

## SCHOOL-AID JUNE 2004 NEWSLETTER

Rest assured that we have been very busy although you may have not heard from us since our March Newsletter. Our expansion plans are going well and we have been so lucky to find several new people who are helping us to manage this. A regular team of volunteers is now helping sort and pack and we are currently preparing shipments for South Africa, & Tanzania. Boxes are also ready to go to Eritrea & Sierra Leone via our linked charities, Anseba Trust & the Lottie Betts-Priddy Trust.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN SCHOOLS

Have a wonderful summer holiday and enjoy a well-earned rest.



### **School-Aid Holidays – August**

We are closing for a month from 1<sup>st</sup> August until 31 August

You can still take donations to the Royal Grammar School in High Wycombe. Directions are on the website.

### **NEWS ITEMS**

**Premises:** We can stay on at SARC (our warehouse at Chalfont St Peter) for the time being. We are most grateful to the British Red Cross for agreeing to let us stay until the building is sold. We are continuing to search for alternative sponsored premises. If you know of anywhere in the South Bucks area please let us know. Ideally we would like to find a warehouse & small office with a loading area, parking and space to leave a container on the ground.

**New Faces:** Chris is delighted to be working with Dr Jane Jessup, who is helping her manage the expansion of School-Aid.

Tony Locke has also joined us via REACH, to help with International freight, transport and logistics.

**New Trustees:** Roy Abraham (Ex-Mayor of Chesham), Jane Jessup PhD (Education Consultant), Sandra Maizels (Past Overseas Service Chairman for District 26 of Inner Wheel, District Chairman Elect for 2006) and Rob Meredith (Ex-Capespan) have kindly agreed to become Trustees

**Website:** We are getting some professional help to upgrade our website from Richard Alderson.

**Database:** Geoff Smith of **PC-Xperts**, has kindly offered to help with our Database. We are most grateful to Leslie Smith and Alma Tate, who have already spent many hours in the preparation of this important resource.

**Inner Wheel District 26:** Raised over £2000 and have donated goods to the value of at least £10,000 during the past year. We are most grateful to Sandra Maizels and her members for this great achievement.

### **Visit of Janis Mowlam - Linking South Wales to Johannesburg**

We were delighted to see Janis Mowlam at SARC on 22 April. (See letter on our website). She inspired the small group of regular volunteers with her colourful description of the arrival of the first shipment of boxes to Umqhele Secondary School in the Ivory Park Township in Johannesburg. It was lovely to see photographs, which we hope to have on the website soon. We are most grateful to our friends at the Regional Centre in South Wales for their support & for raising £5000, for Umqhele.

**Our van.** Thanks to The Clancy Group, and Justin Murray of Pyramid Visuals we will shortly have 'special' sign writing on our van. The vehicle is a huge bonus, and special thanks to David Orton for taking on the organisation of the collections and doing the majority of the driving, ably assisted by Liz & Chris Blake.

## **SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND SPORTS CLOTHING – PLEASE START TO COLLECT NOW!**

[www.sportingchance.co.za](http://www.sportingchance.co.za)

We have just made a link with Brad Bing at "Sporting Chance" in South Africa and we intend to target collecting sports equipment and sports clothing in the near future. Please collect anything you think might be suitable for disadvantaged children & young people in Africa. We will let you know when we will be in a position to go ahead with this project.

**Donations** of educational resources continue to flood in from all over the country. We are so grateful to you all.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the drivers from Entertainer Group for bringing some of these items down to Little Chalfont for us. Thanks also to Jeni Rhodes, who is moving on. She has been so very helpful with these collections.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS*

Altwood Secondary School Lawrence Brooks – Friends in Braintree Essex Caldicott School Joe Cavalli & Friend from S Wales Chalfont Bookbinders & Printers Chapter One Book Shop Chartridge School Cirencester College – Sue O’Hare Gerald Coates Danes Hill School – Suki Turner Eunice Doubtfire Dulwich College Lower School Margaret Dykes David Eliot - Seavington St Michael Church Freshford Tennis Club – Chris Osborne Gateway Christian School Gwen Grogan Candy Harrison Jennie Hayden Hereford Sixth Form College Hitchen Priory Rotary Club Ann Hoath Inner Wheel District 26 Inner Wheel Flitwick Vale Inner Wheel St Albans Inner Wheel Luton & Chiltern Langtree Secondary School Mitcham Vale High School	Monkton Coombe School – Rachel Glasgow Physics Dept Open University Rowena Paxton Liz Pinfold Sally Plummer & Friends from Bath & District Rita Pulley Mr Rance David Rayner Owen Robinson Rosemead School Dulwich Royal Grammar School – Richard Shreeve Squirrels Nursery School St Albans Girls School St Bernard’s School St Edwards School Cheltenham St Joseph’s School – Ros Burton St Mary’s School Gerrards Cross Streatham & Clapham Schools Steeple Ashton Primary School Mrs Anne Toth Waddesden Upper School Wendy Watts Kathleen Woolf Worcester Sixth Form College (Methodist Churches in Worcester) Wycombe High School – Lesley Blowes
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**NEXT SHIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA – Thursday 8 July 2004**

We will be sending our next shipment to Cape Town on Thursday 8 July via our major sponsor CAPESPAN.

If you can come along to help pack on one of the following days, this would be most appreciated

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

10.00-3.00

Thursday 1st July

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Help from the National Society for Epilepsy**

Nick Tanner & Leigh Straight from National Society for Epilepsy have been helping us on Thursday afternoons. We are grateful to them and to David Smith, who is an instructor with the NSE’s “Enhance” scheme.

**OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON THE NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE  
SO PLEASE DO TAKE A LOOK AT THE END OF JULY**

[www.school-aid.org](http://www.school-aid.org)

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