

GUILD News



Newsletter for the Baden-Powell Guild UK Issue No 38 May 2026

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, 17th May 2026, in Bebington in Cheshire.



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 able to live a normal life. At least we can now rely on having updated flu injections to protect us.

This year is a very important year for the Baden-Powell Guild UK as you mark a significant occasion in the guilds life as you turn 50 years old. What a wonderful and fantastic achievement. Congratulations on reaching this goal. I am sure there will be plenty of fond filled memories that have taken place in the guild over this period. I do remember the part that my late father Peter played in helping to establish the guild along with others in the early fifties. You have achieved so much during this time, and I am sure that your valuable work will continue for many more years to come.

I enjoy receiving and reading the 'Guild News' and I take a great interest in being up dated on the various projects that the guild is currently undertaking in particular with the international support it gives to the Prajwal School in Nepal, the development in using new technology in teaching English and inviting the Guides to be involved. I am sure that there must be other projects in the pipeline.

I have also seen your various posts on Facebook, and these are very interesting to read.

I wish you all well for a very successful 2026 as you celebrate this very special 50th year.

Yours in scouting and guiding.

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

National Guild Social Weekend. 15th -17th May. A visit to



the Museum of Liverpool displayed 4 Lamb Bananas outside the building and across the road 4 famous figures. We ended the day on a ferry across the Mersey.

Guild members helping with Scouting and the Community

Working on a Scout Campsite



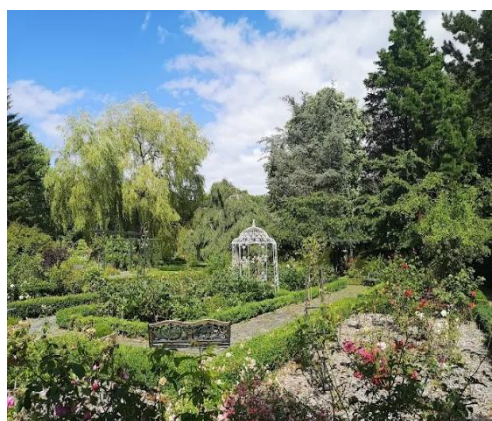
Supporting Riding for the Disabled



Marshals for a St Georges Day Parade



Scirard Lancelyn Green and Poulton Hall



The Brewhouse

We were very privileged to have had the use of Poulton Hall by kind invitation of Scirard Lancelyn Green to his home Poulton Hall Bebington for our National AGM on Sunday 17th May. We held the meeting in the Music Room. After the meeting, we were shown around the Brewhouse. Members of Bebington Guild have the exclusive use of the Brewhouse where they hold their branch meetings. The Brewhouse is attached to Poulton Hall. There are several beautiful gardens around Poulton Hall and are open to the public from time to time.


Chris Simmonds 1948 – 2026 Member of Henfield B-P Guild

Ex-fireman Chris, born in London on 25th August 1948, had been an active and valued Henfield Guildsman for almost 50 years. Owing to his wide range of interests, which included swimming, water-polo, sailing, diving and canoeing, Chris was an ideal person to serve as a Venture Scout Leader, Assistant Scout Leader, Assistant District Commissioner and to regularly help at Cub and Scout camps, accompanying the Scouts to Holland and Belgium on several occasions.




After retiring from the Fire Service started All Fire, his own Fire Prevention company, which he ran successfully until selling it on to his son Tom. Chris was a very skilled wood and metalwork craftsman, was there anything he couldn't make in his well-equipped workshops? Travel was another of Chris' loves, and apart from cruises and flying abroad, over the last 25 years he and his wife Mary travelled to countless countries all over Europe, either in his American demountable motorhome or in convoy with fiends. Serving over the years as a Parish Councillor, First Responder, Community Partnership Chairman, Youth committees, Access for the Disabled and many other organisations, Chris will be missed by a great many people in Henfield and further afield. Gone home, rest in peace Chris old mate.

UK CENTRAL BRANCH




Baden-Powell Guild UK
Thursday 11th June 2026 @ 7.30pm



Summer Quiz

Please join in the Summer theme, with sunhats and sunglasses



Everyone Welcome – Zoom link to follow

Until we can find another volunteer to be the UK Central Branch Co-ordinator, the meetings will move to bi-monthly.

The dates for the rest of 2026 are:

11th June - Summer Quiz

13th August - suggestions required

22nd October - to celebrate ISGF Fellowship Day

10th December - Christmas Quiz

The dates for 2027 and bi-monthly fits in well with the ISGF calendar of events e.g. Thinking/Founders Day in Feb and Fellowship Day in October.

2027 Meetings

Feb - Thinking / Founders Day

April - speaker

June - Summer Quiz

Aug - speaker from 'around the world' i.e. another NSGF telling us more about themselves

Oct - Fellowship Day

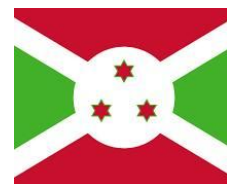
Dec - Christmas Quiz

Events around the world.

Burundi 5th Africa Region Conference.

NSGF Burundi Bujumbura 23rd-28th August 2026

No more information at present



Trinidad and Tobago

The Trinidad and Tobago National Scout and Guide Fellowship will be hosting the 4th Western Hemisphere Regional Conference from the 15th to 19th September 2026. The 5-day conference will be held at the Comfort Inn and Suites, Scarborough, Tobago. The Conference fee is \$700.00 dollars.

There will be a 3-day, 2-night Post Conference Tour of Trinidad at an additional cost of \$300.

Registration link: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfNOfm7Jnl.../viewform...>

For more details go to the ISGF Website or contact the Guild International Secretary.



European Conference Cyprus

Dear participants in the Europe Region Conference,
Following the difficult decision made to postpone the Europe Region Conference, the Host Committee was able to negotiate with the hotel, and we will be able to ensure the same price and hold the Europe Region Conference between the 2nd and the 6th of November 2026.



Ukrainian Scouting

Today Plast celebrates its 114th anniversary 🎉

We are proud that throughout these years we have continued to grow, to uphold scouting values, and to educate young people.

During the war, Plast has become a particularly important organization for Ukraine. We contribute to safeguarding our country's independence by developing responsible and active young citizens.

We are glad that scouting plays such an important role today, and we will continue to grow ourselves and to support the growth of others in the future 🌱



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