

NSGF UK NEWS

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Newsletter of the National Scout and Guide Fellowship United Kingdom.

Chairman's Message

NATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

May I welcome you to the National Scout and Guide Fellowship and thank those who have been members of the UK Adult Scout and Alliance and its predecessors for their work in the past in promoting the Aims and Objectives of the International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides.

In 1981 I had the privilege of being elected to what was then known as the 'International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides' – being its Chairman from 1985 to 1987 and Director of Development until 1991.

I have followed with interest the progress and development of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship, with the realisation that change is inevitable for we all live in a far different world today, the reasons why firstly the Scout Fellowship was withdrawn from the International Fellowship and now, latterly, the Trefoil Guild, are known to us all. It, therefore, remains for those of us who believe in and are committed to support the International Fellowship, to find ways of encouraging and supporting others to join us in the months and years ahead.

We each have a different reason why we believe and support Baden Powell's dream:

'If we look forward into the not very far off future, we cannot fail to visualise an immense development lying before our Movement, as our number of Old Scouts continue to grow. When it comes to comprise millions of men in our population, all in touch with the Movement and with each other and all actuated by the Scout Spirit and sense of Goodwill and Service, what will it not mean for the promotion of Scouting in the country and what will it not mean for the loyalty and steadfastness of a solid proportion of the nation.'

If we look further than this, in the background beyond it all, we can see yet greater eventualities arising. If our neighbours abroad have corresponding organisations in their own respective countries as no doubt they will, what a great advance may then be possible among the manhood in the different nations towards that mutual goodwill and understanding which is the truest guarantee of peace in the world.'
Baden Powell - 1937

It is our responsibility now to share that dream with others in a 21st Century way, utilising the tools that we have to improve

To All UK ASA / NSGF Members

The Membership at the UK ASA AGM on 16th May 2012 voted in favour of changing the name of the organisation, to more accurately reflect the current membership.

Communications with the internet, Facebook and Twitter and the ease of travel worldwide.

I, therefore, ask each and every member to do their best in encouraging support and participation in our activities at home, in Cork in September 2012, Sweden 2013 and Australia in 2014.

With your new Committee we look forward to your support and ideas and encourage you to keep in touch with us.

Best wishes, Alan K B Beavis OBE - Chairman

Future ISGF Events

2012

Aug. 15th – 19th: 7th Central European Gathering
Plzen, Czech Republic
Sept. 25th – 29th: 25th West European Gathering,
Cork, Ireland
Oct. 5th - 13th: 6th Tunisia Gathering
Oct. 12th - 15th: South America sub Region Meeting
Oct. 25th FELLOWSHIP DAY
Oct. 31st – 5th Nov: 14th Mediterranean Gathering
Nov. 6th – 11th: 13th Asia Pacific Region Gathering

2013

Sept. 5th – 8th: 8th European Conference, Sweden
Sept. 11th – 15th: 2nd Caribbean Gathering
Oct 25th 60th Anniversary of ISGF

2014

Oct. 10th – 16th: 27th World Conference, Sydney, Australia

Further details on all the above events from the International Secretary

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The French National Organisation was the host for the workshop which was held at the French National Scout and Guide Training Centre at Jambville. Though the numbers were small eleven countries were represented and Nana Gentimi (Vice Chairman of the World Committee) brought greetings from Mida Rodrigues the Chairman. Everyone worked very hard and it was recognised that there was a need to improve communications as good communications are the key to an efficient vibrant organisation. Many misunderstandings were the result of badly worded or poorly timed information. The discussion groups worked well together and by the end of the workshop it was agreed to request that the Europe Committee organise another workshop, in March 2013 on Marketing, a long list of topics being drawn up in preparation for the event. There was time to learn first-hand from Leny about the working of the Web site and members had an opportunity to put forward ideas concerning the web site.

During our stay at Jambville there was opportunity to discover the facilities in the grounds, they were preparing for a camp for 7000. Jambville comprises of the Chateau, grounds and various accommodation blocks and conference rooms which are used by members of the Scout and Guide movement and also let out to outside organisations.

We were privileged to share meal times with a group of well-behaved French School children.

On one day we were able to visit Monet's house and gardens, there was a riot of colour in the garden which was tended by a large team of gardeners. At lunch time we were joined by members of the French fellowship and then in the afternoon visited a small museum dedicated to the 1947 Jamboree at Moisson.

An experience which is to be recommended as there was plenty of time to get to know ones fellow members and learn about the Fellowships in their countries.

Jane Wardropper

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO LET
THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY
KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING ANY
ISGF EVENTS**

This will be held at the Montenotte Hotel, Cork City, Rep. of Ireland from Tuesday 25th to Saturday 29th September 2012. The Opening Ceremony on Tuesday will be followed by a Dinner. On Wednesday there will be a bus tour to Blarney, Crafts & Celli practise, for the evening Celli. The bus tour on Thursday will be to Cobh & Fota, there will be an Auction, Entertainment at Dinner and a Campfire. On Friday delegates will take to their feet for a Walking tour of the City and in the evening there will be a Gala Dinner with Entertainment. Delegates will make their way home on Saturday. The 'Theme' of the Gathering, will be '**Caring and Sharing**' – within Scouting & Guiding, your Guild or Fellowship group, within the ISGF and Worldwide (natural resources & wealth). There will be discussion groups in English and French, so bring along news of what you are doing now, as well as bright ideas for the future. **Cork City** awaits you; it was founded by St Finbarr in the 7th Century. Its Harbour is the 2nd biggest natural harbour in the world, after Sydney. Cork has many historical & cultural attractions. Come along and Kiss the Blarney Stone, visit Cobh Heritage Centre and visit the home of the Jameson Whiskey Distillery.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

The Domain name www.nsgf.org.uk has been registered and we need a volunteer to act as webmaster. The basic design is being prepared, further updates will be prepared as required. The webmaster will need to be able to upload and download information to keep the website up to date.

**NSGF UK
Component Organisations**

The Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain (BPG)
Scout and Guide Fellowship (SAGF)

**NSGF UK JNC (Joint National Committee)
Members**

Chairman – Alan Beavis, SAGF
Vice Chairman – Jane Wardropper, BPG
International Sec. – Sue Page, BPG
Treasurer – Peter Short, SAGF
Liz Aveston – Committee Member, SAGF
Adrian McDowell – Committee Member, BPG

**Any contributions for the next edition by 1st Oct.
2012 please to Sue Page.**