

The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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CHRISTMAS 2019

A major event of the year was the visit of the Trustees to Kenya in October. Our last visit was in April 2017. Our students are sponsored through 3 separate organisations, Mukuru, Ruben and Starehe, and on previous visits we have met the 3 groups separately due to the numbers. Students told us that they wished to meet those from other groups so we decided to organise a Reunion for all past and present students along with representatives of the organisations that have facilitated WAVES' work in Kenya over the past 22 years. 60 people enjoyed a BBQ buffet lunch held in a conference room with its own small garden at our hotel, The Fairview, on October 26th.



The informal occasion went well with young people from all the groups mingling together – the WAVES family! They had travelled from all over Kenya, one even flew in from S.Africa. Our first student, aged 37, was there with his wife and also our latest secondary student aged 14. We do feel so proud of them all. Jon circulated round the tables catching up with all their news. The event was captured on camera by Greg Barake of Ruben who took over 200 photos for us. We plan to do it all again on our next visit, but with all partners and off-spring included. One of our ex-students has volunteered to find a venue that will hold the larger

family. Watch this spot!

We visited the **Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre (MIRC)**, where homeless boys choose to spend one year in a rehabilitation programme. We met the new manager, Peris, the new scout leader, George, and other new staff at the Centre and discussed plans for the scouting programme for 2020. We were given a tour of the new and spacious education building which has replaced the old corrugated iron classrooms. The scouts then gave a marching display in one of the old classrooms and George and the boys put on a very moving play about life on the streets. We admired the boys' vegetable gardens and the trees they had planted and also the chairs and tables they had made for their carpentry exam. Before leaving we agreed to give all 57 boys a pleasure day trip to celebrate their graduation from the programme.

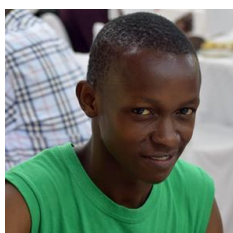


The **20th Mukuru Kerrigan Cup Final Day** was played in July as a knockout competition between the 4 Mukuru Primary schools and MIRC boys. In the Finals Mukuru took the girls' trophy against St Bakhita after a nil-nil draw went to penalties. St. Catherine's won the Boys' Cup against St Bakhita 5-0. The fair player trophy for girls was won by goalkeeper Anna Hanisi of St. Bakhita, and the boy's trophy was awarded to Njenga from MIRC who displayed a remarkable performance during the knock outs. It has been agreed that next year the tournament will revert to the original league format which will be more challenging for the contestants.



We sent funds to **SWT (The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust)** for field trips into the Tsavo National Parks for 288 village schoolchildren living in the Tsavo Outreach area. On these day trips the children see and learn about their wildlife heritage and the environment in which they live and why it is important that it should be valued and conserved.

The students sponsored through the **WAVES Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to thrive. 7 students are in further education and 3 boys and 3 girls are at secondary school, giving a total of 13 students. Brian and Purity joined the WAVES Ruben secondary students this year; Pius, Whitney and Beverlyne are all doing well. They came to the reunion and we also met them later at Ruben Centre with their parents to review their progress at school and give encouragement. Gilbert took his KCSE exams in November and now awaits his results. Sadly, as a KCSE candidate, he was confined to school and not able to come to the reunion.



At Ruben, Nicodemus achieved a B+ in his Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education exams gaining a University place at the Technical University of Mombasa to read Commerce. Catherine begins her final year in Communications and PR in January. Erick graduated in November with a lower second class degree in Analytical Chemistry. He wants to start a business with a friend who graduated in Food Science. Joyce now has a permanent position as Corporate and PR officer at a large Nairobi company. At Mukuru Johnson is enjoying his Diploma in Computing, Lucky is in her 3rd year of her Biotechnology course and Agnes begins her final year of her Hospitality course in January. Erick O, an Electrical Engineer, now has a permanent position.

Young Peter came top of his year in his term exams at **Starehe Boys' Centre**. He has taken his KCSE exams and awaits his results. He wants to study cyber security. Philip is in his third year of a Law degree. Joab graduated with an upper second class degree in Science Education and spent a happy year as a volunteer teaching assistant at Starehe School. He is now applying for permanent posts. He has found his forte!



John, Jamleck, Dennis and Peter are all following successful careers. Peter has continued to assist and advise WAVES University students in the choice of new laptops despite his relocation to S.Africa. This year he has kindly assisted in the purchase of 3 laptops, for Johnson, Nicodemus and Lucky.



The WAVES Ecology Trip Scheme set up in partnership with The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) in 2000 to organise trips to wildlife centres for needy children continued this year. All Class 5 children from Mukuru Primary and Ruben Primary Schools, some Ruben Special Needs children, the MIRC boys, and boys from Year 1 at Starehe School took part; in all there were 748 children this year. WAVES' support continued for the excellent AFEW school micro-project scheme that funds a variety of sustainable environmental projects at schools in impoverished areas across Kenya. Developed over 15 years by the AFEW education team it is a closely monitored, well managed and very effective scheme that has resulted in the spread of education in sustainable development, a network of trained environmental teachers and many benefits to poor communities throughout Kenya. It was most disappointing to hear on our visit to AFEW that the scheme is to be phased out. We visited a school greening project at Langata West Primary School with Stanley from AFEW and saw trees planted with WAVES funds 15 years ago standing tall and healthy!

We had a team of 7 lady runners in our 2019 London Marathon team who raised the magnificent total of £16,184 for WAVES projects. Sadly Abigail and Marie could not run on the day due to injury and illness however Jenny, Katie, Donna, Aoife and Gabby did extremely well, all finishing in under 5 hours. We have a number of places to fill for 2020 so if you know of any potential runners please put them in contact with us. We can help a runner tick running the London Marathon off their bucket list.



In the Vitality London 10K '19 the regular WAVES team of Jon, Paul, and Alex was boosted in numbers by Lucy, Bev, Katie, and Anne. The runners raised an excellent £826 in a team fundraising. This year Paul finished in 53:50 behind Jon who finished in 51:51. Everyone enjoyed relaxing afterwards with the traditional post-run picnic lunch in a warm and sunny Green Park. Jon's regular runners have already signed up for Monday 25th May 2020. More runners are welcome for this fun event so if you want to join Jon's team just register for a place soon and let us know. www.vitalitylondon1000.co.uk

We had 4 WAVES riders in The Prudential Ride-London-Surrey 100 2019. Martin was riding in the event for the fourth time, Gary for the second and they recruited their colleagues Mike and Joel to complete the team which raised an excellent £3948 for WAVES. Gary, Mike, Martin and Joel joined us in Green Park afterwards for a welcome rest and a picnic. The next ride takes place on Sunday, August 16th 2020. We no longer have charity places but would welcome any rider with a Ballot place who would like to raise funds for WAVES.



WAVES supporter, Adam, took on an extreme challenge when he rode in the Etape du Tour in the French Alps on July 21st. On a very hot day many cyclists dropped out on the mountainous route but with a tremendous effort Adam made it to the finish. He also raised a welcome £712 for WAVES.

We are grateful for the support received from organisations and individuals. We thank Barclays Bank, Mitchells & Butlers and, BlaserMills Law for matching given to their employees in the WAVES London Marathon team. We also thank Hasting Direct for matching given to the WAVES RideLondon 100 team. Our sincere thanks go to the Grant Foundation for the funding given previously for a special event which made the reunion possible. The generous support from The Entertainer toy retail chain employees given through the company's Workplace Giving Scheme is very much appreciated.

We thank all our friends in Kenya who welcomed us so warmly in October and everyone who attended the Reunion and made it such a success. It was a very special and memorable day to have so many WAVES students, past and present, gathered together with us. As always we send our very big thank you to everybody in Kenya and in the UK who have helped us 'make it happen'. We thank each and every one of you for helping us to touch, and sometimes change, children's lives and "make WAVES".

We wish you a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a peaceful Year 2020

Margaret

Melissa

Jon

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