

Central Group Report

There was a good attendance of Central Group members at the UKASA AGM at Burton on Trent with most of them staying over to the Sunday and visiting the National Memorial Arboretum. For most CG members who are also Scout Association members there have been meetings in connection with the launch of the new Active Support Units which will replace Scout Fellowships and need to be in place by December this year. Central Group committee members took advantage of the Southern launch meeting of the International SAS at Reading on 10th October to combine it with a CG meeting in the afternoon.

Some members have been supporting GirlGuiding at their Centenary celebrations – attending the Thinking Day /Founders Day service at Westminster Abbey, and will be going to the Centenary service at St Martins in the Field. Many will be at Fellowship Day services around the Country and in West Sussex the new ISGF leaflets will be distributed to all present.

Edwin Maxwell from Edinburgh has been busy despite having chemotherapy. He arranged contact for 4 leaders from Frankfurt to make a pre-camp visit to the City campsite. He also met up with 10 Cub Scout leaders from Taiwan who had previously been in Edinburgh. They will bring 16 leaders and young people to Edinburgh next year to camp at the City campsite. He has also received an ISGF Twinning Certificate and is now twinned with an ISGF member from the Czech Republic.

Nigel Cole, formerly Area Commissioner for Carmarthenshire was awarded the Bar to the Silver Acorn and attended the St Georges Day celebrations at Windsor. He ran an Amateur Radio station for Dutch Scouts camping in Wales this summer and is running JOTA for Scouts alongside GG100SirGar for Guides in October.

David Andrews is in the process of registering to be part of the ISGF team working at the next World Jamboree in Sweden.

June Clark, Jim and Margaret Thompson and myself will be attending the European Conference of ISGF in Cyprus this November.

Just a small snapshot of what some members have been doing or will be doing to further International contacts.

At the 2011 UKASA AGM to be held at Stourbridge on 5th March,

Dave Mowbray and Brian Staines will be standing down as CG representatives on the UK ASA committee as they will have completed their 5 years term of office. Also Beryl Aldridge will stand down as Central Group Co-ordinator. A letter of explanation and Nomination forms will be sent out to CG members in late October along with the Fellowship Day message and this Newsletter. Please encourage new members to join CG and please, we want to see members being nominated for the UKASA Committee.

Beryl Aldridge