



E-News March 2014

DIARY DATES

January's e-news mentioned plans to hold a number of social events around the country for regional supporter groups during 2014, in an attempt to keep in better contact with friends and members of the Nepal Trust.

The first two are now firmly scheduled for the 10th of April in North Wales at The Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool SY21 7DG and the 30th April at the Bell Hotel at The Quay in Sandwich, Kent CT13 9EF.

Both evenings will kick off at 18.45 with a drinks reception and the opportunity to meet and network with other Nepal Trust supporters. At 19.30 there will be a short slide presentation and talk by Chairman Mike on past, current and planned projects, followed by bite of supper and more fellowship.

Everybody who can make it is very welcome: do bring friends, family and colleagues along. The more the merrier. However do please let Anna know if you plan to attend as we need to have a good idea of numbers for catering.

Many thanks to Tony Cook and Jon Swain for volunteering to act as the regional co-ordinators for these events.



The Bell Hotel, Sandwich



The Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool

INGO STATUS RE-CONFIRMED

Being able to operate as an International Non-Government Organisation in Nepal (as opposed to an NGO) is critical to our activities. In particular it allows the UK Board to operate and control bank accounts in Nepal and also to enter into legal agreements in its own name.

We have to re-register every 5 years, which is not as simple a process as perhaps it ought to be. However after a fair amount of complication and bureaucracy, we are pleased to be able to inform our Members and Supporters that Jeroen and team have now managed to get a new General Agreement signed with the Social Welfare Committee for the next 5 years. We now have to prepare a detailed project budget and project plans for the 5 year period confirming a minimum annual spend on our work of \$100K per annum. No pressure there Tony on fund raising!!



Signing General Agreement with SWC Officials

GLOBAL GIVING

Our latest report is now on GG. Follow one of the links below to read it:

<http://www.globalgiving.co.uk/pr/8200/proj8179d.html>

<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/healthcare-and-economic-development-in-nepal-himalayas/updates/>

Can you help as well: thinking of volunteering to help in 2014 with our work in the UK or in Nepal, all you need to do is send Anna an email expressing your interest: annaclutterbuck@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS EAMONN



In conjunction with Loughborough University, Eamonn Callanan has recently completed his MSC: his thesis was titled "Assessing NGO Micro-Hydro Project Development & Socio-Technical Transition in Nepal using Social Network Analysis".

Quite a mouthful, but in his work he constructed a model of the Nepal Trust project development approach for renewable energy to empirically measure and analyse the approach using Social Network Analysis. The results show that the integration of our Renewable Energy Service Centre into the programme will potentially lead to significant and positive transformation of the Socio-Technical Regime in the community. In the report a number of support mechanisms are recommended that we will strive to adopt.

A copy of Eamonn's report is available upon request. Our thanks also go to Simon Pomeroy who organised and supervised Eamonn's project.



Servicing the Halji micro hydro system

GENERAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

The everyday costs of maintaining, let alone expanding, the health services which we in affluent countries take for granted, places an ever-increasing demand on the Nepal Trust, hence

we are making another appeal for donations specifically to support this aspect of our work. Our primary healthcare programme is funded from our general unrestricted (as opposed to project) income and runs at circa £25,000 per annum. It covers the salaries of health care workers and the procurement and distribution of medical supplies to the Nepal Trust clinics.



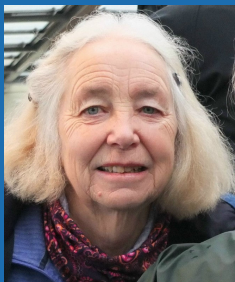
Healthcare Programme Kermi Clinic

Compared to project specific funding, this is the budget line that we find hardest to meet year in year out. Typically the salary of a healthcare worker for one year is £1,200 (£80 per month with gift aid) and the cost of supplying medicines to a clinic for one year is circa £2,400 (£160 per month with gift aid). Can you help us find individual or groups of sponsors to cover the costs of say one health care worker or the procurement of medical supplies for one clinic for one or more years?

Rod has a note on sponsoring the programme he can share with you on request. Rod Lowcock:

rodwillow@blueyonder.co.uk

WELCOME ON BOARD KAY!



Kay and husband Peter (Perkins) joined us at the AGM in Edinburgh last year and Kay has now volunteered to work with Tony Sharpe at fund raising, helping identify and prepare proposals to charitable trusts to support our core health care programme.

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