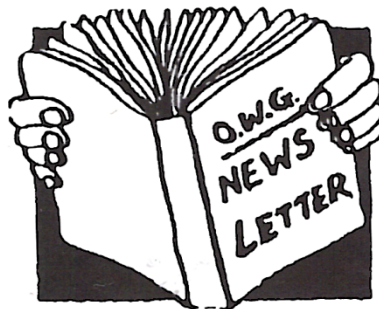


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**Dear Friends of Oxted One World Group,**

Welcome to our summer newsletter with news of our fundraising activities (pages 2-3), and some of the projects that the Group has supported (pages 4-7).

The group continues to flourish with membership, still growing slowly, now standing at about 462 households.

Fund-raising also goes from strength to strength with record amounts being raised at many of our activities this year. The committee is grateful to all those who have helped in any way at the recent fund-raising events as well as to those who sent in a donation as a result of the slip included with the last newsletter. The donations amounted to £650.00. There is not a separate donation slip with this newsletter but there is a space on the separate AGM notice to include an extra donation if wished. All money received from donations as well as from fund-raising activities, goes directly to one of the OWG projects with no deductions made. Membership subscriptions cover the small amount of administrative costs.

**COMING EVENTS TO BE ORGANISED BY OWG**

**HURST GREEN FAIR -- Bottle Stall – 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2009**

As in previous years if you have your newsletter delivered by hand a committee member will be calling on you very shortly to ask whether you would be kind enough to donate a bottle for this event. If however you receive your newsletter by post but would like to donate a bottle we would be grateful if you could take it along to Mr & Mrs Myers, Priest Hill Lodge, High Street, Limpsfield (Tel No. 723398), by 16<sup>th</sup> September. (Priest Hill Lodge is accessed via the driveway which runs beside the Memorial Stores). Although expensive bottles are a big attraction we also need a large quantity of bottles so inexpensive ones – anything from bottles of tomato ketchup to bottles of orange squash are also needed. Last year the stall raised £757 for the Group with further money being raised from the sale of some of the better quality bottles of wine at the Silent Auction.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009, 8.00PM, United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted**

The first part of the meeting will give members the chance to hear about the projects supported and the fund-raising activities of the Group over the past year, ask questions about the work of the Group and meet the committee members. Following this there will be a talk by Redson Chamveka who works as a project manager for the **Joshua Orphan Care Trust in Malawi**. The Trust provides support through education, accommodation and health facilities for orphans mostly resulting from the spread of AIDS. OWG has provided over £12,000 over the last 8 years to assist with water boreholes and buildings and general facilities for the 400 orphans the Trust cares for. Redson

has worked for the Trust for many years and manages the many projects they have established over the years. He works tirelessly with the local community in Blantyre, Malawi, the Government and the Board of Trustees to enable the projects to succeed. He will bring first hand knowledge about the overall progress on the ground and future plans for this important charity in Malawi. Following on from this there will be refreshments and the chance to buy Traidcraft products (all of which directly benefit producers in the developing countries), as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper (with the profit on these going to OWG funds).

**STREET COLLECTION – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in Oxted.**

This is an important way of raising our profile within the general community of Oxted and district as well as being a good opportunity to collect money. Help with collecting is required. Please volunteer to David Steele (712527), if you would be willing to stand for an hour with a collecting tin.

**PAST EVENTS AND FUND-RAISING**

**POORMAN LUNCH 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.**

Following a frugal meal of rice and dahl about 44 people listened to a talk by Kate Ego Ugochukwu about the work of the **Ozubulu Women Charitable Trust** in a very rural area of **Nigeria**. Kate, who is the founder and a director of the Trust, visiting it frequently, spoke movingly about the lack of educational and health care facilities in many parts of Nigeria, particularly for the disabled who are often accorded very little respect. The Ozubulu Women Charitable Trust has funded a minibus for disabled people, the renovation of the maternity section of the local hospital and the drilling of a well for clean water at the hospital as well as the building of the Ozubulu Home for Disabled Children. Kate showed photos of the successfully completed water project which provides fresh water to the Home and which OWG had helped fund with a donation of £750 following the successful street collection last year. As a result of the lunch a profit of £223 was made for OWG funds, including £132 from ticket money and £91.00 from the Raffle.

**OPEN GARDENS – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 2.00pm – 6.00pm.**

This year the weather was basically fine and warm although at one point black clouds loomed but they only yielded a few spots of rain. Well over 600 people enjoyed looking at six very different and interesting gardens in the Oxted, Limpsfield and Chart areas. As a result the record amount of £5,153 was raised from the day, including £3,397 from ticket sales, £548 from plant sales, £801 from refreshments and £407 from a raffle held at one of the gardens. The committee is very grateful to all those who helped on the day, whether by standing outside to man the gates or supervise parking or by helping to serve refreshments. Particular thanks are due to the owners who were prepared to open up their gardens – it involves a lot of preparatory work as well as clearing up afterwards. If anyone would like to open their garden next year or knows of someone who

might, the Secretary or Chairman of the Group would be very pleased to hear from them.

#### **COLLECTION AT MORRISONS – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

Despite the fact that it was Carnival Day in Oxted shoppers at Morrisons donated £409 for OWG funds. Thanks are due to all those who gave up time to collect. The money raised (which has been topped up to £500 by the OWG committee), has been sent to **Kids for Kids in Darfur, Sudan**. The charity, which is the only one still working in Darfur, works in rural villages that are beyond the emergency camps and where villagers struggle to survive without basic things such as water, food and health care. Kids for Kids provides goats which provide milk and offspring which can be passed onto another family, as well as donkeys for transport, hand-pumps so that villagers don't have to trek miles for fresh water, midwife training, first aid workers and health care – for both animals and people. It aims to support communities through long-term self-sustainable projects.

#### **BRIDGE AFTERNOON – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

OWG members Elizabeth and Tony Stoughton-Harris kindly hosted and organised a very successful Bridge afternoon in a marquee in their garden. About 100 people played bridge and enjoyed an afternoon tea of home-made sandwiches, scones and cakes. A total of £1,500 was raised from the table money, donations and the raffle. The money raised has been sent to **UMEED**, to help with its provision of literacy skills, income generation and sanitation for those in need in **Lahore, Pakistan**.

#### **SUPPORT FROM CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND LOCAL CLUBS**

Support from local schools, clubs and churches is invaluable as not only do they provide funds but they also help enormously with publicity of OWG's events. Earlier in the year £480 was received from St. John's, Hurst Green for an AIDS project, Rotary donated £25.00 and recently £400 was received from Hazelwood School as the result of a Talent Show held amongst the pupils.

### **PROJECTS SUPPORTED**

#### **LABOHANG MORENA WOMEN'S CRAFT WORK, HA NYE NYE, LESOTHO**

This project was set up by a dynamic lady called Me Matsepo in her own two roomed house with thirty women, many of them grandmothers trying to feed orphaned grandchildren. They make quilts and tapestries with textile waste from local factories and are also learning felting skills. The materials are paid for by the Waterville Friends of Lesotho who also help with marketing the work. Waterville (which is the home town of a friend of one of our OWG members), is twinned with Ha Nye Nye and the Friends want to set up a craft workshop there modelled on two others in the locality. The Friends of Lesotho have already raised £5,000 through fund-raising activities towards the £10,000 cost of the building and in April OWG promised to send £2,500 for building works, particularly for the kitchen which will cost £1,000. Initially the project will also need help with running costs

but it is hoped that eventually it will become self-sufficient which means that the grandmothers will have a way of supporting themselves and their grandchildren.

#### **CHERRY CLINIC, MABOLEO, KISUMU, KENYA**

This clinic serves a very poor and deprived area where there is a high degree of malnutrition amongst children as well as a lot of HIV/AIDS. Earlier in the year to help with the expansion of antenatal and baby care OWG provided £500 to fund the purchase of a steriliser and cupboard for the antenatal clinic and pictures of these have been received. More recently OWG agreed to send £600 from the funds provided by Urban Aid to provide a security fence round the clinic, needed as there had been an attempted break in.

#### **ASHA TRAINING CENTRE, DHAKA, BANGLADESH**

Asha which means 'Hope for Girls', is a Scottish charity which runs a school for girls living in the slums of Norda, Dhaka City. They started with 35 girls from desperately poor families who would otherwise not get an education but they wanted to expand and start a new school for 40 girls aged 11-18 and provide literacy classes for older girls. Currently the literacy rate among women in Bangladesh is very low. In April OWG agreed to send £1,250 to fund a computer, work tables, benches and a whiteboard for the education room at the school. News has since been received from the director of Asha to say that in addition fans, lights and floor coverings have been purchased for the education room which is being used for literacy lessons for the less able older girls who because of age and poverty are unable to get any more state education, and to train the more capable girls in basic computing and accounting skills as well as improving communication links.

#### **GHANA EDUCATION PROJECT, NKWANTA, GHANA.**

This girls school was started and is run by a retired teacher from Tunbridge Wells Grammar School who is devoting her life to girls' education in a very backward area of Northern Ghana. One of their main needs is a generator as the electricity supply is very unreliable. As well as lighting this would enable them to pump and filter their water and help with food storage and communications. OWG has just agreed to send £2,500 to this project to cover the cost of the generator.

#### **ALL EARS, N.W CAMBODIA.**

All Ears works with marginalised groups including children and adults from some of the poorest families in Cambodia. This includes helping street kids, victims of landmines, violence and trafficking as well as training local people to carry out clinical work. In particular much help is given to profoundly deaf children. They have built a clinic serving 15,000 people, but also run outreach clinics in rural areas where they work under very difficult circumstances. In these clinics lessons in health care are provided and people are taught how to take care of their ears and how to recognise the first signs of disease. OWG has just agreed to send £1,200 for the purchase of a new middle ear analyser

which is an essential piece of equipment for primary ear health work. Their present one is irreparable due to constant use in adverse conditions.

**GREENBELT FOUNDATION, KISOKWE, TANZANIA.**

The Foundation which started as an agroforestry project has been very successful, having planted many thousands of trees for fuel and timber as well as fruit trees, all of which help to combat soil erosion and make more sustainable use of the land. In addition water pipes and storage tanks have been installed to ensure that the trees survive. In 2003 the Foundation expanded to include an AIDS education project which OWG helped to fund. In 2007 they diversified again and started bee keeping and sunflower production to provide extra income. More recently they have researched the market for mushroom cultivation which is very promising. They plan to train 3 groups of women which would give them some income and improve nutrition. OWG has just sent £1,200 to pay for the cost of buildings, trainers' fees and the purchase of materials.

**KITEREDDE SELF-HELP ASSOCIATION, MUBENDE DISTRICT, UGANDA**

In September 2008 OWG sent £2,000 to Kiteredde to help fund the purchase of a power tiller/walking tractor to replace 10 oxen which had died from foot and mouth disease. News has now been received from the Association about the tremendous difference that having the tiller has made to the lives of the farmers in the local community. Initially there were problems operating the machine but a machine operator and three members of staff have now been trained to use it. As well as doing all the more usual agricultural processes such as ploughing and harrowing the machine has been used to weed, pump water, transport produce and for the shelling and milling of maize. The tiller/tractor serves over 80 farmers and can plough 4.5 hectares per day as opposed to the 1.5 hectares per day ploughed by the 10 oxen when they were in good health. It's meant that the maize and potatoes could be planted early and so a bumper harvest is expected.

**ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL, KATETE, ZAMBIA.**

OWG has recently agreed to send £1,000 to this hospital to help buy essential medicines. St. Francis is a mission hospital which serves a vast area badly affected by malaria. It has recently had its funding slashed because the Ministry of Health is under investigation for fraud. As a result of this two E.U. donors have suspended their aid and so the hospital is in dire need of funds. Dr Chris Pollard from Warlingham is going to work there for a year.

**AGAPE OF HOPE, KASESE, UGANDA**

Agape of Hope aims to raise awareness and give practical advice and support to women infected with HIV/AIDS who are stigmatised in their community. They have trained counsellors to help give support, particularly to young women, many of whom are single parents. They are now setting up a work training programme to help the young women become self-sufficient and in

April 2009 OWG agreed to send £1,000 to pay for sewing machines, and cloth etc for tailoring and materials for knitting.

**GENESIS PRIMARY SCHOOL, KISUMU, KENYA.**

OWG regularly supports this school which serves children from very poor families by sending money to help pay for teachers' salaries and to pay for items such as food for the children. In early 2009 the school suffered severe storm damage and OWG agreed to send a special grant of £850 to repair the roof and other damage.

**FOCI FOUNDATION FOR ORPHAN CARE, NYAKIYUMBU, KASESE, UGANDA.**

This project supports orphans by training parents and teachers to give time and help to them and has encouraged schools to set up clubs for orphans. This has led onto skills training in tailoring for orphans who have not had any schooling. The Foundation now wants to expand its work to the fishing communities where HIV/AIDS is particularly prevalent. As a sign of the local respect in which the Foundation is held it has recently been given £145 by local leaders and trustees. OWG has recently agreed to send a further £1,000 to help with their training work.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS**

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.** These are due at the AGM in October. They remain at £5.00 per person. Please use the form on the enclosed AGM notice for paying subs. and forward the money to our treasurer, Anna Burrage, or give it to any committee member or bring it to the AGM.

**DONATIONS** are always welcome and are a way of increasing the number of projects (such as those described in this newsletter), that we can support. They can be added to the subs. and sent to the Treasurer.

**GIFT AID** – The GIFT AID scheme offers a great opportunity to increase voluntary giving. If you pay tax please sign the declaration on the Subs. Form. The scheme can apply to annual subscriptions, donations, money collected in personal tins and appeals such as the Christmas Appeal. On all of these a further 28% can be claimed back for OWG from the Government -- last year in the period 4<sup>th</sup> April to our end of year 31<sup>st</sup> August, OWG benefited by £1,620 from reclaimed tax. You may only receive minimal benefits from the giving so it would not apply to tickets for events such as the Open Gardens.

**BEQUESTS** – Have you considered writing a bequest to the OWG in your will? In previous years the group has been fortunate to receive some bequests to help swell funds. We have also received donations in memory of people who have died, where the relatives preferred this to money being spent on flowers.

**TINS FOR LOOSE CHANGE.** These provide a good source of regular income – last year it was the tremendous amount of £1156 – an increase of £481 on the

total for 2007. If you do not have a tin, particularly new members, or if your tin is full, please contact a member of the committee.

**NEW FUND RAISING IDEAS** are always welcome.

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