

# UK ASA NEWS

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## Newsletter of the UK Adult Scout Alliance

### ADVANCE NOTICE UK ASA AGM - 2010

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

at

**Rolleston Scout HQ, Nr. Burton on Trent**  
Booking forms and information will be sent out in  
January

### CAN YOU HELP US ?

**THE UK ASA COMMITTEE NEEDS A SECRETARY.**

? ANY VOLUNTEERS. Please contact  
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### COMMITTEE NEWS

The UK ASA Committee met on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Charnock Richard, Lancashire.

**Kathie Bailey**, BP Guild of GB was co-opted on to the committee pending her election by the membership at the 2010 AGM.

**Committee Secretary.** Since Sue Page stood down as secretary at the 2009 AGM we are without a Secretary. We desperately need to fill this post.

**International Secretary.** Brian Staines agreed at the 2009 AGM to cover the post for a further 6 months.

**Grant Bailey**, BP Guild GB, has agreed to take on this post with immediate effect.

#### Publicity

**Leaflet** Following discussion a new publicity leaflet was agreed to. Grant Bailey would design the graphics and an initial run of 500 copies would be printed.

**Website.** The present sponsors of the site will not be able to continue with their sponsorship so we will have to budget for the cost of running it.

**Western European Gathering at Dundee.** Allan Page, Chairman and Beryl Aldridge, CG had given a presentation on UKASA at the Gathering. The BP Scout Guild [Scotland] were thanked for their help in the organisation with the Trefoil Guild, of the Gathering.

### B-P Scout Guild [Scotland]

The BP Guild of Scotland continues to have 4 branches located in Bo'ness, Dunfermline, Leith and Troon. Our Membership is in excess of 100 and each group is very active in holding monthly meetings and helping Scouting on a local level in many ways. We hold several events throughout the year ' the most recent being a trip on the Bo'ness and Kinneil Steam Railway, where we had 48 members in attendance and previous to that we had a day at the Scottish Bus Museum. All branches have some connection with their local Scout Group and assist where they can with fundraising, local events, building and camp-site maintenance. The Guild of Scotland recently assisted with transport arrangements for the ISGF Gathering in Dundee and supplied many articles for the hospitality packs. We thank Willie Taylor for getting our portion of the organising correct. The 2010 AGM of the BP Scout Guild Scotland will be on 27<sup>th</sup> March at Dunfermline Football Club.

Robert W Nicol Chairman.

### Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain

The Baden Powell Guild branches continue to be active in many area, helping Scout Groups and Districts, and raising money to help both Scouts and Guides to attend International events and even sponsoring a Scout to attend the National Scout and Guide Orchestra annual concert. Donations are also given to the Scout Holiday Homes Trust as well as local Hospice and Age Concern Day Centres. The Guild branches are very much involved in Community projects around the country; Community driving, Senior Citizens outings/luncheons and donations to organisations such as Samaritans and the British Heart Foundation.

Guild membership continues to increase slowly. Tivot Dale branch has just celebrated 60 years as a branch. They held an Anniversary lunch where both District and County Commissioners were present.

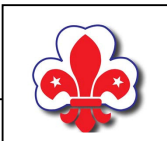
Three branches made donations to the ISGF Burundi Project. A number of branches have started Twinning with Guilds in Scotland, New Zealand and Australia. Stourbridge branch will host the 2010 AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> April. The website is kept updated by Garth Harbach.

Allan Page.

### Central Group

The Central Group Membership at present stands at 54. Jim and Margaret Thompson, June Clark and Beryl Aldridge, attended the Western European Gathering of ISGF in Dundee and Sandy Young came as a visitor. Several members attended the Gilwell Reunion this September where the Scout Association launched its new structure for Scout Fellowships. Most CG members are also members of Scout Fellowships who have a particular interest in International Scouting . Several members will be attending International Fellowship Day Services around the country. Central Group members are scattered throughout England and Scotland but are kept in touch with what is going on by E-mail and postal communications for those who don't have it .We have an annual meeting prior to the UKASA AGM which next year will be hosted by Central Group and will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Rolleston, near Burton on Trent. We would like to see as many UKASA members as possible joining us on that day or over the whole weekend.

Beryl Aldridge Co-ordinator



**Fellowship Day greetings to all UKASA members and their Scouting and Guiding friends across the world.**

## Fellowship Day Message 2009

**A warm Hello**

**With the turmoil in our world, both natural and man made, it is a positive action that we stop and celebrate our friendships we have around the world and in our own countries. We are in many countries and it is nice to think that our brothers and sisters are thinking of us as well. We can take time to pat ourselves on the back for carrying out the teachings of Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell.**

**Twinning is a positive way to grow our fellowship and friendships. This Fellowship Day , take a step into the world of adventure and consider Twinning with a Local Scout and Guide Fellowship that does not use your native tongue.**

**Peace is gained through understanding and understanding is gained through communication.**

**We can even aim to meet up at the next World Conference in Como, Italy in 2011 to build on our friendship.**

**This Fellowship Day I thank you for your commitment to the betterment of the future of our youth and the support you have shown each other for a better world.**

**Brett D Grant. Chairman ISGF World Committee.**



This Gathering was well organized and appeared to run smoothly with lots of activities

but also with plenty of time for relaxing and getting to know people.

As this was my first attendance at an ISGF Gathering, it was important for me to get to know as many people as possible. Leny Doleman and Anne Dupont represented ISGF and I was able to have conversations with both of them as well as members from other European Countries. Beryl and I gave a 10 minute presentation on the structure of ASA. Jane Wardropper had a short meeting with National Presidents and International Secretaries. She gave an update on the European Region and plans for its conference in 2010 in Cyprus. Jane's term of office is up in November 2010.

The next Western Sub-Regional Gathering will be in Eire in 2012.

Allan Page, Chairman UKASA.

### **BURUNDI PROJECT**

In 2007 ISGF signed a partnership agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR. In 2009 ISGF was asked to collaborate with UNHCR in the Burundi Project.

Support was needed for schools in the village of Cendajuri, Burundi. The district welcomes back people from Burundi who had fled their country to Tanzania.

The village has more than 10 primary schools with 7,200 children all of school age. A former refugee, Jacqueline Banyonka is a coordinator for one of these schools and she made a list of equipment need by the schools – basic things like pens, pencils etc. These are being sourced locally to contribute to the local economy and packed into parcels worth 20€ each. The parcels are distributed to the schools with the help of Burundi Girl Guides.

UKASA have donated £200 to this project.

### **GROSSARL FORUM 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> European Forum at Grossarl takes place on the above dates. Full details are available on their web site: [www.forumgrossarl.at](http://www.forumgrossarl.at) or from our International Secretary. You can register online at the web site or download a registration form. A fee of 97 euros is payable on registration but is fully refundable up to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010

There will be the usual range of activities plus the opportunity of meeting fellow ISGF members in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

### **EVENTS also taking place in 2010**

Nov 3 – 7 Europe Region Conference, Cyprus  
Regional Gathering Africa, Lusaka, Zambia  
Arab Region Conference, Jordan

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If you have access to the internet – your local library will have terminals and help at hand if you need it - please do have a look at some of the following:

The new ISGF web site: [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org) is now up and running, it is very clearly laid out and easy to navigate.

The UK ASA web site: [www.ukasa.org.uk](http://www.ukasa.org.uk) this has been updated, but more news and photos are required. Please let the Chairman or Secretary have any contributions.

The UK Trefoil Guild also have a new web site: [www.trefoilguilduk.org.uk](http://www.trefoilguilduk.org.uk) this is well worth a visit and has lots of information and ideas.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** – subscriptions for 2010 are due on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. at £4. Membership Renewal forms will be sent out in December 2009..