



## *C.H.A.N.C.E. for NEPAL*



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*I love going to school*

The summer was slow to arrive and here we are in a mini heat wave!  
C.H.A.N.C.E has been busy during the first half of this year.

### **OUR CHARITY GOLF DAY - 14<sup>th</sup> June**

The sun shone brightly as another C.H.A.N.C.E golf day graced the fabulous championship golf course at Wildwood Golf & Country Club, Alfold. This was our sixth consecutive annual golf event at this prestigious club and we had 60 golfers participating.

Pimms, beer and yummy Danish pastries provided by Peter Drew of Lantmannen Unibake UK were enjoyed by the golfers on the 9th hole, after which several shouts of FORE were to be heard and fish basking on the surface of the lake had to dive for cover!

Sixteen further guests joined in for the evening dinner. This was followed by the prize giving as well as handing over of our C.H.A.N.C.E silver trophy to Sarah White for the second year running for the best score overall.

We had five fantastic auction promises, which attracted keen bidding, the star of which were four tickets with full hospitality to see England v Scotland at Wembley in August, which raised £1,000! We also held a small silent auction. The auctions raised £4,300 and overall, the event raised us a brilliant £9,465.

Thanks go to Phern and her team who stepped into Phil's and Louise's shoes as they were away, for organizing the event and to all participating golfers and diners as YOU made this happen, thank you.

Huge appreciation and thanks go to Edmund O'Rielly Hyland who sponsored the event and was present at the dinner.

## **C.H.A.N.C.E. 100 CLUB**

We are currently running at 91 members. We need **100!!!** With 100 members we raise £5,000 of which £2,500 is paid out in prize money and £2,500 goes directly to our projects. If you would like to come on board, then please ring me on 01483 277484.

For just £5 per month by SO or a one off cheque of £60 for the year you too can make a difference to the lives of many children in Nepal.

**1st prize – £120 – 2nd prize – £80 – 3rd prize – £50**

The draw takes place at Cranleigh Golf & Leisure Club, Cranleigh on the first Monday of each month. The results are published on our website.

## **QUIZ NIGHTS**

Jane and Brian, the landlords at *The Keep in Guildford* are doing a sterling job in hosting a monthly quiz night for C.H.A.N.C.E. Each monthly quiz takes place on a Thursday evening at 8.00pm and consistently raises between £200 and £300 for a specific project. We are always happy to see new faces at these fun evenings. The cost to participate is £5 per person -Teams can be of four or six and there is a generous complementary cheese and pate board with French bread and pickles provided for each table. There is also a raffle. Each quiz night raises funds for a specific project. If you would like to enter a team or need further information, please email [barbaradat@aol.com](mailto:barbaradat@aol.com)  
We are taking August off and the next quiz will be in September.

## **UPDATE ON OUR PROJECTS IN NEPAL**

### **HEALTH**

In March this year over 2000 knitted dolls made their way via Cranleigh Freight to Kathmandu. Many thanks to the Cranleigh Rotarians who paid the cost of shipping these dolls to Nepal. To receive them into Kathmandu was Dinesh, the President of Kathmandu Rotarians who cleared them through customs and then distributed them to our partner on the ground in Kathmandu, Shenpen who in turn delivered them to the Kanti Children's Hospital so these dolls had quite a journey by the time they brought a smile to the faces of the children on the burns unit.

We now fund weekly nutritional food baskets to every child on the unit.



**Knitted Dolls**



**Weekly food basket - Kanti Hospital**

### **SKIN GRAFTS**

The Herrod Foundation continues their support through C.H.A.N.C.E for skin graft operations at the Kanti Children's Hospital and Aspiyal Hospital. We anticipate between 40 and 50 children will receive treatment for horrific burns during

### **BIR HOSPITAL**

We continue to support the Bir Hospital burns unit with physiotherapy and counselling six days a week for the patients and their families in the unit, together with weekly nutritional food baskets.

### **EDUCATION**



**Pegasus School milk programme, Kathmandu**

The Ashtead Rotarians are sponsoring a milk programme through C.H.A.N.C.E for the nursery and kindergarten classes at Pegasus School, Boudhanath, in Kathamndu for one year. This provides vital vitamins and nourishment for the youngest children, which is vital to their development.

## **SHREE SECONDARY SCHOOL - CHITWAN**

During my visit to Chitwan last year I came across Shree School. I was staying for two nights at the Sapanalodge, a delightful Lodge far away from the pollution of Kathmandu after leading a medical team around Kathmandu. A couple of days R&R were needed and I headed for Chitwan having heard how beautiful it was.

We are delighted to be supporting a new project, our first in Chitwan with Shree Secondary School, which lies just outside the Chitwan National Park, 100 miles south of Kathmandu. Besides funding a milk programme for the nursery and kindergarten classes we have also provided play equipment for both the kindergarten and nursery class.

The youngest children at Shree School return home at lunchtime, often after a long walk for such young children and are unable to make the journey back through tiredness.

The headmaster, Mr Surya Parsad said the attendance of these children was spasmodic and a worry to the staff. I asked how we could help and the headmaster felt that offering a light midday meal would boost their energy levels. In January 2013 we started this small pilot project for 35 nursery children and look to expand this further next year.



Shree Secondary School, Chitwan - midday snack

## **PAHAR TRUST**

For many years C.H.A.N.C.E has supported the Pahar Trust, an organisation that builds schools in remote parts of Nepal. In particular we have supported the building of a school in Bhichol, 230 km North West of Kathmandu at 1,800 metres. The school was opened in April 2013 and a plaque was erected in appreciation of our support.

Gam Gurang, ex Ghurker of the Queens Regiment came from Bhichol and for many years lived in Morden, Surrey where he was a District Counsellor. Sadly, Gam lost his battle with cancer and died in June this year. He was a dear friend and had been instrumental in getting the school built for his village.

## STREET CHILDREN

### **VOLUNTEER FOUNDATION NEPAL**

We are delighted to support the organisation Volunteer Foundation Nepal (VFN) that is run by Mr Lalit Shahi. This organisation was established in 2010. Mr Shahi offers short term and emergency shelter as well as long term accommodation for child victims of natural disaster and conflict as well as orphaned and abused street children. He currently is offering accommodation for 22 children.

We have funded warm clothes, blankets and roll out foam mattresses. This is an ongoing project. From June this year, we are now giving further aid by providing food for the 22 children in the home.

*Street children have no permanent place to sleep and no one to care for them. They depend on the street for everything they need to survive. They find themselves on the street for a variety of reasons, such as family breakdown, poverty, family size, unplanned rural-urban migration, child abuse, neglect, peer pressure etc.*

The object of the clothes distribution is to help improve the lives of many of these children who are shunned by society. To let them know there are organisations such as VFN they're to help.



One of the street children receiving warm bedding, he was so chuffed with his new mattress and blanket.

## VOCATIONAL

### **Vocational Skills Training - WCS – Helping women support their families**

We are continuing our support with small-scale loans and have over 450 women receiving help enabling them to start, run and manage their small businesses in candle making, mushroom farming, potato and tomato growing. These businesses provide more income than growing rice or paper dyeing and so on. Some of these women are going to receive further management training. This not only helps the family, but also the local community.

The Herrod Foundation through C.H.A.N.C.E funds this project.



Tomato Growing under cover with WCS

## **ANIMAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

Nearly 1000 dogs were vaccinated against rabies in February of this year. In March a rabid dog was caught around the Boudha area. Rabies kills many children every year in Nepal and the vaccination programme run through Shenpen is vitally important. We continue to support the Saturday morning rescue operation set up around the Stupa in Boudhanath. Anyone can bring a dog needing treatment.

## **EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP**

We have currently 30 children receiving educational sponsorship at Pegasus School in Boudhanath and The Triple Gem School at Swayambu.

If there are any of you who would like to sponsor a child or would like further information then please telephone 01483 277484. The cost of a boarding fee is £430 per year and £220 for a day student.

SHENPEN our partner continued support for these projects. SHENPEN is a non-profit organisation which helps the most needy in Nepal and is run by Westerners who work and live there and are all volunteers. They monitor the projects funded by C.H.A.N.C.E on a regular basis and report their findings. We have been working closely with Shenpen for the past 7 years. [www.shenpennepal.org](http://www.shenpennepal.org)



Education the way forward



World Heritage Site - Boudhanath Stupa – Kathmandu

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