



Award winning ethical, responsible, sustainable volunteer travel



## Editorial



Well it`s another jam packed issue with of course some last minute additions which just have to go in although Sallie promises every issue that this won`t happen!, who would be an Editor, sigh!

Nice to see that three of the *people and places* local partners will be at Chippenham it promises to be a great get together.

Apparently I have "volunteered" to do a video at the social so if you see a nervous looking Editor in the corner of the room you know why.

## Nigel Pegler

Any comments and volunteer experiences welcome at [newsletter@travel-peopleandplaces](mailto:newsletter@travel-peopleandplaces)

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**Chippenham roadshow - a few last minute places.....**We have had to start saying sorry - we've no more room at our November event in Chippenham for people who wanted to come and meet us, as well as local partners and each other.

BUT - we have had a couple of recent cancellations, so if you would like to bag one of the last places please do contact us as soon as possible!

[For more information about the road show click here](#)

## Need to fund raise for your volunteer trip? - try this!



We have been watching the development of a new volunteer travel resource with great interest. [Volunteer Forever](#) isn't just another site giving you lists of volunteer opportunities and some advice.

**to read more click [here](#)**

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## Volunteer Susan writes about her time at Emmanuel Community Care



Susan is a qualified counsellor and education practitioner - so she had lots of experience to share with the staff at [Emmanuel](#) , a community grass roots project working with HIV and Orphans and Vulnerable Children project in South Africa.

**to read more click [here](#)**

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## Due to work I was only able to ...volunteer for two weeks



Marvin has just returned from [The Gambia](#) - unusually I am duplicating his report almost in total (with his permission of course ) here.

### **Why?**

Because it`s important to show that a well prepared well placed volunteer can make a difference in a short time.

The reports we are getting back from the projects reflect the same sense of achievement.

We can't achieve the right match for short placements everywhere - but here we could click [here](#) for an edited (but not changed) version of Marvin's report

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## Cycling for Education



[Education for All](#) - the education project we work with in Morocco is organising a bike ride in April 2013 - an opportunity to ride the [OUKA MONSTER](#) to read more click [here](#)

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## Three Countries - Four Local Partners - Five weeks - One Volunteer



Three countries, four local partners, five weeks.

Four primary schools, six neighbourhood care points, one community project to support vulnerable children, seven visits to the homes of the elderly, one special school for physically handicapped children and one conservation project. Ten flights, ranging from international flights to a flight over the Masai Mara in the co-pilot's seat of a tiny, 12-seater plane.



Learning to say 'Good morning', 'How are you?' and 'Thank you' in four African languages – Xhosa, siSwati, Zulu and Swahili, with possibly a bit of Soweto street-slang thrown in as well. And most importantly meeting many, many new people, all working hard in difficult circumstances to improve the lives of others in their community.

This was my latest trip for *people and places* and to read more click [here](#)

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## Insured to pat a lion - but not read a book?



Many travellers do not realise that their normal travel insurance does not cover them if they are working. Ah - but I am not working, I am volunteering – you say. The catch is that insurers consider that volunteering **is** work – unpaid, yes -but still work, and their standard policies normally exclude work scenarios.

So what do you do to ensure you are covered?

[Here is an article Sallie wrote for Savista magazine](#) - to help volunteers ensure they are insured.

## Volunteer videos and so much more, don't miss all the great volunteer video interviews and stories

If you haven't already spotted our YouTube channel it's worth a look. There are video interviews from volunteers and if you have videos of your time volunteering or one of the talks you have done – we know many of you talk to groups on your return from volunteering – please send them to us so we can share them.

[Take a look at the YouTube videos here](#)

## Better volunteering and Better child protection

One of the main reasons [Kate, Harold and I started \*people and places\*](#) was to campaign for better volunteering experiences - better for local communities and for volunteers. Back in 2007 we started a [questions you should ask](#) campaign - and we're very pleased to see that many volunteers, as well as members of the press and other volunteer organisations, are now asking these questions too ... BUT - there's still a long way to go!

**to read more click [here](#)**

## *people and places* and partners speak at important international event

[WTM is an annual travel and tourism event in London-](#)



**This year Sallie and Paul Miedema, our partner in our [education](#) and [community projects](#) in Port Elizabeth, will be talking about responsible volunteering.**



**Our local partner in [Cambodia](#) Michael Horton – will be on a panel discussing child protection issues.**

**Listen to an interview with Sallie [P&PSilverTravelShow](#)**



**And for those of us that remember the wireless [this is a great radio station](#)**

[Take a look here at slideshare for slide shows from volunteers](#) – again if you have a slide show to share please do send it to us thanks so much to all the volunteers who have contributed to date.

Remember we are on facebook too – [follow us here](#) – in the blog and on facebook are where we tend to post our latest news.

If you like beautiful pictures and funny visuals we are also on [pinterest – follow us here](#)

and finally we are tweeting too – [follow us here](#)

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