



## E-News Feb 2015

### PROMOTING THE NEPAL TRUST

Whenever Jeroen is in the UK we try to generate publicity and promotional opportunity for him. This year, while in Somerset, he went on air at Glastonbury FM, the local radio station for mid-Somerset. Many thanks to Bob Burns for setting it up.

Any ideas that you have for helping us raise interest and awareness in our work will always be very welcome. Just pop Anna an email ([annaclutterbuck@gmail.com](mailto:annaclutterbuck@gmail.com)).

*Left: Jeroen at GFM*



### THIS YEAR WE DID IT IN BRISTOL

In some respects the best news to come out of the AGM held at the end of November was the finance report delivered by Rod. Income and expenditure for the year was pretty close to plan with one humongous exception. Out of the blue we received a very substantial legacy donation late in the year, left by Marion Williams, who had been one of our 'silent supporters' for many years. For the first time ever we now have a reserve that will allow us to plan for the future with the knowledge that we have a degree of protection against the unexpected.

There was plenty of other positive news from Jeroen's update on current projects and programmes. Stay tuned as there is more to come on these in the up-coming issues of e-news and Namaste. As always we stand in awe at the breadth and depth of what the Nepal Trust achieves with a relatively small group of committed volunteers and within its limited budgets.

"Punching well above our weight" is a phrase we've used in the past, which is still true today. Marion's gift will hopefully help us continue punching above our weight for many more years.

It was really good to see quite a few new faces at the meeting and it's great that a small handful have already volunteered to join in with our work in both Nepal and back in the UK.

Following tradition we retired to a local hostelry for a little fellowship after the meeting then onto Hotel du Vin on the edge of the harbour area for a bite of supper.

We owe Mark Sevier and Alpha Portfolio Management a big thank you for being allowed to use their office and also for looking after us so well on the day. We behaved ourselves so hopefully we might be allowed to **do it again on Saturday 28th November 2015.**

### GLOBAL GIVING RATES OUR WORK

Hot of the press we can report that Global Giving has moved the Nepal Trust from Leader to Superstar status which confers on us additional fund raising benefits. Follow the [link](#) to our Global Giving page.

## JOIN US AT AN AUCTION OF PROMISES MARCH 26TH

The Nepal Trust is an active supporter of the Kailash Humla Children's Home. The Rotary clubs of Chiswick & Brentford (UK) and Provins (France) have joined with us jointly to raise money to fund the operation of the school and hostel in Muchu for another three years.

In this very remote part of Nepal, the hostel provides for the poorest children, who live too far from the school to be able to walk in each day, to stay overnight and receive an education. The scheme has proved so popular in the three years of engagement by the Nepal Trust that the number of children has increased from fifteen to over forty.

The main event for the Chiswick & Brentford Rotary club will be a Promises Auction dinner with live music in West London on 26th March. For tickets and further details, please contact John Armstrong: [johnarmstrong1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:johnarmstrong1@blueyonder.co.uk).



*Muchu School Dormitory*

## TREKKING IN 2015

Our new birthing centres are now near completion and will be opened for operations this year at Bargaun and Sarkegad. Much progress is also being achieved with the new school at Thehe.

A small team of volunteers will be flying out in September this year to visit Sarkegad and observe our work there and at other locations en route. The team will get to engage with the community and observe the work of the Nepal Trust and life in this very remote part of the world at first hand. In total it will be a 3 week trip with 10 days of walking on the trails. It won't be too arduous and all at a relatively low altitude.

If you are interested in joining us or know of others who would be, please help them to make contact or put them in touch with Anna: [annaclutterbuck@gmail.com](mailto:annaclutterbuck@gmail.com).

*Left: Sarkegad Clinic and Volunteers Engaging with the Community*

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