

Scout and Guide Newsletter

October 2015

Annual Gathering and Meeting report

This was held during our Meeting on the Isle of Man in April

Grateful **thanks** were expressed to **Alan Beavis** and **Beryl Aldridge** who wished to resign their posts as Chairman and Membership Secretary respectively.

Alan wishes to remain on the committee and **2 new members**, Katharine Diver and Margaret McColm, were elected to join. The officers are now as follows: -

Chairman, Liz Aveston. Secretary, Katharine Diver. Treasurer, Peter Short. Membership secretary, Margaret McColm. International, Dave Mowbray. Promotion and Publicity, Alan Beavis.

Membership Secretary -We give special thanks to Beryl Aldridge who has not only been our Membership Secretary since our formation, but previously since the Scout Fellowship withdrew from the International Fellowship in 1999. We thank, Beryl, most sincerely for the way in which she has kept in regular contact with our Members and I am sure we will see her at other events in the future. Margarete M stepped in with thanks from the members

Scout Association News - To those members of the Scout and Guide Fellowship from a Scouting background and for information of those in the Trefoil Guild, I am writing to update you in connection with changes in the promotion of support for International Scouting within the UK Scout Association.

As you know, we have kept in contact with Scouting through the International Scout Fellowship/International Scout Active Support Unit and in the future International Support Team.

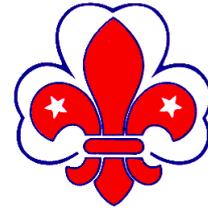
Background – These developments I have outlined in a paper which I am happy to circulate to any members upon request.

This follows the pattern of those who supported the International Scout and Guide Fellowship in the UK either through Scouting, Guiding or Trefoil Guild since 1953.

At this year's Gilwell Reunion members of the Scout and Guide Fellowship assisted in running an International Café on behalf of the International Commissioner, which formed part of the promotions in the International Marquee.

It was the most successful Café to date in promoting the new International Support Team, together with our promotions for Scouts against Malaria and the Mityana Community Development Foundation. Members requiring more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to supporting IST, hopefully through an International Scout and Guide Fellowship Active

Support Unit.



NSGF UK plan to support a Nepalese Charity , **The Nepal Educational Support Trust (Nest)** during the next few months. It was founded by Purna Kumar Shrestha in 2000 and aims to bring a sustainable improvement in the quality of life of disadvantaged communities in Nepal primarily through creating education opportunities for marginalised groups particularly for girls, children with disabilities and children affected by earthquakes. NEST helps them to get a good education, one which is relevant to their needs, suited to their environment, and one which will help them to overcome poverty and live healthily and safely in their community. NEST believes in the power of education to make the world a better place.

Following the Earthquake in Nepal volunteers from the Charity helped to distribute emergency supplies to families in Sindhupalchok which was one of the most affected districts, which was the epicentre of a powerful aftershock – measuring 6.7 magnitudes. As a result more than 90% houses were damaged and over 1500 people have died in this district alone. NEST and ICFON (a Netherlands Charity) delivered the first relief supplies to victims of Thauthali and neighbouring villages of Sindhupalchok district on 30th April.

Imagine living in a tent or temporary shelter and trying to do your homework with no electric lights and dusk comes at about 6pm. We can help by providing money for Solar Torches, each one costs about £15 each.

AGM and Gathering 2016

The next AGM and Gathering would be held in Shrewsbury, over the weekend of 15/16 May. Venue for AGM and local hotels.

Future Dates

Western Sub-Region Gathering, Belgium – 7-13 September 2015

SAGF AGM and Gathering, Shrewsbury - 15/16 May 2016

Europe Region Conference, France – 11-15 September 2016

ISGF World Conference, Bali – October 2017

Western Sub-Regional Gathering , UK – Autumn 2018.

Stamp Bank:

Peter Short has been in contact with Mark (Switzerland) and Bjorner (Sweden) regarding restarting of the stamp bank. He has also been in touch with a local philatelic club. Many thanks for the stamps so far received.

Toys For Smiles:

It is reported that the latest consignment of toys had been distributed. and hopes to have a further meeting with UNHCR for more toys to go to Turkey.

Scouts Projects

Alan Beavis reports that the Scout Association has linked with Water Aid and other charities to promote this community project and Scouts in Hampshire are promoting a project to provide nets in Africa countries to protect against Malaria.

Trefoil Guild Project

Peace Light 2014

Peter Short reports that he had met with a local charity who are helping destitute children, with a view to assisting an Arab Orthodox Scout



INVITATION

to join the 9th Conference of ISGF Europe Region
12th to 14th of September 2016, Tours, France



The Committee of the ISGF Europe Region invites all European member countries to join the 9th Conference in Tours, in the romantic valley of the River Loire.

The conference will take place at the Conference Centre "Vinci". Simultaneous translation into the official languages of the Region Europe will be provided. Accommodation will be offered in hotels with different price levels. When registering, you will book hotel and sign up for the excursions and a possible post conference tour.

Please look for more information on the home page of ISGF/regions/events and download and print out registration forms and detailed information in due time.

Possible proposals for financial support to attend the conference should be sent via the International Secretary of the National Fellowship to the representative of the Sub-Region, the country belongs to, not later than 31st of March 2016. The decision of the committee will follow in time before the end of the registration.

Please note, that any proposed amendments to the constitution must be received by the Europe Region Committee not later than 31st of October 2015.

On behalf of the Committee of ISGF Europe Region I hope, that a huge number of members will attend and look forward to an animated attendance.

Yours in fellowship,

President ISGF Europe Region



SAGF

STAMPBANK

ISGF

HELP RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING USED STAMPS –

Let us turn your used postage stamps, postcards, first day covers, foreign coins and banknotes into funds to support SAGF and develop ISGF member organizations in the UK and abroad.

Background:

In 1965, guild members in Norway decided to collect and sell used stamps in support of Guiding and Scouting in any part of the world. Since then National Scout and Guide Fellowships and Central Branch groups have established national/local Stamp Bank teams to organize the collecting, cutting, sorting out and selling at national level. The proceeds from the sales were used locally or forwarded to the International Development Fund who provides the practical financial support for Guiding and Scouting. We now wish to establish a "Stamp Bank" for used postage stamps in the UK to support SAGF and ISGF.

What you can do:

The **individual SAGF or Guild** should collect all kind of used stamps and post related items. Such stamps can be collected from the individual members received letters/postcards, from the family and neighbors, from the working place, from shops, from hotels and from any other place that receives some kind of post with stamps. Ideally the stamps on paper should be neatly trimmed avoiding damaging the perforations. It is a very good group activity to spend an afternoon or evening with many scissors cutting the stamps off the envelopes – a lot of talking and exchange of ideas and information can be done at the same time!

START SAVING AND TRIMMING NOW !!

Send your stamps etc to

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INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP

Chairman's talk

Mida Rodrigues

Dear members from ISGF,
Dear friends,

It's a great pleasure to share with you the first ISGF INFO 2015 and turn possible to all members of our movement, updated information on the past and the future events.

The ISGF world is very active and every day many things happen at World, Region, Local and personal level. Let's share these events with our members and friends.

The Web page is ISGF's main way of information, but INFO will be its complement and may be printed to be distributed during meetings and other gatherings.

While you are reading this INFO, the ISGF booth at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan is showing to the young Scouts the work of the Adult Scouting and Guiding, the Nepal CB members are using the funds sent by the ISGF members to the relief earthquake project.

The appeal on how to be a volunteer is also near an article about a friend who left us after a full life dedicated to Scouting.

Future is also here, our Fellowship Day, 25th October will be a fundraising day to face payment of fees or other projects and the Global Project 2015 – HAITI is launched.

All the Regions are also mentioned with some of their most important topics. I'm sure next INFO will be full of news from all over the world, so send your pictures and information to the WB. worldbureau@isgf.org
Enjoy this INFO and have a restful holidays.

Yours in Fellowship

ISGF Info

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Global Project 2015 – Haiti
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News from the Regions

- Africa: Sabine Zigani, new vice chair of the Regional Committee, Website of the Region.
- AsPac: Satish R. Khanna – award
- Arab Maghreb Sub-Region
- Europe: 6th Workshop, Jamboretto
- Western Hemisphere, news from Argentina and Canada, celebrations



Brussels, 18 June 2015.

To: National Presidents, International Secretaries, Region and Sub-Region Committees, and Contact Persons of the Central Branch groups,

Dear members,

The ISGF is composed of 63 NSGFs and 38 Central Branch groups in all corners of the world, which means that the ISGF is rich in cultural diversity, experiences and knowledge. We all work for the benefit of Scouting and Guiding, and for the betterment of our world, but what about the ISGF itself?

I would like to emphasise once again the importance of increasing the ISGF's resources to make our organisation a truly recognised international organisation. Actually the ISGF is short of the resources needed of every kind, 'human' and 'financial', in order to implement larger scale projects and actions and to be at the same level as other international organisations that play a role on the international stage. The ISGF wants to have its part as well.

We are at a critical point which seems like an endless circle. Indeed, we all know how important the financial aspect is, but if we do not have more volunteers at the ISGF level, to shape and to develop important programs is a challenge for us, so we are not as significant as we would like to, and so it is difficult to attract sponsors, to establish partnerships etc. So let's start by building up our workforce.

In 2014, a letter was sent to you asking you to get involved with the ISGF as a volunteer. So far unfortunately we have received no replies.

During the ISGF World Conference in Sydney, I reminded the delegates of the importance of the programme which was running at the time '*Strategic Plan to Develop and Enhance ISGF and NSGF Fund Resources*', and I announced to you that we would send you an updated volunteering form. Well here it is.

In the form '*volunteering form 2015*'; you will see that we have defined various teams to support the ISGF World Committee and the World Bureau to improve the ISGF's efficiency and to lead the ISGF to a strong position as an international leader, and also to better support the ISGF Members but also the Communities.

We urge you to circulate this form among your members and to appeal to them to get involved at the world level and to work closely with the WCom.

I also take this opportunity to greet and thank all the volunteers who work at local, regional and national levels. Our appeal now is at the international level.

Thank you for your actions which give life to the ISGF. But now we need to position the ISGF in such a way that no one will doubt the added value of being a member of the ISGF.

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