



# FRIENDS OF THE WAGGGS WORLD CENTRES NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

Welcome to the autumn newsletter from the Friends of the WAGGGS World Centres.

We have lots of news for you in this edition so please read on.....

We would like to say a big thank you to Elly, in The Netherlands.

Elly has been membership secretary for many years

and a Friend even longer. Thank you for your time and support.



- Thank you to Jane and Caroline who attended the Midlands Trefoil Activity Day in October. They sold badges and encouraged a few more people to join.
- It was lovely to see some of our members taking part in the autumn quiz in October, thank you to of you who joined in and thank you to Kim, one of the Trustees for putting the questions together and running the event.  
We hope you did well and you enjoyed taking part. Look out for the date for one in early 2023

## Thinking of what to give a Guiding friend for Christmas?



How about a year's membership to the Friends of the WAGGGS World Centres?

£10 for a single annual membership and for that you are helping to add to our donation pot and provide funds to the World Centres, plus the recipient will be kept updated on news and trips with 4 newsletters throughout the year.

## UK Trip 2023

Shortly after we had announced that the UK trip 2023 would be to Broneirion in Wales, we learnt the news that Girlguiding Cymru are selling the property.

We are now looking to arrange a trip to Waddow and hope we can secure a time to visit Lancashire and the local area.



## **FRIENDS OF THE WAGGGS WORLD CENTRES – AGM and weekend gathering**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Pax Lodge, London**

We welcome all members to this event, whether just the AGM  
on the Saturday afternoon or all weekend

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

- From 6pm catch up time followed by team and individual games, quizzes and activities including a light supper on an international theme.  
It does not matter what time you arrive you will be welcome to join in anytime.

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

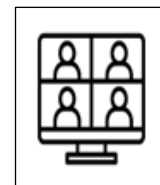
- 9am Pax Lodge Flag ceremony (optional)
- 10am to midday – optional dip in and out activities including:  
International crafts, badge swapping, FOWWC merchandise for sale, raffle, tombola, and the Pax Lodge Challenge (extra charge)
- 12.30 to 1.30pm Lunch (booking is essential for a two course cooked meal @£12 per person)

### **2.00pm FOWWC AGM**



Along with the formal part of the AGM, there will be a guest speaker at the event. Login details will be sent nearer the time to those who have told us they wish to join the AGM virtually.

Please make sure you tell us that you will be wanting to join us virtually click, please email



4.00pm refreshments provided [FOWWC@yahoo.com](mailto:FOWWC@yahoo.com)

Saturday evening:

For those joining in with supper, orders will be taken during the Saturday for pizza which will be delivered to Pax Lodge

Evening activity options:

- 1) Self organised trip into the city for sightseeing or a show
- 2) sing song - led by Pax Lodge staff for a donation
- 3) Free time

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 9am Pax Lodge flag ceremony (optional) and Farewell
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**Accommodation** – to be booked by individuals as required

Pax Lodge online booking is now open for March 2023 and there are other venues are located in the local area

<https://worldcentres.wagggs.org/pax-lodge/accommodation/>

Nearest train stations to Pax Lodge are:

Belsize Park (Northern line), Hampstead Heath (overground) and Swiss Cottage (Jubilee line)

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To register your interest please email [FOWWC@yahoo.com](mailto:FOWWC@yahoo.com) and when the booking form is available, we will send this out to you via email. You do not need to commit to activities or mealtimes at this stage.

Please mark the subject line **FOWWC AGM 2023** so we can ensure your email doesn't get missed.



## Our Chalet, Switzerland October 2022



A Group of 14 FRIENDS joined together for the International Friendship Event at Our Chalet in October and then stayed on for the 90th Birthday Celebration.

Lovely trips were had during the stay at Our Chalet including Luzern, where guests had a go at glass blowing, a visit to Adelboden, cheese and chocolate at Gruyere,

Interlaken via boat, to name just a few.

At Interlaken two members were very brave and had a go at kayaking and had a great time on the lake.

There was also fun and friendship at Our Chalet with bread making, meeting international friends and admiring the view for this wonderful Girlguiding World Centre. One of the highlights of the trip was taking the Postbus up to Griesalp, which is the steepest postbus in Europe and inclines up to 28%. "It was quite a scary bus ride but beautiful scenery. A very worthwhile visit" as said by Christine.

Thank you to Christine Millburn for coordinating the trip for the Friends Group.

For those who are now tempted to book a trip - check out the trips running at Our Chalet in 2023

<https://worldcentres.waggs.org/our-chalet/>



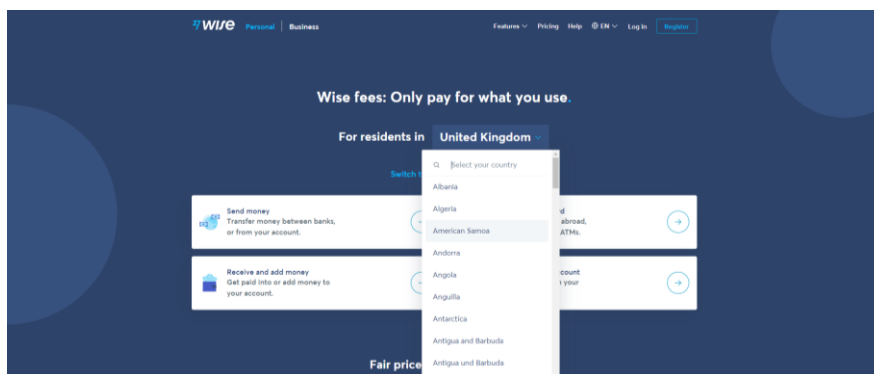
## Sending money abroad?

Kim Clegg, the FOWWC Treasurer has found out about **WISE** a service which may be of benefit to some of our members.

Not just for FOWWC membership, but for trips, families and any overseas business.

Here is what Kim has said about WISE: I found an international funds service which you may wish to use. It is provided by a company called Wise (formerly Transfer Wise), and it has been recommended by money advice services here in the UK.

The advantage of this service is that it charges a % fee rather than a fixed amount and it allows you to see what will be charged to your debit card (you can also use a bank transfer to the company) and doesn't then include a further transfer fee.



Want to know more - <https://wise.com>

For the latest news on Our Cabana, read the update below

Taken from the WAGGGS website

<https://worldcentres.waggs.org/our-cabana>



## Our Cabana

### Phase 2

In September 2022, following a competitive tender process, Ernst & Young was appointed to evaluate and develop a business case for each of the three options.

Over the next two months, the team from Ernst & Young, based in the USA and Mexico, will review key documentation, meet with key stakeholders, carry out legal, financial, and market research, and produce a written report and a set of recommendations for the World Board.

At its September meeting, the World Board met with the consultants to discuss this work and will meet with them again once the work has been concluded, to consider the findings and agree on a way forward.

A further update will be provided at that stage.

We want to thank all those involved in the process to date, for so kindly sharing their experiences and insights about Our Cabana.



## New Zealand trip 2024

for members of the Friends of the WAGGGS World Centres and families

**Latest update on this trip is the coach is filling up quickly. Anyone wanting to go must get their application in as soon as possible and let Christine know they are going.**

Anyone considering the trip needs to be in Wellington by the 16th/17th February 2024, making their own way to New Zealand. The trip will be 2-3 weeks long and ends in Auckland.

Some meals are provided such as breakfasts from day 2 are included and 7 dinners, other meals will be self catering.

Email Christine on the Friends email address: [FOWWC@yahoo.com](mailto:FOWWC@yahoo.com) as she is coordinating this trip with her contacts in New Zealand, will then keep in touch with you. If you are a Friends of WAGGGS and have already booked onto this trip direct, please let Christine know.

A screenshot of the WAGGGS website's sign-up form. The header includes the WAGGGS logo and the text 'WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS'. The main heading is 'For Her World'. Below this is a sub-heading: 'Get to know the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and find out how you can help create a more equal world for girls and young women worldwide.' The form contains three input fields: 'First Name \*' (with 'Jane' entered), 'Last Name \*' (with 'Smith' entered), and 'Email Address \*'. A blue 'Submit' button is located below the email field. At the bottom of the form is a 'Go back' button.

Want to receive WAGGGS newsletters

Go to <https://www.waggs.org/en/> and scroll down to the bottom and see a yellow box

“sign up for updates from WAGGGS”

Sign up to newsletters by clicking on the box and adding your details.

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### Membership

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Thank you to those of you who have paid membership fees so far this year, we are so pleased that many of you continue to support the World Centres via the Friends Group.

Those of you in the UK can pay by cheque or direct bank transfer - for details of the bank account please email [fowwc@yahoo.com](mailto:fowwc@yahoo.com) and we will send these to you. For cheques, please send to either Jane Muncey (see address below).

For those of you further afield, please contact us and we will be pleased to let you know if your Country has a Membership Secretary. Please then contact your Membership secretary direct for details on how you should pay the Friends annual membership fee.

Members in the USA contact is Dhamayanthi Pathmanathan and in Canada it is Myrna Hewitson

### Trustees

Caroline Poulton - Chair  
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If you wish to contact any of the Trustee's please email [FOWWC@yahoo.com](mailto:FOWWC@yahoo.com)

If you prefer you can write to The Friends of the WAGGGS World Centres, c/o Jane Muncey 14 Ashmead Drive, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7XT, United Kingdom Tel :01954 210570

Looking for merchandise, how to donate while shopping with Amazon,  
or want to give a little bit more?

**AMAZON SMILE** or **GIVE AS YOU LIVE**

SEE THE FRIENDS WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Each order that you make enables the FOWWC to donate more to the Centres.



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