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# Newsletter of the UK Adult Scout Alliance

ADVANCE NOTICE UK ASA



**Fellowship Day greetings to all UKASA members and their Scouting and Guiding friends across the world.**

## Fellowship Day Message 2009

**A warm Hello**

**With the turmoil in our world, both natural and man made, it is a positive action that we stop and celebrate our friendships we have around the world and in our own countries. We are in many countries and it is nice to think that our brothers and sisters are thinking of us as well. We can take time to pat ourselves on the back for carrying out the teachings of Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell.**

**Twinning is a positive way to grow our fellowship and friendships. This Fellowship Day , take a step into the world of adventure and consider Twinning with a Local Scout and Guide Fellowship that does not use your native tongue.**

**Peace is gained through understanding and understanding is gained through communication.**

**We can even aim to meet up at the next World Conference in Como, Italy in 2011 to build on our friendship.**

**This Fellowship Day I thank you for your commitment to the betterment of the future of our youth and the support you have shown each other for a better world.**

**Brett D Grant. Chairman ISGF World Committee.**

This Gathering was well organized and appeared to run smoothly with lots of activities

but also with plenty of time for relaxing and getting to know people.

As this was my first attendance at an ISGF Gathering, it was important for me to get to know as many people as possible. Leny Doleman and Anne Dupont represented ISGF and I was able to have conversations with both of them as well as members from other European Countries. Beryl and I gave a 10 minute presentation on the structure of ASA. Jane Wardropper had a short meeting with National Presidents and International Secretaries. She gave an update on the European Region and plans for its conference in 2010 in Cyprus. Jane's term of office is up in November 2010.

The next Western Sub-Regional Gathering will be in Eire in 2012. Allan Page, Chairman UKASA.

### **BURUNDI PROJECT**

In 2007 ISGF signed a partnership agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR. In 2009 ISGF was asked to collaborate with UNHCR in the Burundi Project.

Support was needed for schools in the village of Cendajuri, Burundi. The district welcomes back people from Burundi who had fled their country to Tanzania.

The village has more than 10 primary schools with 7,200 children all of school age. A former refugee, Jacqueline Banyonka is a coordinator for one of these schools and she made a list of equipment need by the schools – basic things like pens, pencils etc. These are being sourced locally to contribute to the local economy and packed into parcels worth 20€ each. The parcels are distributed to the schools with the help of Burundi Girl Guides.

UKASA have donated £200 to this project.

### **GROSSARL FORUM 9<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> European Forum at Grossarl takes place on the above dates. Full details are available on their web site: [www.forumgrossarl.at](http://www.forumgrossarl.at) or from our International Secretary. You can register online at the web site or download a registration form. A fee of 97 euros is payable on registration but is fully refundable up to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010

There will be the usual range of activities plus the opportunity of meeting fellow ISGF members in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

#### **EVENTS also taking place in 2010**

Nov 3 – 7 Europe Region Conference, Cyprus  
Regional Gathering Africa, Lusaka, Zambia  
Arab Region Conference, Jordan

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If you have access to the internet – your local library will have terminals and help at hand if you need it - please do have a look at some of the following:

The new ISGF web site: [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org) is now up and running, it is very clearly laid out and easy to navigate.

The UK ASA web site: [www.ukasa.org.uk](http://www.ukasa.org.uk) this has been updated, but more news and photos are required. Please let the Chairman or Secretary have any contributions.

The UK Trefoil Guild also have a new web site: [www.trefoilguilduk.org.uk](http://www.trefoilguilduk.org.uk) this is well worth a visit and has lots of information and ideas.

**MEMBERSHIP RENE ALS** – subscriptions for 2010 are due on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. at £4. Membership Renewal forms will be sent out in December 2009..