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Editorial



I have a confession to make, I`ve done something silly, I have "volunteered" to do a video interview at the next *people and places* get together! Nothing special there I hear you say, loads of other volunteers have done it - but, the problem is I suffer from an affliction called shyness and the thought of speaking on camera fills me with dread. I like attending the socials that Sallie and Kate host and it`s inspiring to hear other volunteers stories but I am comfortable in my role of newsletter editor as I can hide behind my keyboard.

So why do it? Simple really - Sallie, Harold and Kate battered me into submission! Well not quite that bad, Sallie in her inimitable way explained to me that as one of the few male volunteers with practical skills it would be really good if I did a video as it could inspire others of my kind, and let's face it, we need more male volunteers if only to help me combat the forces of nature that are Sallie and Kate!

So there you have it - I have volunteered to do a video. I think a stiff drink will be required, but then if volunteering was easy and didn't stretch one, there would be no point in doing it.

Nigel Pegler

Any comments and volunteer experiences welcome at newsletter@travel-peopleandplaces

Faversham get together - and it didn't rain

Kate and Sallie just love our volunteer get togethers – it is always such a joy to share with volunteers, past and present, as they chat with each other.



The meeting at Faversham was no exception – and being able to spend some time in Kate's garden was an added bonus.



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note from ed

it may not have rained but the wind was diabolical, my motorbike was at a 45 Degree angle all the way to Faversham!

The next social will be in Chippenham in Wiltshire on November 3rd – Kate will send out details soon - places are limited – so let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

Volunteer Peter looks forward to his return to Samata School in Samatra



IF you want me to tell you how many minutes have to tick by before I climb aboard the big silver bird and return to Nepal, then I can.

If you want me to express my feelings about this return – then it becomes a little difficult. Let me explain.

It is almost four years since a tearful me was given the send-off of a life time by the children and staff of [Samata School in Kathmandu](#).

to read more click [here](#)

Dot talks about her volunteer time and why she is fundraising for Naxal Orphanage



The beginning of my extraordinary experience started in 2007 when I booked a trekking holiday to Nepal. There was a small piece in the holiday brochure about volunteering, which I have always felt I would like to do, so I enquired and that was how I first met Kate and Sallie at [people and places](#)

After many phone calls, emails and forms filled in they arranged for me to stay in Kathmandu after my trek and volunteer for a month at [a children's home](#).

to read more click [here](#)

Volunteer Laurel updates us on her time at Emmanuel –piggy backs and sex education



To read Laurel`s blogs click [here](#) [here](#) and [here](#)

Career breakers Jane and Robin tell their volunteer story



Every morning for four weeks we walked to school along the stony rutted lane between the township houses. As we walked, Ace, our host, would call out greetings to his neighbours; as a schoolteacher he is a respected figure in the community. Although the days were hot, some mornings were chilly and there was mist lying in the valley.

to read more click [here](#)

Our volunteer Education advisor Dianne, reports after her Nepal trip



I have just returned from a month in Nepal in my role as education advisor. My brief was to visit Amar Jyoti, Durga Bhawani and Yangrima schools, collecting information for future volunteers and helping the schools to work out their aims for the volunteer programme, so that when we volunteer there we will know exactly what they want us to achieve.

to read more click [here](#)

Volunteers can now support Calabash whilst they shop!

Thanks to long time [Calabash Trust](#) supporter, David Weatherley, for this – what a great initiative!



Do you shop online with UK retailers? If so, here's a way to help [Calabash Trust](#) to raise money whenever you shop. To find out how [click here](#)

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](#)

to watch a video below click on the picture



Volunteer Laurel talks about the importance of choosing the right organisation



Jane and Robin talk about how important volunteering was for them as part of their round the world trip



Kate - volunteer placement director talks about the challenges and rewards of her work



Volunteer Julie shares morning singing in Jo Slovo School in South Africa



Michael, volunteer, talks about working with teachers in South Africa

[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](#)

phew – so there's lots of info out there from us – please follow us where ever you choose.

Remember if you want notifications when a new story is posted on the blog you will need to register up in the top left hand corner



Adama Bah - our local partner in The Gambia - a celebration at 60

We are blessed at people and places – we work with some very special people all over the world. [Adama Bah is our local partner in The Gambia](#)

we would like to take this chance of wishing Adama all the very best and shouting out very loud how very proud we are to be his partner in the volunteer programme.

to read more about Adama click [here](#)

News and views

Volunteer travel and child protection - Lets demand that we do better [click here](#)

Sharing a dorm with a crowd of youngsters – no thanks – [a recent article by Sallie](#)

Strong quadriceps and hamstrings needed in Nepal – of course! [Lavatory talk from volunteers!](#)

"How does one assess the impact of volunteering and orphanages" [an article by Sallie](#)

