



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Our cricketers did well in the tests against the West Indies & hopefully this form will continue in the Ashes series against Australia over the summer and in the 20/20 competition. Here in Devon we have had a spell of beautiful weather with temperatures in the mid 20's C, but whilst we are basking in very welcome sunshine India is bracing itself for the onset of the monsoons.

Damedem.

It is heartbreaking to report that on Saturday 18th April baby Arya died. She had celebrated her first birthday just two weeks earlier on 31st March 2009. She was buried in a Hindi crematorium as it is not the Hindu custom to cremate children less than 10 yrs of age.

After two weeks in the U.K (to obtain the necessary stamps to her visa) Hazel returned to Goa on Friday 5th June. She tells me that in the two weeks she was away another baby girl (Maria) aged 1 month has arrived taking the total back to 24 children in all.

The monsoon rains have arrived and the children are all sick with coughs and colds, the water is once again seeping into the girls' dormitory and due to the damp the annual invasion of frogs and worms have to be accepted! Unfortunately, but with no surprise, the new building is nowhere near completion so it is doubtful if it will be ready until after the monsoon season which means we might have to rent another property whilst the rains continue.

Starting Point.

The fourteen children who graduated from Starting Point will be starting their new schools this week. This will no doubt be quite traumatic for them as they will be involved with and competing with children from a very different background to themselves.

The school roof has been fixed so hopefully the monsoon rains will not flood the classrooms and the sink in the kitchen will be replaced this week.

Jane & Rozina will be visiting the 'settlements' selecting the new children who will commence at Starting Point in mid June.

Jane has only four weeks until her baby is due and we wish her well and look forward to hearing all about the new arrival.

Educational sponsorships.

There are now forty-four children attending formal education that have graduated from Starting Point. However we still have five children who are waiting for sponsors to cover the cost of their education. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a child please let me know and I will send them the details of the scheme and photos of the children.

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Day Care Centre.

There are now seventeen children regularly attending the Centre keeping the two doctors very busy. The mini bus is proving very useful and is instrumental in ensuring the children attend the centre regularly.

A Counsellor was appointed in March and she is working part-time with both the children and the parents.

Repairs to the roof have been completed and as with Starting Point we hope that it will prevent the monsoon rains from causing a problem.

Sponsors.

Please can you help me trace Liam?

On 28th April we received a letter and £10 from a little boy called Liam. He wrote:

“Dear Sir/madam,

My name is Liam. I am 6 yrs old. For Easter I asked everyone to give me money. I have decided to donate my money to your Charity. I hope it helps, love Liam x.

Unfortunately there was no address on the letter (which was postmarked Sheffield) to enable me to write and thank him. I am upset that I cannot acknowledge safe receipt of the money and wonder if any of you know Liam and can supply me with his address.

A big thank you to Rosudgeon Amateur Dramatic Society who raised £2000 during a recent production of ‘The Adventures of Snow White’ (the current politically correct name for what most of us knew as Snow White & the seven D.....s). This sum was shared between four charities – thank you to Jim Brennan for putting us forward as one of the beneficiaries.

Caravan to let. Some of you will already have received details of the fully equipped (with toilet, Shower, Gas cooker, microwave, fridge, T.V etc) 4 berth caravan which is situated on a private site just four miles from Penzance (8 miles from Lands End) which can be hired for just **£100 per week *with all of the money being donated to this charity.*** For further information please ring 01736 740804.

Thank you to Carol Buckler who has been supplying our stall in the Exmouth Indoor Market with ‘goodies’ which includes beautiful Sea Shells collected from the local Jurassic Coast, cleaned and packaged, Colourful Dolls that she has knitted plus other very sought after items. Unfortunately Carol recently fell and cut her leg badly and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Thank you to all of you who in different ways help to make our work in Goa possible.

General.

Direct return flights to Goa using Monarch are being quoted at between £600 & £700 and I understand these will not be commencing until November 2009. It is therefore worth considering the scheduled returned flights to Goa via Mumbai which are in the region of £400 / £450 & this includes 45 Kg of luggage if you go by Kingfisher. Virgin will not be servicing this route this year but other airlines such as Jet, Ethiad, Quatar and BMI are worth checking.

Best wishes to you all,

Clive.

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