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Editorial

Congratulations to 1st Stourbridge St. Thomas' Scout Group who celebrated their centenary on 4th July 2009. Brian Thornburgh is shown on the cover of our magazine cutting the celebration cake. Derek Elton has sent us an account of the event which can be found on page 10.



This issue of the magazine has been printed on the new colour laser printer which was purchased last month. The old printer needed so many new spare parts that it was more economical to purchase a new one. The new printer is a Brother HL4050 CDN.

Pat Parks

Charity Status for the Guild

By Peter Skilton

Those who attended the National AGM in Malvern back in April may recall that the National Committee were asked if it would be appropriate, or even possible, for the Guild to become a registered charity: in particular so that those of us who are taxpayers could take advantage of Gift Aid on our subscriptions. The note below will, hopefully, shed some light on the topic.

From the Charities Commission's website, it is apparent that a charity does not need to be registered (with the Charities Commission) if the annual income, from all sources, does not exceed £5000. Clearly, this applies to the National organisation of the Baden-Powell Guild.

The HMRC website (HM Revenue & Customs) states:

“If your charity is exempt from registration with the Charities Commission, HMRC will still consider you as a charity for tax purposes if it is satisfied that you’re established for charitable purposes only. Examples of organisations where this might apply include:

- *Scout and guide groups*
- *bodies with an income of less than £5,000”*

So things were looking hopeful! I spoke with HMRC and they asked for examples of the Guild’s charitable causes and a copy of the Constitution.

I have reproduced key paragraphs from the response received from HMRC below:

“For a body or trust to be a charity in law and hence for tax purposes it must have a governing document that declares objects which are wholly and exclusively charitable at law and be in otherwise good charitable form.

The Guild’s constitution does not establish a charity in law as:

The three objects are not worded in a way that is wholly and exclusively charitable at law;

- *It is lacking in administration powers. For example there are no provisions for the raising of funds or for the operation of a bank account:*
- *The constitution can be amended without restriction which is not acceptable for a charity, and*
- *On dissolution any remaining assets of the Guild are passed back to the members. A charity can only pass any remaining assets to another charity or to charitable purposes.*

Although the branches raise funds which are used for good causes this is not considered to be a charity in law. Fund-raising is not a charitable object but a means by which a charity can achieve its charitable objectives.

In view of the above the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain is not considered to be a charity in law. As such it can not be recognised as being a charity for tax purposes. This means that the Guild is unable to use the Gift Aid scheme."

So, whilst we may argue the validity of the first bullet point above, the second and third points do accurately reflect our current constitution. As we are currently constituted, sadly, Gift Aid is not an option for us.

Peter Skilton (Treasurer)

Thank you for all your hard work, Peter, Editor.

BADEN POWELL GUILD SUPPORTS:

The Holiday Homes Trust

The Trust has 13 caravans and 1 chalet and provides low cost self-catering holidays on 12 fully commercial holiday parks (eg Haven, British Holidays, Hoburne) for any family or group with special needs or low income and one parent families – in fact any family or group in which the quality of life is diminished by disability, infirmity or misfortune. No Scouting or Guiding connection is required.



More information from lynda.peters@scout.org.uk or Scout Holiday Homes Trust, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW.

GUILD MEMBERS GET STEAMED UP

Saturday the 1st of August at precisely 1307, steam engine 9872 0-6-0 class pulled out of Norchard station with 4 coaches GWR Class .

Guild members from Malvern Branch settled down in their seats and enjoyed the fine views as the train travelled through the FOREST OF DEAN. Calling at LYDNEY, ST MARYS HALT, WHITECROFT and PARKEND

The décor of the coaches and the smell of steam with clouds of white smoke passing the windows, brought back nostalgic memories of days gone by. On the way back home, members stopped at the Royal Oak Inn, Much Marcle and enjoyed an evening meal.

Another pleasant and memorable day with good Guild friends.



THE BEBINGTON B P GUILD VISIT TO THE SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY 3rd MAY 2009

Guild member Keith Doyle, a life member and supporter of the Severn Valley Railway, made arrangements for Guild members and friends of the Guild to have their 'Sunday Roast' on the steam railway journey from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster. It was a most enjoyable meal in an unusual setting.

We had a short time in Kidderminster, time to look at the trains in and around the station, the museum and of course time in the shop for those 'must have' souvenirs.

The return journey to Bridgnorth was the time to sightsee. The River Severn running alongside the track for much of the time, a wildlife park, the railway museum at Highly, although we did not have time to visit, many 'under repair/reconstruction' trains and equipment dotted along the route and several stations with their old posters and adverts, many remembered from childhood.

We took lots of photographs of the magnificent old steam engines, especially the 'Bradley Manor' and the 'Duke of Gloucester' which brought us back to Bridgnorth. The weather was kind to us adding to the enjoyment of the journey, the company, the scenery, in fact the whole lovely day.





BEBINGTON B P GUILD VISIT TO THE NEW HOYLAKE LIFEBOAT STATION 4TH JUNE 2009

Guild members Muriel and Dave Waller organised a trip to the new Hoylake Lifeboat Station. We were taken on a guided tour by a gentleman called Kim who enthusiastically showed us around.

Living on a peninsular we are all very aware of the dangers in the waters surrounding us and only a few days prior to our visit the lifeboat had been instrumental in the rescue of two very young brothers aged five and three who had wandered onto the sands surrounding Hilbre Island, getting caught out by a swift incoming tide.



This confirmed the need for this new station with easier access to the sands and the sea. It has taken a very long time to fund the new building and the hard work of fundraising still goes on.

The lifeboat is a Mersey Class Boat pushed out by a reversing tractor across the sands. This is the main lifeboat station in the Liverpool Bay area and was one of the very first stations to be established. We looked at all the equipment and some old photographs of lifeboats being towed out by horses and then rowed out to the emergency by strong oarsmen. The walls lined with Certificates and Commendations given to brave men lead us to the room where the waterproof clothing, boots, protective helmets

and other survival equipment was kept. We then proceeded to the rest room where we could look out on three sides towards sand, sea and the wind farm out in the bay.



Muriel, an enthusiastic knitter, presented Kim with some 'lifeboatmen' in miniature, seen above in the photograph held by some of our members.

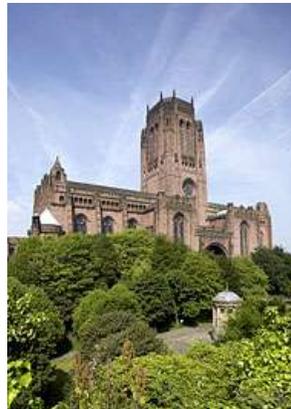
It was an excellent evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



BEBINGTON BP GUILD SUMMER



In May we had a social evening when Tony Baker, the stonemason from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, arrived complete with a display of tools, to talk to us about his job maintaining the vast amount of stonework in this beautiful building. Everybody enjoyed his talk and showed their interest by asking him a vast number of questions.



Eileen and Vernon Hands are keen supporters of Scouting in Bebington and past officials of the Bebington Scout Executive Committee. They are friends of the BP Guild and often join us at our events. They held an evening 'Soiree' at their home in Neston to say 'thank you' for including them in our activities. It was one of our few beautiful warm sunny evenings and we dined outdoors on excellent food and enjoyed hilarious garden games. A very good time was had by all.



We had another dry sunny evening when we visited Caldby Bowmen for an evening of Archery. We had one to one tuition and we improved greatly throughout the evening even managing to hit GOLD on some occasions. This of course was followed by the usual refreshments in the open air. We all went home happy having enjoyed the challenge and company.



On a more serious note, we have to report the death of one of the founder members of the Bebington Guild, Bill Dennitts. Bill was a member of the original Rover Crew at the Brewhouse and also a Leader at the 8th Bebington Air Scouts. Bill had been housebound for some time and unable to attend any of our recent functions, but Len Marshall, our Secretary and good friend to Bill, kept him up to date with Guild activities. He will be sadly missed.

GRAVESEND BRANCH



Stan Kemp sent me this lovely photo of members of Gravesend Branch on their day out. The train ride took them on the Spa Valley Railway from Tunbridge Wells to Groombridge Place and then by boat to the Enchanted Forest.

I have typed [Enchanted Forest Kent](#) into Google and found the [Groombridge Place Home Page](#). It is well worth looking at all the fabulous photographs on the website. Editor

1ST STOURBRIDGE ST. THOMAS' SCOUT GROUP

This Scout Group was one hundred years old on July 4th, 2009. Celebrations took place on Saturday 4th July 2009 in St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge. This was followed by a birthday party in the church hall.

The Birthday Celebrations were attended by many Guildsmen and Ladies of The Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain. These guests had been a Cub, Scout, Rover or Scouter of the Group.

Stourbridge and District B-P Guild was formed within this group many years ago. The Founder President was Chris Gittins MBE of the BBC 'The Archers' fame.

In due course, many years later, the Stourbridge and District branch of The Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain came into being.

I joined the Scout Movement many years ago, as a Scout in this Troop - later becoming a Scouter in various sections.

During one period, when I was Cubmaster in the early fifties, the Vicar at that time, the Rev'd Tom Keith-Murray, transferred the Group - with agreement of the Scouters - to a Church Army Group. This was despite the fact that the Group was sponsored by St. Thomas' Church. Several years later, the Group reverted to normal sponsorship of the Church.

During the celebrations a Birthday cake was on view celebrating one hundred years of Scouting. One of our Guildsmen, Brian Thornburgh, had the honour of cutting the cake. Brian was one of my Cubs and came all the way from his home in New Zealand where he is now an active Member of the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain as our liaison with the Baden-Powell Guild of New Zealand.



Percy and Grace Hewins, Alma Parkes and Bernard Hewins at the Centenary celebration

A happy day all round with many tales to be told and experiences exchanged.

Derek E. Elton
PRESIDENT

TIVIOT DALE GUILD CELEBRATE 60 YEARS



Congratulations must go to all the members of Tiviot Dale Guild, who have just celebrated their 60th year as a branch of the Baden-Powell Guild.

Our National Secretary Allan was invited to join them for their Anniversary Lunch held at the Alma Hotel, Stockport. Sunday 14th June.2009.

THE BP GUILD – HENFIELD

The Henfield BP Guild, as its name suggests, is based in Henfield, West Sussex. Established over fifty years ago the Guild boasts a 44 strong membership, one interesting thing about the BP Guild is that once somebody chooses to join they rarely seem to leave. This is borne out by



the picture of three of our elder Guildsmen who are long serving members, nicknamed Freeman Hardy and Willis (no-body actually remembers their real names !) their total age adds up to nearly 230 years and they are

still active in the Guild.

The Henfield Guild is a very active organisation, we meet informally every Thursday in the Guide Hut and carry out maintenance on the hut, the grounds and the Guild equipment. Once a month we have a formal Business meeting when activities that are happening in the following weeks are planned and resources allocated. This meeting often finishes in a local pub!

The Henfield BP Guild, is a registered charity and raises funds to help support mainly local organisations and young people including the Henfield Guides and Henfield Scouts. We also support local young people who are involved in a diverse range of helpful projects locally and across the world. As just one example amongst many, this has included partial financial assistance to a local youngster who together with others travelled to Asia to help build and supply resources such as classrooms and running water.

We also assist the St Barnabas Hospice in Worthing. Every year the Guild organises a “ Race Night “in the Village Hall, with all proceeds going to St Barnabas. We also support HART (the Henfield Area Response Team), the Sports & Leisure Centre, the Cricket Club, the Football Club, the local branch of the Samaritans and several other Henfield based organisations that approach us for support throughout the year. The Guild also supports the London-based Scouts Holiday Homes Trust.

Finally, something all Guild members really enjoy is the Senior Citizens’ Outing / Luncheon. Last year we took nearly 160 senior citizens by coach from the Henfield area for an outing to Bewl Water in Kent, the largest lake in south-east England. Here they were able to stretch their legs and enjoy coffee and Ice cream courtesy of the Guild. One or two of the ladies were trying to organise a Senior Citizens’ skinny dipping session, but we intervened and brought them back to the Village Hall for a five course luncheon with food and drinks cooked and paid for by the BP Guild.



All this costs money so

How do we get our finances?

Throughout the year the Guild holds several fund raising events such as a Jumble Sale, a Shuffle Board Competition (like shove half-penny only much bigger) and a Barn Dance, all in the Village Hall. Our biggest fund raising event is in December when our Christmas Sledge goes out on ten evenings round all of Henfield and Small Dole playing Christmas Carols sung, surprisingly well, by Guild members. On Christmas morning we get Santa driving his sledge to do a little overtime and he goes round the village delivering a few “extra” presents.

To raise additional monies we rent out marquees, we erect the marquee and then remove it when agreed. Our rates are very reasonable and the monies all go to the Guild.

We also play a little, we have a bi-monthly visit where we either walk, mainly in the summer, across fields to get to a pub where we have a meal, or a coach collects those interested and a visit is made to an interesting pub / restaurant where the Guild members have an enjoyable evening. We also have an annual summer camp that lasts for around eleven days, some members stay for the duration others come and go but all the cooking is done by the members and some amazing meals are provided.



The Guild members somehow always manage to deliver on the night, organisation is not something that comes naturally to members but we all enjoy our time with the Guild very much which is probably why once somebody joins they stay joined!

congratulations!



Happy 60th Birthday on 29th October 2009 to

our National Chairman, [Dave Harbach](#).



Congratulations to [Dave and Dale Harbach](#) who celebrated their **Ruby Wedding Anniversary** recently.

WORLD FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT SCOUTS

African Scout Uniform Appeal

The WFIS-World Council turns a personal request to you.

Used or new scout uniforms and neckerchiefs are needed to support a Boy Scout Association in Africa-Ivory Coast.

At present approximately 300 children and youngsters in 4 groups attend the regular group activities and the increase in new members is very high.

Used blue and green Scout shirts and neckerchiefs of all colours and forms are asked for as support.

If you know of anyone or group who have any used or unused uniforms no longer required, please ask them to donate to this appeal.

You could make this your project. You could do this with your members as a 'Good Turn' for this year.

The operations being coordinated by a Danish care organisation

All participants and groups will receive a 'Good Turn' document of the WFIS World Council for their support .

Please send your collected uniforms and neckerchiefs to:

WFIS WORLD COUNCIL
"AID FOR IVORY COAST"
ANGEISTR.15
65558 HEISTENBACH
GERMANY.

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CENDAJURU PROJECT, BURUNDI

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS IN THE VILLAGE OF CENDAJURU

This district welcomes back many people of Burundi who had fled from their country, had taken refuge in nearby Tanzania and who, today, came back home with the support of the UNHCR.

The village has more than 10 primary schools, and more than 7,200 children of all ages go to school.

ISGF met Jacqueline Banyanka, who is the coordinator for one of these schools. Jacqueline herself was a refugee in Tanzania twice, in 1993 and 2003. Since her return to her country in 2003, she has worked for the schooling of children who had the same life experience as hers.

At ISGF request, Jacqueline made a list of the needs of materials for school children. ISGF suggested making up standard parcels costing 20 euros each. The contents of which will be bought locally in order to contribute to the local economy. The parcels will be distributed in Cendajuru by the organisers of this operation. The Burundi Girl Guides will also assist us.

The contents of a standard parcel is: 3 exercise books, 4 ball-point pens (black, green, red, blue) 2 lead pencils, box of 12 coloured pencils, 2 erasers, ruler, pair of compasses, set square, protractor, box of 12 coloured felt- tip pens, slate, 2 boxes of white chalk, toothpaste tube, tooth brush, soap and shampoo.

Branch and individual members may contribute by donating money for one or several parcels. Please send your cheques in sterling to Mr A K Beavis, Treasurer, Adult Scout Alliance, Hatherley. The Street, Mortimer. Reading. RG7 3PB. (LATEST BY THE END OF NOVEMBER 2009.)

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Western Europe Sub-Region Gathering DUNDEE

A GREAT SUCCESS



Between the 18th and 21st August members of the Adult Scout Alliance which included members from both Baden Powell Guilds of England and Scotland attended this gathering together with representatives from 8 other European countries. Held at West Park Centre, the 4 day gathering included a Provost Reception, City

Chambers Dundee, with visits to: Botanic Garden, Discovery Ship and Glamis Castle. Other events included Scottish Crafts, Photography, Country Dancing, Inter Nation Action and Evening Dinners.

The Gathering was extremely well organised by members of the Scottish Trefoil Guild. Arrangements included collecting and returning delegates to the airport and rail station. The delegates were allocated accommodation in the villas and apartments within the grounds of West Park Centre and were of a high standard and comfortable.



Allan Page, Chairman of ASA gave a power point presentation to the delegates. His presentation outlined how the ASA was structured with the English and Scottish Guilds and members of the central ASA group.

What its members do in

Scouting and Community work.



Allan's verdict was that the gathering was a tremendous success, meeting new ISGF members from other European Countries and that these delegates had learnt more about us.

The next ISGF assembly will be a conference for all the European countries which will be held in Cyprus, in November 2010. More details of this will be available in December, 2009.

RON AND JEAN DO THEIR TURN

Guild members Ron and Jean Shaw take their turn with manning the Lost Property Office at the 3 Counties Showground. With an estimated attendance of 30,000 people on the day, it was also a good opportunity to do some Scout Leader Recruiting.



SUE'S SUPRISE BIRTHDAY TREAT



Wednesday 1st July, Guild Member Sue was shocked to find that a trip in a hot air balloon had been arranged as a birthday treat. Thursday Sue phoned the balloon centre to find when she would be taking this trip; to her surprise, the ballooning centre said, "Saturday morning if the weather is right, phone again at 8pm

Friday", Sue did. Weather forecast good, so Sue had to rise at 4am

Saturday morning and travel to Hereford to meet the rest of the ballooning party. Lift off at 6am. Sue said the views were fantastic, however the basket with 12 people in it landed and tipped on its side, but every one was ok.

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP CHANGE OF NAME

The Scout Association has announced a change of name for the Scout Fellowship.

Scout Active Support was launched on 5th Sept 2009. Scout Fellowships will have from then until 31st Dec 2010, by which time Scout Fellowships in their current format will no longer exist.

The new Scout Active Support unit is moving away from having a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Instead the unit will be run by a Scout Active Support Manager who is appointed by the Group Scout Leader/relevant Commissioner.

All new Scout Active Support units must have a service agreement created that sets out what the unit will do to support Scouting.

The present roles of ADC/ ACC (SF) will end when Scout Active support is introduced.

**NOTICE OF THE BADEN
POWELL GUILD OF
GREAT BRITAIN
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING 2010
SATURDAY 17TH APRIL
HOSTED BY
STOURBRIDGE BRANCH**

YOU WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME AT:

**The Elton Centre at St John's
St John's Road
STOURBRIDGE
West Midlands
DY8 1EJ**

**COST FOR THE DAY INCLUDING 2 COURSE
LUNCH £10.00**

**Further details, including booking forms will
be sent out to all Branch Secretaries and
Town and Country members in the next few
weeks.**

Accommodation can be arranged if required.

Presentation of the Chairman's Cup



The National Chairman announced at the this year's AGM that he was presenting the 'Chairman's Cup' to Frank and Mavis Morris from Stourbridge Branch, in recognition of their hard work, loyalty, and devotion to the Guild over many years, at both branch and national levels.

Sadly just prior to the AGM, Mavis was called to 'higher service', and the picture above shows Frank (left) receiving the cup from David Harbach at a Stourbridge branch meeting.

Frank expressed his gratitude and thanks, saying that both he and Mavis had always worked together as a team.

Allan Page would like to know if anyone recognizes this picture:



The National Committee wishes everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



BRANCH SECRETARIES

**Bebington
Wirral**

Len Marshall

**Gravesend
Kent**

Mrs Enid Ingham

**Henfield
W Sussex**

Derek Gardner

**Malvern
Worcestershire**

Mrs Geraldine Shaw

**Stourbridge &
District
W Midlands**

David Tomlinson

**Tiviot Dale
Cheshire**

Arthur Stevens

**Trent
Nottingham**

Bryan Noble



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.

