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Announcement

- 1- Introducing the focus project for 2022 - Infrastructure Improvements at the Muthanthara Primary and Secondary schools in central Kenya.
- 2- In February the trust shipped 104 instruments to Kenya. Look out for a full report in the next newsletter.
- 3- If you would like to host an afternoon/evening event to raise awareness and funds for The Kenya Trust, then please contact the trust via the website or by email info@thekenyatrust.org.uk and one of the trustees will be more than happy to come and speak at your event.



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Joining
Hands in
Kenya
since
1998**

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The Chairman's Commentary.

This is the second newsletter published since I was asked to take on the role of Chairman of the board of trustees so a word or two about my background may be appropriate. I have recently retired from a career spanning 44 years working for a multi-national company. I have had international experience having lived in Dubai for 16 years and travelled to many countries as part of my work. I grew up in East Africa and went to school in Kenya where my parents were Salvation Army Officers and served as missionaries in East Africa for 16 years. I speak Swahili, the official national language of Tanzania and Kenya. I have a deep love and respect for the country and people.

These past 2 years have been challenging for all of us in different ways; our lives and our outlook on life in general have been changed, things we took for granted were taken away from us, personal freedoms, jobs and social interactions.

If this has been the case for us in the affluent 'developed' countries it has been felt to a much greater extent in developing countries, like Kenya, where there is no social welfare net to fall back on.

The normal fundraising events and programmes that the trust has organised in the past have not happened now for 2 years. Fundraising has been very badly hit. Thank you to all who have donated to the work of the trust. I am personally grateful to the loyal and growing band of regular donors. Your donations have kept us going – THANK YOU on behalf of the trust and all those you have helped in Kenya.

The work of the trust has continued throughout these turbulent times. I am humbled by your generosity and proud to be a part of the projects completed in the past years. Our history informs our present and sets us up for the future which, from where I am sitting looks bright. Thank You!

Philip Northwood

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Profile – Sue Brighton



I was first made aware of The Kenya Trust when I joined Staines Corps with my husband Charley Brighton in 2010. Each year our band and songsters take turns to organise a fund-raising concert for the Trust. Soon I was invited to join the 'organising committee' by Wes Maughan and, in 2019, was invited to become a Trustee.

I've been associated with the Salvation Army since 2007, first when I became an adherent at Slough Corps and in 2010 becoming a soldier at Staines. I'm now Mission Secretary at the Corps.

My lifelong hobby has been playing brass, particularly the baritone, in my hometown band, through Championship section contesting bands in the London area and now with the Staines Corps Band and The Brass Foundry, a symphonic group which is demanding and great fun!

My 32-year career with ICI gave me a plethora of experience and skills that I wished to use for good on my early-retirement in 2015. My main roles as a Trustee are to manage the collection, assessment, and export of donated instruments on behalf of the trustees and to represent Kenya West Territory as their main point of contact with the trust and taking their project proposals to the board for funding decisions.

I am available for presentations of the trust's work at fellowship groups and for other organisations around the London & SE area and can be contacted at donate@thekenyastrust.org.uk

Going forward I hope to continue to promote equity and justice using all the resources made available to us so that our brothers and sisters in Kenya can benefit from a self-determined hope for the future.

Introducing the trusts project for 2022

The leadership of The Salvation Army in Nairobi requested the help of The Kenya Trust to improve the infrastructure of two schools close to Ishiara Town in central Kenya.

The Muthanthara Primary and Secondary Schools are situated on The Salvation Army's 33-acre site close to the town of Ishiara. The site includes both schools, a community health dispensary and the local Salvation Army church. Ishiara is in a remote, semi-arid area of Kenya where water is scarce and subsistence farming is often very perilous and dependant on the seasonal rains.

At the primary school there are several improvements that have been identified, however the highest priority was deemed to be sanitation. The top picture opposite shows the current state of the pit latrines – they are simply not acceptable by any standard. The Kenya Trust with your help has already sent the required £6,000 to Kenya to build an 8-cubicle pit latrine block for boys and a 10-cubicle block for girls which will include 8 latrines and 2 changing cubicles.

The secondary school has 120 pupils and currently does not meet the required minimum standard set out by the Ministry of Education in Kenya to receive government support. You can see this from the picture opposite of one of the classrooms. With your support, the trust is raising funds for the £10,500 to build 2 new classrooms which will elevate the school to the required standard and so gain support from the government. The trust is also aiming to raise enough funds to buy 60 desks and benches to furnish these two new classrooms – each desk with bench costs £40. *Can you sponsor a desk/bench combination?*

In recent years The Kenya Trust has build on its already established reputation for bringing hope and encouragement to the youth of Kenya by improving and supporting a number of schools and vocational training centres. Our project last year was for the Makhwabuye Primary School in western Kenya. Your help is needed to enable us to continue this vital work.

Our promise to you is this – 100% of your donation goes directly to the projects the trust undertakes. All the trustees are volunteers and give of their time and energies free of cost. Any administration costs are met by the trustees and the running costs of the trust are minimal.



One of two existing latrine blocks serving 475 pupils. Two blocks of 8 latrines each will be built.



Secondary school classroom that will be replaced by two new classrooms.

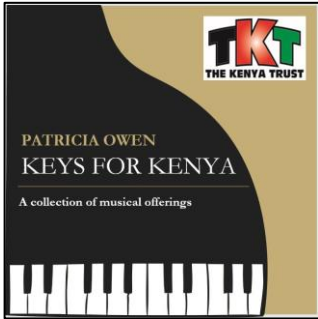


Scan this QR code with your smart phone and learn more about this worthy project. Don't worry if you can't, just visit our website to get the same information:

<https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Project-Data-Sheet-Muthanthara-Schools.pdf>

**CAN YOU HELP THE TRUST CONTINUE
TO BRING HOPE TO THE NEXT
GENERATION OF KENYANS?**

CD Promotions:



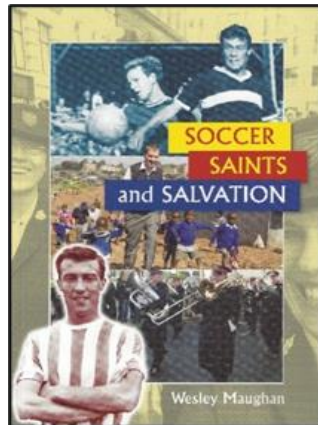
Patricia Owen is the Secretary of The Kenya Trust and the representative for Kenya East Territory. Patricia is a gifted pianist and has selected, arranged and performed 23 tracks of reflective 'Musical Offerings'. The CD,

released in 2020, costs only £11.75 or download version £8.00



Only limited numbers available - 'Blessings' was produced in 2015 as a result of the strong Facebook following enjoyed by Susan Avison for her weekly piano interludes. The CD costs only £7.00.

Book Promotion:



Wes Maughan is the retired 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 faith and professional sport was 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/>

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday November 12th, 'Into Africa' concert at The Salvation Army Staple Hill watch for news on the Facebook page for more details. Speaking engagements have begun. Please see the website as information will be made available there. <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/news-headlines/>

Representatives:

Would you like to become involved with the work of The Kenya Trust?

The trust is currently looking to recruit a small number of representatives from across the country (and internationally if practical) who would be willing to represent and promote the interests of the trust and help to fundraise in their local area.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Representative of The Kenya Trust, please get in touch by email using the address at the bottom of this page, the trustees would be very happy to hear from you.

Donations:

Thank you to every one of you who has donated to our work and especially to those who make regular donations via standing orders and use Gift Aid to increase your donation.

Financial donations can be made via our Facebook page or via our website. <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/donate/>

However, cheques made payable to 'The Kenya Trust', can be sent to The Secretary, The Kenya Trust at the postal address below. Gift Aid and Standing Order Mandates are available from our donate page on the website, alternatively please send us an email requesting information on how to make a regular monthly donation.

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