Guild members making the road safe for a St George's Day Parade.

Members organising the lost persons office at the RHS Spring Garden Show.

The First Leigh Guide Group made a grant application for members of the Group to have new group Necker's, so the Guild duly assisted with a donation to purchase the Neckers.
Central Branch Report.

Central Branch member Jackie Green from the Scout Shop Worcester donated a large box of Ladies Garments for the Ukraine Relief Fund.
Thank you, Jackie Ed.

The Central branch held their online meeting on the 9th of May. The first part of the meeting dealt with the National Guild EGM.

The motion to amend the Constitution of the Baden-Powell Guild UK. Item 3 adding (Charitable Purposes) to Aims and Objectives. Adding item 3.2 to define Charitable Purposes to accord with HMRC criteria. 3.2 The Guild’s Charitable Purposes, in relation to the HMRC criteria will, but not exclusively, be centered around Education, Citizenship or Community Development and The Protection of the Environment. Adding the following sentence to item 9.3. No amendment to the Constitution shall be made, which have the effect of making the charity cease to be a charity at law. Amending the word Subscription to Membership Donation throughout the Constitution and handbook. All the above were approved.

This was followed by an interesting talk given by Colin Walker on the History of Gilwell.

GIBRALTAR.

Central Branch member Tony Galliano told us that the 5th Gibraltar Sea Scouts of which he is a member are celebrating their 110th Anniversary. Here is a photo shoot of the Sea Scout Group in the Commonwealth Park. The Pipe band gave a short concert.
News from HENFIELD B-P Guild. A good turnout for the branch Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 4th April combined with the presentation of Long Service Awards to those present. Photo shows, back row left to right, Chris Simmonds 45 years, Dave Malkin 45 years, Glen Tennant 35 years, Steve Sample 35 years, Front row, left to right Phil Barr 35 years, Tony Westwood 40 years, Graham Denyer 40 years.

The doors and windows have now been fitted at the new Henfield Community Scout Head Quarters. By July, the building shell should be completed and ready for internal fitting-out. Several companies, many of them local, have already promised to donate skilled labour, materials, and funding for the internal fit-out and landscaping, but more help is needed. Limited companies that donate goods or the services of their employees can normally claim tax relief by deducting the value from their total business profits before paying tax. Speak to your accountant to learn more or visit: [www.gov.uk/tax-limited-company-gives-to-charity/donating-money](http://www.gov.uk/tax-limited-company-gives-to-charity/donating-money).

News from Malvern B-P Guild.

A report from Shirehike. Shirehike is a Scout County walking challenge. The Baden Powell Guild, Malvern Branch provided an amazing service of car parking as well as catering at two separate locations for this event.

The Tigger Explorer Scout Unit made a request to the Guild to help purchase 12 Hammock Quilts for use on outward bound events. We are pleased to say that we now have some very happy Explorers. Picture shows Iris Skilton presenting a cheque to the Explorer leader for £269.00 and one of the Quilts purchased.

District Scout Activity Day. Member June Etheridge supervising a scout with Tomahawk throwing. June is a qualified instructor.

Other Guild members staffed the kitchen to keep the Scouts and Leaders supplied with hot and cold drinks. A considerable amount of biscuits and cake were also consumed on the day. The activities had to be cut short as at 3pm there was a storm with Thunder, Lightning, and torrential rain.
News from ISGF Europe

11th Central Europe Conference

in Nitra Slovakia 3-6th October 2024

Registration Fee:
Single room classic including breakfast €370
Double room classic including breakfast €294
Triple room classic including breakfast €282
Conference participation without a room and no breakfast €195.

What does the fee include: The fee includes: 2x lunch, 2x dinner, 1x gala-dinner, 3x coffee/tea/pastries, 1x coffee/cake (place setting), all entrance fees, bus costs for sightseeing, general costs such as conference badges etc.

Main activities or program highlights: On behalf of the National Scout and Fellowship of Slovakia, you are welcome to come to the ancient Nitra, the cradle of Christianity in Europe. An interesting program has been organized for you in the historical part of Nitra, such as the medieval Nitra castle and the bishop’s palace, where the bishop still resides today. You will certainly visit the national stud farm in Topoľčianki and the mansion, which was once the summer residence of the President of the Czechoslovak republic and more cultural and historical interested things. Of course, you will get in touch the NSGF of the Slovak Republic. As part of twinning, the members want to establish contacts with old friends and meet new ones. Although modern technology allows us to connect more often, it is not the same as spending time with friends and sharing ideas and interests in cooperation with the Central Europe sub-regional committee and our national organization. This event is open to all ISGF members in the sub-region, region, or worldwide.

Name of event: 11th Sub-regional conference Central Europe

Travel. You can fly from Luton to Bratislava

Website event: https://isgf-zentraleuropa.eu/srze-konferenz-2024

For more information: oldskauti.sk@gmail.com

Other International News

B-P Guild Kuala Lumpur. Held its 45th AGM meeting on the 31st of March 2024. 29 members attended the meeting.

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