

Govindbhai Foundation

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How's that!

See how the men representing the Govindbhai Foundation got on during a 20:20 fundraising cricket match against a team of Yorkshire Men, did they get **caught behind or duck for cover?!**

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DON'T MISS THE NEXT EVENT!

**3rd Annual Event
on 13th June 2009
(BCFC) see web
site for details!!**

Join us for a fantastic dinner-dance, great food and an outstanding line-up with the likes of LEA ROBERTS, winner of the ITV series - Stand Up Britain, providing the entertainment. As well as an exciting horse racing event, there'll be a charity auction in a night full of surprises. Come and join us on the 13th June at Valley Parade

PARTY RAISES £24K

£14,000 goes to building a dormitory for children in a blind school in India.

For blind children in a remote part of India it'll make the difference between a life of destitution and poverty, and a life filled with hope and opportunity. Thanks to a **£14,000 DONATION** from the Govindbhai Foundation, a new girls' dormitory is being built at the School for the Blind in the Dang district of Gujarat. The Bradford-based Foundation's fundraising efforts mean pupils will finally be able to live in pleasant, hygienic conditions while they learn the skills they need to become self sufficient.

Disabilities like blindness are a particular problem in poor districts like Dang. "It is situated in a remote and backward area, with a poor and tribal population," says Martyn Haigh, the chair of Mamta Welfare Trust (UK) which fundraises for the school in this country. "There are around 4,000 disabled people living in the 330 villages in the area, and a large proportion of them are children. Expectant mothers do not get proper nutrition and as a result the number of babies born with a disability is very high." The blind school is an ambitious project run by the Manav Kalyan Trust to provide badly needed educational facilities for these remote communities. Since 1970 more than 500 disabled children have been educated by the Trust, which is based in the nearby city of Navsari.

Now, at a beautiful location on the banks of the river Ambica, the School for the Blind is being built. Children are already being taught there and the difference it's making to their lives is clear. Martyn Haigh has high hopes for the project. "The progress of children at the School is helping us to create more public awareness of the work we're doing," he says. "We want to educate, train and ultimately rehabilitate these children. We want them to live respectable lives by joining the mainstream of society. Our efforts will give new direction to the lives of blind children right across this region."



➤➤ Several members of the Govindbhai Foundation present a cheque to Martyn Haigh, Chairman of Mamta Welfare Trust (UK)

A WINNING INNINGS!



A fun charity cricket match took place in June to raise more money for our chosen charities. Rameshbhai Mistry rallied a team of Govindbhai Foundation men to play local rivals The Yorkshire Boys. GB Foundation Coordinator Harkishan Mistry umpired the 20-20 match and his 14 year old daughter Radhika Mistry scored for them. There was plenty of fun and laughter on the pitch with hits, misses, wides and wickets aplenty, and even some fantastic sixes whacked out of the ground. Non-cricket players thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the evening ended with a traditional Gujarati dinner. There was also a small raffle, bringing the total amount raised on the day to £494.

JUMP FOR JOY



The Children of Harehills Primary School in Leeds are clearly over the moon as Harkishan Mistry presents them with their new Sunshine Coach sponsored by the Govindbhai Foundation. A **£10,000 DONATION** from the Foundation bought the Variety Club coach, which will take the children on educational days out in the Yorkshire countryside. On behalf of Harehills Primary School Steven Wood said: "We would like to thank the Govindbhai Foundation for their generosity and the Variety Club for organising the delivery of the Sunshine coach." He added: "Being an inner city school means that many of our pupils live in a densely populated environment. We can now organise trips which will allow them to let off steam and enjoy green open spaces. We will also be using the coach to transport pupils to extra curricular activities like football and cricket matches."

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