

# THE BADEN POWELL GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN



## GUILD NEWS

SCOUTING SPIRIT IN ACTION



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## EDITORIAL

Hello, as I'm very new please make allowances if I'm not up to the standard of our previous editor. Everyone at Malvern Branch sends their good wishes to Anne and her husband for the future and thanks them for their hard work.

Along with my husband, Keith, I have been a member of Malvern Branch for over 25 years. Keith was helping with the local Sea Scouts and Allan Page wrote to us to invite us along to the next party evening. Now, I have to confess that we had never heard of the B-P Guild but we were rather curious and never like to miss a good party. Dressed up in our best bib and tucker we sallied forth to the Scout Headquarters in Malvern Link.

We were already a bit apprehensive but became downright worried when we saw all these old tramps heading for the scout hut. We furtively peered round the door so we could make a quick escape, but were spotted by Allan, who hastened to reassure us that we were in the right place and we were quite safe. It was only the members in fancy dress! Now these sounded like our kind of people: friendly, fun loving and hard working. We had a great evening playing party games, eating and drinking. That

home made wine could have given a seasoned drunkard a hangover!



Can you remember your 'first time'? If so, please share it with us.



Pat Parks

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday May 14th 2006  
Davenport Park Hotel – Stockport



We have now visited the Hotel and can assure members of a warm welcome and a comfortable stay. The facilities are all in place for those who want to stay for the weekend and for our AGM on Sunday morning. All that is needed now is for our members to **COME ALONG** – join in the Social side of the event and participate in the meeting.

**Social Event** – Tiviot Dale Branch have organised a **Beetle Drive** and **Hot Pot Supper** on the Saturday evening, 13<sup>th</sup> May at **7.30pm**. The cost for the evening is £7 a head, the supper includes, Hot Pot, Apple Pie and Tea or Coffee. This is to be held at the Brookdale Club, a function room has been book exclusively for us in this private members club. There will be plenty of opportunity to get to know the local members and to ‘catch up’ with friends that you have not seen for a while.

**AGM Meeting** – this is to be held in the Tudor Lounge, which is accessed down a flight of stairs from the reception area of the hotel. **Tea and Coffee will be available here from 10am**, at no cost to members. The **AGM Meeting** will commence at 11am. Hopefully the meeting will be completed with the presentation of the Chairman’s Cup by 12noon. This will be immediately followed by the **Open Forum** and this year the committee would like to hear your views on events and celebrations for our 30<sup>th</sup> year in

2007. So do come along, not just to hear the annual reports but also to **have your say**.



**For those who Stay** – the Hotel is family owned and run, so you can be assured of good service and a friendly atmosphere. There is a private lounge with TV for residents and a comfortable bar, which also has a TV. The food in the restaurant is very good and it is popular with non-residents.

Dinner is served from 6.30pm each evening. Breakfast is from 7.30-9.30 and is buffet style with plenty of choice. Those approaching from the A6 into Stockport will find the hotel on their right, look for the Kwik-Fit garage on the left and the hotel is shortly after on the right, entrance to the Car Park is from the side road, Corbar Road, where there is additional on street parking. From Stockport town centre, the hotel is on the left, shortly after the Alma Lodge Hotel. There is plenty of other accommodation in the area should this be required and your National Secretary has details. **Check out** is before 10.30am so those staying will need to check out of their rooms before attending the AGM. The Hotel is very popular for Sunday Lunch which is served from 12.30 to 4pm, and **advance booking for this is essential**.

Details for the day are as follows:

## **ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMME** **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

- 10.00 Registration and Coffee / Tea
- 11.00 Annual General Meeting
- 12.00 Open Forum – 30 year Celebrations
- 13.00 Closing Ceremony & Farewells

# AGM AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Chairman's Welcome & Annual Report
3. Secretary's Report
- 4a. Treasurer's Report and  
Adoption of the Accounts for 2005/6
- 4b. Proposition to Change the dates of the Financial  
Year
- 4c. Approval of subscription for 2007/8
5. Election of Officers to the National Committee
6. Any other AGM Business
7. Date & Venue for next AGM

## Presentation of the Chairman's Cup

Full details and a booking form will be sent to branches and T & C members shortly – you may have already received them!

*Allan Page Feb  
2006*

*Remember: The Saturday social starts at 7.30*

I wonder what the quantities and ingredients are for that Saturday night Hot Pot! Next year's hosts could try the following recipe from Lew and Bubbles Nash of Malvern Branch:

## Elephant Stew

Ingredients:-

- 1. Medium sized Elephant. (*Loxodontus Africana*)
- 20 bags Salt.
- 500kgs. Peppercorns.
- 750 bushels Potatoes.
- 125 bushels Carrots.
- 2000 sprigs Parsley.
- 1. Rabbit.
- 1. Onion.

Cut the Elephant into bite-sized chunks (allow 6 weeks for this)

Chop vegetables into chunks. (another 4 weeks)

Place meat into a Jumbo-sized Missionary pot.

Pump into this 5000.5 litres of Elephant gravy and simmer for 28 days.

Shovel in Salt and Pepper,

When meat is tender add vegetables (to speed up matters a steam shovel is a help)

Simmer slowly for another week then garnish with Parsley

This should serve approximately 3000 people.

If more guests are expected add the Rabbit. However this is not really recommended because very few people like HARE in their stew.

Also suitable for Regional Meetings or large scout gatherings!



## HENFIELD B.P. GUILD

Anscombe

Tony

On the 4 March we will be holding the extremely popular Shuffleboarding evening at the Henfield Hall. This is an event that all the family can attend and join in the fun and games.

What is Shuffleboarding? Old in concept and now in revival. The ancient game of shuffleboard was made illegal during the 16th century because it discouraged the lower classes from leaving the taverns and going back to work!

To play the game you slide beech wood discs along a narrow board through four gaps to score points. A game is made up of three rounds. In the first round you play all 30 discs. In rounds two and three you use up the discs that are not in the scoring area. A disc through each gap creates a 'set' and is worth double points. The object of the game is to complete as many sets as you can over three rounds. Further information about Shuffleboarding can be found at [www.englishshuffleboard.co.uk](http://www.englishshuffleboard.co.uk) .

Tickets are available from G.W. Pearce in the village or by contacting Colin Sansom on 495120, we look forward to seeing you there.

### Henfield Guild Members at their Weekly Meeting



Other news from the B-P Guild this month is that we had a record year during our Christmas collections and we look forward to providing the Senior Citizens of Henfield a day out in September on the proceeds. We have also made a donation, both from the B-P Guild and the John Holder

Fund, to Nicola Ansell a committed Guide who is raising funds towards a Guide trip to Thailand where Nicola will be assisting less fortunate communities with local projects.



**Forbidden!**

Eight members of the Henfield Branch have decided to go on a sponsored diet, some of you may well be thinking “only eight of them” but the rest of us are far too scared to take part. The eight members, Dave Malkin, Derek Gardner, Chris Simmonds, Colin Sansom, Eric Moore, Norman Rigby, Robin Wadey and Phil Barr have committed to lose a huge 15 stone (210lbs) between them.

“The ‘Eavy Eight’ Fat Club, as they have been nicknamed, are raising money for a further defibrillator to be placed in the village for public use. If you would like to sponsor them then please contact any of the people taking part, a sponsor form will be located in G W Pearce for those wishing to make donations.

**We ask you to be vigilant during this sponsored diet, if you see any of the people listed above eating or drinking inappropriate items then please report them to Tony Anscombe on 495909 stating the date and time of the incident. We wish them luck!**

Other news from the B-P Guild; the guild have made a donation to St Peters School PTA for £360 to pay for swimming lessons for some of the children. A donation of £50 was made to Twineham School to assist in replacing stolen dressing up clothes.



The Tiviot Dale Branch has responded to the dream of Lord Robert Baden- Powell to make the Centenary Jamboree the 'greatest International Jamboree in Scouting History'.

The Branch Members have generously donated the sum of £100 to the 'Friendship Fund'. Because of this: "B-P Scout Guild – Tiviot Dale Branch" will be engraved on a special window of recognition at Gilwell Park.



Tiviot Dale Branch has organized a Beetle Drive and Hot Pot Supper for the AGM weekend. Malvern Branch held a Beetle Drive on 11<sup>th</sup> February and it was a very enjoyable evening.





*Guess which Guild Branch these **hunks** belong to?  
The answer is lurking somewhere in this edition!*

*We will look forward to seeing less of you guys in  
the near future.*



*This ancient  
weighbridge is  
still in situ at  
Great Malvern  
station.*

# Malvern Branch

The cover photo shows Malvern Branch outside Holy Trinity Church, Malvern. The last Sunday in January is the preferred date for our annual church service. This year we joined Rev. David Nichol and the congregation for a Songs of Praise. The hymns were lovely and the Guild members chose One More Step... which was sung with real gusto. Sue and Allan Page's grandson, Jamie, took the photo and in case you might be wondering, your new editor is the well wrapped person in the black coat and black and white embroidered shawl.

After the service we braved the icy roads to reach a lovely country pub called The Fox and Hounds where we had a superb Sunday lunch. We had a long table in the conservatory and the sun streamed in through the windows lifting everyone's spirits.



# Visit to Morgan Motors, Malvern

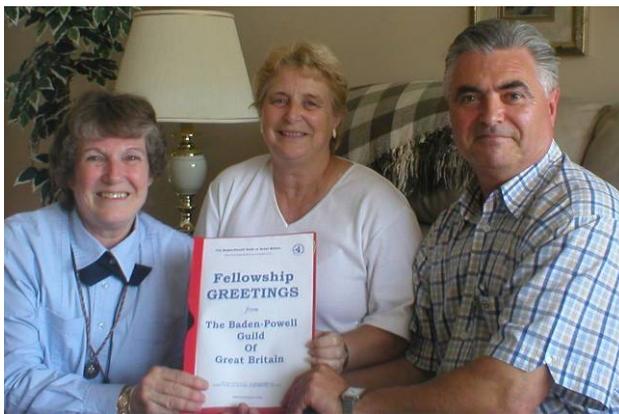


A contingent from Malvern Branch visited the Morgan car factory on Friday 10th February. They were treated to a most interesting tour, witnessing all stages of assembly starting with fitting of the major components to the chassis, through wooden and metal body construction, trim and ending with the completed vehicle. It was refreshing to see the care and craftsmanship that goes into each car. With a production of around 14 cars a week, they can hardly be said to be mass-produced.



## NATIONAL SECRETARY CANADIAN TOUR

During a recent tour of Ontario Canada our National Secretary and his wife Sue, met Jane Johnson , the Vice President for the Canadian Fellowship of Baden Powell Guilds and guild members of the 20<sup>th</sup> London branch, Ontario. An enjoyable afternoon exchanging information and views about our Guilds on both sides of the Atlantic took place. This was then followed with tea and cake.



## THE CANADIAN FELLOWSHIP OF B-P GUILDS.

The future circulation of the guild's newsletter "MAMOOK PAPA" for those outside Canada can now be viewed and printed off the Internet. Go to:

<http://www.canadianbpguilds.org>



This beautiful scenery made me think of this ‘ponderism’ in **SCOTGUILD**:

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?



# The Scout Holiday Homes Trust



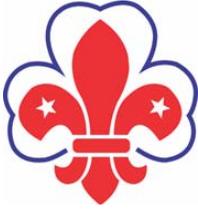
I was reading the messages of thanks from families who had enjoyed holidays through **The Scouts Holiday Home Trust** in the Autumn/Winter 2005 **Holiday Action**. The lovely photograph of **Natalie Parr** sums up how valuable this amenity is to families who might not otherwise have a holiday break.

This year the Trust has to raise over **£80,000** to pay for the new caravans at Hoburne Naish, New Milton, Hants and Hoburne Torbay, Paignton, Devon. Members are as supportive as ever but extra money is needed. Perhaps Guild Branches could do an extra bit of fundraising to help out...



*Paignton, Devon*

Editor



## UK ASA AGM Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

This year this is being organised by the Malvern Branch on behalf of our Organisation. Malvern have booked the Methodist Church Halls, Somers Park Avenue, Malvern, Worcestershire WR 14 1SE. **Do give the Baden Powell Guild of Gt. Britain your support and come along and enjoy the opportunity to socialise with old friends and meet and make new ones.**

Malvern will be providing hot drinks in the reception area from 10am for most of the morning, hot drinks and a cold buffet lunch, @ at cost of £5, plus drinks in the afternoon. There will be opportunities to see something of the Malvern area in the morning, learn more about our membership of the ISGF & UK ASA in the afternoon and a Skittles evening with a Hot Buffet supper @ £8.00 per head, has been booked for the Saturday evening.

### Programme for the day

**from - 10.00 am - Tea/Coffee/Biscuits on arrival**

**10.45 am - Visit (Priory Church or Malvern Museum)**

**11.45 am - Central Group meeting**

(continuation of visits for those not involved)

12.45 pm - above meeting finish.

1pm - Buffet lunch

2.15 – for 2.30 start.

**2.30 - UK ASA AGM**

4.00 - Tea/Coffee/Biscuits

**4.30 - Open Forum**

**5.30 - Closing Ceremony**

5.45 - Tea/coffee/Biscuits

6pm - Day visitors leave.

Hall to be cleared

7pm – Skittles at Willie Thorn’s Club, Spring Lane North, Malvern



*Sue Page*



# UK ASA NEWS

Most of you will have received or seen a copy of the above which was sent out by our secretary in December.



Nine members of the B-P Scout Guild Scotland enjoyed this years European Forum in Grossarl, Austria. The photo shows Guild members being welcomed to Grossarl. Lots of fun and laughter was to be heard during the week among the snow covered mountains and the cold outside was noting compared to the warmth and hospitality enjoyed at the many events and activities held indoors during a packed week.

Sue Page

## **BRANCH SECRETARIES**

**Bebington  
Wirral**

Len Marshall

**Gravesend  
Kent**

Mrs Enid Ingham

**Henfield  
W Sussex**

Derek Gardner

**Malvern  
Worcestershire**

Mrs Geraldine Shaw

**Stourbridge  
W Midlands**

Mike Davies

**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.

