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Your Gurkha Welfare Trust Newsletter
Samachara means 'news' in Nepali

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



As you read this, the team in Nepal are contending with the annual monsoon. Although our construction projects pause in the rainy season, there is no let up for our outreach teams. Our most vulnerable pensioners rely on their visits, delivering vital medication and equipment, and checking on their welfare. The images on page 7 are a stark reminder of the challenges faced by the teams out in the field as they battle rainstorms, floods, mud and landslides.

In recent months we have been saddened by the loss of two prominent figures in the Gurkha community – they will both be sorely missed.

Colonel (Retired) David Hayes CBE, led a distinguished military career that spanned nearly four decades and held a deep affinity with the Gurkha community. A tireless advocate for Gurkha welfare and heritage, David also served as a trustee of The Gurkha Welfare Trust for many years.

Major (Retd) Manikumar Rai MBE DL was an inspirational soldier during his service in the British Army and I had the privilege of serving with him. He went on to become an exceptional Brigade of Gurkhas Secretary. Those of us who had the huge privilege of knowing him will remember his unwavering sense of duty, strength of character, deep sense of humour and generous spirit.

As always, I am grateful for everything you do to support our work – for your generous donations, your time volunteering at events and your efforts to raise funds through some quite extraordinary challenges!

Thanks to your kindness we will continue to weather the monsoon storms and work hard to ensure that Gurkha veterans and their communities are able to live in safety and with dignity.

Jai GWT!



Al Howard
CEO, The Gurkha Welfare Trust

A NEW BEGINNING IN THE HILLS

LILA'S JOURNEY TO A SAFE NEW HOME

High up in the hills of western Nepal, around three hours northwest of Pokhara, lives Lila Kumari Gurung – a proud but humble 92-year-old woman with a life story that reaches back to the days of the Second World War.

Her quiet village lies along a dirt road, this is where she has lived for most of her life. And this is where a new chapter recently began.

THE HARSH LIFE OF A SOLDIER

Lila Kumari is the widow of late Rifleman Gun Prasad Gurung, a Gurkha soldier who served in the 5/1 Gurkha Rifles during WWII. After joining the Army, Gun Prasad fought in some of the harshest terrain of the North-West Frontier, in places like Chaman, Bandhu, and Rajmukh, at the time along the border between India and Afghanistan.

"He used to talk about the conflicts that he was deployed to," Lila Kumari remembers. "He spent many days in the bunkers, eating and sleeping there."

THE STRUGGLE TO FEED THEIR FAMILY

Although Gun Prasad came back home safely after the war, life after his return was not easy. *"He told me that he was not going back to the Army. He had some medals, but I don't know where they are now. There was no steady income, and life was difficult for us with so many children. Food was barely enough; we ate what we cultivated in the fields."*

Together, they raised four sons and seven daughters in their hillside village. But time and hardship brought sorrow. *"The second eldest son died, and the two youngest sons have vanished. They went away from home and have never*



returned. I don't think they will ever come back," Lila says. Now, only her eldest son, Jumbahadur, remains close by, working as a farmer.

A HOME AT RISK

Lila Kumari lives with one of her grandsons and his family. For many years, they had lived in an old, crumbling house made of mud, stone, and wood. It was unsafe, especially during the monsoon rains, and even a small tremor could have reduced the house to rubble.



Lila Kumari in front of her old home

HER MEMORIES AND HER PAST

Despite the dangerous condition of her home, she refused to move in with her son. *"My elder son has a house next to mine, but he also has a large family. I did not want to burden them,"* she explains. *"I wanted to stay in the house my husband built."*

A team from the nearest Area Welfare Centre visited to assess repairing the house, but it was too unsafe. So they offered to construct a new Earthquake-Resilient home with two bedrooms, a kitchen and bathroom. At first it was difficult to convince Lila as her old house was more than just a shelter - it held her memories and her past.

"I loved my old house very much. It had memories of my dear husband."

Finally, after a visit from our Field Director, Johnny Fenn, she agreed to the build. Johnny commented, *"The house that she loves, and spent most of her life with her husband before he died, is in a state of partial collapse. It's a very traditional house with beautiful carved windows and pillars inside. But it really has become unsafe."*

"So we are looking to see if we can incorporate some of the remaining solid parts of the house; perhaps some of the carved pillars inside that will be so familiar to her."

A GIFT OF SAFETY AND PEACE

The new home is now complete and Lila is very happy. *"He told me that I should build a new house,"* she says. *"So I agreed. I am now in a new home. Although the old house had to be knocked down, the new house is in the same place. So I can still say my home is where my husband once built it."*

For Lila Kumari, it is not just a home; it is a gift of safety and peace. *"I like the new house very much. Even if I*



die, my grandchildren will be able to live in this safe house," she says.

The GWT also provides Lila Kumari with a monthly pension, which is directly deposited into her nearby bank. *"Although it is not enough for all of us, it means a lot to me,"* she says. *"The GWT team visits me regularly, brings me medicine for my blood pressure and stomach problems, and checks how I am doing. I never feel alone."*

"I want to thank the supporter for the help," she says with a smile. ***"Dhanyabaad!"***



HYGIENE AND SANITATION IN NEPAL: A PATH TO BETTER HEALTH

Nepal faces significant public health challenges, particularly in rural areas. Many of our veterans and widows live in communities with inadequate access to clean water, poor sanitation facilities, and limited awareness of hygiene practices. In some villages, even hand-washing with soap is uncommon.

All these factors contribute to the spread of water-borne diseases such as dysentery which pose serious health risks, especially to young children and the elderly.

We have been delivering clean water to Nepali villages for over 40 years. These projects are not just about the infrastructure of pipes, tanks and tapstands. They are also

grounded in the belief that access to clean water must go hand-in-hand with robust sanitation and hygiene practices.

The community is involved in every aspect of the water project, with Village Hygiene Promoters acting as role models and peer educators, spreading awareness about good hygiene practices.



Personal hygiene

We promote the hygienic use of toilets and demonstrate good handwashing techniques.

Dishwashing and drying racks

Households are encouraged to wash utensils with clean water and soap, and to dry them on raised racks that prevent contamination from animals and dust.

Environmental health

Villages are supported in establishing waste disposal systems to manage domestic wastewater and rubbish. This includes composting organic waste, and the construction of a waste pit and soak pits.

Maintenance of the water supply

Members of the Community Water User Committee are trained to maintain the tanks, pipes and tap outlets. They ensure regular cleaning and testing of the water supply to ensure it has not become contaminated.



"HEALTH IS WEALTH"

GWT recently completed a water project in Kusuwa, installing a tapstand for each of the 53 households in the community. As part of the project, the village Water User and Sanitation Committee (WUSC) organised a village-wide campaign to maintain clean open spaces, village paths, and public institutions. Committee members shared their experiences:

"We were unaware of these things before. But now, we follow the hygiene practices and understand

that health is wealth. The GWT Project Supervisor kept encouraging us to build waste management pits, soak pits, and dish drying racks. That made a real difference."

"After the formation of the Committee, we carried out several socially focused activities that raised awareness in our community about the importance of keeping our environment clean. Some households have even started using doko (traditional baskets) to collect and manage waste. We are grateful to GWT for making this possible by encouraging the use of local, cost-effective resources."

SARASWATI SCHOOL - BUILDING FOR NEPAL'S FUTURE



Shree Saraswati Secondary School in Khotang District was established in 1954 by the local villagers, initially operating from temporary thatched shelters. After a setback in 1988 when an earthquake destroyed the buildings, the school was repaired and expanded over the years.

The school has 262 students, with about 90% of them attending school regularly. Attendance is more difficult for girls, primarily due to household responsibilities.

On average, students have to walk about an hour to attend school, although for some the journey is as long as two hours each way. The road to the village is rough and steep, and inaccessible in the monsoon. During heavy rainfall even the footpaths students take - across fields and rivers - can be impassable.

As Saraswati is a government school, the fees are minimal, with a small charge for exams and computer usage. But some families struggle to afford even this - we heard a story of one student whose family was so poor he resorted to collecting manure from nearby homes to raise the money. Fortunately he is now being assisted by a scholarship fund.

After an initial recce the report indicated that out of 17 classrooms, 12 were deemed unsafe for use and the rest in need of refurbishment. Issues included leaking roofs, rooms without windows or windows that wouldn't close, unfinished plaster walls and damaged wooden floors.

The old buildings were not built to withstand earthquakes, posing a constant risk to students and staff in the event of seismic activity.

Toilet facilities were inadequate, with no changing rooms for girls or hygienic disposal facilities for sanitary pads. The water supply was unreliable and often contaminated by sand and mud.

THE SCHOOL'S VISION

Headteacher Mrs Sittal Rai explained: *"We face significant challenges... The poor learning environment, including issues with classroom conditions, lack of proper windows, and insufficient roofing, negatively impacts students' willingness and ability to study. These conditions also affect our academic performance."*

"The GWT project will have a profound impact on our school. It will significantly enhance the quality and quantity of educational resources, as well as boost the motivation among both teachers and students."

"Furthermore, with better infrastructure, we can introduce

modern teaching aids such as projectors, smart TVs, and computers. These tools will improve the learning experience and help students grasp concepts more effectively."

FROM DREAMS TO REALITY

The project was completed earlier this year, with two new blocks providing 12 classrooms, and refurbishment of another 4 classrooms. We provided a disability-friendly toilet block, classroom and library furniture, an incinerator, water taps and improved boundary fencing.

The handover ceremony was a proud moment for GWT staff:

"In just a year, a safe and clean space has been created where children can learn, laugh, and grow. No more fear, no more limits — just the assurance of a better education for all."

"This newly built infrastructure stands proudly against the rural landscape. Shree Saraswati Secondary School is poised to become a cornerstone of learning and opportunity. Jai GWT!"



KEEPING OUR TEAMS ON THE ROAD ...



KEDAR RAI: SENIOR AREA WELFARE OFFICER

Captain (Ret'd) Kedar Rai was born in Hong Kong and raised in Bamrang, Khotang, Eastern Nepal. He moved to Kathmandu to pursue higher education, though fate took him on a different course: a distinguished military career in the British Army.

Kedar enlisted into the Brigade of Gurkhas in 1988, and after completing basic training in Hong Kong, he joined the Queen's Gurkha Signals as a Telegraphist Operator and subsequently as a Systems Operator. He progressed steadily through the ranks, attaining Warrant Office in 2004 and receiving a commission in 2006.

Kedar served in diverse locations including Hong Kong, Brunei, Kenya, Denmark, Germany, the UK, and Nepal. Operational deployments included tours in Bosnia and Kosovo during the 1990's, a deployment to Iraq in 2001, and his final tour in Afghanistan in 2008.

After nearly three decades of committed service, Kedar retired from the British Army in May 2016, leaving behind a legacy defined by professionalism, resilience, and honour. He joined The GWT nine years ago.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

"I had the privilege of serving in Nepal with the British Gurkhas, where I witnessed first-hand the purpose and impact of the then Gurkha Welfare Scheme. This experience gave me a profound understanding of the challenges faced by destitute veterans and their dependants."

"I hold a deep sympathy for those who served with honour during the Second World War, the Malayan Emergency, and the Borneo Confrontation), only to return home with little to support their post-service lives. Hence the establishment of The Gurkha Welfare Trust in 1969 to help ensure dignity in their twilight years."

"For me, joining GWT was not merely a career decision, it was a connection of heart and mind. It brings me immense fulfilment to contribute to an organisation devoted to upholding the dignity and well-being of those who gave so much."

Kedar is based at our Area Welfare Centre (AWC) in Dharan and co-ordinates home visits for the field team. He explained why these visits are so important, and told us about the challenges of Nepal's rugged environment and climate.

ESSENTIAL WELFARE SUPPORT

Home visits provide vital financial and medical support to vulnerable pensioners who are not fit enough to travel to the AWC. We deliver their monthly pension, prescribe medicines, and provide medical equipment such as walking sticks, walkers, commode chairs, wheelchairs, hospital beds, oxygen concentrators, and specialised mattresses.

They also enable us to check on the pensioner's health and assess whether they need any additional support. This could be the construction of a new toilet or kitchen, roof replacement, house refurbishment, provision of a new earthquake-resilient home or water supply. We can bring bedding materials, and even food based on individual needs.

THE CHALLENGE OF REACHING OUR PENSIONERS

Home visits can be conducted by vehicle, motorbike, or on foot. We are constrained by a limited availability of vehicles and motorbikes, so staff will



Kedar & the team on a field visit



The road may be impassable...



... but our teams are always prepared!

choose the most practical option based on terrain, urgency, and accessibility.

While Nepal's road infrastructure has seen measurable progress in recent years, significant challenges remain. Many remote areas of the country lack consistent road access, isolating communities from essential services and support.

Conditions worsen during the monsoon season, when dirt and gravel roads often become impassable to vehicles. Roads are blocked by landslides or eroded by heavy rain, rivers burst their banks, and bridges become obstructed by debris. In these conditions teams can only reach their destination by motorbike or even on foot.

OUR TEAMS CAN BE ON THE ROAD FOR DAYS

Travelling to visit our beneficiaries can involve long and arduous journeys. For instance, in Dharan, a one-way journey to reach a beneficiary can take up to five hours on unmade roads; often involving stops to clear obstacles or dig a vehicle out of the mud.

Longer visits require the field team to find overnight accommodation so staff may utilise hotels or tea houses, or set up tents in the field. In the most remote or under-served areas, staff are expected to be self-sufficient, so will travel equipped with tents and bedding, food supplies, and cooking equipment. Cooking a meal or making tea by the side of the road is all in a day's work!

A LIFELINE FOR OUR PENSIONERS

Home visits are typically conducted in pairs or teams, ensuring their safety en-route and enabling a better interaction with our beneficiaries. On arrival at a pensioner's home, staff deliver the monthly pension and assess any other welfare needs. Medical staff carry out a medical examination, dispense medication, and identify any follow-up actions required.

On a recent visit an elderly veteran expressed his immense gratitude for this support:

"GWT has been the lifeline. Thank you, GWT and generous donors. We cannot ask for more."

... WHATEVER IT TAKES!

Through rivers...



across bridges...



and on foot!



NEWS FROM THE BRIGADE



GURKHAS ARRIVE IN LARKHILL TO JOIN THE KING'S GURKHA ARTILLERY

This June marked a proud step forward for The Brigade of Gurkhas, as the first batch of Gurkha Artillerymen arrived at Larkhill and were presented with their new cap badges and berets. The King's Gurkha Artillery (KGA) becomes the seventh cap badge of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

With The Colonel of the Regiment for The King's Gurkha Artillery, Brigadier Charlie Harmer, receiving the salute, this marks another step on a fantastic journey together. The Colonel Brigade of Gurkhas also attended the event to present the new cap badges and congratulate the Gurkhas who have transferred from other parts of the Brigade.

There are initially 80 personnel in the KGA, six Officers and 74 other ranks. The KGA will grow to form further batteries over the next 3-4 years. It will be responsible for providing close-support artillery batteries as part of the Royal Artillery and give new opportunities to the soldiers of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

This represents a new employment prospect and gives existing and new Gurkhas more choice on where they serve, alongside an avenue for career development.

"It is a fitting blend of two historic, proud organisations that will offer the British Army ever-greater fighting power and combat effectiveness."

- The Gurkha Brigade Association

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GWT STAFF JOIN THE GURKHAS FOR A DAY



A group from the GWT office in Salisbury had a taste of life on camp when we visited the 250 Gurkha Signal Squadron, part of the 30 Signal Regiment based at Gamecock Barracks, Nuneaton. It was a day packed with activities and a welcome opportunity to learn about the day-to-day life of the serving Gurkhas.

It was an early start with breakfast in the mess before we joined the day's PT session. We soon

discovered that it was the day for running drills, which involved laps round the camp... in torrential rain!

After drying off, we headed to "The Globetrotter's Bar" - the nickname earned by the Signals due to their deployments across the globe in the course of duty. A highly informative introduction to the Queen's Gurkha Signals was followed by a tour of the camp and a visit to the Gurkha Temple.

Next up we had a taste of the training that young Gurkhas go through to get them ready for exercises. Survival skills covered building shelters, camouflage, and what to pack for operations. We had our first taste of a ration pack for lunch - and it was not so bad!

The final part of our tour was The Heritage Rooms - an amazing collection of photos, letters,

trophies and memorabilia, going back to the formation of the Royal Gurkha Signals in 1948.

All this gave us an appetite for the evening "messaging" which of course involved delicious Nepali curries!

"It was an absolute privilege to spend a day with the Gurkhas, and we were hugely impressed by their dedication and commitment. We also learnt how important it is to them to protect and preserve their legacy. We often talk about how strong and courageous the Gurkhas are... and after a PT session chasing them round camp, we also learnt they are very fast and have a wicked sense of humour!"

- Heather, GWT Comms Team

Thank you QGS for hosting the most fantastic visit and we look forward to your support at Trailwalker in September!

JOURNEY TO BECOMING A GURKHA - MY STORY

By Sig Santosh Rai, Queen's Gurkha Signals



Born and raised in Tarahara, a small town in eastern Nepal between Itahari and Dharan, I grew up with a dream - to become a Gurkha. This ambition was inspired by my mother's wish during pregnancy and fuelled by the legacy of my uncles and cousins who served in the Army.

After completing school, I joined a training academy in Dharan. While enrolled in college, I dedicated myself to training for Gurkha selection, staying back at the hostel during weekends to push myself harder.

My first attempt at selection ended in disappointment. It was a difficult time, personally and emotionally. But I used that setback as motivation, and through renewed determination, I succeeded in my second attempt during the 2019/2020 intake. I will never forget hearing the selection officer's words:

"Badhai chha, tapai Bharti hunu bhayeko chha" — Congratulations, you have been selected for the British Army.

Arriving in the UK was a moment of mixed emotions. The cold climate and new environment in Catterick posed fresh challenges. Nine months of demanding training taught me resilience, teamwork, and professionalism.

The bond with my *numberis**, forged through hardship and shared experiences, remains one of my most treasured memories.

*an expression for the new recruits who train and forge friendships together.

After passing out, I joined the Queen's Gurkha Signals during the COVID pandemic. Due to our record intake size, we completed our induction at Altcar Camp before moving on to trade training at Blandford. A year later, I became a fully qualified soldier.

In 2022, I received my first posting to 250 Gurkha Signal Squadron. Supported by experienced colleagues and a strong chain of command, I have grown both professionally and personally. The Army has provided incredible opportunities - from deployments to Iceland, Latvia, Brunei, and Austria, to experiencing diverse cultures and strengthening the bonds of our community.

I am deeply proud to be part of the historic Gurkha legacy. Following in the footsteps of our forefathers, I look forward to serving with honour in the years ahead.



GET YOUR LIMITED EDITION GWT "LANDY" T-SHIRT!

We rely on our fleet of 4x4 vehicles and motorbikes to keep our staff safely on the road, as they tackle tough terrain, floods and landslides, reaching remote villages to deliver vital Financial Aid and medical care.

To celebrate their efforts and help fund our work, we have launched a limited edition T-shirt. Visit our online shop now to purchase yours - while stocks last!

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< Modelled by Alex Bescoby, award-winning filmmaker and presenter.



THE HEARTWARMING JOURNEY OF CHANDAN SHAHI

A LIFE-ALTERING ACCIDENT

In the quiet village of Gyanpura, Dadeldhura, lives a remarkable 10-year-old boy named Chandan Shahi. Four years ago, his life changed forever when a playful moment with friends ended in a tragic accident involving a JCB machine. The incident led to the amputation of his left forearm, thrusting Chandan into a world of physical and emotional challenges at a very young age.



Chandan's family received compensation of 1.4 million Nepali Rupees, which was initially used for treatment in India. Unfortunately, a significant portion of the money was held by his uncle, a police officer. As a result, the family struggled to afford ongoing care and rehabilitation. Chandan's mother shared how difficult life had become

for her son - he struggled with basic daily tasks and felt increasingly isolated from his peers.

NEWS OF A GWT MEDICAL CAMP BROUGHT HOPE

Everything changed when the family heard that the GWT would be running an Specialist Outreach Medical Camp in Dadeldhura. For Chandan's mother, it was a moment of renewed hope that her son could receive treatment that would give him back some independence.

The GWT medical camp followed a well-organized approach. Before the main camp in January, a team conducted an initial assessment to understand the needs of people with disabilities in the local area. Chandan attended the camp where the rehabilitation team carried out a detailed consultation and prosthetic measurement, recognising his potential to regain mobility and return to a more normal life.

A LIFE TRANSFORMED

A follow-up fitment camp was held in March, and on the second day, Chandan received his artificial limb. The joy on his face was unmistakable - hope had finally become reality. With the guidance of the rehab team, he began

learning how to use his new arm. Chandan soon got used to the exercises and was thrilled with his new abilities.

At home he is continuing the rehabilitation exercises and is gradually regaining his independence. The rehab team continues to monitor his progress through telephone consultations, ensuring he can reintegrate into daily life and reconnect with friends.

Chandan's journey is a powerful example of how specialised medical support can dramatically change lives and overcome physical disabilities. Chandan's transformation not only gives hope to his own family but also serves as an inspiration to others in similar situations.



95-year-old pensioner Chhewa Lamu always enjoys her copy of Samachara!

A DIFFERENT WAY TO GIVE



If you have shares which are uneconomical to sell, you can use them for a good cause by donating them to ShareGift, an independent UK registered charity (No. 1052686) which can accept donations of any size. ShareGift works by collecting together small lots of shares until there are enough to sell and then donating the resulting proceeds to charities. To date, ShareGift has donated over £40 million to more than 3,300 charities, including donations of over £100k to The Gurkha Welfare Trust. You can support us by donating your shares to ShareGift, and **nominating The Gurkha Welfare Trust as your chosen charity.**

Find out more at: www.sharegift.org

OUR INSPIRING FUNDRAISERS

THE SOFTCAT WIGHT WALKERS SMASH IT!



A hardy team of employees from company Softcat took part in a monumental 100 km walk around the Isle of Wight in June, raising funds for The Gurkha Welfare Trust. The group of 22 walkers with 8 support crew set off at 7.45am on Saturday 14th June.

"I had underestimated the difficulty of this event - with 30 hours of walking through the day and night, working as a team, overcoming injuries, whilst navigating overgrown diversions due to coastal erosion, in the dark. Huge respect for everyone who participated and big thanks to the support crew who set up regular checkpoints providing food, drinks and bandages to wrap up the feet. It wouldn't be possible without you!"

- Softcat Team member

The team walked through the night reaching their goal of 100km in 30 hours and 37 minutes and raising an incredible £6,815 for The Trust.

THE UNSTOPPABLE JIM MORTON

GWT super-supporter Jim Morton laced up his walking boots again to take on a new and gruelling challenge this summer. On 9th June, Jim set off from Edale in Derbyshire to walk 281 miles along The Pennine Way within 16 days to raise money for GWT.

Jim's plans were to complete the epic trek with his old shipmate Steve Hobbs, however due to injuries sustained in the first leg of the journey, Steve was unable to continue. Undaunted, Jim battled on alone, loaded up with his tent and supplies so that he could camp overnight along the way.

It was no easy journey, with Jim starting off in chilly damp weather then scorched by a heatwave! Walking over 20 miles most days, the route took Jim through stunning scenery, up steep hills and along rocky paths.

Digging deep, after the final night in a mountain rescue hut, Jim reached the end of his journey on 24th June.

Jim originally set himself the challenge of raising £50,000 for The Trust in 2021, and despite reaching his target in December 2024 his epic fundraising efforts continue. Well done Jim!



NEPAL TREK 2025

Join this incredible trek through the awe-inspiring Annapurna region. Climbing from green foothills to high peaks, you will experience mountain villages, monasteries, and breathtaking views.

You will also have the unique opportunity to see our work in action, visiting our Area Welfare Centre in Pokhara and Residential Home where you'll meet with some of our Gurkha veterans and widows.

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Get active for GWT!

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PHOTO JOURNEY 2026

Join an amazing new adventure in Nepal! Next year we will be launching an exclusive 10-day photography tour among the stunning scenery of the Himalayas, with expert guidance from professional photographer Johnny Fenn.

Find out more and register your interest at
www.gwt.org.uk/photojourney



THE FORGE EXPERIENCE

Last year, GWT supporter Jono Dennis was delighted when he won a day at Caimbeuls Forge where Master Blacksmith, Doug Campbell, gave him a taste of life as a Blacksmith.



"Doug is a very kind and generous man and a great teacher. I would encourage anyone to have a go and spend a day with him, it was a wonderful and fulfilling day. Doug has very kindly donated the fire poker that he made on the day alongside mine, as part of the step by step teaching method, to be auctioned by GWT."

- Jono Dennis

GWT ANNUAL AUCTION 22 - 31 AUGUST

The GWT Annual Auction returns this month with another wonderful selection of exclusive gifts and experiences.

Some of the items on offer this year include a beautiful painting of one of the residents at our Residential Home in Dharan, exclusive tickets to the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London, and another opportunity to spend a day learning from Master Blacksmith Doug Campbell at Caimbeuls Forge.



Bidding starts on 22 August - www.gwt.org.uk/auction25



NEW GWT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our new range of Christmas cards with delightful designs are available in our online shop now.

Visit the shop to browse our selection of gifts, accessories and quality clothing embroidered with the famous Gurkha crossed kukri logo.

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THE BAND OF THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 5 December - St Peter's, Eaton Square

The Band will be performing classic carols, rousing military marches and Nepali songs at this year's Christmas Concert in London. Join the festivities and let the Band enchant you!

www.gwt.org.uk/christmasconcert