

Gardens Open 2017

Lin and Darren together with amazingly kind neighbours Bill and Roz, once again opened their gardens in Westbourne Grove, Chelmsford to raise funds for Gorkha.



Figure 1 Westbourne Grove - plants for sale with Thady and Jean providing advice (in the shade)

The event on Saturday 17th June has raised over **£1800** which is amazing and thanks must go out to all friends who helped support the event and all those who came, bought plants and items and made very kind donations.

Lin had raised masses of herbaceous plants and Jean also brought more plants to sell with Nick and Andy Sadler from The Limes Burnham supplying lots of bedding too – much of it going to a passing skip driver before the gardens even opened!



*Figure 3 Passing Skip lorry full of bedding!
Thanks Dave!*

Thady and Jean did a great job on plant advice and sales.



Figure 2 Limes farm Shop Burnham on Crouch

Teas and cakes were set up by Jan and Roz and helped by Naomi, Zoe and Olivia, Chris and Carla. A fantastic range of delicious cakes supplied by many friends and neighbours and Strawberries supplied through Chris at Wilkins, Tiptree which was brilliant.



Figure 4 Homemade cakes from friends and neighbours, an absolute feast.



Figure 3 Darren's mushrooms, Nepali artefacts' and raffle.

Linda and Brian sold raffle tickets for prizes kindly donated to include a watch from Jeans Brother, garden secateurs from Abercorn and Beauty Treatment from Carla at No 17. Nepali jewellery and artefacts, wooden mushrooms (great as children's seats) made by Darren as well as orders for his garden benches, Brian's rhubarb, Lin's jam, Roz's tea lights and garden tool holders all added to sales.

It was so hot but a lovely relaxing atmosphere and friends, neighbours and visitors kind generosity helped make it a very special day and a great success.

Now we have the pleasure of working with our Nepali team to develop projects which continue to support the poorest in the Gorkha community. It's a team effort to decide how funds can be best spent and will of course keep you updated in following newsletters.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our event