



Well Done

Congratulations go to three of our Scouting colleagues.

Wayne Bulpit has been awarded the CBE.

Tony Fulford and Rebecca Churchill have been awarded the Commissioners Commendation.

Our best wishes and thanks go to Wayne and Tony for all the work that they have given to Scouting over the years.



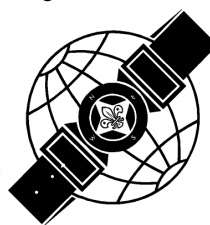
The Oman Explorer Belt Challenge

The UK-Arab Region SIG is offering an Explorer Belt opportunity in the Sultanate of Oman from the 5th – 19th August 2018.

The Explorer Belt Expedition is open to all members of the Scout Movement who have had their 16th birthday by 5th August 2018 and have not celebrated their 25th birthday by the 19th August 2018. We will start and finish in Muscat and visit various locations in Oman. There will be opportunities during the 10-day expedition to visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Hajjar Mountains, Nizwa Fort, souks and kasbahs



Travel around Oman will be on foot, by bus, cycle, boat, donkey and maybe even by camel! The return flight to the UK will include a 48 hour stopover in Dubai to visit the Burj Khalifa, Palm Islands and Dubai Creek.



For details of the Explorer Belt rules and requirements, visit: <http://members.scouts.org.uk/explorerbelt>

Teams can be made up of 3 – 5 members

ISSU members are encouraged to promote this opportunity to Explorer & Network units in their area.

An application form can be obtained by email from scout@kcited.demon.co.uk

If ISSU members are interested in being mentors (based in UK) or support staff (based in Oman for the duration) please contact Mike Aston at the email address above.

Friends of Scouting Europe – UK Reception

Members of ISSU are warmly invited to attend a Reception being hosted by Henrik Soderman, Chair of the European Scout Foundation, at noon on 2 September 2017 in the group room/bar, White House, Gilwell Park, during this year's Gilwell Reunion.

For further information please visit www.fose-uk.org.uk or email alanbeavis@fose-uk.org.uk



ISSU Newsletter

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

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.

Devine Writes



The last few months have been quite busy with the ISSU. We have a number of initiative we are working on and of course again, this year, the team are supporting the International Base at Reunion. At the end of October we will have our induction weekend for those who have applied to join the team for Amazon 2020. We now have a hundred applications and BES are working through them to ensure each applicant understands the commitment they will need to make over the next three years.

We only have fifty places to offer on the Amazon trip. To reduce disappointment BES have now put together a trip to the Yukon. This will run in parallel with the Amazon trip and will offer a further 50 places. If you know of anyone who are, possibly and explorer, who will be 18-25 in July/August 2020 please encourage them to look at the detail and if interested apply using the following link.

<http://www.britishexploring.org/scouts-amazon-expedition.aspx>

On offer is five weeks in some of the worlds most remote areas looking at the ecology and undertaking research and enquiry whilst there. A real once in a lifetime opportunity.

Reunion offers an opportunity for members to catch up with old friends but also find out what each has been involved in over the past year. Alex Fogg is coordinating the base activities, Chris White is dealing with the workshops we will deliver along with our Deputy International Commissioners. Alan Beavis will run a small cafe, The International Departure Lounge. This will be available for any ISSU member to enjoy a coffee and chat and will also be used to enable visitors to the base to chat with team members if they require more in-depth discussions on taking Scouts abroad.

In the evening we will have a small reception to thank those who are involved in International work. You are welcome to join us, details will be available at the base.

During the year there are a number of our members busy working on various initiatives. Marv Takel continues his relationship with Uganda and is also working hard on Scouts Against Malaria a project supported by Hampshire Scout but which has captured the imagination of members across the association. Chris White, one of our new team members, is supporting Scottish Scouts with their proposed trip to Madagascar in 2019. Jo Busby continues to work on her project in Ghana and preparing a visit for Explorers/Network Scouts again in 2019. There are many more and congratulations to all of you who are endeavoring to bring International awareness to our members.

Me? I'm off to the U.S.A at the end of the month, Scouting? No actually I am in the states for a month on holiday. To balance things out I will be in The Gambia at the end of November visiting the Kiara Konko project that is the initiative of Marion Christmas. The project has ran since 1990 and offers children in the town of Soma an opportunity to experience Scouting and help their community. More about that in a later issue.

Our new structure.

Over the past eighteen months members of the ISSU team have made a very positive contribution to the International Commissioner Team. Having looked at the various areas of assistance and support given I am now reorganising the ISSU core team and aligning them with the Deputy International Commissioner team.

The new structure;

Volunteering and engagement; Deputy IC, Callum Kaye
Alex Fogg, Charles Pritchard

Programme; Deputy IC's Niall Pettit and Jon Morgan
Rebecca Churchill ,Elliot Pain

BSO; Deputy IC, Peter Dawes
Steve Sutton (nb, Steve will also continue to be our link to Arab Scouting)

In addition we have the following stand alone appointments;

Keyur (Kiwi) Patel; Primary Responsibility for Kandersteg. Secondary briefing to consider how we can further promote other significant Scout sites across the world.

Chris White; Scout Expedition Training Team. Chris has developed this team independently. He now joins the ISSU team and will look at developing training for leaders who do not have international expedition experience.

Alan Beavis and Tony Fullford remain as Admin/Finance and Membership coordinators respectively.

Each of the coordinators are appointed to their primary roles but cross cooperation will be a feature going forward. We need to remain flexible to respond to any help that is sought by TSA in their endeavors to increase international awareness and experience going forward.

'Kevin Angel continues to manage what was Network Russia with a wider remit and a new name, Eurasia. Kevin continues to do a splendid job and this is his initiative with the support of his team with a clear vision of how the Network should change for the future.'

Both Tomasz Herbasz and Tony Gibb have resigned their roles in the team and I will not be looking reappoint. I would like to register here my thanks to both Tony and Tomasz for their help in establishing the ISSU in its early development stages

PORF P: National Organisation of Russian Scouts

BORODINO A GREAT SUCCESS

The Russian Organisation of National Scouts (NORS) was founded in 1998. Since 2005 the office of NORS has been situated in the republic of Karelia.

Nors consists of 2500 members in 22 regions all over the country. It comprises some 94 scout organisations. The largest and most active seems to be the Scouts of Karelia, Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Perm, Kalingrad, Arkhangelsk, Murmansk and Vologda.

Jamboree “Borodino 2016

The Jamboree was held on the legendary field of Russian glory ‘Borodino Field’ in Mozhaisk district of Moscow region. The site was chosen in order to promote the formation of children and young people in its history. To make them feel responsible for the future of their country and promote Scouting as a progressive method for young people. Everyone was able to ask the question, what can I do for my country.



The preparation for the Jamboree started in 2014 after a joint Moscow-Perm winter camp where it became obvious this was an ideal site. Permission was granted in early spring from the local authorities. In the summer of 2015 scouts managed to collect funds from the crowdsourcing site (It is understood a network member did send a large donation) for the preparatory camp for 90 young volunteers. Also thanks to the support of Russian Ministry some scouts received financial assistance to attend. In 2016 Borodino 2016 managed to attract 250,000 Rubbles (£2937) in sponsorship. There were over 15 organisations involved in granting permission for the Jamboree to be held. There were 123 people from 15 regions that were

involved in 95% of the organisation. The pre Borodino Jamboree started in the heart of Moscow. On July 21 a prayer service was held at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, where any who wanted was welcomed to join in the service. After the service saw over 800 people join in “**Moscow-the heart of Russia**”. This was a sightseeing and educational in nature game which took place around the city on foot and visiting places of interest. This prepared everyone with the history of Borodino where the Jamboree was to be held.

Jamboree Borodino 2016 was the first time that a fully fledged multi-day programme “Beaver Park” for children 4 to 7 years Beavers and their parents. Every day in the morning the little heroes went to “Beaver Reserve” for a themed programme. Friendship Day; Wonders (day of Natural sciences; the Day of Music and theatre; Hiking and the Day of Russia. After dinner they were involved in simplified Scouting activities. In addition they had the chance to go to the museum ‘Selco Doronin where they were shown the peasant way of life during the war of 1812. The programme

has shown that younger sisters and brothers can develop and learn new things within the Scout Movement. They can also learn from the parents who hopefully will make good leaders one day.



NORS

They are holding a Jamboree in the Perm District July 2018 to which they have sent out an open invitation to anyone who would like to attend.

All-Russian Scout Association

Has the honour to invite Scout Associations of Russia, and Associations from abroad, both near and far, to take part in the sixth Siberian-Far Eastern Jamboree in 2018.

The Jamboree will be held from July 25 to August 3, 2018. In Berdsky District of Novosibirsk region.

The UK-Arab Region SIG



The UK-Arab Region Special Interest Group (SIG) within ISSU is being reformed.

The main aim is to provide a forum for Scout Association members who have an interest in Scouting in the Arab Region and those members of Arab Scout Region Associations who have an interest in UK Scouting.

Many of the 23 Arab national organisations are experiencing instability in their country and yet Scouting continues to thrive from Mauritania in the West to Iraq in the North and from Oman in the East to Comoros in the South.

In practical terms, we intend to achieve our main aim by promoting an awareness of Scouting in the Arab Region.

by offering experience of Scouting in the Arab Region and increase understanding of life and culture in the region via study visits, cultural exchange, Explorer Belt expeditions etc.

by providing links with associations and groups in the region.

by offering advice and support to assist individuals and groups from The Scout Association visiting the Arab Region.

by encouraging and supporting attendance at events/camps in the Arab Region.

by responding to requests from Scouting in the Arab region and providing appropriate support.

by giving support to Scouts from the Arab Region settled or studying in the UK.

by welcoming visiting groups from the Region and offering support.



If you are interested in joining the UK-Arab Region SIG, please email scout@kcitedemon.co.uk for more detailed plans for the future.

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Moscow Scouts

They hosted a charity fair in the Vorontsov Park. Scouts collected 58535 rubles (£690) for the fund "Give Life" for children with cancer and gemological diseases. Thanks to the collaboration with the park "Manor Vorontsovo who provided a platform for the event; CRC "Meridian" who sent information about the Fair to the residents of the district. Scout groups held a variety of playgroups and workshops, they also brought gifts and crafts for the fair. A major event in the programme in Moscow was also the wettest weather in history dzhamboriysky parade. Under the harmonious rhythm of the Scouts band and drummers everyone taking part stood their part in the pouring rain on the Poklonnaya Hill laying flowers at the monuments to the war and also the Eternal Flame.



db's Reminder

Just a reminder that all member's 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 down load the Adults Information form, complete it and give it to your Appointments Sec or Scout HQ.

SIG (Special Interest Groups)

If you require more information on your **SIG** contact

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Events in 2018/219

17th Australian Venture 2 – 13 January 2018

Choice of 5 days of expeditions in Southern Queensland, followed by five days of on-site and off-site adventures.

15 – 18 years old.

www.av2018.scouts.com.au

JamborRi 2018, Ireland 25 July – 2 August 2018

<http://www.jambo-ri.ie/>

Moot, Cuzco, Peru 27 July – 5 August 2018

Held in the imperial city of Cuzco-Peru, near the Urubamba valley in Andes

Smotra 2018, Belgrade, Serbia 27 July – 5 August 2018

"Smotra 2018" will feature an attractive program full of exciting activities that will help participants learn, explore, meet and share about the city, Serbia, scouting and future.

Contact International@scouts.org.uk for more information

Home 2018 International Jamboree, Austria 6 – 15 August 2018

10 – 21 years

Small Activities, multi-cultural Programme and entertainment and camp challenges www.home2018.at

300 Euros fee

Events in 2019

25th Australian Scout Jamboree 3 – 13 January 2019

11- 15 year olds

international@aj2019.scouts.com.au

CHANGE OF NAMES

Please note that the following groups have changed their names.

Russia Network to Eurasia Scout Support Unit

UK-Arab Region SIG account to UK-Arab Region Active Scout Service Unit

NSASU 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 their 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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