

Dear

Greetings of happiness, love and peace!

We are writing to let you know that the Global Retreat Centre (GRC) in Nuneham Park, Oxford, is soon to receive an extensive refurbishment, after 25 years of intense service in the cause of spiritual upliftment. The trustees of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (UK) charity, owners of the 100-year lease on the property, have decided to prepare the historic building for a new phase of activity through a complete refit of its pipework, a new heating system, new bathrooms, and a wiring upgrade. Further vital improvements may also become possible as the project progresses.

The Brahma Kumaris acquired the 250-year-old former stately home in 1993. A team of volunteers rapidly fell into place and they and others from the BK community have served non-stop ever since, hosting hundreds of thousands of guests from many different walks of life and from all over the world. The guests carry away with them understandings that produce lasting help in their lives, and often, as a consequence, in the lives of their families and work colleagues.

The refurbishment is a huge undertaking, involving a shutdown of activities for 18 months to two years. The end result will be to equip the centre with a new lease of life, making it fit to support UK and indeed global society at all levels over the years to come. The world is moving rapidly towards a greater understanding of the role of meditation and spiritual understanding in securing a better future for humankind, and we expect the centre to be playing an ever-expanding role in helping to meet these needs.

The project entails a substantial financial outgoing for the charity. We know that many of you have loved your stay at GRC, and may like to take this opportunity to make a contribution, helping many others to receive similar benefit.

If you feel able to support the project in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. You may go to the Global Retreat Centre website for details www.globalretreatcentre.org

While the work takes place, many of the GRC team will be staying connected with the centre and its outreach, including our *Inner Space* centre for meditation and spiritual understanding in Broad Street, Oxford. Information about the project and its progress will be carried on our website, where a video message from Sister Manda has already been posted.

We apologise if you receive this letter more than once as you may be in touch with different people and outreach events within the BKs.

Many thanks for your kind attention.

In loving remembrance of One,

Sister Jayanti and the GRC Team