



## Newsletter 2

**March 2008**

Welcome to our second newsletter. The main idea for this copy is to keep all members up to date with the current situation with regards to the expedition.

**When:**

The proposed dates are 18<sup>th</sup> July until 8<sup>th</sup> August 2009 depending on school holidays and the availability of air flights and not 2008 as shown in the last newsletter.

**Leader Team:**

Since the last newsletter we are pleased to welcome Elsa Cleasby to the leader team. Elsa will be responsible for the administration for the expedition.

**The Team:**

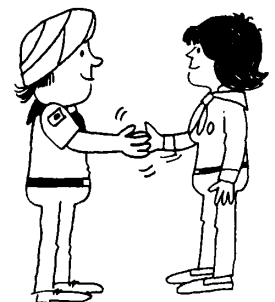
Currently we have nine young members from the Girls Brigade and two Scouts in our party but in addition to these confirmed members we hope to increase this number particularly in the Scout section. This is balanced by eight main team leaders. At present we consider that this leader team is sufficient for the expedition but extra leaders may be considered depending on total numbers or whether they are able to provide a service not currently catered for.

**Venue:**

The venue for the expedition will be Africa and at this stage the proposal is to travel to Zambia. A couple of the leader team will be travelling to Zambia at the beginning of May on a recce visit. During this visit they will be looking at suitable sites for the project and also at the facilities available within Zambia. If there are any areas or details that team members would like investigating please let Doug know before the middle of April.

**Cost:**

The maximum cost has been confirmed at £1,800.00 which is inclusive of Travel and Transport; Insurance; Food and Equipment required during the time of the expedition. It is hoped that the total amount payable will be no more than £1,500, or less but this will depend on the success of our fund raising. As already stated we intend to apply for a Gift Aid refund on part of the money received and this should make a significant effect on the total. The only slight problem might be that some of this money may not be received by us until after the expedition. If this is the case a refund will be considered after the party has returned from Zambia.



**Future Payments:**

Most of you have now paid your initial deposit. The next £300 deposit is due on, or before, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008. Future deposits are then due on, or before:-

1 <sup>st</sup> September 2008	£300	
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2008	£300	
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2009	£300	
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2009	£500	Final deposit (may not be required in full)

### **Fund Raising:**

We are currently looking for a person who is willing to co-ordinate the fund raising on our behalf. This person does not have to be a member of the team travelling to Zambia and could quite well be a parents or other interested person. They will not be expected to be responsible for the entire fund raising but only to co-ordinate the efforts from a number of areas.

### **Coming Events:**

There is a coffee morning arranged for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Fulwell Methodist Church from 10.00 until 12.00. At this event we have the opportunity to sell cakes and any other suitable items with all the profit going to the expedition. Please let Barbara know if you will bring any cakes etc. If you are available for the morning we would be pleased to see you as we also hope to use this event as a publicity drive.

### **Bank Account:**

Our Bank Account has been set up in the name International Expedition 2009. Cheques may also be made payable to:- "IX09". Due to a delay in setting up the account some of the initial deposits may have not yet cashed.

### **Training Weekends:**

Two future training weekends have been arranged so please put these dates into your diary.

4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July 2008                      Raven Gill Campsite, Comondale, North Yorkshire  
26<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September 2008        West Hall, Durham

Further details will be sent nearer the date. Other days, or weekend, will be added to the list as required.

### **Criminal Records Bureau (CRB):**

All young members and leaders taking part in the IX09 expedition who are, or will be, over 18years at the time of the expedition must have a CRB clearance for their respective organisation. This was not asked for on the application form so will all members it concerns please let Doug know the 'Number' and 'Date of Issue' on their certificate. If you do not have a CRB clearance an application should be made as soon as possible.

### **Letter Head:**

We have a letter head available for any members who are applying to any firm or organisation for funds towards the expedition. Please remember that if you intend to apply to any organisation you must make it clear whether you are applying for yourself, or on behalf of the whole expedition. Any application has to be approved by the main committee before being submitted in order to avoid duplicate applications. A standard letter for applications is being prepared for those who require it.



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