

**UK-UGANDA NETWORK MEETING 19/21 OCTOBER 2001 – KIBBLESTONE
SCOUT CAMP, STAFFORDSHIRE**

GATHERING

Members of the UK-Uganda Network met together on Friday 19 October 2001 in the Cub Lair Centre at Kibblestone Scout Camp Site, Staffordshire.

Attendance List

Alan Beavis
Colin Bennett
Dave Mowbray
Geoff Breeden
Hamish Stout
Keith Shackleton
Stuart Brownlee
Bob Chandler
Maureen Chandler
Kelly Dallen
Zoe Dallen
Eric Goulding
Harvey Morris
Athol Petts
Mark Purkiss
Heather Ramsbury
Jeff Riddell

Jenny Smith
Brian Stagg
Marion Stagg
Nathan Williams
Stephen Wykes
Chris Foote
Robert Mitchell
Betty Scurry
Peter Scurry
Robert Simmons
Marvin Takel
Chris Tate
Bill Ndifuna
Nick Winter
Cavus Batki
Julian Sore

Apologies

David Bull – International
Commissioner
David McKee – Programme and
Development Manager – International
Tilley Bailey
Chris Boorman
Paul Boulter
Carol Bowen
Dick Booth
James Lee Carrot
Andrew Cooke
Martin Combe
Tony Dunn
Brian Dixon
Val and Geoff Dunstan

Carol Edwards
Tony and Christine Fulford
Steve Fitzwater

Jill Gloster
Marie Goulding
Richard Harris
Charlotte Haugh
Laura Hubber
Ian Lawson
Stuart Mackay
Sally Malcolm
Jeanette Mitchell
David Mills
Veronica Moloney
Joan Rawlins
Fran Salussolia
John Sharp
Bob Turnbull
Joan and Roy Walker
Harvey Smith
Martin Crew
Craig Turpie

1730 hours onwards

Members arrived and settled in with free time for on and off site activities that went on well into the night.

Saturday 20 October 2001

During the morning, the Members participated in on site activities:

- Archery Competition
- Shooting Competition
- Orienteering
- Assault Course

Lunch

Lunch was provided by Members of the Kibblestone Scout Fellowship who had kindly offered to undertake catering for the whole weekend.

1430 – 1730 hours

Members received Project updates and Progress Reports together with a chance to get involved and sign up for support of a Project in the future.

Presentations were given on the following Projects:

Avon – Colin Bennett

Bulangira Disables Association – Betty and Peter Scurry are progressing with the fundraising and project application to commence this project. They are intending to visit Uganda in April/May 2002.

Explorer Belt 2003 – Nick Winter

Leader Training Trip 2002 – Unfortunately Dave Thomas could not be present but news was given by Eric Goulding. He advised that Dave is hoping to take a party to Uganda in February/March 2002 to pass on Scouting Skills to Leaders in Mbarara and Mityana.

Mityana Scout/Community Enterprises – Negotiations have continued since this project was initiated in December last year and despite what might have been seen or read, the project will progress once agreements have been reached between the Town Council, Mubende District Scouts, The Friends of Scouting Society and Uganda Scouts Association.

Geoff Breeden and Dave Mowbray will no doubt be visiting Mityana early in 2002 so that this project can be formulated, approved and achieve an anticipated completion by 2004.

Mbarara – The Partnership between Bromley Scouts and Mbarara continues, particularly in funding education of young people.

Outspan School, Bwaise – Northamptonshire continues to support development of the school through funding raised in their County and Keith Shackleton will be visiting in the near future to discuss further work.

Peace School – The construction of the classroom blocks have continued with the roof now in place.

Soroti – Marvin Takel

Tororo – Information from Neil Dallen

Uganda 2003 – Francesca Salussolia.

Members viewed the excellent video produced by Julian Sore and slide presentation from Francesca Salussolia.

Network Dinner

Those with uniform dressed for dinner, particularly the Venture Scouts attending who had successfully completed their Explorer Belt Expeditions in Uganda 2000.

We welcomed to Dinner, as our Guest Speaker, Hamish Scout - Headquarters Commissioner for Venture Scouts, and Dave Mowbray – UNICEF/Scout and Guide Alliance Member.

After an enjoyable Dinner, provided by the ever-enthusiastic Members of the Kibblestone Scout Fellowship, Hamish Stout spoke about the future of Venture Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Scout Network and then presented Explorer Belts to those present who had gained them in Uganda 2000.

Dave Mowbray gave an interesting talk on the work of UNICEF and the way in which it helps children throughout the world, and particularly encouraging support for the UK Scout and Guide Alliance Appeal for raising funds for AIDS victims in Uganda.

Network Challenge

Following Dinner, Members assembled for indoor games of Skittles, Cards, Dominoes, Mancala, etc, with suitable refreshments from the dormitory room.

There was free time for on and off site activities.

Sunday 21 October 2001

Members gathered for a Network Meeting.

Alan Beavis, UK-Uganda Network Co-ordinator, welcomed those present on what had turned out to be a wet day.

ACTIVITIES – As we anticipated, 2001 would be a quiet year following the success of Uganda 2000.

Avon Venture Aid – Year 9. A party of Venture Scouts and Leaders from Avon returned once again to the B-P Training Centre and Camp Site at Buwenda, carrying out improvements and maintenance to the project, community work with local schools together with outdoor activities and visit to Game Reserve.

The report of one of the participants can be viewed on our website.

The party has taken an excellent set of pictures which are available for publicity and promotion of the site.

Negotiations in connection with the final transfer of the Lease are nearing completion although not yet finalised.

Reports:

- a. *Uganda 2000* – There were one or two outstanding items, ie
 1. Containers – New was coming through from those who had received contents from the containers, although there was no news in connection with the Land Rover for Apach.
 2. Explorer Belt/Presentations – These had been completed last evening.
 3. Avon Container – The goods for this container have now been collected but due to the high taxes in Uganda further discussions were taking place prior to shipping.
 4. Old Uniforms – Again, due to high import duties we were not encouraging collection of large quantities of old Scout Uniforms.
- b. *Network News – Membership* – Thanks to Spike, our Contact List has now been collated as a database and e-mailed between Spike, Marion and Alan.
- c. *Website* – Members requested an automail facility so they new when there were updates via e-mail – Spike to advise.
- d. *Gilwell Reunion – September 2001* – A letter of thanks had been received from Helen Apsey and Emily Hodges for our support with a feedback from visitors that the bases this year were better than ever.

Once again the UK-Uganda Network participation had rather overwhelmed the space in the marquee but was well-received by all.

Eric Goulding suggested that we re-think our method of Presentations and concentrate on making it something where visitors can make, participate and take away an item relative to Uganda.

- e. *International Conference – Preston 29 September 2001* – Alan Beavis and Eric Goulding had been invited to attend on behalf of the Network and spent an interesting day meeting ACC (I) and Members of the International Team.

There were opportunities to participate in Workshops and receive information updates. The report of the Conference is available upon request.

- f. *Financial Report* – Members were given details in connection with the UK-Uganda Network's Account – see Appendix 1 – available upon request.

Future Events

We have received an invitation from Ian Windler SALAPIA 2002 International Co-ordinator, to participate in the International Centre Displays at Pradue, Shropshire, on the 27 July/3 August 2002. On Sunday 28 July, all Beavers, Cubs and visitors arrive and they are requesting us to provide a display and materials about the UK-Uganda Network.

Dave Mowbray suggested we provide a static display and activity area based on activities from UNITE books.

Volunteers are required for this activity.

International Postbox update

Regrettably, Roy and Joan Walker were unable to be present and no information was available on latest figures for supporting Uganda.

News from International Department

Members were advised that International News – October 2001 and International Opportunities – October 2001 were available upon request.

Scout Fellowship

- a. *Formation of UK-Uganda Scout Fellowship* – The Members received information in connection with the formation of Scout Fellowships – a pattern being followed by other Networks.

In consideration of Guidelines, the Members raised queries and, after general discussion, it was suggested that the Co-ordinator seek clarification from the International Commissioner. The matter can then be progressed through members prior to next meeting.

- b. *International Scout Fellowship* – Members were given information in connection with this new Section of the Scout Fellowship for Members wishing to have

greater involvement in International affairs and as a route to the UK Adult Scout and Guide Alliance.

Projects

- a. *Outspan School – Year 7* – Keith Shackleton gave an update on the Project which is an Educational Project, with funding coming from inside and outside Scouting. Keith had recently given a talk at Loughborough University and continues to attract attention to the Project.
- b. *Street Kids Project, Kampala* – Now being undertaken by three Northampton Town Districts and is a 3-year Project supporting work on a farm.
- c. Dave Mowbray advised that the Seaton Valley Scout Fellowship Mityana Link is now being re-named Northumberland Scout Fellowship Mityana Link.
- d. *Commonwealth Jubilee* – Details were given in connection with the Commonwealth Celebrations, ie St George's Day Parade, Windsor – there would be an invitation for a Queen Scout to attend from each of the Commonwealth countries. Uganda had already accepted the invitation and home hospitality would be sought for those visiting this country.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee Appeal Badge would raise money and one Project, which could possibly be funded, would be Street Kids in Kampala.

News from other Networks

Information on Poland and Russian Networks were available to Members together with the suggestion that there is a combined promotional brochure for all Networks.

Marketing and Publicity

Unfortunately it had not been possible to produce a Newsletter but information is available continuously on our website. There was a general view that the website should become more active and information is always required for same.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the Network should have a new shirt badge and this was deferred.

Promotional Sticker – Members received examples of artwork for a promotional sticker and it could be used at events or, indeed, as name tags. After circulation, the Members picked Example 3, suggesting we also add our website address.

UGANDA SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Relationships with the Uganda Scout Association have been difficult during the past months as they have been critical about activities undertaken by the UK-Uganda Network and, in particular, named persons.

Negotiations have been conducted by David Bull, International Commissioner, David McKee, Programme and Training Manager – International, assisted by Derek Pollard (Chairman 2007 Limited). Meetings have been held between David Bull and Manuel Pinto at the European Regional Scout Committee Meeting, David McKee with Manuel Pinto and Victoria at the East Africa Regional Conference in Gabon. We are awaiting the outcome.

Information on the current Projects being undertaken by the Uganda Scouts Association can be found on our website together with information on Uganda Sunrise – Light up Kaazi.

Members also noted that 8 Ugandan Scouts attended UNITE 2001 in Humberside.

Date of Next Meeting

After discussion it was agreed that there would be a Review Meeting for Members of the Network on the 2 February 2002 with a venue in London, possibly B-P House.

A full Network Weekend Meeting would take place from the 17-19 May 2002 with a possible venue at Wellesby in Nottinghamshire or Hesler Wood, Sheffield.

The Autumn Meeting would take place 18/20 October 2002 at a venue possibly near Redditch.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with thanks to Eric Goulding and Marion Stagg for the arrangements for this weekend's activities and meeting