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Our grand new appeal

Could you become part of the Batemans-Satkaarya Grand 100?

Batemans-Satkaarya has launched a new fundraising campaign, the Grand 100.

We are looking for 100 amazing individuals, schools, groups of friends, businesses or organisations to pledge to raise £1,000 each over the next 12 months.

This will help us raise £100,000 of the £250,000 we need to build our new primary school and community training centre (see more on page 5).

We want to expand our operation to help more children from marginalised communities who, without support, risk falling victim to child labour, trafficking, prostitution and a life of poverty.

Although many more children in south India are going to school than in the

past, there are still far too many who fall through the gaps in the system. We want to help children with learning difficulties, girls (who are often prevented from going to school because of a lack of adequate toilet facilities), and the children of migrant workers and Anglo-Indians who find it difficult to enrol in state schools.

So if you, your family, your business, your church, your school, your club or your Brownie or Scout group can join the Grand

100, you will help Batemans-Satkaarya realise its dream of transforming lives and breaking the cycle of poverty for hundreds more young people and their families.

You can make your pledge by sending an email to grand100@batemans.org.uk or you can donate £1,000

right now via our JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/campaign/batemansgrand100 or by sending a cheque to the address on page 8.



Batemans-Satkaarya: what's in a name?

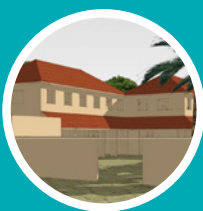
The Batemans Trust is the registered name of our charity. However, increasingly we are referring to ourselves as Batemans-Satkaarya.

This is to reflect our close partnership with our sister charity, The Satkaarya Trust, in Chennai.

Satkaarya means 'helpful to many' and trustees and staff, both in the UK and India, all want to help as many children as we can.

We all share a vision, a commitment and a passion for what we do and our aims can only be achieved when we join hands and work together as a team.

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Batemans comes of age!

Successful summer camp shows how the charity is evolving again

It may be hard for many of us to believe, but the Batemans Trust is 21 this year.

We have come a long way from the time when six agricultural students (the very first trustees) sat around their kitchen table in a chilly Batemans Cottage and worked out how they were going to raise funds to mend the roof of the orphanage at St George's School, Chennai.

Trustees meetings do still sometimes take place around a kitchen table, but Batemans-Satkaarya is now turning out confident, articulate and ambitious young men and women who can support themselves financially and are eager to contribute to their communities.

One of our guiding principles has always been to look after and educate the children in our care so they can become the best people they can be. We aim to recognise and celebrate their gifts and individual talents and then encourage them to use their skills, not only for their own

benefit but also for the good of society and the environment.

These principles were very much in evidence during a four-day outreach 'summer camp' that the Satkaarya Trust put on for children who live in the villages close to our new plot of land (see page 5).

Michael, a Batemans alumni, prepared and distributed pamphlets and more than 40 children attended the camp. All the 'pre-teens' and senior girls were involved in planning and leading the programme.

Each day they led story sessions, songs, dances, arts and craft activities and games, as well as teaching cooking, personal safety and hygiene. It was a huge success and the feedback was so encouraging.

It was a great platform for our girls to use their talents and to give back to other children in need. As Monica Augustine, our project director, observed: "It was a proud moment for Batemans-Satkaarya to see

great, confident young leaders in the making."

The future for the Batemans Trust is really exciting, but in order to help the many more children who need our help, we need to raise more funds both in the UK and India. We know we are incredibly lucky to have such loyal and generous supporters, but if you can spread the word, pass on a sponsorship form to a friend or colleague, or run a fundraising event (see pages 6-7) you can be confident that any money raised really is making a difference.

Happy birthday Batemans!

Registering the children at the summer camp



Teaching a dance



Listening to stories

Building them a brighter future

Trustee Paul Crosby, a UK-based architect, is working closely with Suhasini Ayer, lead architect at The Auroville Design Consultants near Chennai, on the design for the new buildings at Sendrambakkam.

The building has been planned in four phases – each phase creating flexible spaces. It will also use local, sustainable materials and traditional methods to create economical and thermally efficient buildings.

Once completed, as well as providing a beautiful new home for our resident children, the new centre will also be a fantastic community resource.

It will offer:

- Primary school and kindergarten for up to 150 children;
- Special needs centre for up to 25 children;
- Boarding accommodation for children who are from insecure and unstable backgrounds;
- Vocational and skills training for young people in our care and from surrounding communities;
- A centre of excellence for teacher training courses;
- Space for community-led health and enterprise projects.



Brick by brick

Each of the four phases will cost approximately £70,000.

We have already raised £40,000 towards Phase 1, and we are hoping our Grand 100 campaign (see page 1) should help us complete Phase 1 and make a start on Phase 2.

But any donation, however small, will be a brick, or even just part of a brick, on the way to building a better future for some of the most underprivileged children in south India.

You can make a donation to Batemans by sending a cheque to the address on page 8, via our website or go straight to www.justgiving.com/batemanstrust

Could your company be a Batemans corporate donor?

The Batemans Trust has enjoyed amazing support over the years from companies and organisations in both the UK and India. It was a generous donation from Clarks Shoes that originally enabled us to purchase our plot of land.

The Welding Institute (TWI), which has its main office in Cambridge and a branch in Chennai, last year bought us a fabulous big yellow school bus. This has cut the children's journey times to school and allows us to take all the children on trips out. Thank you TWI!

The Tallow Chandlers in London, CPL in Cambridge, The Overseas Women's Club and Merit, both in Chennai, have all been generous supporters for many years. Each helps us in different ways either through regular donations, volunteering, *pro bono* work, or guidance and expertise. We are grateful to them all. As we expand our operation, we are looking for more corporate donors. If your company wants to be part of our life-changing work, please contact trustee Jemma Little at jemma.little@batemans.org.uk to see how you can help.



Jacqueline Cox, former HR manager for TWI, inaugurates the new bus



It doesn't cost much to make a real difference...

Christmas dinner for 10 children... £30

Chennai visits

Visitors to our hostels always remark on the warm welcome they receive and it was no different this year for volunteers Ollie Sewell and Freya Evans, and our chair of trustees, Anne Desir

Ollie:

"Earlier this year, my cousin Freya and I were lucky enough to spend some time volunteering at the Batemans-Satkaarya hostels. It soon became clear that each child is not only loved and cared for, but is also able to unlock their full potential and realise their talents.

"Perhaps the best example of this was the responsibilities that were allocated to the older children. In the boys' hostel, Lipok is assistant to the Warden and helps guide the younger boys, Bendang is in charge of sports, and Jacob of academics, while Romie looks after food and hygiene. Romie had to really step up when the hostel was temporarily without a cook. But the boys were incredible – handling cooking four meals a day under



the guidance of their warden!

"One memory that particularly sticks out from the girls' hostel is that of the Extra-Curricular Leader, Jestina. Jestina is very bright and loves learning. Although she is only 13 she is very interested in politics.

"I was speechless when, in our first conversation, she asked me what it was like in the UK to live under an unwritten constitution!

"Every week, Jestina prepares a

talk for all the children and the staff, discussing subjects ranging from global warming to Hindi. The first time I saw one of these talks I was so impressed by how articulate she was.

"All the children listening seemed very engaged, more than willing to answer questions and not afraid of saying an incorrect answer. I was so struck by the mutual support and respect the children had for each other, encouraging participation and enthusiasm for learning."

Anne:

"Visiting the two hostels in Chennai is always a real treat! What strikes me every time is the warm welcome you receive.

"All the children are polite, respectful, bubbly, smiley and inquisitive. Each one of them has their individuality but also a deeply felt sense of the important role they have within the community. They play together, share, take turns, help with household chores and listen to each other.

"I cannot repeat often enough how dedicated Monica and her family, Ragland, and the rest of the team are to this project and to ensuring that each child has a successful and bright future."



Fundraising highlights

Trustees and supporters have had a brilliant year of fundraising. Much fun has been had, hundreds of curries have been served and thousands of pounds have been raised

The arrival of spring is celebrated at the colourful Holi festival in much of India. A group of wonderful women organised a fabulous Holi Dinner in Oxfordshire with lots of colour and curry and raised more than £2,000. Many thanks to Anne and Paul Donovan for hosting the event in their beautiful home.

Not one but two charity auctions organised by trustees in Chelmsford and Cambridge raised almost £10,000. Thanks to all who donated prizes, drank much beer and wine and (perhaps as a result) bid with such enthusiasm.

Nine-year-old Libby Jacob spent her first 18 months among the Batemans children in India and has a deep affection for her friends there.

Last summer she organised a production of *Alice in Wonderland* in her garden and a drawing competition at her school. The money was sent to Monica to spend on treats for Christmas for the children. Well done and thank you Libby and all your friends!

Out in Chennai the children held their own fundraising Christmas Carnival, selling homemade gifts and festive fare.



Dates for the calendar

Sunday 21 July

ASICS London 10k - if you're interested in running this 10k for Batemans, contact Anne, our chair, (mail@batemans.org.uk) who will give you event and entry details.

Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July

Batemans will again have a food stall at Truck music festival in Stevenon, Oxfordshire. If you could lend a hand, please email lawrencedidcot@gmail.com

Sunday 22 September

The Batemans Spice Lunch in Stevenon: a chance to catch up on the latest news from Chennai.

November (date TBC)

The Big Batemans Quiz, Cambridge. Details will follow in an e-newsletter.

In a spin

A big shout-out for the Half Century Women (Sarah, Maria, Cheryl, Carol, Helen L and Helen C) who have pledged to raise an amazing £5,500 by the end of July 2019. They are all taking on new

challenges, including running a 10k spinning plates! Give them your support by sponsoring them via their JustGiving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/halfcenturychallenge)

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It doesn't cost much to make a real difference...

Tailoring classes for one month... £25

Suzanne celebrating a successful quiz night



Help put the fun into fundraising!

As the trustees shift their focus to finding major donors for the building project, the charity is looking for more fundraising volunteers to help with our day-to-day running costs

If you choose to run an event, you won't be alone. Our experienced fundraisers are on hand to give advice. Here **Suzanne Kuyser**, trustee and fundraising supremo, gives her step-by-step guide to organising a successful quiz night.

Quiz nights are fun, sociable and a great way to raise money for a worthwhile cause. Throw in a raffle and a couple of extra games and you'll be surprised by how much you can make.

- 1 Choose a date that works for you, then get in touch with Batemans (suzanne.kuyser@batemans.org.uk) to see if a trustee would be available to speak at your event.
- 2 Find a venue. You can usually book about two to three months in advance. Church and community halls may charge but, unlike pubs, you can also provide drinks, asking guests for a suggested donation (if you don't have a licence to sell alcohol).
- 3 Download a quiz. Alternatively, Batemans can provide quiz questions for you; just send us an email.
- 4 Source raffle prizes.
- 5 Select a quizmaster/mistress; anyone who has a strong voice and a good line in banter.
- 6 Sell tickets. Keep 'em cheap: about £5, or £6 with nibbles.

Do give clear instructions about how you want people to play. You could receive all proceeds from ticket sales yourself and then make one donation to Batemans after the event.

Extra games

Icebreaker: Heads or tails

Heads or tails only takes about five minutes. People pay £1 to play. All players stand up. The quizmaster flips a coin, at which point, participants either choose heads – where they need to make bunny ears – or tails, where they make a tail with their hands. Whoever gets it wrong, sits down. Keep playing until there's only one person left standing – they win half the cash (or a prize) and Batemans keeps the rest.

Spaghetti tower game

Each table pays a set fee to receive a spaghetti construction kit: a small bunch of uncooked spaghetti, a metre of masking tape and a marshmallow. Teams have five minutes to build the highest, free-standing spaghetti tower with a marshmallow on top. Give competitive adults the chance to purchase extra height – £2 per centimetre. Tallest tower wins! A bottle of wine to the winning table.

Suggested schedule:

- 6:30pm Put pens and quiz answer sheets out on the tables.
- 7pm Start event with housekeeping announcements, ask tables to create team names and make sure these are on all answer sheets.
- 7.10pm Icebreaker game. It's fun (and a good fundraiser) to open with a game (see left).
- 7.20pm Quiz rounds 1-3. Marking can be done by swapping answers between tables after each round. Collect scores at the end of each round.
- 8.30pm Break. Sell raffle tickets. Introduce and collect payment for the spaghetti game (see left)
- 8.50pm Re-start quiz, rounds 4-6.
- 9.30pm Announce quiz winners and draw the raffle.
- 9.45pm Brief speech by Batemans trustee about the life-changing work we do.
- 10pm Have a donation box and some sponsorship/regular donor forms by the exit.

All done!

Recipes for success

Hosting a Batemans curry evening can be a relaxed and informal way of fundraising and spreading the word about the work we do.

Invite some friends or colleagues to your home for a charity dinner, charging about £10 per person. You can make your own curry (see recipe below) or arrange for a curry house to deliver.

On the evening, make sure you have downloaded some information leaflets about Batemans and some sponsorship/regular donor forms for your guests to take away or, ideally, complete while they are there!

Take your expenses out of the proceeds and send the rest to The Batemans Trust.

Enjoy.



You need:

- 2 cups (200ml) of curd (Greek yoghurt)
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 3 chopped onions
- 3 chopped tomatoes
- 1 small bunch of fresh coriander
- 1 small bunch of fresh mint
- 2 tbsp ghee
- 5 cm fresh ginger and one head garlic crushed into a paste
- 4-5 chillies (or fewer if you prefer milder) deseeded and chopped
- 3 green cardamom
- 3 cloves
- 2-3 cinnamon sticks
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 3 cups Basmati rice
- 1 kg chicken thighs and legs (bone in)
- 1 hard-boiled egg per person

Rose's biryani recipe

Serves 6-8

Rose is the mother of Monica Augustine, our project manager in Chennai. She taught Anne Desir how to cook this biryani on her last visit to the project. (If you don't have a pressure cooker you can cook it in any heavy-based saucepan with a well-fitting lid. Increase cooking times by about a third.)

- 1 Soak the rice for 15 minutes
- 2 Cook the meat in the pressure cooker for five minutes with half the curd, half the ginger and garlic paste, half a teaspoon of chilli and half a teaspoon of turmeric.
- 3 Once cooked, remove the meat from the broth.
- 4 Add one cup of oil and some ghee to the pan. Add the bay leaves, cinnamon, cardamoms and cloves. Stir for a few minutes. Next, add the rest of the chillies and the onions. Then, add the rest of the ginger and garlic paste, mint and coriander and then tomatoes and salt. When it is well cooked, add some chilli powder to season, the turmeric and one cup of curd.
- 5 Add the meat to the saucepan.
- 6 Add two cups of chicken stock and two cups of water; bring to the boil.
- 7 Add the drained rice. When it boils again, add the coconut milk and lime.
- 8 Close the pressure cooker and, when the steam is first released from the cooker, put the weight on. Cook for 20 minutes on a low flame.
- 9 Make a raita (cucumber and yoghurt mix) to accompany.
- 10 Serve with hard-boiled eggs.



It doesn't cost much to make a real difference...

Mosquito netting for one window... £20

Scenes from Chennai life

It has been another really successful year for our children and young people and we are incredibly proud of them all. From some very successful exams results to belts in karate, their grit, determination and hard work are an inspiration to us. These photos give a flavour of their zest for life.



◀ Tailoring lessons are an important extra-curricular activity

Wonderful Pongal celebrations took place at the new land ▼



The new school bus, donated by TWI, makes ▲ the journey to school quicker and safer



▲ Sorting the weekly vegetable delivery



▲ The younger children perform a French song taught to them by the older girls



▲ A visit to the heritage site, Dakshinachitra, on the outskirts of Chennai

Sign up to become a regular Batemans donor

Regular donors and sponsors allow us to plan for our future with more confidence. By setting up a regular monthly donation or sponsoring a child for £15 a month, you are helping our small charity thrive and ensuring we can continue our life-changing work.

You can set up a regular donation via justgiving.com/batemanstrust. Alternatively, please fill in this form and send it to: The Batemans Trust, 27 Stocks Lane, Steventon, Abingdon, OXON, OX13 6SS

Gift Aid

For every £1 you send us we can claim back 25p

Please sign here to allow us to reclaim the tax you have paid on your gift. (By doing so, you confirm you have paid an amount of UK income tax or capital gains tax equal to any tax deducted.)

Signature:

Date:

☐ Please tick here if you are happy for us to email you with follow-up news and events from Batemans Trust (maximum five emails a year).

I would like to (please tick a box)

- ☐ Sponsor a child in school / young person training (please delete) at £15 per month and £180 per year
- ☐ Sponsor a girl / a boy / no preference
- ☐ Donate £ ____ per month, or £ ____ per year
- ☐ Help the work of The Batemans Trust and enclose a donation of £ ____

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If you have opted to set up a regular donation or to sponsor a child, we will send you a standing order form to complete.