

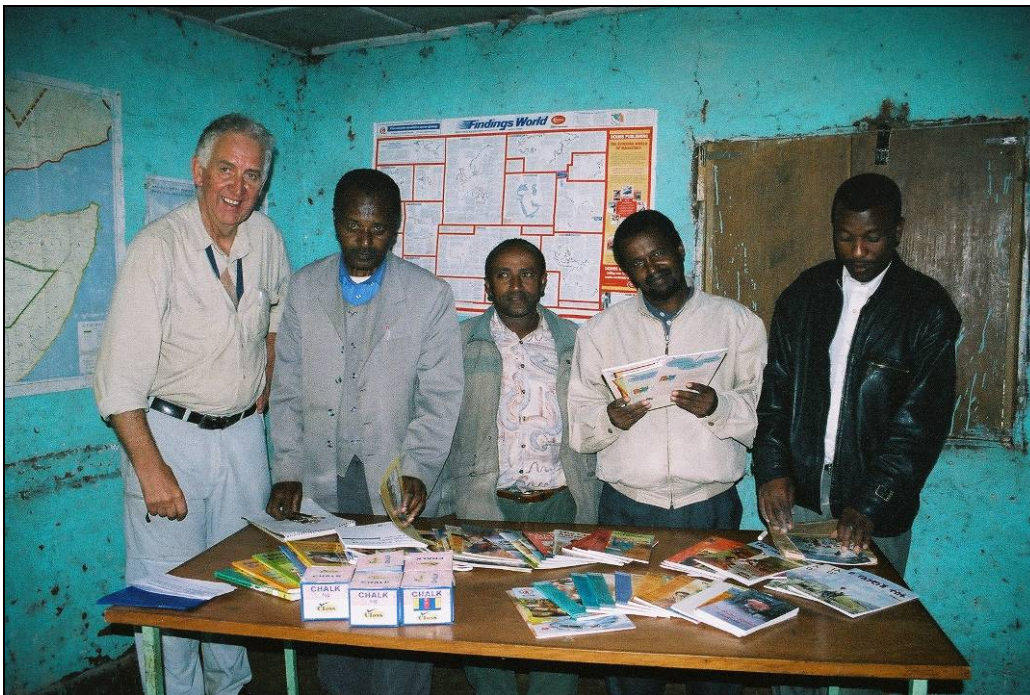


Enabling communities
to help themselves

Annual Report 2005



Collecting water from a capped spring at Tinja, near Nekemte – “All are happy to get clean water. We are now different from those animals drinking from the previous source....”



New Macmillan Africa books for Sorga Elementary School. Teachers with Richard King in the school library.

Report from the Chair

This has been another busy year for the Exeter-Ethiopia Link. At the AGM in March 2005 all of the serving officers and committee members agreed to continue, and we added Cathy and Peter Kiddle, following their return from two years in Ethiopia with VSO. The Committee, which met seven times in the year, is now:

Chair - Peter Grainger

Vice-Chair - Alex Taylor

Treasurer - Mark Howells

Secretary - Richard King

Minutes Sec. - Jill Grainger

Membership Sec. - Pauline Bennett

Newsletter Editor - Bruce Hebbard together with other members - Fran Hamilton, Fran Jenkin, Cathy and Peter Kiddle, Claire Proietti and Adrian Thomas.

I would like to thank them all for their efforts again this year. We are also fortunate to still have Qes Alemu Nega and Ato Temesgen Feyissa as active and enthusiastic partners in Nekemte, Ethiopia, to implement projects – the real work.

We decided to print a smarter leaflet about the Link this year and were grateful to have it designed free by a professional designer, Jason Howells, including a proper logo. Tom Grainger then improved our website based on the same design and we changed our address to a simpler one (www.exeterethiopia.org), with the new site donated and supported by local IT company, Concept First.

Last year I reported that the need for better eye health treatment in Nekemte had been brought to our attention and we had assisted a local ophthalmologist to attend a seminar in Addis Ababa as part of an international programme on eye health (Vision 2020). Early in 2005 Alex Taylor was able to visit an eye-health training centre in Hyderabad, India and with their help she was able to seek a grant to build, staff and equip a clinic in Nekemte. The emphasis of the clinic's work would be cataract surgery, with provision of spectacles as the other main priority. A major potential UK donor was identified by Vision 2020 and Alex's application for substantial funds was received favourably. In September Alex and Jill Grainger visited Ethiopia to try and get agreement in detail for the project, in order to satisfy the donors that it would be viable. At the end of the year the negotiations were still in hand but we remain hopeful that the project will go ahead. Alex must be thanked for the huge amount of work that she has put into this proposal. The Link has agreed to raise £6000 per year as our contribution to this project, and a special fundraising programme has already begun towards this target. Rob Barrow, a local spectacle manufacturer and repairer, has joined the Link and is planning a sponsored bike ride in South Africa to raise money for the eye project.

Richard and Martha King also visited Ethiopia, in October, primarily to review the schools projects and to support the development of school libraries. Nekemte now also has a new public library building and a University College. Through our contact with the New Generation University (NGU) we had been asked to sponsor some needy students.

Richard and Martha met some of the first six women students to benefit from this one year funding (£600 donated). They were also able to review the Women's Donkey Project and to agree to support its continuation with £1000 added this year from the Jan Greet Memorial Fund and more to follow. We also sent £1000 for more water supply protection work and a visit to the German Embassy encouraged Richard to help our partners at EECMY to apply for a further grant for wells and springs around Nekemte.

Following this, her first trip to Ethiopia, Martha collected further donations of books from Exeter and district and about 800 books were packaged up and shipped out, to be distributed to schools, the Nekemte Public Library and the NGU.

Back in Devon, Cathy and Peter Kiddle produced a wonderful exhibition of text and photographs from interviews with Ethiopians during their stay there, called "Speaking for Ourselves", with an accompanying catalogue. This exhibition was previewed at a very well-attended evening in January at the Exeter Global Centre, later displayed in the Central Library for a week in November, and then in the Boston Tea Party café for the rest of the year. Three newsletters were efficiently produced and distributed thanks to our editor Bruce Hebbard.

Our fundraising, donations and membership subscriptions this year have resulted in receipts of over £7000. Some of this has been targeted for the eye health project. Activities have included a plant sale, an International Day display at Exmouth Community College, a coffee morning, wassailing by a local choir, a talk to a Probus group, a church collection and a three-month collection at the Boston Tea Party. The last of these and our new brochure have also resulted in an increased membership, which has now reached over 75. Thank you to all the members and their friends who have played their part in this excellent year, whether by participating directly or by their generous donations.

Peter Grainger

Exeter-Ethiopia Link (Registered Charity No. 1000293)

Statement of Account

1 January 2005 - 31 December 2005

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| Balance at 1st January 2005 | £ | £ |
| Co-operative Bank A/c | 3,861.62 | |
| Britannia Building Society A/c | <u>4,438.06</u> | <u>8,299.68</u> |
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| Receipts for year 2005 | 8,312.44 | |
| <u>Less</u> Payments for year 2005 | <u>6,774.81</u> | |
| Surplus for 2005 | <u>1,537.63</u> | <u>1,537.63</u> |
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| Balance at 1st January 2006 | | <u>9,837.31</u> |

Represented by:

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| <i>General Fund</i> | <i>£7227.28</i> |
| <i>Earmarked Funds:</i> | |
| <i>Nekemte Eye Clinic Project</i> | <i>£1610.03</i> |
| <i>For travel to and from Ethiopia</i> | <i>£1000.00</i> |

Balance in:

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| <i>Co-operative Bank A/c No. 6506781300</i> | <i>£5,351.34</i> |
| <i>Britannia Building Soc A/c No. 59768213</i> | <i><u>£4,485.97</u></i> |
| | <i><u>£9,837.31</u></i> |

Mark Howells - Treasurer
11th February 2006

Jan Greet Memorial Fund

Accounts for 1 January - 31 December 2005

| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | £ |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Donations & Covenants | £385.00 |
| Building Society Interest | <u>£45.09</u> |
| Total Income | £430.09 |

| <u>PAYMENTS</u> | £ |
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| Sent to Ethiopia for donkey project | £1016.50 |
| Total Payments | £1016.50 |

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| <i>Total Receipts</i> | <i>£430.09</i> |
| <i>Less Total Payments</i> | <i>£1016.50</i> |
| <i>Loss for year 2005</i> | <i>£586.41</i> |

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| <i>Balance at 31.12.04</i> | <i>£2211.62</i> |
| <i>Deduct Loss for year</i> | <i>£586.41</i> |
| <i>Balance at 31.12.05</i> | <i>£1625.21</i> |

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| <i>Balance held at 31.12.05</i> | |
| <i>Building Society Account</i> | <i>£1625.21</i> |
| <i>Portman Building Society</i> | |
| <i>A/C No 134-4549270-9</i> | |

Richard King
11th February 2006

Note:

Funds from this account have been transferred to Ethiopia through the Exeter-Ethiopia Link Account.

Exeter-Ethiopia Link
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Accounts for 1 January - 31 December 2005

RECEIPTS

| | £ |
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| Subscriptions | 2,785.00 |
| Donations (to General Projects) | |
| • Individuals | 250.00 |
| • Thornbury Probus | 70.00 |
| • Morchard Bishop Church | 100.00 |
| Donations (to Eye Clinic Project) | |
| • Individuals | 300.00 |
| • UIA Charitable Foundation | 850.00 |
| • Boston Tea Party | 305.03 |
| • Voices in Common Choir | 155.00 |
| Other Receipts | |
| Exmouth College International Day | 114.95 |
| Plant Sale | 430.00 |
| Refreshments at Global Centre | 17.40 |
| 'Speaking for Ourselves' Booklet sales | 20.00 |
| Coffee Morning | 210.00 |
| Sponsored Walk (2004) | 70.00 |
| Tax Rebate | 1,536.32 |
| Transfer from Jan Greet Memorial Fund | 1,016.50 |
| Bank Interest | 34.04 |
| Building Society Interest | 47.91 |
| Change from travellers cheques | 0.29 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2005 | £8,312.44 |

Notes on Accounts:

1. Expenditure on administration of £95.03 was less than 2% of the total expenditure.
1. Exeter group members paid their own air fares to Ethiopia with the exception of a 50% contribution from the Link for the Eye Project Development Visit.

PAYMENTS

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Projects in Ethiopia

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| Deposited in EECMY Account | 802.83 |
| Eye Clinic - Project Development Costs | 625.00 |
| Transport Costs in Ethiopia | 256.31 |
| Typewriter Repair - Hareto School | 69.82 |
| Library Books, Chalk, Paint, Volleyballs | 320.85 |
| NGU College Fees for 6 young women | 676.90 |
| Donkey Project (see receipt from JGMF) | 1,000.00 |
| Spring Capping in Nekemte area | 1,000.00 |

Costs in UK

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| Books for Africa - Macmillan Publishers | 506.41 |
| Contributions for Air Fares - Eye Project Development Cost | 388.10 |
| UK Travel - Eye Project Development | 150.00 |
| BBC 'Focus on Africa' Subscriptions | 78.00 |
| Transfer of donations to Jan Greet Memorial Fund | 415.00 |
| 'Speaking for Ourselves' Display | 150.00 |
| 'Speaking for Ourselves' Booklets | 100.00 |
| Newsletter production and distribution | 47.56 |
| UKOWLA Subscription | 60.00 |
| Stationery/Postage/Copying | 95.03 |
| Bank International Transfer Charges | 33.00 |

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| TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR 2005 | £6,774.81 |
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