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Welcome to yet another belated newsletter. The main excuse I have is that I have been unable to make telephone contact with Goa for nearly a week for updates possibly due to the weather in India.

Whilst we have been celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 and looking forward to the start of the Olympic Games in July the people of Goa are bracing themselves for the start of the monsoons. We on the other hand are almost mid summer and experiencing torrential rain and gale force winds!

ASRO Damedem Care Home.

We have another new arrival, an orphan boy whose birth certificate says he is 12 years old but according to Hazel she has her doubts as he is growing a moustache and says he must be nearer 16 years old.

All the children are due to attend St Anne's a local government school which is good news as they have been excluded up to now.

Last time I was able to contact Hazel she informed me that work had begun on the construction of the 'roof' of the water harvester. Hopefully the work will have been completed prior to the monsoon rains.

Some of the children are enjoying martial arts lessons courtesy of Graham Phillips-Clarke having their first lesson on May 17th.

Starting point School.

The school has been closed for the main summer holidays and is due to reopen on June 11th when there should be an influx of new children to replace the eight who have graduated to Little Flower or St. Teresa's schools.

Caroline is busy teaching in a kindergarten in Tokyo but has found time to buy and send some 'genuine Japanese Fans' (made in China!) for us to sell on our stall.

Again a big thank you to Jane for purchasing and sending goods from Goa for the stall.

Day Care Centre.

No real changes here. The Centre continues to operate smoothly with the same doctors and as far as I am aware the same children attending. Dr Mina is keeping in contact from Malaysia where she

is still working but Alex her husband is in regular contact and Dr Mina returns to Goa approximately every three months.

Finance.

The financial state of the world seems full of doom & gloom and we have been affected with reduced sales from our market stall. However the pound is very strong at present against the Indian Rupee and due to this we are managing to send 45000 Rs for £540 whereas six months ago it was costing us £650.

We are now registered with Charity Giving (www.charitygiving.co.uk) for online donations. Please do not forget to tick the 'Gift Aid' box if you are a UK tax payer as this will ensure we receive an additional 25% from the Inland Revenue at no cost to yourselves.

Educational Sponsorships.

Although there have been some children leaving due to their families moving to another area we still have fifty-four children who are currently being sponsored. Apika is in her second year at university and next year we should have the first three children leaving school or carrying on to higher education.

Sponsors / Supporters.

We are pleased to tell you that Jim (Brennan) is progressing well. He is able to drive occasionally but as yet has not been able to return to working on the boat or doing deliveries but I am sure we shall be seeing him in Goa later this year.

Here are a few random 'thank you' items:

To Temple Methodist Church for their donation following their Easter Breakfast which in turn followed the Easter Service held on the beach at Budleigh Salterton.

To Mrs Elvie Aldridge who donated lots of cards, die cast models etc which John Pemberton has very successfully sold on the internet Delcampe site raising just under £1000.00. Well done John, I know it takes up a lot of your time but the results are fantastic and very much appreciated.

To Tesco Stores in Bidston who have donated a large amount of clothing – which John & Pat will be taking out to Goa in early 2013.

To Woolbrooke Mothers Union Wednesday Group for their donation following my presentation there and also to the Sidmouth Inner Wheel for their cash donation and for the books etc.

To all those who have our collecting boxes in their shops / offices.

To The Rotary Club of Bristol Aztec who have raised over £2200 towards the installation of the water harvester roof. Pat & I have been invited as guests to their annual Handover Dinner next Friday to receive the cheque.

Volunteers.

Hazel is due back from Goa to renew her visa in early August but unfortunately the airline that she is due to fly with is in financial difficulties and has cancelled all international flights. I am waiting to hear from her when she will be returning as she will need to book a single ticket from India to the UK.

We still receive a number of requests from people who would like to spend time as a volunteers but at present we do not have the need nor the capability for more.

Those of you who met Cat when she was a volunteer will be pleased to know that she is planning to get married next year when she completes her time at university. Mum Michelle who will be taking another party of students from Braintree College to Goa in March sounds as if she is getting excited already!!

To those of you who have summer holidays, BBQ's, garden parties, fetes etc booked I wish you better weather than we are at present experiencing.

Regards and thanks to you all.

Clive.