

# Bi-annual Newsletter



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## *Announcement*

- 1- Featured Cover Photo: Our cover photo for this Newsletter is of one of the 5 classrooms at the Makhwabuye Primary School in western Kenya. This school needs some renovation and was featured in our Project 2020. However, due to the Coronavirus, we were unable to hold any fundraising activities for this project and so it rolled over to be "Project 2021". To learn more about this project, please look at our website where we have provided a video and other information. <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk>
- 2- When restrictions are eased with regards to public meetings, the trustees would be more than happy to come to your church or organisation and give a presentation on the work of The Kenya Trust – all social distancing and safety measures will be taken into consideration. Alternatively, we could do a ZOOM presentation. If this is something you would like us to do then please contact us via email at [info@thekenyatrust.org.uk](mailto:info@thekenyatrust.org.uk)

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## The Chairman's Commentary

Having been a Trustee of The Kenya Trust now for some 20 years, I am pleased to have been associated with many efforts to assist the Salvation Army's work there to improve living conditions for so many. During this Covid virus 'lockdown' we have been unable to hold any fund-raising events which obviously has curtailed much of our support ability. However, we are indebted to the many of you who have continued to contribute to our fund raising with donations. This has enabled our work in Kenya to continue, even though at a reduced level. I often say that I wish I could take all of you to Kenya to see the impact your generosity is having on the poverty situations and in the schools we have supported. Alternative to that, I can recommend a visit to our website where you can view details of many of our projects.

In addition to our project work, we continue to send donated instruments to Kenya and, thanks to Charley Brighton at Staines, we are able to have any repairs done before the instruments are shipped, ensuring all are playable.

I hope you find these newsletters interesting and helpful. They are well designed and put together by our trustee Philip Northwood from Bedford. Philip, along with Sue Brighton (Staines) joined the trustees board in 2019 and Richard Whitmore (Potton) joined in 2017, all have made a valuable contribution to the trust augmenting the work of long-term members Christine Bryant and Hilton Baker, both of Bristol, and Patricia Owen of Birmingham. If you know any of these trustees, they would be pleased to provide answers to any questions you may have about our charity work.

Wes Maughan  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



# The Kenya Trust Serving Kenya since 1998

## Trustee Introduction: Patricia Owen

Patricia was born in London. When three years old the family moved to Hong Kong where they lived for nearly four years. On returning to UK they settled in Bristol and attended Bristol Citadel corps (church). When 12 years old, Patricia became the Singing Company (junior choir) accompanist. These early days of service have taken Patricia through SA music schools as student and instructor, music college, a career in music teaching and piano accompaniment with appearances at The Royal Albert Hall, Symphony Hall and Roy Thompson Hall to mention a few.

In 1973 her marriage took her to Birmingham Citadel and was soon the accompanist for the songster brigade (senior choir).

She was privileged to serve in this role for nearly 25 years. Patricia now accompanies the vibrant Singing Company (full circle) and is the corps pianist, this role leading her to record the CD 'Keys for Kenya'.

Patricia was a founder member of SA Music for Kenya Fund (latterly The Kenya Trust) becoming secretary in 2016 and representative for Kenya East Territory.

Her interest in Kenya started in 1992 when she adopted two orphaned elephants for her daughter. From her first visit in 1999 has grown a love for Kenya and its people. Patricia has since participated in music schools and fact-finding visits, the latest being in October 2019.

Patricia lives in Worcester, is married and has three children, four grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

# Project 2021: Renovations at Makhwabuye Primary School

In our Spring/Summer Newsletter of 2020, we launched what we hoped would be our 2020 Project – Renovations at the Makhwabuye Primary School in western Kenya, however COVID had other ideas and we were stopped in our tracks.

We are pleased to report that we did not allow this major set-back to halt our desire and passion to help the children at Makhwabuye so we set about planning and working toward a revised plan of action. We had already set out the project in 5 phases and this soon became 6. We then set about working with The Salvation Army in western Kenya and the School Board of Management to set some priorities. The school's priority was the building of a new classroom and then the construction of a 3-door pit latrine.



In October 2020, The Kenya Trust was able to send £10,000 to build a new classroom which was the start of this major refurbishment

project. In December we received pictures of the classroom being built. (pic above)

In March 2021 we received an update showing the classroom nearly complete. This is a major milestone for the school.



Last year the trust also approached the St. James' Place Charitable Foundation with an application to



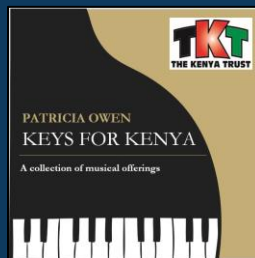
provide funding for the 3 door pit latrine and in November 2020 we received confirmation that the application for funding had been

approved and so construction of the pit latrines has now started.

Full details of the scope of the project and how you can become involved are on our website: [www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/project-data-sheets/](http://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/project-data-sheets/).

Related to this we now have a special fundraising project to supply 80 desks for use in the new classroom. You can also get information on how to get involved from the website page above.

## CD Promotions:



costs only £11.75.

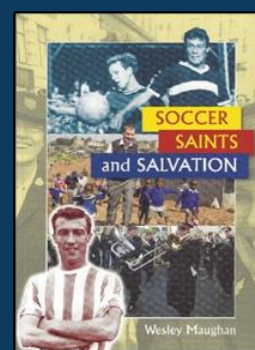
Patricia Owen is the Secretary of The Kenya Trust. Patricia is a gifted pianist and has selected, arranged and performed 23 tracks of reflective 'Musical Offerings'. The CD, released in 2020,



CD has raised over £4000 for the Trust. The CD costs only £7:00.

'Blessings' was produced in 2015 as a result of the strong Facebook following enjoyed by Susan Avison for her weekly piano interludes. Susan is the Songster Leader at Bath Citadel and through this

## Book Promotion:



Wes Maughan is the Chairman of The Kenya Trust. This autobiography is an interesting read following his rise in the ranks of professional football at a time when balancing one's faith and professional sport were not easy. The book costs only £9.00.

All Prices are inclusive of Post and Packing.

To order the CDs and/or the book, please go to the On-line Shop page of the website and place your order.

<https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/shop/>

## Instrument Donations

In the summer of last year the trust was contacted by Somerset Music Services; they wanted to donate to The Kenya Trust a large selection of brass instruments, mainly trombones, cornets, and trumpets.



*Sue Brighton, trustee receiving the donation from Sarah Alsop of Somerset Music Services.*



The instruments had been used extensively for classroom brass lessons across Somerset schools over the past few years and were in various conditions of repair and playability.

During the summer of 2020 and post lockdown (the first one) we were able to travel and collect the consignment of instruments. We then began to sort, grade and where necessary, repair the instruments in preparation for onward travel to Kenya.

Those instruments considered beyond reasonable repair were sold and the money raised used to offset the cost of transporting the remainder to Kenya.

The cost of shipment to Kenya has risen significantly during this pandemic and the post Covid cost for transport are expected to remain for some time, at least until air travel returns to some form of normality. The cost of shipping averages out at about £45 per instrument.

If you can help to ship these and other donated instruments with a cash donation, please see our funding page [www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/donate](http://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/donate) or write to us at The Kenya Trust, 'Fairhaven', Bevere, Worcester WR3 7RF, UK.



## Kenya Trust Representatives:

If you would like to become involved with the work of The Kenya Trust in a practical way, then you can do so. The Trustees have approved the appointment of several Representatives of The Kenya Trust. The representatives support and promote the trust's work in their local area. If you would like to know more about becoming a Representative of The Kenya Trust get in touch by email using the address at the bottom of this page, we would be very happy to hear from you.

## Forthcoming Events:

*There are no events planned until at least the autumn/winter of 2021 when we trust we will be able to meet up in groups of more than six!*

## Donations:

Thank you to every one of you who has donated to our work and especially to those who donate regularly via standing orders.

Financial donations can be made via our Facebook page and via our website. However cheques made payable to 'The Kenya Trust' can be sent to The Secretary, The Kenya Trust at the postal address below. If you would like to set up a recurring gift via a Standing Order then please contact us for bank details. If you are a UK taxpayer, a way to increase your gift is to use Gift Aid and a Gift Aid Declaration can be sent to you if you get in touch.

## Contact Details:

### Contacting The Kenya Trust

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