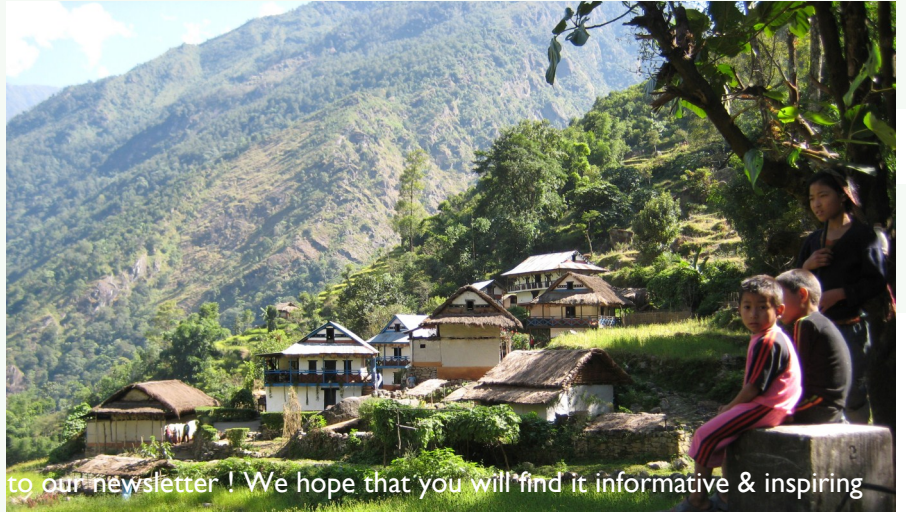




The Pahar Trust Nepal

Helping to provide schools for the children of the Nepalese mountain region



Welcome to our newsletter ! We hope that you will find it informative & inspiring

Projects on the way or completed:

WEST

Naradaya High School

Bhichok

Bichour

Bhumlichok

Kundule

Sikles

Bharabhuri

Singdi

EAST

Ekhabu

Yangsila

Phaksib



A message from our Patron Lt General Sir David Bill CBE —

" I recently had the opportunity to visit the Trust offices in Pokhara whilst on a visit to Nepal. I have to say that I was most impressed but not at all surprised to see all in highly efficient good order. Chandrabahadur, Narendra and the team were in excellent spirits and keen to share with us their many achievements and well structured plans for the future. For there

remain any number of essential schools projects in Nepal for us invest in. Having opened the new hostel accommodation at Gilung a few years ago, I was well aware of the high standards of construction demanded by the Trust and the excellent value for money achieved through close attention to cost and standards by the project managers as well as the crucial involvement of local communities in jointly seeing a project through to successful completion. But it was good to hear again how this remains such a central tenet of the Trust's activities. I was also most impressed to hear of teacher mentoring initiatives and the quite excellent library programme in hand in concert with the Cairn Trust. All in all a most worthwhile visit, and I look forward to getting out on the ground next time to see further evidence of the Trust's good works in the hills of Nepal."



TRAINING TEAM at SETI



Pahar Trust Chairman Howard Green MBE with ex-Gurkha Trust Staff Members

The Pahar Trust Nepal



MEET A TRUSTEE

Tim Mitchell

Dr Tim Mitchell is our newest Trustee but has a long association with the trust.

He re-establishes the link with QGE as he was their medical officer in Hong Kong back in the 1980's. Tm is now a GP in Bristol and helped set up Westbury-on-Trym Primary School's link with Singdi school.

He has been involved with the Rotary movement in the UK for many years and hopes to keep spreading the word about PTN to encourage more clubs to get involved.

AWARD WINNING STAFF

Chandra Gurung

We are delighted to inform you that, our Project Director, Chandra Gurung has been recognised for his dedicated service to the education sector. This is the National Education Award . It will be presented next year. We are delighted for Chandra and it is good that the work of the Trust is recognised by the Director General of Education - Mr Sharma & the Nepalese Government.



Chandra talking with The Duke of Gloucester, President of The British-Nepal Society whilst in the Isle of Man

Bhichok – Tom Langridge Memorial School

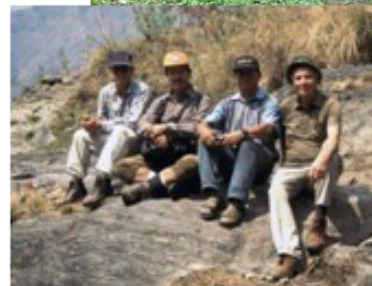
TOM on trek

Laughing as he often did



We are very pleased to be able to report that work on BICHOK School will start in 2012. Tom Langridge served in QGE with Chandra & their retirement project of “building a school” in Chandra’s village led to the establishment of PTN.

Following Tom’s death in 2010 a fund was set up to build a memorial school. Funds were quickly raised with great support from QGE, Chances for Nepal, Barbara Datson, Gam Gurung & family and Bhichok Community



BICHOK Village
TOM & The “boys”

Phaksib – main funds from the estate of Miss Maureen Ford –



A foundation stone was laid in November 2010 for an extension block at Phaksib school in Eastern Nepal. The project is now being funded from the estate of Miss Maureen Ford who was a teacher on the Isle of Man.

Phaksib is a good example of Rotary links with PTN as the school was refurbished some time ago by the Rotary Club of Cleethorpes – a link established by Tom Allen, another of our Trustees.

Naradaya High School – IOM Government, Anne Griffin, Julie Mc Gowan & James Graham & friends

Naradaya High School is progressing well. The photos show children in the old school building – in a very dangerous state – and holding their assembly outside. The school motto is ‘Quality Education - Children our Future’ and the Headteacher wrote in a letter; ‘Naradaya High School is continuing teaching learning activities in ruined buildings with the dark and narrow rooms. Pahar Trust Nepal has given us sufficient

words to help build new school building. It will be a great assistance and holy work to water the suffered plants with the drought.’

This is another project funded from IOM Government with



support from James Graham & team, Julie McGowan & Anne Griffin & friends. . Naradaya school will open in April 2012 when the local community will demonstrate their full support for the project. This support is a key component of the Trust’s work in Nepal as no projects will start without local community commitment

SINGDI Extension

Both James Graham and Anne Griffin first heard of PTN through school friendship links – James in 1999 aged 10 on Westbury-on-Trym’s first visit to Singdi, and

Anne as a leader of Westbury’s 2nd and 3rd trips to Singdi.

Check the details of our Friendship Links on the website – it is a great way to get schools in-

involved with Nepal



EKHABU

Many Rotary Clubs around the UK have links to projects and we know of trips being planned in the next year by the Clubs of

Bristol, Bristol Breakfast, Hereford, Hythe, Bredon hill, Evesham and Pershore. The latter three have taken the lead in funding a new school at Ekhabu which has seen contributions from over 30 rotary clubs and collaboration with the Gurkha Welfare Trust who funded several of the classrooms





The Pahar Trust is a British based charity, established in 1992. Its main focus is raising the funds and co-ordinating the construction of schools in remote areas of East and West Nepal. Currently 104 projects have been opened and completed and 10 are under construction. Most of the projects are schools, with others including student hostels, health posts, water and housing projects. There are currently 51 requests for new schools or refurbishments. As well as the labourers and craftsmen, required for construction, The Pahar Trust employs a small team, headed by four ex British Gurkha soldiers, who organise, plan and implement the charity's projects in Nepal.

The Palace Hotel in Douglas, Isle of Man, was alive to the sounds of the Himalayas in July when the Chairman of PTN and guests were entertained to some spectacular dancing. As usual visitors from Nepal were made to feel very welcome as they helped celebrate the 25th PTN school funded by the people and Government of the Isle of Man. Our Chairman, Howard Green, gave an excellent speech mentioning the achievements of the Trust and reminded us all that most of the funding comes from relatively small donations of up to a few hundred pounds.



ISLE OF MAN - DINNER & DANCING

LUNCH in KATHMANDU— 16.10.2011



Sunday lunch in Kathmandu was enjoyed by over 100 Pahar Trust supporters on 16.10.2011.

The event at The Kathmandu in Bristol, was to raise funds for a new Health Post at Ekhabu. The Bristolians were supported by a large contingent of Nepalese, all originating from Ekhabu, who travelled down from Kent. Amongst them were dancers who entertained the diners.

Thanks to them all for making the journey, to Ashok & his family for the simply delicious Sunday lunch and to all the supporters who came.

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