



Novi Survat

Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Hello to you all from a very sunny Devon where it would appear summer has arrived. Having enjoyed at least ten days of fine weather we are promised at least a further week of sunshine with temperatures reaching the mid-twenties!!! Hopefully you too are enjoying similar weather.

Day Care Centre.

Two additional children have been taken on but I do not have their details as yet. Everything seems to be going smoothly – fortunately the doctors are capable of running the centre without much input from the charity.

The repairs to the roof and the alterations to the entrance have been completed and we hope there will be no leaks during the monsoons!

Some new equipment is required but as this is not commercially available locally we have to get a carpenter to make it usually from diagrams found in magazines.

Starting Point.

The school reopens on June 5th following the summer break – just in time for the start of the monsoon season which is expected to reach Goa on June 7th.

As with previous years the children enjoyed a day out to beach with the students from Braintree College in March.

Jane's son Eron has been in hospital in Goa for five weeks with a renal problem but as the main hospital in Goa were unable to resolve the problem he was transferred to a Mumbai hospital 400 miles away which necessitated flying there. Hopefully the problem has been sorted but unfortunately in India there is no National Health service and the cost to Jane & Xavier has exceeded £1500! Jane has asked me to express her thanks to those of you who have made donations towards these costs. If anyone else would like to contribute to these costs please let me know.

Educational Sponsorship Scheme.

The five children (Girls Jolenta, Sneha & Saniya & boys Sushil & Rihann) who have graduated from Starting Point will start their respective schools in early June. They will be attending at Little Flower or St. Teresa's schools and they go with our very best wishes.

Some of the older children will be starting their final year at school providing they do not continue into higher education and possibly university.

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Apika has commenced her second year at university and appears to be progressing well.

Damedem.

The children were all treated to a Day out at the beach with the students from Braintree College. There are three new arrivals - two boys Govind who is an 11 yr old orphan from Hubli, Kartic a 12 yr old local boy and Yamuna a 12 yr old girl who originates from Karnatica. Unfortunately Yamuna is not well and has spent the last week in hospital but is expected to return to Damedem later this week.

I am sad to tell you that Str Jessie will be leaving us on 15th June 2013. She is being transferred by the church to Karnatica where she will be working in an old people's home. Having been with the HIV home for ten years she will be sadly missed by both the staff and especially the children some of who have been with her since they were only weeks old. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best in her new post – we will of course keep in contact with her.

Hazel is now the longest serving member of Damedem and will be in great demand until Sister Jessie's replacement is 'up to speed' with the working of the home but Hazel is due to return to the UK in early August.

Sponsors / supporters.

On the 9th of March Julia Worth led a team under the Name "Novi Survat" at the Bradley Stoke swimathon which is organised by The Rotary Club of Bristol Aztec and allows all teams competing to retain 60% of any sponsorship raised the rest going to Rotary Charities.

The team consisted of youngsters as young as seven to those in their seventies who completed 187 lengths between them. Around £250 was raised for Novi Survat with £160 going to Rotary. Well done and thank you to all who participated.

A party of 18 students & staff from Braintree College visited Goa and treated the children from Damedem and Starting Point to a day out to the beach. In addition they visited the Day Care Centre, met a number of the older children who are at the senior schools and visited some of the families in the slums. They also repainted the refurbished kitchen, veranda and boundary wall – all in the heat of India. I am sure the students will have many varied memories of their visit. Thank you and well done. This is becoming an annual event and we look forward to your next visit in 2014!

Thank you: to Vicky Goulding & friends for donating proceeds of a raffle to Starting Point.

To Brenda Chamberlain for knitting hats & head bands. The hats went to Goa and the head bands have been sold on our market stall in Exmouth.

To Ann Varah for bringing back goods from Goa and for the huge box of soft toys for us to sell in the Indoor Market.

Roger & Julia who have started their season of car boot sales – let's hope the good weather continues so that you might be able to sell lots of goods giving you access to your garage!

Patsy, Dennis & Suzy for taking clothes to St. Point and for buying the 'end of term' cake which was much appreciated. I hope you enjoyed your holiday in Goa.

To Farnborough Junior School, Southport who have given Pat & John Pemberton four boxes of school 'T' shirts and jumpers to go to Goa.

Stacey Power who two years ago visited Goa with Braintree College is taking part in the London to Brighton cycle run in September – anyone wishing to sponsor her can do so by going to www.doitforcharity.com/staceypower or contacting me.

And of course to all of you who help in so many ways, from bringing second-hand books and bric-a-brac to the stall, saving ‘pennies’, organising fundraising events, sponsoring children or sponsoring items from our needs list – our heartfelt thanks.

May I wish you all a glorious summer – maybe England will win the Ashes!

Regards,

Clive.