

Under The Mango Tree

Newsletter

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Somethings change, somethings don't

Changes:

Jean, Ruth, Angela and Gordon have all stepped down as trustees. This is a planned and thought out change after more than ten years of leading and supporting the work of the charity. Lorraine, Karen and Peachy are all staying on as trustees and will continue to manage the charity and, most importantly, continue to work with Timboni school as it move onwards supporting local children and families.

It is not easy to describe just how much Under The Mango Tree, with your support, has helped this school to develop and thrive. Whilst that is itself important what really matters are the outcomes for the community. Those outcomes include better educated children (some are now adults), better health through feeding and mosquito nets and a facility which is now not just a school but also a "centre" for the wider community.

Lorraine and Peachy are visiting the school in February and will have lots of first-hand news to share on their return. ** Please see item later about bras !

Future contacts are:

Lorraine Dunne – Chairperson. Email = utmt2018@gmail.com

Karen Owens – Treasurer. Email = karensjo@me.com

Peachy Dunne – Secretary. Email = peachy.dunne@gmail.com

The future address for donations is Karen Owens, UTMT Treasurer, 19 Whitehall Drive, Hartford, Cheshire, CW8 1SJ

The future address for secretarial matters is Peachy Dunne, UTMT Secretary, 156 Bennett Street , Hyde, Cheshire , SK14 4PP

What doesn't change

The core needs of more teaching staff and provisions for the feeding programme do not change. Indeed the feeding programme has never been more important with sky high food prices which have been impacted by the global cost of living issues but added to because of droughts and flooding. Many of the local families are subsistence "farmers" and casual workers and are suffering more than most.

Every donation, a few pounds or more, has a great impact on improving the education of the children and the lives of their families in the community. Just £10 can purchase a lot of provisions for the school breakfasts and lunches or alternatively resources for the classroom.

If you do feel able to help please contact Karen or make a donation direct to the bank, details below.

Santander Bank details: Account name = Under The Mango Tree
Sort code = 09-01-28. Account = 94444899

SUPPORT US BY BOOKING A HOLIDAY ?

If you or anyone you know are planning a holiday with Riviera Travel please consider this opportunity.

Riviera Travel generously support Under the Mango Tree by donating a whopping 10% of the holiday price after you have travelled. Please consider this when booking your next break. Mention Under the Mango Tree at the time of booking over the phone or by email, it really is that simple.

Riviera Travel will make this donation, completely cost free to the traveller.

If you have access to other newsletters / family and friends updates / club circulars etc, it will be worth asking if you can include a short mention of UTMT and the Riviera link encouraging people to book their holiday mentioning our name.

Bras!

"It is an everyday commodity in the UK but to women in Africa a bra could be a crucial lifeline. Owning underwear is seen as a status symbol, indicating that the girl has someone who cares for her, whether that someone is her husband, brother or father."

When Lorraine and Peachy travel to Kenya next year they are willing to take a quantity of good quality pre used (or new) bras – any size. If you would like to help please contact Lorraine or Peachy directly.



This year the school planted and harvested some maize as part of their move to greater self sufficiency



A presentation to mark the promotion from pre primary to primary 1



Treasurer Karen and her Mum fund raising for UTMT



Pre primary children visit Mombasa on a day trip. Most of these children have never travelled outside their home area and have not seen high rise buildings, or busy roads or traffic lights