

A chance to find out about the work being done in Zambia

HAS Raoul Hewitt, Parish Clerk, traded in his vehicle for an African elephant?

No, but if you really want to know what he's been up to, come to a Cheese and Wine evening on Thursday 12 October in the Silver Street Centre, where the focus of the evening will be the Hewitt family's recent visit to Zambia.

Do come and hear about their trip and see their film, which features three development projects across Zambia.

The Hewitt family's love of Zambia started through hosting teachers from Kingsmead School's "Linking Lives" project, which organises teacher and student exchanges with schools in Kitwe, northern Zambia. This inspired them to sponsor a child in Zambia through the development charity World Vision.

Their medical student daughter Rebecca's work in Zambia with SKIP ("Students for Kids International Project") has previously featured in the Messenger.

This year, Rebecca, now as SKIP's Assistant Project Manager, was based in Zambia for two months, so Jane and Raoul, and youngest daughter Sophie, decided to go and visit her and SKIP's two supported schools near Chongwe, to the east of the capital Lusaka, where they met the children and teachers and saw the long-awaited, recently-installed bore hole.

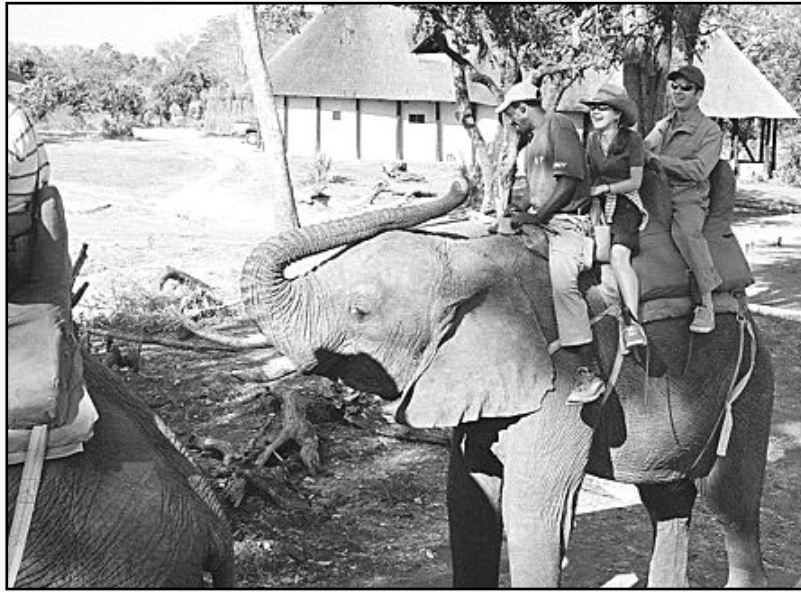
The Hewitts also visited teachers in Kitwe, whom they'd previously hosted, and also met Rebecca's long-standing pen pal from the Kingsmead/Kitwe link, Isaac Mwewe, who is now a young pastor single-handedly starting a school and church in a shanty area of Kitwe. They were able to visit his project and meet members of the community.

A few days later, the Hewitts travelled with World Vision Zambia staff to the Eastern Province, where - some 30km from the nearest tarmac road - they visited schools and village bore holes provided through World Vision, and then, at last, were able to meet their sponsored child, Anjelino, and her family in their mud hut village.

The Hewitts invite you to come at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 October; there will be no charge, but any donations will be forwarded to Pastor Isaac's Building Project!

Jane and Raoul Hewitt would also be delighted to give talks to organisations and clubs about development work in Zambia and can be contacted on 01984 623547.

Further information about World Vision's Child Sponsorship Programme is available on 0800 50 10 10 or at www.sponsor.org.



Rebecca and Sophie Hewitt with Anjelino



From Max Green

To all Wivey residents who knew the late Jack Chaplin's Mr Ben, I'd just like to say that Mr B has settled down with his new family Max, Jane, Fred, George and Smudge. He's lost lots of weight and is fit and healthy. He loves going for walks with Max and Smudge. He now eats real dog food, not crisps, and has gone teetotal.

WIVELISCOMBE CIVIC SOCIETY PROGRAMME October - December 2006

...in touch with the past, looking to the future

All meetings will be held in the Community Centre at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

Wednesday 18th October

"The Somerset Buildings Preservation Trust" - an illustrated talk by Russell Lillford, Adviser to the Trust

Wednesday 15th November

"Conservation at Dunster Castle" - a talk by the Castle's Learning Coordinator

Saturday 9th December

Supper Talk

With special guest Dr John Rees: "My Life and Times as a Country Doctor"

Tickets £12 from Wiveliscombe Post Office, to include two course supper and glass of wine

New night and new venue for Wivey Historical Society

FOR Wiveliscombe Historical Society's 2006-07 season, both the meeting night and the venue will be different from those of last year.

Meetings will revert to the third Tuesday of the month and will be held in the Primary School Hall in North Street. They will begin at 7.30 pm.

The first two meetings are both concerned with people at work. On 17th October Terry Milton will show a film he has compiled from old images of scenes in local textile factories belonging to Fox Bros.

Then on 21st November Arthur Heywood will return with another showing of his slides of Wimbleball Reservoir, taken before, during, and after the dam was built. The previous showing was 17 years ago!

Later in the season there will be talks about recent archaeological developments in Somerset (by County Archaeologist Bob Croft), about the coast of West Somerset, about footpaths and bridleways, and about the Romans at Wiveliscombe.

Anyone who is interested will be welcome at these meetings.

READERS' LETTERS

An achievement for Wiveliscombe

One of the new residents of the bungalows in Tuckers Meadow, Wiveliscombe - Mrs Christine Griffiths - expresses her delight with her new home and thanks all those who made it possible for her to move there.

Dear Messenger - I would like to express my thanks to all the people involved with the project and completion of Tuckers Meadow. I really think it's quite an achievement for Wiveliscombe.

The bungalows are very well built and situated in a most pleasant location with countryside views of Wivey. The appearance of the natural stone, brick and white finish is in keeping with the town and makes a very pleasant area with sufficient car parking.

The attention to detail within the bungalows has been thought through very carefully with wide access for wheelchairs whether they have a shower and bath or shower room.

Security is excellent and the small, easily maintained gardens with shed and water butt are ideal for older people and good for the environment. There is also plenty of room and space within the bungalows.

I feel very fortunate to have been allocated one and very happy to live here and in casual conversation with some of the other residents I can say that I also represent them in this letter.

Christine Griffiths

Pound vs kilo

Dear Messenger - The pound versus the kilo rears its ugly head again for a Plymouth trader awaiting his fate for selling a lb of bananas.

The rest of Europe has a pound too, mostly since Charlemagne 800 AD, variously known as a livre, libro, lire, pund and punt; all about 480 grams.

When we were all swept into metric weights in 1961, most EC countries decided to make their pounds 500 grams - half kilo. That way the public could continue to use their treasured word for small amounts without fear of prosecution (or persecution).

So when the French buy a lb of coffee they get 500 grams and when we buy a lb we only get 454 grams. So much for the EC homogenisation.

Keith Brooker

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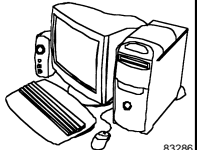
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