

The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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Using our allocation of assisted flights from **British Airways** all 3 Trustees travelled to Nairobi for a 6 day visit to review projects and to meet our sponsored students, and in particular to discuss the options for further education with the students who had just received their KCSE results. We also met our students already in tertiary education, where it was a delight to see how the young, nervous and sometimes insecure children had developed into personable and confident young adults.



We remain very grateful to the Community Relations team at BA for providing this support to **WAVES** without which our annual visits to Kenya would simply not be possible.

We went to the **Street Children Rehabilitation Centre** to see the **Scouts** that had been sponsored by The Grant Foundation for a variety of scouting events and a recent camp, where despite the early arrival of the long rains the boys had clearly had a wonderful time. Funds raised by The Entertainer Managers provided uniforms and training manuals so the scouts can now march with pride with other troops. We saw a marching display and were "invited" ("no" was not an option!) to join in the dancing – not necessarily a pretty sight if you have 2 left feet.



The students in our **Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to do well with 14 students in tertiary education, and a further 6 youngsters ready to start a tertiary course. Sponsors are supporting 2 Mukuru students and 6 Ruben students through secondary education, giving a total of 28 students supported by **WAVES**.



James has gained his Diploma in Hotel Management with credit while Benta and Dennis await the final results for their Diplomas in Business Administration and Electrical Engineering. Erick excelled in his KCSE exams with 82 points out of 84, winning a place on a B.Sc course in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Ephraim, who is the first **WAVES** Ruben student to qualify for University, has started his B.Sc course in project planning and management. 4 other students began courses this year in Primary and Secondary Teaching, Mechanical Engineering, and Information Communication Technology.

As always we are seeking new Education sponsors. The cost is £325 pa (£260 with Gift Aid) for 4 years of secondary education.

While in Kenya we visited the **Starehe Boys School** where our sixth sponsored Starehe scholar, Philip, is happily finishing his first year. Philip was away on a school trip at the coast however we enjoyed discussions with the Director and a visit to the school farm. Jamleck, who graduated 4 years ago, gave us the welcome news that he has won a position with the Kenyan Maritime Authority as Assistant Audit Officer. Dennis is in the 6th and final year of his Architecture course and Peter in his 3rd year reading Telecommunications and Information Engineering. Joab gained an A- in his KCSE exams and begins his university course in 2013.



The annual **Mukuru Kerrigan Challenge Cup Final Day** remains a day of fun and celebration, being won this year by St. Catherine's boys and St. Bakhita's girls. As promised we reintroduced the **Fair Player** award named after Patrick Oboya, who won the award at the first tournament in 2000 and now plays football professionally in Europe and for his country. Patrick was at the final to present the new awards and was accompanied by Benson Gicharu, a Mukuru contemporary, who boxed for Kenya at the London 2012 Olympics and who also played in the tournament in 2000.

While at **Ruben Centre** we saw their new **environmentally sustainable garden**, designed on permaculture principles and maintained by the Ruben Primary School Young Farmers Club and other Ruben Centre volunteers, and their briquette making process and greening measures in the centre. As **AFEW** (African Fund for Endangered Wildlife) is seeking to encourage this type of enterprise all over Kenya we arranged a visit with their Education Team to see what was being done and the techniques being employed. Ruben teachers have since attended AFEW workshops and an environment club now flourishes at the School.



At the end of our visit to Ruben we were entertained to a marvellous indoor gymnastics display by the school team, which was accompanied by drumming music on improvised drums (cans and buckets). As the performance ended the skies opened and torrential rain cascaded deafeningly onto the tin roof. This rain made the route out of Ruben slum virtually impassable for a while, but we did make it as far as the Christian Brothers' house where we enjoyed some refreshments and a comfort break, which was just as well since when we did leave to get back to our hotel the 5 mile journey took 2 ½ hours (normally 15 minutes)!!

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The introduction of Field Guide booklets and attendance certificates for the children going on sponsored field trips in the Tsavo Parks with the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust** has added value to the children's experience. The funding for these came through a grant to DSWT UK from Body Shop; we were pleased to play our small part by giving written support for the application, and to sponsor 100 children on field trips this year.



Our Ecology Trip Scheme, which we set up through AFEW in 2000 to organise trips to wildlife centres for children from the slums of Nairobi and for Year 1 boys at Starehe School continued, with **980** children taking part this year. Our 3rd year Environmental Studies student, Sarah, was on attachment at AFEW and assisted with the trips. She told us 'I encouraged the children to work hard to reach where I am or even beyond, because I was once where they are.'

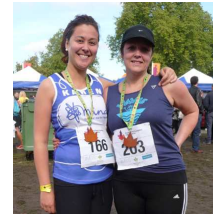
We are continuing to support **the AFEW school micro-projects scheme which is successfully** encouraging interest in the environment and sustainable living amongst the youth of Kenya.

Clive, Gareth, Suzie, Paul and Tyroan took up our 5 guaranteed places in our **London Marathon** team, while Martin came to the team with his own place. Clive replaced injured Jess and raised an amazing £2,500 in sponsorship. The team raised **£10,485** in a difficult economic climate. Our team of 5 for 2013 includes Belinda, Linda, Sophie, Matt and Richard. To support the team you can find the links on the **WAVES** website.



Jon enlarged his team to 5 for the **BUPA London 10K '12**. Tomas, Phil, Alex, Jon, and Colin raised **£702**, and we all enjoyed a post run picnic lunch in a sunny Green Park. Jon has entered the 2013 event and is looking for others to join his team. Ladies are welcome!

The Brunette Bombshells, Karen and Hayley, chose to support **WAVES** in the **Royal Parks Half Marathon** raising a welcome **£680**.



The **Adidas Women's 5K Challenge** in Hyde Park was cancelled for 2012, Olympics year, and sadly we have learned that this favourite event for **WAVES** ladies has been discontinued. This was the only large 5K event exclusively for women where entrants could run for their charity of choice. The Hyde Park venue provided a superb backdrop.

Toby Clarke ran the **Great North Run** dressed as a city gent complete with bowler hat and umbrella raising **£950** for tertiary student sponsorship. Toby said "it was tough as the suit soaked up the rain"!

We have secured a 3 year bond of 2 places p.a. in **RideLondon 100**, the exciting new 100 mile cycling event. The public ballot is open until January 4th for the first race which takes place on August 4th 2013.

Our income for the financial year ending July exceeded outgoings by £2496. We are grateful for the considerable support received from several organisations that have helped us to lessen the impact of the recession on our activities. Our heartfelt thanks go to the **Catholic Holiday Fellowship Memorial Trust**, **The Beaconsfield Team Ministry**, **Stirling Dynamics** staff, the **Royal Grammar School High Wycombe** and to **The Entertainer toy retail chain** for support through its award winning Workplace Giving Scheme. We continue to target well run projects designed to give best long term value to Kenya's needy children and its environment.

We are grateful to our friends in Kenya who make us so at home there and facilitate our visits. As always, our **very big thank you** to everybody in Kenya and in the UK who have given their donations of time and money, energy and support to **WAVES** projects - we definitely could not do any of this without you. We have been doing this for 15 years now and thank each and every one of you for helping us to touch children's lives and "make **WAVES**"!

We wish you a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a peaceful Year 2013

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Melissa

Jon

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