



Gilwell Reunion 2016

Once again ISSU played a big part in the 2016 Gilwell Reunion welcoming visitors to the Drop in café decorated by many flags from all over the world.

Thanks go to all ISSU members who helped in any way at the Drop in Café or the Programme Tent

Merry Christmas



ISSU Publicity

The ISSU has the following equipment available for ISSU members events.

Publicity Pens

Our publicity pens advertising ISSU are available to distribute at International Scout Support Unit promotional events

Display Banner

Our new display banner was prominent in the Programme Marquee at the recent Gilwell Reunion and is available for promotions at International Events, and/or meetings, it does, however, require an area of 2.5 m high x 3.0 m long and it certainly fills a corner! It comes with or without its mounting frame that requires a large boot for transportation.

Enquiries for borrowing email enquiries@issu.org.uk or contact George/Alan.

Marketing and Publicity

We have available for International Promotional Events information to assist in promoting International Scouting, ie A4/A3 Logo - A4/A3 Logo banner - Global Activity Section Cards/Sets

Polo/Sweatshirts/T-Shirts

ISSU – Yellow slogan # internationalscoutst-shirts

At the recent Gilwell Reunion Team Members were prominent in their yellow T-shirts they now are available for other Members to order at a cost of £8.00 each plus postage.

We also have available our light grey Polo/Sweatshirts as per order form on our website.

For further details contact enquiries@issu.org.uk



ISSU Newsletter
Please send items for the next
Newsletter to
issunews@issu.org.uk by
1st March 2017

Christmas

Devine Writes



It is said, 'Travelling makes you speechless and turns you into a story teller'. A quote used by a young Edinburgh Explorer as she was about to tell us of her experience of preparing and going on a trip to Cambodia. I smiled at this, thinking of some comments made by friends and family as I relate yet another tale from my various meanderings across this fascinating planet we call home.

The unit spent four weeks in Cambodia working on a school project. I have been to a number of these feed back receptions, some for expeditions I was involved in, there are stories that play with your emotions, many make you smile. The encounters that unfolded during the hour long presentation were familiar whilst the country was different and of course the team was made up of young people and leaders who were experiencing their first major trip abroad. My thoughts spun and memories were stirred but I came to the conclusion that the destination may be exotic and the project well serving but the result much the same. Forty or so young people experienced a world they had only read about and returned

somewhat changed in their self and keen to tell all of this conversion. Each of the team had a great time and I appreciated being able to spend some time with them.

Reunion this year was, as ever, well attended. We were charged with running the drop in cafe and the International Base in the programme tent. Alan Beavis and his team did a sterling job running the cafe. In the programme tent the International base was busy. We recorded speaking to 133 people on the Saturday but we did have brief conversations with even more. Rebecca Churchill produced some programme cards with mind maps to help with delivering the Global Programme. They were well received and follow up requests for cards have been received since.

We had a team from Network Russia and Kandersteg. We undertook a survey on the Global Programme and ran one or two competitions. The team were easy to spot in bright yellow 'T' shirts and we were joined by the International Core Team and it was great to see everyone working together and getting to know each other. Thank you to everyone involved, we got many very positive comments and responses for the effort we made.

During the weekend we gave delegates a heads up on some of the exciting offerings we are planning into the future. An Explorer Belt to Oman, a community expedition to Madagascar and a major ecology based expedition to the Amazon Basin. As I write this I have just been advised that the Amazon trip has been approved by the operations committee. We are now developing a memorandum of understanding between ourselves and British Exploration Society to ensure the Network Scouts who choose to go have an outstanding experience.

Some have asked why we are planning to offer these trips when some counties and districts provide similar experiences. They do and some do a great job. Unfortunately there are a number of Explorers and Network Scouts who miss out on such experiences because their District, County or Region have not got the numbers or where with all to run them so, we do.

Jo Busby is off soon to Ghana to complete some follow on work on her project in that country and I look forward to reading about the trip in our next News Letter.

On the 24th October I attend the funeral of Alec Elliott. I met Alec and his wife Anita when I was Scouting in Hampshire. I went to talk to their Venture Scout Unit. They invited me to the village pub for a beer, then borrowed the money to buy it, Scouting!!! The result was, I did not drive home that night and by the end of the week they had persuaded me to go to Sri Lanka. That was in 1985 and marked the start of my International career. Alec was an inspiration to the young people he worked with and an influence on my Scouting, he leaves a fine legacy.

George Devine Manager



ISSU Membership Secretary's Report

Since our inauguration on the 1 April 2016 we have now recruited 95 members, not only from the International Scout Active Support but those who have joined from the other existing SAS Units and many new members.

We apologise to those who experienced the difficulties in this process, particularly those who received letters in connection with their DBS Registrations.



We have now been able to understand the reasons that were caused with the introduction of Compass and misunderstanding of those belonging to SAS Groups, which we hope have now been satisfactorily resolved for all members.

We also thank the SAS Groups for sharing their Annual Accounts which will form part of the ISSU Accounts each year in the future.

Should you know of any individuals experiencing difficulties please do not hesitate to contact our Membership Secretary, Tony Fulford.

The Mityana Community Development Foundation

A few weeks ago AWB shipped by air cargo a 312kgs load of donated goods to Entebbe, Uganda on route to Mityani, a town about two hours drive to the west of the airport. Carolyn Taylor first visited the area in 2000 as a Scout Leader and Public Health Nurse and, wishing to help the local community and support their development, in 2007 started the Mityana Community Development Foundation of which she is now Chair of the trustees.



The Mityana Community Development Foundation and the 21st Whitley (St Peter's) Scout Group led by Beaver Leader Claire Gauld, who is also Secretary of the Foundation School Group, work together to improve the town and have built a community centre with a library, an Internet cafe that offers adult literacy classes and a credit union. They have also built six class rooms for the local primary school and plan to build a dormitory for kids who do not live close to the town. Supplies are also donated and the load shipped by AWB included school books, clothes, Scout uniforms, first aid kits, tents and school trophies, some of which can be seen in the photograph. AWB is delighted to support them in the good work they are doing.

Aviation Without Borders

(AWB) is an exciting UK aviation charity dedicated to providing humanitarian assistance through aviation services irrespective of politics, religion, race or nationality.

"The intention", explains one volunteer, "is not to sit idly by, but act, and to do so not just for the success of the charity or our own satisfaction, but mostly to help others. The motivation comes from the heart"

Aviation Without Borders is involved in three main activities

Air Cargo Shipments

Air cargo shipments of medical and other humanitarian supplies

National Fly Kids Day

An annual 'aviation discovery' fun day in the UK for children with special needs

Aircraft Operations

Humanitarian air transport links with light aircraft in support of other NGOs

Like no other UK aviation charity, Aviation Without Borders is unique in using the talents and skills of the aviation community, and beyond, in such a worthwhile humanitarian manner.

Volunteers face many operating difficulties but the work is fascinating and rewarding for those involved. "Our aim is to try and combat misfortune and poverty in the world, but sometimes it feels like we are fighting The Hundred Years' War."

For more information <http://www.aviationwithoutborders.org/>



db's Reminder

Just a reminder that all members of the Scout Movement must hold a current db's. After joining the ISSU it is up to you to apply for a db's. All you need to do is to go to scouts.org, Appointments form and download the Adults Information form, complete it and give it to your Appointments Sec or Scout HQ.

ISSU Website

We have registered a domain name and set up a website www.issu.org.uk with holding page.

We look forward for a volunteer Webmaster to help develop this website to actively reflect the work that we are doing. Volunteers to advise George. Thank you.

The Friends of Scouting in Europe

FOSE is an initiative of the European Scout Foundation, individuals can demonstrate their support for the ideals and aspirations of Scouting, by contributing financially to the Movement in Europe.

This exciting initiative has huge potential to provide real and visible support to Scouting in Europe in general but particularly to the development and growth of our Movement in central and eastern Europe.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY

At this year's Gilwell Reunion, we were able to introduce our new publicity leaflet, website and display banners. Supplies of the leaflet are available and/or requests to borrow the display and banners are welcome.

We were pleased to note that our promotional leaflet was incorporated within The Scout Association's Report given to those attending its Annual General Meeting in September.

Should any Member hear of any events where they feel it would be appropriate for us to enquire if we may provide information and/or display at District, County or Area Meetings please let me know. It has often been pointed out that we sometimes forget that those who retire from roles within Scouting, particularly Commissioners and/or Chairs of Committees/Presidents, are not always kept informed of ways in which they can continue to support Scouting; not only in the UK but through the Friends of Scouting Europe, European Scout Foundation or, indeed, that of the BP Fellows and World Scout Foundation.



The 18th Annual Gathering of the Friends of Scouting in Europe (FOSE) was held in Dresden from 6th - 9th October 2016. Following the meeting, at 1800 hours a FOSE Reception was held, attended by Members from the Danish International Scout Council

DATE FOR THE DIARY...

FOSE-UK Reception - 18 March 2017 at Baden Powell House, Queensgate, London.

More detail to come soon.

For more information please contact alanbeavis@fose-uk.org.uk

Responding to the Refugee Crisis

How to respond to the ongoing refugee crisis: tips, practical advice and support available for members of Scouting.

With the clearing of 'The Jungle' refugee camp in Calais, and the numerous reports of those struggling to escape conflict and start new lives in the UK, it is sometimes difficult to know the most practical way we can help.

Proud to help other people

Scouting has a long history of supporting young people in need from other countries, particularly in the period leading up to, and during, the Second World War. Many of those who came to the UK in fear for their lives have never forgotten the genuine warmth of the welcome they received from Scouting.

What this means to us as Scouts

Scouting is a worldwide Movement, and it may well be that some young refugees already have experience of the Movement in their home country. These young people often just need friendly and reassuring contact with others of their own age. This is not something they necessarily get through the official system, which focusses on formal processes.

However, this vital, peer-to-peer contact is well within our scope as Scouts, and we believe it is our duty to offer this where we can. **Our founder, Robert Baden-Powell, famously said: 'A Scout is a friend to all.'**

We believe that we have a responsibility to offer simple assistance to refugees, where this is within our capabilities, and we should not wait to be asked.

Tim Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner, and Jack Maxton, International Commissioner.

For more information, practical advice and details of the support available visit scouts.org News and Blogs 27/10/2016



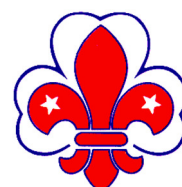
The Scout and Guide Fellowship UK

The Scout and Guide Fellowship UK (**SAGF**) is a Member Organisation in the UK for those wishing to belong to the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF)

Members come from all over the UK and are individuals who are, or have been, members of the Scout Association, Girlguiding UK/Trefoil Guild who accept the Scout and Guide Law and Promise and wish to pursue the international aspects of their Associations.

Members throughout the UK support Scouting and Guiding by working with young people, raising money and being there to make things happen. They further support their local communities with international projects but, more importantly, support the International Scout and Guide Fellowship – ISGF.

For further information visit - www.sagf.org.uk



Project Africa 2015–16

Project Africa is a Berkshire Scouts global awareness programme and was launched in 2010. Since the start of the project there have been 2 recce's (2010 & 2014) and 2 project visits (2011 & 2015) to Uganda. In addition, many Scouts (mainly Beavers and Cubs) have been involved in the Project Africa Challenge Badge that encourages weekly programmes to help our young people understand the lives of their peers in a developing country. More than 2,000 challenge badges have been awarded!



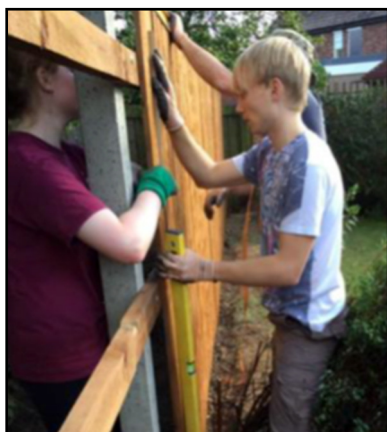
The focus for the 2011 visit to Uganda was to complete project work at the Bukeka Children's Centre (near Mityana) and the Kavule School for the Deaf (near Mbale). New buildings (3 classrooms, kitchen/diner, and wash room) and general refurbishment took place at the schools. Contact and support remains in place with both schools.

Berkshire Scouts have been funding teacher wages at Bukeka for the past 3 years and have raised over £9,000. More recently, an additional £2,000 has been sent to the school so that electric can be connected to the school for the first time in its history. The next

project is to support new floors for the classroom block built by Berkshire Scouts. Two local Beaver Scout Colonies from 2nd Thatcham have continued to sponsor two deaf children at Kavule and have so far raised over £2,000.

The more recent visit to Uganda (2015) was for project work at two rural schools north of Jinja (Butagaya and Iwololo primary schools). The project work was undertaken through Soft Power Education (SPE), a British charity working in central Uganda. Again, building work (3 new classrooms, 2 teacher houses, and refurbishment) was undertaken and completed at the school. In the past year, Berkshire Scouts have provided additional funding for further work at the two teacher houses and there is additional funding in place for rainwater harvesting schemes at both schools to be completed soon by SPE.

Fundraising by Berkshire Scouts to support the above projects is currently just under £100,000 . . . and the fundraising and project work continues! Mick Stocks Manager, Project Africa



Cleveland Scouts Bound for Tanzania

Biggest news for the expedition is the flights are now booked, and all transportation arrangements in Tanzania made! We're 8 months from departure now, and can't wait to get to Mto Wa Mbu and start our building project. As a reminder, we're aiming to build two classrooms for St. Jude's school, helping to convert a nursery school into a primary school.

We've just finished our fifth training weekend which was great success and one of the main topics for the weekend was first aid

One highlight from the past two months of fundraising was a ceilidh and this was a very energetic and hilarious evening, in conjunction with it being a very successful fundraising event.



Watch this space for more news.

Karen Askwith
Project Leader



Uganda, you've changed me

This item is the last entry of a blog written by an Explorer Scouts visit to Outspan School Uganda.

This link will take you to her blog please read it.

www.jessinugandasite.wordpress.com

All had to come to an end eventually, after all of the bumpy car journeys travelling Uganda, it was time to come home. Usually after this long I think I would have been ready to come home, but as we were loading our 19 bags into the vans there was defiantly something inside me wanting to stay. Even though I have struggled with eating the food, and pretty much whatever I ate was making me ill I really wanted to stay; I wanted to stay in a country where everyone is so friendly, accepting and welcoming. I stopped and thought to myself, how many people can say that when they come to England.

Even though some of the people we met and saw had nothing in a materialistic world, they have each other. They have the support, kindness and strength of one another that get them through the hardest times. They appreciate absolutely everything, the things that we take for granted. It really makes me wish that I lived in a country that behaved this way, I will from now on never take anything for granted and be thankful for everything that comes my way.

Whilst we were at the secondary school there were many quotes including

"Be a needed person, not a needy person"

"Ladies, remember you were not created to be a prostitute"

"Success is earned, not given"

These are all strong quotes that defiantly made us stop and think, and I feel that's what differentiates school in Uganda to school in England; everyone here appears to work as a team and supports each other, they truly care about their school work and show so much respect towards their teachers. The students here praise each other for their achievements.



The way that music brings everyone together is the most incredible sight and leaves the most amazing feeling inside you. Even though they were strangers a month ago I feel that the time we spent singing and dancing together made a long lasting friendship that will never be broken.

"The only people I envy are those who have not yet been to Africa; for they have so much to look forward to"

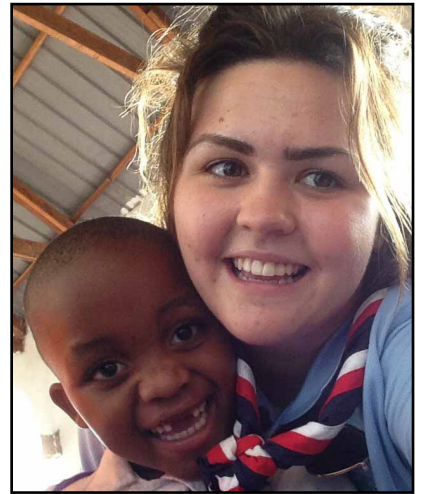
I feel so lucky to have met people that are so hard to say goodbye to...

So Today was our last day at the primary school, the place that we have called home since we got here; the place where the most amazing memories have been made and the most unbreakable friendship bonds have been formed. We were picked up by Leonard and Dismas at 11.00am and headed for the school. As soon as we got to the school we put our finishing touches on the feature wall; Georgina wrote everyone's name under each hand print.

We then headed to our favourite place... The nursery! Yet again Niz and Mitchell ran straight up to myself and Jayne and we held on to them for the rest of the time there. I

never thought I would be so attached, but I was wrong.

Christmas



Kandersteg

Aged 18 to 25 on 27 December 2016 and fancy spending 7 days over New Year in the Swiss Alps ? If not, then please pass this formation to those who are.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland is running another of their Winter International Rover Weeks for Scouts and Guides from around the world aged 18 to 25 on 27 December 2016.

They have put together a programme for every day of your stay to guarantee that you won't spend a single second bored. The programme includes igloo building, a snow adventure day, a winter survival experience and ice skating.

For more information and booking see <http://www.kisc.ch/events/events-of-2016/international-rover-week-winter-2016/>

Participants will need to contact their Assistant County/Area Commissioner (International) for advice on travel insurance and a Visits Abroad form and must make their own way to Kandersteg, not forgetting to buy the discounted rail tickets available through www.stc.co.uk/kisc.



Part of a report from Daventry Distinct on their travel to Kandersteg



Thank you to Shaun Macken , their expedition leader. They decided to travel by train from London, with an overnight stay in Paris en route.

“Just a follow up from our trip to KISC. It was of course brilliant and amazing experience. Here's our advice for those Explorers, or older, travelling by train or to KISC for a full on adventurous week.

“Trains - STC [in London] were brilliant and most cost effective. ALWAYS book the Eurostar continuation tickets to Strasbourg through them. A mistake we made was booking Eurostar in isolation, but they helped correct that for us. The reservation system works well – talk to the rail staff prior to trains arriving.

Transfer times were adequate but don't leave to one person to manage. Be very wary about letting YP go to shops etc.

Stressful ! Plenty of storage room for rucksacks on all trains but get in place to board early (use first class storage rack on Eurostar if required).

We believe the Train was the best way to

travel having discussed with many fliers, drivers and coach travellers to KISC. Trains were always on time in Europe and the staff all spoke English. The YP had comfortable seats and tables to play games on. They could group or relax together with the freedom to move – perfect. We assigned them in small groups to a Leader (ration 1:5 or 6) for quick roll call.

“In Paris, utilised the 24 hour freedom the Eurostar continuation ticket gave us to stay in Paris. The St Christopher's Inn hostel (Beds & Bars group) was good for location and food. We reserved three 10 person rooms though two were small and very hot. Ask for rooms at the front of the building – larger. We used the 42 bus from Gare du Nord to get to the Eiffel Tower (2nd floor by stairs is affordable), then the Batobus on the river Seine to Notre Dame, walked from there to the Louvre (La Plage was on), then the 39 bus back to Gare du Nord and the Hostel. We brought breakfast with us; sandwich lunch at Eiffel tower; dinner at the hostel. We dropped off luggage in the cellar of the hostel before going on our city tour.”



*Merry
Christmas*

International Opportunities 2017

Thinking of an experience in 2017/18 ???

1 July - 8 July 2017	NORD, Norway
2017	Jam Cam Ecuador
22 July - 30 July 2017	Jamboree Denmark Sonderbord – Southern
29 July - 5 August 2017	Kent International Jamboree, Kent County Showground, Detling, Kent
29 July - 5 August 2017	Poacher, Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln
29 July - 5 August 2017	Nijam 2017, Crawfordsburn Scout Centre
25 July - 2 August 2017	World Scout Moot, Iceland
29 July - 12 August 2017	ICES, Netherlands
28 July - 4 August 2017	Chamboree 2018 – Yo-ho yo-ho pirates life for me! Cheshire
27 July - 2 August 2018	31st Asia Pacific Regional Jamboree, Mongolia
27 July - 2 August 2018	10th Serbian Jamboree
27 July - 5 August 2018	Moot, Cuzco, Peru
28 July - 4 August 2018	Walesby World Experience

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NASASU NEWS

NSASU is a new newsletter for all National Scout Active Support Units and the first issue was in October 2016.

There is also a website page listing on scouts.org of all the National Scout Active Support Units with a brief description of the Unit and links to there websites and social media channels. Take a look and if you would like your part of the page updated, please email adult.support@scouts.org.uk.

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