



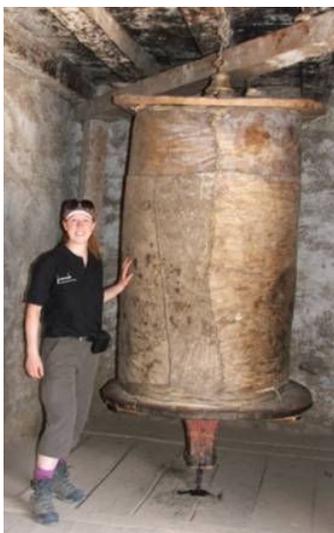
## E-News March 2012

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Often it is claimed that The Nepal Trust punches far above its weight. One of the ways we achieve this is by teaming up with other organisations to deliver help and hope to the communities of the Hidden Himalayas. As an INGO with a long established presence in the remote North West of Nepal and a reputation for full and transparent accounting we are often the

partner of choice for others wishing to make a contribution. Our criteria for engaging in partnership are that our partners can demonstrate the same commitments to sustainability and share the same ethical values as The Nepal Trust.

*Right: Yalbang School with students and NT clinic*



*Muchu Gomba prayer wheel*

### KAILASH HUMLA CHILDREN HOME

The KHCH is a small charity committed to helping raise education standards in Humla. Led by Lama Pema Topchen and supported by John Armstrong and Tom Sooke in the UK, with supporting sister organisations in both Sweden and Australia, it has joined with The Nepal Trust to deliver two projects into the village of Muchu high up the Karnali Valley.

One project is to establish and run a children's home at Muchu, which will provide supervised accommodation, meals and education materials for young children from outlying, remote villages such that they can attend classes at the local school. It also plans to supplement teaching at the school with traditional Tibetan language, Nepali and English classes. The second is to restore the temple at Muchu. This Gomba which houses ancient scripts is in desperate need of renovation. It lies on the main pilgrimage route from India to Mt. Kailash and once restored can form a key component to the Great Himalaya Trail sustainable tourism programme, embraced by The Nepal Trust.

The Nepal Trust is providing project management services to facilitate these projects and will take a lead role in guaranteeing their integrity and long term sustainability.



*Muchu Gomba ancient scripts*

### ISIS FOUNDATION

The ISIS Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation working in Nepal and Uganda (<http://www.isis.bm/>). In Humla ISIS has teamed with The Nepal Trust to help raise the standards and depth of health care delivered through our clinics at Yalbang and Kermi. We saw the first benefits of this collaboration in November and December 2011 with the organisation funded by ISIS of health camps at Kermi and the Mahaboudha Secondary School in Yalbang. In total 727 patients attended the clinics to receive treatment. The intention is to set up a more formal and long term collaboration agreement that will see ISIS assisting the NT long term with the running costs of the two clinics.

## NOVELS FOR NEPAL

Hot of the press is the good news that Novels for Nepal, consisting of student groups from Australia, Malaysia and the USA, has succeeded in its target to raise AUS\$ 15,000 to build and stock a school library in the village of Yalbang. Budgeted by the Nepal Trust with help of the local school committee the project will be implemented under the management of the Nepal Trust in 2012.

The Novels for Nepal team visited Nepal and travelled to Humla in late 2011 and is now looking for additional ways in which it can support the school and children: current ideas include art materials and supplies for science lessons.

For more information please visit:  
<http://novelsfornepal.org/>



Novels for Nepal team visit Nepal (L-R Jeroen van den Bergh, Rebecca Sarah Nayagam, Sumithra Durai)

## TREK TO BUILD BARGAUN SUB HEALTH POST

The programme for the volunteer team trekking into Humla from Jumla via Rara Lake in Mugu district to help construct a new sub health post at the village of Bargaun in September 2012 is firming up. We are still actively promoting this trek and looking for volunteers to join the team. Please visit our web site [www.nepaltrust.org](http://www.nepaltrust.org) to find out more about the plans for the trip and the route that the trek team will be taking.

The new sub clinic at Bargaun is one of the main initiatives that The Nepal Trust is taking to tackle the high infant mortality rates (over 40% of all children do not live 5 years) and high maternal labour mortality rates (8.3% of women die during labour) prevalent in the project area. The sub health post will for the first time incorporate a birthing centre. Also a local Auxiliary Nurse Midwife will be recruited from within the local community, trained and employed to work at the health post.

**We are still seeking financial support to make the project a reality. Can you help in any way? Make a personal donation or introduce us to an organisation that might be willing to sponsor one part of the project.**

Please visit our web site to find out more about this initiative and how you could help.

## NAMASTE

Members and friends will receive our next issue of Namaste, the Nepal Trust Newsletter in May: if you do not and wish to remain registered as a member or friend, let us know and we will get it sorted! We are always keen to communicate with our loyal and generous supporters.

*If you want to get more involved, we would LOVE to hear from you. Please contact our secretary Chris Rae, whose details are below.*

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