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Welcome to this Issue of the GDS Newsletter

Message from the Chair

In this edition you will see we have much to cheer us. The new look website is up and running as is Instagram, children from 10 schools supported, our first volunteer for 3 years arrived in Gorkha, and fundraising continues to surprise and enable our efforts to continue.

Global stability, health and economics are concerns to all but our team of volunteers in UK and Gorkha work to make small contributions go a long way thanks to our supporters.

Linda Blunt

New look Website launched

Our new look website is up and running so we ask that you take a look and share with others - www.nepal.co.uk. The GDS website was first created in the early 1990s (hence the amazing web address). Content has been completely updated and skilfully reconfigured into the new look by Web Developer Brett. It's now easy to use on all devices and we are thrilled with the result. Our thanks, and appreciation to Brett for all the work done.

Development was sponsored by Olly and Jason at Writtle Forest Consultancy, so none of our precious funds were diverted from projects in Gorkha.

For news updates and more details on all our stories please visit our website www.nepal.co.uk or follow us on Facebook and Instagram

Instagram for new followers



GDS is now on Instagram with a mix of historic and current pictures being added to tell the story of our connections with Gorkha. Hopefully this will evoke a wider audience and increase awareness and interest in our charity and community efforts.

School Sponsorship

Needed now more than ever

Children lost up to 18 months education in Nepal with school closures throughout the Covid epidemic. Many families continue to struggle as global prices for food and commodities rise further. GDS agreed to sponsor 120 children – double our pre pandemic number, but this was the specific request from our Gorkha committee. As always, children are nominated for support by teachers who know their abilities, determination to learn and home circumstances.



Rural Schools and Deaf School supported

10 schools were supported in Gorkha town, in distant rural areas as well the local residential Deaf school.



GDHEDS committee presented uniforms, shoes, bag, books and equipment needed for school. All costing just £30 per child from GDS donations.

If you would like to contact us, please visit our website or email lindagdsnepal@gmail.com

Donations – simply Wonderful!

When you visit our website and follow the new Donate button, this will take you to our Wonderful.org page. Any donations made through Wonderful come directly to GDS – unlike other providers no charges are made. Gift Aid can also be collected if you tick the box.

How to donate to GDS

Would you like to help fund our on-going projects?

Wonderful.org or PayPal– visit our website and follow the link <http://www.nepal.co.uk/>

**BACS payment – Gorkha Development Scheme
Sort Code 201995 Account Number 10318302**

Fundraising

Driveway Plant Sale raises over £1,000

Plant donations enable over £1,000 sale on Lin and Darren's front drive, as local people of Chelmsford once again supported GDS. The driveway was covered in plants given by Heather, Nick and Andy and Jean as well as Lin's home grown. Proceeds were posted through the letter box in just 5 days and has become a bit of an annual event, so thanks to everyone who supported the sale.

Donations

Regular monthly and annual donations continue to be so important to us as do one off payments. A recent cheque received was found to be through a friend talking about GDS whilst on holiday. The attraction it seems is that ALL our money is spent on the projects in Gorkha. *So, why not tell someone about us, you never know the outcome!*

Mr Ronald Hook remembered

Our supporter for so many years, Mr Hook passed away peacefully earlier this year at the amazing age of 101. He sponsored 20 children of various ages each year donating over £1,000 annually and will be remembered for transforming the lives of many young people.



GDHEDS extended committee

In line with new regulations, 25 members are now required for a Nepal registered charity. Additional members attended a recent meeting in Gorkha and GDS welcome them and look forward to their support of the committee and future involvement.



Volunteer Megan

Throughout Covid volunteering opportunities have not been possible, so we are pleased that Megan Sadler has arrived as a teaching volunteer. Meg from Burnham on Crouch in Essex is a Primary School teacher near Maldon and has known about GDS throughout her life as a family friend of Chair Linda Blunt.



Meg was welcomed by committee members Sarita, Yong Kumar, Ram Chandra and Laxman, and is now settled with her host family in Gorkha and is getting involved in school life.

You will be able to follow updates on the website, Facebook and Instagram plus she has a fundraising page on Wonderful.org.

Teacher training and women's hygiene projects are planned, so we look forward to giving you the highlights in our next newsletter.

Quiz night

Our Quiz night returns to Writtle, near Chelmsford on 4th February 2023.

Contact us to book a table.

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