

WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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We were given excellent presentations at last autumn's AGM by two of the organisations through whom we fund water projects in Africa. These people often place themselves in difficult and dangerous situations to help others. Much of what they described was difficult to take in, such as their description of the devastation caused by Typhoon Freddy in Malawi and how it affected people's lives. There is no doubt that although some things have changed, the needs of remote African communities are just as acute now as they were in 1984 when Brenda Mottershead set up Wilmslow Wells.

At the same meeting, Roger Goddard announced that after 25 years he would be stepping down as our treasurer in December 2023 because he was moving to Kent. We are grateful to Roger for the very significant role he has played in the development of the charity. We are also delighted that Nick Longson has agreed to take over from Roger as treasurer and trustee.

Special mention needs to be made of Elizabeth Maddock who made the final delivery of her delicious home-made breads to last autumn's Souperday after doing it for more than 20 years – a great contribution! We are grateful to Waitrose for supplying bread rolls for the Spring Souperday.



Wilmslow Wells for Africa has achieved much over the last 40 years so it is appropriate to mark this special anniversary. We hope lots of you will come to the celebration which is going to take place in the United Reformed Church Halls at 6.00pm on Saturday 8th June. Amongst other things, the book which a group has worked hard to prepare telling the story of our charity will be launched at that occasion. Immediately following this at 7.30pm, the Barnby Choir will be giving a concert of Water Music in the United Reformed Church. Tickets for the concert will be available through the Barnby Choir. There will be no charge for the earlier celebration.



David Cash

THE WILMSLOW WELLS CHALLENGE

'The Wilmslow Wells Challenge' involves getting from Wilmslow to Wells (in Somerset) by some unusual means such as cycling, walking or running and being sponsored for the effort. If you would like to have a go, please contact David Cash. He has gathered a group of 6 for the inaugural trip who will be leaving St Barts at 9.30am on Sunday 28th April and hopefully arriving at Wells Cathedral on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st May. Ian Porter is planning to make the journey entirely using his senior citizens' bus pass and will leave Wilmslow on Monday 29th April (buses don't run on a Sunday). Andrew Hughes will be cycling by a different route during June.



You can donate to support them by clicking this link to the 'Just Giving' page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wilmslowwellschallenge>

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who supports us. The situation in many parts of the world means that there is an unusually high number of organisations seeking support at this time. However, we believe that the problems in Africa mustn't be overlooked .

We are pleased to report that the Autumn Souperday raised £1,297, the Bridge Drive raised £1,200, Christmas card sales raised £878.50 and the Spring Souperday raised £1,200. We are particularly grateful to the people who organised these events and those who worked hard to make them so successful.

EIGHT PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



351 Uganda, Mpigi, Jinja, Wakiso, Mitooma, Rukungiri and Kumi Districts Repairs to 9 wells which have either broken down or were working poorly. With Mission4Water Uganda, funding of £2,673.

355 Uganda, Bulumbo Well for Little Angels Primary School serving 50 families living in rural areas (300 - 400 people). With Forever Friends of Uganda, funding of £3,052.



NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

355 Uganda, Bulumbo Well for Little Angels Primary School serving 50 families in rural areas (300 - 400 people). With Forever Friends of Uganda, funding of £3,052.

356 Kenya, Molo Water tank and tower to supply Kings House Children's Home. With Kings House via Belmont Church (Exeter), funding of £2,200.

357 Tanzania, Buha and Nkundutsi 2 wells serving schools, a shallow one with a rope pump and the other with electric pump. With Tanzania Development Trust, funding of £4,600.

358 Uganda, 4 Villages - Bungondo, Atiira, Kimi and Bukedea 4 shallow wells serving 269 households (1,614 people). With Teso Development Trust, funding of £6,000.

359 Uganda, Kalonga 70 m. deep borehole at Hope City Church providing well serving community of 1700 people including 7 schools and a clinic. With Chawn Hill Church of Stourbridge, £2,500 funding provided towards the total cost of £6,500.

360 Malawi, 6 Villages - Likhura, Njonjo, Kamoto, Mtikhe, Makhonja and Mwaliwa Further repairs to wells damaged by Cyclone Freddy (Projects 346 & 354) serving 707 households (3,900 people) in total. With Aid Africa, funding of £2,800.

361 Tanzania, Buhigwe Kigoma Shallow wells with rope pumps at two village schools (Bwafumba and Nyamilambo). With Tanzania Development Trust, funding of £3,000 (contribution from Mulchand Foundation).

362 Uganda, locations to be determined Rehabilitation of 3 non-functioning boreholes including training in sanitation, hygiene, bees and trees. With Busoga Trust, funding of £7,500 (including contribution from Highway One Trust).

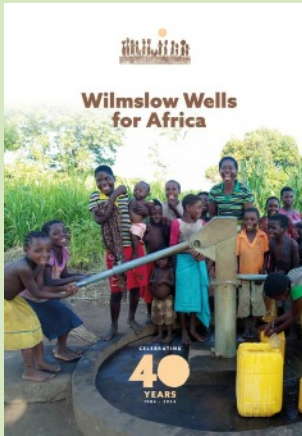
363 Uganda, Busia Shallow well serving 500 - 700 people and 2 spring protections, each supporting 200+ people. With Afrinspire, funding of £2,034.

364 Ghana, Daarteng (Upper West Ghana) Deep well serving a small remote community (136 people) with no access to clean water. With Ghana Outlook, funding of £4,000



Photos show original water source, drilling process and completed deep well (Project 364).

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS



40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday 8th June 6.00 – 7.00pm

at Wilmslow United Reformed Church Halls. Including the book launch. An opportunity to celebrate the last 40 years. Light refreshments available. Followed by:

40th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Saturday 8th June 7.30pm

A concert of 'Water Music' to be given by the Barnby Choir in the Wilmslow United Reformed Church. For the ticket hotline, please phone Shan (01625 520193) or visit thebarnbychoir.co.uk

GARDENS DAY Saturday 29th June 10.30am-4.30pm. Once again, there will be another great selection of gardens displaying a range of design styles and horticultural techniques. There are a number of new gardens this year. As ever, refreshments and plant sales will be available in several of the gardens!

AUTUMN SOUPERDAY Thursday 31st October at St John's Church Rooms, Lindow: soup, bread, hot drinks, cake stall and home produce.

BRIDGE DRIVE November We hope to repeat this successful event – details will be found on our website in due course.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to become more involved in any aspect of our work, please get in touch via our website. If you would like to organise your own fundraising event, all proceeds will be gratefully received. Also, we are looking for more help in the General Committee with the organisation of events – if interested, please contact Helen Battilana (helenbattilana@gmail.com)

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