



SEPTEMBER UPDATE 2024

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Another great **Support Cambodia** 'team' effort at **Mannington Charity Day** on 1st **September** resulted in an excellent **£441** raised for the Education Fund.

As usual, **Carol Shippey's** wonderful fresh produce section of the stall brought in a steady stream of customers and this year some very unusual items were an added attraction. 'Petrified wood' is found in very few places in the world, one of which is Indonesia, a country well known to our Trustee and Treasurer, **David Pattrick**. Several items were sold with a substantial percentage being donated to **Support Cambodia**.

Special thanks to **Fran Ludden** for helping to organise a successful day, to Supporters **Rosemary Downing** and **Cathy Dickson** for stalwart service on the stall and to **Elsgoods the Butcher** [Kings Lynn], **Richard's**

Fruit & Veg, Fountain Fresh Products and **Norfolk Produce** [all Swaffham Market], **Ivy Cottage Products** and **Centaura Honey** for donating fresh produce and to **Bernard & Carol Webb** for the eggs. A great team effort - thank you to all who came, chatted, listened, bought or otherwise supported.

AND ON THE BACK OF THE EVENT....SOME GOOD NEWS!!!

The **Bob Maidment Educational Support Fund**, for which we have been raising funds all summer, has its first graduate!! His name is **Teng Phearom** who has completed his two-year course at **Don Bosco Technical School in Battambang** and is now qualified in Engineering and Mechanics!! Congratulations Phearom!! This is exactly what the 'Vocational Training' part of the Education Fund was set up to provide.

Better still, as a result of his training, Phearom now has a job - coincidentally, in Svay Sisophon, the town near the Thai border where Bob and Katie [Maidment] were first introduced to Cambodia in 2007!! **Bob Maidment**, in whose memory the Fund was created, would be so pleased to witness Phearom's success.

Phearom would like to say "okoon , okoon, okoon" [thank you] to everyone whose donations have helped to give him this chance.

More about how **Support Cambodia** were able to help with Phearom's educational journey at www.supportcambodia.org.uk/projects



SOMETIMES...A PROJECT JUST **HAS** TO BE DONE.....

This is the remote village of **Sneung**, midway between Cambodia's third city of **Battambang** and the border town of **Pailin**.



There's a basic kindergarten, caretaker's house, a newly built communal hall and, 100m away, a church. Sneung has around 80 residents. There is no water here.....except in the raining season when the ubiquitous 'dirty pool', similar to the one above, fills up. And of course, it's not clean.

An increasing number of children and young people either attend the kindergarten in the village or come to study English, and the community meets on Sundays for activities. The lack of a year-round, clean water supply is an immediate and urgent problem. Sneung is a tiny village.....too small for any big NGO [*non-governmental organisation*] to bother with... and so the residents continue to miss out on the most basic requirement for life.....**CLEAN WATER**. Clearly, Sneung needs that water.....and it needs it **NOW**.



Two of our charity's basic principles have always been "those in greatest need" and "absence of any other funding". So, based on those principles.....

A new borewell will be sunk with pipes to the house, the kindergarten, the hall and the church [though **Support Cambodia** are not paying for the church connection]. The cost to the

charity will be **\$2,000 [£1530]**. Work will begin immediately, and the project will be under the direction of **Father Carlos, Parish Priest of Sneung Village**. This will be the charity's 15th well in Cambodia since 2016..... and possibly one of the most needed.



A substantial donation towards the cost has already been received but.....if you would like to make a contribution, however small, please go to: www.supportcambodia.org.uk/donate referencing your donation 'BOREWELL' or you can write to us at **22, Regent Street, Wickmere, Norwich, NR11 7ND** [cheques payable to 'Support Cambodia'] **Thank you in advance for anything you'd like to give.**

Some of our regular Supporters might be wondering why we've apparently reversed our 2023 decision to discontinue water projects. For an explanation, please see the article on the Projects page of our website.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Following the article in Mango News [Summer] about the formula milk programme at **Pet Yiey Chee Health Centre in Battambang**, several Supporters got in touch to make very generous donations which together have covered the cost of keeping this programme open until December 2024. **Dr Nhor Chamrom** would like to say how grateful she and all the HIV mums are for this wonderful, life-saving support. *Okoon Charen!*



- **Betty Millena's Dressmaking Group at Peak Snaeng** [Siem Reap] is going very well. Our latest funding [July] was much needed, not just for sewing machine maintenance but principally to help with the increasing cost of material, especially for making traditional Cambodian dress. **Support Cambodia** also helps with toiletries for the women's groups run by Betty at the Centre.

More about both these ongoing Projects at www.supportcambodia.org.uk/Projects.



FROM THE TRUSTEES

• BUSINESS SUPPORTERS & SPONSORS

Our Sponsorship year starts on October 1st. We would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere 'thankyou' to the four businesses who have supported our Administration costs in 2023/4: **Ace of Spades Gardens, Peggy Little's Products, Semperart Glass and The Bottle & Jar Company**. We are delighted that all four have agreed to continue their support for another year. They will be joined by: **Enigmedia Marketing** [Norwich], **AMT Web Services, Lavenders Blue Florist, Eclipse Hair Studio and Woodgate Nursery** [all Aylsham] and **The Cutting Room** [Acle] and by private sponsors **Pauline Andrews and Martin Grabiner**.

Thank you all for your generous support which enables Support Cambodia to genuinely say, "no costs taken from charitable donations".

Anyone, business or individual, can become an Administration Sponsor. Please ask for details.

The charity also has **COLLECTION TINS** in 14 locations: **Bond's Chip Shop, Bon Bons, Carousel Chocolates and Eclipse Hair Studio** [all Aylsham], **The Market Cross Café & Café Lisa** [Swaffham], **Wherrymans Restaurant** [Wroxham], **The Cutting Room** [Acle], **Ridouts Bakery** [Heacham], **The Fat Cat Pub** [Norwich], **The Tech Geeks** [North Walsham], **Aldbrough Village Shop, Fox Creations and Peggy Little's Products** [local markets]. *Please note: money from Collection Tins goes to Projects, not Administration.*

• LOOKING AHEAD....

Friday 29th November: Stall at Aylsham Lights Switch-On from 5pm [Contact: FRAN LUDDEN 07849 602227]

Christmas Gifts eg: unique handmade scarves and other Cambodian crafts available from **KATIE MAIDMENT**



- **DIGITAL CHANGES - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO "SHARE, SHARE, SHARE"!** Katie Maidment writes:

Over the summer there have been several changes to our communication systems, not least a completely new word processing programme which I'm only just getting used to! A successful grant application to Norfolk County Council has meant we are now able to access the services of **Sonia Warder at Enigmedia Marketing** [Norwich] to handle our social media and **MANGO NEWS** and we are also in the process of developing a new website, designed by **Andy Thompson of AMT Web Services** [Aylsham]. We hope the new website will go live sometime in early October.... and we gratefully welcome Sonia and Andy to "Team Cambodia"!!

We are now doing only a very limited number of 'live' events so there is an increasing need for the charity to attract new interest, people and donations from a wider audience, hence the necessity to improve our website and social media presence both here in the UK and around the world. **And we really need your help!!** All social media relies on 'SHARING; Here's what you could do:

IF YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

[even if you don't use it very much]

- Go to www.supportcambodia.org.uk and click on the blue Facebook sign OR search for '**Support Cambodia**' on Facebook.
- **Share** our latest posts to your friends and family and encourage them to also '**share**' to their contacts.
- Doing this **regularly** will introduce **Support Cambodia** to many more people.

IF YOU USE WHATSAPP

- You may get an invitation to join the new **Support Cambodia WhatsApp Chat Group**. You can 'Accept' or 'Decline'.
- If you '**Accept**', you will receive one 'chat' per week on the Group page.
- **Forward** [ie: **share**] the posts to any family or friends you think might be interested and encourage them to '**share**' to their contacts.

PLEASE NOTE: This Group is primarily for Information, not comments or conversations, so you won't be getting endless messages!

If you don't receive an invitation by October 1st, and would like to join the Group, please contact us with your mobile number.

Anything you can do will help thank you in advance.

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