

## Chekombero Special Primary School for the Deaf



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- 3- Instrument Shipment - 106 instruments are being collated and readied for shipment to Kenya in December.
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- 5- The trust are now in conversation with Kenya West territory with regards to our Project 2025 which we hope to launch in the next few months.
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## The Chairman's Commentary.

First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your interest and support of The Kenya Trust. We could not do what we do without the financial support and encouragement we have from our many supporters.

I think it is worth reiterating here what I have said in a previous newsletter. Over the past few years and in previous editions of this newsletter, we have introduced you to 6 of the trustees who make up the management board of the trust. I think you will agree with me that we have a talented team with a variety of skills and gifts which are used to enhance the work of the trust in Kenya. This edition introduces you to our newest trustee – Ian Loxley.

## Meet The Trustees Major Ian Loxley



I clearly remember disembarking SS Uganda in July 1962 and walking along the quayside in Mombasa. The noise, smells, heat, and the Swahili language created an indelible impression on this six-year-old. There then followed the overnight journey

by steam train to Nairobi, with virtually no chance of sleep. The train seemed to stop every few miles to pick up or drop off passengers and to give opportunity for those standing beside the tracks to sell fruit, vegetables and woodcarvings to passengers through the open windows.

This was my introduction to Kenya - the beautiful country I grew to love over the following five years. My Kenyan experience was a precious gift and it was certainly the case that, to paraphrase the song: 'I left my heart in Kenya'.

The opportunity to return didn't come until Ken Clark invited me to accompany him and Patricia Owen to teach at two music training events in 2002 and again in 2014. My passion for Kenya was reignited, and I resolved to do more to support the work of The Salvation Army in Kenya through The Kenya Trust.

We also reluctantly say a fond farewell to Christine Bryant who retires as treasurer and trustee at the end of the year. Christine has been the treasurer for over 25 years. I want to express my personal thanks to Christine for the years of service she has given to the trust to enable our work to flourish as it has over these many years.

The role of trustee is completely voluntary, no costs or expenses are taken by the trustees so 100% of your donations are used directly to fund the projects undertaken by the trust.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making 2024 another great year for The Kenya Trust.

**Philip Northwood**  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Last year I retired from my role as a Corps Officer in the UK, a calling from God I first felt while living in Nairobi.

Despite retirement being much busier than expected with part-time work and family commitments, I have been able to fundraise for the Kenya Trust and to accept the invitation to become a trustee.

What a joy it is to be able to give a little back to the wonderful people of Kenya from whose country I received so much!



*Ian on his 100 mile 'Ride around Essex' fundraiser*

## Saying Thank You Christine Bryant



How can you adequately say thank you to someone who has given over 25 years of their 'spare' time to work for

the Kenya Trust?

Christine Bryant joined the then 'Music for Kenya Fund' in 1998. In 2004 it became The Kenya Trust. Christine has served as the treasurer for both the Music for Kenya Fund and for The Kenya Trust for over 25 years and now reluctantly has decided to retire.

Christine visited Kenya with a group of trustees in 2006 for the inauguration of the Territorial Songsters and Band, the Kenya Trust having supplied the band instruments. This was her only visit to Kenya but it gave Christine a valuable opportunity to see first hand the work she and the trust were accomplishing in Kenya. Christine has helped organise a number of fundraising concerts at Briston Easton Salvation Army raising thousands of pounds for the cause. Christine always worked hard but quietly in the background, handling and sending funds, chasing bank queries and compiling the Gift Aid claims every year. A hard act to follow.

Christine recalls:

"The account payment of £200 was my first action as Treasurer for The Salvation Army Music for Kenya Fund, later to become The Kenya Trust. As you read this Newsletter you will realise the truth of those 'tiny acorns' for I never envisaged, when I made that modest deposit, that I would one day be sending tens of thousands of pounds, to a Nairobi bank, for projects to improve the health, living conditions and education of thousands of Kenyans."

The trust would like to take this opportunity to recognise and say 'Thank You' to Christine for the huge impact she has had on the work of the trust and especially the direct impact her work has had on improving the lives of so many in Kenya.

Thank you, Christine, or as many in Kenya would say: "Asante sana".

## Project Updates

### Chekomboro Primary School for the Deaf

The project is progressing well. The Salvation Army in Kenya West Territory has secured additional funding from a charitable foundation in Kenya that has enabled them to push this project "over the line" and dramatically increase the scope of work. We look forward to being able to share pictures of the completed project early next year.

### Instrument Shipment 2024



The shipping of instruments has been the backbone of our aim to support the growth and enhancement of the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya. Since its inception as 'The Salvation Army Music for Kenya Fund' in 1998, the Kenya Trust has collected, repaired and shipped musical

instruments to The Salvation Army in Kenya. Most have been donated by individuals or bands in the UK. Although mainly brass instruments, guitars and keyboards are also sent. In order to keep shipping costs to a minimum shipments are made once a year. This year's consignment will be of 106 instruments and is scheduled to leave the UK in December. It is estimated that the cost for this shipment will be just over £4,000.

### To Donate



Scan the QR code to be taken to the Donate Page of the website if you would like to support the shipment of this latest consignment of instruments.

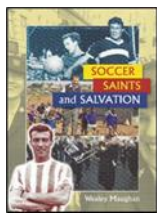
## Project 2025

The trust is in discussions with the leadership of The Salvation Army Kenya West Territory about their needs and how the trust can assist. We will be launching our Project 2025 early in the new year.

## Still Available – order for Christmas



The CDs of reflective piano music are still available on the website. Special offer for email orders only £15:00 for both CDs.



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 in the UK.

You can order by sending an email to the address at the bottom of the column on the right or go to the On-line Shop on the website.

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



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## Forthcoming Events:

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- 1- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Presentation and speaking engagement at The Wesleyan Guild in Kempston, Bedfordshire.

## Fundraising Update:



As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Ian's 100-mile round Essex cycle ride raised over £1,100 Thank you Ian.



Sue Brighton completed a 1Km swim in the summer and raised over £2,300 for the trust. Thank you, Sue.

Other events have raised over £2,100 in the past 6 months.

## Donations:



Thank you to every one of you who has donated to our work and especially to those who make regular donations via standing order 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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