



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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We hope that you have all been enjoying the beautiful sunny weather that we are experiencing in Devon. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the good weather will continue for the rest of the summer as we have, so far, eleven outdoor fundraising events programmed between June and September. We are fortunate that Roger & Julia will be on hand to help Pat & I on most occasions.

Day Care Centre.

On April 20th a group of the children accompanied by parents and staff from the Day Care Centre visited the new shopping mall in Porvorim where on one floor there are children's rides such as a London Bus, racing cars, caterpillar and train ride. They also enjoyed half an hours playtime in the playpen and ice creams. For disabled children living in India this would have been an exceptional day out and is part of the Day Care Centres extra-curricular activity. These photos show a few of the children who attended and those who were able to go on the 'ladybird' train ride.



The next planned activity is a Dental camp during the week commencing June 4th where it is hoped all the children will have the opportunity to have their teeth checked – something they would not normally be available to them.

Educational Sponsorship Scheme.

We have a number of children who have just graduated from Starting Point and will be starting at Little Flower or St. Teresa's formal schools this month. We will be looking for sponsors for these children so if you know anyone who would like to sponsor a child's education please let me know. Pooja. Is studying to take her 10th Standard exams but as she failed the first time she has to study on her own at home. She lives with her mother in a very small 'house' for which they have to pay Rs 6000 per month rent. To help her mother Pooja works in a local supermarket. She works 9 hrs per day for 8

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days then has a day off , so she is working 28 days per month for which she receives Rs 8000 (£88 per month) - in other words Rs 32 per hour (35p per hour). Her ambition is to become a nurse and we will be enrolling her on a nursing course as soon as possible.

We are currently receiving the all-important 'school leaving certificate' exam results and 'A' level results. So far we have three passing their 10th std. exams who we expect will go on to study for their 'A' levels and one who has passed their 'A' level and hopes to go on to university.

Starting Point.

On June 4th the children will all be returning to school following their summer holidays which is when most of them return to their native villages in Karnataka to visit relatives. Some of course will have graduated to formal schools and we will be hoping to attract sponsors for their education.

Costs in Goa have risen so much that the school was finding it impossible to afford chicken and fish which is usually on the menu so we have had to increase the allowance for food so that the children can once again have a balanced diet.

Outreach Project.

Due to the summer migration of those living in the slums to their native states there has been very little happening with the work Jane and her team carry out in the slums.

The monsoons are due to start in early June and no doubt there will be a number of families needing help very soon.

Sponsors & supporters.

We are sad to report the passing of Mrs Eileen Mitchell who for the past twelve years has sponsored Avinash Rathod and who in earlier years helped organise treasure hunts raising money for Novi Survat.

Fundraising is becoming more difficult as there are so many good causes after your money so we are very grateful to all of you for your continued support, without which we could not continue.

We have just been awarded a £2500 Grant from the St. James's Place Foundation to help us develop the work of the speech therapist. This came about from a chance meeting Julia had with a member of her local swimming club. Thank you Julia for following this up.

Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act has recently been enhanced but there has been no change in the way we hold and process the information held on any individual.

However, I am pleased to remind you that we do not share any information we hold with any third parties.

We only hold information you have supplied to us, such as your contact details (for us to send you newsletters) your bank details in the case of donors making monthly Standing Order Payments and Gift Aid authorisations. We do not hold personal data such as dates of birth, religious preferences, medical or ethnicity details.

You may request to have a copy of any information we hold relating to yourself and you may request us to delete any information that we hold if it is no longer relevant.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very enjoyable summer whether you are staying at home or going on holiday.

Best wishes,

Clive.