

UK ASA NEWS



Newsletter of the UK Adult Scout Alliance

Newsletter No. 7 - *Celebrating Scoutings Centenary*

Corrected numbering

Many of you will have helped or taken part in Centenary Celebration events and hopefully all ASA members got the opportunity to be a part of a Sunrise Ceremony, or spent just a couple of minutes at **8am on Wednesday 1st August 2007**, repeating their Scout Promise and reflecting on all that being part of Scouting has brought to our lives.



BO'NESS AND CARRIDEN BRANCH

B-P SCOUT GUILD SCOTLAND - SCOUT CENTENARY PROJECT REPORT 2007 - The seed was sown in 2004, how we as a Guild branch could recognise and celebrate the Centenary of Scouting. Our project of a tipi village was completed in time for the Area Centenary Fun Day in May 2007. The work scope was agreed by the West Lothian Area Scouts, responsibilities defined and a time table mapped out. The Bo'ness Guild has contributed in finance, & improvement of facilities, supporting Scouting at the Craigs Campsite, Torphichen, West Lothian, since the mid nineteen fifties starting with financial help in purchasing the site. This centennial project was the creation of a North American Indian Village with three wigwams (22 feet in diameter), two totem poles and ancillary equipment. Its purpose was to provide a new camping experience and additional wet weather protection for group Scouting Activities for our young people. The Guilds role was to finance the purchase of the facilities required and suitable training in the erection/dismantling of the Tipis. The site was poor, sloping to boggy ground where the Tipis were to be sited. The Craigs Site Committee organised site improvement with the help of local hauliers and our friend the local farmer who levelled out the site with over 4000 tons of rubble and soil. Meanwhile two sycamores were felled on site, cut to manageable lengths and transported to Fort William to Ivor the Carver, to slowly dry out the timber prior to his carving a totem pole. We erected our first Tipi in May 2006 as a pilot trial which was well received. We had to raise another £4000+ to purchase the other two Tipis. Early in January 2007 we took delivery of the other two Tipis for erection in March but due to a further extension of adjacent ground work they were only erected in May in time for the Area Centennial fun celebration weekend on May 25th. The totem pole was painted, erected and our information notice installed. We provided rechargeable LED lighting and installed Indian theme banners and relevant safety notices inside the Tipis. **West Lothian Scouts now have a facility with a practical purpose in a lovely setting and gives our young people enjoyment as well as a further valued asset of over £15000, with the capacity to earn income for future improvements for the site. Our Branch acknowledges with grateful thanks many individuals who contributed to our Project in many ways and the Small Awards Lottery Fund Scotland for financial assistance to realise our vision. Was it worth it? definitely yes. Full details of site facilities and contacts can be found at www.westlothianscouts.org**



Willie Taylor August

2007

SCOUT & GUIDE SPIRIT FLAME DOVER TO BROWNSEA ISLAND & THE JAMBOREE

- This was an ISGF project carried out by the UK Adult Scout Alliance. The help from the Trefoil Guild executive and members was invaluable and proved that we can work together. All our ASA members worked well with Scouting & Guiding throughout the whole duration of the project, we encountered only enthusiasm and a willingness to help and participate. Those of our members who travelled with the Flame and the young people have said how much they enjoyed the event. Scouting & Guiding members have said how much they enjoyed working with ASA members. Much positive publicity was gained for Scouting & Guiding in the UK and all those involved agree that it was a great success. The Flame was handed over by Andre Vanderlinden of Belgium at 12noon on Saturday 28th July in Dover Marina to Allan Page of UK ASA & Pam Makepeace, UK Trefoil and delivered to Leny Doelmana member of the ISGF World Committee at the ISGF Stand, in the main Plaza at the World Scout Jamboree, in Hylands Park, Essex, at approx. 3.00pm on Wednesday 1st August. A light was kept burning at all times during its journey in the UK and during its time on the ISGF stand at the Jamboree. It was finally extinguished at the end of the Jamboree and the light was blown out by Beryl Aldridge of UK ASA.

There is more information and lots of photos on the web at:

www.spirit-flame.com or www.badenpowellguild.org.uk

21ST WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE, HYLANDS PARK, ESSEX, UK



The ISGF Info Centre was manned by a team of 15 members from 7 countries, covering 6 languages. The Centre attracted 1019 visitors. The team worked in 3 groups of 4 members in 2 shifts, 10-15:30 and then 15:30 to 21:00. Tea, Coffee and Soup could be prepared in the "kitchen" as it had its own coffee machine and water cooker. The team members paid their own costs of £425 GBP or €635, as International Service Team members. Each team member also bought polo shirts @ €13 in blue with "ISGF-AISG" "International Scout and Guide Fellowship" on the back and the ISGF logo on the front. The team-members had a very good relationship with each other and they had a lot of fun.

WOSMS NEWS - 2 YOUNG Scout Leaders from Mauritania and Nepal attended the Jamboree as part of the IST funded by grants from the ISGF as part of its support to

Scouting.

B-P Scout Guild (Scotland)

AGM – Sat. 29th March 2008 – TROON

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### **Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain**

**Conference & Social Weekend**

**7<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**AGM – Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> March – Henfield, W. Sussex.**

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AGM 2008

It has not been possible to organise this on Sat. 26th April in Scotland as originally announced. A new date and venue will be circulated as soon as possible.

ISGF EVENTS -2007/2008

2nd Africa Gathering

2-9 NOVEMBER 2007 - ACCRA

Organised by the National Fellowship of St. Georges Guild – Ghana.

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## **25<sup>th</sup> ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE**

**20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Tunisia**

**(conference motto)**

### **“Together for a better World”**

The Amitié Tunisienne des Anciens Scouts et Guides is working actively in finalising the preparations of the World Conference which it is hosting. You will be welcomed in the pure tradition of the Southern hospitality. It is the first time that the ISGF has organised its World Conference on the African continent. Tunisia is situated on the Mediterranean coast of North Africa. It is the northernmost African country. Tunisia is at the crossroads of many civilizations (Phoenician, Roman, ottoman, Arab) which made it a country of consensus & sharing. The World Conference will last six days during which time Fellowship Day will be celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. On this specific day and together we will join our efforts and enthusiasm on a common community project. You will register online, or by post after the 20<sup>th</sup> September. The Host Committee is setting up its own website. The Amitié Tunisienne des Anciens Scouts et Guides has hired the services of a professional agency that will take care of your booking. Tunisia is a congress and tourist destination (many international fairs and exhibitions are held) and demands professional

standard on its associations organising such events.

## **GROSSARL FORUM – 40<sup>th</sup> YEAR**

**12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

There are already 206 participants registered including 12 from the UK. The final date for registration is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and you can register on line at: [www.forumgrossarl.at](http://www.forumgrossarl.at)

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Margaret Gossing has now been appointed to assist at the World Bureau. Margaret is bilingual and hopefully those of you who visit the Bureau in Brussels or will be attending the World Conference next year will have the opportunity of getting to know Margaret.

Stamp Bank - this still provides a valuable income for the International Development Fund.

Arab Region Conference – this was held in Tunis, Tunisia from 24th to 28th May 2007. There were around 100 participants from all the Arab Countries, including some from Jordan whose application for membership is well advanced. The National President of the Libyan Scout & Guide Fellowship, Mr Tahar Ettoumi was elected to the Arab Regional Committee.

Central Branch – (CB) is gradually expanding, with the addition of Sudan, Liberia & Jordan. Total membership is now 627 in 29 countries. The Central Branch Co-ordinator is looking for full member organisations of the ISGF who would be prepared to sponsor the Central Branch Fee for countries where there are only a very small number of members.

If any of our members are interested in this please contact our International Secretary.

Further details on international events can be obtained from our International Secretary, **Brian Staines**, who can be contacted on: 01672 511339 b.staines@btinternet.com

Booking forms for many of these events are available via the ISGF web site at:

www.isgf.org or www.ukasa.org.uk

PUBLICITY – ideas are being sought for opportunities for publicising UK ASA and the ISGF. If you know of an event, or are participating in an event where we might be able to put up some display boards and information on:

- * **Who we are**
- * **What we do**
- * **Why UK ASA & ISGF exists & how to join**

Please let us know.

WEB SITE – information and photos are continually being sought to enhance our web site.

WORLD GAZETTE – don't forget you can read or download this from the ISGF web site, via the address above.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – these will be sent out in November, subscriptions for 2008 are due on 1st Jan. at £4.

Anything to Add ?? – please contact the ASA Secretary,
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