any member who would like to take part in these workshops contact me please.

Due to the success of the Gathering held in Eastbourne we will be holding the 2020 National Guild AGM in conjunction with a five day Social Guild Gathering at the Somerset Hotel in Llandudno between the 6th and 10th March 2020. The details of this have already been sent out to all branch secretaries and Town and Country members. I do advise to book early to avoid disappointment. This is a very popular place and hotel.

We are looking for a member to take on the role as our National Stamp Collector. The role can be home based. Anyone interested please contact me for more information.

Our Guild Facebook page is gaining momentum with more than 71 members now listed and proving very popular with news items. To gain access to the site, go onto the Facebook page and register your interests.

By joining the site you can add your interests and points of view.

News items are being posted almost daily giving our members instant information with Guild, ISGF, FOSE, IBC and NSGF-UK events.

Allan Page
National Secretary
News from the Branches

Stourbridge and District Branch

Stourbridge members took up the challenge to join the Great British Litter Pick by clearing the litter on Swan Pool recreation park as their target. Well done Stourbridge

Stourbridge members attend the International Badgers Club Meeting

David Harbach and Malcolm Mecrow are seen here negotiating a sale of their collection of Scout badges at the International Badgers Club.

Members of the Stourbridge Branch gathered at the “Tea Rooms @ The Old Bakery” in Wollaston, enjoying tea and cakes, before the branch chairman, Dale Harbach presented a cheque for the sum of £200 to Steve Smith, accepted on behalf of the Discover U charity.

Discover U is a charity working to help adults with learning disabilities into employment. Anyone wishing to make additional donations to the charity can do so through the following link:

https://www.discoveru2015.org/donate

During 2019 our normal events included disposing of the Christmas Trees in a sustainable manner raising £1,140 for the Henfield Scout Community Centre Building Appeal (HSCC) of which more later.

The HSCC Building Appeal appears a number of times and this is because its sub-committee comprises of what is fundamentally members of the B-P Guild. These have assiduously been organising events to raise funds over some time to achieve its mission: “to replace the existing 50 year old wooden hut”. This before it becomes totally unusable with a new fit for purpose Community Centre and which will cater for the needs of the “oldest existing Scout Troop in the world”.

Three Henfield Guild members Tony Westwood, Robin Wady, Mick Morris marshalling for a classic motor event as part of Horsham District Year of Culture.

Henfield Guild members disposing of xmas trees in a sustainable manner in January 2019.

One of the Guild’s environmental projects.
Malvern Branch

Malvern Guild members discuss the Final Arrangements for the St Georges Day Parade event at Ledbury Parish Church. 450 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and parents attended the service on Sunday 28th April.

The HM Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire the Dowager Countess of Darnley and the County Scout Commissioner Rob Sidley for Hereford and Worcester also attended the St Georges Day Service.

RHS National Spring Garden Show, Three Counties Malvern.

Guild members together with Local Scout Leaders and Trefoil Guild Members covered the 4 day event by manning the Lost Persons Office. Sue Page who co-ordinated the staff rota to cover the 4 day event said that everyone who took part very much enjoyed the experience of working together. We now have a regular team for this event and now look forward to covering the Lost Persons Office again in June for the Royal Three Counties Show. A three day event.
Members of Malvern enjoy an evening of Skittles at the Blue Bell Inn on Saturday 8th June. Guild member Iris won the "Knockout Competition"

Malvern Branch donate £100 to the County Scout Kenyan project.

Malvern Branch Chairman Allan Page presented the Hereford and Worcester County Commissioner Robert Sidney with a cheque for £240.00 our final donation to go towards the Scouts attending the World Jamboree. Malvern Guild members have now raised a total of more than £1400.00. The County Commissioner presented the Guild Chairman with a "Thanks Certificate" and gave thanks to the Guild’s support for the Jamboree Project.
Guild Members run Cafe at Shirejam

A number of Guild members organised and ran a Cafe at the Hereford and Worcester County Scouts "Shirejam 3 day Event" with 4000 Scouts Cubs and Beavers and a lot of helpers which included car parking duties. The weather was perfect too.

Henrietta calls in to the Coffee shop to see how things are going

County Commissioner drops in for a cup of coffee in the Guild Coffee shop. An excellent cup of coffee served by Fynn Page, Explorer Scout

Anthea busy serving coffee and biscuits to a Scout Leader during break time.

Dave, Alec and Peter directing the traffic to the parking zones.
Guild Donates Beaver Scout Flag

When 1st Upton Scout Group put out an SOS for a new Beaver Pack flag the Malvern Guild stepped in and donated a new flag. Guild member Sue Page presented the flag to the Beaver Pack at the 1st Upton Scout Group AGM on Monday 16th July.

Members enjoy a river cruise

Members enjoyed a pleasant day out on a river cruise with a Fish and Chip Lunch. The boat cruised from Upton upon Severn along the river Severn and returned to Upton. This gave our members time to relax and talk and enjoy the scenery.
A new clock was installed in 1st Malvern Wells Scout HQ, together with a plaque in memory of 2 past Scouters with this Group, Lew and Bubbles Nash. Clock and Plaque were presented by the Malvern Branch of the Baden Powell Guild.

A new kettle, tray, mugs and spoons was presented by the Malvern Branch of the Guild to the 1st Malvern Wells Scout Group.

The kettle was used to make the Scouters a cup of tea and the cubs all got a cake. "Scouting spirit in action"
Bebington Branch Hold National Guild AGM
12th to 14th April 2019.

Members came from various part of the country to join in the National Guild AGM Weekend. Many stayed at the local Travelodge in Bromborough. Visits to places of interest were Port Sunlight Village and Museum, the Lady Lever Art Gallery and a talk and walk under the Mersey Tunnel. On Sunday the 14th the AGM was held in Poulton Hall, then members had an invitation to walk through the Gardens of Poulton Hall.

Peter presents Chairman's Cup

National Treasurer, Peter Skilton, seen here presenting the Chairman's Challenge Cup to Robin Wadey the Chairman of Henfield B-P Guild for their Sterling community work during 2018/19.

Congratulations
Edinburgh

Guild member Robert Nicol and member of the 3rd Bo’ness Scout Group reported the laying up of the group flag of the 3rd West Lothian Scout Group (now the 3rd Bo’ness) Scout Group. The ceremony took place at Carriden Church, Bo’ness.

National Committee hold workshop meeting

The National Committee held a one day workshop to discuss a Strategic 5 year plan 2019-2024. Connect – Grow – Diversify

A planned series of workshop meetings will take place every 3 months to review the objectives set. Other Guild members have been co-opted to take on specific tasks.
Gilwell Reunion
Through the Decades

Gilwell Reunion is an event for adults in Scouting who come together from around the world. This year 2019 Gilwell is celebrating the 93rd reunion. Many of our members are involved in Scouting around the UK and many of our members have attended reunions in the past.

Gilwell Park is an interesting place and can be traced back to 1407 when John Crow owned Gyldiefords, the land that would become Gilwell Park.

This year a number of our members attended a number of events.

National Guild Secretary receives the FOSE membership Certificate.

The Chairman of Friends of Scouting Europe Lars Kramm presented our National Secretary with the Membership Certificate for FOSE during the presentations at Gilwell on Saturday 7th September.

Mr Colin Walker seen here giving a talk about the history of Scouting at Gilwell

We found our Guild Presidents bench

Yes, following an extensive search of Gilwell Park, we located our Guild Presidents bench. The three plaques attached to the bench are Fred Hearn our first president 1986-1997, Joe Ingham 1998-1999. The third plaque commemorates the Guild’s 30 years.

We now have a plaque in memory of our last National President, Derek Elton 2000-2015.
Many of us joined the scouts young without knowing much about what Scouting had to offer. We became scouts because our friends were scouts and we wanted to be with our friends. For us now adults, this was perhaps one of the few things available for children and young people at that time.

Written by Torvaldur Sigmarsson

B- P Guild Kuala Lumpur

B-P Guild members will be doing their Annual Community service project at the Orang Asali Settlements in the jungle of Kelentan on the 5th - 8th June 2019. We have received the following donations. Trefoil Guild to donate food and clothing. Guild members George donated rice worth- RM500.00. Ahmed Farouk- RM200.00. Taj- RM100.00
NSGF-UK Hold Twinning meeting with AISGE-SPAIN

32 members from the Spanish National Scout and Guide Fellowship held a joint meeting with members of NSGF-UK at Gilwell on Saturday 7th September 2019. Discussions about how both organisations operated in their respective countries and future lines of communication between them. Both parties discussed promoting the next World Conference in Madrid 2020. The members of Spain were taken around Gilwell Park and shown many points of interest where Scouting began in Gilwell 100 years ago.
ISGF-AISG World Conference

1st June Juan Davila, International Secretary for NSGF Spain, received notification from the Spanish Royal Household informing that Their Majesties, The King and The Queen of Spain have accepted the Honorary Presidency of the 29th ISGF- AISG World Conference of Adult Scouts and Guides that Juan had been helping to organise in the past two years and that will take place in Madrid in August 2020.

This is certainly a very good opportunity to promote the work of our worldwide organisation for Adult Scouts and Guides and to stimulate visibility of the projects developed by our volunteers.

Nepal. Sure Start Centre
Sharing projects are highly appreciated. A big thank you to all Baden-Powell Guild members from the UK who contributed to the NEST project.

Friends of Scouting in Europe.

Slovakia: bringing Scouting to the Roma minority
The Slovak Scouts are continuing their long-term work in integrating young people from the Roma community in Scouting. As a result of the work from previous years, there are now two Scout Groups that are full members of Slovak Scouting. The project is continuing to
its next stage, with joint activities and more support to the integration of Roma young people. As in previous years, they are counting on support from FOSE.

Chile
On Saturday, 1st of June 2019, some members of San Jorge Guild, one of the existing guilds in Chile, were present at an activity of the Guides/Scouts of Chile.

Baden Powell Guild NZ
Christchurch members enjoying the AGM meeting held in Alexandra.
The 2020 AGM 8th - 10th May is to be held in Richmond, Nelson

ISGF Presence at Bridging Guilds 2019 Malaysia
The Vice Chairman of the ISGF World Committee, Datin Seri Zalillah Mohd Taib, pictured with some Trefoil Guild members after presenting attendance certificates to the participants at the Asia Pacific Region Trefoil Guild gathering “Bridging Guilds 2019”. She gave the closing speech of the event and spoke very positively about the benefits of being a member of ISGF. The Gathering was held from 25 -28 July and had participants from Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar and the United Kingdom who enjoyed a very varied programme.

Written by Jane Wardropper
10th ISGF European Conference in Bremen Germany.
Muriel Rayner and Sue Page were the delegates who represented the NSGF United Kingdom. 23 European Countries were represented at the conference and 160 members attended. The conference took place between the 21st and 25th August 2019. Hotel Maritim. Bremen Northern Germany.

As an observer I felt that there was a lot to get through for the day of the conference. Discussions were put under a tight time limit including each NSGF Country with 5 mins per presentation. Unfortunately due to technical problems some presentations were not completed by the 5 min deadline. We were unable to see the complete presentation of the Ambassadors Guild. My thought was that these NSGF presentations could have been shown the evening before conference day. This would have given more time to show the NSGF presentations in the evening and more time for the rest of business on conference day.

The languages spoken at conference are English and French but at this conference a lot of discussion was in German.

This was repeated again in French and repeated again in English taking up a lot of time. The French and English interpretations could have been displayed on a screen while the speaker continued in German. This would have also saved a great deal of time.

The day trip out to Bremerhaven by coach was very interesting. There was a tour to the "House of Climate" and the "House of Emigrants", also a tour of the "German Shipping Museum" and the "Zoo at the Sea".

Following the close of conference a Gala Dinner was held at the Ratskeller in the City of Bremen.

Allan Page
National Guild Secretary.
General Information

SCOUTING JAMBOREE

Wanted...
Scout' and Guide Books, Badges, Camp Blankets, Old Uniforms, Pre'67 Memorabilia. Tel 01782 517273. Dave Swindells. 21 Grays Close, Scholar Green, Stoke on Trent. ST7 3LU. davidbadgerswinell@btinternet.com

Thank You.
A BIG THANK you to those Guild members who donated to the International Emergency Aid Fund while renewing their Annual Subscription this year.

Peter Pilbeam, Dave & Marion Parker, Brian & Gillian Chessman, David Bunce, Malvern Guild Branch, Adrian McDowell, Colin Norman. Alec & Wendy Fraser, Janette Kenworthy, Marion Harris.

Welcome to new members.

Daphine Hughes, Malvern
Fynn Page, Malvern
Chris Hollingham, Midhurst
Gillian Shepherd, Southwell
Robert Moores, Wells
Elizabeth McGain, Malvern

Adrian Ward , Colwall
David Cashmore, Callow End
Zak Page, Malvern
Glenys Baldwin, Stamford
Harry Hooper, Milton Keynes
Robert Dickens Watford

Go to Baden Powell Guild Facebook and see all the latest news.

Members can request to be added to the Guild’s Facebook list and add your points of interest with other members.

Read all the latest Guild and Scouting activities around the world.
International Badgers Club Meeting (IBC)

An IBC meeting was held on Sunday 28th July with 32 members attending. The meeting turned out to be a very successful day for buying, selling and swopping Scout and Guide badges.

Another IBC meeting held in Midhurst on the 31st Aug & 1st Sept 2019. Midhurst is the major meetings of the year.

Sue's Birthday Bash
Guild member Sue Page decided to hold her birthday party in the garden at home on Sunday 30th July. A Bring and Buy stall with raffle raised £170.00. Sue has donated this to the NEST Project. WELL DONE SUE.

Keeping it in the Family

Sue Page hands over the Chairman’s Jewel to Allan at Malvern Branch AGM.

Report given by Allan Page
2018 WESR Gathering – Letter from a Happy Participant

Dear Sue,

Many thanks for your greetings. So kind of you to remember us. I have been offline for months and am delighted to be able to tell you that I was soo delighted with the gathering.

Such friendliness, helpfulness, fun and chatter and interesting entertainment. And the food was just up my street, no peppers, no fancy sauces, it was what it side on the menu. And our waiter was lovely.
The treat of being beside the sea was tremendous, all that lovely sea air! Two of us went for a paddle in a pool!

As I was leaving and getting into the transport someone rushed after me with my blue coat from the hallway and said "Did you hear about the giraffes?!"

I didn’t and I don’t know who she was but there wasn’t time for her to tell me and I am so intrigued, and have laughed so much over it.

I loved Hastings too.

So thank you for the best ever, and wishing you and all the Committee and those who helped make it such a lovely stay (and comfortable beds and hope it all worked out well in the end).

Thinking of you,

Thank you so much, a wonderful holiday.

Valerie Fletcher

Cork

Treasurer’s Report to the 2019 AGM
of the Baden Powell Guild of Great Britain

Overall, the 2018 accounts reflect another financially healthy year. We expected to end the year with a lower closing balance than at the start and that was indeed the case. Details are on the balance sheet elsewhere in this magazine and highlights are summarised below.

Expenditure. The coloured boxes in the lower right-hand corner of the balance sheet show that we ended the year with a balance of £528.57 less than we started the year: in other words, we spent £528.57 more than we received. Costs associated with the 40th AGM in Eastbourne (travel, secretarial, AGM costs) and our second year of sponsorship of the Western European Gathering (£255) were the main extraordinary sources of expenditure.
**Income** for 2018 (top left of the balance sheet) was just £6.16 less than the corresponding figure for 2017. Income from Branch membership fell by £267.60 but T&C membership increased by £54 and nearly £100 came from an increase in the number of Associate members. Sales of badges were particularly beneficial during 2018; largely due to our new membership of the International Badgers Club and this helped to keep the 2018 income very close to that of 2017.

As in previous years, my thanks to Keith Parks for auditing the accounts.

**Budget for 2019/20.** Looking ahead to the end of the current year and to 2020, with the successful conclusion of the Western European Gathering, we seem likely to maintain a balance of around the 2018 closing figure. Merchandise sales beyond just the Guild membership, promise to help the income side of the balance sheet as does the steady growth in Associate membership. Looking back at the closing balance over the past 12 years, it is clear that our current situation remains healthy.

In view of this, the 2019 AGM supported the proposal for 2020 membership subscriptions to remain at £9.

**Peter Skilton – National Treasurer**
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**NOTES TO 2018 ACCOUNTS**

(a) 33 subscriptions (27 in 2017)
(b) 106 subscriptions (128 in 2017). 12 Belington members only charged £3.20 each
(c) 32 associate member subscriptions (7 in 2017)
(d) 105 members in 2017 at £3.20 per member (184 in 2016)
(e) The difference in the 2017 numbers at (a), (b), (c) and (d) above arises from 3 'first-year-free' members who were registered with NSGF but paid no annual subscription

**Audited:**

**Date:**

**(signed copy in Accounts Book)**
Following the success of the Gathering in Eastbourne

Our 2020 social weekend (including AGM) will be at the

Somerset Hotel, Llandudno

from Friday 6th till Tuesday 10th March 2020.
Half board includes breakfasts, evening meals and entertainment.

The Somerset Hotel enjoys an enviable sea-front promenade location in the heart of Llandudno. The hotel offers stunning views cross the bay and out to sea. Llandudno town centre is just a 10 minute stroll from the hotel along the flat sea-front promenade and offers a wide range of shops and tea rooms.

During the Social Weekend the Guild will hold the National AGM

The hotel is run by the Daish's Hotel Group and the price quoted at the moment for this date Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th March 2020 is £ 199.00 per person or £ 219.00 per person by coach from the West Midlands, pick- ups in Halesowen, Stourbridge, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Stafford, Newcastle under Lyme, Hanley. To Book your Accommodation online at:
https://www.daishs.com/holidays/search-results?rt1=&min=2020-3-6&c2=14&c1=1
or telephone Daish’s on 01202 638840.

Please let the National Secretary know you have booked. Allan Page Tel 01886 832940 or allan.page@talk21.com
Message from the Chairwoman of the Organizing Committee

Hi everybody!

Since the previous World Conference held in Bali (Indonesia) in 2017, Spain was chosen as the host of the next conference, in AISG Spain we are working with enthusiasm and hope to make this gathering indelible in the memory of all of you. New meetings, new projects, new friendships, new songs, new images and new memories on which to project the future of our International Fellowship.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, we are waiting for you in Madrid, a very open, friendly and receptive city where “nobody feels like a stranger”. We invite you to come and verify it.

HELENA THOMAS
Looking ahead to Madrid

When?  
17 - 22 August 2020

Where?  
Welcome to Madrid, the capital of Spain, a lively cosmopolitan and friendly city where everyone feels at home.

Its rich artistic and natural heritage, modern infrastructures, delicious cuisine, natural charm and vibrant energy, makes it one of the most attractive cities in the world.

The events of the 29th World Conference of Adult Scouts and Guides will take place at the Convention and Congress Center of the Meliá Avenida de América Hotel. This is 10 minutes from Madrid airport and the main train stations, and 15 minutes from the city center.

29th Conference of ISGF-AISG website is now OPEN

Check the website, https://madrid2020.aism.es/en

PRE-INSRIPTION

For more details and inscription procedures: https://madrid2020.aism.es/en/preinscription-form/
Conference branding and logo

The joyful colors used in the design of the logo of the 29th ISGF-AISG World Conference Adult Scouts and Guides represents the diversity of our world organization, ISGF International Scout and Guide Fellowship.

The colourful sun highlight the warm nature of the country and the three ‘mountains’ the wide range of possibilities that Spain has to offer to its guests.

Spain offers an incredible landscape, beautiful beaches and the access to the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea – a privilege that only few countries have – and its nights are simply unforgettable.

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