

# GUILD News



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Happy New Year to all our members



Front cover Picture of B-P Guild members with their Christmas Sleigh.  
A Guild Branch Christmas Lunch. Milton Keynes Branch Christmas Tree.

**Welcome new members.** David Hunt, Saltdean. West Sussex. Central Branch.  
Heather Talbot, Malvern. Worcs. Malvern Branch.

## Henfield Guild

As usual, members of the B-P Guild Henfield carried out their Christmas Tree Service by collecting unwanted Christmas Trees after Christmas. These trees are chipped and composted for £ 10 per tree. This service raises funds for the continual building work with the new Scout HQ and Community Centre in Henfield.



## Central Branch Member Juan attends COPS 29 in Baku

Juan said "Certainly, the world has changed since the 2015 Paris Agreement was signed. Nevertheless, global collective efforts remain focused on avoiding a 1-5degree temperature increase. I am humbled and honoured as head of the delegation, United Nations University for Peace to have the opportunity to participate once again as an observer in the discussions and negotiations concerning integral education for sustainability.

## Peter Yoon Completes Stage 3 of his 'Cycling the World' across America

Peter has recently completed his stage 3 across America a distance of 3,445km Stage 4 will be the final stage from Japan to Malaysia and should take approx. 8 months to 1 year to complete his cycling around the world.



**Sue Page** was recently Guest Speaker at The Chase High School, Duke of Edinburgh Awards evening. Students from The Chase D of E group carry out the Volunteering element of the award by taking part in the Baden-Powell Guild UK word recording project. This project provides audio recording of simple words in English to help with the teaching of English at Prajwal School, Nepal.

## Annual Membership Donation

The Annual membership donation of £9 for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025 is now due

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or to pay (by cheque) make payable to Baden-Powell Guild UK,  
and send to National Secretary 29 Grit Lane. Malvern. WR14 1UR.

## National Annual General Meeting

The Guild National AGM will still be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.30pm  
online, via zoom. The zoom link will be sent to all members nearer the time.

## Adult and young scouts doing their bit for the tragedy in Valencia, Spain



## FOSE. Friends of Scouting in Europe



**Two projects in Poland:** After an immediate response to the crisis where the Polish scouts provided food and hygiene packages, blankets, sleeping bags and other items necessary for survival to their scout friends from Ukraine they then provided medical supplies and equipment to help establish field hospitals and provided medical care to all refugees. The ESF could help finance fuel for the transports and meals, snacks and hot drinks during work for the volunteers or on a long journey with transport. In the second project the ESF (European Scout Foundation) financed volunteer equipment and food including but not limited to large thermos for hot drinks, vests, protein bars, gloves, torchlights, masks), shelf stable food and water supplies, sanitation and hygienic supplies and non-consumable supplies.

Allan Page Presenting the UK Flag at the World Conference in Spain in September 2024.



### World Committee

The new World Committee met twice during the World Conference and again online in October 2024. Their next meeting also online will be on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. It will be the first meeting of the new committee where the Region Chairs will be invited to attend.

### Meet the New European Committee



Left to right are:

Oihana La Guardia - Western European Sub Region (WESR) Secretary  
Thalia Xiromeritou - Southern European Sub Region (SESR) Chair.  
Lilana Sotelo - Central Eastern Sub Region (CESR) Treasurer  
Inga Elizabeth Merli - Nordic Baltic Sub Region (NBSR) Vice Chair.  
The new Committee will meet on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and in March 2025

# Special Announcement

## National Guild Social Weekend - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 has been **CANCELLED**

This is due to the Grand National at Aintree being held on the same weekend, most of the hotel accommodation has already been taken and the cost of the accommodation that is still available is high. When we planned our AGM and Social weekend it appeared the Grand National was on a different date. We apologise to all our members for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

### World Thinking / Founders Day 2025



Thinking / Founders Day is on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the joint birthdays of Lord Robert and Lady Olave Baden-Powell. It is a day when we encourage our members to think about their Scout and Guide contacts around the world.

This year we would like you to be a little more active and we want you to send greetings, via a postcard to our members and friends across the globe for World Thinking Day 2025.

This can be a digital message, a physical postcard or a post on the Facebook page of the Baden-Powell Guild UK -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2213254908918560>

or ISGF Europe - <https://www.facebook.com/EuropeISGF>

Founders Day Scouts on February 22 honours Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Olave, the first Chief Girl Guide. Scouts Founder's Day is known as Founders or Thinking Day throughout the world. It's a time for Scouts and Guides to reaffirm their oaths together and contemplate how Scouting's century-old values are still relevant in today's fast-paced world.

The Boy Scouts movement originated in England on January 24, 1908, when Robert Baden-Powell published the initial issue of "Scouting for Boys." Many English lads were already familiar with the Baden name, and hundreds of them gladly purchased the handbook. The publication of "Scouting for Boys" was completed by the end of April, and dozens of spontaneous Boy Scout groups had sprouted across the United Kingdom. Scouts Founder's Day is observed on February 22, the birthdate of Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Olave Baden-Powell, in practically all Scout organizations worldwide. In Kenya, Powell's tomb has become a pilgrimage destination.

## New Guild Social Gathering October 2025

### Abbey Lawn Hotel - Torquay

We are now holding our Annual Social Gathering in Torquay between Mon 20<sup>th</sup> & Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October at the **Abbey Lawn Hotel**. The brochure price is £309 this includes evening meal, breakfast and entertainment.

**There is an early booking discount of £70 per person, (plus a further 5% discount if paid in full at the time of booking) Both discounts end on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 For more details about the hotel or to book online, go to [www.daishs.com](http://www.daishs.com) or tel 01202 638840**



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