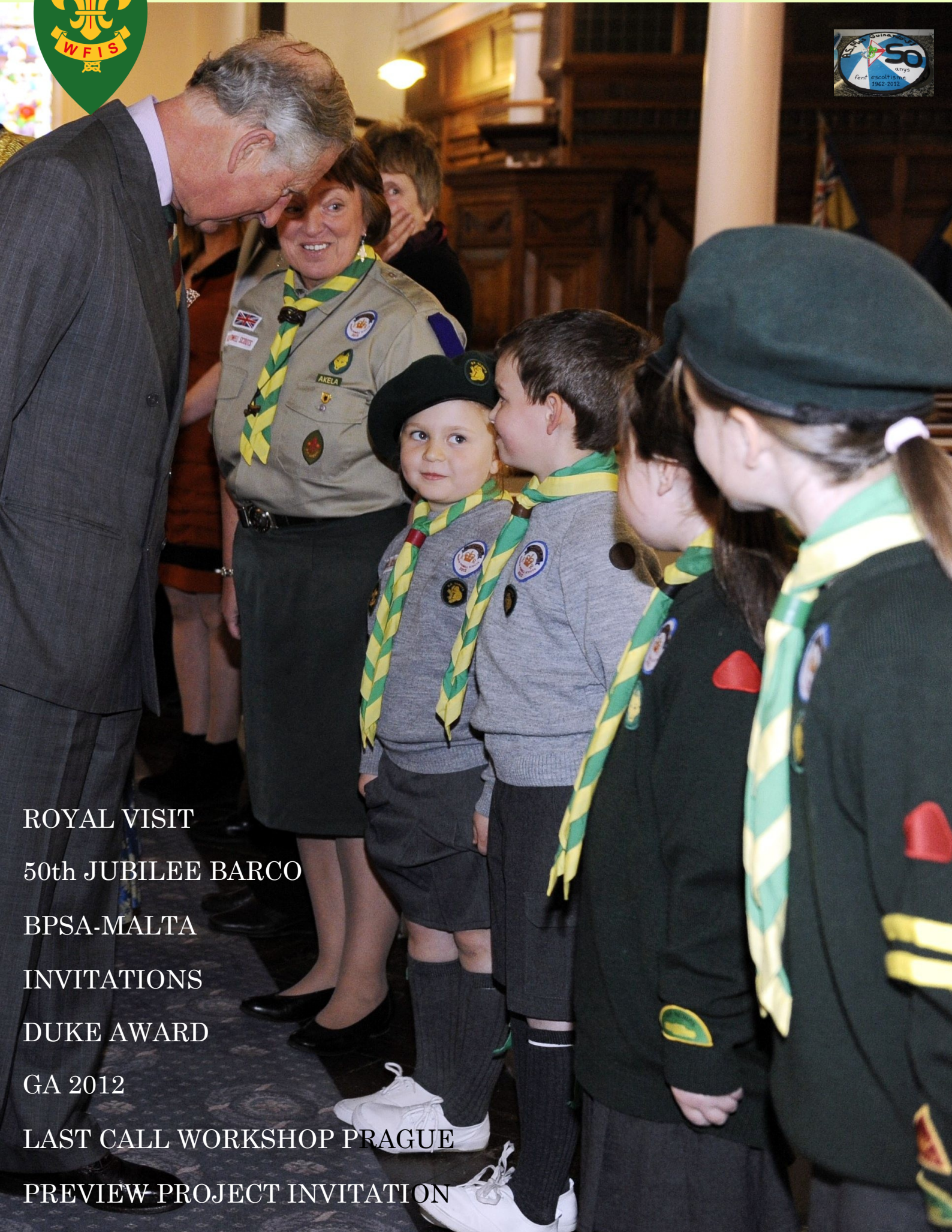




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Dear Reader,

we were thinking about calling this issue the Royal Issue - you might have spotted why. Apart from Royal visit and award we are happy to have an article about BPS-Malta our new prospect member from that island in the sun. You will also find short news from this year's General assembly in Madrid.

We hope you all had or will have superb summer camps or expeditions — we would like to have your reports about it— they should be in the Euroletter - Scouts all around Europe would like to read about them.

From the editorial team our thanks go to all who spend time and send articles and invitations for the Euroletter !

We think there are many more activities from your groups and invitations to be published ... so do not hesitate, send them to office@wfis-europe.org - your help and effort is appreciated.

The annual workshop in Prague will be soon - some spare places available!

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Baden-Powell Scouts UK - Royal visit

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from a Group in the north of England had a memorable and exciting day when HRH Prince Charles visited Wigton. Twelve members of the Group were invited to meet Prince Charles inside the local Church as a reward for their community service in and around Wigton. Picking 12 out of 80 was incredibly difficult, but it had to be done.



Meanwhile, outside the Church, the Cubs and Scouts who could not go inside waited for a glimpse of Prince Charles. Church bells rang and excitement rose as a cheer was heard from outside, Prince Charles had arrived. The Cubs were in shorts or skirts and plimsolls and by now it had started to snow and was freezing! Prince Charles went over to where they were standing and shook hands with them, whilst stopping to speak to several of them about how cold they must be - they were, but they were delighted to have Prince Charles right in front of them!

Inside the Church everyone waited, would he speak, would he acknowledge them, or would he walk by? There was no need for concern, Prince Charles was wonderful, he shook hands with leaders and started by speaking to them about numbers in the Group and if we struggled to get leaders as he believed this was a nationwide problem, then he moved on to the two very small Beavers, they were totally in awe of Prince Charles as he asked them when and where they met and what sort of things they did. He spoke to almost all the children, spending time in particular with the Senior Scouts after he spotted the Duke of Edinburgh Award badges on their uniforms and asked what expeditions they had done and what their various badges were for.



Group leader Julie Bryceson said "It was a great honour for our Group to be invited to meet Prince Charles and it is a day that will be remembered for years to come. His Royal Highness talked naturally with the children and seemed genuinely interested in what they did. I felt really sorry for the children outside the Church as it was so cold, last week we would have been covering them in sun cream, this week they were standing in snow."

Everyone inside the Church signed the visitors book and the Beavers and Cubs were delighted to see Prince Charles' signature after he left the Church.



Spanish celebrations - 50th anniversary

2012 meant time to celebrate a 50 year anniversary for A.S. MAS GUINARDÓ – 31 in Barcelona. We were fortunate enough to be guests at the celebrations and arrived at the start of the day to see a superbly organised opening ceremony, with all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts involved.

Then it was time for games for the children, which were held outside in the sunny weather, this was followed by lunch which had been prepared by parents and was a feast of traditional Spanish foods.

Abel was superb, he helped with making sure we had everything translated throughout the day and being by their side and made the visit a great success.

Later there was a presentation to show the history of the Asso-

ciation and local dignitaries also came and spoke. Every invited guest was presented with a special plaque and badge to commemorate the event.

The evening meal followed spectacular firework display which was a real treat—including the neighbourhood.

The Association had organised a concert for the evening which we were really looking forward to, however, Julie suddenly lost half a tooth and the concert was missed as there was then an urgent trip to the dentist, many thanks to Angel Benjamin Gonzalez for his excellent dentist skills and the doctor who assisted him, Julie was very grateful.

Thank you of course also to A.S. MAS GUINARDÓ – 31 for the invitation and event.



LAST CALL ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Last call for this workshop in the Capital of Czech Republic! We already have participants coming from Denmark, Kosovo, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Germany

Date: 14 -16. 9.2012

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

Address: Scout area, Pitterova 1, Prague 3,

GPS: N 50° 5.04602', E 14° 27.80115'

Accommodation: on the ground in club-rooms, good weather also in tents

Transportation: by plane, train, bus or car to Prague

What to bring: own sleeping bag and mat

Price: 45 EUR/person will be payable at the Workshop

We will claim fee for people that have booked even if they not come as we have to pay once we have confirmed

Registration is requested IMMEDIATELY—that will help the organising team a lot

The total area capacity is limited to about 100 participants—spare places left

Check-in at place 14.9.2012 after 15:00

Leave area no later than 16.9.2012, 15:00

Other options, please consult with the organizers hanka.zelva@gmail.com



Baden Powell Scouts - Malta

Baden Powell Scouts Malta held its first meeting on the 4th July 2011. Since then it has been a whirlwind of activities and meetings for our members. We have members in all the 4 sections – beavers, cubs, scouts and senior scouts. We started our meetings in summer and given that we have such a lovely Mediterranean summer we made the most of the outdoors.

We tried to create a balance between having fun and taking the opportunity of the summer holidays to get more acquainted to the culture of our tiny island right in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Every Tuesday we held weekly meetings which were based on an hour of hands on scouting and another hour of physical exercise where together we learnt how to play baseball. During the cultural tours we went to visit places of general and historical importance in our history.



Wood cutting using an axe

In August we held our first summer camp in our sister island Gozo where our cubs and scouts learnt the skills of fishing and obviously swimming.



First aid at Camp

Another camp was held in Mellieha where we focused on bullying and its effects. In September we held our 1st Annual camp in the gardens of Verdala Castle. This is the summer residence of the President of Malta who gently allowed us to camp here. This was an unforgettable experience for our members. At the end of the camp we were taken on a tour of the Castle.

At the end of September 5 of our leaders attended a most memorable workshop in Cupramarittima – Italy. All the scouts present really made us feel welcome and it was a pity that the workshop had to come to an end. It was a very good learning experience for us. We made a lot of new friends with whom we are still in contact. It was a great opportunity for us to exchange ideas with our brother scouts.

In October the kids were back at school so we started our winter schedule with weekly meetings for all sections held on Fridays. November saw us visiting a re-enactment of the French reign in Malta and also a visit to the Annual Malta Air Show. We also spent a weekend together and participated in the Joti-Jota activities held worldwide.



Snowman done using sugar pastry

December is a time of giving and this was our number 1 priority during this festive season. We helped out during the President's Fun Run during the 1st weekend of December which saw thousands of people walking or running from the President's Palace to Valletta. On 13th December, being a public holiday in Malta we organized a cake deco-

rating competition with all proceeds going to the Dartal-Providenza. This is a community house where the most severe cases of disability are taken care of. This house needs thousands of euros a day for its running. During the last 2 weeks of December we were going round the streets of our locality and our city Valletta collecting more funds. These funds were presented during a live transmission on TV which was held on New Year's Day. We collected over €2000!!! We also helped out during 2 annual fund raising events organized to help people who are going through very difficult moments due to terminal illness. We tried to live our promise by being of service to others.

In March this year we went for a 4-day indoor camp with the theme "Building Bridges". Scouts participated in many different team building activities and they were responsible for most of the cooking during the camp. They worked very hard to obtain the cook badge.



Making pastry for pizza

During the Easter time we tried to live as much as possible the promise – "duty to God". We participated in most of the activities organized by our local parish church.

On 21st April we were once again asked to give a helping hand for people in need. A fishing competition was organized to collect funds for the purchase of 6 apartments in London to host families who would have members of their family undergoing long treatment in the UK. We helped out by collecting funds from people visiting the competition, with face painting and at the bouncing castle.

28th April saw our 1st much awaited investiture ceremony. A thanksgiving mass was followed by the blessing of the group colours and the investiture of most of our members including 4 leaders. It was a very pleasant evening with the participation of members from most of the local voluntary organisations in Mtarfa, parents and friends of our members, and friends who are supporting the Baden Powell Scouts. It was a very memorable evening.

We are doing our utmost to live the Scout promise to the full. If everybody was to follow this promise, we are sure that the world would be such a better place.



A floating model—recycling

Baden Powell Scouts - Malta



Cake cutting—Investiture

INVITATIONS

European Jamboree Meißner 2013 100th anniversary Youth in Motion



Companions of Hajk, fellows of storm,
Of freedom, of fortune, its the fire,
Of destiny that flares inside,
That drives us restless thru the world!

Gefährten der Fahrten, Gesellen des Sturms,
der Freiheit, des Glückes es ist der Brand,
der Wandervögeln gleich uns lodert,
uns ruhlos treibt von Land zu Land!

Fife score and fifteen years ago filth and fug of industrialization
and the narrow walls of grey cities led to a rise of the youth in
Europe. Experiencing the nature, self-determination and
veracity brought up the founding of the Wandervogel-
Movement. Only a few years later, in 1913 for the first time
ever all different groups of the German youth movement
gathered on the Meißner, which is since then called Hoher
Meißner High Meißner.

Now for more than a century young people all over Germany
and Europe are hiking through the beautiful landscapes of our
continent. They are searching for The Blue Flower, synonym for
veracity and knowledge. Till today young people follow the
values and ideals of the rising movement of the European
youth.

In 2013 this first congregation of the youth will have its 100th anniversary. Hence we want to celebrate this event with all those, who still believe in the ideals of the youth movement. On the historic paths of 1913 we will hike from Castle Hahnstein, via the Castle of the Youthmovement Ludwigstein, to the Hoher Meißner, where we will pitch our tents.

Yet we dont want to waste a weekend with bare remembrance. We want to show, that the youth of our days is still in motion. Therefore we havent decided on a fixed program yet. For us the cooperation and community of the youth in Europe shall be at the core of Meißner 2013. Thus all interested groups are kindly invited to share their ideas for this anniversary. The attached program and the ideals and values that weve announced in our call from November 2010 are meant as an orientation.

Our Meißner-hike is open to all groups of the youth movement, Scouts, Wandervögel, etc., and will be carried out by everyones participation. Interested groups may **contact** us via e-mail and will receive further information.

<mailto:Jugend-in-Bewegung@gmx.de>

<http://www.meissner2013-jugendinbewegung.de/>

Looking forward to see you!

Nils (Chairman RjB Hessen)

Schedule:

Wednesday October 2nd 2013

Arrival Castle Hahnstein, Camping on the castle grounds

Thursday October 3rd

Hike from Castle Hahnstein to Castle Ludwigstein,
participation Markt der Jugendbewegung

Friday October 4th

Hike form Castle Ludwigstein to Hoher Meißner

Saturday October 5th

Evening: Commemoration Fire

Sunday Ocotber 6th

Ending ceremony

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a scheme that closely follows our Scout program in Britain. For three Rover Scouts, several years of work reached a climax on 8th November 2011 when they received their Gold awards at St James Palace in London. We were able to meet Prince Philip and tell him about our expedition in the Yorkshire Dales that we undertook to get our awards.

The award began in 1956 and it is possible to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold level awards which now consist of four parts. Service, skills, physical recreation and an expedition. For the Gold we also undertook a residential training course, which took the form of a wood beads training weekend. The three Rovers, all from 1st Earley, helped to run the Cub pack and volunteered in a local school to complete the service section. We also learnt new sports such as archery, surfing and Ultimate Frisbee over several months. The skills section was run alongside our scout badges. Some of the badges completed over the course of the programme include Meteorologist, Camp Warden and Public Health.

The expedition took place in the Yorkshire Dales in northern England. We hiked and biked across the Dales over 4 days and nights. We planned the journey and were completely self reliant for the duration of the journey. This expedition also qualified for the Discovery award, which is available to Senior and Rover scouts.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award aims to promote compassion, dedication and healthy living in its participants. It allows young people to aim for achievement and find success regardless of their background. In these respects it is very similar to Scouting and both programmes complement each other. When you achieve the Gold award it is presented at one of the Royal Palaces and the Duke of Edinburgh meets every participant who achieves this award. It was a proud day for those of us who went and one we won't forget anytime soon.



General Assembly 2012

Madrid, sunny but cold, the place of the 2012 WFIS General Assembly. Delegates from across Europe gathered together for the annual event.

The organising team were superb, led by Silvana, they worked day and night to provide a programme that ran perfectly, with good food and everything that was needed for a meeting place for the GA.

Most people arrived on Friday, with a few early on Saturday and then it was time for the formal part of the weekend, the actual meeting.

Margon welcomed everyone and then it was time for the offi-

cial meeting, at lunch time a traditional Spanish meal was served, which was enjoyed by all. Towards the end of the GA presentations were given on future events, projects and ideas, after which there was more food and then a chance to meet together, see old friends and make new ones.

It was very nice to meet new prospect members Assoraider from Italy and B-P Scouts Malta, both have leaders who are very keen and the Steering Committee are delighted to welcome them to their first steps in WFIS.

The closing ceremony took place in glorious sunshine and then it was time for goodbyes as everyone left to travel back to their home countries.



Circle of friendship update

Dear Cub Leaders

There has been a very good response to the Circle of Friendship Project, with many Groups keen to order badges.

If you would like to order badges for your Cubs please send 1 Euro 50 cents for each badge to

WFIS Europe Supplies Account

IBAN : DE78513522270000019158

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Indicate Name of Group and Number of badges!!!!!!

The badges will be sent to you on completion of the project.

Preview Invitation BPSA-Malta

105 years of Scouting – A commemorative badge for all scouts of good will !!

How would you like to receive a badge which you may wear and a certificate to commemorate Scouting, 105 years after Brownsea Island?

Well, this is what you have to do. Design an A3 size poster, on which you will express the message, **'Leaving a better World'**. You may either design it by hand or you may design it on computer. What is important is that you design a strong message of hope, of tolerance, of understanding and of Peace.

All posters will be uploaded on a facebook webpage which will be created just for this event.

A panel made up of committee members of WFIS Europe will judge the posters, and the winner for the best poster who expresses the best message, will be awarded a certificate and a small trophy to keep.

Every scout of good will may participate in this onetime event.

Information about dates and fee for the participation (to cover cost of badge, postage etc.) will be made public soon .

