



NEWSLETTER

UK LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST

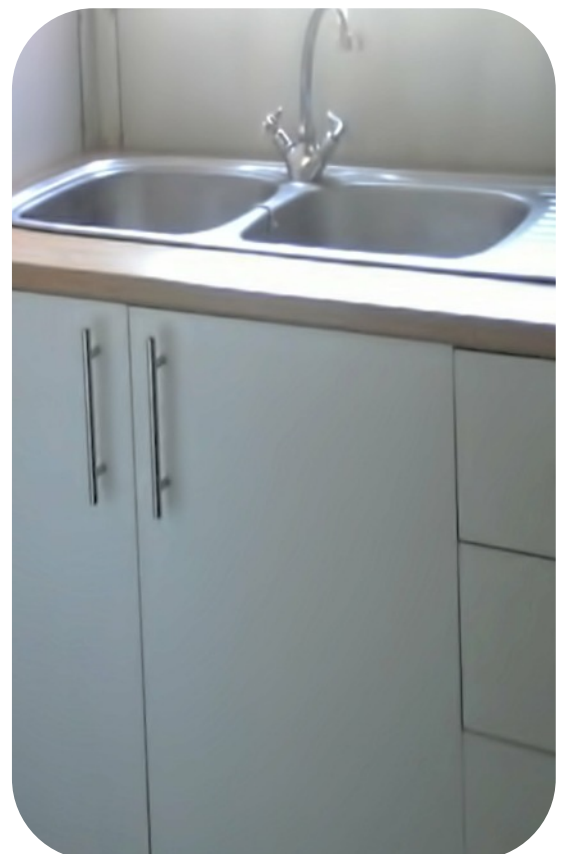
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Nomonde Pre-School



Established in a cardboard shack in 1986 by hostel dwellers, on land being cleared Nomonde is located in Zone 23, Plot 34 in Langa Township. This is an area of temporary shacks with a narrow lane through it. The cardboard shack has now been replaced by a large permanent building constructed by the City of Cape Town. The pre-school caters for 80 children in the whole age range up to 6. Recent LTPT Friends visiting have been impressed by the quality of the teaching and care.

Much of the spending by LTPT to date has been on the Dalukhanyo Pre-School but more emphasis is now being directed to Nomonde. Three years ago the weekly delivery of vegetables was extended to it and children have now been included in the tracksuits scheme. The Principal having stated that the large hall would benefit being divided by using folding doors, such doors were installed last month (£2,470) when also the kitchen was re-equipped with fitted new cupboards (£1,500). There is much more to be done for this pre-school and other possibilities will be assessed in October during the 10-day LTPT visit to Cape Town.



Annual Delivery of Track Suits and Fleeces

KX Spa and Health Club, facilitated by our new Trustee, Aimee Luther, this Chelsea Club made a wonderful donation of £2,000 to cover the costs of 160 tracksuits for children in our two pre-schools, delivered at the end of May in time to help the children face the rigours of the Cape Town 'winter'.

The tracksuits were especially made up by Stemmet in different sizes and featuring on the backs 'Dalukhanyo' and 'Nomonde' separately embroidered. The delivery, the total cost of which was £2,714 also included 150 fitted sheets and fleeces for the younger children.



Trustees' Think Tank

The Trustees on 12th May, joined by four interested advisors, and led by Geoff Smith, considered a range of fund-raising ideas in terms of practicality and getting the best return for effort. The thinking focussed especially on three areas: extra events, use of social media, and sponsorships. In summary:

Events: South African BBQ; South African Wine Tasting; and making contact with South African families in the UK and the South African Embassy in London;

Social Media: review of LTPT website, introduce Paypal, Twitter, LinkedIn; explore easyfundraising.com;

Sponsorships: continue to generate sponsorships for particular projects for the pre-schools; for example fencing for the Nomonde Pre-School.

A Future Project

Located 6000 miles from Langa augurs badly for our communications. Worse still we have neither direct phone nor computer connection. Use of ordinary mail takes weeks if not months. Contact about anything, except during our annual visit, is through third parties. This reflects the lack of a modern office in Dalukhanyo and a systematic approach to administration, filing, record-keeping and the production of publicity materials.

The LTPT Trustees have concluded that there must be an office, properly staffed and equipped with a lap top, phone, printer, fax and filing cabinets. This will help the two pre-schools to reach out into their community and to the authorities in Cape Town and to liaise directly and effectively with us in the UK. The 'Office Project', including its feasibility and costs and benefits will be assessed in our Autumn visit to Langa.

Jazz @ St Paul's

The highly successful evening on 5 May was attended by 90 people, who were joyously entertained by the Infinite Jazz Ensemble with their lead singer, Donna Jones.

Tickets sales, donations and the bar and together yielded £1778. With costs at £795 and bar profits of £200 being given to the Parish of St Mary and St Paul, LTPT received a contribution of just under £800.



Annual LTPT Golf Tournament

Held on 10 July at the Whipnade Park Golf Club on a glorious day) 24 golfers in 4-balls competed for prizes of engraved glassware for the best men's two-ball, the best mixed double, the longest drive and nearest the pin. With income at £2,327, including fees, donations and raffle proceeds, and costs at £1,398 there was a contribution of £929 to LTPT Funds. We are very grateful for the sponsorships, which covered the cost of the prizes.

South African Braai (Barbecue)

Sat 2nd Sept from 12.30
91 Highfield Lane
Hemel Hempstead. HP2 5JE



In aid of
UK Langa Township Pre-School Trust
Supporting 250 children in pre-schools
in Langa Township, Cape Town

Prepared very kindly by Mervyn and Norma Podmore, a 3-course meal, starting with boerewors, (a South African sausage), followed by 'braai' chicken barbequed vegetables and salad, and Melva pudding (apricot flavoured sponge).

The meal with South African wines, and juices and beer, will be £16 per person, any profits going to the pre-schools in Langa.

All welcome but maximum 30 places, so book early!

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WINE ART FRIENDS

The Berkeley is a very fashionable wine bar and art gallery in Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted, recently opened and with a fine and growing reputation. Special events are held bi-monthly and it is the privilege of the Langa Township Pre-School Trust to jointly host their event on Thursday 14th September from 7pm.

The distinctive 'black tie' evening will include a champagne and canape reception, a three-course meal with appropriate wines and a desert canape selection allowing guests to get to know one another.

Whilst sampling some fine wines and great food, we will enjoy the cool music of the Gentle Jazz Quartet and a showing of special pieces of art; a taxi will be provided to and from the event (7 mile radius of the Wine Bar!). The price will be £79 per person and The Berkeley will make a contribution of £250 to LTPT funds. If you are interested in knowing more about this please contact Gordon, (who has two rooms available at his home that night for guests from a distance who may wish to attend the evening) on 01442 257920 or gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com

Other Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 27 September Subscription Dinner, Red Lion Water End, 7.00 for 7.30pm: 3 course dinner, wine included, £32.

Saturday 2 December LTPT Christmas Party, St Paul's Church Hall, 7.00 onwards, 3 course supper, dancing to the Nightcall band, Pay Bar, ticket £24 - great fun promised.

Wednesday 7 February Subscription Dinner, Alberto's, High Street, 7.00 for 7.30pm: 3 course dinner, wine include, £32



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