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GLOBAL SUPPORT TEAM

International Matters



September 2018

Hello Hertfordshire Scouts!

Welcome to the September edition of 'International Matters', which will be released roughly 4 times a year, to keep you up to date with all things global in the county and further afield. I hope you have all had a nice return to work/school/university after the holidays.

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

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DATES/FESTIVALS

- **2017- UN Year of European Cultural Heritage**
- **19th September:** Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- **21st September:** International Day of Peace
- **23rd September:** International Day of Sign Languages
- **8th October:** Indigenous Peoples of America Day
- **10th October:** World Mental Health Day
- **11th October:** International Day of the Girl
- **17th October:** International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- **7th November:** Diwali (Hindu)
- **16th November:** International Day of Tolerance
- **20th November:** Universal Children's Day



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

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

News from the County



Scouts Against Malaria (SAM)

Have you heard the buzz?

Hertfordshire Scouts have joined up with other UK Counties in the Scouts Against Malaria initiative. Scouts Against Malaria, or SAM, is an initiative within the Global Programme Zone to make young people aware of one tropical disease for which there is no vaccine. Over 1 million people die from malaria each year, most of those being children under 5 in Sub-Saharan Africa. More than 40% of the world's population lives in malaria-risk areas, a number which is expected to increase in the face of global climate change.

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 Scouts Against Malaria evening.

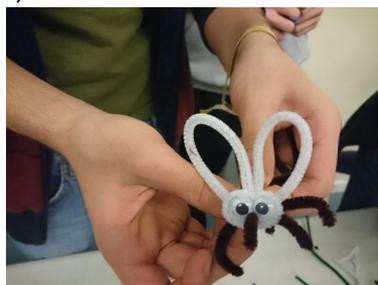
Badges are awarded to all those who help to raise funds for the project, and the proceeds all go towards providing mosquito nets in our chosen country of Burkina Faso.

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.

Once the nets have been delivered, local Scouts in the region will allocate them to families, help them install them and teach people about the importance of using the nets correctly. These Scouts will earn the same badges for their participation as the Scouts in the UK.

Resources and more information can also be found online at: <http://www.scoutsaagainstmalaria.org.uk/> and on our own website at: <https://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/international/scouts-against-malaria>.

(With contributions from Richard Bird)



More about SAM...

The Global Support Team is researching a suitable country in Central Africa which would benefit from support from our SAM activities in Hertfordshire.

Currently the focus is on Burkina Faso, a landlocked country in Africa around 274,200 square kilometres in size (the U.K. is 242,495 km²) It is surrounded by six countries: Mali to the north; Niger to the east; Benin to the southeast; Togo and Ghana to the south; and Ivory Coast to the southwest.

Capital: Ouagadougou 1.5million people
Currency: West African CFA franc
Population: 16.93million (2013)
President: Roch Marc Christian Kaboré
Official language: French



Scouting in Burkina Faso

The Fédération Burkinabé du Scoutisme, the national federation of two Scouting organizations in Burkina Faso, was founded in 1943, and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1972 under the name of Upper Volta. The coeducational Fédération Burkinabé du Scoutisme has about 10,000 members. We have contact with the International Commissioner Wasso Wensceslas Koita.



Some readers may remember that in 2007 Hertfordshire hosted a Jamboree Unit from the poorest countries in West Africa led by a representative of the WOSM Directorate in Nairobi. The 40 Scouts stayed at Well End both before and after the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park, Essex. The stay, including trips to London, was eye-opening for them as you might expect. Some had never seen running water, a train, sliced bread, cornflakes and even a grassy area. A student, Seglaro Somé was the leader of the small patrol from Burkina Faso. He is now Secretary General in the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Development. We have, of course, renewed our contact.

Malaria in Burkina Faso:

Malaria is highly endemic throughout Burkina Faso. The northern Sahel region has short seasonal transmission of two to three months and is prone to epidemics, while the central region experiences long seasonal transmission lasting four to six months. Permanent transmission occurs in the southwest with peaks during the rainy season.

The high intensity of malaria transmission posits the disease as the leading cause of illness and mortality in the country, with an estimated 40 000 deaths each year. While malaria is a risk to the entire population, young children and pregnant women are most at risk. In 2011, malaria accounted for 45.4% of visits to health facilities, 52.5% of hospitalizations, and 34.2% of deaths. Among children less than five years of age these figures increase to 54.2%, 80.4% and 87.9%, respectively.

Using the **Scouts Against Malaria** slogan and badge, Hertfordshire County Scouts are planning to provide malaria prevention nets and training to the Scouts of Burkina Faso from 2018. We will need help – if you want to get involved, please contact Peter Makewell peter@pmisolutions.co.uk

Mike Aston
County Adviser International

Stevenage Cubs and Beavers – Scouts Against Malaria Fundraising Day

On Sunday 24th June 2018 Stevenage District Cubs and Beavers held a Scout against Malaria Activity Day at their District HQ and over 135 Beavers and Cubs took part.

They took part in 15 different activities which included African food tasting, building a 5-foot-high mud hut, balloon modelling mosquito hats, insects under microscopes, speaking in African and a variety of African games/puzzles.

On the day the Beavers and Cubs raised an amazing £1380, this was paid into the Scouts against Malaria fund to help with the purchase of mosquito nets in Burkina Faso.

At the end of the day all those Beavers and Cubs and Leaders that took part were presented with their Scouts against Malaria badges to thank them for their amazing efforts, and we expect to see these being worn with pride throughout the District in the coming months.

Great Fun was had by all concerned, myself included when I got to work on the building of the mud hut, including mixing the buckets of mud paste.

My thanks go out to all those Leaders that were involved in organising the day and the SAM team will update the District when the nets have been purchased and distributed.

Peter Makewell
ACC International

UK Explorer Belt to Oman

Congratulations to the 6 Hertfordshire Explorer scouts who successfully completed the UK Explorer Belt expedition to Oman this summer. It looks like a wonderful time was had by all, despite the scorching temperatures!



Country in Focus

In honour of the Belt Expedition to Oman, this edition, we will look deeper into Scouting in Oman.

The National Organisation for Scouts and Guides of Oman was founded in 1948, becoming a member of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement in 1977. It has around 19,000 members, as of 2010, comprising of around 9000 Scouts and 10,000 Guides.

The Scout Motto is Kun Musta'idan or كُنْ مُسْتَعِدًّا, which means Be Prepared in Arabic. The membership badge incorporates the Omani coat of arms, with the trefoil representing the girls, and the fleur-de-lis representing the boys.

The programme is traditional and adapted to meet the needs of the country. Example service projects have included filling in swamps, insect control, planting trees and firefighting. Scouts also have programmes to help guiding pilgrims in Mecca.

Upcoming Events



JOTI/JOTA 2018



Would you like to chat online with Scouts from all over the world?

The Jamboree on the Air and Internet is the biggest global event in the Scouting calendar. Over 1 million Scouts of all ages from 120 countries are expected to participate this year.

JOTI/JOTA takes place from 19th-21st October, and all you need to take part is Internet access.

Details are on the link: <https://www.jotajoti.info>

From the Hertfordshire International Team



UK Work Party to Kandersteg

A message from Rex Smith:

Are you a Member of the Scouts who is over 18 – a Scout Network Member or an Adult Leader or even Executive Members – and would like to spend 8 days in the Swiss Alps? Would you like to partly help out at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) and partly explore the area around KISC, with others from around the UK? If so, the UK Work Party might be for you.

The next one, the 5th, will take place in Spring 2019, although precise dates have yet to be agreed between KISC and the UKWP. These will be announced on https://www.facebook.com/UKWorkParty/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel, after which an application form will be available on that page.

3½ days are spent as part of a team carrying out projects required by KISC – usually out of doors and in all weathers. **For this, you will receive free board and lodging at KISC.** The rest of the time is free to enjoy the area with your newly made friends – maybe a fondue evening; a hike to a nearby lake or even an evening learning how to be a curler. Many use the experience as part of their Queen's Scouts and/or Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Those who have been to KISC before will know other options available for your spare time there!

Places are strictly limited, but successful applicants will be given full details of what to expect. They then arrange their own transport from home to KISC and return. Often everyone meets up at one of the Swiss airport stations (or sometimes at Bern Station) before travelling together on to Kandersteg Station. Special 'Scout' train tickets are available to buy for travel in Switzerland through the UKWP. Travel insurance is essential and the UKWP arranges a policy with The Scout Association's insurers, UNITY, which participants can buy into. Special polo shirts and hoodies can be pre-ordered embroidered with your name!

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...And don't forget: If you are travelling abroad this year as a unit or as an individual, ask Peter Makewell for a 'Visits Abroad' pack by email at acc.international@hertfordshirescouts.co.uk