



MEMORIAL SCHOOL OPENS IN SIX WEEKS

Over £47,000 raised since April 2007

The continuing generosity of friends of the Buwan Kothi International Trust has meant that by the end of January 2008, we have managed to raise **£47,327** towards our target for building the Gilly Mundy Memorial Institute in northern India. As a result, the Trust's partner organisation in Haryana, BKIT India, has been able to recruit a headmaster who started work in mid January, and the school will welcome its first intake of new students in April.

Fundraising efforts include over £20,700 raised from the Buwan Kothi Challenge, the 58-mile fundraising cycle ride from London to Southend-on-Sea, and over £2,200 from the sale of prints of Gilly Mundy's photographs. Over £120 a month has also been given by those who make a small monthly donation by standing order. A total of £40,123 has been transferred to India to pay for construction work and, because almost every aspect of the running of the charity is provided for free by friends and supporters, we have kept our running costs down to just £38 since April 2007.

It is vital that we raise the last £2700 by the end of March 2008 to ensure that the school opens on time. Please turn over to find ways you can help over the next two months.



Trustee Mota Singh beside the sign announcing the new school

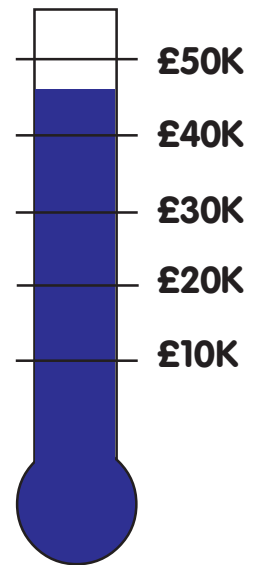


Building work underway in October 2007



Trustee Debbie Guargnolo on the school site

SCHOOL APPEAL



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Help us reach £50K by March 08

Support Sheila's London Marathon Run



The Trust is delighted that in this year's Flora London Marathon, Sheila Alon will be running to raise money for our work.

Sheila, a friend of trustee Deborah Coles, is an experienced runner and friends of the Trust in London are planning to show their support for her efforts by cheering her along on April 13th. The 19-mile mark for the course, the point where runners starting 'hitting the wall' and need the most encouragement, is at Canary Wharf on the Isle of Dogs, so if you are in London, come down and show your support.

We'll be meeting up at Canary Wharf station and joining the route as it passes along North Colonnade, with the BKIT banner outside the HSBC Tower at 8 Canada Square. The exact time is to be confirmed - please send us an e-mail at friends@buwankothi.org.uk if you'd like to come down.

Even if you can't make it on 13 April, you can show your support by also sponsoring Sheila – an online sponsorship page has been set up at

www.justgiving.com/bkit



plant a tree in memory of a loved one

A tree, particularly one that benefits a rural community, can be a lasting memorial to a family member or friend. The Buwan Kothi International Trust would like you to help us plant trees around the boundary of the Gilly Mundy Memorial Institute in Haryana in northern India.

Sponsoring a neem, mango, jamun, banana, ashoka or other local variety of tree at the Institute costs a minimum of **£10**. This includes the sapling, a plaque with your own message, a gift certificate if you are ordering a tree as a present and covers the costs of caring and tending for the tree after it has been planted.

You can download an order form from our website, e-mail us at friends@buwankothi.org.uk for further details or contact this fundraising project's organiser, Maggie McGreevy, at 31 Kennan Avenue, Leamington Spa CV31 3HY - tel: 07802 746834



An exhibition of photographs of India by Gilly Mundy were on show at the celebration of Gilly's life in Bethnal Green in July 2007 and on display at Beaucatcher on Stoke Newington until October. In September 2007, 'Lust for Life' was also exhibited at the Bridge House Theatre in Warwick. Limited-edition framed prints of fifty of Gilly's photographs are still available to purchase for £60 each (including p&p) and proceeds go towards the Trust's work.

We aim to have a facility for online credit card purchases from the Trust's website soon but until then, you can order a print by downloading the catalogue and order form at www.buwankothi.org.uk/supporting-bkit.htm

Events this summer

Cycle from Oxford to Leamington

The Trust's second Buwan Kothi Challenge cycle ride, which last year raised over £20,000, will take place on **Sunday 20th July**.

This time, cyclists will start in the city of Oxford, riding out through the beautiful countryside of north Oxfordshire towards Hook Norton. Then, after crossing the border into Warwickshire the riders will north, picking up the ancient Fosse Way and heading for a triumphant entry into Leamington Spa.



To keep up to date on latest developments and to sponsor this year's participants, visiting the Cyclists for BKIT blog at <http://cyclists4bkit.blogspot.com/>. If you would like to take part, please e-mail friends@buwankothi.org.uk or ring 0845 330 7927

Leamington Spa XI v Celebrity XI Charity Football Match Sunday August 10th

**at 2pm at Leamington Spa FC's
New Windmill Ground**

Thanks to the help of Leamington Spa Football Club, the Trust will be staging a match on 10th August between a team made of Leamington players and a celebrity team organised by Luther Blisset, the former Watford and AC Milan striker who was one of the first black footballers to play for England. The plan is to organise trials in Leamington Spa in the Spring to pick a team that will face the celebrities. Details are currently being confirmed and will appear in the next Friends Newsletter.

**Volunteers Needed
for Leamington Peace Festival**
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