



Kalimpong Association UK

Christmas 2012 Newsletter

*“May the God of
hope fill you with
all joy and peace as
you trust in him, so
that you may
overflow with hope
by the power of the
Holy Spirit.”*





A TRUE STORY

which makes you understand
why things always happen
for a reason.

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18, were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

On December 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm - hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a

large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity, so he stopped in.

One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory coloured, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colours and a Cross embroidered right in the centre. It was just the right size to cover the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church. By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the

tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the centre aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?"

The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials 'EBG' were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria. The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten "The Tablecloth". The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home. That was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighbourhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could

there be two tablecloths so much alike? He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again in all the thirty-five years between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

A true story - submitted by Pastor Rob Reid who says God does work in mysterious ways.



*I asked
the Lord to
bless you as
I prayed for
you today, to
guide you and
protect you as you go along
your way. His love is always
with you. His promises are
true, and when we give Him
all our cares we know He
will see us through. So when
the road you're travelling
seems difficult at best, just
remember God is listening ...
he will do the rest!*

NEWSLETTER BOM

Dear All,

I must at the outset convey the heartiest Birthday Greetings from the Homes and apologise profusely for having been silent for sometime. In this newsletter I propose to outline all activities we have been busy with including financial aspects, since the earthquake last year in September.

Reconstruction :

Immediately after the earthquake we had taken stock of the damage caused to the Homes and decided that all reconstruction work would be executed under the supervision of a Reconstruction Committee consisting of the following members, who would be in turn accountable to the Finance Committee and through them to the Board.

Wg. Comdr. P Rao, Mrs Y P Hishey
Mr Anmole Prasad, Mr N R Pradhan, Mr Amod Yonzon, Mr Ashok Pradhan

The Reconstruction Committee would seek the assistance of Mr Ashoke Pradhan, the Consultant Structural Engineer appointed by the Board, who would in turn appoint a Project Manager to physically supervise the work; which has been done. All work was planned to be executed in five phases

Phase 1 - emergency work to get the school functioning by 9th October 2011, which involved essential repairs to certain Administrative buildings, classrooms, Central Kitchen, Ahava, Grant, Willingdon, Elliot and Woodburn cottages so as to be able to shift the children from moderately/badly damaged cottages temporarily into the above, which did not need very major repairs.

Phase 2 - Buildings with moderate damage i.e Kindergarten, Jarvie Hall, Junior School, Middle School, Bene,

Assam, Heathland, Laidlaw, Scottish Canadian, Wales Lodge, Wiston, Hart, Fraser, Birissa, Calcutta, Lucia King, McGregor and Mansfield cottages to be completed by 10th February 2012 before school reopened.

Phase 3 - Work on Buildings with greater damage i.e. Graham House, Benecraig, Cargill, Isolation Block, Mount House, Yule House, Bakery Store, Bell House, and SMC to be commenced from 11th February 2012.

Phase 4 - Strengthening of all other buildings so as to minimize damage in case of future earthquakes plus repair of chapel and SMC should funds permit.

Phase 5 - Repair of remaining buildings, roads, fire safety measures depending on funds availability.

The Homes buildings were insured for a total of Rs.1 crore for which necessary claim has been submitted and survey for the same is on by the Insurance company. It is hoped that we would receive the insurance money by the end of the year.

Consequent to our appeals for financial assistance we have received Rs.2.24 crores in donations, details of which are attached to Appendix A. A copy of the Board minutes of the Reconstruction committee meeting held on **21st September 2012** is attached (Appendix B), which gives the latest situation in relation to our reconstruction work.

Details of all work executed so far including the financials of the same is attached as Appendix C. Accounting transparency of work executed is ensured through the following steps – work is inspected by the Project Manager on a daily basis, the consultant Engineer on a very regular basis and the Reconstruction Committee during and on completion of the work. Bills prepared by contractors are first vetted by the Project Manager, then by the consultant Engineer who submits the

same to the Reconstruction Committee. These are then vetted by the Reconstruction Committee who then recommend payment to the Finance Committee, who in turn after vetting pass the same on to the Board for clearance and payment. A special audit would be carried out of all expenditure next year by which time all the construction work would have been completed. Our target for completion of the reconstruction work is prior to the Birthday celebrations next year.

Sponsorship :

For the first time we have finally managed to reach an agreement on sponsorship. Details are given as Appendix D for information of all overseas committees.

I would be deeply grateful if the committees concerned could clear all their dues in relation to the number of sponsored students at the earliest, failing which each year the Homes will have to find money to pay for the same, which is a fairly substantial amount and can ill be afforded by the Homes. The due status as on date is given below. Consequent to our experience in the not too distant past of some visitors/sponsors visiting the Homes/Birkmyre violating our laws on child abuse, the Board have banned visitors/sponsors from meeting /collectively addressing children without permission of the management. Whilst we appreciate that some sponsors may be aggrieved by this, please bear with us in the best interest of the children.

Extended sponsorships ?

Academics :

The principal's report on academics is given as Appendix E. No effort is being spared for improvement of the academic standards.

School finances :

A full fledged Chartered Accountant firm has been employed. Financial accounting has been automated and this set-up is satisfactory. I am sanguine that this year we should be able to break even as long as sponsorship fees due are paid in a timely fashion.

New Projects

We plan to have a vocational training institute and a Football academy functional on the school's land by next year.

International Conference

We plan to hold an International Conference about a month after the Birthday celebrations next year before the school closes for the winter holidays. By that time it is hoped that we would have completed the reconstruction work and would have completed the special audit. The new management team would have also settled down and we should be progressing to some degree on the new projects.

Birkmyre Hostel

We hope to be well on the way to resolving the old case relating to the dispute over the issues pertaining to the Birkmyre Hostel.

**Lt. Gen. J. R. Mukherjee (Retd.)
President & Chairman**

<u>Name of Committee</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>Remittance Received</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
UK Committee	24,733,059.00	17,075,239.24	7,657,819.76
Australian Committee	4,293,400.00	836,309.00	3,457,091.00
Canadian Council	3,587,600.00	-	3,587,600.00
Japan Committee	505,800.00	-	505,800.00
Irish Committee	-	-	-
New Zealand Committee	406,400	-	406,400.00

(Margaret Byers – Thorburn Cottage)

More than a Sentimental Journey.

17th Sep– 8th Oct 2012



During a visit to my cousin Ruth's home, the conversation inevitably turned to India. It took me exactly three seconds to realize that this year marks

the Golden Jubilee of my leaving the Homes, and so it would be most appropriate if I returned to the 'nest' in spite of having made several visits in the last few years, the last one being only in April with my Step-Son.

Consequently we bought our tickets within a week of our discussion - and then informed our respective husbands who very graciously gave us their blessings. After a brief stop-over in Kolkata, we were to leave for Kalimpong. To our dismay we found this coincided with an official 'bundh' (I have now got used to these) and so left for the airport at midnight. Thankfully, we were able to relax in the VIP Lounge and have a bit of shut-eye.

We were pleasantly surprised to meet Gen. Mukherjee, Chairman of the Board, on the flight. He was also on his way to the Homes for the Birthday. We were received at Bagdogra by my adopted son Angelo who is a teacher and assistant head of the Junior School, at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. The drive to Kalimpong was

quick and pleasant as the roads had been well maintained. Ruth (Glashan) was on hand to welcome us to the Homes and see us settled into our accommodation at Wolsley House which we shared with Mr. Philip Gibson (former CEO) and his wife.

Having had a quick cup of tea we dashed off to the Jarvie Hall to attend the Inter-Cottage Singing Competition, one of the highlights of the School year. One gets caught up in the excitement of the kids shouting and screaming - although I cannot remember being quite so noisy in the past.

The following morning there was a meeting on the construction work being done following earthquake damage and I was glad to have been invited to this meeting. The Kalimpong OGBs Association had contributed generously to the water harvesting project which was discussed in depth by Terence Read of the Irish Committee. Also had the opportunity to view other projects being undertaken.

We spent a memorable evening at a dinner party hosted by the Kalimpong OGB's Association Committee and members. It was an evening to reminisce and look back on with great affection.

We were woken up early the following morning by beautiful music coming from the swimming pool - It was Swimming Gala time. As always this was exciting for all the kids and spectators, and I was pleased to have the opportunity of meeting Board Member Mr. Shane Calvert at the Gala. He was for many years Headmaster of the School.

Birthday celebrations. The Chief Guest was Mr. Lance Fuller, ex-Principal of the Homes, who was accompanied by his wife. Sadly there were very few birthday greetings, a far cry from the pages and

pages of greetings that used to be read out in the past. There is a feeling amongst older OGBs that more recent generations lack the attachment so noticeable amongst senior members - particularly after they (the modern generation) leave the Homes. The buns and Jellabies went off well with each cottage being given a huge cake by a well-wisher. Thanks to ex-student Miku Foning, a solemn and important part of the proceedings took place when we gathered round the bust of Dr. Graham outside the Jarvie Hall. It was a privilege to have been invited to read the Lord's Prayer in the course of the short service conducted by the Rev. Henry Simon. The singing of the choir was beautiful, and in an impressive ceremony each one present was given a 'khada' to place around the statue of Daddy Graham.

The same evening the Batch of '87 held its Silver Jubilee Reunion Dinner to mark twenty five years since they left school (1987-2012) - a tradition introduced by the '69ers and followed by most batches since then. It was not merely an excellent dinner, but I was so touched at the respect paid by these ex-students to those who had taught them those many years ago. Indeed all staff so honoured received a garland. I was flattered to have also been presented with a garland, and while the Batch of '87 was celebrating their Silver Jubilee of leaving the Homes, it was for me, my Golden Jubilee. Although I did not mention this to anyone, it gave me a very warm feeling indeed to mark the occasion in this way. Thank you Batch of '87.

The next day we were on the road to Gangtok for a three day visit which was organised by Karma Bhutia and Roshan Pradhan, President and Secretary of the Sikkim Grahamite Association, respectively. Our grateful thanks also to Sonam Tenzing Bhutia, Senior

Superintendent of Police who saw to our entry permits, to Dr Mingma Sherpa for organizing a wonderful dinner in our honour, and special thanks to Guru Ladakhi who very kindly put us up in his beautiful guest house and also provided us transport during our entire stay in Sikkim. The weather was beautiful and sunny and we saw the snow-capped mountains - although had to get up at 4am to get this magnificent view. Indeed God's beautiful creation.

A special thank you to Jayshree and her husband 'PK' for not only being involved in all arrangements, but being at the end of a phone at all times in case something went wrong. A dinner was hosted by the OGBs in Jayshree and PK's hotel, 'Hotel Mist'. What a wonderful night not just of food and drink, but speeches, garlands, gifts, photographs, and most of all FRIENDSHIPS. Thank you Grahamites for a memorable time spent with you and the warm relationships established - all part of the Homes Family.

We returned directly to the Homes in time for the Inter-Cottage Sports meet which was held on the school field. My only criticism and dismay was to witness some children who had participated in an event not completing the race but just walking off the track when they were either too tired or could not see themselves making the first three positions - shame! This was very un-sportsmanship behaviour.

My final night in Kalimpong was naturally spent with friends and colleagues - all OGBs which also included Mr and Mrs Peacock and Mrs Pempa Hishey. I hosted a birthday party - even though my actual birthday was still two days away - and my thanks to Col. Pradhan for organising the

entire function. Also special thanks to Miku Foning and Kalimpong OGBs Committee for the best Birthday Cake I have ever tasted - and I am not exaggerating when I say that.

What an exciting and appropriate way in which to end a very special year of my life in a school that gave me so much to be proud off.

We returned to Kolkata for five days of meeting friends and family and generally enjoying life with people I care about and who have '**given meaning to my life**'.

All in all it was a perfect end to a perfect holiday. It is just left for me to thank all who participated and joined me on this merry-go-round of fun, laughter and enjoyment. In conclusion I must thank my cousin, Ruth (Byers) Nelson for her companionship and support during our journey together.

Ruth was making her first visit to the Homes after 55 years and I am sure that in spite of all the changes she would have noticed, she must have shed a few tears, as we all do, when we return to our roots and to a place that made us who we are and what we are today.

Margaretta Purtill.

President, The Kalimpong Association (UK)
Dr Graham's Homes UK Committee Member (Scotland)

DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES

Reading David Foning's words in the last Newsletter and then turning over to those of the Pattersons and the McCabes (whom I knew) was such a thrill as I arrived at the Homes from the UK in 1948 to teach for three years before a man from Kolkata came up for a holiday and I married Eddy and went down there with him, until he said, "I would like to work in the Homes."

Fortunately there were vacancies at the Workshop and to teach PE so he got some training and we returned with our 3 children, had another and looked after Fraser Hostel until Ron got ill and Eddy became Secretary.

Unfortunately we had to return to UK in 1958 but in 1983 Richard, our 3rd, said, "I would love to go back to Kalimpong to see where we lived."

So he and I went and happened to arrive when there was a 40 day 'bund' up in the mountains. However we managed to get a pass to Darjeeling and found a taxidriver in Siliguri who was willing to take us the backway to Kurseong. From there we hitch-hiked and managed not to get shot. We met a Homes worker in Darjeeling who told us the road to Kalimpong was impassible as trees had been felled across it, but at least Richard saw the mountains.

Fortunately the bus drivers had got fed up with the bund and, as the police refused to help, six buses were driven down to the plains at breakneck speed, including us, together with a lot of letters we had been given to post !!

2001
FRASER HOMES WITH MIKE + ME + HOUSEPARENTS.



Later Tricia, the 2nd of our children, visited the Homes successfully and then, in 2001, Michael, the 1st one, came and Susan, the 4th, is coming in January 2013. I had another trip too, but my greatest thrill was being able to go round the

world with 2 of my grandchildren and meet a lot of OGBs in Australia and stay

with Errol (from Fraser) and his family and find he was now a grandfather and also stay with ex-Housemothers in Oz and NZ.

I shall always be grateful for the privilege of working at the Homes and send my love to anyone who remembers me.

Dorothy Berry (Motley)



RAJA GOPALACHARI



LADY MOUNTBATTON'S VISIT

Our Newsletter's Christmas Greetings

Christmas Greetings & a Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all.
Thank you for your support over the last few (difficult) months of my illness.

Please keep your prayers on-going for me.

With warm good wishes.

Love,

Rosemary (Baker) .



Dear family and friends,

We are going away to Barcelona for Christmas so will not be sending out Christmas cards this year but instead making a small donation to our Association. This also saves you the trouble of posting cards to us! We take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you and your families a truly happy and blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2013 filled with good health, happiness, peace, love and joy:

A BOUNTIFUL CHRISTMAS
THAT IS FILLED WITH MANY GOOD THINGS
AND ALL THE SWEET PEACE AND JOY
THAT KNOWING CHRIST JESUS BRINGS

OUT OF THE SILENCE - **MUSIC**
OUT OF THE DARKNESS - **LIGHT**
OUT OF UNCERTAINTY - **PROMISE**
HOPE WAS BORN THAT NIGHT

With love and God Bless.

Julianna and John Duckworth

Old Girls & Boys Heritage Foundation NEPAL

Website: ogbsheritagefoundation.org

112th Birthday Celebration.

As the Homes celebrated its 112th Birthday and the batch of 1987 celebrated their 25th years (Silver Jubilee), the OGB's Heritage Foundation holds this day a very special one in the organisation's very short history. We had the pleasure and the distinct honor of providing the 'Birthday Cakes' to all the Cottages, the Staff's and the OGB's who had come to join in the celebration. It is the OGB's Heritage Foundation's desire to provide cakes for all the Homes birthdays to come. We intend to pass a resolution in our next meet with our Donor Members and propose the idea to the Board of Management.

The OGB's Heritage Foundation's area of involvements in the matters of the Homes where funding is concerned is vast. But for now due to financial constrains we are concentrating on just the one where we are able to manage. Sponsorship and other large scale funding for now is beyond our capability and there for we will be involved in projects that make sense and are within our means. The projects that we undertake will be consulted with the Board of Management, the School Management and the Donor OGB's. Their support in all our projects will be vital.

Projects List

Project Name	Project Status
Birthday Cakes For DGH.	Completed
KG's Project.	Completed
Senior/Junior School Staffs Project	Completed
Geysers And Water Filters.	Completed
Libraries For The Lucia King And Wales Lodge	Completed
Clothing For Lucia King Kids.	Completed
Www.drgrahamshomes.com Website Update	Completed
Elliott Cottage Washing House Renovation 2007	Completed

International OGBs Birthday Celebrations 2012



Canadian Birthday Celebrations

Left to right back row. Bill & Sandra Wallace, Elsie Pettigrew (OGB), Dr. Patrick (Paddy) Coffey - grandson of Dr. Graham, myself, Margaret MacDonald, Gloria Boos, Myriam Kastner, Amy Burfield (OGB) Front row - Mary Haughey (nee Spur) OGB, John Haughey, Julian Frizelle(OGB) and Zareen Anand (OGB)



Sikkim OGB Birthday celebrations

Ruth Nelson (UK) and Mrs Purtill (UK)

Homes Birthday Celebration

Here in Kathmandu organised by the Grahamites Association of Nepal. It was known that over a 100 OGBs turned up for the celebrations.



Because of lack of space it was impossible to include all the photo's sent.

Australian OGBs'

Left to right: Joy Surin nee Samson, Patrick Freese, Yvonne Hughes nee Neal; Linda Cameron, Colleen Oehme, Yvonne Vansteensel nee Samson, Doug Vansteensel.



Singing the school song.

Left to right: Andrew Webber, Irene Smith, Errol Webber, John Dempster, Dudley Appleby, Joy Samson, Yvonne Samson, Robin Ghosh, Colleen Oehme, Richie Stokoe, Linda Cameron.



Kalimpong Association (UK).

Birthday celebrations. Photo of OGBs that attended the celebrations September 2012.



SCHOOL NEWS

★ **Singing competition 21st :**
Elliott - 1st place; Thorburn - 2nd.
Heathland and Centenary - Tied
for the 1st place; no 2nd place.

★ **Swimming - 22nd :**
Woodburn Championship;
Elliott - Standard.
Murray - Standard & Championship

★ **Senior School plays :**
Snow White and the 7 dwarfs
(Remix - modernised version) and
'Unlike Lad' - a comedy.

★ **Athletics :** 1st October :
Macgregor - Standard and
Championship shields.
Calcutta - Championship;
Wiston - Standard Shield.

★ **Chief Guest :** Bhaichung
Bhutia, former Captain of the
Indian Football Team.

★ **Mountbatten Competition
on the 31st August:**

1. Woodburn and Elliott - 1st and 2nd
on the girls side.
2. Calcutta and Centenary - 1st and
2nd on the boys side.

★ **The Minto Shield
Swimming Meet on Saturday,
8th September** was very
competitive and we were all delighted
when the Homes eventually won the
competition. A few records were also
broken at the event.

On behalf of my Committee I
would like to welcome new
sponsors/supporters and
followers of DGH and as always
say thank you to anyone who
has donated to the School at any
level, small or large. Support is
not always financial and I would
like to thank those of you
behind the scenes who have put
a huge amount of work into
supporting various projects up
in the Homes. We take nothing
for granted and your prayers,
good wishes, patience and
generosity over the last few very
difficult months have been very
greatly appreciated. Please
continue to pray for the
guidance of the Holy Spirit on
the work in DGH. [President,
The Kalimpong Association
(UK)]



Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong

OVER A CENTURY CARING FOR CHILDREN



SCHOOL CALENDER 2012-2013

YEAR - 2013

JANUARY

- Tuesday - 1st : New Year's Day. Departmental Holiday.
Sunday - 13th : ICSE & ISC students return to the boarding section for Special Classes by 4.00 p.m.
Monday - 14th : Special classes commence for ICSE & ISC students.
Wednesday - 23rd : Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Birth Anniversary. Departmental Holiday.
Saturday - 26th : Republic Day. Departmental Holiday.

FEBRUARY

- Friday - 8th : 1st Kolkata Party arrives.
Registration of New Day Scholars at 9.00 a.m.
Saturday - 9th : 2nd Kolkata Party arrives. All boarders to return by 12.00 Noon.
New Boarders to also report to the boarding section. Teaching Staff Meeting at 2.00 p.m. Parent-Teacher Meeting for Boarders only at 3.00 p.m.
Sunday - 10th : Inaugural Service in the Chapel at 9.30 a.m.
Monday - 11th : School Reopens with Assembly at 8.10 a.m.
Saturday - 16th : Working Saturday. Parent-Teacher Meeting for day pupils at 10.00 a.m.
Monday - 18th : Cottage Assembly at 8.30 a.m., on the top field.
PTIs commence Athletics and practice for all games.
Tuesday - 19th : Elocution, Debates, Quiz, Dramatics, Band Practice, NCC, Scouts & Guides activities commences.
Sunday - 24th : Cottage Captains' Investiture.
Monday - 25th : Senior Class Monitors' Investiture.
Tuesday - 26th : Junior School Class Monitors' Investiture.



to report that both our efforts seemed to have paid off as all our sponsored children passed these examinations and have fared well.

This year we also had academic counseling for Classes X and XII where we had professional counselors come in from Lucknow and test their aptitude, their learning style and the holistic personality of each child after which a one-on-one counseling session was given for them to decide on their subject choices and later on to guide them into college admissions and careers. This worked out very well and all of our children have benefited from this. This year also saw a School Counselor and a Special Educator as permanent members of our staff, both of them have their hands full and we find that many children are able to respond to their advice and counseling as well as the regimen given by the Special Educator.

Dear Friends,

Another year has gone by and it is once again time to look back over 2012 and be reminded of God's mercy and faithfulness to us at the Homes. This year we have crossed the 1500 mark and we have had to open one section in each of the three classes, III, VIII and XI. It is unrealistic to expect any learning to take place in a class that has over 40 children, but for us at the Homes space has never been a problem and so we were able easily to branch out whenever the numbers increased.

The year began with coaching classes for the exam going children and I am pleased

I am proud to report that the Girls Division of the National Cadet Corps has done extremely well and won several awards and accolades at almost every camp that they have attended. I am specially proud to mention that they have completed a very rigorous course in rock climbing that was held at Gwalior in Central India. At the time of writing, three of them are at a camp training to represent the State at the Republic Day Parade in Delhi on 26th of January. If they are selected, it will be a great honour for the State of West Bengal, the town of



Kalimpong and, most of all, the school.

The choir continues to perform well and this year has been a particularly good year for them. They have made three trips to Kolkata already on the invitation of the Chief Minister and represented the school at the Independence Day function organized by the Kolkata Police on 15th August. They came back with a large trophy which they had won.

Many of our children do not go home during the Puja vacation and so this year special parties, picnics and movies were organized for them.

Sports Day this year was very special as Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia, footballer and youth icon came as Chief Guest. He spoke very feelingly about the value that schools like ours add to the lives of children.



Children's Day on the 14th of November was celebrated with the usual jollification of staff entertaining with songs and dances.

At the time of writing we are getting ready for the choir to go down to Kolkata and perform at St. Paul's Cathedral, the American Consulate and in the La Martiniere Boys Hall. We

also look forward to the children singing at the World Anglo-Indian Meet in January.

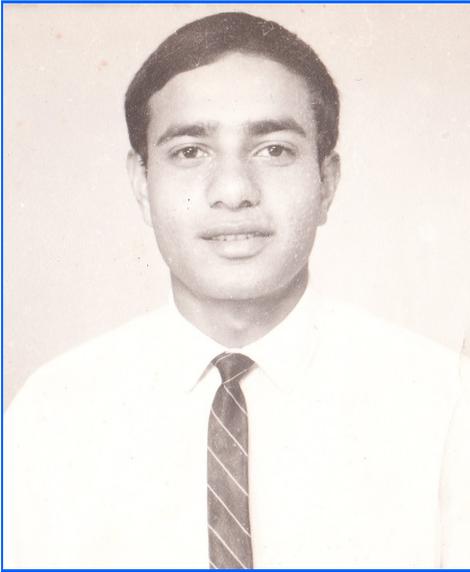
We are looking forward to both our Harvest Thanksgiving when Rev. Webster and his group will be here and the candlelight Carol Service. We are still using the Jarvie Hall as our place for worship and we look forward to a time when we can go back into the Katherine Graham Memorial Chapel.

Even as I close this report, I must say that I am continually assured of God's faithfulness and grace upon all of us who live and work on this campus and I repeat the words of Paul in his Letter to the Thessalonians which reminds us that "He who has called us is faithful and He will do it."

Once again I express on behalf of all of us my deep gratitude to each one of you for your generous support and for the love you have shown over this past year. May God bless you as you continue to serve and love Him.

*Hilda Peacock,
Principal.*





Alan Carey

Arrived – 4 months old – 1950

Left – 02/10/1968

Lucia King

Assam Cottage

Willingdon Hostel

One may ask why it has taken so long to make a visit to DGH for the first time in 44 years. Even though I have been on the NSW Committee and the fundraising team for a while and have been involved in sponsorships for many years, I have always been connected. I have never forgotten my past because my early childhood and school days has been my rock and my foundation. I also live daily by all that I have learned from my school days and claim to be a genuine product of the Dr Graham's Homes. I have a passion a love and gratitude in that, I owe it all to Daddy Graham and the so many people that have served someone like me so unselfishly throughout the past 112 years and continue to do so into the future.

I remember, anyone from Sydney who visited the Homes always asked me why I didn't go with them to the Birthday Celebrations! I never gave an excuse but I always thought that I was so busy at home and work and so it never happened. My son Jono and his girlfriend Natalie were planning a trip to Thailand, India, Europe and England and they told me that they were going to my school to find out why I was so passionate and had so much love for my school. While I was involved in assisting them find accommodation in Kalimpong, I decided that it was time for me to be there for them and do away with anymore excuses and so we booked our accommodation at 'Windsongs' (8'th Mile) in Kalimpong. (I recommend to anyone going to the Homes, include a stay at Windsongs. It is the complete guesthouse and the best location and hospitality. I suggest anyone 'google' Windongs and be in touch with Mr & Mrs Pradhan.

My wife Anne and I made our way to Kolkata and we met up with Jono & Nat who came straight there from Thailand. I knew that Kolkata would be a culture shock for Anne and the first 20 minutes of leaving the airport for our hotel confirmed this. Our taxi was stopped by Indian security with rifles and we were ordered out of the car and they then searched our luggage and then sent us on our way. Following that, we stayed at a 4 star hotel and looking through the windows was a community living in a shanty and slum area which was very confronting. I reminded Anne that Kolkata had a diversity that needed to be experienced, enjoyed and appreciated

Early August saw us land at Bagdogra airport and then it was the ride of our lives. As we continued our journey we thought surely, these must be world's

most dangerous roads. However, we put our faith in the experienced and daring driver and trusted him in getting us to our destination. A must stop at the old Teesta bridge bought back memories in that two days after I had crossed it on my journey to Australia in October 1968, the bridge was destroyed in the flood where in 48 hours, 42 inches of rain fell.

Winding up through the hill to Kalimpong was all that I hoped it to be. Emotions of exhilaration, relief and joy overcame and I just immersed myself in the nostalgia of it all.

A light mist and dew greeted us on the 9th August as we approached the school compound. A rehearsal for the Independence Day was in full swing on the playground and we could not have expected such a welcome scene. The school band was beating out tunes and the children marching in colourful uniforms echoed memories of the 1960's. This was when Grahame McMahon first started our Fife and Drum band and Mr Lama disciplined and drilled us into a formidable marching unit. I was so pleased that these traditions were still entrenched in the ethos of the Homes and so well preserved and promoted and still flourishing, I was indeed so pleased and so proud of what I was seeing. As the rehearsal finished and the school

children were scrambling back to their classrooms, I managed to attract the attention of Chaplain, Henry Simon. We had not rung and notified anyone about our visit and so we were humbled and happy that Henry gave us time after first being introduced to the Principal Mrs H Peacock. Henry then took us on a visit to the Katherine Graham Memorial Chapel. The chapel had not been in use since the previous September earthquake as it is under a safety audit. While in the chapel and sanctuary, Henry reminded us of the inspired love, devotion and purpose of "Daddy and Katherine Graham who loved children and founded these Homes in 1900, It was in Thine Heart".

It was a truly emotional experience as so many memories flooded back to me of so many faithful servants and friends who had sewn into my life. I was so happy that the Homes are being served by Henry, his dear wife Philo and their adorable daughters Keren & Keziah. This loving family is indeed so committed to the message and vision of Daddy Graham and the Lord he loved. We were overwhelmed by their love, generosity and their humility.

Our next stop took us to the school compound where Mrs. Rajni Tshering made time for us and showed us around the museum. It seemed like a time capsule that captured so many special



moments. The displays were outstanding and nostalgic and above all it signaled immense gratitude and appreciation by so many people whose lives have been touched forever and for whom Daddy Graham's vision made a difference.

I did not need the GPS navigation system as soon we found our way to the Main Office where Ruth Glashan welcomed us with big smile, a big hug and gave us a cuppa and something to eat. As Ruth was a prefect a couple of years ahead of me, it was a great reunion as we also had a look at some old photos. Ruth is so precious and is a treasure having served so much to so many over a period of 40 years plus.

Ruth kindly rang the Head Staff at Lucia King to say that we were on our way to visit them. On arrival, we were greeted by the assistant Matron Ms Janet Singh and all the nurses and children. To our delight, the children entertained us and sang a special song on the playground. As we visited the dormitories (wards) we were ushered into the blue ward and I quite easily recognized the beds where once I slept as a 4 month old baby. I allowed myself to burst into tears as I could not control my emotions. In one sense I felt that the umbilical cord was still unbroken and felt connected to the cradle of love, protection and privilege that was afforded to me. I felt so thankful that I had been given this chance and that I owed my childhood to staff like Miss Penny and so many others, loyal and so faithful. The work still goes on today with the love and devotion of Mrs. Aity Rai, Janet and all those special nurses.

The school chaplain Henry invited us to worship at the Sunday Church Service in the Jarvie Hall. Henry also invited me to sing, however, instead I played my harmonica, something I learned when I

was 13 years old. The church service was a service of celebration and thanksgiving. The opportunity to meet together as one, in prayer and song was indeed emotionally inspiring and memorable. The Lucia King and Wales Lodge singing items brought a chorus of applause, admiration and enjoyment and we were so proud that there are so many opportunities, so much talent and so much encouragement. It was great to see Henry involve many in the church service as the Principal and also the students took part. Singing in this Children's City of the Himalaya's is so edifying and beautiful and we reminded ourselves that it doesn't get much better than this.

Meeting the school captains and staff after the church service for a cuppa was very special moment and we continued with our final visit to Assam Cottage. Meeting the very passionate house parents Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Chew and the children was another very special moment. We had not been there long when, Jono and Natalie disappeared, only to find that Jono was playing soccer with the boys with a make shift ball and all the boys sweating profusely. Natalie had been hijacked by about 8-10 boys around the dining table playing a game of chess.

How lucky we were to see The Homes "A" Soccer Team play a game against the traditional archrivals SUMI at the Mela Ground. Among the supporters was the Head Master Mr S L Banarjee. What memories and battles have been fought there over so many years? It was an absolute privilege to sit with the players and manager and watch this most exciting contest against the background of most vocal "S.U.M.I" supporters and a sea of colourful umbrellas in the spectator's stands. To add to our luck, we had ground seats at the Mela Ground for the



Independence Day Celebrations.

Just as amazing as our pilgrimage to the Homes, what was to happen on our way back to Australia with a day's stay in Kolkata was a miracle. I met my mother for the first time in in 45 years. We had not communicated since I arrived in Australia in 1968. For both of us, it was a relief that we were all ok and it was a chance for my mother to meet her only grandson Jono, my wife, Anne and Jono's girlfriend, Natalie. It was an opportunity to tell her about our daughter and her grand daughter Preya, her husband Jason and her great grandson, Tenzin. I reassured my mother that I was so grateful that she sent me to the Homes and that I had been the luckiest boy in the world. I did not want my mother to have any regrets. I also had an opportunity to meet my sister, Della for the first time in 60 years and her husband Randolph and Archie who is married to my mother.

Could we have planned these reunions any better!, I don't think so. It was certainly God's perfect timing

Alan Carey



“Be kinder than is necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle”

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SOLUTIONS

Issue 234 crossword

ACROSS 1 Direction

6 Impostors 14 Po-faced

15 Produce 16 Tempo

17 Lara 18 Monarchs

19 Gambled 20 Blood vessel

22 Includes 25 Notice

27 Poacher 28 Grate

31 Soap opera 32 Situation

36 Fungi 37 Outrank

38 Quench 40 The Beast

42 Distributor 46 Elector

48 Pilfered 49 Ton! 51 Award

52 Norfolk 53 Obliges

54 Wholesale 55 Headrests

DOWN 2 Inferno 3 Each

4 Tadpoles 5 Orphans

7 Mousse 8 Overgenerous

9 Totem 10 Rumpled

11 Spellbind 12 Dog collar

13 Goddesses 21 Deceptive

23 Light bulb 24 Shrink

Obituary

MARY BRIGID PRINCE-WRIGHT
(nee Lenane): 1933-2012

From: John Prince-Wright

Mary and I met in London on my first 'leave' while serving in HM Forces, July 1955. She had an almost parallel upbringing in Eire as I did in St.

Andrews Colonial Homes (now Dr. Graham's Homes); which well prepared us for adult lives' trials and responsibilities. A few months after marrying in 1956, saw us separated for 9 months by the demands of 'Service Life' as I was sent to Christmas Island (British Atom Bomb Tests). Throughout my service career of 23 years we experienced many many such separations of varying durations, when Mary proved herself time and again to be such an able and competent wife and mother to our six children. A further 25 years in my civil career as a sea-going Chief Engineer, meant Mary had to still keep home and family going by being both Mum and Dad to the children and latterly so supportive to our 16 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren. Mary truly was a remarkable lady and fell in love with DGH, the children and Kalimpong during our two visits in the 90's. I am proud to say that her legacy of true Christian values has rubbed off on all our Families. Our granddaughter Michelle Harnett who has been to DGH three times, including participation in Bike Bengal 2012 and she also sponsors little Nicola Patel of Lucia King. Michelle's brother Andrew has also visited with her at The Homes.

Mary passed away peacefully on 11th. May 2012, surrounded by Our Family

and is sorely missed. In our 57 years together, Mary was my 'soulmate' and always will be. God rest her soul.

CECILY FRANCES DAY
NEE PALMER:

Cecily Palmer was born 18th June 1930 in the North Eastern Province of Assam and was the daughter of a tea planter. Cecily joined her sister Phyllis at Dr Graham's Homes in 1935. Cecily was trained to be a children's nurse. She married David Day in 1960 and had 4 children. Sadly, Cecily died on 5th January 2012 - a day before her sister Phyllis.

IRENE MEAD (NEE LIMA)
DOB Not known –Died February 2012

From: John Christie

Irene was a member of the teaching staff in Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong. Irene taught in the early 1940's during the Second World War 2. She was the Class Teacher for III B, where I, aged 8 was one of her pupils. Irene Lima as she was known then, was an excellent teacher with very good standards/results and she always brought out the best in her pupils. In fact, she was instrumental in getting me into the 'A' stream and there I stayed until Senior Cambridge was successfully completed in 1951!

I am not sure in which year exactly she left DGH to find pastures new. In the mid 1950's I clearly remember visiting her in Kirkcaldy, Scotland where she also taught. Along with John Nuttall (OGB) we visited Irene when she lived in Wimbledon in the late 1950's. Irene then married George Mead and they lived together in New Malden, Surrey for many happy years until George died several years ago. They both used to come to the Kalimpong Association

(UK) meetings in Hinde St., London. Through Irene's niece Ann Lumley, we were advised that Irene had quietly passed away in her sleep in February 2012 in her early Nineties. Norman Freeman (OGB) kindly co-ordinated contact with Ann and this is how we received this sad news very recently. Those of us who knew Miss Lima will remember her with great fondness and respect and we thank The Lord for her wonderful influence in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and her family at this very sad time.



**GILLIAN DESIREE DAVIDSON
NEE PENN**

From: Norman Freeman

Gillian Desiree Davidson was born in October 1924 and passed away on 29 September 2011. Housemother in Edinburgh Cottage firstly as Miss Penn from 1954. Around 1955/56 she went away on furlough for a year and returned to Edinburgh Cottage with her husband Alistair. They left The Homes around the end of 1958. The photograph of Gillian and myself was taken when I visited her at home in Chard, Somerset in September 2010.

**PHYLLIS ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ
NEE PALMER:**

Phyllis Palmer was born on 5th November 1925 in the North Eastern Province of Assam and was the daughter of a tea planter. She and her sister Cecily were taken to Dr Graham's Homes for their schooling. Phyllis had 2 sons - Christopher and Michael who also went to KPG. She worked as House Matron in KPG and then left to join The Kalimpong Home Products, a confectionery and flower shop in Calcutta. Sadly, Phyllis died on 6th January 2012 - a day after her sister Cecily.

SHEILA GRAHAM

From Fiona Cranston:

Sheila Graham died peacefully on December 5th 2011 aged 97. She was the wife of David Graham, the eldest of Dr Graham's 6 children and the mother of Fiona Cranston and Ian Graham. After her marriage to David Graham in 1948 she was very active in fund raising for the Homes until about 10 years before her death.

In Devon where she commenced her married life, she helped Peggy Passy, the eldest daughter of Dr Graham, to collect together hundreds of heather bunches; these bunches were made up by volunteers, as in those days there was an annual flag day in Calcutta in aid of the School. The heather was shipped to Calcutta and then sold in the streets. Following her husband's death in 1963, Sheila returned to Edinburgh in 1967 and quickly became involved with the Scottish Committee which at that time was separate from the English Committee. The Committee in Edinburgh organised an annual Bazaar

and Lunch in the Assembly Rooms in George Street .The Kalimpong Home Industries was still up and running and sent material back to the UK and anybody who was" handy with the needle "including Sheila,spent many an hour producing wonderful oven hands and other items to sell both at the Edinburgh Sale and the Bazaar in London which has now been replaced by a Curry Lunch. Betty Sherriff,the youngest of the 6 Graham children was the organiser in Scotland and Bunty Odling ,the second youngest daughter was very much the organiser in England. Those of you who remember Bunty will know that she was meticulous about the standard of sewing and even Sheila who was equally meticulous, had some of her finished items returned by Bunty because she wasn't satisfied with the number of stitches!

In the late seventies,Sheila returned to England and lived in Petersfield until 4years prior to her death when she moved to be near her daughter. On returning to England she had joined the London Ladies Committee and in fact was Chairman of the Committee when the annual fund raising event was changed to a Curry Lunch rather than a Bazaar.At Christmas ,she sold DGH Cards in the Charty Christmas shop in Petersfield which was always a great success.

In1989 she was finally able to visit the Homes and India together with her son Ian. She was thrilled to see the school and to meet her sponsored child, Susie.

VERONICA WIGHTMAN CASSIE

Vera was born in the Dalry area of Edinburgh in 1927 . After a few years the family moved to the Stockbridge district

and she attended the local primary school. At the outbreak of World War 11 she was evacuated with her mother and sister to Dulnain Bridge near Aviemore. She remained there for about a year and when it was safe the family returned home to Edinburgh. On leaving Broughton secondary school she obtained her first job in Scottish Widows. After some time she took up a secretarial post with the Boys Brigade , Edinburgh Battalion, in the early 1950's and held it for over 20 years. During her time with the B.B.'s she took up the post of Chairman of the World Mission Fund from 1977 to 1990 after which time she retired.

Feeling that retirement was not for her at that time she took up the post as Sponsorship Secretary for Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) which she held for many years.

She then enjoyed a happy retirement with good health until this year when she took ill and finally died peacefully in her beloved Nethy Bridge on saturday 17th November 2012.

HELEN URSULA SICKA (NEE HILL) 4 July 1943 - 13 August 2012

From Pemma (Pamela) Fox

It was such sad news to hear we'd lost another Mansfield girl. Helen was a senior when I was at Mansfield and to me she seemed as beautifully exotic as any film star. She married young, in India, and had four children whom she loved dearly: Eva, Michel, Sanjay and Justin.

As with everything meant to be, it was so opportune that it was only in May of this year I got to know Helen was living in Whetsone, North London and we were

able to reconnect, albeit too briefly. We spoke on the phone about our younger lives at Mansfield Cottage, and my sister Siri Jarrett (Doris Fox) also had the pleasure of a brief connection after Helen specifically asked after her.

Helen had been unwell for some time but something that stood out which kept her going, was the unwavering love she had for her family. She had so much she wanted to share with them going into the future.

Helen is survived by her mother Helen Louise, her sister Irene Harrison (nee Hill), her 4 children and 6 grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of them.

She is that bright star, twinkling down on everything she held so dear!

from Irene Harrison (nee Hill)

Whilst growing up at Dr. Graham's Helen was my mentor..She would console me when I was sad and comfort me when I was frightened. For example, one night I heard the howling of jackals and I ran to her bed and got in beside her absolutely terrified. She hugged me and said "don't be frightened Irene just say the Lord's Prayer and you will not be frightened anymore. And you know it always worked. When I was sick and could not walk all the way from Mansfield Cottage to the hospital, she would carry me on her back part of the way. I can assure you I was no lightweight! She never failed to follow through with whatever task she was given and lived up to our school motto "thorough" whereas I was totally opposite. If I could put things off I would or ask her to do it for me. I could go on and on telling you more about the wonderful things she did for me, the list is endless.

Helen had four children and after her divorce fought single-handedly looking after her children against overwhelming odds and with little regard for her own well-being. She didn't have a selfish bone in her body. Helen loved her children and grandchildren to bits and was a wonderful Auntie to my children. She loved unconditionally, gave generously and expected nothing back in return. I have lost my lovely sister. Sadly I can't hug the memories but I will always cherish them.

MISS VERA CASSIE:

From Jim Simpson

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Honorary Vice-President Vera Cassie, a much loved and highly regarded stalwart of Dr Graham's Homes for the best part of the last three decades. As we all know very well, Vera was more than merely the Secretary - she was the backbone of the UK Committee from the moment she took on that role as a "retirement job". Vera built the Charity up over these many years, in particular developing the concept of child sponsorship always ensuring that a strong, personal, child-sponsor bond was established and nurtured - the philosophy upon which our work goes forward today. UK Committee valued her wise observations on her occasional visits to our Meetings after she had retired from active participation in the day-to-day affairs of the Charity. She will be sadly missed. Vera's funeral service will be conducted on 4th December by her fellow Honorary Vice President, Reverend John Webster. All members of the Committee are cordially invited to gather at Warriston Crematorium, nr Ferry Road, Edinburgh, at 1:30pm on that day.



CTR Inc.

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Dear friends and well wishers

This is CTR's 15th year and I thought it would be useful to summarize our achievements (an update of my Winter newsletter).

In the USA we are a 'Not for Profit' and in the process of obtaining a similar registration in Australia. Our two main thrusts are:

- * Providing monthly pensions to indigent seniors (over 300 in Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, KGF, Vijayawada and Vizagapatam)
- * Education of needy children (over 250 in Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Vijayawada).

We will consider helping any Anglo-Indians in any part of India – that is our registered purpose. We are managed and run by volunteers - coordinators in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, London, Toronto, Santa Clara and Monroe Township (NJ) and projects in India are run by volunteers in the cities mentioned above. In 2012 we have added seniors in Vizagapatam

Here are some things we do not do:

1. Pay any volunteer's, either in India or abroad, neither in cash or kind
2. Seldom pay to advertise CTR or its activities, relying on persons and

3. Pay any staff anywhere.

This adds up to our administrative costs being less than 1/10 of 1%, so that your donation goes directly to helping others

We have **two major concerns**:

1. The organizations we help in India are not self supporting (over 80% of their funding comes from CTR). As our generation moves into their sixties and beyond, we will not be able to continue to raise funds for India. Put together, we are concerned that when we pass on there will be little support for the less fortunate Anglo-Indian in India!

Some exciting news:

CTR's seventh book, *More Voices on the Verandah* is due out in August. Please visit our website to order copies. This is the culmination of 12 years of publishing books on the culture and way of life of Anglo-Indians

We are planning to attend the 9th International Anglo-Indian Reunion in Kolkata from Jan 6th to 12th

(<http://www.aireunion2013.org/>), and hope to see many of you there. CTR will present at the symposium, the global village and at other events.

CTR is directly organizing a couple of events (check out details on our website): A social evening at Loretto Entally on Jan 7th, consisting of a children's concert and a get together with snacks and dancing. The formal inauguration of a DeRozio Anglo-Indian research collection at the

University of Kolkata on Thursday 10th 3.00pm. We have transitioned our website to a more user friendly web language. Please check it out at <http://www.blairrw.org> and give me your feedback.

As we age we need to focus on what is important and suggest that helping the less fortunate brethren should be a priority. Most of us have been quite fortunate and need to recognize that 'there but for the grace of God go I'

We hope you and your families are healthy and happy.

Love and God Bless

Blair & Ellen

More Voices on the Verandah

Editor Lionel Lumb

Publisher Blair Williams CTR Books

Press Release Sept 1st 2012

Twelve years ago, CTR books started with the question, "How will posterity remember the Anglo-Indian community?" The answer was not reassuring.

Historically the Anglo-Indian community was defined by either English or Indian writers, and most of the descriptions were not complimentary – in fact many created (or reinforced) negative stereotypes of Anglo-Indian men and women. Rather than complain or protest, we decided to publish a series of books, written by members of the community and those that knew them

well, to provide a balanced view. Today this vision has been realized, and, with 'More Voices on the Verandah', we have seven books on the Anglo-Indian culture and way of life. The stories and essays in these books provide not merely a third perspective to the British and Indian viewpoints, they offer readers an unassailably authentic insight into the lives of individual Anglo-Indians and the ethos of their unique community. They represent an invaluable source of information to researchers.

All the books are registered with the US Library of Congress

The gross proceeds from all sales go to CTR (the charity helping less fortunate Anglo-Indians in India). Starting out with a few seniors and children in 1998, today the charity provides pensions to over 300 seniors and helps to educate over 200 children across six Indian cities.

For details, do visit CTR's website <http://www.blairrw.org/ctr>

For questions please contact Blair Williams blairrw@att.net

Thank you for your kind attention

Blair Williams



Seniors getting their pension in Kolkata

A lovely story!

I've heard of salmon jumping into boats, but never anything quite like this...

Tom Satre told the Sitka Gazette that he was out with a charter group on his 62-foot fishing vessel when four juvenile black-tailed deer swam directly toward his boat.



"Once the deer reached the boat, the four began to circle the boat, looking directly at us. We could tell right away that the young bucks were distressed. I opened up my back gate and we helped the typically skittish and absolutely wild animals onto the boat. In all my years fishing, I've never seen anything quite like it!

Once onboard, they collapsed with exhaustion, shivering."



"This is a picture I took of the rescued bucks on the back of my boat, the Alaska Quest."

We headed for Taku Harbour. Once we reached the dock, the first buck that we had been pulled from the water hopped onto the dock, looked back as if to say 'thank you' and disappeared into the forest.

After a bit of prodding and assistance, two more followed, but the smallest deer needed a little more help.



"This is me carrying the little guy."

My daughter, Anna, and son, Tim, helped the last buck to its feet. We didn't know how long they had been in the icy waters or if there had been others who did not survive. My daughter later told me that the experience was something that she would never forget, and I suspect the deer felt the same way as well!



I told you it was an amazing fishing story ! **Awesome... huh?**

More Reasons to Eat Fruit!



Cherries help calm your nervous system



Grapes relax your blood vessels



Peaches are rich in potassium, fluoride, and iron



Apples help your body develop resistance against infections



Watermelon helps control your heart rate



Oranges help maintain great skin and vision



Strawberries can potentially fight against cancer and aging



Bananas are great for athletes because they give you energy



Pineapples help fight arthritis



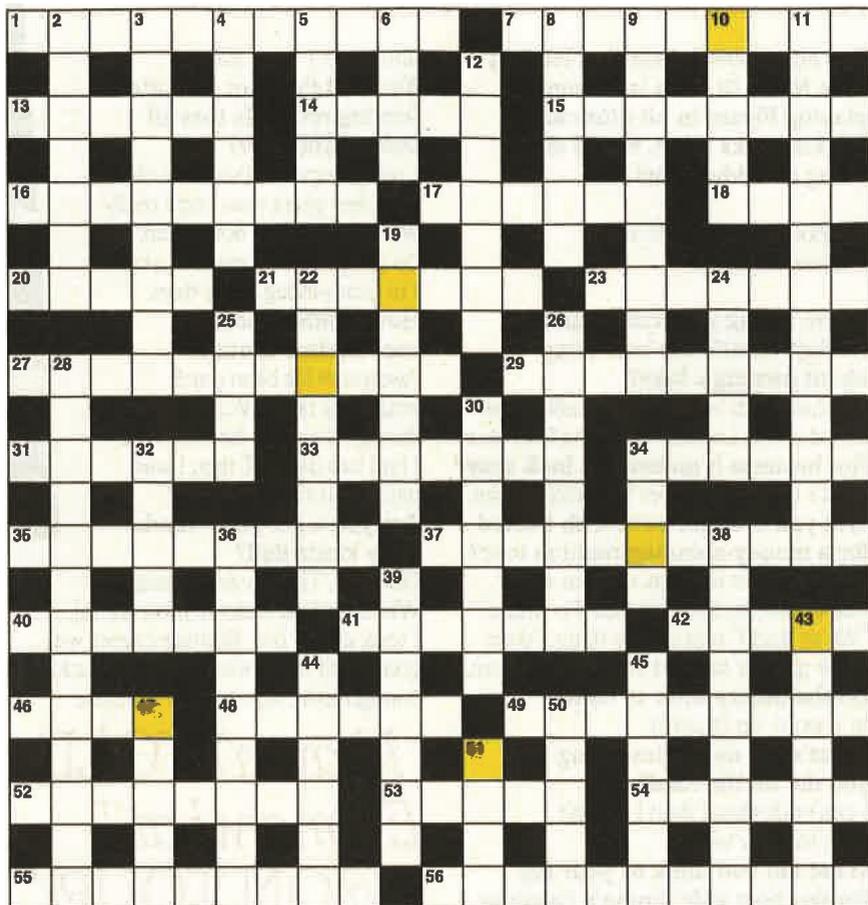
Blueberries protect your heart



Kiwis increases bone mass



Mangos protect against several kinds of cancer



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ACROSS

1 Residents of Canberra, Darwin and Brisbane (11)

7 Quickness to anger (5,4)

13 Head male servant (6)

14 *Planet* ____, series narrated by David Attenborough (5)

15 Parts of the feet, sometimes varnished (8)

16 Convinced (9)

17 Painful emotional experience (6)

18 City that hosted football's Euro 2012 final (4)

20 Citrus fruit (5)

21 Be enough for, give enough to (7)

23 Italian rice dish (7)

27 Pretentious and vulgar display (11)

supports (9)

52 Took on a job (8)

53 Jotted down (5)

54 Food cupboard (6)

55 Relating to the period in Britain between 1901 and 1910 (9)

56 Told off, scolded (11)

DOWN

2 Banjo-like instrument (7)

3 Equipment for stargazing (9)

4 In a foreign country (6)

5 Lynne McGranger's *Home And Away* role (5)

6 Robert De ____ *Analyze That* star (4)

8 Form of outdoor bath for recreation or therapy (3,3)

9 Inspect again (2-7)

29 Tony Curtis' alter ego in *Some Like It Hot* (9)

31 Inflated (4,2)

33 Said numbers in order (7)

34 ____ Dent, Charlie Coudu's *Carrie* role (6)

35 Manufacturer of footwear (9)

37 White powdery compound used as a general cleanser (7,4)

40 Set of three works (7)

41 American sitcom about pals (7)

42 Nerve, impudence (5)

46 Crime drama series starring Mark Harmon (initials) (4)

48 Gave out, emitted (6)

49 Football net

10 Side of the thigh (5)

11 Smooth-talking (6-7)

12 Wild West law enforcer (7)

19 Kylie's surname (7)

22 Assaulted (8)

24 *The ____ Boleyn Girl*, 2008 film starring Scarlett Johansson (5)

25 ____ *Up*, 2006 dance film (4)

26 Hut for storing timber (8)

28 Strong, highly corrosive liquid (9,4)

30 Apparatus for cooking food in water vapour (7)

32 Tyre-covered part of a bicycle (5)

34 Belonging to me (4)

36 Added to (9)

38 Term-time journey (6,3)

39 Liberating (7)

Forthcoming Event

AGM. 15th June 2013.

Doors open at 12noon.

Meeting commences 1pm sharp.

Room MUST be vacated by 5pm

Birthday Celebrations.

September 21st 2013.

Doors open 12noon.

Room MUST be vacated by 5pm.



Sheena Barber had close contact with two Kalimpong girls in the north of Scotland (I think it was Banchory) many years ago. She has often wondered what came of them. She would be very grateful for any news of the girls

The two are Kate Mott and Kathlyn Wynne. Please contact:

Sheena Barber of Burners Cottage, Rawley Lane, Wexham, Bucks SL3 6PD

Phone number:- **01753 662066**

Email ;Barber369@btinternet.com.

She would welcome any information or contact details.

Mr. Joe Cassidy is trying to trace details on behalf of his elderly mother Kathleen Cassidy, who was born **Kathleen Wynne** on 10/11/1933 outside Bombay and was in the Homes about 1949, and says she left for Scotland with **Kate Mott** and her Aunty **Jean McTaggart**. Obviously, considering age (now 79), the sooner we can get some info for the old lady, the better. Her son says she would love to hear from someone who might remember her. The Homes say they cannot help. If you have any news please do contact Mr Terence Read (Irish Committee) Email: Terence.read@googlemail.com or via myself:

Mrs Margaretta Purtill (0208 7150929)

* NEW FEATURES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

We are always looking for some new features for our newsletter and need your help! Could you make some suggestions e.g. "A day in the life of ..." or snapshots, latest achievement or things your children or you have done which made you smile. We are looking for upbeat, heart warming, positive stories so if you have any please email Margaretta : m.purtill@sfct.org.uk



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Many thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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