

NSGF UK NEWS

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Newsletter of the National Scout and Guide Fellowship United Kingdom.



Thinking Day Greetings to all ISGF members wherever you may be, we will be 'Thinking of You' on 22nd February and remembering our Founders, Lord & Lady Baden-Powell. We send our Best Wishes for your Celebrations.



THE ISGF FELLOWSHIP TOY PROJECT

In April 2013 Martine Levy, a former member of the World Committee, arranged a meeting with United Nations High Commission for Refugees in London to talk about a project similar to that which had been run in France, where ISGF members collected & sent to Turkey 350 kg of toys for refugee children from Syria. After this meeting the UNHCR advised us that we might be able to work with Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford and Aviation without Borders – a UK Charity that arranges for transportation of Human Aid to deserving areas around the world. The project was to be known as **"Toys for Smiles"**.

The UNHCR identified the refugee camp at Zaatari in Jordan which shelters more than 130,000 Syrian refugees of whom over 60,000 are children. After two telephone conferences we set about preparing the marketing and publicity for the project.

The Pitt Rivers Museum, offered to run special workshops during the schools' half term holiday and a day for Scouts and Guides, with toy making, tours and object handling a feature of the visit. Aviation Without Borders were able to arrange a grant from the International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (ISTAT) Foundation to cover the cost of freight charges and the GIST Foundation for collecting the goods around the country and transporting them to the freight forwarder depot.

The Scout & Guide Fellowship UK contacted their members to encourage local Scouts and Guides to start collections and become local co-ordinators. Similarly, the Baden Powell Guild of Great Britain asked members in their branches to set up collection points for toys. On the 60th anniversary of the International Fellowship, 25 October 2013, a celebration event was held at Gravelly Training Centre, Grazeley, Berkshire for members of the National Scout & Guild Fellowship UK, this celebration was used to invite local scouts to bring along toys for the Toys for Smiles project.

PHASE 1 was completed when 2400 toys in 114 boxes, weighing 555kg, occupying 4.8 cu. m, left Heathrow via Qatar Airline for Amman on Monday 18th November 2013. Save the Children assisted with the distribution of these toys on 22nd December and the event was one of the headline news items in the UNHCR web site. It was wonderful to see the smiles on the children's faces in the photos provided by UNHCR. To see these, google "toys for smiles NUHCR UK"

PHASE 2



We already have over 1600 toys collected by the Baden-Powell Guild members plus another 80 boxes stored at Grazeley. We therefore have sufficient toys for a Phase 2 operation in March.

PHASE 3

We understand that there are toys collected by members of the Newcastle Gang Show. Explorer Scouts in Hertfordshire have open a Warehouse to collect toys in their County and a collection will take place in Shropshire during March. A further telephone conference between the partners has taken place. The effectiveness of Phase 1 has been analysed and the lessons learnt will be applied in the future.

The final collection will be made at the NSGF AGM on 17th May.

WANTED

The NSGF Web site, www.nsgf.org.uk is now up and running. We urgently need a **Webmaster**, simple work keeping the site updated. If you think you could do this, please apply to alanbeavis@bsel.org.uk or alanbeavis@btinternet.com

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY AID FUND

This fund was set up to receive donations so that NSGF UK had a small amount of money that it could donate **immediately** to any **ISGF** International Emergency Appeal that your JNC felt was suitable. Members of SAGF have donated £60 to this fund so far in 2014. There was also a £5 balance from 2013.

The JNC would like to see this fund reach its target amount of £200 so if you would like to make a donation, please make any cheques out to SAGF and send to Peter Short, 29 Chadderton Drive, Chapel House, Newcastle NE5 1EL.

The National Scout & Guide Fellowship of Australia
invites you to the

27th ISGF-AISG WORLD CONFERENCE

Friendship – Beneath Southern Skies
Olympic Park, Sydney, Australia
October 11th – 15th 2014

This will be an interesting programme, mixing the work of the World Conference, with social events and wonderful dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour. There will be plenty of opportunity for meeting ISGF members from around the world, and lots of friendship and fun. You can be met at the airport (if you arrive on Fri. 10th Oct.) and transferred back on Thurs 16th, or you can make your own way. There is a direct rail link from the airport to Olympic Park. There is a choice of Day tours on Wednesday 15th and also a choice of 5 or 7 day post conference tours within New South Wales, Australia and also a choice of tours to New Zealand.

Registration forms are available from the ISGF Web site www.isgf.org – then go to Downloads – World Conference 2014 or from the International Secretary: sue.page3@btinternet.com or 01886 832940.

REGISTRATION FORMS should be completed and returned by 30th April 2014 together with a 50% deposit. I will be happy to help anyone to complete the forms. I also have information on **obtaining a Visa** (ask your travel agent to do this for you when you book your flights) and Quarantine and Prohibited Goods. **If you would like to arrive before Friday 10th October and want to book into the conference this can be indicated on the registration form, the same if you want to stay on after Thursday 15th Oct. Don't forget to add on the hotel payment for the extra nights, but the Conference people will do the booking for you. The Balance should be paid by 15th July 2014 as should any travel details unknown when the Registration form is completed.**

This is a truly marvellous opportunity to sample the delights of Australian friendship with meeting ISGF members from around the World.

Please do not forget to let the International Secretary know when you are attending international events. sue.page3@btinternet.com Or 01886 832940

FUTURE ISGF EVENTS

2014

Oct. 10–16: 27th World Conf., Sydney, Australia

2015

Jun. 26-30: 28th Nordic/Baltic Gathering, Denmark
Sept. 7-11: 26th Western Europe Gathering, Belgium
Sept. 23-27: 8th Central Europe Gathering, Austria
4th South American Gathering, Argentina
14th Asia Pacific Gathering, Bangalore, India
15th Mediterranean Gathering, Marrakech

2016

9th Europe Region Conference, France

The Tourist Board of Grossarl invite you to join
1st Friendship Gathering of Guild Scouts and Guides
21st to the 28th of June 2014

They have provided a programme very similar to the old one. More information you can get from the website: www.grossarltal.info or email info@grossarltal.info

2014 AGM'S

National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK

JNC AGM - Sat 17th May 2014 12.30

The JNC AGM will be held on Saturday 17 May 2014 at 'The Hearth', an Art Centre and Café in Horsley Village, Nr. Newcastle NE15 0NT at 12.30. All members are welcome to attend as 'observers'. If you are coming just for the day, please complete a booking form, available to download from www.sagf.org.uk or from the Secretary: sue.page3@btinternet.com Tel: 01886 832940

Hosted by the Scout and Guide Fellowship

Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain AGM

Sat 12th April 2014 – 11.15am

Old Pixham School, Pixham Lane, DORKING, RH4 1PT
This will be followed by a buffet lunch, afternoon visits, and an evening meal and games evening. Booking forms available from allan.page@talk21.com

Scout and Guide Fellowship AGM

Sat 17th May 2014 11am

The Hearth, Horsley, Northumberland NE15 0NT
At their Annual Gathering, taking place from Friday 16 May to Monday 19 May 2014 at Shepherds Dene, Riding Mill, Northumberland.

See website: www.sagf.org.uk for more details. An interesting programme of events and visits has been arranged. This will be a weekend of fun and friendship do come along and join in. Shepherds Dene is a house built in the 'Arts & Crafts' style providing a warm & friendly welcome with lovely open fireplaces, comfortable accommodation and extensive gardens including a 'camp fire circle'. It is easily accessible from either the A68 or A69 by car or transport can be arranged from Riding Mill Station, on the Carlisle to Newcastle train line.

NSGF UK JNC (Joint National Committee) Members

Chairman – Alan Beavis, SAGF
Vice Chairman – Jane Wardropper, BPG
International Sec. – Sue Page, BPG
Treasurer – Peter Short, SAGF
Liz Aveston – Committee Member, SAGF
Allan Page – Committee Member, BPG

The International Secretary has the following for Sale

Metal, pin ISGF Badges @ £2 each
Stick on Car Badges @ 50p each
Tie Clip @ £7.50 each, prices include postage
(Please make cheques payable to NSGF UK)

All contributions for the next edition by 1st September
2014 please to Sue Page: sue.page3@btinternet.com