

# WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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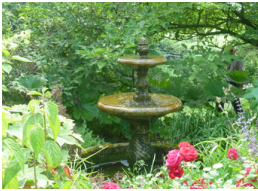
Two landmarks achieved in the same month as our one hundredth newsletter goes out at the same time as we commit to our four hundredth project! It's heartwarming to receive the reports which come back from remote villages or schools demonstrating how lives are transformed when fresh water is made available. However, the stream of requests for help is relentless and comes from many African countries including some in war zones or those neighbouring them which are inundated with refugees. So many in Africa still need help at a time when conflicts in other parts of the world make the news headlines.

John Fallows has decided to step down as our IT specialist after 13 years. We are very grateful for his amazing contribution over that time, especially as he and Jocelyn moved south in 2023. Going forward John's old role will be split. I'm delighted that Simon and Ruth Lees are now looking after our website whilst Gordon MacDonald is dealing with communications to our supporters (otherwise known as mail chimps!). The importance to Wilmslow Wells of good speedy communication through IT cannot be overestimated. This not only applies to our local supporters but also to the project teams working in Africa where exchanging information instantly to remote areas is helpful.



**David Cash**

# THANK YOU



Many thanks to all who worked hard in different ways to make both the Spring Superday and Gardens Day so successful. Thanks also to those who supported these events. Hopefully a good time was enjoyed in the process. Together, they raised a magnificent £21,656!

We also benefit when other organisations arrange fundraising events and decide to donate the proceeds to Wilmslow Wells. A recent example is St Cross Church in Knutsford who selected part of Project 388 (3 Borehole pump repairs in Malawi) for their lent project. Their initial target was £600 but in the end they achieved an amazing £1,905 which was almost enough to fund the entire project. A fantastic effort!

## ELEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



**377 Zambia, Nanolo & Nanjucha,** construction of new water points plus hygiene and sanitation training to support two communities previously vulnerable to disease from unsafe drinking water. With Village Water, funding of £6,830. Water points named in memory of Alan and Pat Parfett.

**392 Malawi, Chiringa Area.** Construction of 100 simple hand dug latrines for individual households in rural areas not connected to a community sewerage system. These are sturdy but basic screened units which help prevent diseases such as cholera. Previously families had to resort to using open fields for their toileting needs with all the environmental hazards, health risks and lack of privacy that brings. With Aid Africa, funding of £2,668.



## 15 NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

**388 Malawi - Bongwe and Luwani villages.** Repairs to broken borehole pumps in 2 villages which left 810 households in severe distress. With Aid Africa, funding of £1530 donated by St Cross Church, Knutsford through their Lent Appeal.

**389 Malawi - Lolo village.** Repair to broken borehole pump which left other pumps in Lolo overwhelmed with queues and congestion. With Aid Africa, funding of £744 also part provided by St Cross.

**390 Tanzania - Kamachumu in Muleba-Kagera Region.** Spring protection provided for about 3,000 people. With Tanzania Development Trust, funding of £1,620.

**391 Zambia, Bangweulu Wetlands.** Two shallow wells and 100 latrine slabs provided for community within important ecology area. With Afrinspire, funding of £4,052.

**392 Malawi - Chiringa Area.** Provision of 100 latrines across 10 villages. With Aid Africa, funding of £2,668.

**393 Uganda - Rutunguru near Ntungamo.** Protection for a spring delivering 20,000 litres of clean water per day on hill above Little Shepherd School. With HUGS, funding of £2,500.

**394 Uganda - Pingire, Kadungulu (2 No.) and Bugondo.** Four shallow wells serving a total of 354 households who currently have a 3 - 3.5 km daily walk for water. With Teso Development Trust, funding of £6,000.

**395 - Burkino Faso - Zondomo Area.** Refurbishment of 5 shallow wells serving approximately 1750 people. With Transform Burkina, funding of £5,150.

**396 Ghana - Kumasi.** Deep borehole for Brightlingsea Academy (provided in Kumasi in 2017) following depletion of hand-dug well. With Porridge & Pens, funding of £4070.

**397 Uganda - Kayonza and Butogota, Kanungu District.** 5 spring water wells serving 39,190 people in an area which currently has no access to safe clean water. With JEGMI, funding of £7,325

**398 Uganda - Olony Village, Gulu City.** Drainable toilet block at Mama Elisabeth Nursery and Primary School (see project 372). With Bujagali Trust, funding of £7,931.

**399 Malawi - Villages to be identified.** 100 latrines for individual households - hand-dug 3m deep pits surrounded by bamboo screening for privacy (similar to project 392). With Aid Africa, funding of £2784.

**400 Malawi -** Block of 2 toilets (1 for disabled girls), 2 changing rooms, water storage at Moani Primary School. With Chifundo UK and Chanasa Malawi, funding of £5,000.

**401 Uganda - Jinja area (east and west banks of the Nile).** Rehabilitation of 2 boreholes with full WASH package. With Busoga Trust, funding of £5,000.

**402 Zambia - Lunga Island in Lake Bangweulu.** Construction of 6 shallow wells and 2 repairs. With Afrinspire, funding of £3,750.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS**

**AGM Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. Find out about future plans and the projects we are funding as well as hearing about what's been achieved over the last year.

**BRIDGE DRIVE Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1.15pm for 1.30pm start** at Morley Green Club with a delicious afternoon tea. **ALL TABLES SOLD.**

**SPRING SOUPERDAY Saturday 7th March 11.30am – 2.00pm** with soup, bread, hot drinks plus cake stall and home produce at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

**QUIZ EVENING Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** Details to follow.

**GARDENS DAY Saturday 27th June 10.30am-4.30pm.** As ever, there will be a great selection of beautiful gardens to visit.

## 2025 CHRISTMAS CARD



Once again, Rosemary Stubbs has designed a Christmas card for us which is being printed by James Townsley without charge. The cards will be on sale at the Charity Christmas Card Shop in Wilmslow Library from 1<sup>st</sup> November until 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Price £4.00 for a pack of 10.

## CAN YOU HELP?

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