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TRUST NEWS

Summer 2014

You are invited to a big day out in the Chilterns

A summertime social gathering is being organised in Oxfordshire for **Sunday, 27th July**, involving optional walks and a barbeque/braai.

The event is being hosted by Steve and Tonia Bowley, whose Thembisa Trust backs community projects in KwaZulu-Natal. Alumni and supporters of the UKZN UK Trust are invited to attend what is expected to be a fun day and a rare chance to meet up.



Chilterns footpath - picture by Des Blenkinsopp © (geograph)

**** Please RSVP by 11th July** by email to info@ukznuktrust.org or by phoning 07968 142671. ******

Option 1. DAY WALK - THE CHILTERNES (led by Steve Bowley). *Please advise if you wish to join this walk.* Circular walk near Wendover, including Chequers Estate and Boer War Memorial (10 miles max). MEET 10am at Tiddington Village Hall (A418 at OX9 2LY). Share transport to start. Lunch stop - The Plough at Cadsden OR bring packed lunch. Come prepared: Footpaths are slippery in wet weather so wear good footwear and bring a waterproof. Arrive back at Tiddington at 4pm for BBQ.

Option 2. AFTERNOON LOCAL WALK (Families welcome). Meet at 3pm at Tiddington Village Hall (on A418 at OX9 2LY). Weather permitting, the route will be through Ferndale Woods - or else via the lake (2 miles).

BBQ: Ferndale, Tiddington OX9 2LQ - 4.30-8.30pm.
Tickets: £12/adult, £6/u10; food and soft drinks included; beer/wine for sale. Raffle; plant sale.

The event will provide the opportunity for a little fund-raising for both charities as those taking part in the walks are being encouraged to obtain sponsorship from friends and family for the charity of their choice.



If you can help the UKZN UK Trust in this way, please go to www.virginmoneygiving.com and set up your own fundraising page for the event following the simple steps on the website:

- Select "Start fundraising (Create your page)"
- Select "Organised events"
- Enter "UKZN UK Trust Walk" and select "Next" (tick box if necessary)
- Follow the instructions to fill in the details on a simple form to create your page
- Email friends and family to encourage them to use your page to sponsor you.

All funds raised go straight to the UKZN UK Trust's bank account.

Alternatively you can donate directly to the Trust via the Virgin Money Giving site or you can give cash or a cheque to UKZN UK Trust Chair Roger Smith at the event.

Welcome boost in giving ensures more students win Trust support in 2014



The appeal in the previous newsletter for supporters to help boost dwindling funds has had an excellent response. As a result, the number of students the Trust is able to support this year has increased to 15 rather than fallen. This is most heartening.

Every contribution is valued but a huge difference was made by several significant donations from well-wishers who made a special effort. Chief among them were Bronek and Jane Masojada, who wished to help as former students who once attended the University.

The Trustees are grateful to everyone who gave most generously.

The number of students assisted had been expected to fall from 12 last year to 11 or even 10 this year but, thanks to the boost in income, the number goes up to 15.

Nevertheless it has to be said there can be no room for complacency. The need remains very great. Your support is vital if the Trust is to be able to continue its work, making it possible for poor students to complete their studies, which in turn can help the wider community

The Trust receives many appeals from students seeking assistance which it has to refuse because it only considers applications referred by the Student Funding Centre according to the Trust's criteria based on need. But they bring home the desperate plight of some.

Just one recent example, from an education student, reads: "I have been through so much, having no funding at school while other students do really hurts. I know I'm not the only one but I beg for help if it's possible for the organization to help me..."

"I do well in my studying, I pass all my modules, I am very passionate about my studies, especially the profession I do. I really see myself as successful teacher in 2016 as I am supposed to be finishing my degree next year.

"Every day before I sleep I cry and pray as I don't know if I'll be able to get my fees paid and if I'll finish my degree on time. I walk in and out [of] businesses asking for help since last year, 'til this day no luck. I would really appreciate it if I got a response from you."



Buy charity flowers, help the Trust

The Trustees urge supporters to help in a small way by making use of www.charityflowers.co.uk when they want to buy flowers.

Customers who order flowers on the website can select the Trust as the charity they want to receive 15% of the retail price. Full details about how to order are on the website – remember to select the code for UKZN UK Trust from the dropdown menu when entering your order details.



Keep up with the Trust - on the web

The Trust's website has the latest news on its work, as well as a wide range of information for donors. The site includes details of how the Trust supports needy students. It has information on how to donate and has links to related bodies. You will find it at: www.ukznuktrust.org

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

Please inform the Trust and the University's Alumni Relations Office of your e-mail address (if you have one) so that on some occasions the Trust's newsletter can be e-mailed to you. This will help save money that can be better spent on help for needy students.

E-mail info@ukznuktrust.org and alumni@ukzn.ac.za with the e-mail address to use. Thank you. Please remember to inform us of any changes of postal or email address.