



Friends of Udayan

Newsletter – December 2010



2010 was a year of great joy as Udayan celebrated its 40 years of service to the children of leprosy sufferers. A special edition of Dawn magazine covering this landmark date can be viewed by clicking http://www.friendsofudayan.co.uk/file_download/19/Dawn+-+Ruby+Edition+2010.pdf

James and Lallita were in the UK during the summer and visited numerous Friends including some very young ones in primary schools.

St John's primary school once more raised a considerable amount of money by this time holding a bouncy castle sponsorship day in which all the children, teachers and head queued up to bounce for a minute!



Beverley Schramm, a teacher and linguist from St Joan of Arc school, returned to Udayan to consolidate her work with Bivash Sanieel on the English programme of study for the children and staff. A new Friend teaching at an international school in Spain, Philippa Brodie, made her way to Udayan during her summer holiday to further advance the programme to great effect.

Ruby Anniversary celebrations

14 August found Hazel Nash completing her fourth successful summit, Mt Elbrus. At 5,642 metres it is the highest mountain on the European Plate. This coming year will find Hazel taking on Carstensz Pyramid in Papua New Guinea. All funds raised from this particular climb will go to Udayan, with the ultimate goal in mind of £60,000. Hazel will eventually tackle Mt Everest to become the oldest person to climb the highest mountains on all seven continents. See www.hazelnash.com for Hazel's challenges and triumphs. Sponsorship can be made through www.justgiving.com/Hazel-Nash



[Hazel Nash on Mt. Elbrus](#)

To read Udayan's own newsletter:

http://www.friendsofudayan.co.uk/file_download/12/Dawn+-+December+2009.pdf

Earlier in the spring a gathering of Friends met in the Krishna Inn, Ewell, for an evening of South Indian food and live music in aid of our children.



[Mythiraye Ravinthiran playing the veena](#)

Arrangements are in place for Kathryn Spink, Myra Baston, Chris Mann (Secretary of Friends of Udayan), Beverley Schramm and Caroline Weldon together with a group of St Joan's sixth formers to visit Udayan in February.

As always, sincere thanks and appreciation to you all for your steadfast support and loyalty to the children of Udayan.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and every happiness in the New Year,

Caroline (Weldon)

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