

November 2013

Welcome to the first **Newsletter** of the Scout and Guide Fellowship (SAGF).

The fellowship was formed in 2012 to enable Scouting and Guiding members throughout the UK to belong to the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF), which we do through the National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF).

Read on for a report of some of our activities so far, and more importantly, future events which I'm sure you will want to support!

60th Anniversary.



On Fellowship Day, 25th October 2013, ISGF celebrated its 60th Anniversary (you will have all read the details of the planned festivities in the 'NSGF UK News' sent to you in early October).

About 20 adults and an assortment of Guides and Scouts joined committee throughout the afternoon and evening in Reading to enjoy a Birthday tea and to send good wishes via Skype to groups of ISGF members in Africa, Canada and many European countries. Reception varied as we all learnt by our technical mistakes and came to terms with the different time zones!



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However the most rewarding part of the day was receiving the toys that had been brought to add to the collection for the Syrian Refugee children in Jordan.

The Anniversary Project 'The Fellowship Toy' is now well and truly underway here in the UK and the really exciting news is that on 6th November the first collection of toys left the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford to begin its journey to the Za-atari camp –

2,400 toys, packed in 114 boxes, weighing a total of 555kg.

What a brilliant start! Don't forget that there are over **60,000 children** in the camp so there is a long way to go yet!

Congratulations to the Museum who hosted this first phase of the project and many thanks to

- 'Aviation without Borders' for facilitating the freight arrangements, the GIST foundation who arranged delivery of the toys to the freight depot, and the ISTAT Foundation for their grant
- UNHCR workers who will distribute them in the camp.

Collection points for boxed toys are being organised around the country in collaboration with GIST and we hope to send another consignment in February 2014, if you want to find your nearest point contact

alanbeavis@bsel.org.uk

We hope to complete our collection next May at the SAGF Gathering in Northumberland.

Please encourage your Guilds, Groups and friends to support this worthwhile ISGF venture, if you are unable to collect toys, remember it is all going to be expensive to administer and transport, so financial help will always be appreciated.

The Fellowship Toy

£££ Note from the Treasurer –
Peter Short.

Fellowship Toys - Easy way to donate

In order to make it easier to donate money online to our 'Fellowship Toys' project we have set up an account with 'BT My Donate'. Using this you can contribute any amount from £2 upwards to this NSGF/SAGF appeal and, if appropriate to your situation, make more of your contribution by completing the relevant Gift Aid declaration. Watch out for the link on our website coming very soon.

Contributions can continue to be made by cheque directly to SAGF and your Gift Aid declaration would be appreciated to swell the value of your donation.

Annual Gathering. 16th -19th May 2014.

Following the success of this years Gathering in Malvern with its fascinating connections to the Baden Powell family, it was decided to continue this heritage theme next year with a weekend in Northumberland. This will include (optional) visits to the site of the **first official Scout camp** in 1908 and the hostelry where B-P wrote parts of **Scouting for Boys**. Boys were chosen to go to the camp by entering a competition to see who could collect the most nomination forms (published in 'The Scout'), signed by their friends. 30 boys were thus selected, the leading boy having 29,018 valid coupons – no mean feat in those days!

This promises to be another memorable weekend – details and application form enclosed with this letter.

ISGF World Conference, Sydney, Australia.

World Conferences are held every 3 years in different parts of the world, the next one is due to happen from 10th – 16th October 2014, the details and application forms are now available. If you are interested please contact the International Secretary - Sue Page, who will be able to tell you who else is going from the UK (providing they have let her know!): sue.page3@btinternet.com

New members of the **ISGF World Committee** are elected at the conference; if you would like to be nominated please let us know soon, as the process needs to be initiated well in advance.

£££ Treasurers tip -

Easy International Payments

If you are making International Transfers consider using one of the specialist services available that help you avoid costly bank charges and which offer more competitive exchange rates. We used the services of CAXTONfx to pay our ISGF affiliations fees and found it simple and efficient to use and we saved about £25 in bank fees! See www.caxtonfx.com for more details – there are other similar providers so do your own research for the best rate of exchange.

Future Dates for your Diary.

Do remember that everyone is welcome at all these events (on a first come first served basis) and even if you are the only person interested in your area, someone else will surely be going from the UK and you will find plenty of 'fellowship' when you get there! Just ask if you want more details.

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May 16th – 19th. SAGF Gathering, Shepherds Dene, Riding Mill, Northumberland.

May 17th. SAGF Annual Meeting, 11am, The Hearth, Horsley, Northumberland.

May 17th. Annual meeting of the Joint National Committee of NSGF, 12.00 noon, The Hearth.

October 10th – 16th. ISGF 27th World Conference, Sydney, Australia.

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September 7th – 11th. Western Europe sub-regional Gathering in Belgium.

(This is the year for sub – regional meetings, and all members are welcome where ever they are.)

European Conference, September 2013

SAGF were well represented at this most enjoyable event, which this year took place in Scandinavia, in fact largely on ferry with excellent conference facilities as it travelled

between Stockholm and Helsinki.

An excellent balance was achieved between good speakers, wonderful food and warm, genuine hospitality.

(Even the weather was perfect)



Post conference tours enabled everyone to make the most of their time in the region, explore the local country side and culture.

Roll on the next one, which is going to be in France in 2016.

Fund Raising

Being a relatively small and new organisation, we have no financial reserves to call on for running costs and administration, so this year we are offering you the chance to **win some money** and help SAGF at the same time!

Enclosed you will find a **Quiz sheet**, please sell as many as possible at £1 each to your friends, neighbours and Guild members (target of at least 10 per member please) and you could be the lucky winner of the **£25** prize. Cheques payable to 'Scout and Guide Fellowship' marked 'Quiz', to be sent to: Peter Short. 29, Chadderton Drive, Chapel House, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE5 1EL

Completed Quiz sheets to be returned to:

Liz Aveston. 11, Eastwood Rd, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 8YJ

by March 31st 2014 – so you have plenty of time for the whole family to get involved.

Cottage to let.

One of our members has very generously offered us the proceeds from a letting of her cottage in Airton, North Yorkshire, near to the Pennine Way at £25 per night.

It is a terraced property with small garden in front.

Downstairs - lobby, living room with coal/log fire providing heating and hot water. TV, DVD, Radio, lots of books etc. Kitchen with cooker, fridge/freezer, microwave, washer/dryer, china, cutlery, pans, tea towels and emergency tea and coffee supplies.

Upstairs – 2 double bedrooms with wash basins, shower and flush toilet.

Duvets and pillows provided but bring own sheets and towels.

For more details and to check dates, contact Jan Woodroffe, 18, Becket Mews, Canterbury. CT2 8DF
01227 766414.

Sounds idyllic, **thank you very much Jan.**

Also enclosed is the form to renew your **SAGF membership** for 2014.

A good way to raise money is to increase our membership, so please copy the form for your friends.

Below is a list of the current **Committee Members** and we would be delighted if you would be willing to join us!

Also please send us feedback, ideas and suggestions for the way forward for our

Scout and Guide Fellowship.

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SAGF Application for Membership or Renewal 2014

Title: First name: Surname:

Full address:

Postcode:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

This will be used for correspondence in preference to post

Scouting/Guiding section/organization to which you belong

I subscribe to the Aims of the Scout and Guide Fellowship UK (please tick box)

I enclose my Membership Subscription of £5 for 2014 (please tick box)

Gift Aid Declaration: Please treat as Gift Aid Donations:

For gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid Donations. (please tick box)

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of income tax/and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the Charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the Charity will claim 25p of tax for every £1 that I give.

Please notify the Scout and Guide Fellowship UK if you: 1. Want to cancel this declaration. 2. Change your Name or Address. 3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or Capital Gains

I enclose a cheque to the value of £

I enclose my donation (optional) to the International Emergency Aid Fund £

Cheques payable to '**Scout and Guide Fellowship UK**'

Signed: Date:

This form, together with your cheque should be sent to:

SAGF Membership Secretary, Mrs B Aldridge, 12 Penstone Close, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 9AP

E-mail: membership@sagf.org.uk Website: www.sagf.org.uk

NB: Please be aware that your details will be kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Guidelines issued.