

# GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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## Sue Page, elected as President ISGF Europe Committee

Picture shows Sue with retiring President Pierre Decoene of Belgium.

23 out of a possible 28 countries attended the 11th European Conference in Ranum Denmark plus a Central Branch member from Malta. The 5 day Conference between 30th July - 3rd August was held at the Efterskole College, Ranum. The conference was organised by the Sct Georges Gilderne Denmark

*Pictures show the new European Committee being presented to Conference. They are from R to L:*  
**Sue Page** Chair & co- secretary; Western Sub Region.

**Soren Silving** Vice Chair & co- secretary; Nordic Baltic Sub Region.

**Lillana Sotelo** Treasurer-Public Relations & Communications; Central Sub Region.

**Thalia Xiromeritou** Projects; Southern Sub Region.

*At the farewell banquet the food & entertainment were wonderful.*

We now look forward to the next Europe Conference in Germany in 2026





The UK Delegates.



Conference Opening



Paperwork for Conference



Countries taking part. Handmade discs



Sue & co transport for excursion to Logstog



Members enjoying the Camp Fire.



Visit to a 12th Century Danish Church



The Spanish Contingent



A Viking House



Denmark hands flag to Germany for 2026



The Gala Dinner with Traditional Danish Folk Dancing



# Branch News

## Milton Keynes and Malvern Branches meet

Both branches met up for the day at the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway Centre at Toddington Glos on Tuesday 11th July. After lunch members caught the steam train to Cheltenham and on to Broadway. The weather was warm and sunny.



Malvern branch member Allan Page Presents a portrait of Agnes Baden-Powell to the Worcestershire County Guide Commissioner, Janet Long, for the Guide Camp and Training Centre at Blackmore, nr. Malvern.

### Henfield Branch.

Members of Henfield were busy organising their Senior Citizens Outing held on Sunday 3rd September. Their members cooked a 4 course meal with drinks for the senior Citizens at Henfield Hall. The Senior Citizens were taken on a mystery coach tour during the day.

**Thank you Henfield for supporting your Community. Ed**

**HENFIELD B-P GUILD**   
**SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING 2023**  
on  
**3rd SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER**  
PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS FREE & OPEN TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS IN HENFIELD & SURROUNDING AREAS  
Includes: Mystery Coach Tour, 4 Course Meal with Drinks & Entertainment at Henfield Hall  
To reserve your place, please supply your Name, Address and Telephone Number.  
In person at: **HAMFELDS HIGH STREET HENFIELD** or  
Tel: Neil Featherstone **07816 463851**  
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## Guild shows Nepal Project at Trefoil Guild Regional Meeting

Guild members gave a presentation about the Guilds International Project NEPAL during the Trefoil Guild Midlands Region meeting held at the Stafford Show Ground on the 9th September. The presentation created a lot of interest amongst Trefoil members.



# National Guild AGM 2024.

The 2024 National Guild Annual General Meeting will be held on the weekend of the 23rd/24th March 2024 at 3rd Newport Pagnell Scout HQ.

**More details about this will be in the next Guild Newsletter**

## **GIFT AID (for UK Income Tax Payers only)**

You may remember us first mentioning this at our AGM at Eastbourne in 2022. Soon after that, I was tasked by the NEC, with the project of securing our registration with HMRC, to enable us to claim Gift Aid (25p for each £1 that you donate). Well I am pleased to say that after a lengthy & very detailed process, we were awarded this registration on 17 July, this year.

One of the things you will notice is that we will start referring to subscriptions as donations. We will also need to introduce a gift aid declaration form to be completed which is valid until you are no longer an UK Income Tax Payer. As a part of our annual membership form we will need confirmation that individual members are still tax payers. We have a bit of work to do to sort any amended membership processes, but we will get it done in plenty of time for the next round of donations(subscriptions!) early in 2024.

It will be a very simple process, but should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Adrian French  
NEC Member

**GIFT AID FORMS have been sent out by the National Secretary, if you have not yet received yours please contact either your Branch Secretary or the National Secretary. Please complete the form even if you are NOT a UK tax payer.**

## **The International Badgers Club**

Are holding a badge club meeting on Sunday 15th Oct.2023 from 10.30am at the 2nd Malvern Scout Group HQ in Spring Lane South , Malvern Link WR14 1AJ next to the Malvern Rugby Club. All members are welcome to join us. Bring along your old Scout Badges, sell, buy, swap camp blankets, hats. Free admission.



## **See you at our Gathering in Llandudno.**

**Have you booked your accommodation at the Somerset Hotel Llandudno yet?** The date for our Gathering is Thursday 5th to Monday 9th October. You can book by phoning 01202 638840, or online at [www.daishs.com](http://www.daishs.com). Daish's coaches are available from some areas of the country and there is a good train service to Llandudno Central and Llandudno Junction. A great opportunity for all our Central Branch members to meet each other .

**Please inform the National Secretary of your attendance so that members can be listed to sit together at meal times.**



## **National Executive Committee Meeting**

The National Executive Committee (NEC) will be holding a meeting on Sunday 8th October at 2.30pm at the hotel. Do come along, you will be able to see who we are, what we do, and how we work.

## **Our members & branches support the Holiday Homes Trust.**

Holiday Homes Trust provides low cost holiday accommodation in caravans at popular UK resorts for families who are disadvantaged through disability, income or other circumstances.

For further details contact:- Holiday Homes Trust Gilwell Park Activity Centre, Chingford E4 7QW. [For more details go to Baden-](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2213254908918560)

[Powell Guild Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2213254908918560](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2213254908918560)

