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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, Jaleshwari, Khotang, with Nepalrvt trustees

Pupils watching a DVD for the first time at Shree Simele High School, Jaleshwari, Khotang



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### Happy New Year 2018!

2017 was certainly a busy year for Nepalrvt. It started with Chris's successful visit to Jaleshwari in February and in June we reached a major milestone when NRVT was formally registered as a charity in the UK. This was closely followed by registration as an NGO in Nepal in August. Creating the NGO was a much needed development and means that we can now legally move goods and materials around the country independently of other agencies. Previously, we were reliant upon the help and agreement of others to do this.

### Internet for Jaleshwari Schools



Our support for the schools continues and in December 2017 the NRVT team in Nepal instructed Lucky Cyberto go ahead with the installation of internet by satellite to Dibdi Middle and Shree Simele High schools. This is a very exciting project and the schools are thrilled at the idea of having internet access. Once installed we intend to link them with schools here in France and in the UK so that students can communicate with each other. This will greatly aid language development and will be enriching for all participants, offering students insight into another culture and a very different way of life.

### Solar Power for Schools project ~ update

Nepalrvt is hoping to press ahead quite soon with the next solar power installation at the school in Rhupangmare, a village near Jaleshwari. Market Deeping Rotary Club have been instrumental in making this happen, initially through their own fundraising and then by successfully applying for a matching grant from Rotary International. Rhupangmare school is extremely remote and the village population are very disadvantaged. This investment in their community and in their childrens' future is eagerly anticipated by the village and will be very welcome. Deeping Rotary's involvement has enabled the project to come together and is enormously appreciated.

### Leaving no one behind

On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 the board of trustees formally adopted a 'leave no one behind' policy. This will be implemented initially by setting up a fund to help the children of the families who are in difficulties and are unable to send their children to school. The fund will be used specifically



## Sponsored Slim (mon!) Update

As you may remember, Market Deeping Rotary Club secretary John Slimmon, has undertaken his own gym & slim challenge to raise funds for the NRVT Schools Solar Power project. John started at 20 stone 7lbs (130kg) and has been weighing regularly at the Rotary club meetings. So far, the challenge has been going well. John said the guys at Empire Gym have been really supportive so he sometimes goes along three times in a week. At the the January weigh in John was down to 19st 2lb, which he said was a *bit of result* after Christmas! Great news, John. Keep up the good work!



## Autumn Quiz September 2017

There was a brilliant turn out for this event - over 40 guests on a beautiful autumn day at the Château du Fraissinet. The questions were, as usual, challenging but (for some at least), answerable, and the food (cooked by Chris) was delicious.

A big thank you to Peter for the considerable work that went into putting the quiz together, to Sian who flew over from the UK to be waitress, and to all the guests who made it such a great afternoon raising over 1000€ for the Schools Solar Power Project.



## Bicester Avenue Card & Cake Sale

On a freezing December day Joe and Sian's stall raised over £300 for the Solar Power fund. Thanks to them both for the baking, organising and standing in the cold. And to Cotswold Outdoor for continuing to host the event & keeping the NRVT collection tin on their counter.



to enable these children to access education by paying fees and purchasing uniforms. NRVT will also apply 'leave no one behind' as a policy across all future projects.

## Looking Ahead

Following his visit to Jaleshwari to inspect the solar panel installations Chris wrote a report highlighting the need to help the whole community towards improved prosperity so that they have enough revenue to support essential services.

After careful consideration a project has been identified that could help significantly. Nepalrvt aims to provide funds so that each farm can install a basic irrigation system (tank and pipe) to water crops. Water supply is not a problem in Nepal but farmers lack the means to store and control it. The whole community is made up of small subsistence farms so we anticipate that the demand will be great and the project ongoing for several years. For this reason we are searching for funding partners to help us; enquiries and applications are ongoing.

In a second initiative to help stimulate the local market economy, Nepalrvt have commissioned several farms to grow turmeric and ginger. This will be dried, ground into powder and exported to sell in Europe through the Nepalrvt website as 'Organic Produce of Jaleshwari'. Profits from this pilot project will go back to the growers and if successful we anticipate that more farmers will want to get involved and hope it could become a source of income for the village.



(photo shows turmeric growing in Jaleshwari)

## Royal Wedding Garden Party

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**Venue; Château du Fraissinet**  
Live streaming of  
**Harry & Meghan's Big Day**  
Buffet Lunch, Live music  
followed by  
**Karaoke on the Garden Terrace,**  
**25€**

*Profits to NRVT Solar Power for Schools Project*



The next unmissable NRVT event is the Royal Wedding Garden Party on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Château du Fraissinet in France. Harry and Meghan's Big Day will be screened live on the covered garden terrace, followed by an excellent buffet lunch. A selection of beverages (liberally dispensed) will add to the ambiance, and music, dancing & general merriment will be the order of the day. And we're keeping our fingers crossed that there will be a guest appearance from our World Famous Hire Wire Walking neighbour. Watch this space!

## 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](mailto:info@nepalrvt.org) for our Charities Aid Foundation bank account details.