



## Newsletter 5

**September 2008**

Nine months to go before our expedition and we are currently in the process of booking the air flights. Have you returned your confirmation for the expedition to Doug? If not your flight may not be booked – contact Doug NOW.

### **Dates of Expedition:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** As you will know we moved the dates of our expedition due to the fact that some of the school holidays in our area would not have broken up for the school holidays. However due to the availability of flights for a large party we have had to revert to these original dates for the expedition. If you are in the position of having to miss the last few days of the summer term you need to confirm this with your school as soon as possible. If you have any problems please come back to me and we can arrange to send an appropriate letter of request to your school. Please note that we shall be leaving on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July so this may mean that more of you will miss the last day of term.

If these dates are no longer suitable for you and you wish to withdraw from the expedition you must contact me BEFORE 25<sup>th</sup> September so that your flight reservation may be cancelled. (After this date your initial deposits will not be returned unless we can refill your place).

### **Deposits**

You are reminded that the third deposit of £300.00 was due on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. Please arrange for this to be sent to Barbara as soon as possible – there are still a few of you who have outstanding fees.

### **Leader Team:**

Since the last newsletter we are pleased to welcome Jean Darch to the leader team. Jean is a nurse and her main responsibility during our expedition will be to look after the health of our party. She has previous experience of expeditions in Africa as she was a member of our trip to Tanzania in 2005 where we carried out a similar community development project.

### **Training Weekend:**

You should all have details of our next training weekend at West Hall over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember to return your form, even if you are not able to attend, so that we can arrange the programme.

### **Personal Information:**

We are still short of a few items of personal information, particularly details of CRB clearance from members who will be over 18 at the time of the expedition.

If you fall into this category and already have a CRB clearance will you please let me have the number on the certificate and the date that it was issued. If you do not have a certificate I shall have some forms at the training weekend and if you can bring your Birth Certificate and Passport to the weekend we can sort your application out over the weekend.



### **Poloshirts:**

We hope to have the pre-ordered polo and sweat shirts available at the next training weekend.

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### **Newest Team Member:**

I would like to introduce the newest member of our team. His name is "Tembo" and is shown wearing one of our new expedition neckerchiefs. Tembo will be our official mascot for the expedition.

### **Expedition Neckerchiefs:**

You will be given one of these at the next training weekend and over the next nine months we shall be wearing them at all fund raising events.

### **Uniform:**

Members are reminded that they must arrive and leave all training weekends in full, correct uniform. This will also apply to any major event such as Fund Raising.



### **Fund Raising:**

Fund raising is going reasonably well but please remember that any contribution you are able to give will help keep down the cost of the expedition. This is a very important part of our run up to the expedition and it is in two parts. The first part is your own personal deposits and the second is money required for the project and general expenses while in Zambia. Due to the high inflation of some materials, both here and in Zambia, our budget will be severely stretched so all of us must look carefully at the fund raising for the main project. We shall be discussing this problem at our next training weekend so please come prepared with ideas of ways that you may be able to help. We do not propose to increase the total payment by you to the expedition but depending on how our fund raising continues you may not get such a big reduction as we had hoped.

### **Web Site:**

Don't forget to visit the web site for our expedition. All general information will be added to this site as available for your reference. If you send information to any other body, or organisation, it is useful to quote the web site address as any publicity is always helpful.

The web site address is: <http://www.ix09.co.uk>

### **Insurance:**

As soon as the air flights are confirmed we shall be taking out travel insurance for the whole party through the Scout Association. If you already hold annual travel insurance and do not require this option please let me know as it will save the expedition about £35.00 per person.



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I look forward to seeing most of you again at the next training weekend at the end of this month. I have ordered the weather as I think we have had enough rain for the last two months but as we shall be outside for some of the programme do not rely on my order.

Doug Corbin, Expedition Leader

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