



# News

## for the Global Team

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### International Core Team

The International Core Team can provide support on specific matters. The team is comprised of volunteers and professionals.

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### SAFETY FOR VISITORS

Occasionally, Scouts from other countries may come to the UK and take part in activities where to the general public and to Scouting in the UK it may seem that health and safety hasn't been considered, or that there isn't adequate supervision. Examples over the past few years have included hill walking in inclement weather, and knocking on doors to ask for food and somewhere to sleep.

If you have concerns at any time, please contact the International Office to talk over the situation. As each situation is different it is difficult to give a 'one size fits all' solution here.

We would suggest that you share this advice, so that others in your County/Area or Region are also aware.

### JOHN SIMMONS



We were all shocked by John's sudden death. He had been so active at the World Scout Jamboree and it came with little warning that he was seriously ill. John was supported by his family and friends during his illness and his funeral on the Isle of Wight was crowded with mourners. There was a service of thanksgiving in West Sussex in January.

John was an active member of the International Team and the West Sussex County Team as well as being very involved with the wider youth service. It was a sad irony that the award to John of the Silver Wolf must now be posthumous. We send our deepest sympathy to John's mother and sister and the rest of his family.



## Join the adventure

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## VISITS ABROAD

The International Team has received a number of requests for the Visits Abroad Folder to be reduced so that it fits into an A5 envelope.

Unfortunately this will not occur until current stocks of the folder are reduced. The International Team is looking into other ways that the Folder could be requested/issued including electronic as well as ways that Visits Abroad applications can be "fast tracked" for parties of Adults (such as Scout Network members). These "alternatives" will not remove the need for the applications to go through the local Assistant County/Area Commissioner (International).

A downloadable version of the Report Back form has been put on the International Pages of ScoutBase:

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/going/visits/index.htm>

ACC/AACs (International) can take this Word version and amend the details so that it includes their return address.

## REVISIONS TO THE 6-25 PROGRAMME

You will have noted in the December/January edition of Scouting Magazine that there are changes to the 6 to 25 programme. Global is now one of the programme zones from Beavers to Explorers and Beavers have gained a Global Challenge. The Cub and Scout Global Challenges have undergone some minor modifications.

Details of all the changes are on ScoutBase in "The Library".

The Group Awards (International Friendship, Environment and Faith) have also undergone a minor change - renamed as Partnership Awards to remove existing confusion that the Award had to be achieved as a whole Group, their scope has been expanded to allow an individual section to work in partnership with an external body such as a charity.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to International Team member Claire Riley and her husband on the birth on 20 November of their first son, Harry James!



Two Scout Network Members from Hertfordshire have recently participated in the 3rd International Gathering of Scouting & Humanitarian Action in Sharjah (United Arab Emirates). Simon Bird and James Sanderson were selected to attend on behalf of the UK Scout Association. Simon addressed all the delegates and welcomed His Excellency Skaikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad El-Qasemmi, member of the Supreme Council of the UAE, ruler of Sharjah to the event in English, before presenting His Excellency with a UK International Neckerchief. During the event Simon and James attended workshops, and shared information whilst making new friends and sight seeing in the Emirate.

The Arab Scout Region organise similar events several times a year, if young people are interested in attending these events they should contact the UK-Arab Region National Scout Fellowship [www.uk-arabfellowship.org.uk](http://www.uk-arabfellowship.org.uk).



## RUSSIA NETWORK – UK CAMP STAFF PROGRAMME

Russia Network are running their successful UK Camp staff programme again this year. For three weeks Scouts from Russia come to the UK to work on a Camp site or Activity Centre alongside the Service Crew. As well as the achievement and fun that the young people gain, they also get to see some of the surrounding area and a sense of life in the local community.

The Network always put in some reports from the Programme into their regular newsletters. For more information please contact the Russia Network <http://www.networkrussia.org.uk>.