

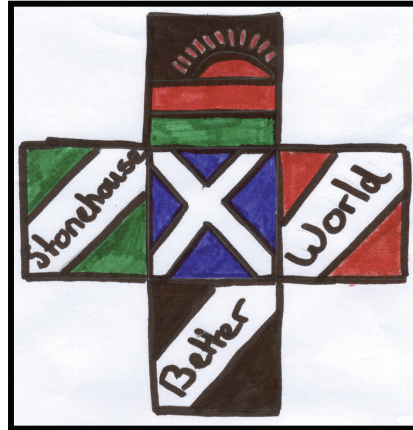
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STONEHOUSE BETTER WORLD

Our Primary Schools

The "Change Challenge" project in our primary schools, supporting Mary's Meals continues to receive recognition within the wider community. As well as the publish leaflet reported in the last issue. The schools are working on a web presentation which will be accessed through the Mary's Meals Website (teacher's page). Giving other schools the opportunity to try the project themselves.

Representatives have been invited to attend a Social Enterprise Event being held in the County Buildings on Wednesday 18th



November. At this a stall will be manned and a presentation will be made.

Representative will also attend an Enterprise showcase event in Larkhall Academy later the same day.

Letters from Apatsa/ Nsanjama Schools in Mulanje are being shared with our pupils and it is hoped to include St. Ninian's breakfast club in this correspondence.



It is good to see our young people continue to show such enthusiasm and commitment for the project. They are developing practical skills and we can be proud of the caring attitude they have already demonstrated.

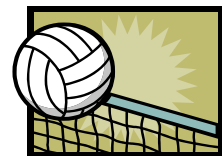
Recent Fundraising Race Night



On 12th September a very enjoyable "Race Night" was held in the Masonic Hall. Around 60 people supported this event and were challenged by a very moving power point presentation showing the range of need in Mulanje before the races began.

The proceeds from this event totalled approx. £1,300

Sportspersons Dinner



Another very successful dinner was held on Saturday 24th October at Dalziel Park Estate with 153 attendees. The company enjoyed an excellent meal and were entertained following the meal by speakers Willie Hunter, a former Watsonians player, and Robbie Glen, former Governor at Castle Huntly and Cornton Vale Prisons. An auction then took place with many sought after items going under the hammer

Stonehouse Community Supporting Mulanje

We are grateful for regular support from.

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We would like also to express grateful thanks to the many individuals who give their support.

Proceeds from the Dinner were approx. £5.054. From this £500.00 will be given to Strathcarron Hospice A further £500.00 will be given to the Royal Sick Children's Hospital. Together the money raised from these two fundraising ventures has allowed us to commit to contributing towards the cost of nurse training for MMH over the next three years. A contribution of £2,000 for this year has been dispatched.

increase in the amount given towards the cost of training which had been negotiated was withdrawn As part of a six year emergency plan to increase the number of nurses in the country. MMH had planned to accept 65 Students. The highest ever number due to new accommodation provided by Norwegian support. With no government funding contributions from groups like ours will be vital if the initial training and upgrading courses which have built the reputation of MMH are to continue.

Guild support

Mary's Meals made us aware of the need for adult blankets in Malawi. St. Ninian's Guild are addressing this need by knitting squares which can be joined together and made into blankets.

Anyone outwith the Guild who would like to support this effort can do so by handing in wool or squares at the Tuesday Coffee Morning between 9.30 and 11.30.



Is there room at your inn?

By donating £_____ you have helped provide basic care and shelter at Mulanje Mission Hospital.

Shining light on their lives

Stonehouse Better World

This appeal this year is in support of the Mulanje Mission Hospital "Sponsor a bed scheme". This provides all that is needed to care for a patient while in hospital including the provision of food, linen and medication. You can support this by buying the above vouchers which are available from members of Stonehouse Better World Group We have very much appreciated your support in the past and hope you will be able to support us again this year.



Attending the Sportspersons Dinner
Back Row Left to Right
 Speaker Willie Hunter, Bobby Brown, Speaker Robbie Glen, George Burns, Alan Law, Councillor Jackie Burns
Front Row
 Lorraine Brown, Margaret McMeekin, Lesley Barrie

Thanks to all who attended and donated auction items making this evening a great success.

The need to support the cost of nurse training became evident in a recent newsletter from Mulanje Mission Hospital.

In September the Malawi Government announced that they were unable fund to the tuition fees of nursing students in the Colleges in Malawi. Meaning a 50 %



Christmas Appeal

This Christmas we are again asking that you do not send Christmas cards to those you will greet personally. Instead donate the money you would spend on the cards to this year's Christmas Appeal. "Is There Room at Your Inn?"

**Stonehouse
 Better World Group
 Wish you All
 The Joy and Peace
 Of this Special Season**



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