



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2018

Dear all,

Little did I know that attending the ISGF World conference in Vienna 2008 would lead to me being appointed chairman of the Scout and Guide Fellowship UK. I was so taken by the friendship bestowed to me from complete strangers at the event that I renewed my Promise at a mountain top moment (literally) and became a member. Since then I have taken a keen interest in our International dimension and disappointed when Trefoil UK withdrew their membership. Daunted by the task in front of me I am surrounded with a very experienced team who I know will guide and support me in my new role. If you are coming to Eastbourne for the Western European Gathering in October please introduce yourself – you never know you might be in my shoes later!



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The SAGF -UK Team for 2018/19

Chairman - Muriel Rayner

Secretary - Jane Wardropper

Membership Secretary - Ms Margaret McColm

International Rep - David Mowbray

Co Opted Member - Isle of Man Group – Mrs Diane Haigh

Representatives on the Joint National Committee.

Margaret McColm, Muriel Rayner and Alan Beavis

Treasurer – Peter Short

Webmaster - Sue Beavis

Membership

If you have forgotten to renew your 2018 membership can you please do so now? We can only keep our membership fee low if we keep our numbers up. Many thanks to those of you who made a donation with your 2018 subscription.

A membership application form is available on our website www.sagf.org.uk this has been updated for 2019. New members subscribing now will have nothing more to pay until January 2020.

Gathering and AGM 2018

An enjoyable successful weekend was held in Halifax. The hotel venue in a central location was excellent. The main meeting room was spacious and allowed for a display of camp blankets and capes and philatelic memorabilia by Helen Woods. We visited the historic Piece Hall and enjoyed an evening meal together in an old pub. The AGM business was despatched speedily and the new committee welcomed. On the Sunday morning we catered for the AGM of the Joint National Committee (NSGF).



The AGM brought to a close our appeal for funds for The Ghanaian Children's Trust although it is still possible to donate directly, see their website www.ghanaianchildrenstrust.co.uk

Gathering and AGM 2019

It has been proposed that we meet in Bristol for our 2019 Gathering and AGM. Please let us know your ideas for a suitable theme and programme.

Uganda Appeal

Under the partnership with the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** and **ISGF**, they have asked all National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGFs) to assist **South Sudanese Refugees living in North West Uganda** by providing them with funds to construct semi-permanent shelters.

Our International Representative, Dave Mowbray has many years of experience with Scouting Links and of Charity operations with Uganda and was formally approached by the World Committee and asked if he would consider being co-opted as a member and adviser to the ISGF/UNCR project and to serve until 2020. SAGF agreed at the AGM in May to adopt this project as our charity for 2018/19. We will be making a special appeal for contributions. For details of the project visit www.isgf.org. To donate please use the form enclosed or the 'Mydonate' button on our website www.sagf.org.uk

Uganda expedition 2019/2020

In order to cement the ISGF National Twinning between the UK and Uganda it has been suggested that an expedition to Uganda be arranged for late 2019 or early 2020. An outline possible programme is fly to Kampala and spend a couple of days in the capital meeting members of the Uganda SGF, then a short safari through a national park, finally paying a visit to the ISGF refugee village to see at first hand the scale of the problem and the need for more help. If you are interested in going on this expedition, or, have ideas or suggestions supporting this initiative, please contact us so that we can develop a suitable plan.

Twining

We have an ISGF twinning arrangement between NSGF-GB and the Uganda SGF. The ISGF Twining Officer is also able to assist twinning at local Guild and group level. Members in the North East are working on a project to revive the civic twinning links between Newcastle upon Tyne area and Newcastle, New South Wales. Already our members in Newburn Trefoil Guild have started corresponding with Lower Hunter Trefoil Guild East Maitland, New South Wales and other Tyneside Guilds have expressed an interest in starting links with NSW.

Western European Gathering, Eastbourne 8th – 12th October 2018

We look forward to meeting members in Eastbourne in October. Although at the time of writing the hotel was fully booked for the Gathering it is worth checking with Mrs Janette Kenworthy

(janette.kenworthy@btopenworld.com) for availability of any last minute cancellations or you could stay at a nearby hotel and come as a day visitor.

Berkshire Scout Enterprises

BSE have announced the retirement of Alan Beavis and of his move to the Bristol area. We thank Alan and BSE for the many years of support and use of their facilities and for their sponsorship of our Insurance Cover. Alan continues to support SAGF and NSGF as well as many other Scout related and charitable organisations.

We are pleased to announce that Arbeia Business Services have kindly agreed to provide the Registered Office address for Tax and other legal requirements. The address is:-

South Shields Business Works (124), Henry Robson Way, South Shields, NE33 1RF

Members Photos



(Left) photo of SAGF officers: Jane Wardropper (Secretary) Muriel Rayner (Chairman) and Liz Aveston (Former Chairman), who are all from the same Trefoil Guild and have been appointed Vice Presidents of Girlguiding Shropshire.

(Right) Shropshire Trefoil Guild, which has several SAGF members, entered a garden in the Shrewsbury Flower show and gained a silver gilt award. The garden showed our memories from 1943 - 2018 and incorporated the colours from our old scarf. It not only featured our Trefoil Rose (developed specially for our 75th birthday) but a campfire, Anderson shelter, woodland and vegetable garden. The trefoil shaped patio led to our past by three steps, our Promise, Law and Motto. It was admired by the public and could bring forward some new members.



Please let us have your news stories and photographs for later editions of our newsletters.