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Editorial

Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring Edition of the Guild News. Those of us who went to the National AGM enjoyed a wonderful welcome and a very well organized event. The lunch and dinner provided was delicious and the quantity and variety would have fed an army! The competitive instinct of all members was well aroused with the evening games which were great fun.

Thank you very much **Dorking Branch** and how clever of you to lay on the sunshine!



A raffle was held during the evening meal and a total of £113 was raised for the Surrey Air Ambulance.



The 2015 National AGM will be hosted by Stourbridge and District, West Midlands.

Pat Parks

News from the Branches



Members of the **Malvern Branch** ready to serve refreshments at a Midland Counties Training Day for Scout Association Training Advisors. There were 70 participants and they got through a fair few cups of coffee and tea, not to mention a quantity of biscuits.

Henfield Members prepare for the Christmas Run. Meet the B-P Guild Pixies. They deliver Christmas presents around Henfield village. These guys do a wonderful job! Hang on has anyone seen the reindeer?





Members of **Malvern Branch** recently purchased and presented the Scout Association Training Manuals to the Malverns' District Young Leaders Explorers Unit. Manuals were provided for the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections for the use of the Explorer Scouts who are additionally working as Young Leaders in all sections within the Malverns' Scout District.

Activities of the High Peak Section of Tiviot Dale Branch 2013

This has been an eventful year for the three of us: we are all members of the Deep Sea Scouts as well as the BP Guild and our year started with our AGM and Reunion in April held at Melton Mowbray where Dave Parker was elected Chairman of Deep Sea Scouts for the year. This was followed in June by a week with the DSS in a gite in Belgium organised by Dominique who is also involved in Guiding in Belgium along with Anne DuPont [the lady who got us into the BP Guild in the first place]. We had a super week in glorious weather visiting many places of interest, including the Tintin Museum, and finishing off with attendance at the re-enactment of the Battle of Waterloo [where unfortunately it rained] but was very exciting. We are hoping to return in 2015 for the bi-centenary.

We also camped for a week with the old Kettering Fellowship but unfortunately time is being somewhat heavy handed as our numbers are going down year on year.

We ran a craft base at Poacher International Camp and attended Reunion at Gilwell Park, with Dave & Marian rounding off the year with a week's holiday in the Welsh Marches in their caravan.

Anne has become involved with her old Cub Pack and Dave & Marian have run the craft base at various Packs and Colonies throughout our district [High Peak, Derbyshire] so we are still involved, albeit at arms' length.

Dave & Marian Parker and Anne Leyland

Connie Brixton (left) and Bubs Nash of Malvern Branch packing toys for the Fellowship Toy Appeal



You've Been Framed

Is this a **Henfield** Gondolier with just one Cornetto?
So you thought nobody had noticed but our roving cameraman caught you.

So this is what members of **Henfield** get up to!



What's the **National Secretary** cooking up now? Well, he is given some time off from his busy schedule and Susan caught him cooking some sausages on the Barbecue in the patio garden at home.

Susan said “Allan loves barbecues and likes to cook. He's becoming quite domesticated although I still cannot get him to operate the washing machine, but I'm working on it.”

Malvern Guild Entertain Pensioners to Afternoon Tea



On Sunday 23rd March the **Malvern Branch** entertained a group of Pensioners for Afternoon Tea. Once a month the local office of Community Action collect a group of mainly housebound pensioners and take them out to tea. The tea and venues are provided by various organisations in the area, but this was the first time that the Guild had acted as hosts and the first time that Rodway Hall, the HQ of the 1st Malvern Link Scout Group had been used as a venue.

Malvern were lucky to secure the services of 4 local Scouts who are busy raising money. The boys, 1 Scout and 3 Explorer Scouts were a real credit to themselves and the Scout Movement. They worked hard to ensure the elderly people were well supplied with tea and took the time to talk to them about their trip.

This may well become an annual event for the **Malvern Guild**.

Sue Page – Chair

Bebington Branch of the Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

Bebington Branch held its Annual General Meeting on 20th February 2014. The important business of the evening, the election of officers, took only a few minutes as all officers had agreed to continue in their posts.

Muriel, our Chairperson, recounted the activities and events which had taken place during the year and June Lancelyn Green reminisced, in print, which was read out to the members, about the many events the Guild had been involved with at Poulton Hall. since Roger Lancelyn Green, her late husband, had handed over the Brewhouse in 1952 for use by the Bebington Rover Crew and later the B P Guild. Many of our recent members had been unaware of this part of the Guild involvement. June said a big 'THANK YOU' to all members past and present.

The speaker for the evening was Mr David Charters who regaled the audience with his many experiences as a journalist with the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo. It was enjoyed by all and was followed by the usual excellent refreshments.

Kathie Bailey
Hon. Sec.



Thomas Coulson Hall

4th August 1914 to 22nd January 2014

The members of **Malvern Branch** sadly had to say goodbye to its President and long serving member, Tom Hall. St Andrews Church Malvern was packed with mourners representing all the groups that Tom had connections with. The National Committee extends sincere condolences to his widow, Kathleen, and all his family.

The following article was written by Tom and first appeared in the April 2009 edition of the Malvern News for the **Blenheim Branch** in New Zealand.

Scouting for Boys and Old Men (History)

Scouting was first brought to my notice in 1928, I believe, when the church I attended, St Barnabas, started a scout troop being the 42nd Sunderland, my brother, being of age, joined the troop. Later when I was eleven I too joined. This pleased my mother as there was no man in the house to keep an eye on us and also she helped as a parent and got very interested. My brother and I ended up being cub master and scout master respectively. I even had a scout guard of honour when I was married in 1950. Over the years, I met and got involved with scouts in Columbo and Alexandria (Egypt) where I met a lot of the deep sea scouts in the navy and attended meetings on their ships.

My next real involvement was when we moved to Malvern in 1955. We managed to get David, our eldest son, enrolled in the cubs, but when Peter was old enough to join there was a waiting list. Harry Dobbs, (our insurance agent), on realising that I had been a scoutmaster contacted the cub District Commissioner, who in turn contacted me and suggested that I formed a new cub pack and Peter could then be enrolled immediately. When the boys were older and had both joined the scouts I gave up the cubs as a third group was no longer required, and I assisted with the scout troop. Harry Dobbs informed me that I would be welcome to join the BP Guild (Guild of old Scouts), which I did: he was chairman of the Guild at that time, it was about 1963.

At about this time Derek Bishop, who had been a Rover Scout with Harry Dobbs, was lost in a tragic accident; he was attempting to rescue someone

who was in difficulties in the sea, the other person was saved but Derek lost his life. Harry arranged to have an annual competition for scouts and a trophy in memory of Derek would be awarded to the winners. Harry was a good helper in arranging the competitions and also got involved in arranging, through the BP Guild, day's outings for the members and their families, which were really enjoyed. The Derek Bishop Trophy is with the Scout Association, which is now responsible for running the competition.

Kathleen, my wife, and I were on the parents' committees, of which we attended the meetings and I was still involved with the troop on troop nights.

Our son David carried on scouting in the Rovers and the Venture Scouts until he went to university. Peter also carried on scouting and eventually he was Assistant District Commissioner for Venture Scouts. He eventually resigned as he was married with two daughters and thought he should spend more time with his family, he said at the time that he had put as much into scouting as he had had out of scouting.

BP Guild members thought it was about time that ladies should be admitted into the BP Guild, after discussions this was agreed. Much to our surprise Harry Dobbs, who was still chairman, said that if ladies were allowed to join he was going to resign and leave the Guild altogether. Ladies did join so Harry did leave. We were all very sorry because Harry had done so much for the Guild but we could not persuade him to stay. Kathleen and I have remained members of the Guild and I have at times been chairman and am now Vice-President and an honorary member – which now means I do not pay subs so feel rather wealthy!

Tom Hall



Treasurer's Report to the 2014 AGM

This summary of the Guild accounts should be read in conjunction with the 2013 balance sheet dated 31 December 2013 and audited (my thanks to Lew Nash) on 27 January 2014.

Income. A glance at the closing balance for 2013 shows that we ended the year around £2,436 better off than at the corresponding time in 2012. There are two primary reasons for this much larger than usual increase. Firstly, in January 2013 we received a refund of Guild member subscriptions of £1,948.04 as funds from UKASA were redistributed during their reorganisation into the NSGF UK. Secondly, at the end of 2013 we were holding £343 donated to the Fellowship Toy Project. (This along with further donations was paid out in February 2014). As well as these two extraordinary sums, there was a small underlying increase of around £145 arising from sales of merchandise and savings in the cost of magazine production.

Expenditure. Our magazine production costs continued to decrease in 2013, thanks to careful sourcing of supplies by Pat & Keith Parks and Keith's efforts in extracting the last drops of ink from the expensive printer cartridges. John Holman continues to manage the distribution costs superbly finding significant cost savings over 2012. In 2013, we continued to build up the depleted stock of merchandise, all of which will be for sale at the AGM. Garth Harbach has continued to manage our website and the contract with the service provider, for which we are extremely grateful.

NSGF / ISGF. Subscriptions to NSGF, paid in early 2013, were at the lower figure of £2.85 per Guild member (we previously paid £4 to UKASA) with £1.95 going directly to maintain our ISGF membership.

Management of Guild Accounts. There have been no changes this year to the Guild accounts. We still operate an HSBC Community Account (Treasurer's Account) and a Scottish Widows Clubs and Associations Account. The rate on this account is just 0.4% but, sadly, this appears to be as good as we can achieve in today's market.

2014 Subscription. A budget forecast to 2016 will be presented to the Guild National Executive committee in early April 2014. Assuming modest stock replacement during 2014, an increase in magazine production and distribution costs and payment of expenses for our Guild representatives attending NSGF meetings, it appears we should end 2014 at around the 2013 level. A member subscription of £8.50 in 2015 (the 6th consecutive year at this rate) should maintain a balance of funds around the present level up until 2016. A subscription of £8.50 will therefore be proposed at the AGM.

Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

Accounts as at 31 December 2013

| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE | £3,057.49 | £2,764.87 | | |
| Scottish Widows Clubs & Asas' Account (f) | £2,919.90 | £2,165.08 | | |
| Scottish Widows Treasurers Account (g) | £0.00 | £508.85 | | |
| HSEC Treasurer's Account | £88.59 | £53.94 | | |
| Magazine postage float | £59.00 | £35.00 | | |
| INCOME | £4,410.21 | £1,586.57 | £1,574.53 | £1,293.95 |
| Bank Interest | | £44.97 | £484.59 | £572.00 |
| Scottish Widows Clubs & Asas' Account | £48.47 | £48.47 | £297.95 | £464.42 |
| Scottish Widows Treasurers Account | | £0.00 | | £207.36 |
| HSEC Treasurer's Account | | £0.00 | | £90.59 |
| Subscriptions | £1,394.00 | £1,401.50 | £568.86 | £0.00 |
| Town & Country (h) | | £144.50 | | £0.00 |
| Branches (i) | | £1,249.50 | | £100.00 |
| Sales & Donations | £619.70 | £140.10 | | £30.00 |
| Metal Guild badges | | £37.20 | | £4.50 |
| Fabric Guild badges | | £85.50 | | £108.00 |
| Guild neckerchiefs / scarves | | £20.00 | | £27.20 |
| ISGF woggles & badges | | £37.00 | | £93.46 |
| Joint ISGF & Guild badge | | £0.00 | | £144.90 |
| Donations (h) | | £97.00 | | £0.00 |
| Fellowship Toy Project | | £343.00 | | £0.00 |
| Other | £1,948.84 | £0.00 | £224.82 | £54.47 |
| Refund of subs paid to UKASA (g) | | £1,948.84 | | £0.00 |
| Secretarial expenses (h) | | £0.00 | | £0.00 |
| Treasurer's expenses (f) | | | | £124.35 |
| AGM costs (g) | | | | £9.67 |
| CLOSING BALANCE | | | £3,493.17 | £3,067.49 |
| Scottish Widows Clubs & Asas' account (f) | | | £5,205.41 | £2,918.90 |
| Scottish Widows Treasurers Account (g) | | | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| HSEC Treasurer's Account | | | £237.76 | £88.59 |
| Magazine postage float | | | £50.00 | £50.00 |
| | | | £7,067.70 | £4,351.44 |

NOTES TO 2013 ACCOUNTS

- (f) Account closed 25 January 2012
 (g) 17 subscriptions (19 in 2012)
 (h) 147 subscriptions (146 in 2012)
 (i) Reconciliation when UK ASA became UK NSGF
 (j) 170 members in 2012 at £2.85 per member

- (k) Provided from 2007 to 2013 through UK ASA / UK NSGF membership
 (l) Cost of minibus hire & fuel: all other costs met by Malvern branch
 (m) Income: Some of these donations were made to cover postage costs
 Expenditure: Mainly postage, printer ink & paper refunds
 Committee expenses notified but not claimed: £101.75
 (n) Scottish Widows Business Fund charged to Clubs and Association account on 17 August 2012

Audited:

Debit:

(signed copy in Accounts Book)

Merchandise. The AGM is an ideal time to sell the Guild merchandise and hence avoid postage costs. As shown below, we now have a good stock of neckers, metal badges, fabric Guild badges, fabric Guild / ISGF badges, fabric ISGF badges and ISGF woggles.

Peter Skilton
National Treasurer
April 2014

| Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain - Merchandise | |
|---|-------|
| Guild scarf (Necker) | £4.00 |
| Long pin metal badge | £3.20 |
| Short pin (stud) badge | £2.00 |
| Fabric badges (left to right below) | |
| 2 ⁷ / ₁₆ " (62mm) diameter Guild/ISGF badge | £2.00 |
| 2 ³ / ₈ " (54mm) diameter ISGF badge | £2.00 |
| 2" (51mm) diameter Guild badge | £1.50 |
| ISGF woggle | £3.00 |
| Old stock of metal badges - price negotiable | |





Scout hut has new roof after 6 years

THERE won't be any more puddles on the floor at Upton's scout hut, now that a brand-new roof has been installed.

The town's scout group worked for six years to raise the £10,000 needed.

Val Holland said: "The group is very pleased to acknowledge the support from Councillors Roger Sutton, Lucy Hodgson and the late Bob Bullock. "We also had help from the Baden Powell Guild.



Frankie Franks (left) and Lucy Tyrell of the cub pack will be warm and dry again, thanks to the new roof.

Fellowship Toy News

On Wednesday last I travelled to Abthorpe, Northants with a small transit van to collect 25 boxes of Toys and a cheque for £200 towards the transport costs of the project.

The Northamptonshire Trefoil Guild and Girl Guiding between them collected these 25 boxes of toys.

We now have a total of 1,461 toys, books, games, etc. This is the final consignment and is ready to go.

The Trefoil Guilds have done a tremendous job helping us with this project and I have written to them to say so.



Attached photo shows Barbara Malcomson helping me to load their boxes of toys from her home in Abthorpe. The other picture shows boxes labelled up ready to go.

Allan Page



36TH AGM 2014 Dorking Surrey

Not only was the weather warm and sunny with that spring feeling in the air, those who attended the AGM were met with a very warm welcome at the Old School House, Pixham Lane, by members of the Dorking Guild.

The Business of the AGM was soon dealt with and members then made their way to Pixham District Scout Centre for a superb lunch put on by other members of Dorking Guild. Delegates and members had the opportunity to chat and get to know one another with new and old stories of their Scouting and Guiding lives.

The afternoon allowed everyone to visit places of interest in and around Dorking like the Heritage Museum, Denbies Wine Estate, England's largest vineyard, Dorking Halls and St Martin's Church.

The evening was arranged for members to attend a dinner at the Pixham Scout Centre then followed by some very interesting team games. This turned out to be good fun and everyone enjoyed the evening, finishing with a large number of nice raffle prizes." WHAT A LOVELY DAY".

The Old School House
Pixham Lane.
Dorking.
Surrey.





Derek Ludlow Chairman of Dorking branch seen here welcoming members to the 36th National Guild AGM hosted this year by members of Dorking Guild.

Report by Allan Page. National Secretary

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY AID FUND

(Previously the International Donation Fund)

NSGF UK have for some years had an **International Donation Fund**. This was set up, at the **instigation** of the Baden-Powell Guild and the B-P Scout Guild Scotland, following the disaster in Haiti. At that time **ISGF** put out an appeal for funds to be channelled through them to give to the Scout & Guides in Haiti to replace buildings and equipment lost in the earthquake. Members felt it would be a good idea to keep a small fund from which immediate **donations could be made to International Scout & Guide projects, particularly those recommended by the ISGF World Committee.**

It was decided by the JNC at their meeting in July 2013 to rename this, as above, to avoid confusion with the ISGF International Development Fund. It was also decided that the **International Emergency Aid Fund** would be funded through donations. The JNC set an initial target of raising £200 in the first year and allowing the fund to rise to about £500 over a period of time.

Members of SAGF have donated £60 to this fund so far in 2014. There was also a £5 balance from 2013.

At the AGM the question was asked if the National Committee of the Guild would make a donation to this fund on behalf of all members.

I would like to stress here that the money is completely under the control of the JNC members, equally made up of representatives from the B-P Guild and the Scout and Guide Fellowship. I am sure you can trust your nominated JNC members to see that your money is used wisely. It is never intended that money from this fund should be given to general public appeals for money, but **only to Scout and Guide projects**. Particularly where the **money is to be channelled through ISGF**, and where money is urgently needed, and there is no time for members to set about raising money – which does take time.

The National Committee did agree at the AGM that they would discuss this matter at their next meeting, in the meantime members or branches who have any particular views may like to forward these to the National Secretary.

Sue Page – JNC Member ISGF International News

The Fellowship Toy Project

Members of the **Bangladesh Fellowship** Collected a lot of toys for the ISGF project “Fellowship Toy”. The project is still going on in order to get a smile on more refugee children. Photo: A car full of toys ready to be delivered



Portuguese Fellowship Donates toys to Refugees.

On the 4th February 2014 the Portuguese Fellowship officially delivered the toys they collected for the ISGF project "Fellowship Toy"



Mid-Shropshire Trefoil Guild members seen here sorting & packing toys collected from around the Pontesbury-Shrewsbury area.



Members of the Baden-Powell Guild collected 1850 toys, books, etc from Scouts, Guides, Trefoil members and donated £400.00 towards the cost of transporting the toys to Camp Zaatari, Jordan. These will be delivered during March 2014.

THANK YOU!

You have brought smiles to so many to Syrian refugees.



Children in Camp Zaatari, Jordan.



Australia

21st National Trefoil Guild Gathering, Toowoomba.

26th-29th September 2014.
Toowoomba is the floral capital of Queensland and the annual Carnival of Flowers.



Baden-Powell Guild New Zealand

As part of the 60th Anniversary of ISGF, the Baden-Powell Guild of New Zealand are to raise funds for the ISGF Development Fund. There are several on-going projects that ISGF are supporting. The Guild would also like to support the Kenya project.



Canadian Fellowship Baden-Powell Guilds

Their official magazine is called **Mamook Papah**, meaning "Bring Message" and can be read online. **Go to:**

www.canadianbadenpowellguilds.org/page2



BP Guild Perak Malaysia

The BP Guild Perak is designed to provide opportunities for members to enjoy mutual friendship and maintain contacts with the Scout and Guide movement: Continue the ideals of service to Scouting and Guiding and the community.



UK members prepare for World Conference

Guild and SAF members are now booking their flights and accommodation for the World Conference in Sydney. Members are choosing to make a "Stop-over" on the way or on the way back and some are staying with family or friends. The delegates at the Conference will be Allan & Sue Page: Alan Beavis and Peter Short representing the NSGF-UK.



Friendship – beneath southern skies

Sydney would love to welcome you to its celebrated destination downunder to enjoy a world-class event experience. Being one of the world's most highly awarded cities, Sydney has emerged as a popular and well regarded conference destination. The vibrant harbour city prides itself on "being prepared" to host international events in the same way Scouts and Guides have been approaching tasks for generations – Sydney is friendly, organised, safe and unique.



The Sydney Showground is a modern fusion of technology, accessibility and world class design.

La Sydney Showground est l'incarnation de la fusion entre technologie, accessibilité et design de classe mondiale.



Get sold and take in the marvellous sites like Luna Park and the Opera House on your way to make a route of "tour de force".

Malgré son aspect technique, la Sydney est une destination touristique, comme la Luna Park et l'Opéra, qui se trouvent à proximité de tous les points d'attraction.



Your host for 2014 – Sydney

SYDNEY: SUNNY, SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE

September is a beautiful time of year to visit Sydney, with the city alive with locals enjoying the spring temperatures, which generally range from a balmy 13°C to 22°C (55°F - 72°F), whilst enjoying the sunshine before, during or after the conference, visitors can rest assured they don't have to be concerned about safety – a recent international "Quality of Life Survey" ranked Sydney as the safest Australian city, and in the equal eighth safest city in the world!

And don't let the term "downunder" deter you – our glittering harbour, iconic cultural attractions and stunning coastal lifestyle are a draw magnet for participants from Asia, Europe, Africa, North America and South America. In fact 40 international airlines offer over 600 flights each week to Sydney!

YOUR CONFERENCE VENUE

The proposed venue for the ISGF 2014 conference is the world-class Sydney Showground, located in the vibrant Sydney Olympic Park precinct. The Showground itself is a purpose built venue, which has hosted a number of high profile events and is renowned for its ability to be transformed for special and memorable events.

The venue precinct offers a stunning 430 hectares of open space, walkways and waterways, just 15 km from Sydney's city centre. The iconic precinct, which hosted the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, also offers participants a broad range of leisure, entertainment, cultural and sporting activities, whilst attending the conference.

Accommodation options on site are plentiful and cater for all budgets and tastes. All of the 700 rooms on offer are a short 5-10 minute slow stroll from the Sydney Showground itself, and are nestled amongst the many cafes, bars and restaurants dotted around the precinct.

OUTSIDE CONFERENCE HOURS

With Sydney's cosmopolitan city centre just a short train ride away, participants can easily explore the bustling inner city life, indulge in the endless shopping options or simply relax and take in Sydney's harbour sights. Alternatively, travelling just two hours, visitors can also experience diverse and beautiful regional destinations.

Meet your ISGF World Committee

[Annual World Committee meeting in Italy 2014](#)



Photo: World Committee members from left to right: Paul Lokossou, Muftah Ajaj, Verna Lopez, Mida Rodrigues, Nana Gentimi, Harald Kesselheim, Virginia Bonasegale, Abdelaziz Bensaid

ISGF World Committee had their annual meeting from **19 to 22 March 2014** at Tavernerio, near Como in Italy. The agenda included an evaluation of the development of the membership in the regions and the approval of the financial report 2013. The meeting was a platform to discuss the development of ISGF, goals and projects for the year and also constitutional matters and partnerships.

BRANCH SECRETARIES

**Bebington
Wirral**

Katherine Bailey

**Henfield
W Sussex**

Derek Gardner

**Malvern
Worcestershire**

Mrs Geraldine Shaw

**Stourbridge
And District
W Midlands**

Stephen Ackland

**Tiviot Dale
Cheshire**

Arthur Stevens

Central Branch

Allan Page

**Dorking District
Fellowship BP Guild**

Jackie Smith



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.

