



Newsletter

LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST UK

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Pre-School 'Micro Farm'



We have decided to encourage a kitchen garden project within the Dalukhanyo grounds, led by Evelina Sukwanaa, a Pre-School Committee Member. Stuart Pickles, Gordon and Pam's son-in-law, recently visited Langa Township and took this picture of the strip of land to be developed. LTPT has undertaken to supply fertiliser, worms, plants and seeds, and some fencing.

Easter Boxes

The Trustees of LTPT talked about their concern for the staff of the Pre-School, of whom there are 14. Each is supposed to get Rand 520 monthly, half of the recommended lowest national pay, the equivalent to £33 monthly. Liesel Smith of Uluntu Africa very much warmed to our idea of Easter Boxes for the Staff valued around £40 for each, saying that an 'Easter Box', of food, kitchen goods and vouchers would be very helpful. Uluntu Africa offered to put the boxes together for timely delivery.

New project - renovation of Pre-School kitchen



One of LTPT's main aims in the new financial year will be to finance the renovation of the kitchen which provides nearly 200 meals daily for the children.

Nine Guides and their Leader, Helen King, from the Nordic Rangers of Hemel Hempstead, are raising £250 for a freezer as their contribution to the Pre-School.



Hemel Hempstead Guides recently organised a fund raising 'tea & cakes' event which was attended by Hemel's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bert Chapman.

Blackpool Half-Marathon for LTPT



Helen Witter, an LTPT Friend from Lytham, having visited Langa Township last November, ran the Blackpool Half Marathon on 11 March, completing the course in her personal record of 2 hours 4 minutes. Sponsorship is likely to reach £200 and she would like this to be used in the future to pay for fleeces for the youngest children at the Pre-School.



Friends of LTPT

We now have around 100 Friends. The main focus in the UK is in Hemel Hempstead, but Friends stretch from Cumbria in the North to Kent and the Isle of Wight in the South, and across country from East Anglia to Wales, and we have our links in South Africa.

November visit 2012

Currently Pam and Gordon Gaddes and two friends are going on this visit from 1 to 13 November, involving 6 nights in Cape Town and 4 nights in Stellenbosch. Flights will be from Heathrow and be overnight. Anybody wishing to know more about the itinerary and the costs should contact Gordon Gaddes



Uluntu Africa is a South African-based tour operator, which has Fair Trade in Tourism certification. Uluntu Africa has adopted the Dalukhanyo Pre-School as part of its social responsibility commitment and its deep and committed involvement has been vital to the work of LTPT over the past year.

Jack in the Box



This new outstanding **Jack in the Box** Pre-School at the Yew Tree Primary School in Hemel Hempstead has decided to twin with Dalukhanyo exchanging news and views.

HOPE & AFRICA

This is a social responsibility initiative of the Diocese of Cape Town and our contact there for the last ten months has been Jenny Dick, who is an LTPT Friend. We have kept Jenny in touch with developments, introducing her to Liesel Smith of Uluntu Africa and speaking to her in detail last November. At the end of February a team from Hope Africa visited Dalukhanyo and we hope that some financial



Publicity in Dalukhanyo

Leaflets have been left at the Pre-School since November and have led to financial contributions and some interesting contacts already.

Our Next

This will be in May in the form of the Report and Accounts for the first year of operation and an overview of future strategy. These will be presented to Friends at a celebration in St. Paul's Church Hemel Hempstead, 7pm on Friday 22nd June, followed by refreshments and conversation!



Very latest good news

The Parish Church Council of St. Mary's and St. Paul's in Hemel Hempstead has decided to share the annual special 2012 Christmas collections of the two churches between DENS, our local charity for the Homeless, and the Langa Township Pre-School Trust.



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