

Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club
International achievements 2007/8

Report from John Moss 28.03.08

Various projects in S Africa and India

- The club is the International partner in a current Matching Grant project to **build toilets and water tanks for two schools in KwaZulu Natal**. Two other clubs in our District, Hitchin Tilehouse and Harpenden Village are also contributing as is the Rotary club of Sogndal in Norway. Both schools have been visited by a member of Wolverton and Stony Stratford Club.
- Another Matching Grant project to **build similar facilities for a school for handicapped children in KwaZulu Natal**. Winslow and Harpenden Village Clubs have joined in after a presentation by a member of this club who has visited the Thembimfundo school and gifted an electric keyboard and some games equipment. The Rotary clubs of Blackpool Palatyne and two clubs in Norway, Sogndal and Forde, are also supporting this project.
- The club has paid for the **restoration of a church hall, used for food storage for the feeding of Aids orphans in KwaZulu Natal**. A member of the club has visited the newly restored room and met with the local volunteers who arrange the feeding programme.
- The club was able to **facilitate a £5,000 donation from a British Company to the Eshowe Community Action Group's school building programme**.

A club member visited the Rotary clubs of Eshowe and Ballito in South Africa. The same member has been speaker at 9 clubs in District 1260 and two clubs in neighbouring Districts.

- Almost £5,000 was raised – mainly through 'Loop the Loop' challenge for the installation of an **electricity supply to 3 rooms being used as dormitories for 90 teenage girl residents at Velangaye School in KwaZulu Natal**. We were also able to **supply security gates, 3 cookers, two fridges and 100 blankets and pillows**.
- The club is also a **contributing partner** in another Matching Grant project for the **Syabonga mini bus**.
- The Club has given £500 to the Peninsular Schools Feeding Fund, an organization that ensures the **poorest children in the Cape Peninsular receive at least one nourishing meal a day** and is supported by Table Bay Rotary Club in South Africa.
- The Club donated £100 to the Hemel Hempstead Rotaract **Indian water well appeal**.

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Supporting Projects from the RIBI Library:

- The club sent off **3 Aquaboxes** and **200 spectacles** for Vision Aid, plus a £100 cash donation.
- The sale of a lens cleaning kit is expected to raise £600 for **Sight Savers**.

Twinning:

- The Club hosted 7 members of our twinned club, Joure in Holland, for **a long weekend visit**.

Others:

- The Club supplied the **speaker for the District Foundation Rally**.
- The Club exhibited at the District Conference in Bournemouth in the **House of Friendship** - World of Rotary.