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## Introduction

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Welcome to this new style Global eNews. This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with the latest developments and opportunities within International. It is being emailed to Assistant County/Area Commissioners (International) and Regional International Advisers (Scotland). It will also be available on the International pages of ScoutBase UK.

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## Introduction

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An introduction from Nigel Hailey...

You will notice a slight change to Global Team News. This issue of Global eNews is similar in style to the eNews newsletters that are sent out by the Programme and Activities teams and in future we will be sending this out on a three monthly basis at the same time as the other eNews newsletters.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me to my new role. It is good to know that there is such excellent support for Global activities across the Country. We also welcome Ross Maloney to his new role as Head of Activities and International Affairs ably supported by Richard Neville as Programme and Development Adviser focusing on our International work.

Global is one part of the programme that we offer our young people. I will be working closely with colleagues in the Programme and Activities teams to make sure that we are producing joined up thinking from Headquarters. I hope that you will coordinate with your colleagues at County/Area/Regional levels to make sure that our young people have all the opportunities possible to grow in all aspects of Scouting.

Finally, a big thank you to David Bull for his eight years as International Commissioner. He will still be active in Scouting at a local and International level. We also wish Sarah Hobbs success with her new career outside Scouting.

I hope to be able to get out and meet as many of you as possible – invites would be welcomed. I can be contacted through the Activities and International Affairs team at Gilwell Park on the details at the foot of this newsletter.

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## BS8848: Ensuring safety in outdoor activities overseas

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You may be aware that the British Standards Institute have recently launched a new standard for taking groups abroad and providing activities abroad. This is BS8848 (full title: Specification for the provision of visits, fieldwork, expeditions and adventurous activities outside the United Kingdom).

At present, the Activities and International Affairs team are looking into the standard and identifying areas of Scout Association rules and procedures that may need altering. At an early stage any such changes look to be minimal, but we will endeavour to keep you up to date.

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## Commonwealth Exchanges

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We all know about the concept of Home Hospitality but most of us think it's only an option following a World event such as a Jamboree, however this is not true.

The Scout Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme (SCYEP) enables older Scouts and Explorer Scouts to spend between three and eight weeks in either Malta or Australia, living with a Scouting family, taking part in local Scouting and social activities. It also provides an opportunity for United Kingdom families to host a Maltese or Australian Scout on the same basis. As a self-financing programme, the cost to United Kingdom participants on exchanges is limited to the airfare, a small admin fee, insurance and some spending money. Financial support to help towards these costs can often be obtained by local fundraising, sponsorship or other local grant aid.

Previous participants have called it is "a truly life changing experience!" and say that it enabled them to "gain more self confidence and have a wider outlook on life plus it's a great opportunity to enjoy travel and different cultures from the inside".

For further details on these opportunities please contact Les Sinclair ([scyep@scout.org.uk](mailto:scyep@scout.org.uk)) and further details will be provided plus any questions you may have can be answered.

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## Roverway 2009

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Opportunities exist for young people to attend Roverway 2009. Roverway is held every three years and in 2009 will take place in Iceland. It is organised by WOSM and WAGGGS in Europe for both Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members aged between 16 and 22. The event starts in Reykjavik and runs from 20th to 28th July.

Heidi McConnell has recently been appointed as the UK Contingent Leader and has recently visited Iceland to meet the organisers. Heidi will shortly be circulating more information regarding Roverway including how young people can get involved, plus details of the cost. Keep your eyes on ScoutBase UK for further information or, in the meantime, visit the Roverway 2009 website at...

[www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is)

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## World Scout Moot

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As yet there is no further news on a date for the next World Scout Moot. The World Scout Committee has commissioned a feasibility study to ascertain if a Moot could be held in South Africa. We are awaiting the outcome of this feasibility study and when any details are known, they will be circulated. It is anticipated that any decision on venue and date will be made prior to or at the World Scout Conference in July.

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## World Scout Conference

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The Scout Association is a Member Organisation of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement. Every three years, National Scout Organisations meet at the World Scout Conference. The next Conference will be held in Korea from 14th to 18th July 2008.

The Scout Association's delegation to the Conference will consist of:

- Deputy Chief Scout
- Chairman of the Committee of the Council
- International Commissioner
- An elected Youth Representative Member of the Committee of the Council
- Two young people aged 18 to 25 years
- Chief Executive

In addition to the Conference two young people will attend the World Scout Youth Forum – an event dedicated to involving young people in the long term growth and development of Scouting.

Further information on the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum (including the topics that will be discussed) can be found at...

[www.scout.org/en/information\\_events/events](http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events)

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## Tunisia Explorer Belt Expedition

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The UK-Arab Region National Scout Fellowship have recently run an Explorer Belt Expedition for nineteen young people in Tunisia. All nineteen Explorer Scouts, Scout Network Members and Guiders completed the one hundred mile, ten day expedition.

Due to the friendly nature of the local people, most nights were spent staying with families which enabled the participants to truly absorb the Tunisian culture. Experiences included attending weddings, staying with the National Guard, participating in local Scout events, appearing on live television and much more.

Ask any participant and they would all advise you to take Scouts to this friendly Arabic country in North Africa.

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## Venture Abroad

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Venture Abroad, one of the travel companies recommended by The Scout Association, have recently released their new 2009 Youth Group Holidays brochure. You can order yourself a copy by visiting their website at...

[www.ventureabroad.co.uk](http://www.ventureabroad.co.uk)

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## Recent Updates

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Details of new and updated factsheets over the past few months can be found on a dedicated web page at...

[www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates](http://www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates)

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## International Opportunities

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International Opportunities is the monthly newsletter from the Activities and International Affairs team which highlights international camps and events taking place in the United Kingdom and overseas. Keep an eye out for exciting events coming in 2008 and 2009 in the latest issue available at...

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/programme/ukcamps/intopp.pdf](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/programme/ukcamps/intopp.pdf)

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## Dates for your Diary

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Some dates for your diary...

- Gilwell Reunion  
5th to 7th September 2008  
Gilwell Park

[www.scouts.org.uk/reunion](http://www.scouts.org.uk/reunion)

To book, visit the above link.

If you have a base/activity that you would like to run at Gilwell Reunion (focussing on providing practical Global programme support), visit the link above.

- International Camps Day  
15th November  
Venue and booking to be advised.