

THE BADEN POWELL GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN



Baden-Powell at Brownsea for the first Scout Camp, 1907.

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Editorial

Hello, you might be wondering why I've opened with a photo of The Bootleg Shadows. Well, Saturday 3rd February was a National Committee Meeting but I had sent my apologies as I was on a prearranged day out with a friend in Bristol.



When Keith and I turned up at The Swan Theatre in Worcester that evening to see the above act, we met up with our National Vice President, Alec, and his wife Wendy and our National Secretary, Allan, and his wife Sue.

We all enjoyed the show and the wine at the theatre and also at Sue and Allan's house afterwards.

Guild members are obviously movers and shakers so I'm looking forward to your Centenary Celebration reports. Lovely piccies would be nice or else I'll insert my own choice...

Peter Skilton, our new National Treasurer, has his profile in the magazine. He gave Malvern Branch an excellent, illustrated talk on grandfather clocks and, as his home is full of them there were plenty of chiming visual aids.



Iris gave us all a lovely finger supper as well. Thank you.

SCOUTING CENTENARY YEAR

TELL US WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

Come on, this is a special year for us in scouting and we want to know what you are doing as part of this special occasion.

Many scout districts are planning events including coffee mornings, BBQs, bring & buy stalls, nostalgia evenings, torch light parades, so everyone can join in something going on in there district, during this year.



Our Guild friends north of the border, Bo'ness and Carriden Branch is creating a genuine Red Indian Village at the Craigs. The first Tipi is already in place. Completion of the village should be by the end of the Spring. This is just one of their Centenary projects.



So tell us what you're doing: supported with photographs.

Allan Page

Peter Becomes National Treasurer

The National Committee are pleased to announce that Peter Skilton has taken on the post as our National Treasurer.

Peter is married to Iris and they set up home in Malvern in 1970. They have 2 grown up children, Philip, and Catherine, and became involved with the B-P Guild in the Mid-1980s when Philip and Catherine started Cubs and Brownies.

At various times in the past 20 years Peter has been Vice- Chairman and Treasurer of the Malvern Branch.

Peter is a Chartered Engineer and started his career in Malvern in the Technology Research and Development organisation now known as Qinetiq. In 1993 Peter moved to the RAC Motoring Services where he was responsible for the introduction of the new communications and IT technology for the roadside technicians. In 2005 Peter left RAC to become a self employed electronics consultant.

His hobbies include woodworking, clock restoration and restoring a 1972 Triumph Spitfire: a project that is now in its 15th year.

Our best wishes to you Peter as National Treasurer.



Members Receive Recognition Award

3 members of Malvern Baden Powell Guild have been given Recognition awards for their services to the Guild including their past services to Scouting. Geraldine Shaw, Lew Nash and Ken Brixton between them have 183 years of Scouting and Guild work.

Geraldine was Cub Scout Leader for 23 years as well as a member of the Guild and has continued as Branch Secretary for the past 15 yrs.

Lew has held various posts in Scouting including District Commissioner over a period of 75 years. Lew has continued with his services to the Guild as present Chairman and as past Treasurer.

Ken was Scout Master in Cardiff for many years before work took him away to other parts of the country, however Ken continued his services to the Guild and currently holds the position of Treasurer of the Branch. Ken has also clocked up 70years.

The Certificates were presented to Geraldine, Lew and Ken by our President Derek Elton.



Birthday Celebrations

2 members of Malvern Guild celebrated their 80th birthdays recently, they were surprised at the November Guild meeting with balloons, cake and a champagne toast.



Connie Brixton and Patrick Nye-Garbutt,
in centre of the photo, with other members of Malvern Guild.



old people

Lew Nash of Malvern Branch sent me several pages of goodies about old people and this seems the perfect place to print some! Editor



A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, “Crushed nuts?” “No,” he replied, “Arthritis.”



Morris, an 82 year old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, “You’re really doing great, aren’t you?”

Morris replied, “Just doing what you said, Doc: ‘Get a hot Mamma and be cheerful.’”

The doctor said, “I didn’t say that. I said you’ve got a heart murmur, be careful.”



A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after-shave, presenting a well looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is

an elderly lady, about mid-eighties. The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, “So tell me, do I come here often?”



An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.” The gentleman replied, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I’ve changed my will three times!”



A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy: “So I hear you’re getting married?”

“Yep!”

“Do I know her?”

“Nope!”

“This woman, is she good looking?”

“Not really.”

“Is she a good cook?”

“Naw, she can’t cook too well.”

“Does she have lots of money?”

“Nope! Poor as a church mouse.”

“Well, then, is she good in bed?”

“I don’t know.”

“Why in the world do you want to marry her then?”

“Because she can still drive!”

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, “Windy, isn’t it?”

Second one says, “No, it’s Thursday!”

Third one says, “So am I. Let’s go get a beer.”



Guild Badge to Incorporate the ASA.

Members of the Guild can now purchase a new addition to the range of Guild badges available. The badge also incorporates the Adult Scout Alliance

The badge is circular 88 mm x 88mm and can be easily sewn onto any jumper, blazer, blouse, hat, neckerchief, shirt, etc.

A limited number of these have been produced, so members and branches are now able to purchase these from the National Secretary

The cost of each badge is £ 2.00 plus postage.



ISGF EUROPE REGION MEETING

Edinburgh. 2nd/3rd December 2006

Attending were: Werner Weilguny, Chairman (Austria); Gjermund Austvik, Secretary (Sweden); Christos Loukatos (Greece); Anne Dupont , World Committee Liaison Officer (Belguim); Jane Wardropper, Treasurer (Trefoil Guild, UK). Allan Page, Chairman United Kingdom Adult Scout Alliance; Willie Taylor and Jim Hannah members of UKASA. Elizabeth Ferrier, Chairman Trefoil Guild UK; Barbara Peart, Deputy-Chairman Trefoil Guild UK; Pam Makepeace, International Secretary, Trefoil Guild, UK and Ann Aitken, Chairman, Scottish Region Trefoil Guild UK.

Regional Progress reports were given & update information on the 6th Europe Region Conference in Cracow, Poland. Other matters discussed: Applications for the 7th Europe Region Conference in 2010. The ISGF Stand at the World Jamboree, Hylands Park. UK. The 2007 Swedish National Scout and Guide Jamboree (jingijamborii) .

Allan Page, Chairman of UKASA committee, reported on the progress of the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame Project. Allan said members of ASA, including members of the Baden Powell Guild of Gt Britain were busy planning the route of the Flame, from Dover to Brownsea Island. A great deal of work is being put into this project, including liaising with members of the Trefoil Guild and the Scout Association.

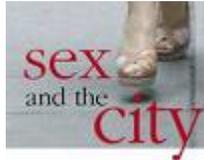


Photo shows members attending the Europe Region Committee Meeting.

Proud To Be British?

Dave Harbach has sent me these very funny observations on us Brits...enjoy!

Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then travelling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a TV.



And the most British thing of all? ...suspicion of all things **foreign!**

Only in Britain can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Britain do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in Britain do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET



Coke.

Only in Britain do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

Only in Britain do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive and lock our junk and cheap lawn mower in the garage.



Only in Britain do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

Only in Britain are there disabled parking places in front of a skating rink.

NOT TO MENTION...

3 Brits die each year testing if a 9v battery works on their tongue.

142 Brits were injured in 1999 by not removing all pins from new shirts.

58 Brits are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.

31 Brits have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy



lights were plugged in.

19 Brits have died in the last 3 years believing that Christmas decorations were chocolate.

British Hospitals reported 4 broken arms last year after Xmas cracker-pulling accidents.

18 Brits had serious burns in 2000 trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouth.

A massive 543 brits were admitted to A&E in the last two years after trying to open bottles of beer with their teeth.

5 Brits were injured last year in accidents involving out-of-control Scalextric cars. and finally... In 2000 eight Brits were admitted to hospital with fractured skulls incurred whilst throwing up into the toilet.



things to ponder

- Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment.
- Here's something to think about: How come you never see a headline like 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?
- You cannot be mad at somebody who makes you laugh - it's as simple as that.
- When I'm inspired, I get excited because I can't wait to see what I'll come up with next.
- The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.
- If you give your son only one gift, let it be enthusiasm.
- adults are just obsolete children and the hell with them
- Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are.
- The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- My wife says I never listen to her. At least I think that's what she said

Keith not listening often costs him more than he anticipated, editor.



GARTH DAVID HARBACH



'twas middle of the night (4.15a.m.) Sunday February 28th/ 1982 when a 7lbs 5oz baby came into the world at Wordsley Hospital - [GARTH](#).

He became a nice little boy; shy and retired and, at first, he attended St. James' Primary school in Wollaston, Stourbridge.

A few years later he joined the Cubs and joined his Pack in many activities. He attended Sunday school at Holy Trinity Church; Wordsley.



Later, he moved from Primary to High Park School The Ridge Wollaston - one of his favourite and main subjects was art. Eventually progressing to Stourbridge College. As a late teenager; he looked around for various jobs and; eventually, joined the large International and world-wide organisation of Egg (part of the Prudential Group).

At this stage, his shyness and withdrawal completely changed. It would seem that in the new world of commercialisation he suddenly changed from a teenager into a man's business world.

His hobby became Computers and his new job was solely computerisation and, so; both his hobby and job became entwined.



During the years that followed, he made rapid progress and climbed the ladder to more senior positions.

He loves and enjoys motoring and now owns his second sports car which is his pride and joy - so much so that his specialised registered number plate is **D2 GDH!!**

His willingness to assist on the computer side of the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain is of such help in his setting up and direction of our web site.

Well Done!

Thank you, Garth, you do a great job! Editor

BROWNSEA ISLAND

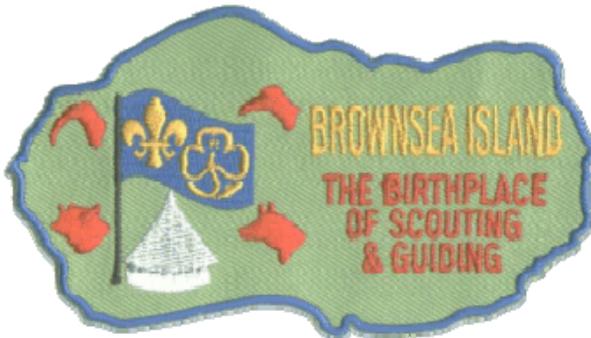
The cover photo shows Lord Baden-Powell at the first camp on Brownsea Island. Sue Page has sent us this interesting update on the new outdoor centre on Brownsea Island.

Work has commenced on the new Baden-Powell Outdoor Centre for young people, near the site of the original Scout camp on Brownsea Island. The National Trust, Brownsea Island Scout and Guide Management Committee, the Scout and Guide movements and local charity, Harbour Challenge will open the centre during 2007, Scouting's centenary year.

The centre will improve facilities on the existing campsite, which can accommodate up to 200 campers a night, and will offer all young people's groups the opportunity to stay on the island. There will be showers and toilets including provision for disabled users, as well as a 24 bed, hostel style lodge.

A programme of outdoor activities, practical conservation work and environmental education will also be available. The centre will be used by the Harbour Challenge to offer sailing and kayaking to disadvantaged youngsters. The new facilities include a heritage centre which will be open to all visitors to Brownsea Island, and which will tell the story of Baden-Powell's experimental camp in 1907 and how the worldwide movement grew from it.

Peter Duncan, chief scout said: "Baden-Powell said that without adventure life would be deadly dull. Facilities like these make sure we can put adventure back into young people's lives."



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An independent National Association of Men and Women who believe that the spirit of Scouting should be extended into Adult life, including many who were not Guides or Scouts in earlier days.

By its help and practical assistance in a variety of local charitable causes the Baden Powell Guild make a worthwhile contribution to the community.

