



Newsletter

LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST UK

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Renovation of Pre-School Kitchen

The new kitchen now been completed and includes the new fridge freezer paid for by the fund-raising of Guides from the Nordic Rangers in Hemel Hempstead.

The Pre-School staff are thrilled particularly to have brand new equipment, complete with service warranties. Up to now they have had to rely on second-hand donated equipment, the servicing of which has put a strain on their patience and the limited budget!

Liesel and Louisa of Uluntu Africa have done a great job on the 'kitchen project', in scouting round suppliers, choosing and ordering a miscellany of goods and controlling the £2,500 budget.



Veggie Garden Grows



Despite planting during the Cape Town Winter months this photograph shows continuing progress by Evelina in turning a waste strip of ground into useful production.

LTPT covered the purchase of plants and seeds, fertilisers, worms and fencing.

Summer Buffet Lunch for LTPT

Around fifty people, including our patron Dr Bob Parsons, attended this event, held at the home of Pam and Gordon Gaddes on Saturday 21st July.

Whilst most were from the Hemel Hempstead area, they were joined by John and Marion Harrison from Cheshire and Malcolm and Caroline Lesiter from Colchester.

For the first day for several weeks, the sun shone and the temperatures rose, and reclining and chatting the last guests didn't leave until around 7pm!

The main food feature was an appetising and highly popular range of curries prepared and kindly donated by our next door neighbours, Ali and Hannah Ullah, who own the Saffron Restaurant in the Hemel Hempstead High Street. There was a supplementary salad and a range of donated puddings. The cheeseboard seemed to be a continuing temptation!

This was a very happy occasion for Friends and supporters of the Trust. Whilst it was not seen to be fund raising - it was more of a 'thank you' - donations of £350 for the Trust, including Gift Aid, were gratefully received and have now been banked. We are encouraged to consider another such occasion, all being well, in 2013!



Gordon & guests at the Summer buffet lunch



Restaurant owners Ali and Hannah Ullah and two of his children, who donated the main food feature for the lunch.

Fund Raising and Spending 2012/2013

In our first Annual Report we estimated a 2012/13 income of £7,000, without drawing on the 2012/13 gift aid benefit from HMCR. Now it looks as if the outturn will be closer to £8,000.

On the spending side, having covered the costs of Harvest of Hope vegetables, the kitchen project and any further requirement for fleeces and tracksuits, we are needing to decide how to spend a further £3,000 on Dalukhanyo Pre-School.

Conscious that we aim both to improve conditions for the children and staff and to take pressure off their small budget, we are liaising with Liesel of Uluntu Africa on needs and feasibilities.

Liesel has just replied: 'mattresses, covers and bedding, are their first priority, followed by general supplies(groceries, nappies, baby formula and cleaning products), and First Aid supplies; additionally a fire extinguisher is needed for one of the buildings'. This gives us a good basis on which to go forward.

Forthcoming Events

Subscription Dinner 19 September, at Alberto's Italian Restaurant in Hemel Hempstead' old High Street, is likely to be attended by 30 people, including the Deputy Mayor of Dacorum Councillor Penny Hearn. Alice Toft, a young, volunteer enthusiast will give a short talk on her community work in Cape Town.

On Sunday 14 October our grandson Sam Pickles, a medical student at Cardiff University, will be running in the Cardiff Half-Marathon, on behalf of the LTPT, and he would welcome sponsorship. This can be done through our website: www.ltpt.org.uk

A further subscription dinner will be on 9 December at the Saffron Restaurant also in the High Street when our host will be Ali Ullah and his team. Details will be sent out late in October, but please diary this if you are interested.



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