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Welcome to the first IST Bulletin for the UK Contingent to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, 2011. It is the definitive, regular newsletter for members of the International Service Team.

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Welcome to the IST

From today, this is it! You are now part of the International Service Team for the 22nd World Scout Jamboree. You have just over 480 days to prepare for a fortnight as varied and as intense as the ABBA back catalogue... There will be long days, short nights, dirty toilets, heavy shovels, hot ovens,

confused coach drivers and activity bases that just do not make sense (in any language)! However, there will also be countless, indescribable opportunities to enrich the lives of 32,000 young people and adults from every corner of the globe. You will meet and make friends with people whose names you can’t pronounce and who come from places you’ve never even heard of, let alone been to!

Whether, this is your first Jamboree, or the latest of many, it promises to be a crazy life changing rollercoaster that you will never shake. You will be working hard and sleeping little, but at the end of the day, it just has to be worth it!

This bulletin and those that follow it aim to give you a taste of what to expect and to provide you with all the information you need to know when you need it. Further information is available on our website at www.ukcontingent.org.uk/ist.

We understand that information flow is very important, it is covered in more detail in the “Keep in the Loop” section. However you might like to note that on the weekend of 3rd and 4th July, all IST members are invited to attend the UK IST gathering at Walesby in Nottinghamshire (NG22 9NG). We hope as many of you as possible can attend. In the meantime, we have distributed a list of all confirmed UK IST members, including their name, County and District. Over the next few months we encourage you to get involved with people locally. Why not contact your local Unit and get the Jamboree ball rolling?

What, Where, When and Who?

What?

As you probably know, The World Scout Jamboree takes place every four years. The last Jamboree took place in the UK in 2007 and was attended by 40,000 Participants, Leaders and IST members. There were also 50,000 day visitors, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa, HRH Prince William of Wales and HM Karl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden. The next World Scout Jamboree is due to take place in Sweden in the summer of 2011. Once again tens of thousands of Scouts and Guides from around the world will attend. The theme will be "Simply Scouting".

Where?

The Jamboree will be held in Rinkaby near the town of Kristianstad, in the province of Skåne, southern Sweden. The campsite is divided into sections by groves of trees, but also contains a large natural amphitheatre, allowing the arena events to be enjoyed by thousands of people. It is surrounded by unspoilt pine forests and is just a few minute's drive from the coast. Search for Rinkaby 29194 on Google Maps, and have a look for yourselves!

When?

The IST are due to arrive on site two days before participants on 25th July 2011. They will leave one day after participants on 8th August 2011. For more information on travel check out the "Hitchhikers Guide to the Jamboree" article, on page 6.

Who?

Participants at the Jamboree will be aged 14-17. IST and other adults must have been born on or before

24th July 1993. The UK Contingent is just over 4000 people. This is the biggest group of UK Scouts and Guides ever to leave the United Kingdom. This includes, Participants, Leaders and members of IST, CST and CMT.

What if I am Currently under 18?

Many of you have asked the question about what to do if you are currently under the age of 18. If this applies to you, all you need to do at this stage is to ask you Parent or Guardian to complete and return the IST Preparation Consent Form that has been sent to you via email with this bulletin. This will provide permission for you to attend the IST gathering at Walesby, the All Adult Event in May 2011 and for you to enter your personal information into the contingent database as described in the IST Registration Guide. Please note that this form has only been sent to you if you are currently a member of the IST who is under 18.

Contingent Management and Support

Working hard to support all UK Contingent members are a dedicated team of 45 contingent Management and Support Team members. These people will look after transport, kit, registration, money, Contingent events, on event support, communication and much more, including IST.

Within this there are 9 members of the Contingent Management Team or CMT:

The Contingent Management Team:

Contingent Leader – Mike Parkes (Dorset)

Deputy Leader – Clive Leader (Leicestershire)

Logistics – Byron Chatburn (Leicestershire)

Communications – Chris Lomas (West Lancs)

Contingent Support – Christine Haddock (GUK)

Events – Colin Simpson (Edinburgh)

IST Support – Graeme Popay (Durham)

UK Contingents Manager – Jon Bell (HQ)

Executive Staff Support – Greg Stewart (HQ)



As head of IST, Graeme Popay has a huge and very important role to play in helping you get the very best from your Jamboree experience. Graeme's experience of the 18th World Jamboree in 1995 led him on a road he could scarcely have imagined at the time. He offers his thoughts below. What journey awaits you?!?

Hi Guys,

Over the next 480 something days, we will all be busy preparing for our part in the next World Scout Jamboree. As Head of IST Support I have the honour of working with you to guide your preparations now and support you on the event itself.



I first attended a World Scout Jamboree in Netherlands in 1995 as a Unit Leader and it changed my life. When I returned home I packed in my day job and took on the role of Scout County manager here in County Durham. Today, I run the Moor House County Scout Centre and experience the passion and enthusiasm of young people on a daily basis. You could say the bug got me good!

Of course, I'm not suggesting you do anything as dramatic as changing your career, and establish a major Scout Centre from just a few huts and a portaloo, but you can be confident that, just like for me in Holland 15 years ago, this Jamboree will change your life too.

Every year, 20,000 Scouts and Guides visit my home in the north eastern corner of England and my personal goal in life is to make their lives a little bit richer and a little bit better. By joining the IST I know you have the same goals in mind.

It is my ambition to get all the UK IST into a role they can fulfil to the best of their ability, and have a fantastic experience at the same time. If we can do that then we can guarantee the young people attending the Jamboree an experience that will live with them forever. After all that's what it's all about.

See you at Walesby,

Graeme

Socks? Shirts? Check. Uniform? Check. Kitchen Sink? Check.

Now I'm sure we have all been on camps where we find ourselves packing things we are convinced we will need, but in reality, know that we won't. I myself have often found the occasional paper shredder, tie rack and Girls Aloud CD secreted inside my rucksack.

However, to make things easier, and to ensure that all of the IST have the same basic gear, each IST member is being provided with the following kit:

- 1 x Short sleeve shirt – Scout Network / Guide leader polo shirt
- 1 x Neckerchief (with woggle) – Scout / Guide
- 1 x Outer garment (shower proof)
- 1 x Large bag
- 1 x Day sack
- 2 x UK Contingent badges / Guide pins
- 2 x Union flag badges / Guide pins
- 1 x Water bottle

Additional optional kit, including a tent, will also be available for further purchase. Watch this space.

Please note, that no shorts or trousers will be supplied; standard "bottom wear" should be worn.

I make that "Fika" o'clock

Just to be aware, Fika isn't an actual time, nor is it any method of conveying that you make it time for Fika. So what is Fika?

Fika is a word you will be hearing a lot of when you get to Sweden, so why not get in practice now...

Basically it's the Swedish word for a coffee break, however it is much more of an institution than that and Fika forms an integral part of the Swedish way of life. Swedish culture means that they make a big thing of stopping for Fika whether this is at work, home or leisure and it normally involves having something to eat with your coffee (usually some cake or biscuits) and it isn't usual to Fika alone!

The Swedish Jamboree organisers are very keen that spontaneous meetings will be a theme of the Jamboree, so expect lots of Fika to be taking place!

My Jamboree

Every edition of Sverige Vânt is going to include this section, with a story from an ex-IST member, who is going to share their Jamboree experiences and impart their precious pearls of wisdom upon you, the reluctant reader.

We begin with Emily Burrough who was part of the IST in the United Kingdom.

“If you are reading this, then it means you have been lucky enough to be selected to attend World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011 as IST. I am very jealous.

I was fortunate enough to attend WSJ UK 2007 3 years ago, as a member of the Hospital and Welfare IST team in my capacity as a radiographer and I am going to try and impart some of my wisdom.

You have all most likely attended a Scout or Guide camp in the past, but there is nothing quite like the Jamboree. Imagine the largest field in the world, add about around 30000 scouts, around 10000 leaders and a pinch of tents (a BIG pinch of tents) to the dish, mix it all together and what do you get? Well you get an absolutely amazing experience for everyone involved.

I'm not going to lie, it is hard work, with the occasional long day or night, but as with any camp, the reason we attend as a leader to any camp is to enable the scouts to have the best time possible. But the difference here is that after a long day looking after the participants, there is a phenomenal programme for ourselves to get involved in. Some of my best memories of WSJ 07 are from these evening programmes. A specific one being some very long late night poker sessions, but that's perhaps another story.

The experiences I took from WSJ 2007 will stay with me for the rest of my life. I can honestly say that you will never have a dull moment. You will make friends that you might not see for years, (but will probably keep in touch with via facebook), and will then meet them in a pub and it will be as though you were never apart.

I wish you all the very best of luck. I hope you have a truly fantastic time.”

IST Gathering - Walesby

During the weekend of the 3rd and 4th July 2010, all IST are invited to attend the IST Get-together at Walesby Scout Centre in Nottinghamshire.

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other members of the IST, form local groupings, get the very latest Contingent information and of course have a lot of fun! On the Saturday night their's a chance to let you hair down with a n American Independence themed Fancy Dress party. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative costumes!

On Sunday, we will be offering a range of activities and proceedings will wrap up after lunch, with the camp closing at around 2.30pm. Camping accommodation will be provided free of charge on Friday and Saturday night and food will be provided from supper on Friday to Lunch on Sunday.

More detailed information about the Gathering has been sent to all IST members with this bulletin. Please take a moment to register online at www.scouts.org.uk/walesbyist.

Did you know...?

- The youngest member of the IST is an Explorer Scout from Hertfordshire, who will be 18 just 5 days before the Jamboree starts
- The oldest member of IST is in Scout Active Support, and will be 74 a week after the Jamboree
- The average age of an IST member is 29yrs and 5 months
- 5% of the IST are Guides
- 39 IST are from Essex, 28 from Avon, 84 out of 114 Counties/Areas are represented by at least 1 IST member (that's 74%).



Keep in the loop!

Between now and the Jamboree we will use a number of methods to keep you up to speed on preparations. They may evolve over time, however we will aim to stick to the following themes. Your support in this will be invaluable and remember that information flows both ways. Sometimes you will need information from us and sometimes we will need it from you. We will make every effort to give you the information you need, when you need it, please try to help us by doing the same. Thanks so far; 19th October was certainly quick!

IST Bulletins:

We will be producing regular IST bulletins throughout the next year and a half. They will contain all the essential information relating to the IST experience and much more besides. We hope that you find them a useful and informative read. Included with each bulletin, will be an updated list of all registered IST members, along with their Districts and Counties. This will help you get in touch with people locally.

UK Contingent Website & FAQs:

The UK Contingent website will be updated regularly and is the best way to find out more about IST preparations. The frequently asked question page has a section dedicated to the IST. We would encourage you to make this your first port of call if you have a question about the IST.

www.ukcontingent.org.uk/faq

IST Events:

There will be two national events between now and the Jamboree to which IST members are invited. The first is the Walesby Gathering in July this year, with details distributed in this bulletin. The second is the All Adult Event in on 21-22 May 2011. These will provide opportunities for IST members to meet each other, attend workshops and presentations to get the very latest information from the horses mouth. We would encourage as many of you as possible to attend, ask questions and above all, have fun!

IST Emails:

From time to time, we may need to contact you about a particular matter. This will be via email. It

will be extremely rare us to send any physical mail. We will send all direct communication to you at the email address you have already provided. This is quicker, cheaper and greener than the alternative. Please check your emails regularly throughout the next 18 months.

Facebook and Social Networking:

You have been invited to join the IST Facebook group and many of you have begun building up our online community. This is fantastic and we would encourage you to continue to share your ideas and experiences. In particular, Facebook is a great way to organise local social and/or fundraising events.

That said, when it comes to communication to the whole IST, the UK Contingent Management and Support Teams will not make a habit of responding to queries or post requests on the web. We may, from time to time, signpost people elsewhere (e.g. to the Contingent website) but this will be all. Not everyone wishes to be part of the social networking world and we have decided not to make it an integral part of our plans.

Managing Queries and Ad-hoc Enquiries

Via all the means described above, we hope that you will feel informed and up to speed on all things IST. However, there may be occasions when you have a question that you feel has not been answered. If this happens, the first thing you should do is check the FAQ page on the website. This will be our one stop shop for information and will be updated on a regular basis. The second place to look is in the bulletins and other IST correspondence. However, if you are still unable to find an answer, you may need to contact us directly.

If you need to do this, please bear in mind that there are a lot of you and not too many of us. The best way to ensure a fast response is to email the Scout Association's Information Centre at info.centre@scouts.org.uk and for very urgent enquiries call 0845 3001818. Please note that this is not the UK Contingent address that is used for outgoing correspondence. We will attempt to respond from this address too, but the Information Centre is set up to manage queries and have a greater capacity to do so. They will forward any particularly specific queries to the Contingent team.

Hitchhikers Guide to the Jamboree

Alright, calm down, we aren't actually going to ask you to hitchhike across Europe to get to the Jamboree. Even though I'm sure some of you would not be opposed to the idea!

Getting to and from the Jamboree is a huge task to undertake, but the CST logistics team are running at full throttle to sort out the arrangements.

So far, as you know, there are two options available to IST members. Option A, includes return travel on fixed dates to and from the Jamboree from regional UK airports. Option B does not include travel and will mean you need to make your own merry way to Sweden.

The payment options for all of this are outlined in the IST Money Matters document distributed with this bulletin and available online and now is the time to start think about which option is right for you. You have until 11th July 2010. To help you, we can tell you what we know about the inclusive travel option.

This far ahead of the Jamboree we are not able to book any flights, but we and our agent have already been in contact with various airlines, ferry operators and coach companies. One of the biggest challenges is not only do all of the IST have to arrive at the Jamboree site on 25th July, but this is also the same day when we will be flying nearly 2000 young people and leaders Copenhagen. Unfortunately this means there is no capacity to fly IST from the UK to Copenhagen. We will therefore be flying IST to other Scandinavian airports and then using coach transfers to the Jamboree site. We are however, planning to use Copenhagen for return flights.

UK-wise, we will allocate the closest UK Region airport to your home location, but you will be responsible for travel arrangements and costs to and from the airport.

Key dates to note for Option A are:

Monday 25th July 2011 : Depart UK regional airports, using direct and indirect flights into various Swedish and Danish airports. Coach transfer to the Jamboree Site.

Monday 8th August 2011 : Coach transfer from the Jamboree site to Copenhagen airport. Then direct and indirect flights to UK Regional airports.

As soon as we have more information on this, we will let you know, until then, as they say in Swedish, "ingen panik!" ... Don't panic!

How do you say...

Going for two weeks into a foreign country with a different language, can be quite a difficult prospect. To help you with this, we have decided upon some interesting and useful phrases (as well as some not so useful ones), that could be put to use around the Jamboree. Every edition, we will add different words and phrases, until you have a collection that you can take with you and put to good use.

My name is... = Jag heter...

I am from the UK = Jag kommer från Storbritannien

Tent = tält

Can I borrow a tent peg? = Skulle jag kunna låna en tält pinne?

I have lost my sleeping bag = Jag har tappat bort min sovsäck

Have you seen a white cat called Snuffles? = Har du sett en vit katt som heter Snuffles

He is over there = Han är där borta

Do you know where the toilet is? = Vet du var toaletten ligger?

I like to sing reggae songs in the bath = Jag gillar att sjunga Reggaelåtar i badkaret

The Spice Girls are my favourite band = Spice Girls är min favorit musikgrupp



Dear Uncle Mick

As all good tabloids have a wonderfully informative agony aunt section, we have decided to incorporate one into our own esteemed publication... but with a UK Contingent spin...



Uncle Mick: a giant from the North. A bluntly spoken man of Lancashire, who will answer your questions in his own special way.

Auntie Ann: the other half of this ambiguously audacious team. A softly spoken lady of Essex, keeping Uncle Mick on his leash and answering your agonies in a loving, caring and all round useful way.



If you have any "agonies" you would like a hand with, please email them to Uncle Mick and Auntie Ann at unclemick@ukcontingent.org.uk.

Dear Uncle Mick

My friend has, shall we say, a personal hygiene problem, and wants to share a tent with me at Jamboree. What shall I do?

Best

Nauseous of Nuneaton

Uncle Mick says: Dear Nauseous - you have two choices, either get over it, or get a new friend.

Auntie Ann says: Dear Nauseous – Instead of falling out with your friend why not consider taking two smaller tents. You may of course be on different shift patterns and so asleep at different times, and that extra personal space would be an added benefit.

Dear Uncle Mick

I would like to take my Louis Vuitton luggage to Jamboree as it's my favorite. It was very expensive off of the market. Will this be OK?

Chantelle off of Canvey Island

Uncle Mick says: No! Next Question.

Auntie Ann says: You needn't worry about your posh bags as you will be issued with a UK Contingent branded hold-all and a matching day-sac.

Dear Uncle Mick

This will be my first time at Jamboree, and I am worried that I won't know anyone. What should I do?

William in Wolverhampton

Uncle Mick says: Dear Billy, it sounds like you have no mates. Unlucky.

Auntie Ann says: Oh William, don't worry! This isn't anything to be concerned about. You're guaranteed to make loads of friends at the Jamboree, and we have a plan to help at the IST Gathering at Walesby. See you there!

Riddle Corner

(Answer in the next edition)

A top of red,
and made of sand.
When I'm not full,
I am but bland.

But top me up?
I'm brown and bubbly.
With both twist and fizz
I'll make you feel snugly.

To some people,
I'm just like a drug.
Addictive and wondrous,
from the very first slug.

So pop off the top,
have a sip, give a sigh.
I just want to know,
What am I?