

## A GRANDMOTHER'S LEGACY: My Travels Around India

Jenny Mallin hosted our November 2020 Monthly Talk via Zoom, our second venture into "Virtual Media".

Jenny was welcomed with 36 members logged online and proceeded to talk about her "Travels Around India" supported by numerous colourful photo shots.

Her talk covered important superstitions on good or bad luck, amongst them being:

Never have your haircut on either Thursday or Saturday - definitely bad luck.

If you were a man and your right eye started twitching - good luck.

However, it didn't work that way for a woman. It had to be her left eye that twitched for her good luck!

Should some-one pass your house carrying an "empty" basket just as you were leaving, then it meant "bad luck" and one would be wise to stay indoors until another person passed by, this time with a "full" basket.

A further subject was travelling by train. Photographs were shown of ticket offices with dense columns of people struggling to reach the ticket office. Jenny said that 14million people travelled by trains every day in India!

For a lot of our members her most interesting account of her travels was the desperation of the Street Children in Goa in the 90's. Jenny experienced a great feeling of helplessness and it was here that Jenny met Anita Edgar and El Shaddai Charitable Trust. Anita became a tireless worker among the poorest children whose parents were addicted to cheap spirit, had no work, no money. The children were left to their own devices, deserted, no school, hungry and dirty, sleeping on the streets, extremely vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. This Charity can be found on the Internet for anyone interested in helping these children.



Recently Jenny Mallin won the "Best in World Cookbook" Contest for her Memoir Book "A Grandmother's Legacy"

