



# FRIENDS OF THE WAGGGS WORLD CENTRES NEWSLETTER Winter 2024

Welcome to a new year from the Friends of the WAGGGS World Centres.

Please read on for details about our AGM in March, Membership information, World Centre update and future Friends UK trips.

## FRIENDS OF THE WAGGGS WORLD CENTRES AGM

Saturday 23rd March 2024

This year there are 2 presentations of the **AGM**

- 1) In person at Pax Lodge starting at 2pm (GMT)
- 2) online (via zoom) at 7pm (GMT)

### **In person AGM**

If you are attending the AGM at Pax Lodge we need to know you are joining us.

We are meeting in the Olave Room, within the World Bureau. This room has limited seating and we want to be sure we have room for everyone attending.

You are welcome to arrive at Pax Lodge any time during the morning, tea and coffee is available in the dining room, you may also bring your own lunch to eat there if you wish.

Please let us know by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** if you are coming to Pax Lodge.

The date of the AGM was arranged around the availability of the Trustees and Pax Lodge, unfortunately this year there is no accommodation available to stay at Pax Lodge.

### **Online AGM**

If you are joining us for the second presentation of the day online, the link will be sent via a mailchimp mailing (same as the online newsletters) to all members a week before and will also be added to the website.

If you have any questions, please call Jane on +44 1954 210570, email us on [fowwc@yahoo.com](mailto:fowwc@yahoo.com) or contact us via the website [fowwc.co.uk](http://fowwc.co.uk) (top right-hand corner – envelope icon)



### **Welcome to our new Trustee**

We welcome Heather O'Halloran as a new Trustee to the Friends Group.

Heather does her Guiding in Berkshire, having run a Guide unit in Reading for many years, and like so many of our members has volunteered in many other ways as well over the years.

We would be pleased to welcome anyone interested in becoming a Trustee.

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Membership

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\*\*\*\*\*2024 Membership is due\*\*\*\*\*

**The membership remains at a minimum £10 per individual or  
minimum £15 per Trefoil Guild/Guiding unit**

Thank you to those of you who have paid your membership fees, 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 Jane Muncey ([see address below in Trustee details](#)).

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.

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

Future Friends UK Trips

We are looking at what the Friends Group can offer in the way of a UK trip for either 2024 or 2025.

Now we do not have the choice of the Girlguiding UK centres, we are looking at other options.

We want to offer the opportunity for Friends to get together to meet friends old and new and spend time enjoying the area we chose to stay.

To get an idea of what members want we are sending out a separate survey for you all to fill in – we need to find out more about who might attend these trips, where you want to explore and what type of accommodation is popular.

A survey is enclosed if you would like to fill this in and send back to us.



**Our Cabana is open for events**

Our Cabana is open for visitors again and already has 15 events planned for 2024 and 2025.

Events include - Tastes of Mexico, Thinking Day at Nuestra Cabana, Natural Mexico and Friendship

All advertised on the WAGGGS website [waggs.org](http://waggs.org) or via email [waggs@waggs.org](mailto:waggs@waggs.org)

or contact the World Bureau on +44 20 7794 1181

The latest newsletter has been sent out from WAGGGS  
copied below for those not already receiving the newsletter

As we come to the end of another year, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your ongoing support of our wonderful World Centres.

Without your generosity, we would not be able to provide the life-changing experiences that we offer to girls and young women.

From outdoor adventures to leadership development, our Centres have been busy creating impactful experiences for girls and young women.

We are proud of the work that we have accomplished this year, and we are grateful for the support of you all in our global community.

We are excited for the new year and the opportunities it will bring. You can check out all the events we have on offer in 2024 here:

We are committed to continuing to provide high-quality programs and experiences that empower girls and young women to become leaders in their communities and beyond.

We can't express how much we value your support and unwavering belief in the World Centres.

As we close out this year, we want to wish you and your loved ones all the best for end of this year and a wonderful start for 2024.

We look forward to continuing this World Centres journey with you all next year!

Yours in Guiding and Scouting,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Thomas'.

**Magdalene Thomas**  
Head of International Operations  
WAGGGS

## EVENTS

We want to sell the FOWWC merchandise and let people know who and where we are.....  
Do you know of an event that we could attend?

Does your County have an annual event, a Trefoil Guild event day or perhaps another opportunity?  
If we cannot get there, would you be willing to have some of our membership forms available to hand out?

Contact us (details below) with details

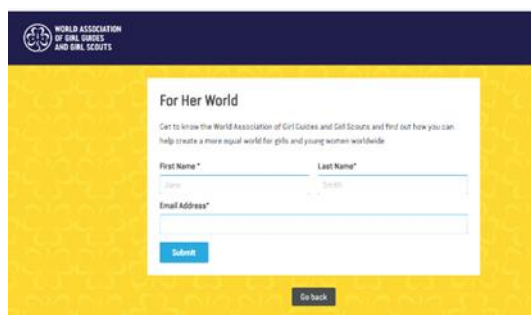
## Challenge 2024

Can you challenge yourself to sign up a friend to the Friends of the WAGGGS World centres group during 2024?

Every member that joins the Friends group and donates, adds money to the donation pot that we can send to the World Centres.

We know what these World Centres mean to the people who visit and stay at them and the opportunities that those going to them get - for some it's an *opportunity of a lifetime*, others it is like *going on a family stay* or what about it being that *life changing experience*.

Maybe you know someone who would like to add to our donation pot - tell them about our website or share this newsletter to give them information and links they require.  
Thank you



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Go to <https://www.wagggg.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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If you wish to contact any of the Trustee's please email [FOWWC@yahoo.com](mailto:FOWWC@yahoo.com)

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