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Project Front Foot (UK)

Kit 4 Kids

With PFF VII fast disappearing under monsoonal Mumbai rains, attention now switches to the UK where the business end of our summer is fast approaching.

The cut-off date for kit donations is 20 August. This brings to a close a six-month process that began in late March with an emailing campaign to promote our summer kit appeal.

In early September the kit will be taken from Lincoln to base camp in Tilehurst to start the sorting and packing process.



Sort & Pack Day October 2015

Our Sort & Pack Day is set to be more labour intensive this year as we transport kit to Mumbai by both air, courtesy of our long-term supporters British Airways, and sea thanks to ECU-LINE.

The kit destined for Mumbai by sea will be taken to a container depot on the Thames estuary in late September for forward passage.

Adult clothing donated during our appeal will be passed to the two UK charities we support: North London Action for the Homeless and the Oxford Pathways Project.

The Lord's Taverners

Last summer, thanks to Holly Colvin, we secured a swag of kit from the UK charity, the Lord's Taverners. During PFF VII we supplied pictures to the Taverners of their kit in action both with the Dharavi Cricket Academy and our Rural Schools Initiative.

The pictures were later included in the Taverners mid-summer publication, *The Long Room*, as part of a feature on worldwide kit recycling. In somewhat exalted company, Project Front Foot was named alongside the International Cricket Council as a delivery partner.

A meeting in Chancery Lane with the Lord's Taverners in early summer has again led to another large donation of kit destined for Mumbai and beyond. The kit is currently stored in Derby awaiting collection.

My thanks to Dave Pemberton and all at the Lord's Taverners for providing crucial support to our work in India. Drawing on the resources and networks of different supporters such as the Lord's Taverners, we continue to make year on year advances in our work among underprivileged children in both the inner-city and rural areas.

ECU-LINE

Project Front Foot is delighted to announce that following a meeting in Eastleigh with ECU-LINE that we will be taking the bulk of our kit donations to Mumbai this autumn by container ship.

A project first, the kit will start its passage to India from a container depot in Essex. The weekly sailing to Mumbai takes around four to five weeks door-to-door.



The bags of kit, along with those taken by British Airways, will enable us to expand our work among inner-city schools, assist more community projects, and forge links with yet more schools in rural Maharashtra.

Sincere thanks to James Pearson and his team at ECU-LINE for making this possible.

Front Foot Forum

For more details and pictures of Project Front Foot in July please click on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/projectfrontfoot/

The Facebook postings for July include a link to the kit recycling feature in *The Long Room* mentioned above. To read the article please click on the above link and scroll down to the entry titled PROJECT FRONT FOOT & THE LORD'S TAVERNERS dated 24 July.

PFF Picture Archive

Less than four months before our return to Matunga and there is bad news from the 'hood. Manic, magnificent, memorable, moreish Mani's Lunch House is no more! Another victim of Mumbai's ever expanding concrete jungle. Where now for Ramu and I to partake of our early morning coffee? And where now for the much fabled rice plate (pictured)? Mani's will return, but not before another tower block has been built. In the meantime, PFF salutes Mani's food, flavours, and friendships.



Project Front Foot (India)

Gymkhana Stocktake

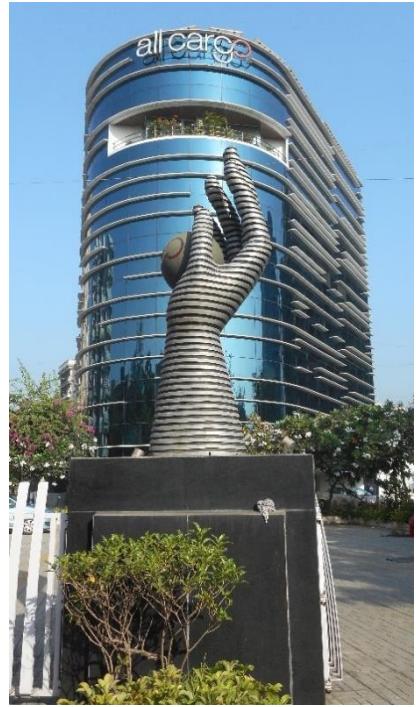
In late July, braving the full force of the monsoon, Ravi of Reality Gives and our coach Harshad met at the Gymkhana to conduct a stocktake of the Dharavi Cricket Academy's kit. The recurring theme during the exercise was of a reasonable amount of kit, but the bulk of it in poor condition.



The wear and tear during the season has left the kit grubby, damaged, and in need of much TLC. Help is on the way, however, thanks to another successful kit appeal. Three of the quota of seven bags with British Airways will contain kit to equip each of our U12, U14 and U16 squads.

Images of PFF VII







Vic Mills. July 2016.