

EXETER - ETHIOPIA LINK

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in association with Devon Aid

Linking Exeter in England with Wellega in Ethiopia

More donkeys for wood carrying

In 2004 another thirty women in the Nekempte area each received a donkey to enable them to earn a living without the back breaking effort of wood carrying every day. A further £1000 is being sent from the Jan Greet Memorial Fund towards the project, but the main focus in the coming year will be on supporting the women who have been given donkeys with the provision of tree seedlings, veterinary care and training. An additional 10 donkeys will be provided but we are asking for an overall review of the project before giving funds for more because of concerns that the market for firewood could become oversupplied leading to lower prices for the women.

Richard King



This family in rural Wellega have benefitted from the mother in the family being able to use a donkey to carry the firewood she sells in the local market. The couple are in the middle of the picture with their children.

Exeter-Ethiopia Link: Annual General Meeting

This will be held at Peter and Jill Grainger's house at 8 Prospect Park at 6.30 for 7.00 pm on Saturday 12th March. We hope to see as many members and their guests as possible for this annual gathering.

The meeting will follow last year's format of:

- ★ A brief AGM (7.00 pm start) and update on current activities
- ★ Food and drink (please bring food to share)
- ★ An illustrated talk on last year's visit to Ethiopia followed by discussion of future developments.

*** Fund Raising Events ***

Jane Asten's Coffee Morning

Many thanks to Jane Asten of Prospect Park for again hosting a pre-Christmas coffee morning with a difference.

Traidcraft products were on sale (food, snacks, jewelry, crafts and paper) as well as an excellent bring and buy book stall which did well.

The morning was very well attended and raised £145 from members and many local neighbours and friends.

Bruce & Charmain's Plant and Cake Sale at Cedar House, Pines Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

- Saturday 4th June 2.pm - 5.pm
- Please bring lots of cakes to sell on the day
- Donations of plants most welcome and even better if you can bring them before Saturday
- Tea and cake/biscuits available
- ... and bring good weather with you too!

Sponsored Cycle Ride ?

- Peter Grainger is trying to gauge the level of interest for another sponsored cycle ride this year. Please ring him if you're keen.

Memberships renewals ?

- If your 2005 sub is due and you pay by cheque, please pay Mark Howells (01392- 202713).

Exeter-Ethiopia Link

The Exeter-Ethiopia Link was set up in 1987 to promote a Community Link between Exeter in Devon, England and Hareto in Wellega, Ethiopia. In 1994 the Link included Nekempte, the principal town in Wellega.

The Link supports: Health, Agricultural and Educational projects in Hareto and Nekempte and encourages links between schools in Exeter and the communities in Ethiopia..

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