



# **THE BADEN POWELL GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**Welcome to Stourbridge for AGM 2005**

## **GUILD NEWS**

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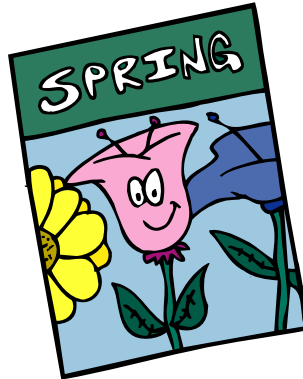
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## EDITORIAL



Once again the long dark dreary days of winter have been left behind and the longer evenings starting to arrive. Our thoughts turn to May when it's the chance to all meet up at the AGM. This year we hope some of you will come for the first time. Stourbridge Branch will be hosts and have organised an evening of music and entertainment on Saturday. The meeting on Sunday is very important due to the proposed changes to the Constitution. Do try and come, it is the opportunity for you to have your say in the running of our organisation.

### **The Editor**



Nora and Harold Lamming receiving the Chairman's Cup at last years AGM for all the work they do in sending out Guild News.

## **BRANCH REPORTS**

### **Stourbridge Branch**

Well the time seems to fly and it's come round again to do a spot of writing. Firstly we had the Regional Meeting at Kinver in October, quite well supported. Also in October, John Hole put on his usual music quiz. They always go down very well with everyone joining in when they know the songs. Some of us attended the parade service at Amblecote Church in November. During the service there was a surprise for Bernard, one of their Scouters when he was presented with the Silver Acorn. He was delighted that so many friends were there to witness the presentation.

There was, of course, our usual Carol Evening in December, always very popular and a lovely atmosphere to get us ready for the Christmas celebrations. We had a very informal meeting in January, being an American Supper, everyone taking some food and the table overflowed. A good start to the New Year.

Lastly we held a Valentines Night in February when the men did absolutely all of the work and the ladies just sat back and enjoyed being waited on. The room was nicely decorated, hearts on the walls, pink serviettes and candles on the tables. All of the men wore dickey bows and looked very debonair! We sat down to a three course meal cooked by the two Daves, very well done considering the limited facilities in the kitchen and finished off with tea and coffee, after eight mints and heart shaped jelly sweets. The chores were shared out and all the ladies agreed it was a memorable occasion and could we have another next month please!!!

We now look forward to the next Regional meeting, a talk by 'Action Heart' at our April meeting, the annual 'Breakfast Run', National AGM, Pathfinder weekend and Age Concern Gala.

#### **Mavis Morris**

A few little thoughts from Mavis to bear in mind:

The hardest arithmetic is that which enables us to count our blessings.

He is rich or poor according to what he is not what he has.

Instead of counting your days, make your days count

Lastly - God put me on earth to accomplice a certain number of things, I'm so far behind I will live forever!

## **Kinver Branch**

PROJECTS - in addition to general maintenance of Camp.

1. Albert All - The Guild have constructed a new toilet room outside the building. Work continuing on cladding and insulating inside, felting roof and plumbing in toilet.
2. Climbing Tower - The Guild has been in constant communication with the contractors in trying to get a satisfactory resolution of what has turned out to be a difficult contract. We do have a tower built on site which should be completed by mid March, but the original completion date was August 2004. There are only two companies in Britain who make these towers, but when it is complete, Kinver Camp will have probably the best climbing tower in the West Midlands.

### EVENTS

4. 11 December 2004 - The Guild attended and enjoyed another memorable Carol evening at District Scout HQ. Many thanks to Stourbridge Branch.
5. 17 February 2005 - We organised a mixed meeting at the Jim Jukes cabin where the members of the Guild and our ladies met to discuss the events we are to do this year. We had an American supper and drinks during the meeting and still managed to make some decisions on this year's programme of events.
6. Pathfinder and Rotary Activity Weekend - Guild members participated in the organisation of Pathfinder and Rotary for 2005.

### PERSONNEL

7. Bob Hadley - We were all shocked by the unexpected death of Bob in November after a short while in hospital. Bob was a master carpenter and did much of the practical project work at Kinver. A donation of £150 was sent from Kinver Guild to Mary Stevens Hospice.
8. As well as Bob's death, we have had quite a few illnesses over the last few months. Jim Jukes had pneumonia and we have three members with various cancer treatments ongoing, as well as one member awaiting an operation on his back. We think old age is starting to catch up with a few of us!

### WEBSITE

9. Kinver Camp has a new website - [www.kinvercamp.org.uk](http://www.kinvercamp.org.uk)

**Dave Walker**

## **Malvern Branch**

During the last six months as usual most of our activities involved eating. We held a Halloween coffee morning in October and our meeting that month was a Swiss evening with food from that country. It emanated from our helping a local guide to go to Switzerland and on her return she gave us a very interesting talk. In November we visited the theatre and saw the Midland Musical Theatre Group perform 'Can't stop the Music'. December was the month for our Christmas meal whose theme this year was 'Anything Goes' - and it did! We attended the annual Stourbridge Carol Evening - more food.

We continued to eat and be merry in January when we had our meeting at one of our member's homes. An horologist gave us a talk on clocks and we enjoyed tea and cakes. Our annual Church Service at the Salvation Army was followed by lunch at The Pheasant, Welland. In February we held a 'Music and Madeira' quiz with - yes you've guessed it - food and wine. Several of us attended the Trefoil Guild Thinking Day and we called our meeting in March 'Age Concern Meeting' since we celebrated with a party for Allan reaching 60 years of age and Lou 80 years of age.

Over the last six months we have raised over £500 to send Guides and Scouts on expeditions with two coffee mornings. We have given money to help with the refurbishment of the local Scout Headquarters, Holiday Homes trust and Leigh Sinton Guides. Our numbers remain static since although we lost one member we gained a new one.

**A compilation from Lou Nash and Geraldine Shaw**



## **Trent Branch**

Unfortunately there is very little to report due to us being few in numbers but since we moved our meetings to lunchtime there has been a 50% increase in attendance. We have stopped singing at meetings since the weather always took a turn for the worse afterwards! Three of us are attending the AGM at Stourbridge.

**Bryan Noble**

## **Bebington Branch**

Chairman's Report 2004/2005

Another year of highs and lows has streaked past with the Guild fulfilling most of its usual functions assisting in the activities of the Scout District and other charitable organisations.

Our year opened with the sad news of the passing away of Richard Lancelyn-Green, a good friend and supporter of the Guild. We were able to assist the family with car parking at Poulton hall following his funeral and again later on, following a memorial service in his honour.

This year the Guild, along with members of other Guild branches across the country, has taken a new step forward by joining the UKASA. During the year the original 1954 "McCoot Trophy" (a chrome headed felling axe) was discovered and remounted securely on a polished wooden panel (fashioned by Steve Tolliday) and now permanently sited in the Brewhouse. Traditionally, this trophy, as is the new one, is awarded to the best new Patrol taking part in the District Camping Competition. Its name is in memory of two former members of the District Rover Crew, Don Macauley and Roy "Cooty" Gregory who died following a tragic accident.

The Camp Fire circle has been improved with additional tiers of seating and the access path to the foot of the circle has had steps laid and hand rails built. It has been used with success on several occasions. Because of many new visitors to the Brewhouse for activities, Ray Bailey has made up a large reflective Scout Arrowhead sign to assist in indicating which entrance is to be used.

As usual our biggest effort evolves around the Wirral Scout Charity Christmas Post. Recorded delivery numbers fell again by just over 4% with the scheme total of 601,449 cards delivered across the Wirral. Bebington deliveries totalled 108,390 and the Guild total was 14,793 cards delivered.

The Guild has also supported with either providing refreshments, car parking and/or general stewarding at The Poulton Hall Garden Open Day, The Round Table Fete, Samaritans Garden Party, The Great Budworth Gardeners Society, District Beavers Fun day and District Cubs Camp Fire. Guild members have enjoyed both the Wallasey and Birkenhead Gang Shows, various guest speakers, visits with the Fairfield Scout Fellowship and dining out at The Grange.

**Ian D Partington - Chairman**

Stourbridge Branch invite you to the

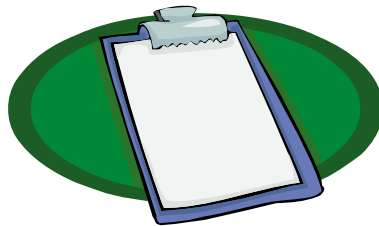
***2005***

***National AGM Weekend***

On Saturday and Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2005



On Saturday evening at Stourbridge Institute and Social Club there will be a buffet supper with live entertainment and a private bar.



On Sunday morning coffee will be served at the Alderman Tye Scout and Guide HQ followed by the Baden Powell Guild of Great Britain Annual General Meeting. This will be followed by a three course Sunday lunch.

**Come and Join us**



# This is Stourbridge

**Stourbridge** is part of the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley in the West Midlands. Crystal glass has long been synonymous with the history of Stourbridge and dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when refugee glassmakers from Lorraine settled in the area. The 18<sup>th</sup> century saw the invention of lead glass and Stourbridge's world fame was born.

The Stourbridge Lion, the first train to run on rails on a commercial line in the USA, was built by local firm Foster, Rastrick & Co in 1829.

The town is close to the countryside, Kinver Edge and the Clent Hills being nearby. For those who enjoy shopping the Merry Hill Centre, the largest undercover shopping mall in the Midlands is only three miles away.

Places to visit locally include the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley Zoo and Castle and Broadfield House Glass Museum. National Trust properties Dudmaston, Hanbury Hall, Wightwick Manor and the rock houses at Kinver Edge are just a short drive away. Slightly further afield (12 miles) the Birmingham Back to Backs show how people lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and of course no visit to Birmingham would be complete without a shopping trip to the 'Bull Ring'.

Accommodation is available in the Stourbridge area ranging from an old coaching inn (The Talbot Hotel) to modern Travel Inns and prices range from £30 to £70 per night for a double room.

If you wish to attend for all or part of the weekend please complete the application form (sent via your Branch Secretaries or to you direct) and return immediately.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Herewith our Chairman's report presented at our AGM on 17th February held in the Golden Garden Conservatory at Poulton Hall. Twenty-five attended, including invited guests as well as Guild members.

We were a little late in starting due to our Chairman, an 'Old Salt' swinging the lamp (chatting) to the speaker for the evening. However as the assembled throng were getting a bit restive (i.e. yawning, coughing, stretching of arms etc.) our Treasurer restored order by striking the ancient gong and filling the place with dust. Despite this shaky start, we got through the business reasonably quickly, due in some part, to the company having read the Chairman's Report several times in the interim, they now knew it by heart.

The Treasurer's report provided more of a problem, most were either covered in Noughts and Crosses, hanging the man doodling or had been folded into paper aeroplanes, showing the degree of enterprise among our supporters. It was clear however, that there are sufficient funds in the Piggy Bank. The 'Election of Officers' took no time at all, the present incumbents, having done such a grand job, were voted in without a single objection or nomination. However, this year's business section overran, taking all of 4½ minutes to complete, we hope to do better next year.

The Chairman then introduced the Speaker - Major Ellis late of the Cheshire Regiment who after calling us to attention gave a light-hearted and informative talk on its history. The date is 1689, comprised of men from around Chester and Wirral; it became the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot and Cheshire Regiment in 1782. From our first campaign the capture of Carrickfergus and the Battle of the Boyne, for the next 220 years (55 minutes to be exact) he marched us all over the world, gaining our distinctive Oakleaf Badge at Dettingen in 1743. Since then we have seen action in Canada with Wolfe at Quebec - The West Indies, Ireland, North and South Africa, India, Burma and of course France, Italy and Germany.

We were dismissed at 21.30 hours when the Ladies of the Guild declared the NAAFI open and demobbed at 22.15 hours. Our thanks to Major Ellis for an interesting evening and the Catering Corps who as always do a grand job.

Sincerely  
Len Marshall

*Thanks Len for a very amusing and interesting letter - can we all come to your AGM next year! - Anne (Ed)*

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**Meeting held on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005** - All members of the committee were present.

The National Treasurer reported that current Guild Funds totalled £5751.29. The Editor reported that a colour laser printer had been purchased on which to produce the magazine. This gave high quality printing and the opportunity of colour printing for photographs and art-work.

The Vice Chairman reported that the Guild web site is now up and running, web address is: [www.badenpowellguild.org.uk](http://www.badenpowellguild.org.uk) National committee reports will be posted to the web site in future along with forthcoming events and related matters. For those Guild members who are also members of the UK ASA, there is a link to their web site and the Guild representative is currently arranging a similar link from the UK ASA web site. The committee discussed the possibility of getting all Guild branches to submit an email address to the National Secretary so that information could be disseminated quicker and cheaper.

A Minute Secretary is required, to take the minutes for the National Committee, meetings are 3 per year, plus the AGM. If you think you could fulfil this very important role, please speak to any member of the committee. If you could take the minutes, but do not have the means to produce them as printed copies, it could be arranged for this part of the job to be undertaken by another person.

Discussion took place on possible changes to the present constitution in regard to the structure of the National Committee. Draft changes were agreed and are circulated as a separate document for discussion and decision at the forthcoming AGM.

If there are any items you would like to put forward for the AGM, please let me know as soon as possible.

**Allan Page – National Secretary**

### Answers to last editions quiz - Test your brain power

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|-----------|-----------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 1. Pink   | 2. Black        | 3. Red   | 4. Green   | 5. Blue    |
| 6. Orange | 7. Black        | 8. Green | 9. Red     | 10. Green  |
| 11. Gold  | 12. Black (Red) | 13. Gold | 14. Golden | 15. Blue   |
| 16. Red   | 17. Gold        | 18. Blue | 19. Green  | 20. Yellow |

## Membership of the UKASA

**This greatly ENHANCES our organisation and ELEVATES it to the same status and other Guilds throughout the world.**

There have been groups of adult former Scouts and Guides in most countries where Scouting exists, from the early days of the founding of the movement. In 1953 in pursuit of Baden-Powell's vision of a movement to promote world peace and harmony, it was decided to bring these groups together under the 'umbrella' of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides, (since altered to International Scout and Guide Fellowship or **ISGF**). The B-P Scout Guild was one of the founder members of this organisation, and one of its greatest supporters over the ensuing years.

The **ISGF** is a worldwide Network to which all organisations similar to ours belong. It is recognised by both WAGGS & WOSMS. The network now consists of organisations from 57 countries, but of course that means that there are very many more organisations. To facilitate ease of communication it was decided that in each country, participating organisations would come together and form a federation, alliance or joint national committee. Here, this is now known as the United Kingdom Adult Scout Alliance, or **UKASA**, *formerly known as the Joint National Committee, JNC*. The **UKASA** is the organisation through which our membership of the worldwide network of Guilds is represented at the ISGF. At present the UKASA represents members of the B-P Guild of Scotland, the B-P Guild of Gt. Britain and members & former members of the Scout Fellowship.

The decision to apply for membership was taken after a **majority vote in favour** at an annual general meeting. Our application was made and we were **accepted for membership**, this **enhanced the status of our organisation** to that of ALL other Guilds who are members of ISGF.

The enhancement and furtherance of **our organisation, the Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain**, should **NOT** now be left to those few members, who have so far been enlightened and interested enough to pay the annual subscription to belong to ISGF, through the UKASA. **It should be the aim and responsibility of every member collectively.** It should be fully supported by the membership and national committee and **payment of the membership fee should be made from national guild funds**, on an, 'en-bloc' basis.

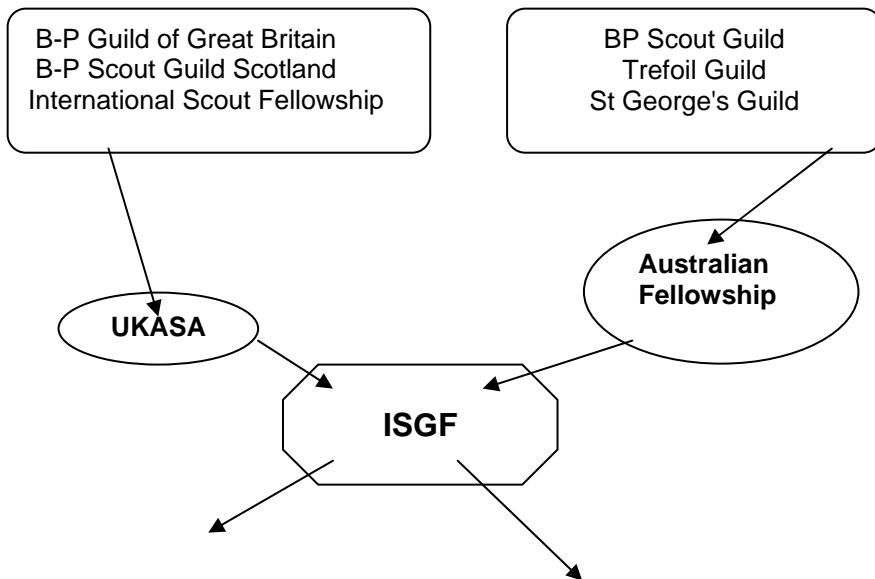
In order not to impose membership on those who do not agree that our organisation should be part of the world-side network of similar organisations, or for those who already belong via another organisation (i.e. the Trefoil Guild), the fees to be paid would be calculated on an individual basis and dissenting and existing members would not be included in the membership list sent to UKASA for whom subscriptions would be paid.

We have over £6000 in our national funds, funds subscribed for the running, enhancement and furtherance of the Guild, it should be used for this purpose and not allowed to remain sitting in the bank, gathering very little by way of interest when a proportion of it could be used for the purpose for which it was intended.

The National Committee should honour the wishes of its membership, as expressed in the AGM vote and future subscriptions to UKASA should be paid from national funds.

**Allan Page**  
**National Secretary**

**ISGF DIAGRAM**



This gives a pictorial diagram of the set up of the International Scout and Guild Fellowship. The ISGF sits at the Centre of the Network of organisations representing the 57 members that make up the ISGF. Each organisation, be it a Fellowship, Federation, Alliance or Joint National Committee, represents the various organisations within each member country.  
 The UK and Australia have been used as examples.

## UKASA REPORT FEBRUARY 2005

The World Gazette in issue no. 4 dated Dec 2004 reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> Africa Gathering, which was held in Sept 2004. This took place in Mukono, near Kampala in Uganda; members were present from Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda plus 11 members from Europe as observers. The gathering was a great success, although it was realised that with no members from South Africa or West Africa were present and it was thought that maybe Africa was too big a country for just one gathering. Plans are now being made for another gathering in West Africa.

ISGF sent a team of 4 members to help at the 12<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot in Taiwan in August 2004, 2 members from Taiwan, plus one from New Zealand and one from Italy.

The main focus for the recent World ISGF Committee meeting had been preparations for the World Conference this year and the setting up of a discussion document for the conference on VISION, MISSION & STRATEGY. Riccardo Della Rocca has been elected Chairman of the World Committee and will work in partnership with the Vice-Chairman, Jean Luc De Paepe.

Forthcoming Dates:

### 2005

12 - 17 June 24<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference, Lillehammer, Norway  
29 July - 10 Aug Eurojam, European Scout Jamboree, UK

### 2006

June 25<sup>th</sup> ISGF Nordic Europe Sub Region Gatherind, Bodoe, Norway  
30 Aug-3 Sept 5<sup>th</sup> ISGF Central Europe Gathering, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> ISGF Gathering, Mediterranean Area, Sicily, Italy

### 2007

6<sup>th</sup> ISGF Europe Region Conference, Crakow, Poland  
5<sup>th</sup> ISGF Arab Region Conference, Tunisia  
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**Sue Page - BP Guild Representative for UKASA**

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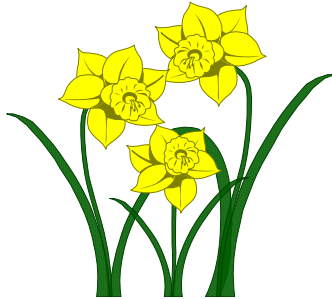
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By its help and practical assistance in a variety of local charitable causes the Baden Powell Guild make a worthwhile contribution to the community.

