

NIRVANA VAN

YES I'd like to pledge my support with ____ a month.

Please complete the details on this form and return it today to:
Nirvanavan Foundation, 70 Thurleigh Road, London SW12 8UD

My Name: My telephone number is:
Address:
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..... My e-mail address:
..... Postcode:
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I want to start making a regular contribution ofa month until further notice, starting
on (Please allow at least three weeks between signing the form and the date of the first
payment).

Instructions to your bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debit:

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)
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Bank or Building Society Account No. Sort Code:..... - -

Name and full address of Bank or Building Society:
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Instructions to your bank or building society: Please pay The Nirvanavan Foundation direct debits from
the above account subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee.

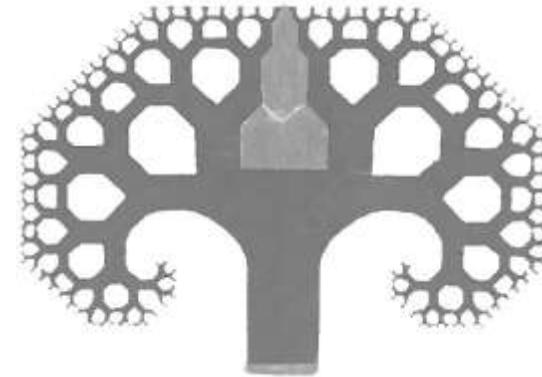
Signed: date.....

Receiving bank details:

Nirvanavan Foundation, Barclays Bank, Wandsworth Branch, PO Box 3847, London SW11 1TR.

Account Number: 30709468 Sort Code: 20 – 90 – 69

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Bodhivriksha
'The Tree of Knowledge'

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On my recent visits to Alwar, I have been staying at Advaita Garden, the site of the main school. This has now over 120 children enrolled from three local villages – it's a long walk to school for some of them. There are four teachers. Hundreds of trees have been planted in this area – most of them still young saplings which require constant protection from the many herds of goats which pass daily. A tube well provides fresh water and the villagers built a huge johad (pond) nearby to conserve the rainwater. Negotiations are well under way with the government for this land to be donated to the Foundation and as soon as this happens work can begin on building the children's home.

The last year has been a precarious one financially, with five of the ten schools having to be closed temporarily through lack of money. This led us to having a 'drive' to build up the direct debit donations. With support from friends in Northern Ireland, Malaysia and the U.K., we can now cover the day-to-day running costs (£900 per month) of the ten schools and of the Childline service (telephone help-line for children.) A big thankyou to all the contributors to this scheme.* The five schools can now reopen and the money which we raised last year (£9,000) will mainly go towards the children's home. A new classroom at Advaita Garden is also planned. The children have been working hard all winter building mud huts to provide shelter from the hot sun in the summer time – very messy and lots of fun.

In February I enlisted the help of the children to paint the outside of the school – now resplendent with a freize of rolling hills and a huge rising sun. They loved adding their colourful hand prints as part of this work.

The children love having their photographs taken!! A camera is a rare object in this part of Rajasthan. If anyone would like to contribute a digital camera to the Foundation this will be a useful resource and will be well-used.

Sometimes people ask if they can send things in the post. (Pens, pencils, crayons, coloured chalk, paper, balls to play with, etc are always needed). Obviously it's always a treat to receive a parcel, but bear in mind that the cost of sending something from UK can be quite prohibitive and these things can be bought much cheaper locally.

A Nirvanavan Kirtan CD is now available. (£10). (Thankyou Kalimurti!) Listen to some of your favourite chants AND support the work of the Foundation. Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou for your donations – some of them anonymous – this means that I don't know who to give the receipt to!!)Your money goes a long way in India and I can assure you it is greatly appreciated.

Love and maitri (friendship)

Krishnadhyanam/Richard

70, Thurleigh Road London SW12 8UD

*A regular income provides security on many different levels as we all know. A Direct Debit form is printed on the back of this newsletter.

**COME TO A NIRVANAVAN EVENING
and see how our money is being used.**

**21st April. 7.30pm. SATYAM YOGA CENTRE
1530 London Road, Norbury, London SW16 4EU
Close to Norbury train station (15minutes from Waterloo)
e-mail: info@satyamyoga.co.uk**

**12th May 7.30pm. Kingston on Thames.
contact: Abhijeeta at Shiva Health 0208 398 0342
e-mail: info@shivahealth.co.uk**

**You are warmly invited to a concert of words, music and photographs
with Krishnadhyanam(Richard Roberts) and friends. On 21st April, Jack
and Jay will be singing more of their sublime songs.**

The event is free.

(There will, however, be ample opportunities to donate some money!)

**The evening will include some kirtan chanting, songs and chants from
India, and photographs of the Foundation at work.**

Fund-raising idea.

**Have a NIRVANAVAN BIRTHDAY. Invite some friends round for a
birthday evening – party, dinner, whatever - and ask them not to bring a
present but to bring a donation for Nirvanavan instead. It works!! Go on.
Spoil yourself! You'll feel SO good!!
Specimen invite available – contact Krishnadhyanam/Richard**

Charity status – update. I have been informed that it will cost in the region of £4,000 to register as a charity. So at the moment this is on hold. Let me know what you think

If you would like a CD of Nirvanavan photographs, these are available from Thurleigh Road or from KD. Please ask. Voluntary donation or free if you want to use it for fund-raising purposes.

