



NEWSLETTER NO. 5 : JULY 2019

Since the last Newsletter, we have been to India in March to visit all on-going projects, and have progressed those plus new ones arising since then, by regular email contact.

Here's the summary of Saffi activities:

BHILWARA ROUND TABLE: FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

Deoli School

When we visited in March, the new Deoli School site work had commenced and our contribution of £9,260 was transferred at the beginning of June. Last month the container pod classrooms arrived on site and are awaiting the addition of floors, insulation and false roofing sheets. It is hoped that the project will be complete within a few weeks.

Meanwhile, we are pushing for the old school to have its roof repaired.

Nai Erans School

In March we were introduced to a new project: Nai Erans school which received assistance 4 years ago from the Ladies Circle and the Round Table when 3 new classrooms were added. They are now looking to add a first floor to create an assembly area and a computer classroom. Last month the Netherlands Round Table pledged 50% support and Saffi funded £7,000. Work commenced in June.

BIKANER ROUND TABLE: FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION



Rajkeeya Madhyamik Vidhyalya School.

Shortly after leaving Jaipur on our March trip, our Jaipur Round Table contacts made us aware of a proposal in Bikaner – another Rajasthan city. On our behalf they visited the school which needed two new classrooms. We approved this scheme and our funds of £5,639 were sent in April. The project was fully completed in July – the speediest one yet! We shall be visiting this school in November.

JAIPUR ROUND TABLE: FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION



Gunawata Satya Bharti School.

In March we attended the inauguration ceremony to open the four new classrooms, which were excellent.

Badharna School.



On the same trip we attended the inauguration of these three new classrooms, new toilets and playground all of which were quite outstanding. The decoration, much of which is educational, is fantastic at all their projects.



Beria Harnathpura School.



Classes held outside.



No furniture in the classrooms.

In March we were taken to see a new proposal comprising of a school in a very poor state of repair, with half of the classes held outside and inadequate toilets and drinking water. The Headmistress Prattipa was a terrific asset to the school – she had great enthusiasm; and paid for books and drinking water from her own funds. The Round Table proposal was to build 3 new classrooms, toilets, playground and refurbish the old classrooms at a total cost of £24,000. A local business Dynamic Cables were contributing approx. £5,250, the Round Table another £5,250, and Saffi pledged to provide the remaining £13,500 which was sent on 7.4.19.



The project was completed in July and we shall visit in November.

Boythawala School.

Last month Jaipur Round Table identified another project at this school in need of 4 new classrooms and refurbishment of the old ones, at a total cost of approx. £29,000. The Round Table and local donors are able to fund half the project, and Saffi plan to fund the remainder. We shall visit this school in November.

i-INDIA, JAIPUR

During our March visit, we visited the Ladli centre where the jewellery business is based, and gave them lots of jewellery samples/designs for them to develop and thus broaden their range. From recent communication we understand they have been useful.

JODHPUR ROUND TABLE: FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

Jhalamand School.

The proposal reached us in February, informing us of plans to build two new classrooms at a total cost of approx. £14,700. Part funding had been sourced from an oil company, national Round Table and the local village. Saffi agreed to fund the balance £9,268 sent at the end of February. Completion of the construction happened in June, and we shall visit it in November.

Shastri Nagar School.



Inspected the 3 new classrooms in March. They were fine but lacking in internal decoration so admired at other RT schools.

The desperately needed refurbishment of the old school funded by Saffi in March at a cost of £11,000 has commenced and we are assured will be completed by our next visit in November.

Basni Silvata Upper Primary School.

A different Jodhpur RT club took us to this school in March situated in the Industrial area of the City, with 250 pupils sharing 4 classrooms and an inadequate amount of toilet facilities. In April we received details of the costings to build 2 new classrooms and 6 toilets amounting to approx. £15,000. Half of the project cost will be met by Round Table Funds and half by Saffi (sent in May). Work commenced in May and we shall visit it in November.

Urinals



UDAIPUR ROUND TABLE: FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

Varada School.



In March we saw that construction had commenced. This is still on-going with various delays created by electricity issues and changes in the architect's plans. Hopefully all will be completed by the time of our November visit.

Bedla School.

Ankit from Jaipur RT, who is the Rajasthan Area Project Convener, introduced us to another Udaipur RT Chapter (#253) in June. They have identified a needy school project and submitted a proposal to build 3 new classrooms but considered the existing single toilet adequate for the 250 pupils! We agreed to support the project if they added 4 new toilets and 4 new urinals. This has been agreed. Total cost of the project approx. £19,000, Saffi to fund £10,000 (sent in July). We shall visit this project in November.

SAMBHALI TRUST, JODHPUR

The property move project was slow to start, but finally got underway in June. They envisage all to be done by October.

BAL BASERA & BACHPAN HOME FOR HIV CHILDREN, JODHPUR

A group of local industrialists have donated a parcel of land for the new Home. Plans have been prepared to construct a property to home 100 children at a cost of £150,000. Several funders have been approached. We saw the plans during our March visit. The layout comprises of Ground Floor medical room, dining room, counselling room and office, First Floor bedrooms and bathrooms, Second Floor classrooms, recreation hall, library and toilets. Upon our return to the UK, we submitted details of the project to our friends Coachhouse (who import giftware/furniture from India and have visited the Home on several occasions) and they pledged to donate £20,000 towards the new Home. One member of the family who own Coachhouse (Claudia) is to do a sponsored swim of Lake Windermere in September to raise further funds. Saffi will also donate £20,000 but have no plans to swim across Lake Windermere!!

Saffi also continue to pay the monthly running costs of the existing Girls' Wing.

MIRANDA SCHOOL, JODHPUR

The annual accounts are expected imminently when we can assess continued scholarships.

FUNDING

In February, Hurlingham Estates donated £50,000, a further £30,000 in April and a further £30,000 in July.

The 2018 annual accounts are to be circulated to all trustees very shortly.

Special thanks to Tim Godson of Duncan & Toplis Chartered Accountants for kindly acting as Independent Examiner for our accounts.

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