

# The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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As a new venture this year we funded, and organized in collaboration with **DSWT (The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust)**, a Sports Day for 4 village schools in the DSWT community outreach area of the Tsavo National Park. Based on the format of our annual Mukuru Kerrigan Cup football tournament for slum schools in Nairobi, the Sports Day offered a football tournament for the boys, a netball tournament for the girls and the opportunity for non-players to participate in drama, dancing and poetry performances.



The teams from Gideon Mosi Primary overcame stiff competition to win the **Tsavo Kerrigan Cups** for both football and netball. More than 250 children, parents and teachers thoroughly enjoyed an exciting day that proved to be a very successful community event and which we hope will become a regular fixture. We had planned to use our complimentary flights from British Airways to be there on the Day, however, due to an embargo on assisted flights to Kenya because of security concerns, we were unable to do so.

The **15<sup>th</sup> Mukuru Kerrigan Cup Final Day** in Nairobi was also a great success. Played at St Catherine's Primary School, St Catherine's beat St Bakhita to win the Girls' Final, while St Bakhita won the Boys' Final against St Catherine's in a thrilling penalty finish.

The Scout Troop at the **Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre (MIRC)**, where boys who have been rescued from living homeless and penniless on the streets of Nairobi spend one year in a rehabilitation programme, has enjoyed an exciting year of camps and scouting events. Scouting has been shown to facilitate their rehabilitation, giving structure in their lives, values to live by and good fun. We have received reports about scouting events they have attended which demonstrate just how well the troop performs in competition and interaction with other scout troops and the skills they have learnt. For the second year running the MIRC Scouts won the trophy for Best Scout Troop in the District. The boys were commended for their knowledge of knots.



The students in our **Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to do well with 19 students in tertiary education. Sponsors are supporting 2 Mukuru students and 3 Ruben students through secondary education, giving a total of 24 students receiving sponsorship through **WAVES**.



Several Mukuru students have recently completed their studies with well-deserved success. Sarah (photo) graduated with an upper second class honours degree in Environmental Science in October. Nancy achieved her Diploma in Clinical Medicine with credit, however must now complete an unpaid pre-registration year of work in a hospital. Our first student to take her Primary Teaching exam has passed with credit and James (photo) has gained his Diploma in Business Information Technology. We wish them all a bright future. Ruben student Kelvin excelled in his KCSE exams coming in the top 2,722 candidates with an A average. He narrowly missed qualifying for Medicine and is reading Actuarial Science. Stephen has taken his final exams for a Diploma in Information Technology and will be the first Ruben student to complete his further education.

**We are looking for two new Education sponsors so that we can take on a new Mukuru and Ruben student in 2015. The cost is £325 pa for the 4 years of secondary education.**

As with our students from Mukuru and from Ruben, we missed our usual annual meeting with our young men from the **Starehe Boys' Centre** with its lively exchange of news. Our student Philip, who we have met only once to date, is about to begin his fourth and final year at the Boys' School while Joab has transferred from his Bachelor of Arts course to a Bachelor of Education course in Science where he is much happier. Peter (photo) is coming to the end of his 5 year university course in Telecommunications and Information Engineering; he has completed his Continuous Assessment Tests and his project and finishes his final exams on December 18th. Earlier in the year he had a 3 month attachment in the Internal Systems Operations Department of Safaricom; he was chosen as team lead for IT support at an International Golf Tournament and at a Kenya Athletics meeting.



**Our Ecology Trip Scheme**, which we set up through AFEW in 2000 to organise trips to wildlife centres for school children from the slums of Nairobi and for Year 1 boys at Starehe School continued, with **1013** children taking part this year. This year with inflationary rises in the cost of fuel and food the bill for the trips increased and AFEW kindly contributed to the costs. This day is a memorable one for the children and opens their eyes to the world beyond the slums. Feeding the giraffes at AFEW's Giraffe Centre is always a highlight.



**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. WAVES** funded projects this year included boosting the efforts

of the environment club at Ruben Centre. Funds were given towards establishing a tree and flower nursery to create a seedlings bank to be used to encourage green and leafy vegetation in an area that lacks space and is overpopulated. The club's mission is "to empower young minds to develop a sense of appreciation and wonder, change attitudes promoting respect, understanding, care and concern for nature and the environment".

Lee, Tom (Papa Smurf), Fadie and Jeff filled 4 of our guaranteed places in our **London Marathon** team, while Melanie was unable to run due to an injury. The team did well to raise a total of **£9229**. Our team for 2015 includes Laura, Andy, Tori from the US, and Pheidias from Greece. We have two places left to fill so it is not too late to join the **WAVES** team. If anyone has put running the Virgin Money London Marathon on their bucket list we can help so please contact us!



Our **BUPA London 10K '14** team of Andy, Paul, Penny, Alex, Jon and Tomas raised **£1004**. Jon knocked 22 seconds off his 2013 time and is determined to do even better next year! Runners and supporters enjoyed our traditional post run picnic lunch in a sunny Green Park once again. Jon will run in the 2015 event, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, and is looking for more team members. Entry is still open but places are filling up fast, so do register soon if you want to join Jon's team.

The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, the 100 mile cycling event where we have 3 bond places, is proving very popular. This year the tail end of Hurricane Bertha brought torrential and unrelenting rain forcing the organisers to close the most hilly section of the course and so it became the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 86, but demanding enough we were told. Two of our 3 riders set off and made it to the Finish with the third having earlier deferred to 2015. Tim and Matt raised an amazing **£3590** for **WAVES**. Even with the rain we managed a picnic in Green Park after the ride! The next ride takes place on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015, and although our 3 guaranteed places are taken the ballot is still open to riders but must close on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Ballot riders are very welcome to join the team.



In February the team at The Entertainer Toy Store in Kingston-on-Hull raised **£130** for **WAVES**, and in March one of them, Mike Metcalfe, raised **£371** doing the first ever Skydive for **WAVES**. In May Adam Greener completed a two day 200 mile cycle ride from Oxford to Exeter raising **£556** to help fund his student, Christopher, who is reading Mechanical Engineering at University.

Our income for the financial year ending July exceeded outgoings by £4127. 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 another year, and to the **The Entertainer** toy retail chain and employees for continued support through its award winning Workplace Giving Scheme, to British Airways for including **WAVES** in their Communities and Conservation Scheme, and to Stirling Dynamics for continued support. The year did not start too well financially, but improved. In the autumn of 2013 we received an invitation from **The Ryklow Trust** to submit a proposal for funding which we did, based on our expected costs of the **WAVES** tertiary student population for the year. We were delighted to receive a full grant of £10,500 in April for which we are most grateful. For the moment we have financial reserves to cover our commitments however with the number of our students in further education high, and due to remain high for several years, our aim for 2015 is to raise more funds through attracting individual or company sponsorship and making grant applications.

We continue to target well run projects designed to give best long term value to Kenya's needy children and its environment, such as the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Sports Day for village schools bordering the Tsavo National Park, mentioned earlier.

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 – with a special mention this year for the sponsors who generously support **WAVES** students through secondary, and sometimes further education too, and for the invaluable encouragement they give to the students in corresponding with them. We 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 2015

Morgan

Melanie

Jon

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