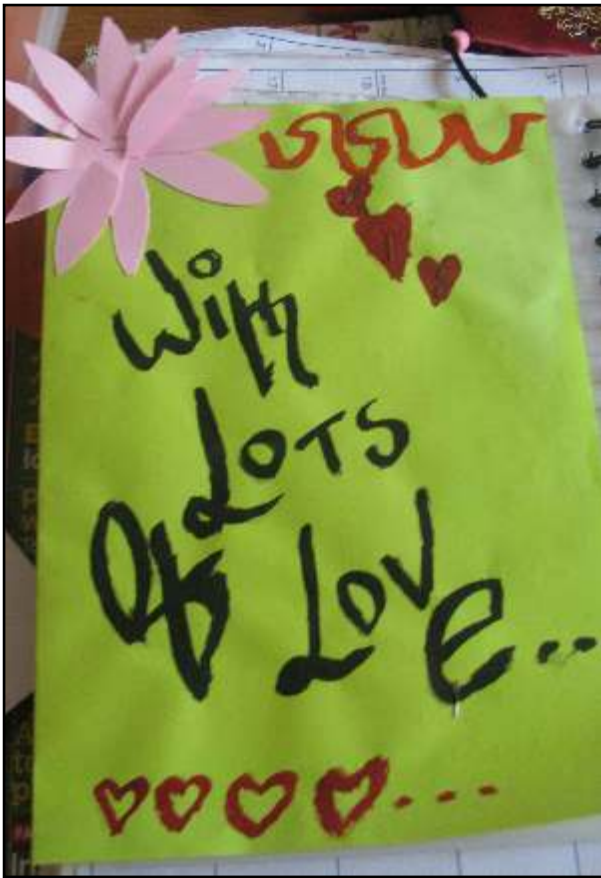




# **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



*We wish you a **WONDERFUL 2018** filled with:  
lots of good happenings -  
many acts of kindness -  
armfuls of fun times -  
lots of laugh-out-loud laughter  
precious moments for sharing  
and making memories -  
fruitful experiences - abundant  
opportunities to help others -  
and fulfilling pleasures from  
helping to make the world a  
better place to live in.*

*What lovelier way to start a  
**New Year** than by thanking  
people for their help in  
the old one.*

*It is an opportunity to thank  
**EACH** and **EVERYONE** of you  
who have helped look after  
our children in any way:*



*Monthly and Annual Supporters – FUNdraisers – Performers giving  
their talents – Organisations hosting our events – Promoters –  
Attenders of our events – Businesses and Individual Donors of money  
and goods - People giving their time and efforts - Trustees.*

*Without **ALL OF YOU** – none of this would be possible.*

**THANK YOU!**



# LOOK WHAT YOU MADE HAPPEN

## Our children are **GROWING!**



Anyone for *pumkin pie* or *curry* or *soup*. Great wrist strength Deepak . . . must be all that playing *volley ball* in the garden!

Thanks to your support with **regular food money each and every month** the family know they can have a good and varied diet with plenty of milk, eggs, meat, fruit and vegetables. This is having a positive effect on their health and growth.

In Nepal where people are of short stature, especially village people, and where I am tall (5 feet 2 inches and a bit!) our children are growing noticeably taller and some are now standing 'eyeball-to-eyeball' with me and one or two even taller!



5 feet and 2 inches is quite tall in Nepal!

A fantastic collection of medal on Sports Day. Well done Everyone!



# LOOK AT OUR SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS!

WOWEE STAR indeed! **BEST Basket Ball Player of the Year Award** at Future Star School. Well done Dawa!



Bijay (on the left) and his winning House Team.



Biru receives her medal.

Without their good diet keeping them **well and strong**, they could not be as active and sporty as they are, and our children do love sports! Without attending a good school which builds their confidence in all areas of

'learning' they would not be achieving such fantastic results.

**WELL DONE EVERYONE** – We are all sooo proud of you!



Deepak (on the right) is happy to receive his medal and certificate.



# LOOK WHAT YOU MADE HAPPEN cont'd

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Each year we make-up a little Christmas present bag. In it is a card: a balloon: something made by the students at Marlborough House: usually something chocolate from them (and us): a 'gift' i.e. a small soap or lotion: and a little spending money (200 Nepale rupees about £1.50). It helps to 'connect' our family with all of us at this special family-time of year.

A SPECIAL THANKYOU' to our good 'Friend' **Prakash Lamachainne** who, every year, amazingly turns into 'Father Christmas' delivering our presents and adds in some extra tasty goodies of his own.



## A LOVE OF ART AND CRAFTS

The children designed this card for **Iain the Sister and Ben Brother's wedding**. We turned it into a sugar layer and pasted onto the wedding cake. The children and the newly-weds were thrilled.



**Art is known to be very therapeutic.** It builds confidence and creativity Thanks to all the art materials – pens, coloured pencils and felts – paints and brushes- paper and card - you have made available, our children love to be creative making posters and cards.



## TREATS

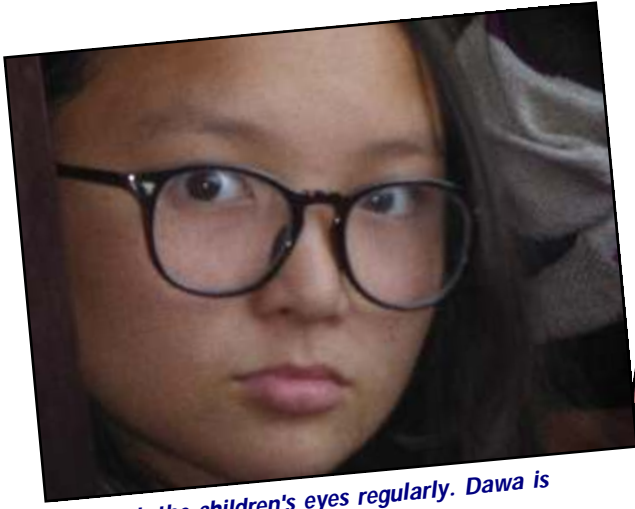
The children so enjoy celebrating their 'Our Birthday Party'. Thanks to you they have a lovely cake and 'British sandwiches' (sometimes egg mayonnaise, or cheese & tomato or coleslaw, home made of course, sometimes SPAM – yes, and they love it -but this time, for the first time, HOT DOGS - (try explaining the reason why they are called that when you don't actually know!!!) crisps ,fruit and juice to make a real party. It is very special, it also helps us to extend their diet away from spicy food and rice.





# We Went Shopping - Thanks to YOU!

**Extra funds for shopping came from many sources.** Our thanks to new FUNdraiser **Jill Petersen** for organising a Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church Highworth – look out for her next one (see poster on back page): also thanks to **Jayne's Decorative Folk Art Class** members for once again giving donations instead of Christmas cards: our thanks to **Tim Kimmins** for asking W.H. Smith to match-fund the Scouts Showdown, and they did, bringing the total to a brilliant £212: BIG thanks to **Anne Fisher** for all her hard work setting up our ebay site, dealing with all the rigmarole, and raising funds from selling donated gifts – so far nearly £500!: most of which has been donated by **Dee** - perfumes left behind by her dear sister, **Namoi**, on her death. Dee is sure that Naomi would be thrilled they are being put to good use.



*We check the children's eyes regularly. Dawa is pleased with her newest glasses.*



*'Do you like this one Aishwory' - 'Yes, the helpful shopkeeper was pleased. We were able to buy one for each bedroom. Thanks Lesley Soane and Network Rail Colleagues.*



*Years ago we taught the children to iron and now they are really good at it The irons get heavy usage and sometimes need replacing.*



*Uniforms are lways needed for school AND for college. Yangzi and Mingmar look very smart. thanks to Exodus Travels.*



*ImanSing and Viktor admire our new fridge. Our old one which had lasted 8+ years through VERRRY heavy usage could not be mended anymore. Thanks Big Jack Uncle.*



*Warm winter coats and jackets were a must - special thanks to Sarah Jackson for big help with these.*



*Smile and sweet corn*



## BIG 'Thank You's



*Our lovely house comes with a high rent (and a nice landlord) but it means we really need that extra help so BIG THANKS to Kim and friends of Jackie and Colin Dyer whose intervention.*

who put our charity forward as worthy of receiving the funds. This is extra special as usually OPPDO only award donations to local Omani charities! It will be a huge help with the rent.

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*Amanda Henson (right) and Anka of Out Post Petroleum Development Oman presenting Jackie with the cheque.*



*A promise is a promise and **Roni Sloman** of **Bella Prana Yoga and Meditation (U.S.A.)** fulfilled hers when she put together 1 whole day of Yoga classes for adults and children*

*to raise funds for 1 whole year of school fees so far \$3,500 raised. Our children have a connection because they practice yoga every day and very much enjoyed the 'new-style' yoga class Roni gave them.*



*The children do yoga everyday.*



*Cheers Lorraine!*

***CONGRATULATIONS** and a very **WELL DONE** to our intrepid craftswoman **Lorraine Vitti** for her amazing effort of raising a magnificent £1,000 from the sales of her delightful work.*

*Warm thanks for a lovely 'Winter's Evening' **FUN**raising Concert and raising over £300 at the Highworth United Reformed Church with wonderful performances by Guitar Ensemble **Strike a Chord**, Flamenco & Song from **Flame & Co** and Harp Music from **Christine Kinder**.*



*Harpist Christine Kinder.*



# What is Going On?

**Nischal was thrilled to get his 'first-class' set of tools** and the means to set up the little shed in the garden as a workshop to start his own business as an electrician. That, however, is the easy part. Going out and finding the work is the harder bit. We helped start him off by introducing him to each of the shop-owners where we shop – then off he went to do the same himself to several other shops. We made a small flyer for him to give out. He got two commissions which he quickly completed.



*Nischal and Brian checking out the Tool Set.*

We gave him several 'business lessons' whilst we were there – / how to write flyers

/ costing a job / how to keep accounts / how to 'follow-up'. It is early days and we are hopeful; it should be a golden opportunity as there is a great deal of building and refurbish work going on rebuilding Kathmandu. Thanks to **Tony and Tim, Jane and John** for helping to set Nischal up.



*ImanSing*

**ImanSing was delighted to be introduced to Major Karki of the Nepalese Army.**

We were introduced by one of our supporters to his wife, Shruti, at the Coleshill Peace Fair this summer and invited them to our house to talk about Nepal. We told them about ImanSing's ambition ever since we first met him, was 'to join the army'. Iman has been unwavering in this ambition although he has swayed between the British Gurkhas and the Nepalese Army.

Major Karki has just finished special training at world-renowned Shrivenham Military College and now has been assigned to South Sudan with the United Nations, but he has promised to mentor ImanSing and help him through his recruitment and army career. Recruitment is not until the Spring and in the meantime, on Major Karki's advice 'to keep him busy learning and doing something useful' Iman is having driving lessons which will look good on his application form and help find a role in the Army - as Major Karki said – 'If you can drive, you get to go places.'

**Doing the Accounts with 'mommy' is always an important part of our visit.** Aishworya manages the money we send her, and pays all the bills and collects receipts for everything - like Iman Sing says 'We know receipts.' It is on our brain' - Aishworya knows where the money is spent to the rupee. *Good job done!* We have enrolled Aishworya in an 'English Studies' class at her request to improve her understanding and writing skills. We are always looking to the future - for job prospects when children are more independent.



*Ian and Aishworya checking the accounts.*



*'Big Mommy' - Aishworya's mother.*

**'Big Mommy' has come to stay.** Aishworya's mother, always known as 'Big Mommy' is very popular in the house, not least because everyone *loves* her cooking.

Like many Nepalese she left Nepal to find work and income. for the past few years she has been working for a BIG extended family in Oman. There she cooks every day for 30 people. She came back very, very tired. We are encouraging her to stay.



# The **BIG** BED PROJECT APPEAL



*In 2009 when we met the children they had metal beds as seen in the photograph, but they were in very poor way and definitely not comfortable.*

Metal beds have some very good points like - the bed bugs cannot take up residence - but also some not so good ones - i.e. we couldn't find any other than hospital beds which are way too big - or ones that we could actually afford!

The replacement wooden, bunk beds, that we had made back in 2009 have been taken apart *sooo* many times for de-bugging, including when we recently moved, that several couldn't be put back together properly and some joints are less than tight! Also - and this is the main bit - we just could NOT GET RID OF THE BED BUGS so deeply

*the old iron beds with soiled and old mattresses in April 2009.*

embedded in the wood are they now (sorry no pun intended) and in the warm/hot/moist months the children suffer dreadfully.

So, we have decided to bite the bullet and have new beds made, and here is where the **BIG** comes in - not only that we will need to replace ALL THE BEDS but *all the bedding* as well - including mattress & cover/pillow & case/ blanket/ sheets - and then FUMIGATE THE HOUSE. The project will be on a military scale, needing precision timing. It will take place early in our next visit in Spring. Meantime we have to give the order for the beds as making 20 beds will take a little time. They will be simple in design and mostly not bunks.



*The beds are apart for our move to new house.. we go bed bug hunting April 2017.*



*The children so loved their first-ever pyjamas, they did not want to take them off! 2010.*

We thought it would be rather fun for you to 'Name that Bed' (short ones please) and have it and your name put on the end of the bed as a 'thank you'.

If you would like to then please contact us - see back page for our contact and sending cheque details.

**THANK YOU** so much for your help with this. We will keep you posted.

This is a major enterprise so we are making **AN APPEAL**. Would YOU (or a group of you together) like to **SPONSOR A BED** and **ALL THE STUFF** that goes with it - including **A PAIR OF PYJAMAS** at the bargain sum of **£100**.



*The lovely new wooden beds we had made with new mattress and blankets October 2009.*



# Jazz in the Church

Presents **Kim Cypher** and her Jazz Quartet  
*Jazz with a Fizz!*

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



Saxophonist & jazz vocalist Kim Cypher will delight and captivate you with her exciting performance and warm stage presence. Kim has developed her own 'funky' style of playing that exudes energy and passion, drawing audiences in with a mesmerizing appeal. Kim's vocal style is influenced by both the great Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald resulting in a vibrant musical mix.

Performing alongside her quartet (Alex Steele - Piano, Lee Jones - Guitar, Tom Hill - Bass and Mike Cypher - Drums), Kim performs a repertoire of well known saxophone and vocal favourites with a unique jazz twist. Kim is one of the busiest and most highly regarded female jazz performers in the UK - a class act! For further information visit [www.kimcypher.co.uk](http://www.kimcypher.co.uk)



**Friday 16th February 2018**  
7.30pm - St Michael's Church, Highworth SN6 7AD

**Tickets £10** (complimentary refreshments)  
Buy @ the Lighthouse Bookshop, Highworth and the Visitor Information Centre @ Swindon Central Library.

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*every little helps, every penny counts!*

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Highworth Methodist Church

# Cafe Rendezvous

Coffee/Tea and Cake -  
take time out to relax  
and have a chat with  
Friends - ALL WELCOME!

*Child Friendly - Activity Table and Table Tennis*

10.30am - 12.15p.m  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018  
Highworth Methodist Church SN6 7HG

In aid of:

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## GOOD NEWS

**Hurrah we are growing into 9 years old and still have 95% of our original Monthly Supporters. HURRAH We are growing into 9 years old still achieving new Monthly Supporters HURRAH Welcome Jim and Irene from Scotland (seen here with Trustees Ian and Brian).**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MONTHLY SUPPORTER? WE NEED YOU!**

**- Read 'Our Story' below for details.**



Ian, Jim, Brian and Irene.

## OUR STORY . . . Now we are (nearly) 9 years old!

**In March 2009 Drs Ian and Rosa Matheson went on a medical mission to Nepal.** In Kathmandu they met a man who said he had 'a big family' with many sick children but no money and asked 'could they help him?'

Angel (Amrit) Bikhram Shahi, had rescued 22 abandoned, orphaned or 'given-up' children (given-up because their widowed mothers or fathers did not have the means to keep them).

Returning home they talked to family and friends and agreed to set up 'Friends of Angel's Orphanage' to send regular monthly money for food and clean drinking water. 'The Friends' commitment has extended to include rent of the new house, school fees, medical expense and everyday living requirements .

There is still a lot to do and we need more supporters and money to do it. Monthly Supporters commit to contribute a sum of money (they decide) each month; **ALL** monies raised are spent on the children. 'The Friends' is managed by 'volunteers' who pay their way.

Please become a 'Friend' to these children and make a wonderful difference to their lives.

email: [fo-ao@hotmail.com](mailto:fo-ao@hotmail.com) for bank details for Standing Orders.

Send cheques for tickets/donations in the name of '**Friends of Angel's Orphanage**' to: 28 The Willows, Highworth, Wilts SN6 7PG.

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