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Working in some of the most deprived areas through trusted Nepali intermediaries, Nepalrvt aims to improve education and increase food security in Khotang, eastern Nepal.



Villagers in Dolpu, Jaleshwori, Khotang, with Nepalrvt trustees

Kermala was delighted to receive the new drip irrigation from Nepalrvt



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Agricultural Training at the AgroForestry Resource Centre Deusa

If you have visited the new website you may have seen the report on the training which NRVT funded for a group of Jaleshwori farmers earlier this year. The training was provided by the new AgroForestry Resource Centre at Deusa in the neighbouring region of Solukhumbu just five hours walk from Jaleshwori. The AFRC, set up by The Glacier Trust in conjunction with EcoHimal, is dedicated to helping farmers adapt to the changing climatic conditions. The centre provides training, seeds and technical knowledge for these mountain people living on the front line of climate change. The group from Jaleshwori were excited to take part in the three-day programme and on completion were presented with a certificate.



Climate Change, Community Farm, Carbon Sequestration

We mentioned in the April newsletter that changing climatic conditions are having a severe impact on the lives of the people living in the mountains of Nepal. Erratic rainfall means that landslides are increasingly common, abnormally high temperatures cause harvests to fail and new types of parasitic insects can devastate crops. These communities consist mainly of subsistence farmers and their families and a failed harvest means there might not be enough food to get through the winter. These remote peoples have very little buffer against disaster.

NRVT will continue to offer practical support to Jaleshwori farmers by providing water management systems such as the drip irrigation (April newsletter) and also via a new initiative, the Community Farm Project.

To get the project up and running a section of land will be purchased through the NRVT NGO in Nepal. This land will be used to trial crops with which local farmers are presently unfamiliar, with the intention of establishing viable new produce both as sources of food and as possible cash crops.

The second strand of the project is to plant fruit and nut trees, trialling different varieties to establish which are most suited to the various altitudes

Bicester Bake Sale & Tombola in aid of NRVT

Saturday 9th November

Cotswold Outdoor, Bicester Avenue
Come along for delicious homemade
cakes, NRVT Christmas Cards and a fun
tombola with lots of great prizes.



Summer Quiz

The summer quiz at Arpaillargues chez Clive & Diane Norwood raised a fantastic 775€. A very enjoyable evening was had by all in their beautiful courtyard. Huge thanks to them both for hosting the event and to Quizmaster Peter Curtis for putting together another great Quiz.



Great North Run

Rachel Napier put on her running shoes in aid of NRVT in September and completed the Great North Run - a challenging half-marathon - in aid of NRVT raising £300. Thank you Rachel.



of the village. This work has been pioneered by Everything Organic Nursery (EVON) near Kathmandu. EVON have a range of trees for sale and also provide on site training in tree care and management. NRVT hopes that Jaleshwori farmers will be able to participate in this in the future. Planting trees will not only provide another food source but will also help maintain the structure of the soil and, importantly, sequester carbon. As George Monbiot and

Greta Thunberg explain in their powerful video, planting trees addresses the causes of climate change as well as helping mitigate the problems caused by its effects. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Q0xUXo2zEY>

Two possible parcels of land have been identified and Pasang is in discussion with the owners about the price. The negotiations are complicated by the owners' need to consult multiple family members and the fact that Pasang works as a trekking guide and is regularly away at this time of year. We expect to have firm proposals before Christmas.

NRVT's current fundraising initiatives are aimed at raising money to purchase the land and to set up the farm which we hope will eventually become self-funding through sales of plants and produce.

If anyone would like more details about this project, please contact us.

Pre-Christmas Lunch

Restaurant l'Himalaya

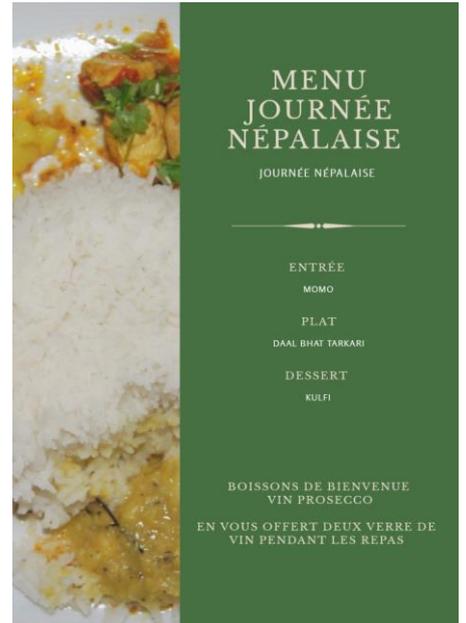
bis Rue des Hortes, 30100 Alès
Sunday 24th November 12.30pm
30€ per person

Traditional Nepali meal
+ apéro, wine & dessert
Raffle

Book now - places limited!

Email Alison & Chris info@nepalrvt.org

Restaurant L'Himalaya owners Bikash and Mina come from a mountainside village near Salleri, Solukhumbu about 30km from Jaleshwori. They are opening their restaurant specially to support the work of Nepal Remote Villages Trust in this area so close to their own family homes.



NRVT Christmas Cards

UK: £3.50 per pack of ten, 2 pks £6, 4 pks £10.
Free delivery in Bicester area, postage possible.
Please contact Joe & Sian info@nepalrvt.org.
France: 6€ per pack of ten, 2 pks 10€
(delivery was more expensive, sorry)

Supporting Nepal Remote Villages Trust

If you would like to support the work of Nepal Remote Villages Trust by making a **regular donation** please contact Alison at info@nepalrvt.org for our Charity bank account details. *Thank you.*

