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ALL ARE WELCOME !

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

...il y a, caché derrière l'amour individuel, obscurci par son ignorante forme humaine, un mystère que le mental en peut saisir, le mystère du corps du Divin, le secret d'une forme mystique de l'Infini, dont nous ne pouvons nous approcher que par l'extase du coeur et la passion de sens qui ont été purifiés et sublimés; et son attrait, qui est l'appel du divin Joueur de Flûte, la contrainte subjuguante de Celui qui est Toute-Beauté, ne peut être saisi, et nous saisir, que par un amour et une ardeur occultes qui finissent par fondre en un seul la Forme et le Sans-Forme, et identifier la Matière avec l'Esprit. C'est cela que l'Esprit recherche à travers l'Amour ici-bas dans l'obscurité de l'Ignorance, et c'est cela qu'il découvre quand l'amour humain individuel se change en l'amour du Divin immanent incarné dans l'univers matériel.

La Synthèse des Yoga, Vol. I, pp. 239-40

Cela nous ramène au symbole de Krishna et de Râdhâ.

Krishna est Celui dont Sri Aurobindo parle ici, le divin Joueur de Flûte, c'est-à-dire le Divin immanent et universel qui est le pouvoir d'attraction suprême ; et l'âme, la personnalité psychique, qu'ici on appelle Râdhâ, qui répond à l'appel du Joueur de Flûte. Alors, on m'a demandé de dire quelque chose, ce soir, sur cette conscience de Râdhâ ; c'est-à-dire, au fond, sur la manière dont l'âme individuelle répond à l'appel du Divin.

Il se trouve que c'est justement ce que Sri Aurobindo a décrit dans le chapitre que nous venons de lire : c'est cette capacité de trouver l'Ânanda en toutes choses par l'identification avec la Présence divine unique et le don total de soi à cette Présence. Alors, je ne pense pas que j'aie grand-chose à ajouter ; ce que je pourrais dire serait une limitation ou une diminution de la totalité de cette expérience.

Cette conscience a la capacité de changer tout en une extase perpétuelle, parce que, au lieu de voir les choses dans leur apparence discordante, on ne voit plus que la Présence, la Volonté et la Grâce divines partout ; et chaque événement, chaque élément, chaque circonstance, chaque forme se change en une manière, un détail à travers lequel on peut s'approcher plus intimement et plus profondément du Divin. Les discordances disparaissent, les laideurs s'évanouissent ; il n'y a plus que la splendeur de la Présence divine dans un Amour rayonnant en toutes choses.

Il est évident qu'au point de vue pratique, il faut être capable de rester dans une hauteur constante et inébranlable pour pouvoir être dans cet état-là sans s'exposer à des conséquences assez fâcheuses. C'est probablement pour cela que ceux qui voulaient vivre cet état se retiraient du monde et trouvaient le contact universel à travers la Nature... Je dois dire, sans vouloir être désagréable pour les hommes, qu'il est infiniment plus facile de réaliser cet état de conscience quand on est entouré d'arbres, de fleurs, de plantes et même d'animaux que d'êtres humains. C'est plus facile, mais ce n'est pas indispensable. Et si l'on veut que l'état soit vraiment intégral, il faut pouvoir l'avoir à tout moment, en présence de n'importe qui et de n'importe quoi. Il y a d'innombrables légendes comme cela, ou d'histoires, comme celle de Prahlâd, par exemple, que nous avons vue dernièrement au cinéma, qui sont comme des illustrations de cet état de conscience. Et je ne suis pas seulement convaincue, mais j'ai moi-même l'expérience tout à fait tangible que, si en présence d'un danger, d'un ennemi, d'une mauvaise volonté, vous êtes capable de rester dans cette condition et de voir le Divin en toutes choses, eh bien, le danger n'aura pas d'effet, la mauvaise volonté ne pourra rien vous faire, et l'ennemi, ou il sera transformé ou il s'enfuira. C'est un fait certain.

Mais j'ajoute un petit mot qui est assez important. Il ne faut pas chercher cet état ou cette conscience avec un mobile, le chercher parce que c'est une protection ou une aide. Il faut l'avoir sincèrement, spontanément, constamment ; il faut que ce soit une manière d'être normale, naturelle, sans effort. Alors c'est efficace. Mais si vous essayez d'imiter le moins du monde le mouvement avec l'idée que vous obtiendrez tel ou tel résultat, cela ne réussit pas. Le résultat n'est pas du tout obtenu. Et alors, dans votre ignorance, vous direz peut-être : »Oh ! mais on m'avait dit cela, mais ce n'est pas comme cela ! » C'est parce qu'il y avait une insincérité quelque part. Autrement, si vous êtes vraiment sincère, c'est-à-dire si c'est une expérience intégrale et spontanée, elle est toute-puissante. Si, en regardant dans les yeux de quelqu'un, vous pouvez y voir spontanément la Présence divine, les pires mouvements s'évanouissent, les pires obstacles disparaissent ; et la flamme d'une joie infinie s'éveille, parfois dans l'autre aussi bien qu'en soi-même. S'il y a dans l'autre la moindre possibilité ou une toute petite faille dans la mauvaise volonté, ça resplendit.

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For there is concealed behind individual love, obscured by its ignorant human figure, a mystery which the mind cannot seize, the mystery of the body of the Divine, the secret of a mystic form of the Infinite which we can approach only through the ecstasy of the heart and the passion of the pure and sublimated sense, and its attraction which is the call of the divine Flute-player, the mastering compulsion of the All-Beautiful, can only be seized and seize us through an occult love and yearning which in the end makes one the Form and the Formless, and identifies Spirit and Matter. It is that which the spirit in Love is seeking here in the darkness of the Ignorance and it is that which it finds when individual human love is changed into the love of the Immanent Divine incarnate in the material universe.

The Synthesis of Yoga, p. 150

This brings us back to the symbol of Krishna and Radha.

Krishna is the One of whom Sri Aurobindo speaks here, the divine Flute-player, that is to say, the immanent and universal Divine who is the supreme power of attraction; and the soul, the psychic personality, called here Radha, who responds to the call of the Flute-player. So I have been asked to say something this evening on the Radha-consciousness, that is, in fact, on the way in which the individual soul answers the call of the Divine.

It so happens that this is exactly what Sri Aurobindo has described in the chapter we have just read: it is that capacity of finding Ananda in all things through identification with the one divine Presence and a complete self-giving to that Presence. So I don't think I have much to add; what I could say would be a limitation or a diminution of the totality of this experience.

This consciousness has the capacity of changing everything into a perpetual ecstasy, for instead of seeing things in their discordant appearance, one now sees only the divine Presence, the divine Will and the Grace everywhere ; and every event, every element, every circumstance, every form changes into a way, a detail through which one can draw more intimately and profoundly closer to the Divine. Discordances disappear, ugliness vanishes; there is now only the splendour of the divine Presence in a Love shining in all things.

It is obvious that from a practical point of view one must be able to remain at a constant and unshakable height in order to be in that state without exposing oneself to fairly troublesome consequences. That is probably why those who wished to live in this state used to withdraw from the world and find the universal contact through Nature... I must say, without meaning to be unpleasant to men, that it is infinitely easier to realise this state of consciousness when one is surrounded by trees, flowers, plants and even animals than by human beings. It is easier but not indispensable. And if one wants the state to be truly integral, one must be able to keep it at every moment, in the presence of anyone and anything.

There are countless legends or stories of this kind, like that of Prahlad, for instance, which we saw recently in a film, stories which illustrate that state of consciousness. And I am not only convinced, but I myself have the quite tangible experience that if in the presence of some danger or an enemy or some ill-will, you are able to remain in this condition and see the Divine in all things, well, the danger will have no effect, the ill-will can do nothing to you, and the enemy will either be transformed or run away. That is quite certain.

But I must add a word which is quite important. You must not seek this state of consciousness with any motive or seek it because it is a protection or a help. You must have it sincerely, spontaneously, constantly; it must be a normal, natural, effortless way of being. Then it is effective. But if you try in the least to imitate the movement with the idea of obtaining a particular result, it won't succeed. The result is not obtained at all. And then in your ignorance you will perhaps say, "Oh! but they told me that, but it is not true!" That is because there was some insincerity somewhere.

Otherwise, if you are really sincere, that is, if it is an integral and spontaneous experience, it is all-powerful. If, looking into somebody's eyes, you can spontaneously see the divine Presence there, the worst movements vanish, the worst obstacles disappear; and the flame of an infinite joy awakes, sometimes in the other person as well as in oneself. If in the other person there is the least possibility or just a tiny rift in his ill-will, the flame shines forth.

Comments on the proposed road through Evergreen and the process it illustrates

Three different categories of objections have emerged about the above proposed road:

1. Objections to the actual road

a) Safety. A road following the same route was opened 6 years ago and was found to be extremely dangerous. Traffic from Edayanchavadi could speed along the newly formed straight road, making the curve on the tar road at the Abri corner extremely dangerous for traffic going from Kulapalayam to Auroville. If, as proposed by the IDC, traffic on the new road is forced to move slowly by speed bumps, the majority of traffic will simply use the existing tar road and thus the whole purpose of the new road would be negated. To increase the safety of these two sharp bends (the Abri and Certitude corners) it may be more practical, and definitely cheaper, to ease the corners themselves rather than make a completely new road. It would also add another entrance road into an already crowded 4 way intersection at the Abri corner.

b) Usefulness. The proposed road would be built to cut the corner of the existing tar road, which can most probably never be closed by Auroville because it is a government road. The usefulness of expending resources and covering more of the Green Belt in an impermeable surface, when the existing road will anyway always be there, seems therefore ill-conceived.

c) Ethics. The Green Belt is intended to be an area of minimal development and infrastructure. Already the tar road cuts through this area of the Green Belt, and the Service Area is also well within the official Green Belt boundary. To further develop infrastructure that is not absolutely necessary within this area of the Green Belt appears unnecessary and a contradiction of the whole ethic of the Green Belt, and Auroville as a whole.

d) Timing. Even presuming that there may be a valid need for this road to be built at this site, the timing of its construction is highly questionable. At present, in an Auroville with 1600 residents, there are many more immediate needs of the community than an extra road that does not give access to anywhere not already accessible.

2. Objections to the process that has been followed

These relate to a distinct lack of straightforwardness and openness.

a) Meeting in April. A meeting was called by the IDC in April to discuss the 'Service Area between Reve and Certitude'. No mention was made in the announcement of Evergreen and none of a new road either. As a result of this meeting it was said that there were no objections to the road. No mention was made in subsequent meeting reports, there was no '2 weeks feedback from the Community'. A new road was about to be built in the Green Belt with almost no-one being informed about it.

b) Radials. When the maps of the area are examined, and the proponents of the road pressed to be clear, it appears that the real imperative reason for this road is not safety or the Service Area, as had been expressed by the IDC throughout. The imperative is actually that it fits the radial road that enters the Residential Zone by Reve making a smooth and gentle curve. If this is the case (as has been admitted now) then why not be honest and open from the beginning and say that, rather than inventing other imperatives?

3. Objections to the attitudes of 2 representatives of the IDC

a) The meeting minutes of the IDC meeting of 9th August (in AVNews of 31st August) in which the Service Area is described as being 'accepted by Evergreen people and the Green Group', and even 'welcomed' by Evergreen are a clear distortion of the truth. 5 people who were present at the reported Evergreen meeting agree that this was not the outcome of the meeting.

b) At the meeting of Friday August 30th at SAWCHU there were repeated suggestions for ways in which the IDC and those objecting to the road could work together to find a more harmonious proposal. The two IDC representatives who were present rejected all such suggestions, instead maintaining that they would discuss it and then inform the rest of us of their deliberations. This will only maintain the divisive nature of such processes rather than move towards collaboration and a willingness to work together.

c) It was clear at the August 30th meeting that despite the clear objections that were raised, the two IDC representatives were not open to hearing or understanding an alternative point of view, or even considering an alternative to the road as presently proposed. It was said repeatedly that the road may be 'postponed' but that it would certainly eventually happen.

Conclusion

Although on one level this is only a matter of a few hundred metres of road, it also represents some larger issues that Auroville has to face at this time. The conflict that has evolved concerning this road is partly the result of a strict adherence to a fixed plan of development. It is essential that the plan of Auroville's development be flexible and transparent. This comparatively small issue illustrates the conflicts that can result from the current process and how urgently change is needed.

from the Green Group

N.B. Although this is written by the Green Group, it also has the support of a considerable number of individuals not necessarily directly involved in the Green Belt or this issue in particular.

Copies sent to:

AVNews, WC, FAMC, IDC, Forest Group, Farm Group, Intranet

IDC Meeting Report 30.08.02

Present: Jacques, Stuart, Joseba, Eugen (consultant)

Secretary: Sonja

Absent: Jill, Peter A. and Aurovici

Observer: Juergen P.

IDC Meeting Report on 03.09.02

Present: Jacques, Aurovici, Eugen (consultant), Stuart, Dharmesh and Joseba

Secretary: Sonja

Absent: Jill and Peter A.

Reve II

Some customers would like to exchange their present apartment with the newly freed ones. We would like to say here that transfer could happen only if a new customer is found or cash is put forward to reimburse the previous occupant.

Matrimandir area

The Matrimandir Team is building up two constructions in front of Kindergarten without permission. IDC is strongly requesting the tam to cooperate and fill up a building application.

Kottakarai Farm

A meeting took place on Saturday the 31.08.02 to solve the location problems of Ricardo.

Ricardo gave his version of the story, then the Farm Group gave their viewpoint and then IDC gave its points. They found no fault with the way the IDC proceeded. The only default found in IDC process was, that the land allocated to Ricardo has not been drawn on a map. The Farm Group was asked to convene an extra ordinary meeting to give a positive go ahead for Ricardo's workshop. The question of Sundaram will be looked into in depth before any decision can be taken.

AV Farm Group was asked to look into the following points

- 1) Parties cannot be part of a subgroup what study a topic.
- 2) AVFG has not looked deeply into Ricardo's matter and not been receptive of his situation.
- 3) There has been no operational farming in the last years, as there was not enough water. Accounts provided by Farm Group shows an average income of approximately 1800 Rs. per month for the last 5/6 years.
- 4) From the beginning it was clearly stated, that this land would be industrial land.
- 5) The letter of IDC was regarding the land use in the city area and not linked to Ricardo's case specifically.

The Farm Group has been requested to give answer by Thursday morning.

Aurobrindavan

Lachman Melvani from New School Crafts was requesting the stewardship of the land between the cricket ground and Moratandi Village Graveyard on the Tindivanam roadside.

The Planning Group proposed that a second Information Center will be built on this land. Lachman Melvani will bring up there a boutique and a cafeteria for the visitors with an information booth.

Juergen P. has been invited to share his point of view about this project. He told us, that he is not willing to give away the stewardship of the full land, but Lachman can be steward of the land she will need for her development.

Planning Group, LEM, IDC and other parties interested will be invited for a meeting to look into the matter.

Service Area meeting

The Forest Group agreed for the transport Service to be relocated in the Service Area. They raised objections against the opening of the new road not understanding the reasons of it. Safety and easier access to the city for the future 50 000 inhabitants were the reasons given by IDC amongst others which were not accepted by the Forest Group members. They were requested to provide these objections in writing for the Planning Group to study them and eventually to reply to them. An alternative proposal for the road was also requested by the IDC from Forest Group.

REVE II

After the resignation of Dominic and Inge from the management group of Reve II, the IDC tried to reform it with the help of Housing Group. Unluckily the members of Housing Group does not feel competent enough anymore to be part of the management team of Reve II.

Some customers got worried with the change. IDC would like to inform the community that the work has not suffered from change and the delays be requested.

IDC will continue with Dharmesh and Eugen and finalize the project. Eugen as architect will take over the work of Dominic and follow Dominic's plans.

The contact person for customers will be the Sonja secretary of IDC.

For further question, please feel free to contact us via telephone 622 056 or via e-mail developmentgroup@auroville.org.in.

The Interim Development Council

Dear Community,

A few apartments are still available at Reve II. Apartments with garden or on top with a wonderful view or just in between, feel free to contact us via telephone 622 056, or via e-mail developmentgroup@auroville.org.in to get more information and details about it. Sonja our secretary will be your contact person.

The IDC

Auroville School Board Meeting 31st August 2002

Present: Francoise Transition, Sanjeev Kindergarten, Claudine CFL, Chali CFL, Mary Transition, Jean-Yves Last School, Suzie Deepanam, Chaitanya Deepanam, Odile Kindergarten, Kripa Administration, Rajavel After School?, Ulli Gateway, Otto Economy Group, Pala Economy Group, Rathinam

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the fact that the Gateway contribution for teachers' maintenances, will end soon. What comes after, and how to bring awareness of this situation to the entire community?

A lump sum had been given in November 1998 to supplement full time teachers' maintenances. Since then, the number of teachers has increased, and that money was also used to cover and augment the maintenance of additional new teachers. Practically, this contribution will end in April 2003. The contribution has already been reduced this year, and though Central Fund has been able to make up the difference until now, only marginally successful fundraising attempts have been made, and there are no concrete ideas at present where additional funding will be found then.

Observations

- Some Aurovilians are contributing on their own to particular schools.
- Guests and Newcomers are being attracted to free education in Auroville. Is there any contribution asked when people join the existing infrastructure that costs so much to Auroville? This topic is under discussion in the different schools as well as in the Entry Group.
- Today the way we function is that every Aurovilian has access to free education, and those who can, are asked to contribute. Education must be supported by all those who can afford it.

Proposals for Discussion

- o Restructure the Central Fund and separate the budget for Education. This could mean giving a global budget to SAIER, who would manage all the units. Education is one-third of the Central Fund budget at present: i.e. child care, maintenance of teachers and students, day-to-day running expenses of schools.
- o Decentralization. Each school could get their own budget, and they would have to take their own decisions according to that amount: where to spend, how many teachers, etc. But then, this would give a feeling of separate schools, where as now, we are all different branches of one same tree. And, it is difficult to find administrators/accountants for each school.
- o The current process is that each school takes care of their own budget projections and spending. For the general allocation of funds or for global decisions (such as prioritising projects for the Project Coordination Group), then all the educational activities meet and discuss together. Each school gets some of their money from CF, some from GOI grants, some from parents, units, or other fundraising sources. As for maintenance requests for additional teachers, the schools present their needs to the school board for approval. Then, the list of approved names is sent from the SAIER office to the Central Fund.

o Fund Auroville Education by a scheme similar to that of the present experiment of the Auroville Health Fund cooperative insurance i.e. the CF contributes on behalf of those being maintained by the CF and all others give a contribution through their unit, project or other means if they are self-supporting.

Further Observations

- A number of parents take their children out of Auroville schools and send them to other schools for which they have to find the money to pay fees. Some parents put their children in schools either in Pondy, Kodai, and elsewhere inside India or in other countries, and find the means to pay the fees, but the same parents do not think of contributing to Auroville schools when their children attend them.
- Two questions arise: How to stimulate people to spontaneously contribute to collective needs? And, how to bring an awareness of those needs?
- It was pointed out that we have a tendency to increase circulation of money. We take decisions following a series of circumstances that take us far from Auroville's ideal economy. We should be careful about creating structures that encourage this.

Follow-up Proposals

- o Reverse the actual functioning. Today the situation is that in Auroville education is free, and those who wish to contribute may do so. We could reverse this, and say that education costs so much, therefore you have to contribute so much if your child is in an Auroville school. If you cannot, then consideration would be given case-by-case: those who are being maintained by Auroville through the CF or a unit or project, those who have personal means etc.
- o Establish more communication between the schools and the parents: e.g. giving information about the financial situation and budget shortfalls, so as to create awareness and encourage participation. This could be done through regular letters, meetings, discussions, etc.
- o It is important for the schools and parents to work together with good will. The welfare of the children is our shared concern.

Conclusions

- Action to be taken to increase awareness:
 - v Send a detailed, informative letter to each Auroville household in one of three languages (English, French or Tamil) about the overall Auroville budget and situation in the CF, highlighting particular areas such as maintaining Aurovilians and Education.
 - v Host an all schools workshop with teachers and parents.
 - v Each school arranges that teachers and parents of their students meet together regularly.
- All those present agreed to continue the discussion at the next School Board Meeting that will take place early in October.

If you have any comments or observations as participation in this on-going discussion, you are welcome to do so in writing to Kripa c/o the SAIER office, Bharat Nivas or email SAIER@auroville.org.in
Thank You!

Meeting: AVFG, August 27, Verite, 10.00 hrs

Present: Selvi, Herbert, Priya, Jeff (chairman), Friederike, Gerard, John, Sundaram, Murthy, Angama, Sumathi, Kala, Mechtild, Jai Singh, Lloyd (notes).

KOTTAKARAI FARM:

It was decided that the following report of the AVFG sub-group on Kottakarai Farm should be sent to the IDC as an initial reaction and that it could be used during a meeting with the WC and FAMC.

Report of Kottakarai Subgroup Meeting 080602

At: House Sundaram, Kottakarai.

Present: Tomas, Amudha, Friederike, Kumar, Sundaram, Krishna, Tania, Lloyd (notes).

All those present agreed that the soil of Kottakarai Farm is of good planting quality, and that the land should remain under AVFG stewardship. It was agreed that it should be investigated how the quality of the soil can be integrated with non-polluting land-oriented industrial purposes.

In the course of the meeting Sundaram and Amudha agreed to the following suggestions for the development of the land:

-Given the fact that Amudha works half time, anybody who is interested in farming/gardening is welcome to do so in Kottakarai Farm, either on an individual basis or together with Amudha.

Those interested in farming/gardening would have to be aware that they come to live in an existing community, with which they have to cooperate and make decisions. Amudha agreed to the possibility of allowing settlers their own stewardship of part of Kottakarai Farm.

Sundaram/Amudha stated that they will not expand their unit activities at Kottakarai Farm.

-Those who wish to settle on the land will have to help in finding a solution for the present water problem, for the whole community and all the land.

-In any future plan, the fruit orchards (50 trees) will remain orchards.

-Anybody growing: herbal medicine, dried flowers, Bach remedy flowers, produce for cloth or clay dies (etc), may in the future get permission from the AVFG to build a small non-polluting processing unit on the land. Those who do so

(with consent of community and AVFG) will also be allowed to take over stewardship of pieces of land from Amudha/Sundaram. In this context it was suggested that for immediate use the dry crop land (bordering the pony farm), the unused land next to it, and the land around Kumar's previous house could be given out for this purpose. Only those who are actively engaged in farming/gardening may find housing in Kumar's former residence or in the house of Vijaya.

-Amudha will in the future confine herself to the guava orchard and one acre of land directly around her house. The plots that are presently used for wet crops, could in the future be used for land-oriented unit activities.

There was a long discussion about the stewardship of Amudha and Sundaram in the last year and a half. Some of the disagreements between the AVFG and Kottakarai Farm were:

- 1 No clear balance statements from Kottakarai Farm.
- 2 No attendance at AVFG meetings by Amudha.
- 3 Too high expectations from Amudha, where AVFG help for water problems is concerned (and disappointment resulting in a lowering of care for the land).

Given the above three issues it was argued that the settlement of small, land-oriented unit activities may solve the water problem of Kottakarai Farm. Amudha agreed that in the future she will come with more transparent balance sheets. She also agreed that disappointment over not receiving grants should not lead to a lack of care for the land. She was strongly advised by the group to work on the land along the main road, between the units and the dry land fields next to the pony farm.

Krishna and Lloyd will attend a meeting (Aug 31) with WC, FAMC, IDC AVFG and Ricardo, to look into the issue of Ricardo's carpentry.

BRIHASPATHI

The FAMC asked of the Farm Group to give advice about the stewardship of Brihaspathi. Jeff and Thomas visited Ayanar around August 21. They will come with a proposal concerning the role of the AVFG in this issue.

SELVI/MOONLIGHT:

Selvi (formerly Siddhartha) requests stewardship of "Moonlight", formerly part of Water Harvest.

Characteristics:

- area: 1,7 acre open field plot, with open well
- fences: two sides pillars/wire - two sides canyons/vegetation.
- movable assets: 8hp diesel - centrifugal pump with suction pipe.
- intended use: organic millet, oil seed, dry land rice, pulses and vegetables.
- building plans: 40 square meter house (incl. storeroom and tool-room). She contacted Housing Service.
- infrastructure plans: water tank and a cow house for 2 cows.
- workers: one year budget for wages available from Selvi, for a full time amma and a watchman.
- first returns: surplus crops, vegetables and milk available for AV.
- maintenance: Selvi receives a farm maintenance of Rs. 2500. She suggests that during a trial period of 6 months in Moonlight the AVFG recommend her for a half maintenance.

During the discussion the following points were brought forward:

- Though it is acknowledged that she is an Aurovilian, some members feel that they do not know Selvi enough, to put trust in her management. It was suggested that Selvi should seek to work with Aurovilians in other places.
- There were questions about whether the land will yield enough to make the project sustainable. In this realm Friederike mentioned that there is a guide-line that projects should not be made for less than 5 acres.
- Questions were also raised about the aspect of safety for Selvi, since the plot lies isolated among village fields.
- Selvi shows as yet little interest in joining the Farm Group.

In order to look into these questions and remarks it was decided that Krishna and Sundaram look into the plans of Selvi and report back to the group.

SIDDARTHA VOLUNTEER GUESTHOUSE:

An Israeli family has asked for the volunteer guesthouse at Siddhartha Farm, for a period of at least one year. They are interested in farming in AV, offer to work in Buddha Garden, and in the future want to take on a farm in AV.

To accommodate them in the Siddhartha guesthouse, they ask permission to improve what will remain a simple guesthouse. The family is presently in Israel for visa papers and will be back at the end of September. Priya writes that both herself and Herbert are in favor of the idea; the more so since three extra spaces for volunteer have become available in Buddha Garden.

It was argued by various members that the guesthouse was set up as a project for volunteers, not for newcomers. Priya answered that she has created extra rooms for volunteers in Buddha Garden. She also mentioned that a future agreement with the family has been drawn up and signed. The family pays for all improvements, which will not substantially alter the building, so that it can be reverted to its former use. They will extend the capacity of the solar system and return it to its original state when they leave. It was suggested that Priya talk with Isha and Tomas, who also work for/with volunteers, before taking further steps in the next meeting.

MOVED ON TO NEXT AVFG MEETING:**ANN NEEDS A PLACE FOR ANIMALS**

Herbert explained that something may work out with land between Siddhartha and Brihaspathi.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION PROJECT/ HOUSING (LAXMAN):

This point was not treated due to absence of Laxman.

HANDICRAFT/SIDDARTHA:

Priya has received an email from LEM stating that the project is to be a joint Auroville/village project so that an eco friendly way of doing it can be developed. We will be contacted in due course when the project is to be discussed by those involved.

RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1, 2002

Present: More than 100 people

Facilitator: Alan

Report: Valli and Janet

1. It was announced that two weeks ago the RA meeting approved the proposal to form an Auroville Resource Group (ARG). This was put in the News for feedback. So far no negative feedback has been received, so the proposal stands. The first meeting of the ARG will take place on September 15th. All, who will have volunteered and been nominated by September 7, will be invited to attend this meeting. It will also be possible for people to see the names of volunteers and nominees on the Intranet.
2. Although a couple of people had concerns, the meeting unanimously agreed that “the Experiment” should be tried for one year. Some of the points discussed were:
 - a) We need to propose and prioritize topics for the ARG to look at. (The ARG does not look into topics itself but creates Task Oriented Residents Assemblies (TORAs) for the purpose.) The main thing is to look at the mandates of the major Working Groups. Matrimandir Team, FAMC, IDC, and Economy Group were mentioned.
 - b) There is a need to look at our overall direction and see where we need to realign ourselves to the Mother’s Vision.
 - c) A newcomer asked if Newcomers could participate in these meetings. The answer is that Newcomers can participate, but cannot “vote” on issues.
3. The first task for the ARG is to propose a method for selecting the new Working Committee.
 - a) One idea is that the members of the present Working Committee be asked to continue. Several of the members said that they would only be willing if there was some restructuring in the organization, which included a proper Secretariat and Conflict Resolution Group. (Recently a Conflict Resolution Group called the Harmony Group has been formed. Anna Maria is the liaison between this group and the WC.)
 - b) Several Working Committee members are in favour of the idea of a 12 to 15 member Auroville Council of which the Working Committee is a part. One person suggested that it would save time if the 37 people, who chose the present WC, chose the Auroville Council, which would decide which members would be the WC. Of course this could only be done with community approval, but as the 37 were only chosen a few months ago, they would probably still have this approval.
 - c) At least one WC members feels the group should have a permanent Chairperson as well as a Secretariat.
 - d) The role that the present Support Group has played in advising the WC has been found useful by WC members. Will there be a role for such a group in the new organization?
4. The importance of adequate working space and facilities in essential for a well functioning organization. The Working Committee and its Support Groups have been given space in the new Centre of Urban Research (Town Hall), which should be ready in about two months. Therefore the meeting proceeded there at 5:30. Tea and biscuits were enjoyed on the roof, looking out over the Matrimandir in the sunset, large and golden, eerily close by.

From the Working Committee

Matrimandir: Several Aurovilians have requested the Working Committee to call a Residents' Assembly Meeting. The immediate reason is an incident which took place recently between members of the Matrimandir Workers Team and Vladimir who works there as an electrical supervisor. Other reasons given are the alleged mismanagement of the Matrimandir site.

The Working Committee and the Support Group discussed the incident. Individual members of the WC met with Vladimir and others. On Wednesday September 4 the Working Committee and Support Group met with a delegation of the Matrimandir Team. Subsequently the Working Committee and the Support Group have written to the Matrimandir Team and Vladimir stating that violence in any form has no place in Auroville, and that the incident is unfortunate. They also suggested that the way forward and the need to make best use of the energies available for a speedy completion of the Matrimandir requires that Vladimir joins in the condemnation of any form of violence. They further recommended that Vladimir expresses this to Divakar and the Matrimandir Workers Team and resumes his role as electrical supervisor.

While both groups agreed that the situation at the Matrimandir needed to be reviewed urgently, they felt there was little evidence that such matters ever get sorted out satisfactorily in Residents' Assembly Meetings.

However when the Working Committee received a petition signed by a large number of Aurovilians requesting a General Meeting and subsequent Residents Assembly on the topic of Matrimandir, it was decided to bring this request to the ARG at their meeting on Sunday, September 15th. The ARG will be asked to decide on the venue and date for the meeting, and to prepare additional information regarding the events at Matrimandir, which precipitated the petition.

Exit Process: The Auroville Foundation Act states that "the Residents Assembly may allow the admission or cause the termination (sic) of persons in the register of residents in accordance with the regulations made under section 32".

In the very few instances, which have occurred over the years, when we have considered asking someone to permanently leave the community, we have not been able to do anything because we have not yet defined and agreed upon a process, nor described the conditions which would necessitate asking someone to leave. Therefore the WC has been working on a draft proposal to present to the ARG.

Dear residents,

By now we have entered, in the list placed on AVnet, the names of those residents willing to be part of the Auroville Resource Group (108 thus far), as well as of those who have been suggested by others. Just follow the ARG Online link from AVNet's homepage.

Kindly check if your entry is there. Information given on a few of the forms could not be used due to illegible handwriting or incomplete data.

If your entry has not been registered, kindly inform us via wcoffice@auroville.org.in

Thanking all for the spontaneous response, and see you for the first ARG meeting on this coming Sunday.

Working Committee

CINEMA - Auditorium - BHARAT NIVAS

Weekly Film Show and other film programs...

... No film on Friday 20 Sept.

Dear Friends,

We would like to remind you of our need for your contribution if you can, as everything has increased and our monthly SAILER budget doesn't cover all our expenses anymore for the Free Film Screenings in the Auditorium. Some Aurovilians (individuals and unit holders) contribute from long ago already, some others whenever they can, some have just started, as all feel it is an important service. We thank them a lot as it helps us to plan the month without "Friday no movie". We also feel like to say that this continuity in the schedule is important as we try to provide an educational basis for everybody's personal research and study through Cinema, on all arts, cultures of the world, history, civilisations, psychology, evolution, etc. Entertainment comes in addition to that and we all enjoy.

But it would help us if some of you would give like Rs. 25, 50 or more every month (this is easy with just a word to our 2 friends at the Financial Service - Aurofilm's acc. is 0194). Thanks for your help!

Next programme: **Friday 27 Sept. WILD STRAWBERRIES** (Les Fraises Sauvages) directed by Ingmar Bergman, Sweden, 1957
Surya

Video in french présente :

Visitor's Center - Jeudi 19 septembre**19h30 : Profils Paysans - Film documentaire de Raymond Depardon -1ere partie - France 2001**

Raymond Depardon, a patiemment tissé des liens au rythme lent des saisons avec une douzaine de petits cultivateurs de la France profonde. Il filme dans leur cuisine, lien central de la ferme, un peuple en voie de disparition sociologique, hors du temps.

«Ils incarnent à merveille ce mélange de clairvoyance et de méfiance qui ressemble beaucoup à la France, et à nous tous au fond.»

20h15 Vladimir Sverdlov, joue le 2eme concerto pour piano et orchestre, op.21, de Chopin, (Larghetto, Allegro)

20h30 Shine - Film de Scott Hicks - 105 min - Australie 1996- Version française.

Avec Geoffrey Rush (Oscar du meilleur acteur), Lynn Redgrave, John Gielgud

L'amour peut tuer, l'amour peut redonner la vie. C'est le message de ce film qui raconte la véritable histoire de David Helfgott un brillant pianiste classique. Son père, survivant de l'Holocauste, le force à des années de privations pour devenir un prodige. Lors d'un concert où il doit jouer le très difficile 3eme Concerto pour piano de Rachmaninov, David est foudroyé par une attaque cérébrale. Il passe alors de nombreuses années en hôpital psychiatrique. Le salut viendra par l'amour d'une femme astrologue qui permettra à David de reconstruire sa vie en transformant ses faiblesses en forces.

Activities at PITANGA

NEW **

** NEW

Yoga Therapy

with Gala

Special Exercises for people above 60 years

"... a youth that never ages."



When? WED and FRI morning, starting Oct. 2. Final timings will be arranged between Gala and participants.

Who? Everyone born 1942 or before is most welcome.

Whow? Please give your name to Kumar or Jayagandhi at Pitanga entrance desk.

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Capoeira

guided by Gemma

Capoeira originated from the martial arts of African slaves in Brazil. Over centuries it has evolved into a martial dance that incorporates also music, singing, a powerful group energy, ritual and a spirit of communication and playfulness.

TUE 4- 6 pm All are welcome!

CHANGES ** * * CHANGES

Please note the following changes:

Relaxation Massages with Gala

MON / WED 9-12; TUE / THUR 3-5 pm

Please contact her for appointments 623 423.

Turiya will resume her work in October.

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Reiki Sessions

with Sumitra

are cancelled until further notice.

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Body Awareness

with Hans

Hans has shifted his activities to Tadvanam Hall, Evergreen. From now on he offers only one class at Pitanga. Other classes mentioned in last week's News are cancelled. We are extremely sorry for any inconvenience: **WED 6.30 - 8.00 pm**

This class is open for AVs and NCs only.

For further information please contact Pitanga at 622561 or mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

PROJECT COORDINATION GROUP A CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

The Project Coordination Group will meet in November to discuss pending grant proposals, and to make a priority list of projects for funding in 2003 by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier.

These two foundations give yearly about Rs. 50 lakhs in total towards Auroville projects and programmes. The amount is usually spread over some 20 projects.

Project holders are invited to submit their grant proposals by latest 15th October via e-mail at pcg@auroville.org.in along with a hard copy to the Project Coordination Group, Attention: Alain Couderc at CSR Office (tel. 622168 / 622277).

Connections

**Any work can be done as a field for
the practise of the spirit of the Gita.**

Sri Aurobindo

❖ *Training opportunity for Young People*

We have an offer that would enable two or three young people to receive a stipend while training in secretarial skills.

A good knowledge of English is an essential requirement.

If you are interested, please contact Connections.

❖ *Aurovilian looks for work as Personal Assisiant/Helper*

Anybody willing to employ a young active chap – Aurovilian- to take care and to look after old or infirm people in Auroville...,

please contact :

at your service,

W. Velu , Promesse

**Connections will be open in September: on Monday,
Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.00am till 12.00
am and on appointment.**

The Connections team

Paulien, Don and Jaya

SAWCHU Building,

Tel.: 623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in

Dear Brozerz and Sizterz,

My name iz no more WAZO (Bird in French).

My New name iz Poisson (Fish in French)

Thank you,

Poisson

German Video @ Visitor Centre

Mittwoch 18.09.02 20:00

Der Patriot [Ausgezeichnet mit 3 Oskars]

Genre: Drama

Regie: Roland Emmerich

Drehbuch: Robert Rodat

Darsteller: Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Tom

Wilkinson, Jason Isaacs, Tcheky

Karyo, Donal Logue

USA 2000 - 159min.

South Carolina, 1776. Einst kämpfte Benjamin Martin (Mel Gibson) stolz gegen Franzosen und Rothäute. Doch aus dem anschwellenden Konflikt gegen die kolonialistischen Rotröcke aus England, hält er sich bescheiden zurück. Erst als sein Landgut in Brand gesteckt und einer seiner Söhne hinterrücks erschossen wird, erwacht Benjamins Kampfgeist zu neuem Leben.

Gemeinsam mit seinem ältesten Sohn Gabriel (Heath Ledger) gründet er eine Untergrundmiliz, die den britischen Besatzern vehement Widerstand leistet...

**PHI LOSOPHY
With JEHUDA
Every Wednesday At 10A.M.
At Marco place in Shranga.**

**PHI LOSOPHI E
en francias
avec CROQUETTE
a 10 h du matin
lundi 16 septembre
Chez Macro a Shranga.**

Ikebana Errata

In the latest issue of Auroville Today it was wrongly mentioned that Valeria would be giving an Ikebana workshop at Savitribhavan. She would like everyone to know that as soon as she is ready to start, there will be an announcement giving the time and place

SAVITRI BHAVAN September 2002

EXHIBITION
September 16 – October 19
9 – 12 am, 2 – 5 pm

MOVING LINES
Scrolls in the Japanese manner by
Axel Kroeg

**REMEMBERING SRI
AUROBINDO**
People who had the great privilege of darshan of the
Master
share their memories

Sunday September 22, 3 – 4.30 pm

The Mother's "Playground Talks"
(recorded talks in French)

Every Tuesday 5.00 – 5.45 pm

TAMIL PROGRAMME
September 14

Our elder brother S. Mahalingam shares his
knowledge of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's
teachings

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF PLANTS
Video series by David Attenborough

Part Two : Thursday September 19 6.30 – 8 pm

Penta Services offers all Internet related services from one source!

We are pioneering the use of Internet technology, e-mail or web-presence, since a long time within the community. Based on constant improvements of our skill-set we are able to provide database driven web pages, interactive shopping carts, professionally designed, multi-lingual websites, promotion of your web presence and hosting of your web pages, all from one source.

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Thank you very much,
Theo and Jan

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- Printing, and much more....

REGULAR COURSES

Sunday	morning	10.30 –12.00	<i>Savitri Study Circle</i>
	evening	5.00 – 6.30	<i>The Human Cycle</i> , led by Kittu Reddy
Monday	evening	5.30 – 6.30	Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh
Tuesday	evening	5.00 – 5.45	<i>Entretiens</i> – recorded talks of the Mother
		6.00 – 7.00	<i>The Synthesis of Yoga</i> , led by Shraddhavan
Wednesday	evening	6.00 – 7.00	<i>The Life Divine</i> , led by Dr. Ananda Reddy
Thursday	evening	4.30 – 5.30	The English of <i>Savitri</i> , led by Shraddhavan
Friday	evening	5.30 – 6.30	Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh

Office and Reading Room open 9 – 12, 2 – 5, Monday – Saturday

PIZZERIA NEWS

THE PIZZERIA WILL BE CLOSED FOR DINNER ON SATURDAY 14TH SEPT AND SUNDAY 15TH FOR LUNCH. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

The Aurigal team

SATUDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, BHARAT
NIVAS. TIME: 8.00PM

LIVE CONCERT OF BAUL MUSIC FROM
BENGAL

with: Parvathy Baul, Viswanath Das Baul,
 Khijmat fakir Baul, Somen Biswas Baul, Anasad
 Sheikh fakir baul.

Baul Philosophy

Baul is a song of universal love.., mystic
 expression.. and spiritualism...

One of the main tenets of Baul cult is love for
 humanity-irrespective of their caste and creed,
 faith and religion, colour and custom. They believe,
 their love for man is the path leading to the love for
 the Divine. True love, according to the Bauls, is
 incompatible with any kind of compulsion and love
 is the supreme power.

Baul speaks about the universal mysteries of life
 is simple words to touch the heart of common man
 and a Baul singing and dancing in ecstasy with an
 "Ektara" (single string instrument) in hand
 represents the finest specimen

of folk song tune to the soil of Bengal and its
 culture. Bauls do not believe in any conventional
 mode of worship, still spiritualism forms the main
 root of their philosophy. What need, they say, have
 we of temples and churches when in this body of
 ours, the supreme spirit has his abode? The
 human body despised by most orthodox religions
 in thus for them the holy of holies wherein the divine
 is intimately enshrined as the "Man of
 Heart".

Michael

For KALAMITRA AND HALL OF CULTURE,
 WITH THE COLLABORATION OF ALLIANCE
 FRANCAISE OF PONDICHERRY

Dear All,

I am very much thanking all persons who
 financially supported the project:
 "MM petal AC system" it is not yet perfect,
 but it works now!
 With best regards, Vladimir.

REPEAT OF VIDEO ON NATUROPATHIC
INSTITUTE <http://www.naturecure-inys.org>

At the request of quite a few Aurovilians, the 50
 mnt video on INYS, the Institute of Naturopathy &
 Yogic Sciences in Bangalore, will be shown again,
 and this time in the evening:

PLACE: Quiet Healing Centre

DATE: Monday, September 23rd, 8 pm

For all those who think of printing visting cards,
 brochures, leaflets, posters etc etc,
 please know that **all**

AUROVILLE PHONE NUMBERS WILL ALSO
CHANGE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!

622.123 will become 2622.123 etc etc

Inner Architecture – International Forum on
the International Zone of Auroville
The world to Auroville and Auroville to the
world

Time: 16th to the 28th of September

Place: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

The Forum in Auroville will be about the International
 Zone and 6 young professional architects as well
 as interested individuals and concerned working
 groups from Auroville will work together . The
 program will be realised as a round-table interactivity
 and experience on "Inner Architecture", the intention
 and the topic of the Forum. Everyone involved –
 Aurofuture, International Zone Group, Development
 Group, Aurovilians and the IFYA Architects – will
 come and work together for the following week in
 the Tibetan Pavilion.

The timetable will be announced via AuroNet and
 information will be available in the Tibetan Pavilion.

Peter Anderschitz and Sebastian Wagner

(Sebastian Wagner represents IFYA –
International Forum of Young Architects and
holds a professorship of the IAA –
International Academy of Architecture)

AUROVILLE WATER MAINTENANCE has started functioning. We now undertake all kinds
 of Pump repairs, generators, plumbing work and Windmills, (All the old activities).

AV Water Maintenance is no longer a service; It is a self supportive Unit.

Contact Phone: 622-899

Love, AV Water Maintenance Team

Editor's note: This was meant to be in last weeks AVNews.

Our Central Fund August 2002

As you may have heard, the CF was short of Rs 1,10,000/= to cover all the budgets for August 2002. The Economy Group sent out an appeal by e-mail announcement to everyone in Auroville and also on the AVNet. An update followed later in the week. In all, Rs 42,500/= were gathered and with these funds, as a priority, the education budget was covered in full along with a number of other budgets as well, at least to the minimum request.

However, with much regret, the following budgets will either not be covered, or only partially covered due to lack of funds:

Covered half the usual amount

50,000 Housing Repair

Covered part of the usual amount

34,841 Personal Emergency Fund

35,000 Organization

1,500 Solar Service

1,915 Vehicle Repair

Cannot be covered at all...

Celebrations

Music & Video Libraries

We hope and pray that the situation may change so that there is a continuous flow of sufficient income for the smooth running of all the activities under the Central Fund umbrella, with gratitude, the Economy Group.

KALA KENDRA, BHARAT NIVAS IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE PRESENTATION OF PAPER FOLLY an exhibition by AUROVILLE PRESS

in collaboration with the artists Adil, Arpita, Arzoo, Giulio and Teresa, Marie-Claire, Nele, Mayaura, Pierre Igrand, Rakhee & Dharmesh, Shailaja, Suprya and Uma has been extended to 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 9 to 12.30 am – 2 to 5 pm
VENUE : BHARAT NIVAS ART GALLERY
SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM FOYER
BHARAT NIVAS – AUROVILLE

With love and gratitude, we are happy and proud to announce that **AI YANA**, daughter of Jitta + Nicola (Eternity) was born on September 12th, 2002.

BODY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

18,19,20 SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

7.00-9.00am

in TADVANAM HALL, in Evergreen.

for info, reservation: tadvanam@auroville.org.in

or ph. 622586, Hans.

TADVANAM SCHEDULE:

MONDAY: 16.30-18.30 The Art of Chi

TUESDAY: 7.00-8.30 The Art of Chi

11.00-12.30 Body Awareness

WEDNESDAY: 7.00-8.00 127postures-advanced

14.30-16.00 The Art of Chi

THURSDAY: 14.30-16.00 Body Awareness

FRIDAY: 7.00-8.30 The Art of Chi

16.30-18.30 127postures-advanced

Beginners are welcome to The Art of Chi and Body Awareness classes. The road to Evergreen lies next to the road to Abri.

FIRST AUROVILLE RESOURCE GROUP (ARG) MEETING

will be held on Sunday, September 15th '02, at SAWCHU, 4 pm

Everyone who has nominated him/herself is invited. Aurovilians whose names have been suggested by others, will be contacted and invited as well.

While we are aware that quite a few crucial issues are urgently demanding the community's attention, we stress here that at present main priority is given to a clear formulation of the functioning of the ARG, establishment of a new WC, its Secretariat and its other support groups. Only when thus a clear instrument has been created, the organisation is ready to tackle the various pending matters.

Working Committee

LOOKING FOR HANDPUMP

IF YOU HAVE A HANDPUMP TO GIVE OR TO SELL PLEASE CONTACT AGNES AT DARKALI OR LEAVE MESSAGE IN LETTER BOX AT BN POST OFFICE OR AGNESG@...

This was meant to be in the Meetings Section.- Apologies.

Forest Group Meeting at the Botanical Gardens on friday the sixth of september 2002

present: Agnes, Ambre, Anita, Anne, Balan, Biggy, Cristo, David, Dirk, Gemma, Glenn, Islan, Jaap, Klaus, Kanniappan, Kumar, Matri Prasad, Michael, Paul, Peter T, Rick, Rita, Saravanan, Steve, Sydo (notes), Yuval, and two guests.

Requests for maintenance:

For Anne who has been living and working in Darkali for the past two years. Granted.

For Julia living and working in Nilatangam whose request for a half maintenance will be considered in the next meeting when she will be present herself.

Success

Rick's capsule has been built and he is living there since a few weeks. The long awaited water from the well is flowing now but the funds to finalise the work on the well and windmill have dried up. Dirk will meet with the Forest Fund members to resolve this.

Espace

Recently purchased plots between Revelation and Fertile Windmill just north of the City limit are going to fall under the temporary stewardship of Cristo untill Islan will be adopted as the actual steward in 1 to 2 years time. Meanwhile Islan is going to build a house in the shade of some trees just outside Espace (the name of the place) on Fertile Windmill land (agreed with Vijay) and start fencing and planting in the now cashew covered fields. Glenn had the brilliant idea to assist Islan with the bunding of the place by our own available forest workers and stewards one day after a rain, to get the work done since funds are not available. This idea found good support and Glenn will coordinate it.

Planting

The list for for planting under the FWE project was read. There were too many requests and some of the highest requests have to be reduced, which was agreed to. As soon as the money has arrived the funds can be distributed.

Inside Auroville 27.000 seedlings will be planted this year under the FWE and EC projects.

building request

Steve presented his drawings of the proposed extention of his house in Udoumbu with an office space and a guest room. The water tanks on the roof will be removed in the proces. It was granted.

Green Group

Our collaboration with the planning group and the IDC and our opposition in that respect to the proposed road through evergreen was clarified (see elsewhere in the news). The group expressed its support.

Landrape

To the North of the Botanical Gardens and South of Evergreen and Adventure the vegetation has been slashed and burnt and only on the request of Adventure a row of tall palmyras might survive. Preperations are made to build a huge compound wall. Part of the Adventure fence was destroyed without a previous survey. We discussed some possible action. The Green Group and others concerned, will follow-up on it.

Next meeting in Darkali