

Newsletter of the UK Adult Scout Alliance

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You will note that for this edition, the usual ISGF badge has been replaced by the logo of the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame. Hopefully some of you have been following the progress of the Flame on its journey from Kenya.

On Saturday 28th July the Flame will arrive in the UK at Dover and begin its 3 day journey to Brownsea Island. It will travel via Folkestone to Hythe on that first day. On 29th July it will leave Tenterden on the 11.45 Train to Bodiam, from there it will travel via Burwash, Heathfield, Newick, & Haywards Heath to arrive in Henfield where it will take part in their Centenary Celebrations. On 30th July the Flame will travel along the A272 to Petersfield & then to Cheriton, Winchester, Romsey, Copythorne, Foxlease (where it will be greeted by Trefoil and Guides), and to the Hampshire County Centenary Scout Camp at New Park; it will leave here on 31st for Crow Hill, Ringwood, Hengistbury, Christchurch and arrive at Poole harbour for 2.30, where it will be greeted by the Mayor of Poole, the Chairman and members of the World Committee of ISGF and many other ISGF members from around the world. Scouts from the Lilliput Sea Scouts will take the Flame to Brownsea Island where a ceremony will be held to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. The Flame will join in the Sunrise Ceremony at Buddens, the Dorset County Centenary Scout Camp, where ISGF members will also be present to renew their Scout Promise.

The Flame will leave Buddens on the morning of 1st August and should arrive at the World Scout Centenary Jamboree later that afternoon. It will be greeted by ISGF members and displayed on their stand in the International Section of the Jamboree (do make a point of visiting if you are going). Its final resting place will be the World Bureau in Brussels where it will be taken when the Jamboree closes on 4th August. What a journey it will have taken, from Kenya through, Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt, Crete, Greece, Italy, France, Belgium, the UK, and back to Belgium. How many Scouts and Guides will have travelled with the Flame, how many more will its influence have touched – possibly millions – how proud are the ASA members who have enabled this project, and how grateful they are to the members of the Scout Association and Girlguiding in the UK for their assistance. What a wonderful example of how Scouting and Guiding worldwide work together and a truly memorable way to

Celebrate Scoutings Centenary

"One World, One Promise"

Many of you will have helped or taken part in Centenary Celebration events already, hopefully all ASA members will get the opportunity to be a part of a Sunrise Ceremony, or will spend just a couple of minutes at **8am on Wednesday 1st August**, repeating their Scout Promise and reflecting on all that being part of Scouting has brought to our lives.

For more information on the Route of the Flame please contact Allan Page, Tel: 01886 832940 or email: allan.page@talk21.com or www.spirit-flame.com

"Past, Present, Future weekend"

Friday 27 - Sunday 29 April 2007

ASA members were joined by members of the UK Africa & the International Scout Fellowships for a weekend of meetings and social interaction during which time both these groups and the Central Group of ASA held meetings and their AGM's. The location was the Tynedale Function Suite in Hexham, on **Sat. 28th April**. Various meetings were held in the morning and after a delicious buffet lunch the AGM of UK ASA began at 2.00pm. The Annual Report for 2006 and the Treasurers Reports, including the proposal to keep the annual subscription to £4 for 2008, were approved by the members and one new member, Isobel Vernolini, was nominated to the ASA Committee by the B-P Scout Guild (Scotland) and approved by the meeting.

During the Open Forum ideas put forward for publicising ASA, included making members of Scouting more aware of our organisation by attendance at 'happenings' and with 'visits', giving help and support to young Scouts & Guides, in particular those going abroad, plus 'looking wider' and helping in the community.

Tea was served prior to members leaving for Fourstones and a walk to the Cairn erected in 1958 to commemorate the first official Scout Camp.

The evening meal was followed by a very interesting and informative talk by a 'Roman Centurion', this was excellent and much enjoyed by all present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007/2008

Chairman – Allan Page

International Secretary – Brian Staines

Secretary – Sue Page

Treasurer – Alan Beavis (co-opted)

Central Group Co-ordinator – Beryl Aldridge

Committee Members – Dave Mowbray, Jim Hannah,

Isobel Vernolini, Alec Fraser

Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain

Conference & Social Weekend

30th March – 1st April 2007

Warm sunshine greeted members on their arrival at Bromborough on the Wirral. Two birthdays were celebrated with a cake & a toast on the Friday evening and food & drink seemed to be one of the mainstays of the weekend. Members enjoyed a guided tour of Poulton Hall gardens on Saturday 31st with tables and chairs moved outside so that lunch could be taken in the garden to make the most of the glorious sunshine. The AGM was held in 'The Barn' which was cool with comparison with the day outside. The President opened the meeting with a prayer and conveyed "Greetings" from the B-P Scout Guild (Scotland) who were holding their AGM on the same day. The Chairman's Cup for service to the Guild or the Community was awarded to Stan Kemp for his work on the Flame Project. Peter Skilton was elected as Treasurer, other members of the committee continuing in office. The 2008 AGM will be held on Sat. 8th March at Henfield, W. Sussex.

The B-P Guild is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in 2007

B-P Scout Guild (Scotland)

Annual General Meeting

31st March 2007

In honour of Scoutings Centenary the AGM this year was held aboard 'The Maid of Forth'. The boat sailed at 12 noon with 74 members, family & friends on board. After lunch, the outgoing Chairman, Willie Taylor welcomed Guild members to the AGM, giving a special mention to 2 members of the Trefoil Guild and 4 members of the Scout Fellowship. Robert Nicol was elected to the Chair, and Peter Sandford to the committee all other members of the GNC remaining in post. A vote of thanks was given to Willie Taylor for his work during his term of office. The next AGM will be held in Troon on Sat 29th March 2008

European Conference - Cracow, Poland

June 20-24th 2007

Beryl Aldridge & Peter Short were appointed as our delegates. Approximately 440 ISGF members, including 7 from UK ASA, from 28 countries, took part in the European Conference in Cracow, Poland. 26 countries were members of the European Region, Israel and Tunisia were guests. The delegates and participants were met at the airport by young Scouts and Guides who made sure everyone got taxis to their respective hotels. The temperature throughout was 32-33 degrees with a few thunder and lightning storms at night.

The Scouts and Guilds could not do enough for us and always with a smile. When we tried to thank them for their help, *they* thanked *us* for helping them with their English!!

The opening of the Conference was at the impressive City Hall. As we arrived the stone stairway leading to the first floor of the Hall was lined by Polish Scouts and Guides holding the National Flags of the participating countries. During the 4 days we were treated to concerts, campfires fireworks etc. Several excursions were arranged. The meals and programme were excellent, with few hiccups. Cyprus won the vote for the next European Conference in 2010

The new European Committee is as follows:

Chair	Jane Wardropper	Western Europe
Treasurer/PR	Werner Weilguny	Central Europe
Secretary	Olav Balle	Northern Europe
Member	Christos Loukatos	Southern Europe
Liaison	Anne Dupont	World Ctee

Isobel Vernolini, Beryl Aldridge, Peter Short

ISGF EVENTS -2007/2008

2nd Africa Gathering

2-9 NOVEMBER 2007 ACCRA

25th ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE

20th – 26th October 2008 – Tunisia

Further details on international events can be obtained from our International Secretary, **Brian Staines**, who can be contacted on: 01672 511339 b.staines@btinternet.com

Booking forms for many of these events are available via the ISGF web site at:

www.isgf.org or www.ukasa.org.uk