



Welcome to the fourth of our monthly updates from the International Team.

This month has seen Andy stuck in New York, Nigel stuck in San Francisco, Jon get engaged, Patrick star on Absolute Radio, Richard spend hours and hours on a train to and from Penzance, Pam visit Cornwall, Val learn that she doesn't like skiing and Daisy book flights to Tonga.

Enjoy!

Nigel, Andy, Richard, Daisy, Jon, Patrick, Pam and Val.

Big Green Box Week is almost here!

ShelterBox's annual fundraising and awareness week, Big Green Box Week (12 – 19 June) is less than two months away so it's time to start thinking about how your group will get involved! Perhaps you'll take part in their London Scavenger Hunt? Or enter their Shelter Building competition and win some fantastic prizes? Or maybe you'll organise some weird and wonderful fundraising activities? Whatever you decide, make sure your group is involved in what promises to be a fantastic week. More information can be viewed at the Scouts' area of the Young ShelterBox website, www.youngshelterbox.org or by emailing youngshelterbox@shelterbox.org

Volunteer Vacancies

We have had a good response to the Jamboree on the Internet Coordinator role we recently advertised and we should hopefully have some more news on this next month!

International Fund

You may be aware of the International Fund available from headquarters. We are keen to assist groups and individuals doing international activities and further information can be found by visiting the [Fundraising for Visits Abroad](#) fact sheet.

Volcano!

As I am sure you are aware, most of the airspace in Europe has been closed this last week due to the Eyjafjallajokull volcano erupting in Iceland. As well as Andy and Nigel being stuck in the US (and at the time of writing, they are still there), we have had four Scout trips affected. Groups visiting Ireland, The Netherlands, Nepal and Kenya have had issues getting back to the UK with the last group overseas taking flights back to the UK this coming Saturday and Monday. We called all the groups affected to check everything was okay, however we soon learnt of another group who had not submitted any emergency contact forms. Please ensure we get any paperwork on time so that we can help groups in situations such as this.

You can find out more about the expedition to Nepal by visiting www.nepal2010.co.uk.

Meet the International Team!

In the first of our monthly profiles of the International Team, we focus on Nicky, the Global Adviser for the Asia-Pacific Region:

"Hi, I'm Nicky and I'm the new Global Advisor for the Asia-Pacific Region. My interest in the region stems from three and a half years living, working and travelling across Southeast Asia, New Zealand & Australia. Two years of which were spent leading small group adventure and cultural trips in South-East Asia.

This region is the most diverse of all, from Mongolia in the north to New Zealand in the south, and from Pakistan in the west to Kiribati in the east. There's plenty going on and it would be great to have more. Give me a shout if you're looking for cultural or travel advice, have just had a great trip you'd like share, or if know of good projects others can get involved in.



Happy travels, Nic"

You can contact Nicky by sending an email to asiapacific.region@scout.org.uk.

Join in Jamboree

The charity SOS Childrens Villages have been working hard writing activities for the forthcoming Join in Jamboree resource. Big thanks go to Linda Clements and her team. Watch this space for further details!

Europe/Africa Partnerships

Nigel Hailey attended a meeting in Brussels with France, Germany, Finland, Portugal, Malawi and Senegal to discuss how we engage with each other and develop successful partnerships. This was an initial meeting, the plan over the next year or so is to have 2 workshop meetings to develop this further, one in Africa and the other in Europe. These would involve youth members from each country. We are applying to the EU for funding of the project. More information as it develops.

DAS Days

Dates of the next round of Development Advice and Support Days are now being fixed. ACCI (and equivalents) are again being invited, make sure that you book the date for your Region. Your CC/AC/RC should know when they are.

World Scout Conference 2011

We will shortly begin our search for two young people to represent The Scout Association at the World Scout Conference and World Youth Forum in Curitiba, Brazil next year. Further details can be found by visiting www.scouts.org.uk/worldsc.

and Finally.....

Once again, the best of the web to keep you occupied, informed and entertained.....

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Useful Links

www.scouts.org.uk – The Scout Association homepage

www.scouts.org.uk/international - All about International

www.scouts.org.uk/intlinks - Details on the International Links Scheme

www.scouts.org.uk/intops - International Opportunities

www.scouts.org.uk/wsm2010 - 13th World Scout Moot Kenya 2010

www.ukcontingent.org.uk – 22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011

www.fco.gov.uk – Foreign and Commonwealth Office

www.twitter.com/ukintscouts - International Office Twitter Page

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