

Friends of Palani Bulletin No 2

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The second meeting of the Friends of Palani met on the 9th April at the home of Christine and John Gibbons. Once again there was a good attendance with a few new faces.

We met to discuss future fund-raising ideas so that we can continue supporting the Palani Mission.

Our first fund-raising event on the 6th April was well-attended. Everyone enjoyed watching the children from the Aldershot Malayali Association's dancing display, followed by an excellent meal cooked by Saju. After expenses and a donation to the Aldershot Malayali Association, we raised £648, an excellent start.

We have a few more events planned for the next few months, so here are some dates for your diary:

- Curry Evening – 14th June time to be confirmed, tickets on sale soon
- Open garden at the home of Jenny Butterworth, 2.30-5pm, Sunday 18th August
- Garden Party and a Sharing of Talents at Fleet URC proposed for Saturday 21st September. Watch out for further information.

Some of the money already raised will go to the Sewing Project for them to make various items of clothing, bags and house-wear. These will be brought back when Ruth, Bee and Val go to India in October with the idea of selling them at a fashion show or the Craft Fayre in November.

We started helping the mission in 2016 and have raised £6000. This has been used to support two young girls to train as midwives. They are now qualified and working at the Mission. A further two girls are currently training to be Community Nurses. We have also set up various other projects and wish to continue supporting the Mission in whatever way we can.

Christine Gibbons will be producing a leaflet explaining the work we are doing for the Palani Mission for those attending any of our events.

The youth groups of the church will be asked to design a simple logo for the Friends of Palani group. More details to come.

If you haven't already visited the Facebook page it can be found at: www.facebook.com/friendsofpalanimission, and you can also keep up to date with our news on the Palani Mission section of the church's website or the notice board at church.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th June, 7.30pm, again at the home of Christine and John Gibbons.

Many Thanks

Carol Rayner