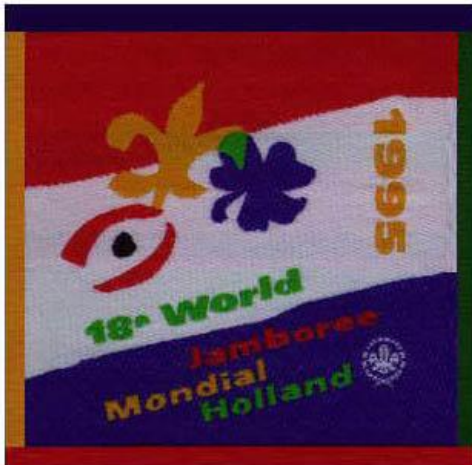


The 18th World Scout Jamboree was held during the summer of 1995 on reclaimed Flevoland (Holland) in the Netherlands. 28,960 participants and staff from 166 countries and territories, including 34 countries where Scouting was starting or restarting, attended the jamboree.



The representation of countries was the largest ever. The theme was "Future is Now". The highlights included the Jamboree Friendship Award, Inter-religious ceremony on violence and peace, the 2nd Global Development Village with the support of Scout associations, NGOs and UN specialized agencies, in particular UNHCR and UNICEF. The programme included a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations by a Scout Forum and communication by satellite with the UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. The event was officially opened by H.M. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and her husband Prince Claus. The

Jamboree was visited by H.M. the King of Sweden, Princess Basma of Jordan and Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who inaugurated the Global Development Village.

UK contingent was 67 units, 2,335 Scouts, 267 leaders, 29 contingent team, 197 Jamboree service staff. UK contingent supported 'Operation Flevoland' by helping one patrol each from Uganda and the Caribbean Island states. Join-in Jamboree booklet a good feature. Send-off was from Crystal Palace

A total of 137 Scouts and Leaders from the Russian Federation, Uganda, Kenya, Japan and the Caribbean Island states were given home hospitality in Hertfordshire both before or after the Jamboree. Bill Turnbull did a great job as HOHOHE co-ordinator. Highlight was golf match with Japanese

'ZAG' Unit: Gordon Marshall ACC(S) leader, Tony Cobb, Chris Searle and Suzie Rawlings

'ZIG' Unit: John Gilbert, Tony Morrison, Peter Edwards, Terri Stoddart

ZIG & ZAG went to St Gallen region, Switzerland for HoHo

There was a Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire combined unit. Went to Denmark for HoHo

Tony Bell from Cambridgeshire was leader of combined unit. Herts had 5 youngsters + 1 leader. (Cambridge 20 + 2 Beds 3 + 0) Herts had 13 Scouts and two leaders Eric Johns and Niall Ballantyne

Approximately 1,200 Scouts and Leaders attended from the UK. Andrew Wellbeloved, a head teacher from St Albans was one of the two UK Deputy Contingent Leaders.

Hertfordshire sent one unit consisting of 36 young people with 4 leaders.

During the jamboree, Dave Garton who was one of the Hertfordshire Unit leaders and a Venture Scout Leader in Welwyn, met up with the sole representative of the Kingdom of Swaziland, Mongani Mamba, who was camping nearby.



The friendship continued after the Jamboree by post and promises were made to meet up again when Hertfordshire's 130-strong 'Under African Skies' expedition was to set off for Southern Africa in 1997 (see past county expeditions). The other leaders included Tony Northcott, a Venture Scout Leader from St Albans.

After the closing of the Jamboree, the Hertfordshire Unit enjoyed home hospitality for several days in Japan.



HERTFORDSHIRE SCOUTS PREPARE TO DEPART TO 17th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE IN KOREA 1991

County Commissioner Paul Brenham seeing the Hertfordshire Unit on their way to Korea in their official uniforms complete with Panama hats.