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There can be little doubt that one effect of global warming is the increase in extreme weather events in different parts of the world, including Africa. We heard recently that Malawi had been hit by Cyclone Freddy, the second time this has happened in a year. This cyclone was the worst on record taking many lives and leaving broken communities. Homes and toilets collapsed whilst floods swept away bridges and water pipes. This

meant that boreholes were the only source of safe water and more were needed urgently, not least because of a potential cholera outbreak. We received an appeal for help from Aid Africa, a trusted organisation with which we have previously collaborated many times. Thankfully we had the funds available (this was the week following souperday) to swiftly transfer £3,112 to repair seven borehole pumps for rural villages which will serve 3,878 people. We have since heard that within a week, the parts needed for the repairs were located and delivered to the sites and work had commenced.

At present, it seems that the number of applications coming to us for much needed water and sanitation projects is growing rapidly. Many of these are from organisations who we know from experience will deliver a good project. We would dearly like to support them but do not have sufficient funds for them all. If you can offer any help with fundraising, for example by coming forward with new initiatives or appealing to local businesses, this would be greatly appreciated. The money would be well used. *David Cash*

40 YEARS ON

In 2024 Wilmslow Wells for Africa will celebrate its 40th anniversary. In addition to preparing a booklet to mark the occasion, we are also planning a concert with choral music by the Barnby Choir based around the theme of water. This will be at Wilmslow URC on Saturday 8th June 2024 so please, save the date!

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donates to Wilmslow Wells, either through one-off payments or on a regular basis as these provide a steady income to support funding decisions.

Thanks also to all those who continue to support our events. We are very pleased to report that the autumn souperday raised £1,092, the bridge drive raised £2,377 (including generous sponsorship from D. J. Massey Jewellers), Christmas card sales raised £882 and the spring souperday raised £1,462. We are particularly grateful to the many people who organised these various events and those who worked hard to make them so successful.

We extend particular thanks for the legacy in memory of Margaret Turner and to the Margetts family for the donation in memory of Sue Margetts.

SEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:

Borehole for Kudondole Community, Ghana (Project 324) – 60 m deep borehole provides fresh water for 450 people in remote upper west Ghana (women and children previously walked 5 km for water). With Ghana Outlook

Borehole for school in Chazuka, Malawi (Project 328) – as described at the AGM, completed ahead of schedule. With Chazuka Trust.



Repair of 4 borehole pumps in remote villages, Malawi (Project 334) - repairs to restore boreholes

providing the only source of fresh water for 4 villages and schools. With Aid Africa.



Protection of spring water in Kanyashande and Nyakeina villages, Uganda (Project 335) – provides clean water to populations of 690 and 483. With JEGMI (Joint Efforts for Green Mountain Initiative).



NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

337 Uganda, 8 locations Construction of 8 protected springs in locations across eastern Uganda. With Afrinspire, funding of £2,000 (topped up by local contributions).

338 Tanzania, Mkingoti Primary School and Ishimwe Secondary School, Kasulu District, Kigoma Boreholes with rope pumps for two schools with 1384 and 867 pupils. With Tanzania Development Trust, funding of £3,000.

339 Uganda, Omugara, Kyere sub-county and Ongobi, Osugoro Olio sub-county 2 shallow wells, serving 64 and 67 households respectively. With Teso Development Trust, funding of £3,000.

340 Uganda, St Francis de Sales School in Jinja Construction of pit latrines at school for children who are deaf or have associated disabilities. With Helping Uganda Schools, funding of £5,363 (includes contribution from Highway One Trust).

341 Uganda, 7 varied locations Repair of seven broken wells, each leaving 200 - 300 people without clean water and living in extreme poverty. With Mission4Water, funding of £2,290.



342 Uganda, Kitino Tima Village, Gulu District Construction of a borehole providing clean water for a village of 1715 (245 households). With Amigos, funding of £5,200.

343 Zambia, Misaka Rehabilitation of a collapsed borehole originally funded by WWfA twenty years ago (Project 54) which has enabled the local community to thrive over that time period. With Kaniki Trust, funding of £1,275.



344 Uganda, 2 Borehole Rehabilitations Refurbishment of two redundant boreholes to provide 100% clean water as well as domestic latrines, hand washing and maintenance training for the community. With Busoga Trust, funding of £5,000.

345 Tanzania, Shunguliba Secondary School and Rusesa Primary School, Kasulu District, Kigoma 2 boreholes with rope pumps (30+ m. deep) meaning students no longer carry water 3 km. With Tanzania Development Trust, funding of £3,178.

346 Malawi, Repair of 7 borehole pumps damaged by Cyclone Freddy Emergency repairs to restore boreholes providing the only source of fresh water to 889 households (3,878 people). With Aid Africa, funding of £3,112.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

GARDENS DAY Saturday 24th June 10.30 – 4.30

This year there will be another great selection of beautiful gardens to visit displaying a range of design styles and horticultural techniques. Some are new or haven't opened for several years. Refreshments will be available in several gardens and others will have plant sales to inspire you to get planting!



Tickets giving access to all gardens are available for £13 on the day from the first garden visited or in advance (from 30th May) for £11 from Chelsea Flowers (Chapel Lane, Wilmslow), The Potting Shed (Alderley Edge), Primrose Cottage Nursery (Styal) or from Shan (01625 520193) or Donald (01625 590339).

AGM Monday 23rd October 7.30pm at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

AUTUMN SOUPERDAY Thursday 26th October at St John's Church Rooms, Lindow with soup, bread, hot drinks plus 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. In particular, 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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