

# GLOBAL SUPPORT TEAM

# International Matters



May 2019

Hello Hertfordshire Scouts!

Welcome to the May edition of 'International Matters', which will be coming out roughly 3 times a year, to keep you up to date with all things global in the county and further afield.

If you have any suggestions, would like your event to be featured, or want to advertise an international trip, just pop me an email at [manon.burbidge@btinternet.com](mailto:manon.burbidge@btinternet.com)

## RECENT/UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DATES & FESTIVALS

- **2019: UN Year of Indigenous Languages**
- **5<sup>th</sup> May:** Ramadan starts (Muslim)
- **16<sup>th</sup> May:** International Day of Living Together in Peace
- **22<sup>nd</sup> May:** International Day for Biological Diversity
- **29<sup>th</sup> May:** Vaishaka Puja (Buddhist)
- **5<sup>th</sup> June:** Eid Ul'Fitr (end of Ramadan – Muslim)
- **5<sup>th</sup> June:** World Environment Day
- **8<sup>th</sup> June:** World Oceans Day
- **12<sup>th</sup> June:** World Day Against Child Labour
- **20<sup>th</sup> June:** World Refugee Day
- **15<sup>th</sup> July:** World Youth Skills Day
- **30<sup>th</sup> July:** International Day of Friendship



These international and religious days and festivals are a great chance to get young people talking about the wider world. Why not use one, if it coincides with your meeting as a theme for an evening? You can run activities and sessions to work towards many badges including:

- World Challenge Badge
- International Activity Badge
- Global Issues Activity Badge
- World Faiths Activity Badge

## News from the County



### Scouts Against Malaria (SAM) – Reminder

Hertfordshire has already raised considerable funds to support a SAM Project in Burkina Faso. Malaria remains a serious public health problem in the country, despite the implementation of preventive and curative measures. It constitutes the first cause for consultation, hospitalisation and death in their health facilities. Statistics from the national health information system reveal that children are the most affected, accounting for 44% of consultations. In 2016 malaria affected about 9.8 million people and caused 4,000 deaths, including 3,000 among children under five.

Support from Hertfordshire will focus on:

1. Sensitisation 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. Sensitisation of mothers of children from 0 to 5 years old and pregnant women (vulnerable groups) to benefit from preventative treatments through exchange workshop sessions.
4. Raising public awareness of the need to use an impregnated mosquito net effectively.

By learning about Malaria and what can be done to limit its impact, young people can get involved and inspired to make a difference and save a life. Each District has access to their own Case of Malaria, which is a pack of resources enabling Colonies, Packs, Troops and Units to run their own SAM evening.

Badges are available at a cost of £5 each, the proceeds from which will go towards providing anti-mosquito nets in our chosen country of Burkina Faso. The requirements for the badge, once completed, are logged and sent to SAM, who will supply both the badges to your troop and the life-saving mosquito nets to Burkina Faso. The requirements are different for each stage of scouting as appropriate.

Resources and more information can also be found online at:

<http://www.scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk/>

<https://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/international/scouts-against-malaria>.

# Jamboree Update

## #WE ARE WAPITI

*Robin Veale, Unit Leader*

Since its very first meeting, Unit 16 has been incredibly busy, our first meeting took place early in January 2018 where we all gathered to introduce ourselves and begin making the life-long friendships that only a Jamboree can establish. The Unit met at a trampoline park in St Albans to bounce, laugh the night away and start our Jambo journey. Since then we have undertaken a series of camps, hikes and fun days to better get to know each other.

Our first camp was a back to basics weekend at Danemead near Hoddesdon where the lack of supplied tentage didn't deter the Unit from setting up a good range of Bivvies using plastic sheeting, tree trunks and foliage. Some training and team tasks to undertake and finished off with a great campfire. The Unit chose the name Wapiti for its links to both Hertfordshire and West Virginia and its logo was designed by the Unit themselves.

We have hiked around Ivinghoe Beacon, camped again, at Lees Wood, Phasels, and Tolmers, picnicked and barbecued with the parents. We welcomed the Unit back after the Summer break with an evening at Harmergreen Wood, then took to the water in Hatfield Pool for an Inflatable fun session to prepare ourselves for some of the activities on offer at the Jamboree.

We all attended the Christmas festival in Hitchin which gave us all a wonderful opportunity to meet friends old and new on the Herts Jamboree team. In January we attended the Harpenden Gang Show in support of 4 of the Unit who were taking part – the show was an outstanding advert for the skills and talents of a great number of those participating, especially those Wapiti members.

We held a parents Info update at the Canyon in Stevenage which gave everyone the chance to meet again, swap stories, exchange fundraising ideas and to understand the complexities facing the Leaders and Contingent Teams when planning for the Jamboree.

Two teams entered the Monopoly Run in February, managing to navigate around London without getting too lost, but gaining blisters and sore feet in the process. This will stand them in good stead for the U.S. big city experiences to come. Fundraising has taken place individually, as small Unit and District teams, and has raised the profile of Scouting in and around Hertfordshire. The Unit was very lucky to have a fantastic fundraiser organised by some of the parents that involved the Leaders and parents enjoying a wine and cheese tasting competition – who knew you could drink wine and compete at the same time? So far, the Unit has coped with everything we have organised for them with a great sense of fun and adventure at all times, they have gelled together really well and are becoming firm friends all round.

Bring on the 20th July!!

# Country in Focus

## Scouting in Algeria

*Algerian Scout, Brahim Bamani Rai, takes us through what scouting is like in his home country.*



### History

The Scouts in Algeria began after the First World War, as a result of the French Protectorate. It was similar to the Scouts in France, and many young Algerians joined their ranks to admire the system, Scouting discipline and uniforms. However, during the occupation and some accompanying provocative reviews, the French Scouts forced the Algerians to withdraw from their ranks and head towards the establishment of independent Scout groups.

The first Scout regiment was founded in 1935 under the name of the Ibn Khaldoun Regiment. After that, many Scouts were formed at the national level. In July 1939, under the honorary chairmanship of Sheikh Abdelhamid Ben Badis, the conference was titled: "Islam is our religion, Arabic is our language, Algeria is our homeland." The conference was the foundation of the Algerian Islamic Scouts as a national organisation and Mohamed Boras was elected as its president.

The regiments of Scouts have carried out important and effective activities during the Algerian Liberation Revolution. They also carry out many activities in various fields, including cultural, social, sports and scientific. They have good men and generations and interests that serve the religion and the nation.

### Local Activities

The celebration of the Flower Festival in the month of April of each year, inherited by the from the people of the Wadi Mazab, a way in which the people receive the spring season, celebrating the end of the harvest season of some yields and fruits. The Scouts offers displays in the streets of the city containing messages on social phenomena occurring in the town.

Organising awareness initiatives on social pests such as traffic accidents, drugs, etc; Organising voluntary campaigns such as: cleaning the streets of the town and harvesting olives at the farm of life; organising activities such as climbing palm trees, riding horses, etc. Participation in national holidays; participation in the copper band performances on the anniversary of the outbreak of the Algerian Liberation Revolution on November 1 and the Independence Day celebrations on July 5 of each year.

Organising cultural programs on the occasion of the Amazigh New Year celebrations.

Trips and camps, including summer camps in coastal cities in the north and abroad, and winter camps in the town's oases and suburbs.

Organizing a trip to the Holy Bekaa (2008)

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The Scout Movement in my city of Al-Qarara started in 1943, and is very popular with children, where they pay great attention to it because it provides them with the right atmosphere to practice their hobbies and discover new skills and experiences that help them form a balanced personality.

It helped to shine the Scouts in the village is to encourage parents and their appreciation of the efforts of the leaders towards their children, and their awareness of the educational goals of the Scouts and the religious, moral, social and psychological values that benefit the children and the community and the homeland.



If you are travelling abroad this year as a Unit or as an individual, don't forget to ask Peter Makewell for a 'Visits Abroad' pack by email at

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