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Newsletter



Enabling communities
to help themselves

Update on fundraising events

Acoustic Café - 3rd October

You will be pleased to know that the combined event in Topsham raised £607 for the Exeter Ethiopia Link:

- £127 in donations at the spices talk;
- £100 for the raffle;
- £380 profit from the food sales and door takings from the Acoustic Café.

Thanks, once again, to Jeff Sleeman for organising this annual (?) event in Topsham and to Hirut and Peter von Lany for hosting Professor Bernard Roussel from Paris who gave a fascinating talk.

Sponsored Walk - 6th September

Several members of the link enjoyed some good end of summer sun during the annual sponsored walk which took place in early September. After starting in Budleigh Salterton the group took in some wonderful sea views while walking along the Jurassic coastal path to Ladram Bay where a well earned lunch was taken (ed: at the pub by any chance?). The walk continued along the coast and after climbing up to Mutters Moor went inland to meet the River Otter, which the group followed back to Budleigh Salterton. So far the walk has raised over £500 which will go towards improving water supplies and toilet provision in schools in Ethiopia, as well as providing educational materials about health and hygiene.



The small (but perfectly formed) band head off up the Jurassic coast.

Thanks to everyone who took part or sponsored the walkers and if you couldn't make it this year, we hope you can take part next year!

Mark Howells

Sponsored students in Nekemte

Very many thanks to all of you who are generously supporting young women students at the New Generation University this year. Eleven students are being supported in all, two by the Link but mostly by individual supporters (including three by Ben Lynch). They are giving these young women a great opportunity - an opportunity to raise themselves out of a life of poverty, and this will have an impact, not only for them and their families but also for their extended family members.

Penny Pullen

Give a worthwhile Xmas gift this year

Give your friends and family a gift that can change someone's life in Ethiopia.

Chose from:

*Books for children's libraries

*A pack of seeds

(Women's Income Generation Project)

*Contribution towards Water & Sanitation improvements in Primary schools

*A Cataract Operation &

*Sponsoring an orphan to study at college for a year.

For more details look at the gift catalogue online @ www.exeterethiopia.org

Media/Publicity Officer Wanted

The committee is keen to find somebody who would be interested in taking on this role in order to give the Link a higher local public profile. If you're interested and would like to know more about this please contact Mark Howells on 01392-202713 or mshowells@blueyonder.co.uk

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Shopping on the Internet? If so you can raise money for the link at no extra cost.

1. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. Register choosing Exeter-Ethiopia Link as your chosen cause
3. Before purchasing an item – log-in to easyfundraising and search for the retailer you wish to use (over 600 to choose from including Amazon, Boots, Next, Argos etc)
4. Make your purchase as normal and a percentage (varies from each retailer) will automatically be donated to the link: £143 has been raised in the last year.

Also use www.easysearch.org.uk as your search engine and for each search you make a small amount is donated to the link. Happy Shopping and Searching....

The next edition of the newsletter in the New Year will be back to our usual four page size with reports on the forthcoming

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 Wollega, Ethiopia. In 1994 the Link included the town of Nekemte.

The Link supports: Health, Water, Women's and Educational projects in Hareto and Nekemte and links between schools in Exeter and the communities in Ethiopia.

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