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The Nepal Trust wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hopes that with your support the upcoming year will be an equally happy year for the people of Nepal.



AGM UPDATE

After a very busy and successful year the Nepal Trust AGM was held in Edinburgh on Saturday the 26th November at the Royal Scots Club. It was opened with a new mission statement film documentary of the Trust made by freelance photographer and filmmaker Anna McPherson.

Tony Robinson was unfortunately not able to attend the AGM due to health issues, and we hope he will recover soon. Due to a busy period ahead Rodger Thom sadly stepped down as a board member, although he will remain an active supporter of the Trust. John Armstrong and Nirmala Shakya were both elected as voting members.

Jeroen presented a detailed report on the work carried out by the Trust in 2011 and set out plans for 2012. Besides the continuation of the Great Himalaya Trail development programme, these include the expansion of our health programme such as the construction of a sub-health post in Bargaun and also the formation of strategic partnerships and the upgrading of the Kermiti and Yalbang health posts. 2012 will also see the start of the construction of the new Service Center planned for Simikot and education programmes in Muchu and Yalbang villages.

In the evening a dinner and dance was held in Nepali style.

JEROEN AND NIRMALA'S UK VISIT

This year Jeroen, accompanied by Nirmala, visited many parts of the country during their promotion tour, in which they presented updates on our projects to many of our supporters and donors.

Unfortunately, due to a busy travel schedule and time constraints they were not able to visit all supporters, so we hope that next year a visit to these supporters can be made.

We would like to thank everybody that has supported us and our projects for the last year; without your help and inputs our work would not be possible.

The Rotary club of Bathgate is a prime example of such a supporting group. The club has donated £1,500 towards a Little Doctor program for 2012 that aims to educate local school children in the field of healthcare.



Above: Little Doctors class

Besides visits to various Rotary clubs and districts, meetings were held with students, volunteers, scout groups and business corporations to encourage them to get involved in our work.

If you would like to meet Jeroen and Nirmala next year, or if you would like to receive more information on our presentations please let us know.

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TREK-TO-BUILD 2012

We have planned another Trek-to-Build in Humla to construct a sub-health post in the village of Bargaun with the local people in the autumn of 2012.

After a successful Trek-to-Build for the Torpa health post in 2010, we intend to construct a sub-health post which will also act as a birthing centre in Bargaun, which is located 1 hour from Torpa. This initiative will be piloted for the first time in this area as part of our community women/child healthcare expansion programme.

The trek will take you through rugged landscapes, dense forests and adventurous passes. For those who have limited time or who would just like to get involved in the building work a tailor made package can be developed on request, so please contact us if you are interested in joining us.

SERVICE CENTRE PLANS

In the course of 2012 we intend to start construction of the Renewable Energy Service center in Simikot. In 2011 a land plot was safeguarded for the construction and we are currently developing the technical design for the building.

Besides the construction of the service centre, and to encourage volunteers to get involved, we are also aiming to form strategic partnerships with companies related to energy, solar, construction, vocational training and the like, that are able to provide their services through this centre in remote Himalayan communities. If you know people or companies that may be interested in this, please let us know.

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We would like to thank the Rotary clubs of North Wales (Mawddach, Dolgellau, Welshpool, Newtown, Porthmadog), the Rotary club of Mt. Everest and USAID for their support in implementing the Chyaduk 4.5. KW micro-hydro power plant, which provides electricity for over 200 villagers, who now have access to communication as well.

Below: Chyaduk



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