

# GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

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The refurbishment of the Youth Centre in Henfield, West Sussex by Henfield B-P Guild members

## Welcome to our new look newsletter.

We thought it was time for a change and hope you like it. The newsletter will be produced bi-monthly, sent by email to Branch Secretaries and those members who have registered with an email address. In addition it will be uploaded onto the [Guild website](#) and the [Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain Facebook page](#). It will be sent by post to those Town & Country members who have not provided an email address.

We think this will make our news more 'up-to-date' and relevant and will enable us to share news with you on a more frequent basis. We look forward to our members sending us photos, news of activities and any articles that you would like to share with the rest of our members. Please send your news to the National Secretary.

**Presidents message.** Our National Committee are working on a 5 year plan "The Way Forward" for our organisation to maintain and continue it's success. It is important that our members continue to enjoy being a member of the Guild with the fellowship of like minded people and work towards supporting Scouting, Guiding and our local Community; as well as enjoying many social events and gatherings. I look forward to meeting you at our 5 day Social Gathering and AGM in Llandudno in March 2020.

**Alec Fraser**

## We Welcome our New Members.

Jacqueline Green, Worcester. Lesley & Adrian French, Christopher Bardell & Kevin Clay, Milton Keynes. Brian Gyngell, Tottenham N17. Sophie Ellaway, Pamela Bevan & Stuart Diplock, Malvern Branch. Oihana Laguardia, Watford. FR. Alan Williams, Stourbridge.

## Help to Scouting " Active Support."



[Guild member Anthea](#), presents the Lew Nash Award to Explorer Scout, Thomas Lane Cassell for his Excellence in Scouting work during the past 12 months.



[Guild member Iris](#), guides the beavers to correctly play the beetle game.



[Guild member Zak](#) presents a cheque to 1st Leigh Explorer Scout Jess Rea for helping the Guild at the Autumn Garden Show. Jess will add this to her camp funds



[Members of Malvern Guild](#) presented the Hereford & Worcester Scout County Contingent to the European Jamboree with a cheque for £250.00 towards the cost of the contingent attending the event.



[1st Upton Scout Group](#) urgently needed a new tea urn. So the Guild stepped in with a donation enabling the cubs to make up to 35 cups, enough for all the leaders and parents attending their end of term presentation.



### [Bebington Hold meeting and Xmas Dinner](#)

Members from Bebington branch held their December meeting which included their Annual Xmas Dinner on the 5th December at the Boathouse Parkgate, Neston CH64 6RN. An enjoyable meeting and Xmas dinner was the verdict.



Sadly we report that  
Lord Robert Baden-Powell,  
3rd Baron Baden-Powell, the grandson of B-P  
died on the 28th Dec 2019 at the age of 82.  
"A true scout gone home"



## **New Guild branch in Milton Keynes We wish them well.**



Present and prospective members recently held a meeting with the intention of recruiting more members and starting a new branch in Milton Keynes. Members from the Guild National Committee gave a presentation about the Guild's activities and its structure. The present members will now plan a programme of activities and another open event to attract more members.

## **HENFIELD BP GUILD JUMBLE SALE RAISES £ 1,391.39**

Our popular jumble sales would not be the same without all the non-guild helpers, who work really hard to make them a success. Thank you so much to those good folk that donated raffle prizes including Debbie (Manager of Henfield Youth Club) who recently donated a lovely home-made cake and Fiona (from Stokes) who gave us all the boxes of chocolates, crackers and more. We definitely couldn't do it without them - they work so hard early in the morning sorting the jumble, selling the jumble and then late in the afternoon in clearing up.

**1st September 2019 Henfield BP Guild** held their annual Senior Citizens outing paid for by the proceeds of the Christmas sleigh collections. 100 of our more senior residents were treated to a mystery coach trip around Sussex this year with an ice cream stop at Beachy Head. They were then joined back at The Henfield Hall by a further 30 oldies (oldest guest was over 100) for a four course dinner prepared and cooked by the Guildsmen and served by willing helpers including scouts and guides. Entertainment was provided by Dan Stephenson playing guitar and singing, stepping in at the last minute as the original singer had gone down with flu and lost his voice!



After all the clearing up was done some of us retired to The Plough for a well earned pint.

## **DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED SCOUT AND GUIDE CLOTH BADGES.**

We can sell these and the proceeds will go to our International Project "NEST" Nepal Educational Support Trust. Please send your unwanted Scout and Guide cloth badges to the National Secretary Allan Page. 29 Grit Lane Malvern. WR14 1UR



## **Annual subscription notice.**

**A gentle reminder to all Town and Country members and Branches that the annual membership subscription is now due.**

## **Social weekend (including 41st AGM)**

Following the success of the Gathering in Eastbourne 2018, our 2020 AGM will be held as part of a 5 day social gathering to be held at:

### **The Somerset Hotel, Llandudno** **from Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th March 2020.**

The accommodation is half board and includes breakfasts, 3 course evening meals and entertainment. The Somerset Hotel enjoys an enviable sea-front promenade location in the heart of Llandudno. The hotel offers stunning views across the bay and out to sea, with a wide flat promenade all round the bay. Llandudno town centre is just a 3 minute stroll from the hotel 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, self drive or £219.00 per person by coach from the West Midlands, pick-ups in Halesowen, Stourbridge, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Stafford, Newcastle under Lyme, Hanley. 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



## **29th ISGF World Conference**

**17th to 23rd Aug 2020**

**Madrid Spain**

**Melia Avenida de America Hotel**

We have 4 B-P Guild members registered at present. There is still plenty of time to register. Information and registration forms are available on the ISGF Website, the Madrid 2020 web site: [www.madrid2020.aisg.es](http://www.madrid2020.aisg.es) or from the National Secretary.

Madrid is 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 hotel is 10 minutes from Madrid airport and transport will be arranged. It is 15 minutes from the city centre. Participation in the event will give members an overview of the great diversity of ISGF and its NSGF's worldwide. You will have the opportunity of meeting members from all over the world and engaging in discussion regarding current and future ISGF projects.

**Keep informed and get in touch**

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**Patron: Hon Wendy Baden Powell( Granddaughter of B-P )**