

... and the 12 ayahs who work with her around the clock in shifts to care for all the needs of the babies.



All the Trustees of the Love Trust for Indian Children in Need (UK), not least our daughter Sylvia and son Martin for all their help and encouragement.

All those who contribute financially to the work – without whom, let's face it, not much could have been achieved. Particularly this year our thanks go to Caroline Watson-O'Duffy and her "Save a little" charity shop in Streatham, and to Conrad Mishan and his company Tiffin management consultants. Special thanks to those of you who support us by giving regular monthly covenants.

Finally we would like to dedicate this newsletter to dinner lady extraordinary Edna Marsh who died recently. For years she gave us all her spare change amounting to hundreds of pounds "cos little uns need it, don't they"

Yours sincerely,  
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# THE LOVE TRUST



## THE LOVE TRUST FOR INDIAN CHILDREN IN NEED: NEWSLETTER SPRING 2012

*A message from Trust Founders Stephen and Heidy Love, Chairman and Treasurer of the Trust with photos by their daughter Sylvia and her partner Allen taken on their recent visit to Buldana.*

In a world of change so fast as to be often disorientating, some things must remain constant if human civilisation is to hold firm and then move forwards. Perhaps the most important is our care for our most defenceless people, especially the very young. We work, as we have for the past 14 years, to provide in a poor rural region of India, care for unwanted or abandoned babies who would die without our support.

We shall continue to do this as long as we and our supporters are able to, or until Indian support agencies in our part of India are ready and able to take over from us. This past year has witnessed another Love Trust milestone: over 400 babies saved, due in large part to the devoted and health-conscious care of our ayahs.

Most of our babies have then been adopted within India as we have never sought registration for international adoption. The Love Trust is proud to be still in positive contact with very many of the families who adopted a child from us.

Our success in finding enough adoptive parents has been more often than not by word of mouth recommendation, so the geographic distribution of our babies in India has grown steadily wider.



**This letter is written in the midst of a spring of unprecedented weather here. Not surprisingly climate change also affects India. There was acute water shortage last summer, but fortunately abundant monsoon rains refilled the reservoirs on which Buldana, our orphanage and local farmers' irrigation schemes depend.**



**Many of us in the Love Trust share the anxiety felt about gender imbalance in India caused by some parents, for various cultural reasons, using advanced technology to select the gender of their offspring.**

**We welcome the news that during the past year the state government of Maharashtra which covers Buldana, has closed**

**down sonography units used to discover the sex of a baby.**

**Childless marriages exist in India for much the same biological reasons as in Britain. But only in the past few decades has adoption begun to be viewed as a normal way to fill the gap in family life. With other Indian agencies we strive to encourage this development. Progress is steady but often patchy.**

**Adoption quite properly places rigorous legal requirements on adoption agencies such as ourselves but we are then sometimes dependent on the attitude of local leading authority figures, up to and including judges. But our trustees and social workers have now built up a great fund of experience and we are all a long way ahead of where we were when we started out.**



**Heidy and I would like to use this newsletter not only to invite newcomers to join and support us, but also to thank those whose combined efforts have made possible what has so far been achieved. So sincere thanks to:**

**Mr Harshawarden Agashe, Managing Trustee and his wife Dr Seema Agashe.**

**All other Indian Trusts for the Love Trust for Indian children in Need ( India ).**

**Kalpna Deshpandi, on-site supervisor of the orphanage...**

