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No. 6 2019

## Get together

**Where ??** White House, Gilwell Park, Chingford

**When ??** 2nd March 2019

**What Time** 10.30 – 16.00 or where about



## Agenda

On what is the agenda based – whatever you wish – Your report on your SIG's activities and future plans - where are you going in 2020 , should we continue to give an annual donation, currently £10.00 or let each SIG' collect its own donation

Should we review our SAS Service Agreement .

Meet our Head of Volunteering Support Gyres Wren

IF you are able to join us drop an e mail to [enquiries@issu.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@issu.org.uk), thank you

## KENT SCOUTS - GLOBAL PROJECTS

### SOUTH AFRICA 2019

We have a couple of unexpected vacancies for our Kent Scouts expedition to South Africa and are now offering this opportunity to Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts outside of Kent, please circulate the details to any interested parties.

**Cost:** The cost of a trip is £2,400. Please note the first £1,000 will need to be paid in January 2019.

This can be paid or fundraised or a combination of both! The Foundation take £600 from each volunteer. There is a minimum of eight volunteers on every trip giving them £4,800 to build a house for a child headed family. Or a maximum of 14 young volunteers and 4 leaders (over 25 years old). The £1,800 left is spent on your two flights, one international and one internal along with your transfer from the airport, accommodation, food, transport over the two weeks and a safari for two days. The only extra cost is for your injections and personal insurance.

Project Aim: Partner with CoCo's Foundation at the Mseleni Children's Home in the northern KwaZulu-Natal region of South Africa to build a house for an orphaned family plus some excellent Safari and South African cultural experiences.

**Dates:** Thu 8th Aug - Sat 24th Aug 2019-Age Range: 16 – 25 year olds.

**Interested?:** To register your interest please email [simon.giles@kentscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon.giles@kentscouts.org.uk)



# Combating Malaria in the African Scout Region

## Sustainable development goals

Following the success of the Millenium Development Goals (2000-2015), the United Nations collectively agreed a new set of Sustainable Development Goals for the period 2016-2030 with the aim of 'leaving no one behind'. Combating malaria forms part of the healthy living goal and we discuss not only the educational and fund raising activities in the UK, but also the outcomes of 15 campaigns by Scouts in 4 African countries.

Unlike infectious diseases which are encountered in temperate climates and for which vaccines are available, no vaccine is currently available to protect against the introduction of the malaria parasite into the blood stream. As symptoms of malaria include very high temperature, vomiting and diarrhoea, young people under age of 5 are particularly vulnerable and can die as a result of contracting this disease unless treatment can be initiated within 12 hours. As the Anopheles mosquitoes are active at night, the simplest and most effective long term solution is to sleep under a bed net which is impregnated with an insecticide which can kill the mosquito.

### Africa's burden

Over half the population at greatest risk from malaria in Africa still sleep unprotected by mosquito nets which cost about £2 - 3 each. However such nets must be correctly used and cared for. The African Region continues to bear an estimated 90% of all malaria cases and deaths worldwide. Fifteen countries – all but one in sub-Saharan Africa – carry 80% of the global malaria burden. Clearly, if we are to get the global malaria response back on track, supporting the most heavily affected countries in the African Region must be the primary focus [WHO World Malaria Report]



**SAM initiative** forms part of Scouting's 'Global programme zone' in

which Scouts learn about the disease and how they can help to alleviate suffering and save lives.

We have developed a set of activities which can form the basis of one (or more) meetings of Scouts of any age range from Beavers through to Explorers and Network. These activities can be downloaded from our SAM website where it is also possible to order a resource box containing almost all resources needed to organise such activities.

The resource box was for example used to organise activity evenings for each of the 1st Winchester Cub Packs. Not only did the Cub Scouts learn something more about the disease and how it could be fought, but then they went on to raise in excess of £1000.

These funds have now been sent to the Malawian Scout Association to fund their 3rd campaign to distribute long life impregnated bed nets.

**Gambia** is likely to be the first sub-Saharan African country to eliminate malaria through a combination of large scale distribution of long life impregnated bed nets and residual indoor spraying. Distribution of long life bed nets by Scouts to vulnerable families in Soma and some of the outlying villages has contributed to this success.

**Ghana** The 4th campaign was undertaken early in August by the Ghanaian Scouts in the Anlo community together with a group of Scouts from Kent led by Alan Noake who were spending 2 weeks in the Region helping to refurbish local schools. Some 200 bed nets were purchased and distributed with funds raised by UK Scouts and these were distributed to vulnerable families as well as helping erecting where necessary. But like all campaigns in all 4 African countries to date, they were only able to provide nets to some of the many vulnerable families.



**Uganda.** 4 campaigns have been organised in different parts of the country and all have succeeded with the help of the local health officers to identify and provide nets to vulnerable families which are either those with children under the age of 5 or expectant mothers.

**Malawi.** A second distribution campaign was held in May in two districts. Lilongwe Rural and Mzuzu. Howie Maujo, their Executive Commissioner observed that 'The SAM project keeps on generating demands on impregnated mosquito nets since government has not rolled out its distribution program. Only expectant women have the opportunity to receive one during antenatal service. Both District Health Officers have

recommended extensive education campaigns and disinfection program in some areas deemed as essential

**'Join the fight against Malaria** If your Section/Group is willing to join the global partnership to fight malaria, visit our website <http://www.scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk> or email us at [info@scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk](mailto:info@scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk).



Beneficiaries queuing up in Mzuzu to get the insecticide treated bed nets



Beneficiaries at Galang'ombe Health Centre Lilongwe Rural, Malawi

## Hertfordshire Scouts

**Burkina Faso** Hertfordshire has already raised considerable funds to support a SAM Project in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta). Malaria remains a serious public health problem in the French-speaking country, despite the implementation of preventive and curative measures. It constitutes the first cause for consultation, hospitalization and death in their health facilities. Statistics from the national health information system reveal that children are the most affected with 44.2% of the reasons for consultation; 52.75% of hospitalizations and 30.03% of deaths. In 2016 malaria affected about 9.8 million people, 4,000 deaths, including 3,000 among children under five.

Support from Hertfordshire will focus on

1. Sensitization of populations on the sources of proliferation of the pathogen in order to raise awareness of living in a healthy environment
2. The destruction of mosquito breeding sites through the cleansing of living environments to stop their proliferation
3. Sensitization of mothers of children from 0 to 5 years old and pregnant women (vulnerable groups) to benefit from preventive treatments through exchange workshop sessions, sketches etc.
4. Raising public awareness of the need to use an impregnated mosquito net effectively

## Fose UK

For Latest newsletter visit [www.fose-uk.org.uk](http://www.fose-uk.org.uk) Find out how friends support projects in Eastern Europe. You are welcome to join friend at a reception during the lunch break of the ISSU Meeting on 2 March 2019 for more information and how to support this valuable work, contact Alan K B Beavis OBE ,Country Coordinator UK



# A date with the Sultan

An account by one of the Explorer Scouts who gained his Explorer Belt in the Sultanate of Oman during August 2018.



On the 4th August, a group of 30 Explorer and Network Scouts from all over the UK, left from Heathrow and Glasgow airports on their way to Oman in the Middle East. Arriving in Muscat, the capital, we were about to start our Explorer Belt expeditions. In teams of three or four, we went around the country completing a number of tasks. Each team had a main project, five tasks they had chosen, and five completely new challenges they had



never seen before. These challenges could vary wildly; my team had one challenge to collect every type of coin, and another to visit the boat factory in the city of Sur. This helped to make it even more interesting than it already was.

With the goal of travelling around the country, we headed to the city of Nizwa. An oasis town, this ancient capital was the perfect blend of tradition and modern. Spending time exploring the city, one of our challenges was to visit a falaj, which is a type of irrigation system found in Oman. While doing so, we met some local children. Having never seen Caucasians in person, these children admired us, and their mother then invited us, in broken English, to play ball with the children.

After our time in Nizwa, we headed to the mountain of Jebel Shams, but not before stopping off in the village of Al Hamra. While preparing for the expedition in Muscat, we had made friends with some of the Omani scouts and they had told their friends about us. Through a chain

of hospitality, we ended up with a local who gave us a tour of the area. He then invited us to lunch, and ended up giving us a lift to Jebel Shams (an 80 mile round trip). The Omani people really are among the friendliest on Earth.

Although everyone is so welcoming, and English proficiency is high, it's not always perfect. This meant that we arrived at Jebel Shams 2 hours later than we planned: arriving half an hour before sunset. Our campsite was a 2 hour hike away. Trekking along the edge of the canyon at double pace, we hoped we could make it to a suitable campsite before it got too dark. We were wrong. In the end we were forced to setup camp, having not completed the route. Setting off the next day, we started off with the task of finding the trail that we had wondered off in the dark. Once we had found the trail again, we headed towards the via ferrata climb. This is a type of rock climb, invented in WW1 to move troops over the Alps. Despite being only 90m long, it took us three and a half hours to complete. The team felt that the extreme heat, the overloaded rucksacks, and a lack of sleep may have contributed to this, but the guide book we checked afterwards did warn it was rated as "difficult climb". Severely underestimating the effect of the heat and the climb on us, we didn't bring enough water with us. Even with a series of ponds (with a questionable quality of water) to refill, we had to stop short of the summit; we didn't have enough water to make the summit, and then make it back. Defeated we set up camp and then walked back to the road the next day.



After a long couple of days, we then had a rest day travelling to the eastern most point of Oman, Ras Al Jinz. There's a turtle sanctuary located here, and we were lucky to arrive during egg laying season. We got to see the mother turtles laying the eggs, and even some of the eggs hatching. This peaceful and magical moment contrasted nicely with the painful climb up the mountain.

After another day of rest, we walked up Wadi Shab, a river valley by the coast. It's here that we learnt that the GPS units given to us for our safety were not waterproof. Broken GPS units in hand, the leader of the local Omani Scout troop joined us. He gave us a tour of the local area and explained about Scouting in Oman.

We then had a camp on a beach, where we were joined by a small number of other Omani scouts. We stayed up until late exchanging British and Omani Scout songs and tales.

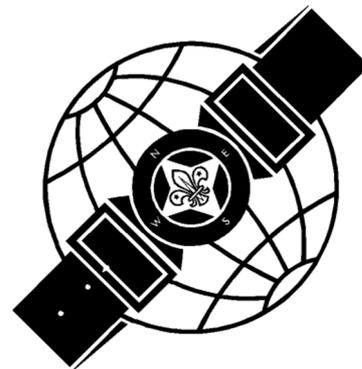
The next day the tour continued. The unending kindness of the Omani people meant that we were treated as distinguished guests. We learnt so much about life in Oman and the history of this beautiful country. Our time together culminated in a festival held in our honour. Nearly all the local Scouts came together. We sang and danced well into the night. After the festival was over, we presented the Scout leader with some gifts as a sign of thanks: some scout badges so they could remember us and some British tea so they could experience our culture.

After being invited to stay in an Omani's house, we were taught how to make a traditional Omani breakfast food (another one of our challenges). Making our way back to Muscat, we finished the Explorer Belt challenges by riding some camels that did not want us riding them. After what felt like hours of playing real life buckaroo, but was probably only a few minutes, the camel farmers found some nicer camels, which we rode instead.

It was a fantastic two week experience that allowed us all to learn about a new culture and country. The people were so friendly, and the landscape beautiful.

Rory Baxter Chimaera ESU Mid-Herts

District Team Omani Odyssey



### Ice Jamboree

**2019**




During February of 2019 the Scouts of the Great Steppes, Kazakhstan, are holding a Jamboree on ice. The dates are yet to be confirmed. Spaces are very limited and we have been invited to send just 3 adults from the UK.

Accommodation is in tents or yurts and it will be cold. The final venue is yet to be confirmed but it will take place on the Burabay National Park to the north of Astana.

The park is approximately 240,000 hectares with an average winter temperature of -16 degrees with a snow cover of 30cm.

The outline budget is £1000 and subject to exchange rate change, this includes flights and accommodation. Those interested should leave their name.

In the event of it being over subscribed names shall be selected at random.

### Training Opportunities Within Eurasia Scout Region



Eurasian Scout Support

Have been given the opportunity To assist in providing adult training To leaders in the Eurasia Region.

Particularly looking for trainers in the mandatory and administrative modules.

Course to be 1 week early 2019 in the Eurasia Region

Further details shall be provided when available.

Eurasian Scout Support





### Explorer Belt Kazakhstan 2019




Eurasian Scout Support are in the position to be able to offer an on the ground support team for those young people wishing to complete an Explorer Belt Expedition in the Eurasian country of Kazakhstan.

The team could be on the ground in August of 2019. Travel to Kazakhstan is achievable and cost effective, accommodation is varied and fits within various budgets.

Interested parties should contact the group via, [eurasianmanager@gmail.com](mailto:eurasianmanager@gmail.com)

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# The Holiday Homes Trust



The Holiday Homes Trust specialises in providing family holiday accommodation. The Trust provides subsidised adapted caravan holidays for all families or individuals whose lives are disadvantaged in any way – be it through family illness, disability, frailty or low income. The Trust provides the opportunity for every single family member to enjoy freedom and life away from the home environment.

The Trust owes its beginning to Charles Porter, a member of the B-P Scout Guild (now Scout Fellowship). In 1964 he had installed a wishing well in his front garden and when people began dropping money into it he used the money initially towards around 30 different charities. In 1969 he decided to purchase a caravan at the local Sandy Bay Holiday Park for the use of families with special needs. He then went on to purchase a second caravan at the same park. At the age of 84 he asked the B.P. Scout Guild to adopt the scheme and create a registered charity. We have grown over the past 50 years and currently have nine caravans on different sites. Although we are not directly connected to or part of the Scout Association, we are extremely grateful to them for providing us with office accommodation at Gilwell, for our two part time staff, who take care of all the bookings as well as helping to raise funds and all the other tasks necessary to keep the Trust running.

Our holiday guests include those who are wheelchair reliant because of disabilities such as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, paralysis, stroke, paraplegia and muscular dystrophy. As well as assisting disabled people, the Trust also provides accommodation for disadvantaged young people i.e. families with low incomes and single parent families or families with a member who has a special need such as autism, downs syndrome, ADHD, mental health, depression and learning disabilities. Please visit our website at <http://www.holidayhomestrust.org/> for more detailed information about our caravans and where they are sited. The website pictures will show you some of the adaptations that are made to enable our visitors to enjoy their holiday.

Since purchase of the first caravan in 1969, we have helped many hundreds of families over the years to enjoy a holiday that they would not otherwise have been able to have and we believe this results in a positive impact and helps to build happier stronger families. 30% of families in this country are excluded from having holidays because they cannot afford to do so and we strongly believe that holidays are for everyone.

The holidays will we hope help the families to feel less isolated and will provide a recuperative break, enabling families to return to their normal lives rested, healthy and ready to face everyday challenges again. Please see below some recent feedback from our holidaymakers:-

**"You are our lifeline for a great week's holiday. Thank you"**

**"A chance for my husband, who has MS, to spend time with the family on holiday"**

**"We have used the HHT for ten years and have always been extremely happy with all venues and accommodation"**

**Wonderland  
Camp  
2019**



The Scouts of Azerbaijan invite  
Scouts from the UK  
To attend Wonderland 2019  
Supporting their international  
Programme.

The camp is an ongoing event with a number  
of successful previous camps already under-  
taken.

Wonderland takes place in early July every  
year so may only be suitable for Network  
members and adult scouts.

Interested parties should contact the manager  
[eurasianmanager@gmail.com](mailto:eurasianmanager@gmail.com)



## Georgian Scout Leaders Visit

On behalf of the International Scout Support Unit, we Georgian scout leaders – Natia Kordzaia, Maiko Beridze and Nana Tkeshelashvili went to the United Kingdom to attend the Jurassic Jamboree and following with hospitality in Torbay for the period of 11th of August till 25th of August.



The events of the trip have started from Istanbul and evolved as follows: Istanbul, Horley, Stinsford, Dorchester, Kingston Maurward Jurassic Jamboree, Brownsea Island, Weymouth, Bridport, Dorset, Devon, Torquay, Paignton, Kingswear, Dartmouth, Totnes, Exeter, Princetown, Widcombe in the Moor, Newton Abbot, Hay Tor, Brixham, Bridport, Billingshurst...

On the 11th August we flew in the UK (Gatwick Airport), where Steph and Kevin Roberts were waiting us. They met us very warmly, invited us for the fantastic dinner and transferred to the jamboree at Kingston Maurward near to Dorchester in Dorset.

After the camp it was hospitality time with aunty Steph and Kevin. Evening time we were at aunty Steph's home at Sheron house in Torquay.

We had traditional Roast Lamb dinner and went to walking in Torquay. We were very excited with Torquay's spectacular sea views, idyllic white beaches, "Torrey Abbey" which was founded in 1196 and "Abbey park" And so we come to the end of our magnificent and impressive travelling. We attended Jurassic Jamboree in Dorset where we shadowed the core team and learned about all aspects of a large camp like taking part in all activities, helping core team, Security and played monopoly game. Actually, we have enjoyed the experience and have new friends. Two weeks passed with great emotions, joy, Impressions and new experiences with the help of the people like: Jurassic Jamboree core team, Steve Humphreys, Suzanne Prior, Terry Porter...

But exclusively, I would like to say thank for the support, invitation and hospitality to Shoren Lomadze – Head of Adjara Organization of Georgian Scout Movement, Kevin J Angell – Manager of Eurasian Scout Support and Special thanks to great people - Aunty Steph and Kevin Roberts for very warm hospitality, they did everything to feel ourselves as home. (I miss you very much).

These respective people gave practical assistance to us – Georgian Scout Leaders, going to the United Kingdom to attend the Jurassic Jamboree and following with hospitality in Torbay.

They strive to make us aware of the opportunities available and understand the value to the international aspects and structure of Scouting.

Natia Kordzaia Team leader of Georgian Scout Leaders



# Structure

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## International Opportunities

Check out HQ International Opportunities for more events and information of the events that are listed below.

### Events in 2019

**Charnwood 2019- Leicestershire, England**

**27 July – 3 August 2019**

**CAMJam 2019- Cambridgeshire, England**

**27 July – 3 August 2019**

### Events in 2020

**Wings 2020- Windsor, England**

**25 July – 1 August 2020**

**European Jamboree 2020- Gdansk, Poland**

**27 July – 6 August 2020**

**Brumjam 2020- Birmingham, England**

**1 – 8 August 2020**

**Durham 2020- Durham, England**

**1 - 8 August 2020**

**21st Australian Rover Moot, CBR Moot 2020-  
Canberra, Australia**

**30 December 2019 – 11 January 2020**

### Events in 2021

**Poacher 2021- Lincolnshire, England**

**31 July – 7 August 2021**

**Kent International Jamboree 2021- Kent, England**

**31 July – 7 August 2021**