

Welcome News



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OPEN AFTERNOON TEA IN THE GARDEN - 3 JULY 2021

We did it! We put a date in the diary and hoped...not just for good weather but for the rules governing the total number of people allowed at events to be relaxed in time for 3 July. The prayers for good weather worked again (thank you Mother Zelma!) but the rules were not relaxed as we had hoped on 21 June, so we were restricted to 30 people in the garden at any one time. Not a problem though...those who came were so kind and thoughtful in making a move as and when more people arrived. Across the 4 hours of the event our guests came and went and spread themselves all around the garden in the most wonderfully socially distanced way!

The main topic of conversation was the joy we all felt in coming out to a social event, meeting others and just feeling that we could be our "normal" selves again. The ambience and sense of good will in the garden was lovely and the whole afternoon was a very happy and memorable one.

Considering that this was to be a "cut down" event to comply with Covid rules, the financial result is truly wonderful. The donations in the famous Golden Box together with sales of Paddock House honey and raspberry jam and the Future Bright Trust notebooks came to **£1,947.00**.

The grand total is considerably more because very many people who were unable to come sent donations. When these were added in the amount rose to **£3,755.00**.

It is hard to find adequate words of thanks for such support and generosity. This success is the culmination of help from many people – the cake makers, the setters up and takers down, the makers of tea and servers of cake, the stall sellers. Sincere thanks to each and every one of you. All this practical work would be pointless if it were not for all of you who came and those of you who sent donations because you could not make it. ALL of you please accept sincere thanks for helping us to help these young children in South Africa.

I think we all missed having Mother Zelma in the garden – and for sure she missed being part of it all. She wanted a detailed account of all that happened – quite a story across 6,000 miles! Her request was that the newsletter should include her heartfelt thanks to everyone.

NEXT YEAR...

IF it is possible to travel between South Africa and the UK in 2022, I should love to bring the family here again, but we must await pandemic developments... Later this year we will decide on a date for an event here in Piddlehinton and hope that you will be able to join us and that we shall have Mother Zelma, Phelisa, Emmy, Phelo, Onelani and Inam with us too – watch this space!

In the garden there was a display of recent pictures of the children taken during their music lessons which Future Bright Trust is funding. All five have real musical talent and it is so good that we can foster that with the money we raise. For those of you unable to be in the garden, here are the images from the display;



Phelisa



Phelo



Onelani



Emmy and Inam



All Five

Last – but not least, warmest thanks to everyone who has joined in this great endeavour to help these 5 young people, in the hope that they will have a better life than the one they were born into. Our support is making such a difference – as you can see!

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