

## Muthanthara Secondary School classroom completed



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### *Headlines*

- 1- Projects 2022 - Muthanthara Primary and Secondary School Infrastructure Improvements – Completed and officially opened on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- 2- Project 2023/4 – We launch our next project in Kenya West – Chombeli Workshops for Street Families and Chekombero Special Primary School for the Deaf.
- 3- Shipments of brass instruments are an ongoing initiative that continue year in and year out. Learn more as you read on.
- 4- Thank you to The Salvation Army churches in Addlestone and Bexleyheath for hosting and organising a fundraising event for the trust. 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@thekenyatrust.org.uk](mailto:info@thekenyatrust.org.uk)  
one of the trustees will be more than happy to speak at your event.

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## *The Chairman's Commentary.*

So much has happened since our last newsletter which was sent out in the Spring of this year.

We continue to be amazed and grateful for the financial support we get from so many of you who receive these communications, for those who make monthly contributions to our work and for those who give us one off donations from time to time - THANK YOU. Your gifts are not taken for granted, they make a huge difference in the lives of so many. I am reminded of the analogy of the pebble being dropped into the mill pond with its spreading ripples that go out over the surface of the water, your gifts have a tsunami ripple effect and touch so many.

Our 2022 projects which were initiated in November of 2021 have seemingly taken ages to complete, so many different issues had to be overcome, but finally both projects (the Primary School Latrine blocks and the Secondary School Classroom) have been completed and were officially opened on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

A shipment of over 1,000kg of instruments has been sent to Kenya. Over 100 brass instruments, keyboards, and other instruments that have so kindly been donated to the trust have been cleaned, refurbished, maintained and many put back into playable condition. These are now in Kenya ready to be used.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making 2023 such a great year for The Kenya Trust.

*Philip Northwood*

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



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### *Trustee Profile – Gaynor Sharman*



I have now been part of the Kenya Trust for two years. My husband John and I attend Birmingham Citadel Corps. As well as singing in the senior choir I volunteer with the Modern Slavery transport team to assist those people who are escaping their captors throughout the country.

I work in a Church of England First School in Penkridge where I teach Music and PE.

All things Kenya however, go back to 2013 when my school linked with the Lichfield Diocese's programme of global education. This resulted in six trips to northwest Kenya to observe, share and exchange with

several Kenyan schools.

Of course, whilst education was the primary objective, I was introduced to Salvation Army locally as many head teachers and staff are committed Salvationists. Enjoying exuberant worship under a hot tin roof with torrential rain beating down, whilst dodging the occasional wanderings of cows and chickens has been a mostly enthralling experience!

I hope to continue working to enhance the Army and its work in Kenya through The Kenya Trust. Despite many difficulties in food insecurity, poor education facilities, lack of clean water and now climate change all mean the Army has vital work to do.

A simple phrase shows I want to help because **I love God and God loves me!**



## Transformation..

Muthanthara Infrastructure Improvement Projects. These two projects may seem to have been a long time in the making. Initiated in November 2021 and after cost escalations, material supply and contractor issues we are pleased to announce both projects are now fully open.

**Transforming the experience for learning.....**  
**From this..... To this.....**



Thank you to all our donors who have made this massive transformation possible. Now onto the next project.....

## .....Project 2023/4

Our Project 2023 is late starting due to the project over-run of our 2022 project, however, we are keen to progress straight on to the next support project. We are currently in communication with The Salvation Army's Kenya West Territorial Headquarters in Kakamega to discuss the details of two projects that have been proposed by them. Both projects are focused on education, which has been a recurring theme for The Kenya Trust in recent years. Project 1 is the Chombeli Workshop for Street Families which focuses on providing vocational skills to children and young adults who are caught up in homelessness. Project 2 is to replace the roof at the Chekombero Special Needs School for the Deaf. Our next newsletter will fill you in on the details and progress.

## Music Ministry Support..

**Another tonne of musical opportunity exported to Kenya**

We continue to support The Salvation Army's music ministry in Kenya with annual exports of donated brass band instruments. This year's consignment consisted of over 1 tonne or 146 instruments and boxes of tune books.

We are, as ever, grateful to all the donors who give instruments and to those who donate specifically towards transport costs as these are extensive. We've had instruments this year from as far and wide as Barrow-in-Furness, Torquay, Brixham, Birchington, Plymouth, Cambridge Heath, Salvation Army THQ and DHQs and from individuals who have gifted their own pre-loved instruments.

Each item is checked and overhauled as necessary to bring it back to playing order by Charley Brighton before I weigh, measure, packaging and prepare the paperwork for export. Transport costs are calculated by the kilo and size, so a tuba is £55, a dumper but heavier euphonium is £80 compared to a cornet/trumpet at £15-20 each, the 'middle of the band' somewhere in between. Music is heavy, about £30 per box of books!

If you would like to donate towards transport costs, we would very much appreciate your help. Details can be found on our webpage.

A big thank you is extended to all who make this possible.

The pictures show instruments as they arrive en-mass with us, and examples of pre and post refurbishment.



Report compiled by Sue Brighton, Trustee.

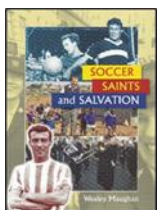
## Still Available online or email your order:



The CD, released in 2020, costs only £10.00 or download version £8.00



Only limited numbers available - 'Blessings' was released in 2015. The CD costs only £7.00.



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 include Post and Packing.

You can order by sending us an email at the address below or go to the On-line Shop page of the website.

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

## Forthcoming Events:

- 1- Friday 10th November: "Into Africa Concert". An evening of brass band music by Salvo Brass with special guest David Dawes. Venue is Bedford Salvation Army, Commercial Road, Bedford. Tickets will be limited to 150 and available via email to the address below.
- 2- Watch out for a future sponsored event – a Wild Water Swim to be completed by one of our own trustees, Sue Brighton. Coming in the warmer months next year!

## Fundraising Update:

On Monday 17th July the Kempston Concert Band held their Summer Concert in aid of The Kenya Trust. An excellent evening of brass and woodwind music was enjoyed by all who attended. The sum of £550 was raised on the evening with promised regular donations and gift aid.

## Fundraising Update:

Bexleyheath held a 'Friday night is music



night' in July which featured two guest soloists supported by Bexleyheath



Community Voices and Bexleyheath Young People's Band. Special guest soloists, Abigail Johnson (Vocal) and Tom Bettley (French Horn) provided a wide range of music and styles, from Mozart to Lloyd Webber, in some classy performances. A great night was had by all



and just over £1,000 was raised.

## 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.

## Contact Details:

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