In this brief newsletter, we give some short items of news. We are preparing a larger newsletter, which will be out in the autumn. We invite any contributions.

MEETING AND AUROVILLE PRESENTATION

A meeting will be held on Sunday 12th August at 11:30am at:

Auromira Centre, 126 Whitton Avenue East, Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 0PY

The nearest underground station is Sudbury Town (Piccadilly Line)

Anyone interested in Auroville is very welcome to come along. Please bring a contribution to a shared lunch

More information from Martin Littlewood on 01508 538300 or go to www.aviuk.org

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

OBITUARIES

Barbara

Our friend and long-term Aurovilian Barbara Heimlich (USA) left her body early in the morning of June 15th, in the presence of her son Akash and John Harper of Matrimandir. She had been recently suffered complications due to colon cancer, which she had been battling for the past half year. She was just 68.

Barbara came to India in 1969 and first stayed and worked in the Ashram. In 1973 she joined Auroville and became partner of the late Ruud Lohman. We will always remember her for her quiet, steady dedication and presence at Matrimandir. Auroville and the work for Mother were the main focus of her life.

Accompanied by Auroville’s love and deep appreciation, Barbara now has left for better spaces. On June 17th, her remains were cremated in Adventure’s Farewell Grounds

Our heartfelt love and sympathy go out to Akash, his partner Monica, Barbara’s close friends, and her family.

Dianne

Our good friend and Aurovilian Dianne Bowler (British) left her body on June 22nd, at the age of 73. Dianne was suffering from a motor-neuron disease, the seriousness of which forced her to leave Auroville in March of this year. While the suddenness of her demise may come as a shock to those who knew her, it may have considerably shortened her suffering.

Dianne and her husband Norman joined Auroville in 2005 and we will miss her lively and highly entertaining and informative articles, which she so seemingly effortless wrote for Auroville Today and other papers. Her way of seeing Auroville, her caring relationship with the surrounding population, and her musings on our yoga or life in general formed a unique contribution to Auroville’s communications with the world. She will live on in Auroville.

We let her go with love and appreciation, and send our heartfelt support and sympathy to Norman, her children and close friends. Her funeral took place at the Trinity Church in Bristol on July 3rd with several Aurovilians attending.

Due to the high cost of stamps, we are hoping to reduce the number of newsletters sent out by post, so if you would like to receive future newsletters by e mail, or if you no longer wish to receive information from us, please let us know at info@aviuk.org