

NSGF UK NEWS

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Newsletter of the National Scout and Guide Fellowship United Kingdom.

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of ISGF the World Committee have arranged both a day of Celebration and a Project. ISGF is now composed of 61 NSGF with a further 40 countries represented in the Central Branch, all this is based on the cornerstones of the 18 Founding Countries, of which the UK is one, who first met together in Lucerne on 25th October 1953.

ISGF 60th Anniversary



60TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

Friday 25th October 2013

World Committee members will gather in Geneva, all members are invited to join in with the celebrations, and to enable this to happen, a Skype connection will be open from 11pm (Geneva time = Midnight UK) for 24 hours. It will start with a Press Conference and the first international contact is expected to be with Australia at 2am UK time.

25th October 2013 – Fellowship Day UK

You are invited to share in the festivities of the 60th Anniversary of the International Fellowship when in the UK "ISFG on AIR" will come to you. NSGF JNC are organising a day of contact via Skype so that as many members as possible are able to share in this event. The JNC is meeting on that day at Gravelly Training Centre, Gravelly Bridge Farm, Grazeley Green Road, Grazeley, Reading RG7 1LG. See web www.bsel.org.uk for directions to the venue.

During the day, we will make Skype contacts with members around the world and at the Regional Celebration events as organised by the World Committee. Please advise the JNC Secretary, Sue Page as soon as possible if you would like to attend. sue.page3@btinternet.com or 01886 832940

The World Committee have also launched an appeal to raise £60,000 if you would like to make a donation to this appeal, this will be collected at the Annual Meeting on 17th May 2014 – see NSGF UK AGM for details

If people wish to contribute to the ISGF Jubilee Appeal, (see the World Chairman's letter on the ISGF Web site www.isgf.org.) their individual donations will be collected separately at the Annual Meeting and forwarded to the International Fellowship Office in Brussels.



60TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

As part of the celebrations members throughout the world are taking part in a project "The Fellowship Toy" collecting toys for refugee children (see www.isgf.org web site). In the United Kingdom we are working with three partner organisations: the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Aviation Without Borders (AWB) & the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, our project is in two parts.

It starts with the "Toys for Smiles" activity at the Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford over the 3 days of 28/29/30 October 2013. There is also a special day for Scouts and Guides on Thursday 31 October 2013. If you live in the area and can, please do go along and support it.

The second part will run from October until our Annual Meeting on 17 May 2014 (see AGM for details). During this time we hope that all members will take part. The project aims to provide toys for Syrian children aged 4 – 10 in the second largest refugee camp in the world, at Zaatari Jordan.

The toys should be suitable for boys or girls in a Muslim country. By special request of UNHCR please **DO NOT collect soft cuddly toys**, as in the camp situation they could present a potential health risk.

To send toys to Jordan is expensive, thus in addition to collecting toys, we ask that each Guild / Member raises money for this. As a guideline it is suggested a minimum of £5 for each box of toys collected.

More details can be found on our web site www.nsgf.org.uk., from the Secretary of your organisation or the International Secretary Sue Page, sue.page3@btinternet.com.

We are arranging collection points for the toys and you will be notified of these later.

Europe Region Conference

The 8th Europe Region Conference from Sept. 5-8th, was organised by the members of the Nordic Baltic Sub Region. The smooth running of the event was a tribute to the team work of the member countries. It was unique as it started in a Conference Hall in Stockholm and continued next day on a ferry boat en-route for Helsinki, where we were able to explore the City, before concluding during the return journey to Stockholm (luckily the crossing was very smooth). There were members attending from 21 Countries including two Central branch countries Israel and Netherlands and also guests from Libya. The Key note speaker Kjell Magne Bondevik spoke on his work, on conflict resolution, in connection with the Oslo Peace Centre. He was followed by Mida Rodrigues, ISGF World Chairman who spoke about the 60th Anniversary Celebrations and the Fellowship Toy. The business of the conference included the Chairman's Report and a report of the successful use of German as a language in the Central Sub Region where all translations of papers are done in the sub region. The accounts were approved and it was decided that the Annual Europe Fee would remain at 40 Euro per country.

The New European Committee Members are: Katharine Diver (UK) Western Sub Region; Hans Slanec (Austria) Central Sub Region; Sara Rocha (Portugal) South Sub Region; and Doris Stockman (Finland) Nordic Baltic Sub Region.

FUTURE ISGF EVENTS

2013

Oct 25: 60th Anniversary of ISGF

2014

Jan 20-25: 4th Africa Gathering, Johannesburg

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

2015

28th Nordic/Baltic Gathering, Denmark

4th South American Gathering, Argentina

14th Asia Pacific Gathering, Bangalore, India

Sept 7-11 26th Western Europe Gathering, Belgium

Sept 23-27 - 8th Central Europe Gathering, Austria

October - 15th Mediterranean Gathering, Marrakech

Please do not forget to let the International Secretary know when you are attending international events.

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)

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

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

2014 AGM'S

Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain AGM

Sat 12th April 2014 – 11.15am

Old Pixham School, Pixham Lane,
DORKING, Surrey RH4 1PT

This will be followed by a buffet lunch, afternoon visits, and an evening meal and games evening.

Scout and Guide Fellowship AGM

Sat 17th May 2014 11am

The Hearth, Horsley
Northumberland NE15 0NT

National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK

ANNUAL MEETING & JNC AGM

Sat 17th May 2014 12.30

Hosted by the SAFG

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday 17 May 2014 at 'The Hearth', an Art Centre and Café in Horsley Village, Nr. Newcastle, Northumberland.

Hosted by the Scout and Guide Fellowship at their Annual Gathering, taking place from Friday 16 May to Monday 19 May 2014 at Shepherds Dene, Riding Mill, Northumberland, a delightful centre owned by the Diocese of Newcastle.

Full details from their website: www.sagf.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY AID FUND

NSGF UK has for some years had an International Donation Fund, funded by donations from members.

This was set up following the disaster in Haiti when ISGF put out an appeal for funds to be channelled through them to give to the Scout & Guides in Haiti to replace buildings and equipment lost in the earthquake. Members felt it would be a good idea to keep a small fund from which immediate donations could be made to International Scout & Guide projects, particularly those recommended by the ISGF World Committee. **It was decided by the JNC at their meeting in July 2013 to rename this, as above, to avoid confusion with the ISGF International Development Fund.** This will still be funded through voluntary donations. There will be an item on the Membership Renewal Form to enable members to add on a donation for this fund. The JNC has set an initial target of raising £200 per year.

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