



FRIENDS OF THE WAGGGS CENTRES NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2020

I would like to welcome you to the summer newsletter of the FOWWC. All over the world we are experiencing a very strange and for many a very distressing time. Please remember that we are part of a worldwide family and Guiding sisters will be on hand to give you any help you may need.

Annual Meeting 2020

After much discussion the Trustees decided that in view of the effect of Covid 19 we would cancel this year's Annual Meeting.

We are not sure what the advice on travel and staying overnight will be by the start of October.

Even if the UK government advice is that we can travel and stay overnight we were not sure how many people would be willing to travel in view of the continuing Covid 19 pandemic.

The Trustees and officers who would have either resigned or stood for re-election have agreed to stay in post for the coming year.

The accounts will be completed and checked and will be circulated to the membership by email or post with a newsletter as usual

I want to assure members that this decision was not taken lightly as we know how important the annual meeting is to many members. It is not only an occasion when the formal requirements of a charity are completed, but is also a day to meet friends old and new and to enjoy a day at Pax Lodge.

The day is also an occasion when we raise extra funds for the charity through the raffle; bring and buy, sales of our merchandise and other stalls.

This is such an unusual year that we felt that we had no option but to make this decision. We look forward to seeing members and friends in 2021.

Pax Lodge is closed until 1 August and there are reduced staff at the moment so they have not been able to let me have a date to book the meeting for 2021, so watch this space as they say.

New Dates for Hautbois Holiday 26 - 30 April 2021

We have a provisional booking at Hautbois for 26 - 30 April.

The cost will be £300, with an initial deposit of £50.

If you are interested in going on this trip please email me at FOWWC@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list and send out information as it becomes available.

Please make your deposit payments to, if possible by BACS to **sort code 30-94-55 account number 00190307**.

Alternatively send a cheque payable to **'FOWWC'**

to Jane Muncey, FOWWC', 14 Ashmead Drive, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7XT UK

WAGGGS Share the Light



We have been overwhelmed by the response to the recent [WAGGGS #ShareTheLight campfire](#). Thank you to everyone who joined us live or organised your at home campfire events!

Are you ready for our next international connection?

Save the date for the WAGGGS Online International Festival [live on YouTube](#) on July Once again, WAGGGS is bringing the Movement together for an online festival like no other. Enjoy cultural festivities from every WAGGGS Region and be part of

something special as we bid farewell to outgoing WAGGGS Board Members and welcome the next Chair of the Board. We are excited to welcome you to follow us live on YouTube:

- Date: July 17th 2020
- Time: 5pm UTC (9am PT/12noon EST/10.30pm IST) or join any time with the recording
- No registration required

Join us here and #ShareTheLight:

<https://bit.ly/WAGGGSYouTube>

Could you make an extra donation to support the Centres?

The Centres will be in greater need of our support this year. Please see the report from WAGGGS,

One of our Trustees suggested that she would make a donation to the FOWWC equivalent to the amount that she would normally spend on travel to Pax Lodge, overnight accommodation and the amount that she would spend during the day.

Would you consider making a similar donation?

You can make a separate payment or include with your membership payment. You can send us money

- by BACS to Lloyds bank, sort code 30-94-55 account number 01289838
- by paypal
- by sterling cheque to me at 14 Ashmead Drive, Hardwick, Cambridge CB23 7XT, UK

The WAGGGS World Centres

June 2020

General Update

Hello from the World Centres, where Sangam is enjoying their mangos this time of year, Our Chalet is welcoming an early spring, at Pax Lodge cherry trees are in full bloom and Our Cabaña is filled with fragrant blossoms this spring.

This had been a financially difficult time for Our World Centres as they were forced to close their doors on the 23rd March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We made the decision to repatriate all our volunteers, however, we still have staff on-site keeping the centres safe and clean until we can open again. Whilst we do not have guests at the centres keeping us busy we are using this time effectively to keep movement members engaged on our social media channels. There are activities and challenges for individuals to compete, places for international friends to interact and informational articles and videos for all ages.

- On the 18th April the World Centres hosted a virtual global campfire on Zoom and YouTube. To date the campfire has been viewed over 18,000 times. Many participants have shared how this event has connected them to many of their international friends from past World Centre experiences while also letting them meet new friends through their on-line social networks. You can watch the video here
- We have also developed a fantastic World Centres International Adventure activity pack, which can be downloaded here. This pack is for girls and young women 14+ and will be a fun way for them learn about international opportunities and travel from home. In addition to this resource, we are partnering with other WAGGGS departments and Member Organisations to provide on-line training and learning opportunities.

We are really please to announce that Our Chalet will be starting their phased opening on the 13th July and we hope that the other centres will follow their lead when it is safe to do so. Keep in touch and follow us on social media to keep up to date on all our news. We really look forward to welcoming guest back to the centres as soon as it is safe to do so.

Our Chalet: <https://www.facebook.com/OurChalet/>
Kusafiri <https://www.facebook.com/kusafiriworldcentre>
Our Cabaña <https://www.facebook.com/OurCabanaMexico>
Pax Lodge <https://www.facebook.com/PaxLodge>
Sangam <https://www.facebook.com/sangamworldcentre>

Overarching Funding Needs

- Re-opening costs for the centres – As each centre will need to carry out a deep clean and set up with all the new COVID safety measures set by their respective governments and this will be quite expensive.
- We are always really keen to secure scholarship funds for girls and young women to attend

leadership programmes, this will be crucial for some centres next year like Sangam where we expect numbers to be lower than usual due to COVID19 scholarships will allow us to still have guests visit the centre and there for cover our running costs.

Any donations towards these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Magdalene (head of operations) WAGGGS



Ms. Jane Muncey Chairperson
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June 18, 2020

Dear Ms. Jane Muncey,

Thank you very much for the generous gift of £7822 to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) given on behalf of Friends of the World Centres. We received the donation on 17th February 2020, it will be shared between the world centres as follows:

- £2000 to Kusafiri for Scholarships
- £1300 to Our Cabana for Scholarships
- £1300 to Our Chalet for Scholarships
- £1300 to Sangam for Solar Power Batteries
- £1300 to Pax for Toilet facility refurbishment

Your support transforms lives by developing and strengthening the confidence, self-esteem, and life skills of girls and young women. With your help, our members are taking action and learning to influence causes they care about and which make a difference to the world, such as poverty, hunger, gender-based violence, and climate change.

Once again, thank you for your generous support – you are helping girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential, as responsible citizens of the world.

Best wishes,

Catherine Harris
Fundraising Manager – Individual Giving
World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

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World Bureau, Olave Centre, 12c Lyndhurst Road, London NW3 5PQ, UK
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If you have already made a booking for accommodation at Pax Lodge or elsewhere and you now do not intend going to London in October that you contact them to cancel. Our accommodation booked at Pax Lodge will not be automatically cancelled because we have cancelled the Annual Meeting

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