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## Did you know?

We collect Foreign currency and any British small change.

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2016. We have some new exciting projects for 2017 that will make a difference to the lives of children in Swaziland. We also have some fundraising activities planned for the first part of 2017.

## Physiotherapist for The Rocking Horse Project

We received funding from the King/Cullimore Trust to provide a physiotherapist to support children with disabilities at Cheshire Homes. One of the first activities was hydrotherapy. A great deal of fun was had by the children and caregivers as well as the physiotherapist!



## Regular Donations

If you do feel you are able to contribute a regular amount on a standing order please let us know. £5/month goes a long way in Swaziland.

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## Hwane Primary School

When we visited Swaziland in September this year we visited Hwane Primary School. It was a school in desperate need of improvement. However, at that time the school did not have a head teacher and we wanted to wait until the head teacher was appointed to ensure that supportive leadership was in place before committing funds and resources to the improvement of the school.

A new head teacher has now been appointed and an initial positive meeting has been held. It is therefore likely that we will support a number of projects to improve this school. As an example, last week the children were sent home because of a lack of water at the school. One of the first projects will be to put in place water harvesting from gutters on the classrooms. Other priorities will include classroom repairs to the roofs and windows, repairs and improvements to the toilet facilities, purchasing school furniture (see picture below of a child's chair in one classroom) and providing a library and home economics facility. There is certainly a great deal to do!



## Teenage Pregnancies

A shocking article appeared in the Swaziland Times this week. In the Shiselweni region of Swaziland approximately 600 young girls between 14 and 19 have fallen pregnant in a space of eight months. The majority of the girls were 15. Of these 10% were HIV positive. The main reason cited was a lack of access to education. In this region there is a shortage of High Schools with 3,000 children leaving primary school fighting for just 1,000 places at High

School. Again, this highlights the significant benefits of supporting education, particularly the benefits of keeping young girls in school.

## Fundraising

We have a number of fundraising activities planned for 2017.

**Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Local Music Night, Goring Village Hall (7:30 pm). The evening will be hosted by 'The Blunt' who will be playing a lot of your favourite covers. They will be supported by Eloise Chambers and a local Reading band. Tickets are only £10 and there will be a licensed bar. Please email me ([originsteve@hotmail.com](mailto:originsteve@hotmail.com)) if you would like tickets.

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>** - Changing Futures Quiz Night, Goring Village Hall (7:30 pm). Food will be included in the ticket price and there will be a licensed bar. This event always sells out so if you want to reserve a table (6-8 per team) please contact Sarah Chambers ([sarahchambers@btconnect.com](mailto:sarahchambers@btconnect.com)).

**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Charity walk (10k) organized By Vicki Hamilton. More details of this event will follow early next year.

Also, in January Brian and Liz Davies will be sending out the 6 Nations Sweepstake.

Thanks you for all your support and have a lovely Christmas and New Year.