

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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A message from our Patron the Hon Wendy Baden-Powell, to celebrate our 46th National AGM held on Sunday 24th March 2024 is printed in full on the last page of this newsletter. Meanwhile - here are a selection of photos of members at the AGM receiving their Service Awards.



Wendy Fraser 45 yr Service Award.



David and Dale Harbach 40 & 35 yr Service Award



Members enjoying the Shanty songs



The U3A Ukulele band entertained the meeting

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BRANCH NEWS

Henfield. Eric's life changed in a second.

In August 2022, on the Guild "Annual Canal Boat Trip" in Oxford, Eric's life changed in a split-second when he tripped, collided with a parked car and was paralysed immediately, having broken his top two vertebrae and crushing the next three. A few weeks in the John Radcliffe Hospital, followed by months in Worthing Hospital, Eric was eventually transferred to Stoke Mandeville Spinal Injuries Unit where he underwent a very rigorous rehabilitation programme. Throughout his treatment time, Eric received daily visitors not only from Guildsmen and their partners, but also from friends and colleagues from various Henfield charities that he had volunteered for... Henfield coming together to support a friend.

Eric and Sara's home has had to be modified to accommodate Eric's wheelchair, this was carried out by local tradesmen some who charged for materials only, with some of the funding being raised via online donations. Eric's wife Sara has been wonderful, as her life has changed drastically also, and she has devoted herself to making Eric's life the best it can possibly be. Eric has a Live-in Carer in addition to two visits daily from a Support Carer, apart from a few very understandably low periods Eric has maintained a good humour and really worked hard to get the most out of his new life. Members of Henfield Guild raised funds to purchase a specialised exercise machine for the purpose of wheel chair users which exercises legs and arms . This machine has been installed in the Henfield Leisure Centre and is free to use by anyone who has a specialised need . Eric has been a member of Henfield Guild for the past 24 years.



Milton Keynes.

Thank you to Baden-Powell Guild MK for their £50 donation! They're friends of Camphill MK and do great work inspired by the spirit of the Scouts & Guides in supporting their local communities.



Central Branch.

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 Friday 16th February 2024
at 8 pm
(Please note the day and time change)
Founders Day/Thinking Day
Adventures at Kandersteg in Switzerland
With Greg and others from Australia 

The Central Branch held their monthly meeting on Friday 16th February by zoom. The Theme of the meeting was Founders Day/ Thinking Day. A talk

was given by ISGF members of Australia with their Adventures at Kandersteg in Switzerland. Other members joined the meeting from New Zealand. Maldives, Greece.

Verena enjoys her skiing.

Central Guild member Verena Leppard a native of Switzerland enjoyed her winter holiday skiing the Splügen Pass which is an alpine mountain pass connecting Switzerland with the Italian Chiavenna.



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Malvern Branch

The Pioneer Explorer Scouts at 1st Leigh are saving to buy a set of Tomahawks. A grant application from them for £245.00 the Guild stepped in and duly assisted. Picture shows Guild member June Etheridge presenting a cheque to Scout Leader Clive Maddock.



Members help with Shirehike



The Scout counties of Hereford and Worcester held a Walking Hike between the two counties on Saturday 9th March 2024. The weather turned out to be very kind to them who walked.

More than 600 Leaders, Explorers, Scouts, cubs, beavers and squirrels took part in the event. Guild members covered the Ledbury Check Point and other members acted as Car Park Marshalls, and catering staff to provide refreshments for all the helpers taking part. **A very successful day.** Pictures show Charlotte Walker and Sue Page providing tea to the Helpers. Mervyn Howells and David Cashmore marshalled the 3 car parks. A big thank you to all our other members who helped to. Keith and Pat Parks, Sue Reville, Fynn Page, Linda and Andrew Younie, Peter and Iris Skilton, Daphne Hughes, Anthea Fish.

A donation of £ 100.00 was presented to The Malvern Hills (RDA) Riding for the disabled. The RDA was set up to work mainly with people with physical disabilities, although the groups now work across the spectrum of disabilities, age range, social status and urban and rural environments. The focus of their work is to ensure that each individual has the chance to derive a direct therapeutic benefit and gives them the opportunity to learn new skills, develop self-confidence and generally add a new element to life. Malvern Hills RDA Centre is hosted by Guinness Park Farm. Leigh Sinton.



A Senior Citizens Sunday Tea

Members arranged to invite local Senior Citizens to a Sunday Tea as part of their Community work through **Community Action**.

During the event 2 Scouts Thomas Kennedy and Charlotte Walker gave a talk and a slide show about their experience attending the World Scout Jamboree in 2023. This was very much appreciated by the Seniors to hear of their experience meeting other young people from around the world.



Meet the team who arranged the event.

We have our Lady members in their blue aprons who provided the tea. 2 Explorer Scouts who gave a talk about the World Scout Jamboree 2023. Eileen Burton from **Community Action** and 2 male members setting up the tables.



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Prajwal Shiksha Sadan English School.
Makawanpur. Nepal.

The school stated that they are very proud that the Baden-Powell Guild UK is able to support this school and it's lovely children and super teachers. We have been provided with more funds by the Guild to purchase furniture for the school and supported another year for scholarships.

News from Europe.



All European
National
Presidents and
International
Secretaries were

invited to join the members of the Europe Committee for their meeting on Tuesday 5th March 2024, the meeting was held online via zoom. This was an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, tell the Europe Committee members what was needed, how they can help. It enabled members to see how the Europe committee

works, what they do and maybe tell them what they should be doing! Members were able to contribute their ideas as to how the Europe Region can move forward, what can be improved and even what the committee should STOP doing.



Central Europe Sub Region – 11th Gathering,

3rd – 6th October 2024. Here you can find the link to register:
<https://isgf-zentraleuropa.eu/srze-konferenz-2024>



Western Europe Sub Region 28th Gathering, 10th - 14th October 2025 The Netherlands

Further information shortly.



NSBR MEETING IN TØNSBERG, 6–9 JUNE 2025

We have rented the entire Hotel Borge by Husøysundet in the middle of the Tønsberg/Nøtterøy archipelago. There are good train connections from Oslo, from Gardermoen and Torp airports, and from Larvik where the ferry from Hirtshals arrives. The hotel is right down by the fjord and has its own jetty and beach. There is a heated saltwater pool in the garden, a tennis court and a 9-hole pitch and putt, and large, free parking for hotel guests. The bus from Tønsberg stops at the wharf.

The hotel is well equipped for courses and conferences, and has good hotel rooms.

We are planning many activities in the local area and will be outside a lot, but we will make it possible for everyone to participate. And of course there will be a traditional shot put - here we will reward both the best nation and the country with the best supporter team. Price for accommodation, all meals and activities will be approx. NOK 8,000 per person in a double room. **The final price and more information about cheaper accommodation will be in the next information letter or:** <https://www.sgn.no/nsbr-treff-i-tonsberg-6-9-juni-2025>

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Patrons message:

Dear members of the Baden-Powell Guild I send you my warmest greetings from Melbourne, Australia, as you embark on your national Annual General Meeting on Sunday 24th march.

I hope you are all keeping well and that you have managed to avoid further outbreaks of covid-19 and its variants that are still around, but at least we are now able to live a normal life.

I am delighted to receive and read the "guild news". I take a great interest in reading news on the various projects that the guild is currently undertaking in particular the international support given to the Prajwal School in Nepal.

I was particularly interested to read Sue Page's report on further developments with the school children following a request made by Purna Shrestha in 2020, for sound recordings of English words and sentences to be made for children at the school to help them to learn English. It was wonderful to hear that the technology was set up by her and in 2021, that young people working towards either their Queens Guide or Duke of Edinburgh gold awards, were recruited to help after much publicity. It is good that two Ranger Guides Louise and Amy were recruited to assist with the recording. I am pleased that this project has helped them to achieve their Queen's Guide awards. My congratulations to them.

Further developments were made in 2023 when a request was made for a set of words phonetically to be recorded which meant a further recruitment of young people to be involved. Once trained and a set of instructions given they all have achieved the first and second parts of the project and are about to start on a third set of sentences and phrases with a completion date due in September 2024. Well done and congratulations to all involved. A wonderful start to a job that is to be further developed and continued.

Climate change is indeed a much talked about subject and sadly our world is being affected. Yes we do need to be informed to reduce the threat of losing parts of our planet. Action does need to be taken. Here in Australia we have had once again this year, severe fires in three states and flooding in the northern part of the country. In the eastern part of Victoria within the last few weeks many homes have been lost to fire due to very hot weather. Conditions causing gusty winds when trees and power poles to fall on houses and onto cars and the spread of fallen ambers onto very dry wood and leaves on the parched land have ignited fires elsewhere. This has caused so much devastation. Fortunately there have been reports of no casualties but it does mean many families have to rebuild. Sadly some wild animals have been lost, others have escaped. We had an electrical outage here in Victoria at the same time. Many people had no electricity for days on end bringing a halt to everything that we now depend on that is electrically driven devices such as our computers, home phones (landlines) and mobiles etc. Not too many people are dependent on gas these days since they have reverted to using solar energy and many are changing over to going all electric in their homes. I am still reliant on both gas and electricity. Newly built homes here in Australia are now all electric. Older homes like mine have yet to catch up. The government keeps talking about renewable energy but has not acted.

It was good to read that our guild member Juan Davila y Verdin was given the honour and privilege to attend the cop28 in Dubai. It is wonderful that he is promoting and encouraging the development of a new generation of emerging leaders worldwide, who will make a good contribution to society. It was good to hear that cop28 gave an opportunity for WAGGGS to give girls a space to speak out and to share their concerns and their key demands to the international community. A small number of girl guides and girl scouts made up the WAGGGS delegation representing 8.9 million girls from 153 countries girls on the global stage.

I have noted that there is the ISGF 30th world conference taking place in September 2024 in Granada, Spain. Attendees will be able to experience togetherness, inspiration, sustainability and above all, friendships and national scout and guide fellowships are made. This is the true spirit of scouting and guiding.

I wish you all well for a very successful 2024.

Yours in scouting and guiding,

The Honourable Wendy Baden-Powell
Patron of the Baden-Powell Guild UK

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