

THE BADEN POWELL GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN



GUILD NEWS **Scouting Spirit in Action**

Issue 19

Autumn 2010

Patron – Hon Wendy Baden Powell

(Granddaughter of B-P)

President: Derek Elton

Vice President: Alec Fraser

Chairman: David Harbach

Vice Chairman: Julie Wacey

Secretary: Allan Page

Treasurer: Peter Skilton

Editor: Pat Parks

Website: <http://www.badenpowellguild.org.uk>

Editorial

Autumn is now with us and many of my friends are predicting another cold winter like last year. The front cover photo is of the Malverns during the cold spell last January.

Such a lot has happened since I last wrote to you all! There have been lovely things like Marjorie Ash celebrating her 90th birthday, Tom and Kath Hall celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, and the wedding of my gorgeous daughter, Angela, to Alexander in September. When Angela was first born she was taken to Guild meetings in her carry cot!

There have been sad things, too: the illness of our national Secretary, Allan, and the deaths of Ethel (Trill) Boon and David Tomlinson.

Allan is now on the mend, thank goodness, BUT, being ill did not stop him from emailing yours truly with articles for the magazine! Now that is true scouting spirit!

Pat Parks

WELCOME TO THE GUILD NEW MEMBERS



David & Marian Parker, Buxworth. High Peak. Derbyshire.
Nick & Val Johnson, 17 Hanley Rd. Malvern. Worcs.
Anne Leyland, Whaley Bridge. SK23 7AT.
Colin Scrivin, 24a Upper Howsell Rd, Malvern
Shaima & Dr Nabi Nejat Windmill Park, Middlesex.
Paul Hartwright 14 Lodge Drive. WR14. 4LS.

Age Concern Stourbridge Gala Day

Saturday June 26th 2010, I woke early to find glorious sunshine streaming through my bedroom window – my first thought being “a lovely day yet again this year.”

I joined our National Chairman, David Harbach, and we motored along traffic free roads to Age Concern Day Care.

The grass had been cut for the occasion and the spacious lawns in the grounds were looking superb. Already at 8am people were hastening to and fro, each one busy in their own task of preparation.

Kinver B-P Guild were already in force erecting several marquees. They were served with tea whilst working, after which all the Guild Members were having a chat whilst enjoying an early morning bacon sandwich.

The bacon sandwiches were being cooked on our barbeque by members of the Stourbridge and District B-P Guild who remained on duty all day cooking bacon sandwiches, beef burgers and hot dogs etc.

Many attractions followed during the day with stalls looking so colourful and making everything look like a typical English garden party setting.

Early afternoon, members of Stourbridge and District B-P Guild arrived and started the hard work of dismantling the marquees and putting tables, chairs and other such items back into the main Day Care Centre.

A truly wonderful day and a happy atmosphere with the B-P Guild and Age Concern working harmoniously together in helping the community – caring for others.

Derek E. Elton
President Age Concern Stourbridge
President Baden - Powell Guild of Great Britain

Stourbridge Branch Breakfast Run 9th May

Breakfast with the Gang and NO washing up! This is a little event we run twice a year. It just means you have to get up a little early for once but it also means that it gets you out of those D.I.Y. jobs!

This time we met at the Gainsborough Hotel, Kidderminster, and we were pleased to welcome our National Secretary and his delightful wife. Allan did say that getting up for them was no hardship since the sun always rose over Malvern first!

Mike Davies

Guild National A.G.M

It was lovely to see approximately forty Guild Persons at this event. It was held at the local Age Concern Hall and we were fortunate to enlist the help of the local Air Scouts who gave an interesting talk and an insight into their activities and events. They told us that at least once every year, every scout flies which is a costly business.

This was followed by a sumptuous meal supplied by the catering staff at Age Concern.

The afternoon was a little more formal with reports from our management team and it was delightful to see our overworked magazine editor receive our Chairman's Cup. Well done Pat and thank you for all your hard work.

Mike Davies

I was very surprised and honoured to receive the cup at our Guild Meeting: I am sharing it with my technical advisor, Keith Parks.

Editor

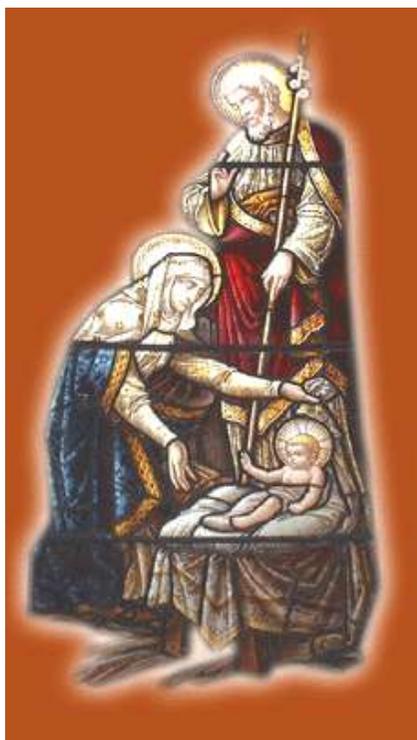
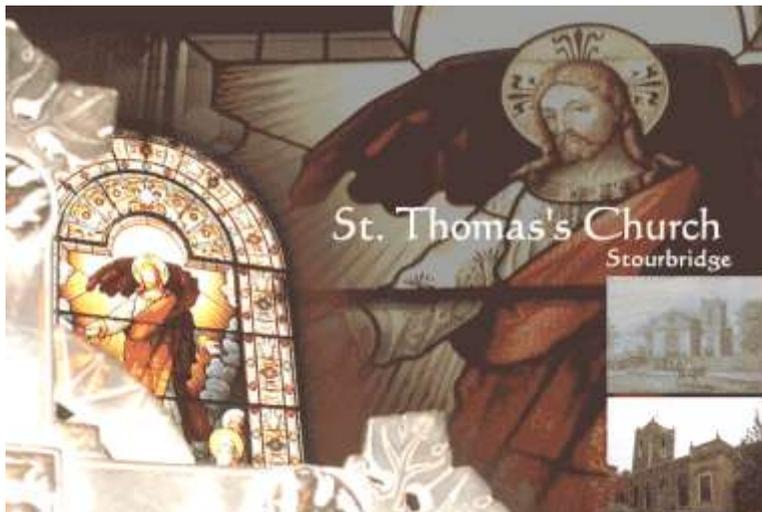


Stourbridge and District Branch at the St. George's Day Celebrations on 18th March

Stourbridge and District Branch helped at this event with organizing the congregation and doing side persons' duties.

It was the first time for some years that the local Scouts and Guides were allowed to parade through Stourbridge Town with flags flying and the Halesowen Scout Band, including the County Commissioner, playing: It was outstanding.

The service was held at St. Thomas's Church built in 1736. It has similarities to St. Martin's in the Field, London, and the plaster work over the chancel is a close copy of that in St. Peter's, Vere Street, London. It is well worth a look if you are in Stourbridge sometime.



Mike Davies



David Tomlinson 12th April 1940 to 6th June 2010

I am sorry to report the passing of David Tomlinson who was a member of Stourbridge and District Branch of the B.P. Guild who had a lifetime commitment to scouting.

David's early Scouting started when he joined the cubs as an 8 year old. He was invested as a Scout in 1951 in 245th Birmingham (1st Summerfield) Scout Group progressing through the Group and being awarded the Queen Scout in 1957. He progressed by taking out a warrant as a Cub Scout Leader.

In 1968, David moved to Stourbridge and joined the B.P. Guild, and also took a great interest in Kinver Camp, joining their Crew and spending most weekends helping and training Scouts in camp. During his time in Kinver Camp he was promoted to Assistant County Commissioner for Worcestershire.

He became Chairman of the Appointments Committee and gave a great service to Stourbridge Scout District. He will be sadly missed at Stourbridge Branch for his drive, enthusiasm, and dedication in everything he did. We all feel privileged and honoured to know David. He attempted to live his life by helping other people: something he had learnt as a Cub Scout many years ago.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ann, his wife, and the rest of his family on this their great loss.

Mike Davies

Marjorie Hits 90th Birthday

Congratulations go to Malvern Guild member Marjorie Ash on her 90th Birthday. Celebrated on Tuesday 8th June 2010, members of her local branch presented Marjorie with a bouquet of flowers.



Picture shows Marjorie being presented with the bouquet by our National Secretary.



Beautiful poppies: a symbol of remembrance for those who have died in the service of their country.

I was browsing through the Scouts website when I found a wonderful account of the 12th Cambridge's journey to Amsterdam. They had travelled to the New East Cemetery to lay a wreath on the grave of a former member.

Flight Sergeant Leslie Jaggard was serving with the Royal Canadian Airforce when his plane was shot down. The Chief of the Canadian Air Staff sent the group a wreath when one of the Scouts wrote to him and told him of the planned visit.

The account is well worth reading and the photos are great fun.

Editor

Guild Members Receive Scout Association Long Service Awards

County Scout Commissioner for Worcestershire Jenny Newman made the presentations.



Geraldine Shaw received a Long Service Award for her work as a member of the District Scouts Warrants Committee

Lew Nash also received a Long Service Award for Services to Scouting. Lew has also become District President for the Malverns District Scout Association.

Congratulations to both of them.



A Matter of Twinning.



Peter Ashfield, Guild member of the Blenheim branch South Island of New Zealand, paid a visit to Malvern in June to revisit his time spent in Malvern with HMS Duke during his naval training in 1943. Coincidentally Peter's Guild branch Blenheim is also twinned with Malvern Guild branch. So Malvern Guild member Peter Skilton met up with Peter Ashfield and a tour of Malvern was arranged. The picture shows Peter Skilton left in picture presenting a Greetings certificate to Peter Ashfield. Peter said that he had a most enjoyable and memorable day.

Brian Invested in Christchurch Guild



Stourbridge Guild member Brian Thornburgh being invested into Christchurch Guild, New Zealand.

Guild Takes Care of Lost Property

During the annual 3 Counties Agricultural 3 day event, 16 Guild members from Malvern branch manned the “**Lost Property Office**”. More than 98,000 people attended the show over the 3 days and the weather was warm and dry.



It wasn't long before customers started to arrive at the lost property office.

1 lost Granny, 7 lost children, lost coats, credit cards, glasses, car keys, wallet, to name a few. The good news was that all the children had been reclaimed, including granny.

Picture shows one young man being reunited with his mother, with the Guild Publicity display boards in the background.



Keith and I visited Richmond Castle in the spring and were surprised to find this plaque on the wall.

Editor

FOR THE LOVE OF HUMANITY

Several members have shown an interest in following up the fund-raising efforts of Matt Hill, my Explorer Scout grandson, towards the Habitat for Humanity appeal project in Mozambique.

Matt's personal target was to raise £1000 towards the group target of £20,000 to assist with the building of homes for the orphans in that country and to train those orphans in skills for later life. In fact Matt raised in excess of £2500 by various means including car boot sales, quizzes and donations from his Church and from the Guild, bag-packing in the local supermarket and raising £250 from sponsorship by going a whole week barefoot, giving rise not only to sore feet, but also to excessively dirty ones!

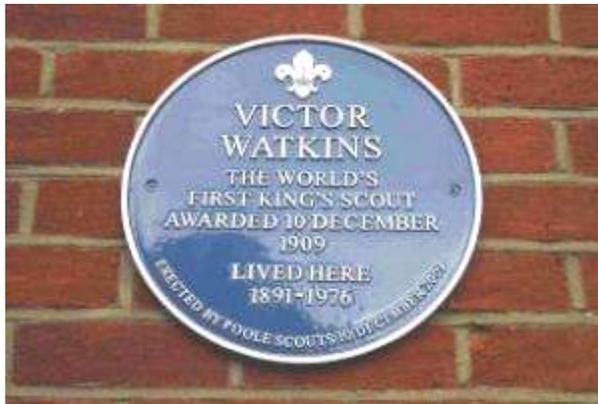
The group who went out to Mozambique were based at Chimoi in the north of the country located between Beira and Zimbabwe, an area ravaged by years of Civil War and where an Aids epidemic is rife. The volunteers interacted whenever possible with the local people, language proving only a minor difficulty. None of the orphans spoke English and none of the volunteers spoke the Shona dialect.

This did not seem to matter, particularly when the few volunteers wearing heavy working boots challenged the many barefoot orphans to a game of football. Result 9-3 to the orphans!

At the end of their visit, the volunteers were able to hand over three completed brick built dwellings to their new owners in what was described as a moving and emotional ceremony. The building on which Matt personally was working was handed over to a grandmother and her three grand children.

As one volunteer said "A humbling experience. This has made me very grateful for everything I have back home"

Ron Shaw



Victor Watkins who came from Poole in Dorset was the first boy in the world to gain the King's Scout Award, the highest achievable in the Scouting Movement. This goal was achieved by Victor on 10th December, 1909, two years after Lord Baden-Powell ran his first experimental camp on Brownsea Island.

Victor's dad had been a grocer and this plaque is on the wall of the Bollywood Indian Restaurant, the site of Victor's dad's shop.

The plaque was purchased by Poole District Scout Council led by chairman Brian Woolgar.



Editor

So who are they and where are they?

If you know tell the Editor



Thank you, Allan. Editor



Taken from Te Pukapuka July 2010:

The grass may be greener on the other side but it is just as hard to mow.

Editor



**MALVERN BRANCH PRESIDENT CELEBRATES 60 YEARS
OF MARRIAGE**

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM & KATH HALL



Chernobyl Children's Life Line

Chernobyl Children's Life Line is a national charity that provides support to children living today in those areas of Belarus and Ukraine that were affected by the 1986 explosion of the nuclear reactor at Chernobyl and the subsequent release of radioactive material. That support includes providing a four week summer stay at around 150 locations in the UK for groups of 10 and 11 year old children. Because of the residual contamination of their food and water supplies at home and a generally poor diet, many of the children have suffered illness and slower development than we might expect from western European children of a similar age. Life is hard in Belarus. The benefit from four weeks in the UK, enjoying the hospitality of the host families, dental and optical checks and joining in group activities makes a noticeable difference to their health. For the past 14 years Malvern has been one of the UK host towns and for the last three years I have had the pleasure of driving the minibus for some of the group's airport journeys and outings.

Throughout the summer weekly flights from Belarus arrive at Gatwick or Manchester from where they are met by the local coordinators and driven to their destination town to meet the families with whom they will be living for the next four weeks. Ideally, the host families will have children or grandchildren of their own and of a similar age to the visiting children.



The group activities over the four weeks range from English lessons to barbeques and zoo visits. The photos show the Malvern group with their teacher, the local coordinator and a volunteer helper

on an enjoyable day out at the West Midlands Safari Park in July 2010. Like any 10 and 11 year olds, they were amazed by the animals and rushed to queue again for the rides they most enjoyed. Noticeably though, they were initially a little less self-confident than other children of their age but having decided that the water splash or the Rhino Roller Coaster was great fun, they were soon racing with the rest of the children for another go.

The charity relies on the local group to fund the majority of the stay; including the flights. Fortunately, much time and effort is freely volunteered by host families, helpers and other organisations but it is still - necessary to raise around



£5000 each year to enable ten children to enjoy a month in the UK: a month that provides them with a unique and quite literally, life-improving experience.

Details of the UK towns that organise the hosting of children can be found on the Chernobyl Children's Life Line website (<http://www.ccll.org.uk/ho/>). I realise that some Guild branches already support charities related to the children of Chernobyl in a variety of different ways but for any branch or Town and Country member seeking a worthwhile community charity, then I can think of few more deserving causes.

Peter Skilton

Tiviot Dale Guild

Members of the Tiviot Dale Guild held their June Luncheon at the Lyme Breeze Restaurant, Adlington, Cheshire. This has become a popular event with the members, being held in such a lovely part of Cheshire.



Ladies meet at Trefoil AGM.



Lady members of the Guild and ASA together with Anne Dupont **ISGF** World Committee member, enjoying the atmosphere at the Trefoil Guild National AGM held at the Guild Hall Preston, Lancashire on Saturday 12th June 2010.

Ethel (Trill) Boon

Ethel, known as Trill, formally of Ponders End, Enfield, was for many more years than I care to remember, connected to the 8th Enfield Scout Group.

Trill held many positions within this group, from Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member, Catering Organiser, Group Fund Raiser, & Cub Leader.

Trill deeply loved her work with the 8th Enfield, it became part of her life especially after losing Ron her husband, who also was very much involved with the 8th.

I first met Ron and Trill in the late 1970's, when they attended the first ever Weekend Camp & AGM of the Baden Powell Guild. For a while the Guild held their National Committee meetings at the 8th Enfield organised by Ron. Trill and friends of the group would always provide a cooked lunch during our days meeting.

I find it most difficult to put into words what a wonderful lady Trill was. No matter what we were doing, whether at a meeting, or a Guild camp, Trill was always there helping and always had a lovely smile for everyone.

In her later years Trill moved to Canvey Island, closer to her Family and only last year, Sue and I made a visit to see her. We spent a long time reminiscing about all the things we did.



**A LOVELY LADY AND
A TRUE GOOD SCOUT**

‘GONE HOME’.

Allan Page. National Secretary

Worcester Division celebrates the finale of the Girl Guiding Centenary

20:10,20/10,2010

Over eight hundred girls and their leaders met at Blessed Edward Oldcorne School to celebrate the finale of the centenary of the Girl Guide movement. The girls arrived to take part in a sing-song of all the traditional songs. When all the girls and guests had arrived and had been welcomed, the disco started to keep the girls entertained. The Mayor and Mayoress of Worcester joined the celebration and Worcester District new Scout Commissioner, Mark Strain, was also a guest of honour.

At ten past eight (20:10), on 20th October (20/10), 2010 all the sections from the Rainbows to the Trefoil Guild all remade their promises. It was a very special moment for all involved. All the girls (and Leaders) received a celebration promise badge.



We then went outside to watch a wonderful display of fireworks set to music. The girls all had a very special time and received a celebration goodie bag with a keepsake teddy key ring in it.

Roll on the next 100 years!

Kay Poole



UNITED KINGDOM ADULT SCOUT ALLIANCE

A MEMBER ORGANISATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SCOUT & GUIDE FELLOWSHIP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 5th March 2011 - at 2pm

**The Elton Centre, Age Concern Stourbridge, St. Johns Road,
Stourbridge DY8 1EJ**

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMME

FROM:

- 10.30 AM REGISTRATION AND COFFEE.
- 11.30 AM CENTRAL GROUP MEMBERS MEETING
- 12.30 PM LUNCH
- 2.00 PM UKASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- 3.15 PM SPEAKERS.
- 4.00 PM TEA /COFFEE AND CLOSE OF MEETING.
- 4.30 PM POST AGM ASA CTTEE. MEETING

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED
At the ASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Opening & Chairman's Welcome
Present & Apologies
AGM Business

- 1 Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 20th March 2010**
- 2 Adoption of the Annual Report for 2010**
- 3 Adoption of the Treasurers Report and Accounts for 2010**
- 3a Approval of the Membership Fee for 2011**
- 4 Notification of nominations for Committee Members & Approval**
- 5 MOTION: Proposal by the B-P Scout Guild Scotland to set up an 'International Donation Fund', to be administered by the Committee. This Proposal is being Seconded by the Baden Powell Guild of Gt. Britain**

Closing Remarks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2010/11

At a meeting of the nominated members immediately after the 2010 AGM the following members agreed to serve as Office Bearers in the capacity of:

Chairman: David Mowbray (Term ends 2011)

Secretary & International Secretary: Allan Page (Term ends 2011)

Treasurer: Alan Beavis (Term ends 2013)

Committee Members: Kathie Bailey (B-P Guild, term ends 2013), Ray Bailey (B-P Guild, term ends 2013), Brian Staines (Central Group, term ends 2011), Willie Taylor (B-P Scout Guild, Scot. term ends 2012), Robert Nicol (B-P Scout Guild, Scot. Term ends 2012)

Beryl Aldridge was co-opted as Central Group Coordinator.

Allan Page, Brian Staines & David Mowbray are now ineligible for re-election until 2013

2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE ASA
AGM STOURBRIDGE SAT 5th MAR
VISIT THE GLASS WORKS AND THE
BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM
ENJOY A GOOD DAY WITH FRIENDS

ALSO.

OUR GUILD'S OWN AGM BEING
HOSTED BY OUR BEBINGTON
BRANCH IN THE LOVELY GROUNDS
OF POULTON HALL. SAT 2nd APR.
EVENING DINNER AT THE GRANGE.
COME AND ENJOY PARTS OF
CHESHIRE AND THE WIRRAL .

**MORE DETAILS AND BOOKING FORMS
WILL BE SENT TO YOU SOON.**

Allan Page

Come and Join us at Poulton Hall

For our AGM 2011 - Hosted by
Bebington Guild

Saturday 2nd April 2011

Weekend to include visit to
Liverpool cathedral



Ferry across the Mersey



Anglican Cathedral



Saturday evening dinner at The Grange

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.

