

The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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CHRISTMAS 2015

All 3 Trustees travelled to Nairobi for a 10 day visit in September / October. It was the highlight of the year to be able to meet our sponsored students and some of our graduates too after a gap of two years since our last visit. 28 of our further education students and graduates joined us for meals at our hotel. It was such a pleasure to spend time with such self-confident, happy and motivated young people who are no longer just 'hoping' for a better future but are now enjoying what they have achieved through their own endeavor and the opportunity **WAVES** sponsorship offers them. They tell us they are proud of their slum background and want to give back to those less fortunate.

Through British Airways **WAVES** received two complimentary flights with the third paid for by the Trustees. We are enormously grateful for this support from BA without which our regular visits to Kenya would not be possible.



At the **Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre (MIRC)**, where boys who have been rescued from living homeless on the streets of Nairobi spend one year in a rehabilitation programme, the Scout Troop welcomed us with smiles, recitations, songs and an invitation to join their dance. Several boys told us how much they value being a scout. The Troop had enjoyed a training camp and scouting activities during the year, recently winning the trophy for Best Scout Troop at the Makadara Scout District Open Day. Two of the younger boys won medals for their dance too! The boys enjoy the fun and challenge of scouting and benefit from socializing with scouts from all backgrounds. The scouts become role models for the other boys at the Centre.

The **16th Mukuru Kerrigan Cup Final Day** was played at St Catherine's Primary School in July. St Catherine's and the Rehabilitation Centre provided a scout guard of honour and boys from Mukuru Primary School entertained the spectators and players. St Bakhita beat St Catherine's to win the Girls' Final, while St Catherine's were victors in the Boys' Final after an exciting game against the team from the Rehabilitation Centre.



After the success of last year's Tsavo Sports Day organised in collaboration with **DSWT (The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust)**, a second tournament was planned for September so that we could attend. Gideon Mosi School which won the Tsavo Kerrigan Cups for netball and football last year was to host the event. Sadly a teachers' strike closed the schools just prior to our visit so the event had to be postponed. DSWT's Community Officer, Mlati, took us to the school to meet the headmaster and village representatives and see the pitch where goats were keeping the vegetation trimmed.



The students in our **WAVES** Mukuru and Ruben **Education Schemes** continue to do well with 14 students in tertiary education. Sponsors are supporting 4 students through secondary education, giving a total of 18 students receiving sponsorship through **WAVES**. Secondary student Agnes took her exams in October and wants to train as a chef. Johnson gained a B+ in his exams last year and is now studying for a degree in Business Management at a Moi University campus, near



Lake Victoria where the climate is hot and humid. He contracted malaria on arrival though is now recovered and is acclimatising. Several students have recently completed their studies with well-deserved success. Kelvin graduated with an upper second class honours degree in Horticulture and is enjoying employment as a graduate trainee at a flower company. Elizabeth passed her primary school teaching exams and is applying for her first teaching post. Dennis graduated with his Diploma of Electrical Engineering. He is contracted to a pool pump company involving travel to all parts of Kenya which he enjoys. New student Nicodemus, who we met when in Kenya, has done well in his first year at secondary school.

Eric achieved an A- in his exams and is now at university reading Analytical Chemistry. Stephen gained his Diploma in Information Technology, being the first Ruben student to complete his further education. Unfortunately Stephen was knocked down by a drunk driver a year ago and seriously injured. After a long and painful recovery he looked well when we met him in September.



We are looking for new Education sponsors so that we can take on new students in 2016. The cost is £325 pa for the 4 years of secondary education.



We enjoyed our meeting with 5 of our young men from the **Starehe Boys' Centre** with its lively exchange of news. Our youngest student Philip was about to take his KCSE exams. John, Dennis, Peter and Joab all encouraged him to do well and achieve his ambition to study Law. Peter was congratulated by all on graduating with an Upper Second Class degree in Telecommunications and Information Engineering. He is now employed by an international consultancy to support their IT systems in Nairobi.

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We find that these days universities and colleges assume that all students will have their own laptops and set studies and tasks on this assumption. To meet this situation we have opened a Laptop funding account, initially using money raised by our riders in RideLondon 100 in 2014. Johnson, Eric and four other students are receiving laptops funded by WAVES. Peter has been advising WAVES students on their choice and purchase of the new laptops.

Our Ecology Trip Scheme, set up in partnership with The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (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 over **1100** children taking part this year. Their letters tell us how much they learn about Kenya's wildlife and how special the day is for them. Feeding the giraffes at AFEW's Giraffe Centre is always a highlight as is the hot lunch with meat.



WAVES support continues for the AFEW school micro-projects scheme that encourages interest in the environment and sustainable living amongst the Kenyan youth. Recent projects include boosting the efforts of the Ruben environment club to create a beautiful Ruben Centre. Kyamulendu School was funded for their Banana project, where they planted 600 banana plantlets, using the fruits for school lunches and in sales to finance planting of arrowroots and other plants, again for use in the school food programme and revenue towards the cost of banana crisp making equipment. The project has encouraged increased enrolment and decreased cases of truancy since the pupils enjoy gardening during break time and also the lunches.



Tori (from New York), Pheidias (from Athens), Laura and Andy ran in 4 of our guaranteed places in our **London Marathon** team. The team did well to raise a total of **£9388**. Our team for 2016 (24th April) includes Tom, Sharon, and Simon to date. We have more places 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 '15** team of Andy, Alex, Penny, Paul, Jon and Tomas raised **£1046**. The run could not use the Embankment this year and was routed through Trafalgar Square along the Strand to the City. Runners and supporters enjoyed our traditional post run picnic lunch in a sunny Green Park once again. Jon has already recruited a team of 9 for Monday 30th May, and there is room for more if you want to join Jon's team.

This year the weather was somewhat kinder for **The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100** than in 2014, when the tail end of Hurricane Bertha brought torrential and unrelenting rain. Our 3 riders, Martin, Julie and Richard raised **£1728** for WAVES. Afterwards they joined us for a picnic in Green Park to tell us about their adventures! The next ride takes place on Sunday July 31st; we have 3 guaranteed places available and any rider with a Ballot place is very welcome to join the WAVES team.



We are grateful for the support received from several organisations. Our heartfelt thanks once again go to the **Grant Foundation**, for funding the MIRC Scout Troop for another year, to the **The Entertainer** toy retail chain and employees for continued support through its award winning Workplace Giving Scheme, and to British Airways for including WAVES in their Communities and Conservation Scheme.

This year has seen changes at the Mukuru Promotion Centre. Sister Sally, who has retired to Ireland, was a major support to us in our endeavours at MPC over the past 9 years, especially in assisting students as they moved from Secondary to Tertiary education. MIRC Scout leader Paul Omondi, who gave comprehensive feedback on the troop's activities, has also moved on.

Jon created a Facebook page for WAVES (www.facebook.com/wavestrust) just before we went to Kenya. If you have a look you can see that he made an entry for every day of our trip, which not only has photos but also some video clips that you might enjoy. We think it has been well received since it gets a lot of "likes"!

We are grateful to our friends in Kenya who made us so welcome there and assisted us in so many ways. 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 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 2016

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