



Friends of Udayan

Newsletter – December 2011

The start of the year saw a group of Friends, Kathryn Spink, Myra Baston, Chris Mann, Caroline Weldon, Beverley Schramm, and some sixth formers from St Joan of Arc, visit Udayan to witness its progress and to spend time with the children.



Beverley and students

James had not long been out of hospital after major surgery, so it was wonderful to see him up and looking so well.



Kathryn with James and Lallita, Myra looking on

Beverley returned in the summer to further her work with the staff in the teaching of English to the children.



Brightly coloured classrooms and desks

We also met Sahana Bhowmick, Udayan's new administrator, and saw the staff, most of whom have been with James for many years. We also joined in the Leprosy Awareness Rally organised by Udayan.



On the last night the children put on a variety show and impressed us with their varied and well developed talents.

As on previous visits, books generously given to the children by St Anthony's Primary School in Slough were handed out along with teddy bears donated by the Surrey and Hertfordshire teams of volunteer knitters.



A large number of Christmas puddings were bought by people, some of whom don't even like Christmas pudding, generous in their support of the home.

To these and all the faithful Friends in South Holmwood and Dorking, Charminster and elsewhere, I join James in thanking you for your generosity and steadfastness.

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

Caroline (Weldon)

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Later in the year James and Lallita were in the UK and able to attend the Flavour of India evening of entertainment at St Joan of Arc which raised over three thousand pounds.

The Little Friends of St John's Primary School in Rickmansworth, Sacred Heart in Teddington and St Mary's in Charminster all raised considerable funds over the year and once more proved their fidelity to the children of Udayan.

