

Interplast (UK)

Annual Meeting of Trustees Friday 27th June 2014

Chairman's Report

I am happy to report a successful trip to Kashmir during March this year. This was the third visit to Mirpur Hospital and again at the invitation of Kashmir International Relief Fund (KIRF). Marjorie will give an account of this in her annual report.

Sadly, other visits planned for the latter end of 2013 did not take place. The mission to Kumi Hospital, Uganda in October 2013 had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Also the December trip to Sri Lanka did not proceed due to problems with their Medical Council granting us permission to practice.

However, looking ahead, we are planning our fourth visit to Kumi Hospital, Uganda. Mr Viva and a team of people with past experience of working on previous trips are eager and willing to go for two weeks at the end of October.

Mr Viva has two contacts that are keen for a team to visit Bangladesh, so it is hoped that this can take place in the near future.

The website is still not up and running as we had hoped and further input is needed.

A number of Interplast team members joined the KIRF fund raising event in Middlesbrough last June, and also enjoyed an evening at the House of Lord's as guests of Lord Avery, Patron of KIRF. Again, some of the team joined another fund raising event, this time in Newcastle, hosted by Mr Sufi Ahmed. On behalf of the trustees I record our grateful thanks for the generous donations to Interplast from these fund raising events.

For many years we have been fortunate in the use of Tall Trees as a meeting point and as a storage place for equipment; this now

comes to a close. We are grateful to Mr Javed Majid for his kind hospitality and also for the many ways he facilitates our missions.

So with needs ever with us and opportunities to go and help become possible, I would like to thank Mr Viva for his determination and focus throughout a difficult year. Thank you to all the trustees for your continued support and interest over the last year. Also, our collective thanks go to all those who support the work of Interplast, some more visible than others but all is greatly appreciated.

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With best wishes

Christine Brewer
Chairperson

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