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My fellow Hartleyites,

‘கொடிது கொடிது இளமையில் வறுமை கொடிது’ என்றார் ஓளவை பிராட்டியர் அன்று. சுனாமியில் பெற்றோர், உற்றார், உறவினர் அனைவரையும் ஒட்டுமொத்தமாக இழப்பது அதை விட கொடியது என்று எங்களுக்கு தெரிகிறது இன்று.

கடல் பொங்கியதால் எம்மவர் அனுபவித்த அனர்த்தத்தை பார்த்து எங்கள் கண்கள் பொங்கின, நெஞ்சம் விம்மியது!

பொங்கி சிவந்த கண்கள் போல ஹாட்லி பழைய மாணவர் ‘சுனாமி’ உருவாக்கிய அனாதைகளுக்கு திரட்டும் நிதிக்கு அள்ளிக் கொடுத்து உங்கள் கைகள் சிவந்தாலென்ன?



Images of Tsunami disaster are fresh in our minds. When the news unfolded every one of us feared for the safety of our parents, friends and relatives living in Sri Lanka. You may be pleased to hear that the damage to Hartley College is minimal. The principal's office and some of the classrooms were flooded with four feet of sea water. (more information on page 2)

Your committee organised a fund raising project to help the victims from Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka. I am pleased to report that within a week of the launch we managed to raise \$1,000 which was handed over to the Tamil Rehabilitation Organisation (TRO) on 9th January 2005. We need more funds for the rebuilding and rehabilitation of the refugees. Please be generous in showing your compassion.

Cricket Match

We defeated the team from Jaffna Hindu Old Boys' Association. I congratulate our captain R Baskaran and his team.

Benefit Show

Thank you for your support for our benefit show 'Vasoolraja MBBS' screened on 5th December 2004. We managed to raise around \$1,500 for the Development Fund.

Books to Hartley

Our secretary played a major role in collecting and shipping books donated by the members to our College. The deputy principal Gunaseelan Master has acknowledged that the majority of the books are useful and relevant to the needs of the students. I wish to place on record the excellent effort from our ever perseverant secretary Paskarajothy.

With kind regards

Charles Somasundram

President

From the Editors:

A summary of the impact of the Tsunami in Sri Lanka (from a private source)

As at 05th Jan 2005

District	Impacts on lives					Damaged properties		No.of camps
	Affected Families	Dis-placed	Deaths	Injured	Missing	Fully damaged	Partial	
Colombo	4,395	14,965	76	*	12	5,618	*	43
Gampaha	6,000	30,000	7	3	1	380	527	7
Kalutara	5,484	34,282	217	421	102	3,895	4,862	84
Galle	23,053	117,975	4,156	2,500	*	7,500	*	120
Matara	10,725	41,900	1,205	8,288	440	10,000	4,500	44
Hambantota	5,471	27,351	4,500	*	*	3,739	*	19
Ampara	38,624	127,484	10,436	120	*	27,739	*	118
Batticaloa	57,219	33,976	2,731	1,106	1,081	29,000	11,485	68
Mullaitivu	5,373	24,557	3,000	2,500	1,300	3,400	600	19
Trincomalee	31,896	51,863	981	*	337	4,000	*	66
Jaffna	13,652	48,729	2,640	541	540	*	*	43
Puttalam	232	1,029	3	*	1	20	34	4
Vavuniya	111	641		*	*	*	*	5
Killinochchi	10,568	49,129	560	147	56	1,250	4,250	12
Total	212,803	603,881	30,513	15,686	3,870	96,541	26,258	652

The massive disaster has overshadowed the grief caused by the untimely loss of several Hartleyites- Mr.Venugopal, ex-Principal at Hartley lost his life in an accident early in 2003 [HCPPA(UK) and other bodies have made contributions towards the welfare of his family]; Mr.Sivakumar from Melbourne and Mr. Krishnamoorthy from Sydney were two young Hartleyites whose untimely deaths caused immense grief to us and their families. We extend our condolences to the families concerned.

We thank everyone who has contributed in one way or another towards the functioning and the efforts of HCPPA(NSW) and wish you all a better New Year 2005.

We hope to include in future Newsletters contributions from Hartleyites and particularly the younger members of their family on subjects relating to Hartley and our motherland. Please send any contribution to K Kaneshalingam at kanesh@sai-global.com.

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Forthcoming Events (HCPPA) for your diary

AGM & Annual Dinner

23 July 2005*

* Please note in your diary

Membership Drive- Key to the Success of our Association

The present Committee of HCPPA-NSW Branch has already embarked on a membership drive to expand its current membership. The main objective of this drive is to identify old students, teachers and non-tutorial staff currently living in the State of NSW and ACT but who have not yet become members of HCPPA-NSW Branch.

Whilst the Committee is in the process of recruiting new members it has also launched a program of converting current ordinary membership into life membership. The life membership drive has already kicked off by converting 7 ordinary members into life members. The Committee would like to solicit support of existing members to take up life membership to strengthen the organisation- this would eliminate the need for yearly renewal of membership.

Unfortunately many members do not pay their annual subscription to renew their membership. Many members also do not update their correspondence address and contact telephone numbers but this makes it difficult for us to keep them informed of the latest developments about the College.

It has to be recognised that strong membership is the key to the success of any non-profit association like ours. With 175 current members including around 55 life members, the membership is strong and able to offer a number of benefits to Hartleyites both socially and professionally, on top of our primary objective of promoting our College and its students & staff.

As a member of HCPPA, you will have the opportunity to learn of the latest developments at our beloved College. You will have the prospect of establishing contact with fellow Hartleyites that could be beneficial to you in many ways, not to mention the meeting of long lost friends. Further, you and your children will have new opportunities to make friends and enhance your social life. You will have the satisfaction of having given something to the College that gave us practically everything.

HCPPA-NSW Branch needs to grow continuously and actively participate in the development of Hartley College. This can be achieved only with whole-hearted support from old students and teachers, and their families. We as beneficiaries of all that was good in our *Alma Mater* need to have a continued relationship with her and the best way of doing this is by being a member of HCPPA. One could say it is everyone's duty.

We hereby request all members to renew their membership by paying their annual subscription (please contact any Committee member, details given above in this newsletter). Preferably we would like you to choose to become a life-member. Thank you.

Kidnapillai Selvarajah (Selva) - Member – HCPPA(NSW) Committee 2004/05

3rd Annual Hartley-Hindu Cricket Match

The 3rd Annual Cricket Match organised jointly by HCPPA NSW and Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys' Association was held on the 3rd of October 2004 at Crestwood Reserve in Baulkham Hills.

Hartley scored a mammoth 223 runs for only 5 wickets in their allotted 25 overs and Jaffna Hindu managed only 120 runs. HCPPA NSW won the match by the huge margin of 103 runs.

Our Captain R.Baskaran won the toss and decided to bat first. Elangkeeran and Manimaran opened the innings and entertained us with a scintillating batting display. Manimaran retired at 77 runs to give way to the other batsmen and Elangkeeran retired later at 58 runs. Sutharsan made a very well compiled 49 runs. Naresh took 2 wickets for Jaffna Hindu OBA.

Unfortunately, not enough members turned up to enjoy the excellent performance of our players. Members and their families who attended shared the delicious food they brought along with the BBQ. The effort of members who sacrificed their time and spent their time preparing BBQ meals is commendable.

The Winning Team HCPPA(NSW)

Front Row L-R Raveendran, Manimaran,
Gopinath and Baskaran

Middle L-R Illangkeeran , Prabhakaren,
Jeevakumar, Kandeepan, Sutharsan

Back L-R Vaseeharan, Krishnakumaran,
Thavalingam, Arthithan



Jaffna Hindu OBA batted after lunch and wickets started falling regularly. Ravindran bowled superbly to take 3 wickets. Kandeepan, Thavalingam and Sutharsan also bowled very well for Hartley and took two wickets each. Our wicket keeper Elangkeeran made some difficult catches look easy.

Our President Mr.Charles Somasundram congratulated the Hartley team and extended our gratitude to both the teams and the umpires Mr. Petersingham and Mr.Bala Muhunthan for participating in the event.

The Challenge Trophy was awarded to the Hartley captain Baskaran. Elangkeeran and Ravindran of Hartley took away the best batsman and best bowler awards respectively.

We look forward to a well attended cricket match next year and the opportunity to cheer our team and enjoy the day.

Compiled by G.Thirukumaran

***Jaffna Hindu PPA can take heart from the fact that in the corresponding Canadian fixture the Thuraijah cup was won by Hindu in a thrilling finish –ed

Treasurer's Report

Dear friends

We are in a very volatile period; visions of the devastating effects of the Tsunami float in front of us overshadowing all our activities. Although fortunately damage to Hartley College was minimal, HCPPA NSW has opened a Tsunami fund and has donated \$1,000 already to North East Tsunami victims through TRO Sydney Branch. Some more money currently in this fund will also be given to Tsunami victims in due course. In addition to the HCPPA Tsunami Fund, a lot of Hartleyites living in New South Wales have also generously contributed individually through other channels.

On another front, last December we screened "VasoolRaja MBBS" at Parramatta Westfield's as a benefit show in order to raise funds to sponsor a Hartley College Development project. We sold tickets to the value of \$2,500 and incurred expenses of \$1,000. Once an appropriate project is selected the surplus of \$1500 will be spent on that project. I would like to thank the Hartleyites and their families and particularly our well wishers for supporting us.

Our life membership drive is receiving good reception. We already have 8 new life members- a substantial increase compared to last year. Further details are given elsewhere with a request that all Hartleyites consider becoming life members.

If you wish to contribute towards our Tsunami fund or become a life member or pay your annual membership please contact one of our committee members.

K. Visakulan- Treasurer HCPPA(NSW)

Obituaries

Mr.P.Venugopal

(Source: TamilNet, October 27,2004)

Mr.Ponniah Venugopalavanithasan (53), Theevagam Zonal Director of Education in Jaffna district died on the spot Wednesday morning around 11.10 a.m. at Manthikai Therumoodi Madam along Jaffna Point Pedro road when a vehicle crashed into a house, Nellyady Police said.

The official, known to his friends and workers as Mr Venugopal, earlier served as Principal of Hartley College for a few months, education sources said.

According to police investigation, the deceased had left home Wednesday in a push bicycle to see his sister who is residing Manthikai Therumoodi Madam area. Keeping his cycle nearby and when he was about to enter his sister's house, a vehicle, which came in high speed, had crashed into the house killing him on the spot.

The driver of the vehicle and a pedestrian were wounded in the incident, police said. Police said the driver of vehicle had lost control due to excessive speed. Traffic Police sources said on average three road accidents take place in Jaffna district every day.

Mrs Rasam Gopaldaswamy

Mrs Rasam Gopaldaswamy of (Thumpalai) Point Pedro, Sri Lanka, sister of Hartleyites Charles Somasundaram (Sydney, Australia) and Ponnuchamy (Toronto, Canada) passed away on 23 January 2005 in Sydney, Australia after a long illness. The funeral was held on the 25 January 2005 at Rookwood cemetery in Sydney. Our sincere sympathies and condolences to the family.

Mr Jayasingam Duraisingam

Mr Jayasingam of V.M.Road, Point Pedro, Sri Lanka (Retired Engineer of Browns Group of Co, Walker & Greig), passed away on 04th December 2004 in Toronto, Canada after a long illness.

He comes from generations of Hartleyites. He is the eldest son of Late Mr R.Duraisingam, brother of Dr Mrs Gunavathy Vivekanadarajah, Late Mrs Thilagavathy Sripathy, Balasingam, Raajasingam and brother in law of Dr Srividhyadharsan and father of Parthiban Thanasingam , Prathebasingam. The funeral was held on 07th December 2004 in Scarborough, Canada. Our sincere Sympathies and Condolences to the family.

Mr N.Sivakumar

Mr N.Sivakumar son of late Mr S.P.Nadaraja (former Principal of Hartley College) passed away 8 December 2004 in Melbourne. He is the Brother in law of Mr Yuganathan (Hartleyite).He is survived by his wife Nithiya and 2 sons Mayooran and Nimalan.

Mr.T Krishnamoorthy

T Krishnamoorthy age 54 passed away on the 14th December 2004. Husband of Anusha and father of Akilan, brother in law of Umakanthan (Harleyite)

News from Hartley College

Prizes currently awarded at Hartley College

- Mrs Sellammah prize	(General Knowledge)
- Mr Pooranampillai prize	(General Knowledge)
- Mr Ratnasingham prize	(General Knowledge)
- Mr.Vallipuram prize	(General Knowledge)
- Mr Maheswaran prize	(A/L Maths highest score)
- Biology prize	(A/L Biology highest score)
- Mr Kathirgamathamby prize	(A/L Commerce highest score)
- Rev (Dr) David memorial prize	(A/L Arts best performance)
- Medical Dictionary (Ganesharatnam)	(A/L best performance in Biology group)
- "Noble Love" prize	(Best allrounder in GCE O/L)
- PAhamparam scholarship (HCPPA Canada)	Best Sportsman of the Year
- RMGunaratnam scholarship (,,)	Best performance Physical science
- STSamuel scholarship (,,)	Best performance Biological Science
- WNSSamuel prize (,,)	Best performance in Commerce
- Challenge Trophy	Best Cricketer
- N Nadarajah challenge trophy	Best Footballer
- Regular attendance prize (Mr Divakaran)	
- Dr and Mrs S Velmurugu Award	

Effort is being made to streamline the awards with consultation with the donors because of possible overlap and confusion. The list above may not be complete or totally accurate.-ed

Summary of the Year 2003 at Hartley

- Total students 1186; 350 in A level
- 49 teachers, 31 graduates (13 science); Mr K Sivananthan, vice principal moved to Nelliady Central as Principal in April
- 144 appeared for GCE(o/l); 2 obtained 9 'A's, and 7 achieved 8 'A's; 96.5% qualified to proceed to A level
- 230 appeared for GCE(a/l); 7 obtained 3 'A's; 86 qualified for University entrance and 22 obtained places (6 in Engineering and 3 in Medicine)
- In the Annual Athletics Meet PAULPILLAI House were winners with 713.5 points, ABRAHAM second with 624 points. THAMOTHERAM 520, KANAPATHIPILLAI 482.5 and SHERRARD 476.
- Several Associations function at the school viz. Hindu society, Students' Christian movement, Social Science association, Science Association, Computer Club, Scouts Club and The Advanced Level Students' Association.
- The Various Old Boys' Associations and The School Development Association have contributed to the development of the College, as has the Hartley College OBA website maintained by our Canadian colleagues <http://www.hartleycollege.org>
- An English stream has been started in Grade 6 in many subjects; the Tuesday assembly also gets conducted in English occasionally. Extra classes in English are held after school as are classes for Grade 11 students who need help with mathematics

Taken from the Principal's report-ed

Year 2004 at Hartley

- For the Year 2004 there was significant improvement in the percentage of students who qualified to enter university in Maths, Commerce and Arts but a small drop in Biology.
- 144 passed 3 subjects with one 3 'A's at the A Level examination
- STSamuel prize won by S Nishanthan
- RMGunaratnam prize won by S Srikanan
- Best performance in Arts won by S Kartheepan
- WNSSamuel prize won by P Balaraj

- Cricket award- K Mahindan
- Athletics award- S Senthoo
- Football award- J Tharsan (NNadarajah award)

2004 examination results (Below) were sent by Mr. Gunaseelan, Deputy Principal of Hartley College.

	Maths		Bio		Commerce		Arts		Total		
	1st Year	2nd Year	1st Year	2nd Year	1st Year	2nd Year	1st Year	2nd Year	1st Year	2nd Year	Total
Applied	81	64	21	7	56	45	17	7	175	123	298
Sat for the exam	78	56	20	6	53	35	17	3	168	100	268
Qualified for University	39	31	6	4	28	20	13	2	86	57	143
% Qualified	50%	55.4%	30.0%	66.7%	52.8%	57.1%	76.5%	66.7%	51.2%	57%	53.4%

	Course	Grading	District Rank	Island Rank
Shanmuganathan Thananjeyan	Math	3A	2	20
Sivarajasingam Sathinathan	Math	2A, B	21	336
Sivakumar Tharsan	Math	2A, B	25	406
Sivarajah Kajendran	Math	2A, B	33	560
Umapathy Sugaruban	Math	2A, B	38	642
Rajasekaran Ranjith	Math	A, 2B	41	709
Kamaleswaran Kamalagopan	Math	2A, S	105	1813
Sivasothy Sivatharsan	Commerce	2A, B	68	2948
Santhiralingarajah Sutharsan	Commerce	A, 2B	110	4159
Velauthapillai Mandaleswaran	Commerce	2A, B	111	4173
Balasundaram Partheepan	Commerce	A, 2B	114	4241
Vijayakumar Visahan	Bio	A, 2B	43	738
Ponnuthurai Sathees	Arts	A, 2B	89	1634

	First Year				
	Maths	Bio	Com.	Arts	Total
3 Subjects	39	6	28	14	87
2 Subjects	19	5	4	3	31
1 Subjects	10	4	10	0	24
0 Subjects	10	5	11	0	26
General Common paper more than 30	78	20	48	15	161

	Second Year				
	Maths	Bio	Com.	Arts	Total
3 Subjects	31	4	20	2	57
2 Subjects	7	0	5	1	13
1 Subjects	8	1	5	0	14
0 Subjects	10	1	5	0	16
General Common paper more than 30	56	6	35	2	99

Courtesy: Mr. Shan Shanmuganathan, HCPPA Trust.

a POM on the road down under

Okay I admit I am not a real Pom but living in England for nearly 20 years should make me at least an honorary Pom (and I will get myself bleached!); this article is about the road rules in Australia that this Pom finds truly amazing.

I should have lost 20 licences and paid \$100000 by now if one counts all the traffic offences I have committed in 15 months. After getting caught once and paying \$225, I now systematically break the rules as long as I am sure no policeman is in the vicinity. I suspect that is what everyone does- so here a driver has to concentrate on the road (which is ALL one has to do for safe driving in sensible parts of the world) PLUS watch the speedometer, watch the rapidly changing speed limits that come up, watch for the obvious or hidden policeman (and also watch the time and calendar plus diary that tells you about school holidays etc.).

You do not need to carry any reading material- there are messages every few minutes, most that threaten you (“FINE up to \$3300!!”), or alarm you... “drowsy drivers die” (well, drowsy drivers may die, but without reading the message!), or make a fool of you ... “Police targeting.....fatigue” (something doctors have not been able to manage!).

The real reasons behind all this is of course to make money, and the easiest way to make money from fines is to make something that everyone likes to do illegal, even if it is a totally safe activity (like driving at 54kmph through the town of **Nevertire**, population 13, all of whom are so tired that they are sleeping, and their pets are asleep too BUT “Nevertire is a 50kmph town”!!!)

Insiders have told me that there are several new FINES that will be introduced soon in Australia so I thought I will warn you in advance:

- If you sneeze while you drive there will be a fine of \$225; recurrent sneezing will lose you 3 points too. Big yawns that block visibility will cost the same
- Anyone who ****s in the car, causing odour problems that can lead to the driver losing concentration will have to pay \$225; the police are working on a ‘gasometer’ which will be used in random checks
- Drivers will be stopped and asked to recite the last 3 speed limits they saw (in the last 2 minutes)- this will be a test of short term memory, and if you fail you pay \$225; repeated failure will lead to loss of licence and a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.
- GPS systems will track speed- an extra satellite is to be launched for this purpose from money expected to be made in Iraq.
- The satellite system will also check tyre treads, water level in windscreen washers, wiper rubber thickness and brake pad thickness levels- \$225 each!
- If enough money is not raised, the speed limits will be reduced to 30kmph then 20kmph; however, if your car stalls (a problem mainly for the manual vehicles) there will be a fine of \$450.
- If more money is needed the speed limit will be reduced to zero (the ONLY safe limit); the Government has taken an option on an order for 1 million bullock carts from Sri Lanka.

Also, the Government feels that to make money they do not need to limit the fines to traffic offences; people will be fined for overdoing any safe activity they like to do.

- There will be bedroom cameras to fine overactivity!
- There will be a diarrhoea fine (hidden toilet cameras)
- Watching more than one Teledrama serial a day will cost you \$225 (the camera will be watching you from inside the television)
- Similar for cricket/tennis/golf/footy matches
- More than 20 minutes making yourself up?- pay \$225 (secret camera behind the mirror!)
- Telephone calls will be monitored- gossip of over 5 minutes will cost you an additional \$225 (Telstra will do it free- they get a cut too)
- People who jog for more than 20 minutes will also have to pay \$225 (there will be ‘jog traffic wardens’ everywhere)

The only two items that people can do without the fear of a fine is eating and drinking beer; this is because it is important to keep the third world starving, and because everyone in government and police love to do these things. Policemen will simply be posted in front of television monitors to catch people in all illegal activities listed above **so that they will be NOWHERE near places where the actual crimes are taking place**- the murders, rapes, muggings & stabbings, violence & vandalism!

I am off to England again! Bye

-V Vasanthakumar

HARTLEY AFTER *THE TSUNAMI 9.0/2004*

I was in Jaffna when the tsunami struck many countries including Sri Lanka. The Jaffna peninsula was hit mainly in the east coastal areas (Point Pedro, Katkovalam, Maruthankeni, Thalayadi) and reported over 1000 deaths and 15,000 homeless. Point Pedro recorded some 40 deaths and destruction of properties. I was told that the second wave rose some 9 meters and flattened the two properties in front of the College before hitting its walls. Methodist High School walls were also flattened. There was about 2 to 3 feet water at Hartley buildings. Stationery and other items on the floor were destroyed but fortunately there were no valuables lost.

The Army did not permit me to take a camera. When I visited the school with Mr Gunaseelan, Vice Principal on 28 December 2004, I saw the following:

- there were puddles of water in the campus
- the old staff room and the adjoining hall were damaged even further
- the waves appear to have brought a lot of rubbish and dumped them in the school
- there was a terrible unbearable smell
- one could see the ocean from the school
- the army was occupying the upstairs class rooms and appeared very upset
- new class rooms are being built from an NGO funding

Affected people were being held at schools including Velautham School and Nelliady Central College. I visited the Nelliady School camp that had about 3,000 people. I noted generous support from the Hindu societies, Churches and the general public. All aid works were being carried out by the LTTE.

I had a lengthy discussion with Mr.Gunaseelan who had arranged cleaning up of the Office and the Computer Laboratory. The eleven personal computers had survived because they were placed on top of the desks. Also, there had been no major damage to the books in the library.

Mr.Gunaseelan mentioned the following:

- the books that we shipped were very useful except a few outdated ones
- he will be retiring in June 2005 and a replacement is yet to be finalised
- the PPA Point Pedro branch is working very well and supporting the school activities
- the cricket fixtures and athletic meet may be deferred due to the tsunami
- school assembly is being held in open air next to the Gymnasium

After visiting the school I went towards the Point Pedro beach but saw all the boats on the cross streets! The waves also appear to have pushed the coral reefs to the shore. Oodaikarai Appam is still going and one Appam is now Rs 5.



காசி ஆனந்தன் நறுக்குகள்



திரிர்

வேலைக்காரன் மேல்
பாய்ந்தார்...

'நாயே!
பீட்டரை
கவனித்தாயா?'

இவர் வீட்டில் -
'பீட்டர்' என்றால்
நாய்.
'நாய்' என்றால்
மனிதன்.



வேலி

மயில் இறகு
புலித்தோல்
மாண்கொம்பு
யானைத்தந்தம்...

அழகாய்
இருக்கிறது
எங்கள்
வீடு.

வன விலங்குகள்
காப்பாளர்

அப்பா.



கடற்கரை

உடல் நலம்
தேடி
காற்று வாங்க
வந்து போகும்
பெரிய இடத்து
மாடிகள்.

இங்கேயே -

நோயோடும்
நொடியோடும்
ஒடுங்கிக் கிடக்கும்
மீனவர்
குடிசைகள்.



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இரண்டு
பெட்டிகளில்.

சவப்
பெட்டியிலும்

தொலைக்காட்சிப்
பெட்டியிலும்.

டிக்கட் வித்துப்பாரா

'How to win Friends....' is a world famous book by Dale Carnegie (compulsory reading for everyone) but we learned about 'How to Lose Friends' when recently we tried to sell Filmshow tickets for fundraising for Hartley.

Suddenly it looked as if longstanding friends thought we had the plague. Or did we need fresh deodorants?! The usual chats at shops and markets ceased for Hartley Committee members because they became invisible to potential ticket buyers!

Those who got caught had many ways to escape too. Of course many had no money on them, and others explained how they would be away at that time. Many proved to us with photocopies of flight tickets confirming that their family will be away (so they would buy a single ticket, rather than a family ticket)! We had to go to the airport to be sure that the family actually got into the plane! (We have learnt this tactic from the Australian Immigration Service)

Of course many had seen the film already- and Kamalahasan was too old for some others. The strong தமிழன்; did not want to see a film with an English (or half English) name (வகுலராஜா MBBS). Some wanted a girl more pretty than Sneha as the heroine. Some had no cars and for some others the cars were too big to park. And of course for many the show clashed with the 'mega serials' on Sigaram TV!

Another tactic was to be ready with a name claiming that a ticket had already been bought through another committee member (or promised). But the most clever method was to sell to us an even more expensive ticket so in the end one ended up out of pocket!

Despite the above jovially exaggerated problems the Committee was able to make a success of the fundraising event and in the bargain provided a film which was enjoyed by most. It was pleasing to have Hartleyites simply buying family tickets (and more for parents and friends) without any thought of whether in fact they would be able to attend the filmshow. We thank all of you who contributed.

We are grateful to those who recognised that this was a fundraiser for our College (not just a filmshow), and particularly to the Hartleyite from 1000 km away who bought a family ticket with no hesitation.

Anyway, if you want people to avoid you, just start selling fundraising tickets!

-a committee member

Little Johnny was in the classroom on a Friday afternoon, and the teacher had a game for the kids. "Okay class. Now I'm going to say a famous quote, and the first person to tell me who said that quote, can have Monday off" said the teacher.

"To be, or not to be; That is the question," spoke the teacher. Little Din Don Chow at the front of the class called out, "Shakespeare!" "Well done!" said the teacher. "You can have Monday off". "No, thank you Miss. I am of Vietnamese origin and it is in our culture to study as hard as we can, so I will be here on Monday studying hard", said little Din Don Chow.

"Okay," said the teacher. The next quote is, "I HAD A DREAM!". Little Fri Som Kat also at the front yelled out "Martin Luther King!". "Well done!" said the teacher. "You can have Monday off". "No thank you Miss. I am of Chinese origin and we also don't take time off school. Education is everything to us, so I will be in on Monday studying hard too," said little Fri Som Kat

"Okay," said the teacher. Then she heard a voice from the back of the classroom, "F***** Asians!"

"Who said that?" yelled the teacher in an angry tone. "Pauline Hanson!" yelled little Johnny. "See ya Tuesday"!

If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

A woman was telling her friend, "It is I who made my husband a millionaire."
"And what was he before you married him?" asked the friend.
The woman replied, "A billionaire."

Young Son: "Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"
Dad: "That happens in every country, son."

After a quarrel, a husband said to his wife, "You know, I was a fool when I married you."
She replied, "Yes dear, but I was in love and didn't notice."

A Shining Star



A shot of Sri Lanka and South India from space, showing the link through the sea that a squirrel is supposed to have helped build once upon a time.

Hartleyites will need no assistance in knowing what stands out as a beacon in the Northeast end of Sri Lanka!

So What's UP?

So what is this stuff about English being easy? There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word in the English language -- and that is the word "UP."

It's easy to understand UP (meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list) but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends and we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning, but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP !

To understand the proper uses of UP, look it UP in the dictionary. In a desk size dictionary, the word up takes UP almost a quarter page and it adds UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so.....I'll just shut UP!

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