

# WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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It's not often (if ever) that we've featured a photograph of a toilet block! I decided against several more graphic images. We all prefer talking about the clean water side and seeing smiling faces enjoying the new pump or tank. I've struggled to muster the same enthusiasm for World Toilet Day, when Village Water asked us to 'engage' with this. (Challenge - look this up via google !!).



WWA's priority is provision of clean water to some of the poorest communities in Africa. But alongside this we are increasingly aware of the need for better sanitation. Many requests include training and provision of sanitation. Agencies are nowadays calling these D-WASH projects, drinking water, sanitation and health. Here's a recent example...

*'To overcome the impact of unsafe water and lack of sanitation on pupils' capacity to learn we are seeking funds from Wilmslow Wells to install clean water at Katole school. We will also provide proper sanitation for pupils and staff, including separate girl-friendly toilets. To encourage good hygiene practice the toilets will have a hand washing station. The new bore hole and hand pump will provide clean water for this.'*

So it's important to build healthier environments and communities. We're impressed by groups who are improving facilities and education. It's challenging work. We want to encourage your thoughts and discussion. Feedback is always welcome – either direct to us or at the AGM. Meanwhile, here's a photo of animals sharing their water source with the kids - a good illustration of the need for spring protection.



David Tonks

## OUR THANKS TO:

- The gardeners who work so hard to show their gardens at their best and Shirley Baulkwill for her dedicated work not only this year but over the past 12 years, bringing the gardens together. This year's amazing sum of £14,810 is a tribute to Shirley and our gardeners. An equally important tribute comes from the visitors. Gardens Day is seen to be one of the best days in Wilmslow, bringing great enjoyment to people locally and further afield. Thank you for your unflinching drive to make it a success.
- St. John's Association of Church fellowships raising £150 at their Spring Fair.
- Styal Brownies who raised £132.50 from their sponsored swim
- Handforth Children's Concert who doubled the sum that they raised last year to £300. A fantastic result.



Years 3/4 at Nether Alderley School who raised £1,049.30 by being sponsored to carry a bucket of water.

This is linked to project 217. At the moment, these Kenyan children walk to the nearby valleys to collect water in jerry cans.

- The family and friends of Kay Ferguson, for monies given in Kay's memory.
- Geoffrey Brocklehurst for his generous legacy to us.
- Everyone who has supported our events, or given occasional or regular gifts of money. Thank you for your continuing support.

## FOUR PROJECTS COMPLETED including:

### 208 Uganda, spring protections and tanks

30 metres from this unprotected spring was one suitable for protection (cost - less than £200). About 370 people will use each spring.

### 210 Malawi 7 borehole repairs plus one well at Msikita

(Bwanali well failed during construction, the money being returned). When a borehole pump breaks down, hundreds of people are affected, walking miles to queue for hours at congested pumps—often resented by local villagers who can't get to their own supply. The old and frail are particularly vulnerable.



## **NEW PROJECTS since the last Newsletter:**

**209 Malawi underground water harvesting and hand pump to storage barrels Phase 2, £1,525** with Africa Vision. At Sam's Training Village, 950 people are being trained in using natural materials to build different types of water harvesters. Phase 4, at 14 local communities, these will train others to build a harvester at their school, providing for 12,500 children. This community ripple effect is key to making life-changing differences on a huge scale.



**215 Katole, Zambia borehole £5,600** with Build it International. This is a poor rural community. 3,000 will have access to safe drinking water for the first time. In 1993 promised funds for a classroom were not forthcoming. Today two volunteer teachers use the part built classroom. Without a proper roof, during the rainy season, lessons have to be cancelled. Like the rest of Zambia,

almost half of Katole population are under the age of 15, and a high percentage are HIV and Aids orphans. Kay Ferguson's legacy (£5,600) is attached to this.

**216 Paicho and Nangabo, Uganda 10 water jars and 10 sand filters £3,537** with Amigos, for 5 households and 5 primary schools.

**217 Eucarbet Academy, Kenya large harvester £4,470** with Kiini, benefiting the 320 pupils who are orphan or destitute children. (See picture right)

**218 Buyende district, Uganda 9 household water jars with training £1,015** with UDS.

**219 Busia region, Uganda shallow borehole £2,002** with Afrinspire, benefiting 780 people

**220 Tomba, Burkina Faso borehole £7,500** with Transform Burkina. This is a remote community of 2,750, who currently do not have access to a reliable and clean water source. With few perennial water sources, to ensure a year-long source of clean, safe water deep, drilled wells are usually required.

**221 Luwero district, Uganda hand dug shallow well £3,500** with Busoga Trust. 500 will benefit



## PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

**Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, Bridge Drive** 1.30-4.30p.m. at Morley Green Club.  
Details to be found on our website.

**Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>, AGM** 7.30 p.m. at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. We are pleased to welcome Ian Sanderson from Afrinspire (Uganda Development Services is also under their umbrella). We are partnering them on projects 218 and 219.

**Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>, Souperday** 11 a.m. to 2.p.m. at St John's Church Rooms. With soup, bread, hot drinks, cake stall and home produce

**Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018, Souperday** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

## TRIBUTE TO DIANA ARMSTRONG



Diana was an enthusiastic helper at WWA events. Although not a committee member, she could always be found behind the heavily laden Cake Stall, serving cakes with her delightful smile and friendly manner. She spent her whole life in this area, being born and brought up in Alderley Edge then moving to Wilmslow when she married. We shall miss Diana at our Souperdays and Gardens Days.

## 2017 CHRISTMAS CARD

This is the design for this year's card, generously donated by Rosemary Stubbs. They will be on sale at the Souperday and in the Wilmslow Library Charity Card Christmas shop until 9<sup>th</sup> December, price £3.50 for a pack of 10. Many thanks to Rosemary for her design and to James Townsley for meeting our printing needs at no cost.



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