



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Here in Devon we have experienced one of the warmest & driest periods since records began and we are looking forward to some rain (preferably in the night time to keep the gardeners and farmers happy) and a long hot summer. In Goa they are experiencing the pre monsoon showers – the full monsoons should start on about the 10th June and continue to at least the end of September.

News from the projects:

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April saw the arrival of a baby boy (Adarsh) aged 31/2 months after the death of his mum and with father unable to look after him.

Three more children are expected in the second week of June. A girl aged 4 & her brother aged 9 whose mother died and father committed suicide, plus another girl aged 7 from very poor surroundings.

The 30 children now have 23 chickens, a cockerel and a puppy to look after.

Hazel who returns on 11th June will look after the market stalls for two weeks whilst we are away & then go to Australia for three weeks before returning to Goa.

Starting Point.

The seven children who graduated from Starting Point School will start their new schools in June 2011 and we wish them well as we also do to Rozie who is expecting her baby in August.

Caroline who has been visiting relatives in the UK found time to visit Pat & I in Devon for a few days and helped run our market stalls.

The School which has been closed for the summer holidays for the past six weeks reopens on 6th June and Jane will be looking forward to welcoming a new intake of children.

Day Care Centre.

A fourth doctor Megha started in February to help manage the thirty children who regularly attend. We are looking for larger premises as the present building is far too small to accommodate this number of children.

Dr Smisha had her baby girl in April and we look forward to her return to work in the near future.

Educational Sponsorships

There are currently a total of 52 children attending formal schools 29 girls & 23 boys.

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We still have six children (all boys) awaiting sponsorship due mainly to the fact that sponsors feel they want to help girls in preference to boys because of the gender problem where girls are still considered of less importance.

Volunteers.

Steph & Julie have now returned to the UK but unfortunately Steph had to cut short her volunteering by two weeks due to her father suffering a stroke a few days before he was due to fly to Goa. Thankfully he has now fully recovered. Steph will be going to Suffolk University in September to study Social work. A big thank you to both girls for the work they did whilst in Goa and our best wishes for the future.

Sponsors / supporters.

Thank you: To everyone who collected the Daily Mirror Ladybird book tokens. We were able to send for 35 free books to be taken to Goa for Starting Point.

To Eunice for knitting & selling 50 Easter chicks complete with Cadbury Cream Eggs.

To the members of the Newton Abbot Spiritualist Church who this year had a 'Curryoke' night to raise funds.

To Anne Varah who donated goods she brought back from Goa for us to sell & her friend Samantha who donated a large box of soft toys for us to sell on our market stall.

To those who bring their bags of pennies & small change to our stall in the Exmouth Market & those who hand in their used printer cartridges, children's clothing, books and bric-a-brac.

To all of you who donate via monthly standing orders. Some of you have been sponsoring in this way since 2003 and we are so grateful for your regular and continued support.

To those who participated in the Swimathon in Bristol. Two teams: 'Flippers' consisting of 2 girls aged 5 & 2 girls aged 7 – swam 80 lengths whilst a team called 'Novi Survat' consisting of 6 persons – eldest 70 yrs & 1 lady 32 weeks pregnant – swam 90 lengths.

To Valerie & John Edwards who unselfishly asked for donations to the charity in lieu of presents on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary in April.

To Sue Burton for completing the 'Great West Run' half marathon on May 1st raising over £400. (Sue was hoping to raise £150).

To those who have helped me look after our stall in the Exmouth Indoor Market, especially Karen, Karna and neighbouring stall holders.

To Laura Catley who held second hand handbag sales from an stall near her home in Wimbledon and to all her friends and colleagues who donated the bags.

To Roger & Julia who carry out many fundraising events including regular Saturday car boot sales.

To all of you and anyone who I have not mentioned – please keep your donations coming as without them we will not be able to fulfil our commitments to the children who rely on us to make their future worthwhile.

Best wishes,

Clive.