

Welcome News



from South Africa

August 2019

CAKES AND DRUMS - 13 JULY 2019

What a beautiful day! Once again the sunshine lit up the garden – we were all dry and warm and very happy. The sound of drumming greeted our guests as they arrived and unsurprisingly the first group to drum with Kwame were the children. There was just no holding them back...



But it was not long before the adults were joining and also making a very good sound. Apparently it could be heard from quite a distance along the Piddle Valley. Thank you Kwame!

Thank you also to all the people who helped set up and run the event – putting up tents, making a wonderful array of cakes, serving tea, selling from the stalls and, of course, clearing up afterwards. Behind the scenes there were those who gave sponsorship meaning that all the takings on the day were a profit for Future Bright Trust. In all we made the magnificent sum of **£3,507.45**. All of this will be used in South Africa to educate Phelisa, Emmy, Phelo, Onelani and Inam.

Huge thanks go to all of you who came and supported what was this year a very special event because we had the 5 children with us. I hope that you enjoyed meeting them in person, having heard so much about them over the past 6 years. For certain, I can tell you that they enjoyed all the fun they had meeting so many of my family and friends. You will recall that bringing the children to England was my birthday present to myself – I wanted my 2 families to share the “once in 10 years” occasion. I think that this picture summarises perfectly what a great success it was.



My great niece Penelope with Inam – both aged 5

Now we must work up a plan for what to do next year! Before I go to South Africa in November I shall be in touch to let you know the date and what the theme will be in 2020.

The only sad thing on the day was saying goodbye to Winifred who has been a Trustee since Day 1. Our sincere thanks to her for everything she has contributed. WELCOME to Rebecca who will now take on the role. She brings a wealth of experience with her.

PHELISA, EMMY, PHELO, ONELANI AND INAM

Are all safely home and back at school after their 4 weeks in England. It was very hard to say goodbye at Heathrow but somehow we got through it. They take back so many memories of things they did and people they met. Their energy was boundless and so was their enthusiasm for everything we did – which included; Swanage Railway, fishing at Beer, hiking in Puddletown Forest, Morris Dancing, 2 days in London (oh - how they loved Buckingham Palace), much time in my garden and those of my neighbours, playing in the River Piddle and at the Millennium Green and beaches, beaches, beaches ...could not get enough of them!



This is the last picture I took before we left for the airport.

Five bikes for 4 weeks were “hired” for a very good price and what a joy it was to see them learn to ride and then race around the garden....some of the plants were none too happy!!

FUTURE BRIGHT TRUST SKINNY NOTEBOOKS

Many of you bought some of these at the Cakes and Drums event. I hope you like them. The first design is a direct reproduction of traditional South African Shwe Shwe fabric – the colours are quite stunning. A set of 5 notebooks costs £2.50 (20 blank pages in the notebook). The second design features drawings coloured by the 5 children – also £2.50 for a set of 5. These are very “on trend” and make wonderful inexpensive gifts.

We want to sell more – so please use the contact details below to make further purchases. Or maybe you might have an idea of where you could sell some – a friend of Mother Zelma’s who lives in Wimbledon recently sold a good number of packs for us at her Trefoil Guild and her Church.



GIVE AS YOU LIVE

Thank you to everyone who has signed up – it is really working and bringing in funds for Future Bright Trust. It is all SO easy - so please take a look and see if you would be willing to sign up and make money with no effort

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/future-bright-trust>.

Registered charity no 1159539

For more information see our website www.futurebrighttrust.co.uk or ring Sue Hennessy on 07770 738170

To donate on line www.give.net/20180380