

UK ASA NEWS



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"ISGF NEWS"

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Dear friends,

I came back from Kenya just a few hours earlier and I found many messages wishing me a happy "Thinking day". I thank all their authors.

Never in all my Guide life I had such a "Thinking Day". It has been a wonderful privilege to live the one of this year 2007. It will never happen again.

Not even a week ago, Rigmor Lauridsen, Mario Sica (members of the World Committee and members of the Flame team) and me were in Nyeri surrounded by many other persons: VIPs from Kenya, Scouts and Guides from Kenya, the WAGGGS Africa Committee, the WOSM Africa office director, foreign delegations from about 30 countries. And may be one or two thousands of persons, I don't know.

After a long procession between "Paxtu", B-P's last residence, and the cemetery, 200 to 300 persons were gathered around the grave of our Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell, to pay him a tribute and to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting. Of course, his wife, Olave, World Guide Chief, buried at the same place, was also in our thoughts.

But we were there also to lit the ISGF "Scout and Guide Spirit Flame" which will go from country to country, from hand to hand and will arrive at the Jamboree of the Centenary in UK in August after a trek of about 15 000 kilometres.

What a lot of happiness, what a lot of emotion, but also what a pride to see our ISGF Flag leading a procession of several hundreds of people.

Our "Scout and Guide Spirit Flame" has not been allowed to continue its route towards the Ethiopian border for security reasons ; then it came back to Nairobi where it is expecting for a transport , probably an airborne one, which will take it to the Ethiopians on due time.

Then in Nairobi, it has been present during the "Thinking Day" celebration held on the 23rd February in the Cathedral, in presence of the First Lady of Kenya.

And it was also there on the 24th February during the Opening of the Africa Region Committee meeting of WAGGGS, at the Kenya Girl Guides Association headquarters, in presence of His

Excellency the Vice-president of Kenya.

Yes, these few days spent in Kenya, have been under the seal of this singularly strong symbol which is the ISGF "SCOUT AND GUIDE SPIRIT FLAME".

I would like to thank sincerely and very warmly :

- the World Committee "Flame team" who made a remarkable work
- the Scouts and Guides of Kenya, who, not only did an exemplary work, but who also shown a boundless enthusiasm for our project.
- The active and former Scouts and Guides of all the other countries where the Flame will pass through who actively prepare its arrival.
- The countries where the Flame won't go for the interest they gave to the project supporting it in a way or another
(fundraising, local website, action)
- All those who said that they wish to come to a place or another.
- The webmaster who offers us an excellent special website and who on the 22nd February has nurtured the site with the first photos.
- WAGGGS and WOSM who supported the project all along its preparation
- The WAGGGS Africa Committee who has brought forward of one month its meeting and who has changed the place to be able to participate to this ceremony.
- The sponsors.

And I thank by advance all those who would like to finance the project even modestly, now it has started.

Yours sincerely

Martine Levy

ISGF World Committee Chairman

"Social & Business"

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report an increase in Membership, the Total for 2006 was 213, this was an increase of 89 over 2005 (134). The total for 2007 as at 7th February stood at 222. Please keep it going – shall we aim at 250 for the total at the end of 2007?

Sue Page, Secretary Feb 07

A.G.M'S

Both the B-P Scout Guild (Scotland) and the Baden Powell Guild of Gt. Britain are holding their National AGM's on Saturday 31st March 07 – we wish them well and look forward to reports in the next Newsletter.

UKASA AGM weekend

Friday 27 - Sunday 29 April 2007

The location of the AGM & other meetings will be the Tynedale Function Suite in Hexham, on **Sat. 28th April** starting with Registration from 10.00am after which will be meetings for the ASA Committee, Central Group and the AGM of the International Scout Fellowship. A buffet lunch will follow and the AGM of UK ASA will start at 2.00pm.

Accommodation is still available at The George, Cholleford. This lovely riverside Hotel is 5 miles from Hexham. Cost is £50 single/ £55 double B&B. If you would like to stay there you need to phone The George on 01434681611. You need to say you would like a room from those reserved for the Adult Scout Alliance. Payment is made directly to the hotel. There are other hotels, B&B's and campsites in the area. You can get more information from the Tourist Info Centre in Hexham on 01434652220.

81st GILWELL REUNION Weekend

7th – 9th September 2007

It has been decided that we will not be having a stand at this event for 2007, but we do hope that those of you who attend will send in a report for inclusion in the Newsletter

ISGF EVENTS - 2006 -2007



June 20-24th 2007
European Conference
Cracow, Poland

The Cracow Region of The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association invite you to the 6th AISG – ISGF European Conference. The conference will take place in Cracow from 20th till 24th of June 2007.

Booking form still available on

www.ukasa.org.uk

25th ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE

20th – 26th October 2008 - Tunisia

2nd Africa Gathering

2-9 NOVEMBER 2007 ACCRA

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

The Scout & Guide Flame from Nyeri to Brownsea Island Feb – July 2007

Report on progress

I am delighted to tell you that the Flame has been lit and photos are on the web site – www.spiritflame.co.uk Within the UK progress on this project is going very well. Members of ASA, Trefoil and the Scout Association are all working together to make the UK leg of the journey a great success. The Route of the Flame from its arrival in Dover on 28th July (so far unspecified time) to Brownsea is largely in place. With all the 'stop over' points in place, 28th Hythe, Guide HQ; 29th Henfield; 30th Hampshire County Scout Camp at New Park, Lyndhurst, with the final night, 31st July, being spent at the Dorset County Scout Camp, Buddens, prior to the flame being taken to the ISGF Stand at the Jamboree on 1st August

The exact launch point of the Flame for its crossing to Brownsea is awaiting information from the Sea Scouts and also the publication of the Tide Tables for 2007. Dependent upon the route and method of crossing I hope to be able to get the Flame and a party of 6 to Brownsea and back. The six will consist of: a Scout, a Guide, myself to represent ASA, possibly Brenda Groome, or Pam Makepeace to represent the Trefoil Guild and also possibly the chairman of the World committee, Martine Levey and leader of the Flame project, Mario Sica.

The Scout Associations 2007 team are now actively considering what will happen to the Flame whilst it is on Brownsea Island, but until the time of crossing to and from Brownsea can be fixed nothing definite can be decided. The Flame and the Flame party will, all leave Brownsea on 31st.

Brownsea is totally closed to the public on 1st August 2007 to allow the Scout Association to hold its Sunrise Ceremony.

Allan Page
Feb 2007

Along the route we need to arrange for safety marshals, publicity and fund raising, and any help on this aspect will be welcomed, **please contact the Chairman, Allan Page. Tel: 01886 832940 or allan.page@talk21.com.**