

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 9 day visit in October to review projects and to meet our sponsored students, and in particular to discuss the options for further education with the students who had completed their KCSE exams. We also met many of 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.



First Tusker!

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 visited the **Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre (MIRC)** to see the **Scout Troop** there. The boys at the centre are rescued from living homeless and penniless on the streets of Nairobi, many of them addicted to glue sniffing. Scouting gives structure in their lives, values to live by and good fun. The troop entertained us with poems, songs and recitations plus dance and several scouts spoke eloquently on the value they had personally found in scouting. They told us all about scouting events attended during the year and showed us with considerable pride the vegetable garden they have made in scrub land around their compound; their knowledge of the vegetables and their uses (the boys cook what they grow) was very impressive.



The students in our **Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to do well with 16 students in further education. Sponsors are supporting 2 Mukuru students and 4 Ruben students through secondary education, giving a total of 22 students receiving sponsorship through **WAVES**.



Benta achieved her Diploma in Business Administration with credit (she calls it her B.A!) and Judy has graduated with a B.A in Economics and Statistics. 5 students have commenced courses this year; in Primary Teaching, Supply and Procurement, Civil Engineering and in Economics and Finance. Ruben students Diana and Joyce excelled in their KCSE exams gaining University places. Diana came in the top 1,930 exam candidates in Kenya. While we were in Kenya all of the tertiary students based in or near Nairobi came to our hotel for a natter and some refreshments. The family atmosphere that prevailed at each session made us feel very proud and humble. Kelvin, our first Mukuru student, who is a qualified accountant, has moved out of the slums to an apartment in Westlands. He is an example of what can be achieved.

As always we are seeking new Education sponsors. The cost is £325 pa (£260 with Gift Aid) for 4 years of secondary education. Most of our tertiary students do not have sponsors, so anyone who comes forward to help would be most welcome

We visited **Starehe Boys' Centre** where we met, for the first time, our student Philip who is in his 2nd year of secondary education at the Boys' School; he was on a school trip during our last visit. The Director Matthew Kithyaka invited us to attend a service of prayer for those boys about to take their KCSE (Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education) exams. Not only was there prayer, but the school



band "did a number" at the invitation of the chaplain conducting the service, and the Boys' choir, plus a choir from Starehe Girls School sang some beautiful songs with no musical accompaniment. We met with our three Starehe lads who are at University. Dennis has graduated with his degree in Architecture and found immediate employment and Joab has started his Arts degree course. Peter is in the 4th year of his course in Telecommunications and Information Engineering. Our eldest Starehe ex-student, John, now employed at Kenya Power, told us that he is now a Dad with a daughter, Sandra!

The 14th **Mukuru Kerrigan Challenge Cup Final Day** was held for the first time on the Waves playing field at St Bakhita's School. The home teams were jubilant to win both the girls' and the boys' cups. The Boys' game against Kayaaba School went to an exciting penalties finish. The Fair Player awards were won by players from the runners up teams, St Catherine's and Kayaaba.



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 **1000** children taking part this year. With inflationary increases in the cost of fuel and food and the fact that the schools are taking ever larger intakes of children, the bill for the trips is increasing, so that for the future reluctantly we may need to consider ways to contain the cost.

We have continued to support the AFEW school micro-projects scheme which is successfully encouraging interest in the environment and sustainable living amongst the youth of Kenya. During our visit in October we were fortunate to spend the day with the AFEW education team visiting 3 schools taking part that we sponsor located in rural areas north-east of Nairobi. Each WAVES funded project involved the collection and storage of water (since water supply is unreliable in Kenya) to some degree and at each the children plant and tend various plants and trees. In each case they grow vegetables for school consumption and to sell locally to provide funds for future planting. One school has constructed and farms two large fish ponds, using water from the ponds when it needs to be refreshed to water their vegetable gardens. Fish is not a natural food in the inland area, but by promoting it through the children and encouraging the local market to sell it the local population is appreciating its value in adding protein to their diet. One pond contains up to 1000 tilapia fish.



We visited the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust at their HQ on the edge of the Nairobi National Park, where Edwin, the head keeper, took us out in to the park to find the now 35 elephant babies who have lost their mothers. There were 3 very young ones (2 a month old and one 5 weeks old) still in their baby fuzz and not yet able to use their trunks (which they will learn to do in due course). We also were amused to see a couple of older orphans new to the herd misbehaving quite naughtily.

Linda, Richard, Belinda, Sophie, and Matt took up our 5 guaranteed places in our **London Marathon** team, while Fadie came to the team with his own place. Belinda raised an amazing record £6869 in individual sponsorship, while the team total was a team record of **£17219**. Our team for 2014 is not yet complete, as for the first time we have not been able to find enough runners. It is not too late to join the WAVES team.



Our **BUPA London 10K '13** team was much smaller with just Jon and Alex but they raised **£811**. Jon set himself to beat the 50 min mark which had so far defeated him, and he did so with a time of 49 mins 55 secs! Afterwards we enjoyed our traditional post run picnic lunch in a sunny Green Park. Jon has entered the 2014 event, on Sunday 25th May, and is looking for others to join his team of 8. Ladies, as always, are welcome! Entry is still open but places are filling up fast, so don't delay.

With our 3 year bond of 2 places p.a. in **RideLondon 100**, the exciting new 100 mile cycling event, plus one own-place rider, this new event proved very popular and financially successful with Richard, Martin and Matt raising **£5960**. The public ballot for the next ride which takes place on August 10th 2014 has already closed, but our now 3 guaranteed bond places are available and we are looking for riders.



Our income for the financial year ending July exceeded outgoings by £10804, an exceptional year. We are grateful for the support received from several organisations. Our heartfelt thanks go to the **Grant Foundation**, for funding the MIRC Scout Troop for a year, and to the **Entertainer Managers** and to the **The Entertainer toy retail chain** for continued support through its award winning Workplace Giving Scheme. We are grateful for the continuing support from staff at Stirling Dynamics. We were very touched to receive a small donation made by the prisoners of **HM Prison Weyland last Christmas**. However the current financial year has not started well. Our usual main source of income from the London Marathon has yet to materialise with only 2 of our 5 places filled at the time of writing. Fortunately we do have financial reserves to cover our commitments but that is only a temporary situation. With the number of our students in tertiary education having risen to an all-time high, and due to remain high for some years, our main aim for 2014 has to be to raise more funds through attracting individual or company student sponsorship and making grant applications for educational funding for the students.

Meanwhile we continue to target well run projects designed to give best long term value to Kenya's needy children and its environment, and are working with the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust towards a Sports Day for village schools bordering the Tsavo National Park where we also funded the annual school field trips this year.

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 16 years now and thank each and every one of you for helping us to touch, and sometimes change, children's lives and "make WAVES"!

We wish you a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a peaceful Year 2014

Maggie

Melanie

Jon

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