

WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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African events take a low profile when much is happening in other parts of the world. Earlier this year, Malawi declared a national emergency when it was hit by two cyclones destroying homes, flattening crops and damaging infrastructure. Although 30 died and 800,000 were seriously affected, it barely registered in our headlines. However, the small team at Aid Africa, a direct-action charitable organisation which we support, worked hard to rebuild shattered lives. It's only a small gesture, but the sturdily built latrines we recently funded at Michesi will make a real difference to the quality of life for many people there.

Building costs in Africa have risen at a time when many here are less able to donate. We are receiving more requests for greater amounts when less money is available. The Trustees always vet applications carefully with a view to maximising value and bringing benefit to the greatest number of people but doing this remotely can be difficult. It is therefore re-assuring that Dave Tonks is visiting Uganda this September on a self-funded trip to see first-hand a number of projects we have supported working with organisations such as Busoga Trust, HUGS, Amigos, Mission4Water and Aid4Africa. Dave is a geotechnical engineer. As nearly a third of the projects we have supported are in Uganda, this is a good place to see first-hand how the money is spent. As Dave told me before he left, "the more you see, the more aware you become of your own ignorance".

Dave will relate his experiences at the AGM on Monday 24th October when it will be good to meet in person again.



Alex and Sara Hill will also attend to describe the Chazuka Project. This was inspired by a desire to repay a remote Malawian community for the kindness they showed Alex when he got into difficulty during an adventure trip some years ago. **David Cash**

THANK YOU

Thank you for your donations and continuing support of our events. Once again, the sun shone on Gardens Day, one of our main fund raisers and the occasion was a great success. A magnificent £19,290 was raised - our gratitude goes to all the gardeners and the many people who worked hard organising everything.

40 YEARS ON

In 2024 Wilmslow Wells for Africa will celebrate its 40th anniversary and a booklet to mark the occasion is already in preparation. Many of us never had the opportunity of meeting the founder of WWfA, Brenda Mottershead. If you did know Brenda, we would like to hear from you and to have personal glimpses of her through your eyes for our book. If you would like to contribute, please send a word, phrase or (at most) a couple of short sentences to: lizkempster02@gmail.com

REMEMBERING RONNIE DYKSTRA



Our charity was fortunate to be one of the many local organisations that Ronnie gave his time and talents to. He served on both our Trustee and General Committees and we thank him sincerely for his great support, always given with charm and generosity.

We also remember Richard Gibbs for the unstinting support he always gave Jenny, in particular during her time as our Chair.

Helen Battilana

ELEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



Water point in Lupaka, Zambia (Project 308) – serving 544 people in 82 households, the project included training in basic maintenance of the water point and how to carry out minor repairs. In conjunction with Village Water.

Borehole at Kasenyi Fishing Village, Lake Victoria, Uganda (Project 316) – the children in this community are healthy and happy because they are no longer getting sick and suffering sores from polluted water.

NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:



329 Malawi, Michesi Primary School. Sanitation installed following devastation caused by recent cyclones. Funding of £2,626 provided to Aid Africa.



330 Uganda, Little Shepherd School in Rutunguru. Funding of £2,950 for a new pit latrine at this school in a remote part of South Uganda. Project in conjunction with HUGS (Helping Uganda Schools).



331 Zambia, Mulonda Village. . Funding of £1,047 agreed to rehabilitate a village's water point to remove dependancy on remote and expensive privately owned supplies. In conjunction with Village Water.

332 Mozambique, Bairro7 de Setembro Expansao. A village waterpoint to be rehabilitated. Funding of £736 agreed to rehabilitate a village water point so that people don't have to seek out remote and unreliable water sources making more time available for working to provide food. In conjunction with Village Water.



333 Uganda Rehabilitation of two boreholes and associated works including supporting maintenance programme. In collaboration with the Busoga Trust. Dave Tonks to visit this project on 26th/ 27th September 2022.

334 Malawi, 4 villages to be identified. Funding of £2,000 agreed for repair and refurbishment of 4 boreholes, each serving between 500 and 1,000 people. To be carried out by Aid Africa.

335 Uganda, Kanyashande and Nyakeina, 2 villages in Buhoma. Funding of £2,880 agreed for two spring water protection projects in conjunction with JEGMI (Joint Efforts for Green Mountain Initiative).

336 Zambia, village location to be determined. New borehole and training of local community. Funding of £4,200 agreed for project to be carried out by Village Water.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

Monday 24th October 7.30pm AGM (note time change!) at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. Find out how the money you have donated has been spent. In addition, Dave Tonks will describe experiences from his recent visit to Uganda where we have supported over 120 projects. Also, Handforth based Sara and Alex Hill will talk about the Chazuka Project which we are supporting, providing a borehole for a school in Malawi (Project 328).

Thursday 27th October 11.30 AUTUMN SOUPERDAY At St John's Church Rooms, Lindow with soup, bread, hot drinks. Cake Stall and Home Produce.

Wednesday 16th November 1.30pm BRIDGE DRIVE (note date change!) – at Morley Green Village Hall. Contact helenbattilana@gmail.com for tickets.

Saturday 11th March 11.30 Spring Souperday at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

Saturday 24th June 2023 Gardens Day

NOTELETS



Packs of 6 notelets (price £3) featuring the quilted wall hanging crafted by Moira Rutherford and based on a design by Rosemary Stubbs. Can be purchased at our events or by telephoning Helen on 01625 250368.



2022 CHRISTMAS CARD

This is the design for this year's card, generously donated by Rosemary Stubbs and printed without cost by James Townsley. The cards will be on sale in the Wilmslow Library Charity Christmas Card Shop from October 29th until December 10th, price £3.50 for a pack of 10.

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