

## MEMBERS FORUM

As discussed at our Annual General Meeting last year, the Committee have instituted a Members Forum to be sent to members with the quarterly Newsletter. Members are invited to send contributions to Sue Marsh at [jands.marsh@outlook.com](mailto:jands.marsh@outlook.com) Notices might publicise an event organised to support a charity, a beach bungalow for rent, a restaurant a member has enjoyed, a new book. We would only publish a notice once so as to allow space for other members. The Forum will be no longer than two sides of an A4 sized paper and notices should be as concise as possible.

Here are the first three:

**Their Future Today** celebrates 15 years of working in Sri Lanka to improve the lives of institutionalised and disadvantaged children and their families. We advocate at the highest level to introduce Alternative Family and Foster care to end the cruel and harmful institutionalisation of children.

Our holistic model reunites families, prevents abandonment, and provides women and girl's empowerment, education and vocational training projects, and has helped to give 20,000 children the futures they need and deserve.

**Since the pandemic poor rural families are suffering severe hardship, many children are suffering malnutrition, and we need your help.**

By donating just £20 we can feed a family of six for two weeks, or provide schoolbooks and resources to educate a child for one year.

Your donations during these difficult times are really appreciated, and can be made by credit/debit card on [www.theirfuturetoday.org](http://www.theirfuturetoday.org)

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**Sally Martin and Jerry Smith** say: We are on the verge of returning to our home, **Jungle Tide** in the Hanthana hills, after a long stay in the UK due to the pandemic measures and the closure of Sri Lankan borders. We're working through two weeks in a quarantine hotel in Kalutara and we're excited to be back in Sri Lanka, and looking forward to resuming our lives almost a year after we left for what was to be a few months seeing family and friends. The generosity of many people has enabled us to survive the costs of living in England while maintaining Jungle Tide and retaining all three of our staff, and now we look forward to rebuilding our guest house business as well as seeing our staff and friends. In the short term we want to attract more Sri Lankans and foreign residents to take a break in the hills, especially as the hot weather of April arrives. We are designing a range of weekend and short break offers and activities aimed at the local market. Foreign tourism will take longer to re-establish itself but we are optimistic about the future as Sri Lanka seems keen to attract more of the kind of discerning visitors who appreciate unique experiences such as Jungle Tide offers.

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**Richard Goode** has written his autobiography, **Living the Good Life at Full Throttle**, (Porter Press International) and available from Richard at [richard.goode@russianaeros.com](mailto:richard.goode@russianaeros.com)

Wonderfully full of “derring-do”, Richard inherited his love of travel from his grandparents and parents. His grandfather served in the Indian Civil Service and his father in the Malayan Civil Service, later serving on Mountbatten’s staff in Kandy during WWII before finally buying a farm in Rhodesia, where Richard was educated before going up to Cambridge to read law. Richard’s career took him all over the world and it was in Russia that he became friendly with the makers of sporting aeroplanes. This led to the setting up of his own aerobatic company (each chapter is headed with the various markings of aerobatics). Surviving a horrific accident, Richard’s joie de vivre is never dented and, somewhat typical of his adventurous life, he and his wife, Cary, arrived in Kandy on Boxing Day 2004 to begin the resurrection of a tea estate bungalow. Cary created the most beautiful garden and they had an excellent time, but the running of a hotel, as the bungalow became, was not without its problems. Now home in Herefordshire in another superb garden designed by his wife and his dogs named after places he loved in Sri Lanka, he dreams of buying more Russian aircraft, more classic cars (an abiding love) – and Jaffna, a new spaniel!