



HELWEL TRUST NEWS UPDATE

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Helwel Trust (Reg Charity No: 271713) supports Rural Development in Northern KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

FEELING BUOYANT and WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN KEEP AFLOAT!

Our new Chairman writes:

We are buoyed (psychologically speaking) against the rather dismal UK weather so far in 2013 by the success of events in 2012 which brought extra funds into Helwel Trust for us to distribute to our main partners in KwaZulu-Natal - ACAT and TREE. Both these organisations have now begun another three-year cycle of training and development activities funded by Helwel Trust, and at this stage in the year it's too early for them to report material progress. But thanks to the funds received from the 'Africa Calling' event in London last November we are able at short notice to add another two pre-school teacher training places into the TREE programme, and to top up the ACAT programme budget to the level they had originally submitted (but which we weren't previously able to support).

It would be good news indeed if in 2013 some Friends found themselves drawn to organise an event or sponsorship to raise funds for Helwel Trust. How about it? We have our annual Hike of course (details below), but can we outdo last year in our imaginative ways of stirring interest and financial support? I learned, for example, when I was on the Helwel trip to KZN in 2011, that we were at that time supporting only 10 of the 99 pre-schools in the Nqutu area: so there's a huge opportunity to meet more of the local need.

Let me introduce myself as the new chairman of Helwel Trust. My first connection with KZN was working as a volunteer at St Mary's Hospital, KwaMagwaza, in 1972/1973. Those who come on Helwel Hikes will know me, and my wife Tessa, and in years gone by will have met our children (now all grown up). I have a day job in the corporate IT world which I'd rather not discuss here - but it keeps us afloat! I've been churchwarden where we live in Woodchester, Glos, for more years than I care to think about; and I look forward to switching more of my time and energy into Helwel Trust and into channelling financial support to the Zulu people for whom, I hope, all our hearts beat strongly.

Andrew Pemberton



Andrew's presentation gift to Howard from Council to mark Howard's 26 years as Chairman

FUNDRAISING IN 2013

Join us on the Hike - 29th June and explore some of beautiful south Northamptonshire and raise funds to purchase Basic Life Skills training materials for adult education with ACAT

Meet 10.00 am at Stockings Farm Brackley NN13 5QY.

Our route will include a visit to this church as well as a visit to Weston Hall, home of the Sitwell family. Please see enclosed sheet for fuller details



Remember easy ways of giving money to Helwel Trust:

- **Giving Machine:** log in via Google, register, nominate Helwel and shop!
- **Just Cards Direct:** www.justcardsdirect
- **Organise an event** – it doesn't have to be grand. Ideas: Coffee morning, sponsored silence, knit, bake or anything else that inspires you.
- Remember that it can be supported with Justgiving.com which gives your sponsors the ease of giving online.

Meanwhile turn over to find out what happens if you mix a pancake with an elephant.

Our supporters in Birchington, for thirty six years, know the answer!

It is truly amazing that the two churches of the parish of Birchington-on-Sea in Kent have given regular support to Helwel over this incredible length of time raising thousands of pounds. Encouraged initially by "Aunty Blanche" Slade, the godmother of former chairman Howard Mowbray, the elephant collecting box has been used regularly to gather funds as parishioners left church services.

This Lent they have had weekly soup lunches to raise funds, and it was marvellous that on Shrove Tuesday Howard and Carolyn Mowbray were able to join them once again and talk about the current needs of Helwel showing recent pictures from South Africa.



NEWS FROM KWA/ZULUNATAL

Africa Co-operative Action Trust (ACAT)

Rick Phipson who has taken over from Geoff Morgan as Operations Leader has written about two major success stories in the Nkandla area:

"A block-making Co-operative involving 15 people. The blocks are sold both to members of the community who want to improve their homes, and also to a building contractor who is building RDP houses in the area. There is a strong demand for their blocks, which they make as ordered, to avoid accumulating large stocks of unsold blocks, which would create cash flow problems for the business.

Nkandla Essential Oils: Jabulani Ntombela, a community volunteer co-ordinator for ACAT has been responsible for the production of oil from the rose geranium that is a perennial herb in the Nkandla area. He has overseen fencing of the fields, and co-ordinated the distillation of the crop at the extraction still in the town of Nkandla. There are now 25 groups spread across seven of the zones within the Nkandla area. Most of the oil is sold in Cape Town but some has been exported to France. This development has had a great impact on the communities involved, and contributed to the improvement of the quality of life of many of the G5 members and their families. In addition to this, a total of 293 members of the local community have had employment opportunities at different stages of the project."

Training and Resources in Early Education (TREE)

It is wonderful that we are able to support the 3-year training of 14 pre-school teachers in the Nqutu area thanks to so many people. This short success story shows just how much difference the training can make:

"Before Nomathemba Nxumalo was given a chance by Helwel Trust to study at TREE she did not know anything about formulating a daily programme. She did not even know how to tell a story, let alone how to prepare it. Now she is a confident story teller with her children. Ever since she was given a chance to study, she knows how to work with young children and how to be a good teacher to them"



UKHANYE

At the end of 2012 we sent a small grant to act a bridge in their feeding scheme while they waited to learn whether Kentucky Fried Chicken would be able to support them with food in 2013. We have just heard that a grant from KFC is available. Good news indeed!

In the Spring of 2014 there will be another group trip to visit projects & see some of the country. We look forward to hearing first hand news of work being undertaken with funds from our new funding cycle.

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