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Announcement

- 1- The cover photograph for this newsletter shows part of the consignment of 104 instruments being received at the Kenya West headquarters in Kakamega. The picture was taken in March 2022.
- 2- If you would like to host an event to raise awareness and funds for The Kenya Trust, then please contact the trust via the website or by email info@thekenyastrust.org.uk and one of the trustees will be more than happy to come and speak at your event.
- 3- We welcome Gaynor Sharman as our newest trustee, Gaynor attends Birmingham Citadel Salvation Army. We will feature Gaynor in our Trustee Profile in the next newsletter.
- 4- Our public fundraising activities are now restarting after a pause of more than 2 years.

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The Chairman's Commentary.

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of this newsletter.

The Kenya Trust is very grateful for all the support we have continued to receive during these past couple of years as our public fundraising activities have had to be put on hold. I am grateful for the opportunities for fundraising that have started to open up. Presentations at Ramsgate and Leicester South Salvation Army churches and at two Methodist churches in Bedford, the 'Citadel's Got Talent' evening in Birmingham a report of which appears later in the newsletter,

the 'Evening in Conversation with Colonel Joyce' in Bedford have all been very successful. In November we are looking forward to our first music concert for a couple of years 'Into Africa' at Bristol Staple Hill Salvation Army. The support of the public for the work the trust does is heart-warming and very much appreciated.

We are pleased to welcome Gaynor Sharman of Birmingham Citadel Salvation Army as our newest trustee. Gaynor brings a great deal of experience in education and has visited Kenya on a number of occasions helping schools and teachers. We will hear more about Gaynor in our Trustee Profile feature in the spring/summer newsletter next year.

Philip Northwood

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Pupils of Variety Village in Thika 2020

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Trustee Profile – Richard Whitmore



Richard is a fourth generation Salvationist and worships at the small Corps in Potton, Bedfordshire. He enjoys playing euphonium and baritone and has been a Bandmaster in the Salvation Army for over thirty years. In his professional life Richard is a Chartered Certified Accountant and set up his own Accountancy and Taxation Services Practice over thirty years ago.

Richard joined The Kenya Trust in February 2017 after attending several Into Africa concerts and an introduction to the work of the Trust by a founder Member and Trustee, Hilton Baker. He enjoys the involvement in the business of the trust and in the activities involved in raising funds for the trust's work. In April 2017 Richard took over responsibility as internal auditor and financial reporting of the Trust.

In October 2018 Richard walked part of The Great Wall of China raising over £4,250 to support various projects of the Trust.

Richard has always had a love of brass bands both in and outside of The Salvation Army and as part of his work for the trust is keen to promote and support Salvation Army banding in Kenya. There is a great need for brass instruments so Richard is keen to collect any donated instruments and raise funds to ship these instruments to Kenya where they can once again be played to the Glory of God. In many corps in Kenya the shortage of instruments for players to use is abnormally high. At one corps alone a band of over twenty players has only four instruments to use and they must take it in turns to play.

In October 2019, on a visit to Kenya with fellow trustees, Richard was moved by the enthusiasm of the Kenyan Salvationists but also by the poor and often shocking conditions in which many are living. There is so much need and yet they are so vibrant in their faith, worship and love of God.

Instrument Shipments

Over the years more than 3,000 instruments, brass, guitars, keyboards as well as accessories and music have been sent to Kenya. During 2021 the trustees travelled the country from Yorkshire to Somerset collecting instruments which have been donated by individuals, brass bands, schools and other music trusts. The Kenya Trust is very grateful for all the interest and generosity shown by so many.

In February of this year a shipment of 104 instruments and a large collection of brass band music (mainly hymn tune books for the many Salvation Army bands now operating in Kenya) was sent to Nairobi.

Donations of non-brass instruments such as clarinets, violins and saxophones have also been collected, some have been sent to Kenya while others have been sold here in the UK to raise the much needed funds to pay for the shipping costs for consignments to Kenya. Shipping costs have escalated enormously since the pandemic and now average out at approximately £45 per instrument. If you would like to donate either an instrument (brass or otherwise), mouthpiece, lyre, music stands, instrument tutors/teaching materials/books are always welcome. Financial donations toward payment of our next consignment which will be going to Kenya sometime in the first quarter of 2023 then please get in touch – contact details at the end of the newsletter.

Just a few of the 104 instruments being collated and prepared for shipment.



Consignment arriving in Nairobi.

Fundraising Report

CITADEL'S GOT TALENT 8 APRIL 2022

This evening, showcasing the talents of the young people of Birmingham Citadel, turned out to be rather wonderful!

It was the first occasion since the pandemic that the corps were able to join as one on a social evening; refreshments, chatter and many smiles were apparent throughout the time spent together.

Patricia Owen, aided by Gaynor Sharman and Christine Bryant, encouraged our younger members of the church to showcase their talents. As well as musical items, the young people also baked, created art and presented crafts. One child even volunteered to answer a geography quiz set by his family, talent comes in many forms!

Music items featured brass instruments, string instruments and voice. There was drama and dance too. Every item was applauded and cheered, for each one of the young people it was most deserved.

It was a delight to notice those children, who had perhaps been rather shy in the past, had grown in stature and confidence were able to truly amaze the audience.

Each person taking part recorded a short video to introduce themselves. The Young People's Band and Singing Company started and closed the evening.

Over £1300 has been raised to fund the ongoing project at Muthanthara school.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

Additional fundraising events this summer have raised more than £1700 toward our 2020 project – Muthanthara Primary and Secondary School Improvements.

Thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed, organised or taken part in any of our fundraisers. We look forward to completing our 2022 project.

If you would like to host an event to raise funds for The Kenya Trust or would like a trustee to visit and make a presentation to your church, or group then please get in touch using any of the contact points at the end of the newsletter.

Christmas Present Ideas:



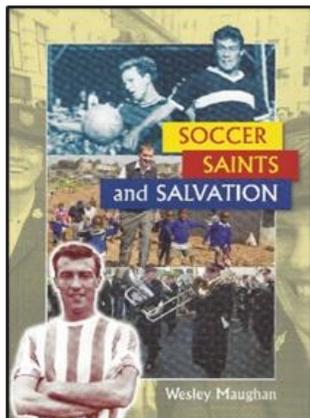
Patricia Owen is the Secretary of The Kenya Trust and the representative for Kenya East Territory. Patricia is a gifted pianist and has selected, arranged and performed 23 tracks of reflective 'Musical Offerings'. The CD,

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. Buy both CDs for £15.00.

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/>

Recent & Forthcoming Events:

Saturday November 12th, 'Into Africa' concert at The Salvation Army Staple Hill – Bristol was a great success with over £3,000 being raised. Watch for news on the Facebook page and the website for news of our forthcoming events. <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/news-headlines/>

Project 2022 Update:

Our project for 2022 is well underway. The trust has sent just over £24,000 to Kenya to get the project started. The funds will enable to building of the two blocks of pit latrines at the primary school and one classroom plus desks and chairs at the secondary school. To complete the project, we are currently raising £12,315 for the second classroom at the secondary school. We featured the project in our spring/summer edition of the newsletter but for more information visit our website Project Data Sheet page or scan the QR code here:



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. Scan the QR code on the left to go to the Donate Page of the website.



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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