



NewDawn India Newsletter

October 2008

We thought you might be interested in receiving an update from Vidiyal and the latest news on events from NewDawn India.

MELAVASAL SLUM

The first stage of the demolition of the Melavasal slum has been completed and we wait for the second phase to begin. NewDawn India has been able to help the displaced families to build new homes



and a new drop-in centre has been hastily built to cater for children no longer able to reach the already existing drop-ins.



OTHER VIDİYAL NEWS

Life continues to be very busy at Vidiyal and the children have all begun their next school year. Six young people have passed the equivalent of A-levels and have moved on to college. This has caused great celebration at Vidiyal as they are the first in their respective families to receive an education.

Vidiyal has just held an adventure camp, with the children camping in an idyllic sight between a pond and a lake. No doubt their swimming lessons will have come in useful! The camp has included tent making, learning to tie knots, performing dramas on the right to be a child to the people from local villages and other trips and sightseeing.



NEWDOWN INDIA NEWS

Our summer event "Music on the Meadow" was a big success, along with the eco-friendly balloon race, which was won by Millie King of Capel St Mary. Her balloon travelled 18.6 miles to Great Bentley.



The autumn curry evening was enjoyed by 100 guests, with a special message from Jim in Madurai. Thank you to all who helped organise or contributed to both the above events.

Now is the time to book for the **Quiz Evening** on 21st November at Capel Methodist Church. Phone Neville (01473 310574) or John (01473 310125) to book your table.

With Christmas approaching, now is the ideal time to choose your gifts for friends and relatives from our **virtual gift brochure**.

For those of you who sponsor, may we remind you about the **Christmas and birthday gift** system. If you wish your child's presents to be identified as coming from you, please send £10 and two labels written to your sponsor child to NewDawn India, 10 Longfield Road, Capel St Mary, Ipswich IP9 2UA.