

CTAS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

I am sitting once again at Kathmandu airport having had a successful trip and for the first time ever the benefit of electricity for most days (a rare luxury).



Our water project at Pipaldali is all but finished and the opening ceremony was held during my stay. Many people from the village



attended as did representatives from other organisations who had also donated to make this success possible.

The generous donation by the Seaford Martello Rotary is commemorated by the plaque which was erected in memory of Claire Ivory a past president of the Club.

Now the main reservoir tank is operational, taking water to up to 36 supply points (known as dhara) throughout the village. There is sufficient water, not only for drinking, but also for the washing of clothes and people. All that now remains is for the final repair work to be done to the overflow roadside tank. It is anticipated that this will be completed within the next few weeks.



I also paid another visit to Lahachowk, the site of our next water project.

A full proposal has now been received from the villagers, which we are reviewing, and the intention would be to start this project after the monsoon season is over, a little later in the year.

A continuous supply of fresh water is available from two springs, several kilometres away. By capturing the water from this source, that is currently being wasted, there will be sufficient drinking water for some 520 students and 150 people from nearby houses, as well as for cooking and washing. The building of a tank and proper soak away area will eliminate the accumulation of stagnant water, which currently lies near the water pipe, attracting mosquitoes and other insects.



I am also pleased to report that our CTAS Nepal committee held their annual general meeting (in a relaxed and informal manner) while I was there. Several new members have been recruited to replace retiring members, and we are optimistic that our local committee will now play a more active role in the direct management of projects.

During this stay I attended a parents meeting at the Rato Paiera kindergarten. We discussed the progress the kindergarten has made over the past 5 years in the level of pre-school support and education that it gives to the infants. The conditions and facilities for the children have improved hugely during this time and I was able to confirm our continuing support for the children's daily tiffin (lunch) and educational materials.



As always, thank you for your financial support and other gifts and donations, which enable us to continue our work.

Michele Spencer
(Chairperson)