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Editorial

I hope you have all had a good summer. I believe some of you were in England during the summer and it would have been nice to have met more of you at the BGA Gathering at Gilwell Park. This event did go ahead and you will see a report later in this issue. We are going to try it again next year and will attempt to make it more interesting and supportive. so watch out for more details later. The date for next year's event is 14th. August so put it in your diaries now.

As you know Tony Dunn is our Explorer Scout Commissioner and most of the Scout section queries are directed to David McKee if our wonderful County Secretary is unable to answer them. We now have an advisor to the team for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. His name is Paul Janvier and he is based in Cheshire. He will be happy to help with any queries you may have or supplies you may need in respect of the D of E Award.

At our recent team meeting we decided that we needed an advisor for the Beaver Scout and Cub Scout sections so we are now looking to fill this position and will advise you all as soon as an appointment is made. Our aim is to give you the fullest support that we can.

A new National Commissioner for Special Needs has been appointed. Her name is Sue Burton and some of you may have read her articles in Scouting magazine.

New Adult Training Scheme

All has finally been revealed. David Bull and I attended the County Training Managers Conference in September and now have all the resources for the new scheme. I am very excited about it as it is tailored to suit everybody's needs.

As I explained before, there are thirty-six modules in all, but each adult only completes the modules relevant to their role. Everybody will have a Training Adviser and will complete a Personal Learning Plan. In this way, prior knowledge can be taken into consideration and required learning can be identified.

I am now in the process of recruiting and training Training Advisers wherever this is possible. If any of you more experienced Leaders feel you could take on this role then please contact me. Obviously there are some places where it is totally impractical to have Training Advisers locally and in those cases I will be dealing directly with the adults concerned. To this end I am trying to get a web cam set up and I have now got MSN Messenger so that we can have fast communication. To contact me on this use my email address. I am also hoping to get some Training Advisers available in the UK who can also deal with you electronically.

The beauty of the new scheme is that it is a National Scheme so if at any time you return to the UK and take up a Scouting role here you will be able to continue your training without any hassle. It is my aim to get as many Leaders as possible to achieve their Wood Badge.

Another advantage to the scheme is that there is an opportunity to gain an Open College Network Award at the same time. More details of that to come later.

A couple of issues back there was a questionnaire about how you are coping with the new programme for young people. I know this has been a bit of a problem for some people to get to grips with. However, this new scheme has to be in place

by the end of December 2003. Each Group will be receiving a CD soon, which is actually Module 12 of the new Adult Training Scheme and is called "Providing a Balanced Programme". This is a very good interactive module that will help you to achieve the changeover to the new programme for the youngsters. It can be done individually or in twos or threes but please make sure that every Leader in the Group has access to it. They will be sent to Group Contacts so ask them if you haven't had a chance to do it.

Over the next few months I will be in contact with some of you individually to get the scheme up and running. I look forward to working with you.

Heather Elliott, County Training Manager

Blast From the Past

British Scouting in Iraq.

Fifty years ago, as today, British military personnel were stationed in Iraq. What is less well known is that British Scouting also flourished there. In the early 1930s, the Iraqi Scout Movement was fairly strong, but it dwindled in numbers and became more based on Nazi methods, and less Scouting as we know it. In 1941, after the Nazi-inspired rebellion, all youth organisations were disbanded. But by 1943, there were three British Service Rovers Crews in Iraq, based in Baghdad, Basrah, and Habbaniya.

We shall look closer at the activities of one of them: Habbaniya. To understand the position here, it is necessary to understand Britain's involvement in Iraq. Under the treaty of 1930, Britain was granted air bases at Habbaniyah and Basrah, and in peacetime maintained forces there as little pieces of British territory within the Kingdom of Iraq, similar to the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus today. RAF Habbaniyah opened in 1937, on the Euphrates in the desert 40 miles west of Baghdad and miles from anywhere. In Arabic, Habbaniyah means 'oleander tree' (a reference to its tree-lined avenues) was the largest and grandest of all RAF stations and was built as the permanent RAF Headquarters for Iraq.

As well as the military part of the station, housing the British RAF and the RAF Iraqi Levies personnel, there was a civil cantonment for civilians working on the station, their families and the families of the Levies. The population of this civil cantonment was very mixed, but with a comparatively high proportion of Assyrians, since most of the Levies were of this race. The Assyrians are Christians (Eastern Church) and had their own school and

church. In 1940 the schoolmaster wished to start a Scout Troop and in this he was assisted by the British 1st Iraq (RAF Habbaniyah) Rover Crew as most of the children spoke some English.

The Group was run on British lines, consisting of seven troops(!) each with a British and an Assyrian Instructor, a Senior Scout Troop, and an Assyrian Rover Crew. Naturally, the girls wanted to join, so the British Rovers started a separate Troop for them. Some British nursing sisters (the only British women on the station) with experience as Guiders, started working with the Group, until there were four Girl Guide Companies, again run on British Guiding lines, within the framework of the Group. The Group Scoutmaster was the Senior Chaplain RAF (Iraq and Persia) and his Assistant.

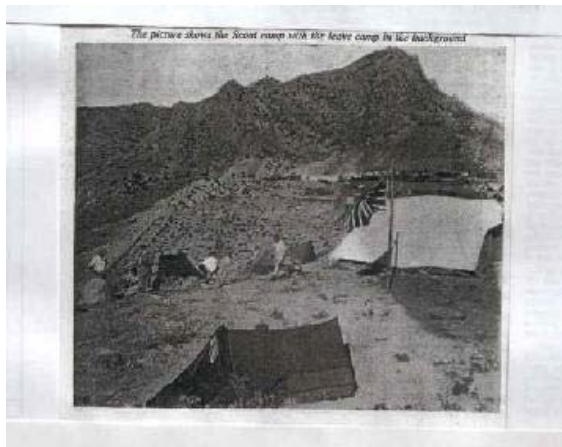
The Group was undoubtedly in a difficult position. Many of the children had lived in the cantonment all their lives their parents in the service of the RAF, and were intensely loyal to Britain. It was because the desert cut them off from the general life of Iraq that the continued existence of the Group after the rebellion was possible, as the Iraqi National Boy Scouts Association was dissolved soon after the Troop started. The Group could not therefore be registered as an Iraqi Group, but as the Group was entirely Assyrian, it could not be registered as a British Group either.

On 3rd April 1941 a pro-Nazi Iraqi politician, Rashid Ali, seized power in Baghdad, setting off events which culminated in the siege of RAF Habbaniya (the Regent Abdulla Ilah having earlier fled from Baghdad to RAF Habbaniya). The week-long siege by a large Iraqi army and artillery was fought off by the RAF Flying Training School and 3 tired Gloster Gladiators.

But the Scouts thrived, even making history. Early in 1944, 21 Senior Scouts and their GSM with four Rovers were the first Scout Troop to fly to give a display. They flew to Baghdad in RAF transport to give demonstrations of Scouting at the British Institute. They left the "germ" of Scouting where previously there had been political prejudice against the Scout Movement. In May the same year, the Group ran a Jamborette, turning out its total strength of over 300 Scouts and Guides from Assyrian, Armenian and Indian troops and companies and the British Rover Crew. Highlights were the march-past the AOC and Padre Logan, Assistant International Commissioner (Middle East), a huge campfire and a hike to Lake Habbaniya where the Scouts cooked their evening meal on the beach.

In time Habbaniya built up. More British families came and on 14 March 1953 the 1st Habbaniya (British) were finally registered with London. Summer camp in 1954 was in mountainous northern Iraq by the Turkish border, travelling by

air to Mosul and thence by lorry and mule to the campsite. But the Suez Crisis and anti-western feeling in Iraq resulted in a move to Cyprus and Habbaniya eventually closed in 1959.



Little tangible evidence remains of those days. But the Group did have its own nametape and the Rovers and possibly the Troops wore the badge shown below, dating from the early 1950s.



The embroidered design shows a winged bull with a human bearded head, white and gold on sky blue and named 'HABBANIYA' in gold. The emblem comes from the huge bronze statues that guarded the doorways of Assyrian royal palaces of Assurnasirpal II (883-859BC). Examples now in the British Museum and the Louvre come from the palaces at Khorzabad and Nimrud; the statues may have been to ward off evil spirits. The sky blue background represents the RAF.

Basrah

The first Troop was formed in October 1941 at the American Mission School, Ashar, Basrah. It started at the Principal's suggestion under two

Rovers of the British Service Rover Crew (now the 97th M.E. (1st Asbar) in the town. Here there was a big difficulty as the boys spoke little, if any, English. The Rovers had been running the Troop. However, through the medium of the Sports Master as interpreter. He took an interest in Scouting and was gradually taking over as Scoutmaster. There were then about a dozen Scouts, and a large number of recruits had been coming along; Iraqis of various races and religions.

The British Rovers contacted I.H.Q., who were, of course, unable to register the Group. The subsequent position is obscure but it seems that the International Bureau communicated with the Iraqi Ministry of Education, which, about the end of 1942, issued a directive that a Scout Troop should be started in every secondary school in Iraq.

As far as is known, the Iraqi School in Basrah was the only one to act on this order and the British Service Rovers were once again called in to help. Thus the second Troop came into existence early in 1943 with about a dozen members. Unfortunately, the two Rovers who were running the Troop were posted away from Basrah.

Both these Troops had been registered by the Iraqi Ministry of Education.

Tony Dunn, Historian

The following is a press release from Dubai

Ockenden International Launches Children's Awareness Programme

Dubai - October 13, 2003

Jumeriah English Speaking School was the setting on Monday, October 13th for the first outreach visit of Ockenden, International Children's Awareness Programme. The program, initiated earlier this year at Ockenden's Annual Castaway Bazaar, was created to promote awareness about Ockenden International, the plight of refugees and the challenges they face.

The Beaver Scout, Snake Colony, 2nd Dubai Jumeriah welcomed Ockenden, International volunteers Robyn Dodd & Judith Hees. Sean Miller also volunteered to help as part of his Bronze Level Edinburgh Award through Jumeriah College. The Beavers Scouts' participation in the Children's Awareness Program will go towards the coveted "International Friendship Award" that the Beaver Scouts are striving to attain.

The event began with a brief talk by the volunteers, where profiles of refugee children sharing information about their families, their favourite things and their hopes and dreams were shared with the Beaver Scouts. There was a short

question and answer period where the inquisitive Beaver Scouts learned even more about the refugees and what Ockenden does to help them.

Once the talk was completed, the enthusiastic Beaver Scouts proceeded to a station where they created their own profiles, sat for a photo, and dipped their hands in gold paint for Ockenden's trademark Golden Handprint Campaign. One profile was saved by Ockenden to share with the refugees, and one was given to the children as a keepsake for their participation in the program.

"I believe it is important to plant the seed of charity in the minds of children at an early age," said Judith Hees, Ockenden Volunteer. "I will never forget my first charity experience at the age of 7 and I know that these boys won't forget what they've learned, and how much they've given, as a result of today's event."

Sue Brown, Beaver Scout Leader for the group, agreed. "The Beaver Scouts really enjoyed the talk from the Ockenden volunteers. They did not realise, until yesterday, that such a small effort can do so much for a child less fortunate than themselves. They worked extra chores throughout the week to pay for the 10 dh cost for the keepsake Awareness Pamphlet and their parents were so impressed that they gave an extra 20 dhs to purchase Ockenden Golden Hand T-shirts. They are very excited to wear their shirts on their next Sponsored Walk, happening on November 17th, which will also benefit Ockenden. We were happy to be able to raise 460 dhs for Ockenden, International."

If you know of an organisation that would like to take part in Ockenden's Children's Awareness Program, please contact Louise Hemming at 04 390 3670. Further information about Ockenden, International can be found at www.ockenden.ae.

1st. Fuengirola

The following is also a press release

1st Fuengirola (The ARK) Group.

The 1st Fuengirola Group is the local Scout group for the south of Spain, the Costa del Sol to be exact. Carol Wright our first Akela first started it in 1997 as a Cub Pack, which held their weekly meeting in St Anthony's School here on the coast. It has since moved to the centre of Fuengirola and has continued to grow year after year. This year we see the start up of a Beaver Colony with about 7 brand new Beavers. The Cub Pack has 16 registered

Cubs and our Scout Troop has 14. We also have 6 Explorers.



At the present time Carol has moved on to become our Group Scout Leader and also assist with the Beavers. She has also been previously involved with BGA in Saudi Arabia from 1982 to 1986. Myself, Robert Troost is the token colonial as I come from Canada and I am the Akela at the present time. Alfonso Sanchez our Explorer Leader has lived many years in South Africa. So as you can see we have a very diverse group of Leaders.

On Friday the 26th of September this year we held a special presentation. All attempts were made to try and get the British Consul from Malaga to attend but he was away. So I had the honours. We had the entire group together as some Cubs were moving up to Scouts and we were also going to enrol our Barney Beaver, Zoë Anne Hier.

Carol Wright was presented with the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.



As I have mentioned before Carol is no new-comer to the Scouting movement or to BGA for that matter. She has been a Leader since January 1975 when she started as ACSL in Crawley District, West Sussex remaining till March 1979.

After that her records have her being some where in Saudi Arabia from September 1982 to March 1986. October 1986 saw Carol back in the U.K. once again in Crawley where she stayed until March 1988.

In April of 1997 she was appointed as the CSL here in Fuengirola and in January 1998 became the Group Contact. In 2003 after a rest of 8 months she could no longer stay away and has decided to come back as the ABSL and Group Scout Leader.

Carol was awarded her 10-year service certificate in August 1999 and earned her Wood Badge as a Cub Leader in November 2001.



Deep Sea Scouts & The Deep Sea Scout Fellowship

Deep Sea Scouts (DSS) came about as the result of Rover Scouts going to sea and wanting to continue their Scouting, which they could only do if their ship remained on the same station and working with a local commissioner. There was no mechanism or branch of Scouts to which young Scouts going to sea could be attached.

To solve the problem, the acting HQ Commissioner for Sea Scouts presented the idea of a new branch of Scouting to the Chief Scout & the Chief Guide (Robert & Olave Baden-Powell) at their joint birthday lunch (22nd February) - the year was 1928.

Fleet chaplains (for the Royal Navy) and Missions to Seamen (for the Merchant Navy) were approached to publicise the new branch of Scouting and to find clubrooms where Scouts would be welcomed.

In July 1928 the scheme was officially launched. Soon there were Deep Sea Rover Scouts, Deep Sea Scouts and Deep Sea Scout Adventurers, the latter being seafarers who had

not hitherto been in Scouting but eligible for promotion to Deep Sea Scout any time after 3 months of their enrolment. The Commodore of the DSS was HRH Prince George, with a HQ Commissioner and Deputy HQ Commissioner for Deep Sea Scouts & Sea Scouts.

B.P.'s letter to members in the Deep Sea Scout Handbook begins "Damn rules! I want a jolly brotherhood through which I can get in touch with pals of my own or other ships or at ports of call - especially those pals who have the same Scouty ideas as I have"

- Today, the aims of the Deep Sea Scout Fellowship (DSSF) remain those of the DSS:
- To enable Scouts afloat to get in touch with their brother/sister Scouts in ports throughout the world
- To afford them the opportunity for continuing their Scouting activities in their sea-going profession
- To provide an opportunity to hike and camp as Scouts, when on leave at home or abroad.
- To be of service to all, as the opportunity offers, particularly by instructing Cubs or Scouts, when in ports of call.

The Deep Sea Scout Fellowship emerged in 1991 from the Deep Sea Scouts. Royal Naval fleets were shrinking and Merchant shipping was giving way in many cases to increasing demands for faster passenger and freight transport. Membership of the DSS peaked at 3,000 during the Second World War, but dropped to 400 with the reduction in Royal & Merchant fleets.

When Deep Sea Scouts "Swallowed the anchor" or to landlubbers - left the sea, they could no longer qualify for membership, but could continue to keep in touch through their magazine, Scouting in Ships or SinS as it is fondly known, for a small subscription. There were however, many ex-seafarers who maintained an interest in the service and in supporting their colleagues both on shore and at sea and it was found that the Branch would benefit by moving under the umbrella of the National Scout Fellowship, which it did in April 1991. Membership, formerly limited to 16 - 65 years of age, now has no upper limit, but those under 25 years of age should also belong to the appropriate section in their home area.

The Fellowship, like the DSS was administered from Gilwell Park. Early in 1992 it was decided that to simplify administration, the Branch would be designated as a district in it's own right. 1992 was the Year of the Promise Appeal and a district badge with Promise as an integral part was designed showing that serving members carry the Promise with them around the world. Promise

Around the World was the motto, with the rope encompassing the globe, the reef knot at the bottom for friendship, and the Fellowship badge at the top, all on light blue representing the sea.

Membership now stands at just over 200, most of whom are also attached to a Scout Group or District in the UK. There are also overseas members who are or have been in the Royal or Merchant Navy or the navies of their own country. Ex-seafarers, partners or close relatives of seamen who are active in Scouting, are now also eligible to join the DSSF alongside Serving members. Membership covers a very wide age-range, with probably more younger members than most Fellowships, especially amongst the Serving (sea-going) members and a few members who are almost octogenarians.

The Branch /District now elects a chairman annually, rotating between Royal and Merchant Navy personnel, with the elected vice-chairman normally taking the chair in the following year. Other officers are the editor of Scouting in Ships (SinS), the treasurer and the secretary who acts in certain circumstances as the District Commissioner. The Fellowship is directly responsible to the National Commissioner for Scout Fellowship.

Contact with members is maintained through SinS, the AGM (which moves around the UK to increase access) the Fellowship Gathering and the Gilwell Reunion weekend, where naval traditions are maintained. There are also some local representatives who can notify the membership & officer, of members needing support. The DSSF sees itself as a continuation of the DSS and therefore celebrated it's 70th anniversary in July 1998, but with Millennium celebrations imminent, no special celebrations were held - celebrations are planned for 2003 - the 75th Anniversary of the DSS/DSSF.

BGA Day at Gilwell Park

2nd August 2003

Saturday 2nd August dawned bright and warm, heralding the start of a month of glorious weather in England. I arrived at Gilwell Park just before 10am, and was immediately impressed by the acres of mature woodland in which it sits, and the large green fields for camping.

The BGA team comprising David Bull, David McKee, Robert Spargo, Tony Dunn and Heather Elliott, plus Paul Janvier of Cheshire County (who will be supporting BGAs in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme) had

gathered in the Reception area. I soon found that I was to be the only BGA visitor that day.

This was the first of what is intended will become an annual event, and let's hope that dozens of Members from across the spectrum of BGA will be able to attend next year. Gilwell Park is a beautiful location, and the feeling of Scouting history "in the walls" was quite moving. There is ample opportunity to camp or to stay in one of the residential units and make a weekend of it. There were several groups of overseas visitors including girl Scouts from France, and Armenian Scouts. A Canadian Scout leader wanted to take home some acorns from the famous Gilwell Oak to plant; and there were two young Japanese men. Truly international!

I felt privileged to have the full attention of the BGA team, and it was valuable to be able to talk face to face with the people behind the emails! Before lunch I had an appraisal session with David Bull, then we all had a general chat covering topics such as the CRB process, improving the standard of catering at camps, and tips for refrigeration in the desert! (see Tony Dunn's article in "Far & Wide" issue 53, July 2001.)

Heather briefed me on the new modular training programme for leaders, which sounds very exciting. After lunch we walked in the grounds and I was shown the little Temple with a statue of Buddha donated by the Thai Embassy, the bronze buffalo donated by Boy Scouts of America, the signpost showing all the International Jamboree locations and their distances from HQ, including the finger pointing to the nearby site for 2007. There is also a peaceful open air arena surrounded by trees for acts of worship. The White House is an elegant building featuring many works of art, and it is complemented by a modern new wing housing the offices. I saw John Fogg's modest room from which he runs the Communications Dept, and the Information Centre where I spent some money on useful publications.

We returned to the boardroom for more discussions on general topics, and received an interesting and supportive briefing on the Duke of Edinburgh Award for Explorer Scouts from Paul Janvier.

I found the day quite therapeutic and uplifting; the glorious weather and beautiful peaceful surroundings added to the feeling of relaxation, and the discussions were stimulating and gave a welcome reminder of what we are doing and why we do it! Please put the date in your diary for next summer, and feel the Gilwell effect yourself!

Susan Jalili
UAE District Commissioner

We have had a request from the 1st Maisons Laffitte Troop who are part of British Scouts in Western Europe, to see if any BGA Scouts want to form a penpal/email link with them. If you do, email Tony Dunn (tonydunn@supanet.com) who will put you in contact with their Scout Leader. Maisons Laffitte is famous as the home of French horseracing the French equivalent of Newmarket in the UK. There are various parts of the new programme in which such a link would be useful to qualify for a badge or segment of an award. Why not give it a try?



Further information about the Group from the Scout Leader:

"On the penpals front, our Group has Beavers (18 of them) Cubs (22 of them) Scouts (1 patrol "Eagles" of 4 boys for the moment, although 3 others come in at Christmas) Explorers (2 Scouts moved up to the Paris Area Explorer Unit during the summer)

The Beaver/Cub Sections actually have waiting lists, but restrict section size due to the space of our meeting area. There is an ill-founded joke doing the rounds that the waiting list is the largest section! It's not true by any means, but even if it were, we would not create another group, as our English-speaking population is extremely "migrant", and we have a 2 to 3 year typical turnover period (ex-pats). I guess that many of BGA Groups face the same problem. Three years ago, we were down to 8 Cubs, no Beavers, and 5 Scouts, and had not started Explorers (or Ventures); so you can see that

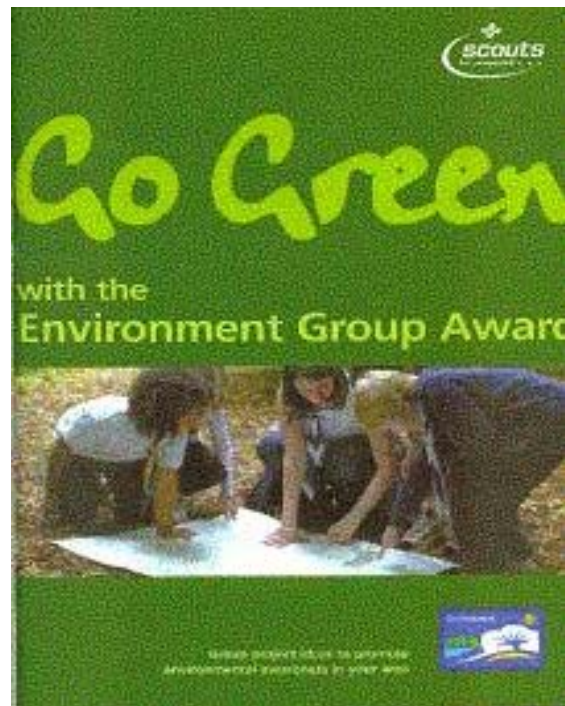
today's health is reassuring - just need more leaders to keep it going!!

Iain Spark - SL
1st Maisons Laffitte Scout Group
British Scouts in Western Europe"

Scouts Go Green

A new resource is available to assist Groups with the Environment Group Award. It is called Go Green and is full of ideas for environmental projects. Although obviously aimed at members in the UK the ideas could well be adapted to suit your local environment. The resource comes in book form designed to be added to your Scouting Essentials folder and costs £4.00 plus p+p. It can be ordered by contacting the Information Centre on 0845 300 1818 or online at www.sbuk.org.uk/info.centre/catalog.php

There is also a website to support the national Programme Initiative 2004 at www.scoutsgogreen.org.uk



The programme

At the end of 2003, the programme for our members changes over finally to the revised approach. Elsewhere in this issue of far and Wide we touch on support for providing a balance programme. The BGA County Team will provide support and the web pages and Far and Wide will be used to share ideas.

Please note that the new awards and their badges should be used from the beginning of 2004. If there are any problems over this, get in touch with us right away.

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11 November 2003

Dear Colleague:

Membership Subscriptions

Payment of the annual fee will soon be due. British Groups Abroad is unique in the Association in receiving direct support from Headquarters. So far this has been done without making any additional charge and we have deliberately maintained this approach for as long as we could. However, we have been finding it increasingly difficult to cover some expenses, especially those relating to training, without asking for a modest fee from Groups.

The County Team have decided to grasp the nettle and to add £2.00 per member to the fees payable to the Association each year, with effect from the payments due in 2004. The amount of the additional fee will be re-considered each year thereafter. Such an additional fee is universal amongst Counties in the rest of our Association.

This additional funding will enable the BGA County to:

- Provide full support for Training Advisers who will be helping all leaders to get the training they need under the new scheme being introduced
- Cover some of the costs of learning opportunities for BGA leaders (workbooks, CDs etc)
- Provide a planned programme of visits by trainers to BGAs in the field.

In this way, we intend to make sure that BGA leaders get more support, more quickly. I hope that you will see a very prompt improvement.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bull', with a horizontal line underneath it.

David Bull
International Commissioner
County Commissioner, British Groups Abroad

The Chief Scout has made the following awards for Good Service – we join him in sending our congratulations to the recipients:

Bar to the Medal Of Merit – *“in recognition of further outstanding service to Scouting”*

Robert E Essex	AGSL	1 st Jamestown, St Helena
Gavin E George	ASL	1 st Jamestown, St Helena
Nicholas J (Johnny) Hobson	SL & GC	1 st Ascension Island, Ascension Island
Raymond D Hudson	GSL	1 st Jamestown, St Helena

Medal Of Merit – *“in recognition of outstanding service to Scouting”*

Terrence F Richards	VSL	1 st Jamestown, St Helena
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Chief Scout’s Commendation for Good Service – *“in recognition of good service to Scouting”*

Michael A Hiley	SL	1 st Oman, Oman
Raymond A Jary	ASL	1 st Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (Eastern Province)
Carolyn Nichols	BSL	1 st Ascension Island, Ascension Island
George A Penman	CSL	1 st Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (Eastern Province)
Christopher E Robson	ACSL	1 st Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (Eastern Province)
Carol A Wright	Group Supporter, formerly CSL	1 st Fuengirola (The Ark), Spain
Linda A Yon	ABSL	1 st Ascension Island, Ascension Island

Welcome, Farewell – and Congratulations

We welcome the following Leaders and Helpers who have joined us in BGA since 15th July 2003.

James Brown	ACSL	St Catherine’s Attica, Greece
Raymond Caldwell	ACSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Helena Brown	CSL	1 st Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Sheila Bushell	Group Secretary	1 st Kuala Lumpur Scout Group, Malaysia
Sam(antha) Gribble	BSL & GC	1 st Doha, Qatar
Nigel Entwistle	ASL	1 st Jamestown, St Helena
Helen Noble	Pack Assistant	St Catherine’s Attica, Greece
Lesley Peel	SL	St Catherine’s Attica, Greece
Shriti Radia	ACSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Steve Ryder	ACSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Melissa Simmons	Colony Assistant	St Catherine’s Attica, Greece
Anuradha Vye	ACSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Farewell, and many thanks to the following Leaders and Helpers who have left BGA:

Ameena Soysa	ASL	5 th Oman Scout Group, Oman
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Congratulations to the following Leaders who have been awarded Service certificates:

5 Years

Elizabeth Penrose	CSL	1 st Falkland Islands, Falkland Islands
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10 Years

Alan Murphy	SL	Bahrain
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Bar to Long Service Award (25 years)

Johnny Hobson	SL & GC	1 st Ascension Island, Ascension Island
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Best wishes to you all

Bob Spargo, County Secretary



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JOUELY NOEL
Frohe Weihnachten
BUON NATALL
Zalig Kerstfeest
FELICES PASCUAS
Kung Hei Shing Taan
Frohe Karstlagen
KAAA XPICTOYTENNA
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