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Editorial

Welcome to the Spring 2010 issue of the magazine. I don't know about you, but I was beginning to feel as though the winter would never end. I hope you and your loved ones have come safely through the long, dark, cold days. If you have any stories about Good Samaritans to share with us, I will look forward to hearing from you.

One sad piece of news is that there will not be the usual report from Stan Kemp of Gravesend Branch. Stan died in the early hours of the morning on the 1st February 2010. Allan Page attended the funeral. Stan was a one time member of the national Committee and he and Allan spent twelve months organizing the Scout and Guide Spirit Flame.

We must also extend our condolences to the family and friends of Scout Leader Stephen young, who died, aged 18, whilst leading a walking trip in Scotland earlier this year. He fell through a shelf of snow on the 3,701ft Creag Meagaidh mountain in Invernessshire. He was Kent Scout County's youngest trustee.

Pat Parks

Spotted on a local Church Hall notice board



ASA Hold AGM at Rolleston

The Adult Scout Alliance held its Annual General Meeting at the Rolleston on Dove Scout HQ. Nr Burton Upon Trent, on Saturday 20th March.

Various reports were presented and the AGM business was dispatched within 20 minutes.

Special guests invited to the AGM were Mrs Avril Dossetter, Chairman Trefoil Guild Derbyshire, Mrs Edith Critchley, Council Member Midlands Trefoil Guild and Jane Wardropper, Europe Region Chairman, ISGF.

Newly elected members to the committee are Mrs Katherine Bailey, & Mr Ray Bailey, Baden Powell Guild. Mr Alan Beavis OBE. Central Group.

Following the AGM, the ASA Committee held a meeting to appoint the officers for this committee for 2010/2011.

The New Committee Officers are Mr David Mowbray **Chairman**, Mr Allan Page **International Secretary and Secretary** and Mr Alan Beavis OBE, **Treasurer**. Committee members are: Mr Ray Bailey, Mr Brian Staines, Mrs Katherine Bailey, Mr Robert Nicol, & Mr Willie Taylor. Mrs Beryl Aldridge was co-opted to the Committee to continue with Central Group liaison members.

Following the AGM a very interesting talk was given by Mr Tony Critchley, on behalf of the National Arboretum Museum.



Photograph shows members enjoying the talk about the National Arboretum Museum.

Meet Your ASA National Committee



Picture shows left to right. Willie Taylor. B-P Guild Scotland. Beryl Aldridge. ASA Central Group. Behind Beryl, Robert Nicol. B-P Guild Scotland. Dave Mowbray. ASA Central Group. Behind Dave to your left, Alan Beavis. Treasurer. Allan Page. B-P Guild GB. Kath Bailey. B-P Guild GB. Behind Kath. Grant Bailey. B-P Guild GB.



Meet Kath Bailey. Guild Member Bebington. Kath has been co-opted onto the ASA Committee as a Guild Representative and will be elected at the ASA AGM. We look forward to Kath keeping our Guild interests in the Adult Scout Alliance Committee. Good luck Kath.

Minute Secretary Wanted For ASA Committee

A minute secretary is required to take the minutes of the ASA Committee meetings held 2 times a year and the ASA AGM. These minutes are then circulated to the ASA committee members. For further details telephone 01886 832940.



ALAN K B BEAVIS

Alan Beavis has been appointed an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) in the New Year 2010 Honours List - for Services to the Scouts.

Alan Beavis has been in the Scout Movement all his life since joining as a Wolf Cub in Bristol in 1949. After progressing through the various sections, his involvement continued primarily through adult support in which he has held a variety of positions. His involvement in international Scouting has encouraged hundreds of young people to undertake community service in Africa.

His election to the National Board of the B-P Scout Guild and the Joint National Council of Great Britain and Northern Ireland led to his first steps into International Scouting. As the International Council's Director of Development, he attended the World Fellowship Conference in Melbourne Australia. From this he received an invitation to visit Uganda in 1991, which ignited his passion to help Scouting in Africa and in particular Uganda.



His subsequent discussions with the Scout Association UK led to the UNITE Project, a three way partnership between the Scout Association UK, the Uganda Scouts Association and UNICEF in providing child immunisation in Uganda. This success prompted the development of the UK-Uganda Network and Alan became their first co-ordinator, The Network has facilitated community work in Uganda for hundreds of young people in the UK, through their Scout Districts and Groups.

In 1985 Alan was founding member of Berkshire Scout Enterprises Limited and became Director and Chairman, positions he still holds. The company provides training and assistance to people who are unemployed or disadvantaged, to find sustainable employment.

A former Chairman of Berkshire Scout Council Executive Committee, Alan still remains a member and is also Chairman of the International Scout Fellowship and Treasurer of the UK Adult Scout Alliance.

My thanks to Sue Page for forwarding this article to me: she also points out that Alan is an Honorary Member of the Guild.

Editor

2 November 2009

"Dear friends,

This message is to remind you of our support project for the school at Cendajuru in Burundi in partnership with the United Nations High Agency for Refugees - UNHCR. At this date through your effort we have managed to collect more than 6000 euros. A warm "Thank you" to all those of you who have already acted.

In order to reach even more and to coincide with the Day of the Refugee organised by the UNHCR we have decided to continue this action until June 2010.

Thank you for transferring your donations at no expense for the beneficiary, as follows :

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Yours in Fellowship,
Anne Dupont
Vice Chairman

Stourbridge Branch

Our fund raising for local charities has continued with donations being made to the local branch of the MS Society, Chernobyl 2000 and the Acorns Children's Hospice via Kingswinford Hand Bell Ringers.

We joined the Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions for two nights in their Santa Sleigh collection, our share going to various charities.

Our Christmas evening was held on 12 December at Stourbridge Institute where we welcomed 19 members from Malvern. An evening of varied entertainment ably controlled by MC Dave Tomlinson was enjoyed by all. A collection was made for Kingswinford Hand Bell Ringers which they have passed on to the Acorns Hospice.

On 16th December the Branch Christmas Dinner was held at the Age Concern Elton Centre, a very enjoyable evening. Unfortunately the weather has curtailed further activities, with Spring on the way we hope for better luck.

It is with regret we record the passing of Fred Beech, a long standing member of the Guild. Fred was active with Wollaston Scouts for many years becoming Group Scout Leader and he was also District Commissioner for Stourbridge District.

It was the wish of Gwen Beech (Fred's widow) that instead of flowers, donations should be sent to the local Air Ambulance and £50 was sent from the Branch.

We also have to record that our secretary Dave Tomlinson has been very ill in hospital recently. Happily Dave is now home and on the way to recovery, we wish him well.

Percy Hewins

The certificate above was presented to the Stourbridge Branch by the Chairman of Uzda District Council, Belarus.

Translated it reads:

The District Council and people of Uzda district would like to express thanks and give deep gratitude for your initiative in giving Humanitarian Help. Your generosity and kindness deserve special admiration. To give people help without expecting anything in return is the true meaning of friendship. We are especially glad that your visit promotes our friendship. You will always be welcome on our hospitable soil.



It is hoped the above will generate interest in this very worthwhile cause.

Here is an account of the journey to Uzda:

Chernobyl 2000

Chernobyl 2000 is a charity dedicated to helping the people of Chernobyl and surrounding areas devastated by radioactive fallout several years ago. For many years, Stourbridge Branch have been involved in the collection of various items such as stationary, children's toys and clothes, baby clothes and toiletries. In addition cash donations have been made from various social events.

The following is an extract from the Chernobyl Newsletter 2009 which describes the journey of Convoy 2009.

“This year's convoy was a five vehicle affair which included goods for the fire station, hospital, school and orphanage. We left Dover on Thursday 2nd April journeying through the night through France, Belgium, the Netherlands and part way across Germany. By 11.30am on Sunday 5th April all our vehicles were in Belarus and we were looking forward to meeting our friends and interpreters.

The first stop on our final leg of the journey is Uzda where we had a wonderful welcome with tea and cakes at the Regional Hospital. Our next stop was Dzerjinsk, a warm greeting with traditional Belarus gift of bread and salt. After 40 minutes travel we arrive at the Hotel Planeta, Minsk looking forward to a cold beer, shower and a meal. We had been on the road for 36 hours.



Monday morning we returned to Dzerjinsk and Uzda to clear local customs and unload. We had news that there was a hold up at customs in Stolbtsy, some forms were wrong, and the truck could not get clearance and was locked in the Customs compound. Having been to Stolbtsy for years we were not expecting problems but in Belarus do not expect things to be the same as usual. No news of the truck came until late



Tuesday afternoon when we heard it was cleared. After everything was unloaded we headed to Minsk for a celebration, sight seeing and shopping.

We started westwards towards home Thursday morning. Having said our last goodbyes we headed for the border. We were subjected to thorough searches by Polish customs then we were free in Poland. After breakfast taken at midnight Friday night we were on the road again and caught the boat out of Dunkirk at 14.00. We arrived at the warehouse in Evesham about 8.00 pm.”

Percy Hewins

For the Love of Humanity

Christ said “In as much as you do it for the least of these, my little ones, you do it for me”.

We are accustomed to hearing horror stories of natural disasters, wars and famines. However touching these are, there is a danger of our becoming immune to their appeal.

Mozambique is a case in point: Devastated by civil war and by the largest floods ever recorded in Africa, it has a real problem of homelessness. In a country whose total population is only 18 million, there are more than 1.3 million orphans.

How encouraging then to hear of the selflessness, love and generosity of a group of teenagers who are determined to do something about this situation.



Working with the Christian charity **Habitat for Humanity**, a group of young people, drawn from Explorer Scouts, Church Youth Groups and College friends have set themselves a target of raising £20,000 to build homes for some of these orphans. The charity has already built a hundred homes under a scheme lead by teams of skilled craftsmen and using volunteer labour. Each team is allocated a number of orphans to be apprenticed to the relevant craftsman, in order to enable them to learn a skill and to become independent in later life.



Fifteen of the young people involved in the fund-raising project have been selected to go out to Mozambique later this year to help in the building programme. In addition to helping to raise the group total, each volunteer has undertaken to fund his or her own expense of travel, accommodation, clothing, insurance, vaccination, food and medicine, totalling in all something like a further £1500 .

One of this group is Explorer Scout, Matt Hill, grandson of Guild members Jean & Ron Shaw. Having already raised his own personal

funds, Matt has set himself a further target of raising £1000 towards the group total.

This effort has so far taken varied means, including car-boot sales, quizzes, and many generous donations from family, friends and support groups, not least amongst which are Matt's Church and the B.P. Guild. The latest fund-raiser was a tombola stall run by Jean and Ron at the Malvern Guild's Mother's Day coffee morning which made £50, bringing Matt's total so far to more than £800.

Ron Shaw

Centenary Thinking Day Service

Bristol & South Gloucestershire Trefoil Guild

Saint Frances Church Ashton Gate Bristol was the venue for the Trefoil Guild Centenary thinking day service, Sunday 21st February. After the service, ladies from Trefoil and the Guild exchanged interests in their respective movements.



International Fellowship Day Gatherings



Guild and Adult Scout Alliance members together with Trefoil Guild members are seen here enjoying the Regional Gatherings, celebrating International Fellowship Day in Northampton on Sat 24th October



Members of the Cheshire Borders and the Wirral enjoying a chat during the Gathering on Monday 26th October.

GUILD NATIONAL AGM 2010

Stourbridge & District Guild hosted the 2010 National AGM on Saturday 17th April at the Elton Centre, Stourbridge. The venue was ideal with good parking, delightful restaurant and a large Conference room. Our thanks go to Stourbridge for an excellent event and to the local Air Scouts who gave a most interesting talk and display during the morning.



The AGM took place after an excellent lunch.

The Chairman opened the meeting and then the President Derek Elton, welcomed all present. The Chairman, David Harbach started the meeting by introducing the committee members seated at the top table. Copies of the Minutes of the 2009 AGM were accepted and signed.



The President gave his address and followed this with the presentation of ISGF Twinning Certificates to Bebington, Stourbridge & District and Malvern Guilds.



The Chairman thanked the National Committee members for their support during the past year to himself and to the organisation. He also thanked all the members for the work done during the year.

The National Secretary reported that membership had increased despite some members having been 'Called to higher Service' during the year. He was very pleased to have been able to attend the funeral of Stan Kemp from Gravesend Branch, who had been a member of the national Committee.



A recruitment campaign had been started with a publicity mail shot and this will be followed up later in the year. Display boards had been purchased by Malvern Branch and the Secretary had taken these to several events to publicise the guild. He also thanked Garth Harbach for the work done in keeping the web site updated, there had been nearly 3400 viewings of the web site.

The Editors report was read by Alec Fraser in the absence of the editor at the meeting. Pat reported that the Guild had invested in a new printer which had been used to produce the Autumn 2009 edition. She thanked Keith for technical support and John Holman for stapling and distribution.

The UK ASA report was read by Ray Bailey as a member of the ASA committee, of the 240 members in 2009 150 were from the Guild, there will be an increase in this number to 153 for 2010. The 3 guild members on the ASA committee are Allan Page, Kathie Bailey, Ray Bailey, Allan & Ray will be stepping down next year and 2 more volunteers are required to take their places. 3 members had attended the European Gathering in Dundee in Aug 2009 and booking forms are available for the European Conference in Nov 2010 in Cyprus. The Guild National Committee had supported a proposal to send a donation of £200 to the appeal by the ISGF World Chairman to help the Scouts of Haiti replace lost equipment and also to the setting up of a 'Donation Fund' by setting aside 10% of the ASA subscription each year.

The Treasurer gave the financial report, copies were circulated and displayed on screen. Peter reported that it was not viable for the Guild to obtain Charity status. The balance at the end of the 2009 financial year was lower than in 2008, but was still in line with earlier predictions, he therefore proposed no increase in the £8.50 annual subscription for 2011.

Bebington Guild have agreed to host the 2011 AGM and it is proposed to hold this on Sunday 3rd April 2011 at Poulton Hall.



STAN KEMP



Stan joined the B-P Scout Guild Gravesend Branch in 1972 continuing into our Guild as it is today.

As well as an active member of the Guild, Stan was for many years on the service team for Hopehill (Gravesend District) Camp site.

Stan was also a member of the board of Trustees for the Clifford Allen Fund for the

Hopehill Campsite.

Stan and his wife Jackie moved to Ashford Kent and it wasn't long before Stan became involved in Scouting services again, by becoming District Secretary, Secretary for Appointments and Secretary for Leader Training.

In 2005 Stan became a member of the National Guild Committee, representing Kent.

I count myself fortunate enough to have worked with Stan on the Scout Spirit Flame Project. The route for the flame was split into 2 sections. Stan took on section 1. During the twelve months of planning the route beforehand, Stan and I with our ladies would check the route for safety. We both very much enjoyed working on this project.

Stan was also on the Service Team for Kent and East Sussex Railway, based at Tenterden in Kent. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A GOOD SCOUT GONE HOME.

Allan Page. National Secretary

BRANCH SECRETARIES

**Bebington
Wirral**

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Mrs Enid Ingham

**Henfield
W Sussex**

Derek Gardner

**Malvern
Worcestershire**

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**Stourbridge &
District
W Midlands**

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**Tiviot Dale
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Bryan Noble



An independent National Association of Men and Women who believe that the spirit of Scouting should be extended into Adult life, including many who were not Guides or Scouts in earlier days.

By its help and practical assistance in a variety of local charitable causes the Baden Powell Guild make a worthwhile contribution to the community.

