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In the past few months WWfA has received some emails that made us look back at what has been achieved and also to what is still to be done.

In 2013, through Village Water, we funded three wells with improved sanitation in Zambia (Project 167). This email came from Village Water. "From Grace Mwangala, in December when the team last visited, 'Village Water has assisted us very much because before they came, we used to draw water from the stream and it was very dirty. But now we have clean water and diseases like diarrhoea have reduced. This is even making us work hard and our children are not missing school any more, because they are now healthy.' The water point is functioning well and the team say that the hygiene practices are good and the village is clean. Nice to know that the benefits endure."



In 2014 we funded a deep borehole in Tewidi, N. Uganda (Project 179) for irrigation at a farm, supplying food to widows. This has been forwarded. "We are fine except we had a long drought this time. Some people are already going without food especially the widows. The farm survived because the water drilled. Beatrice"

From Teso Development Trust from a doctor working in Kumi hospital, Uganda " **we save lives through what we do but clean water sources save far more** "... he was referring to the benefits of clean water to people's health, helping to prevent disease. Thank you for your continuing support of Wilmslow Wells for Africa. These are a reminder that although we have moved on, people are still benefiting by receiving the clean, more reliable water source.

Jenny Gibbs

OUR THANKS TO:

- The family and friends of Erica Bradshaw and Lizz Knowles, for monies given in their memory.
- £500 was raised at a concert by the Fen Edge Orchestra near Cambridge. This came through Brenda Mottershead's daughter, Catherine.
- To the veritable army of volunteers that make cakes, bread, soup and man stalls to help raise monies for us. Thank you for your hard work, generosity and loyalty. This includes Liz Maddock who makes all our bread for us, Lindow Explorers, 3rd Wilmslow Brownies and members of staff from Yorkshire Building Society for help at our Souperdays plus cakes provided by Fulshaw WI.
- Rosemary Stubbs for her Christmas card design which had to be reprinted such was the demand. It raised £1106.50 which includes £100 as our share of the sale of gift items at the Christmas Charity Card Shop.
- James Townsley for printing our Newsletters, Christmas cards and so much more throughout the year at no cost to us.
- The venues that allow us to use their rooms at no cost to WWfA.
- Thank you to Amazon for their gift of £610.

INCOME FROM EVENTS

September Bridge Drive £1,000

November Souperday £1,100

February Barnby Singing Day £125

March Souperday £1,403

PROJECTS COMPLETED since last Newsletter:

187 Kisya-Kagaana Gravity Water supply, Uganda. £20,000 with CED.

195 NW Zambia, tower for solar pump, £1,305 for Lunga Childrens' Trust. >>

199 Manafwa and Mbale, Uganda, 6 springs and 6 tanks, £2,217 with Afrinspire.

206 Burkina Faso well for village, £6,626 with Transform Burkina.

207 Chitukuko, Zambia, borehole £2,763 with Build it International.

211 Kaniki, Zambia borehole repairs, £4,450.



NEW PROJECTS since the last Newsletter:

208 Manafwa, Busia and Mbale, Uganda 14 spring protections and 6 tanks £4,227 with Afrinspire

209 Malawi Water Harvesting Phase 1 of 4, 2 tanks, £980 with Africa Vision.

210 Malawi 7 borehole repairs, £765 (over 10,000 people) **and 2 wells, £636**, in the remote villages of Msikita and Bwanali with Aid Africa.

212 Naki Est Village, Togo. The restoring of 2 boreholes alongside training in hygiene and sanitation and maintenance, £6,952 with Self Help Africa. In Togo, only 63% of the population have access to a safe water source. Naki is one of the most poorly served districts of Togo, where access to clean water is 26%. 1,178 people will be helped.

213 Soroti, Uganda 4 wells, £6,000 with TDT. The 4 communities total 1600 people. They are currently sourcing polluted and quite lethal water from lakes or swamps. The distances to get this water are from 3.5 -4 km. Joan Kelsall's legacy is attached to Opiyait B, a school and community of 420, part of this project.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY FISH

Betty Fish's career was in hairdressing and she spent many years as the owner/manager of Bettina's on Lindow Parade, in Wilmslow. However, after retirement, she took up voluntary work for a number of charities and, when she joined the Wilmslow Wells for Africa team, we benefited greatly from her many skills, her kindness and generosity and her common sense approach to life - plus her ability to sell raffle tickets to the most reticent supporter!

In 2015, Betty left Wilmslow to live near her cousins in Leicestershire. However, sadly, she was diagnosed with cancer shortly afterwards and, although she fought a courageous and valiant fight, she died in January. Her beautiful Thanksgiving Service in Market Harborough, which she had helped devise, was attended by members of her family and many friends, some of whom had travelled long distances to be there. The Priest spoke warmly about Betty and her strong faith and, although she will be missed by many, she has left us with lots of happy memories and a wonderful example of Christian service. Truly, a life well-lived.

Joanna Southgate



Saturday June 24th, Gardens Day 10-30-4.30 This year 18 gardens will be open, 3 of which are new. Lunches will be served at St. John's from 11.30-2.30 and refreshments at a number of gardens. Advance tickets, £10, from Chelsea Flowers, Chapel Lane, Wilmslow or Alderley Flowers, London Rd., A/E or phone 01625 522552 or 01625 520193

Thursday October 5th, p.m. Bridge Drive at Morley Green Club. Details will be found on our website.

Monday October 9th, 7.30 p.m. AGM at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. **(Note the earlier time).**

GALLERY



< Well drilling through the night (now in use). Typical dry terrain in Burkina Faso proj 206. ↓



^ Namawanga spring well in Manafwa province, Uganda newly completed (proj 199).

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