

Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Welcome to yet another Newsletter – my how the months fly by! It seems only a few weeks since I sent out the last one!

Summer should be just around the corner and it is the time of year when fetes, carnivals etc are in abundance and a time when we all are working hard raising much needed money to accommodate our work in Goa, India. We have a number of events we will be attending where we will be selling goodies that we have brought back from Goa. The first one was held on Saturday June 3rd and this is a photo is of Pat & Julia raising just over £300 in The Strand, Exmouth.



Thankfully the weather was kind and as you can see the sun shone which makes all the difference to outdoor fundraising events. (The background to our stall was The War Memorial, hence the Wreaths).

Sadly the terrible terrorist attacks of the past few weeks remind us that there are those that do not agree with our way of life and our thoughts must be with those innocent people and their families who have suffered at the hand of these misguided individuals.

On a lighter note, coming from Devon I am delighted that the Exeter Chiefs were crowned the best rugby team in the country. Hopefully our national cricket team will do us proud in the current ICC Champions Trophy series.

Starting Point.

School is due to restart after the summer holidays on June 5th when a number of new children will be welcomed. Eight of the children that graduated from Starting Point will be sponsored through Novi Survat and we hope that all will settle into formal schooling and go on to achieve great things. For Jane, Valankani, Valie, Grace and Davalbi it will be back to work as normal but we must not ignore or forget the fantastic work they do helping these children from destitute families achieve educational success. Their dedication over the past fifteen years to these children is unrivalled and they should be very proud of the successes that are now being realised.

Educational Sponsorship Scheme.

Six of our older students sat their tenth standard exams (equivalent to 'O' level exams) and at the time of writing this newsletter it has been confirmed that four have passed and I await the news of the other two. Congratulations to Sana, Afrin, Nagma, and Malik (Nadap) who have all said they wish to continue their education and will now attend college to take exams equivalent to our 'A' levels. This brings the total to nine studying for their 'A' level exams – a real achievement for children who without your help would not have received an education.

Day Care Centre.

In March the children who attend the disabled centre were, along with their parents, treated to a day out at the beach. They went to Bambolim Beach Resort where they had a picnic. This would have been a particularly special day for these children and more than likely the first time they had had a trip to the beach.

It is hoped that we will have a speech therapist joining us in July / August and that Smisha who has had time off whilst she had a baby will be returning to work in September.



The children, their parents and the staff of the Day Care Centre who enjoyed a day at the beach with a picnic.

Sponsors & supporters.

Many thanks to Hazel who knitted a lot of children's wear for us to sell: to Michelle for the Easter animals & Tesco for donating Cadbury eggs to go into them and to Pat for continuing to knit dolls clothes (now well over 50 dolls have been sold).

Thank you to all the educational sponsors: the fruits of your generosity are now beginning to show with the students who are doing so well passing their 10th standard examinations.

Thank you to all our donors and supporters, with a special mention of Ruth, without your continued support we could not function and many children would not have the opportunities that you are providing them.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable summer.

Clive.