

The BARK FOUNDATION
(Registered Charity Number:1129762)
In support of HOTPEC ORPHANAGE, BUEA, CAMEROON
President: Reverend Edward Sakwe

JULY 2015

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends

WORK ON THE BOREHOLE IS UNDERWAY!!

This has been made possible by several generous (unsolicited) grants from charitable organisations who know of our work, and some substantial personal donations, in addition to support of fund raising events. THANK YOU ALL FOR CARING SO MUCH ABOUT OUR HOTPEC FAMILY.

The contractor has chosen a site that means drilling through 45-60 metres of rock to find water that they are confident will be of good quality. We sincerely hope that the project will succeed in providing the orphanage with a reliable source of clean water that will be a permanent solution for them instead of the present unreliable mains supply. That source is currently rationed to 3 hours per day, perhaps 3 days per week and even when available is at such a low pressure that it cannot be 'piped' to the showers and toilets we have provided in The Bark Foundation Baby Unit and Volunteer House and Training Centre, or to the Watson water tower. There will also be a point of access outside the orphanage so that the small **local community can share** in the benefit of a constant supply of clean water.

The other privation to affect HOTPEC is that Cameroon does not have enough electricity for the needs of the people – so that is also on ration and for 2 months the orphanage has had no electric light. Last year they made an appeal and managed to get funding to supply 38 solar panels. These have been installed on the roof of the Vocational (for work experience) Training Building that has been completed since our visit in 2013 (donated by a German charity). Unfortunately the funding could not cover the solar battery required to make the solar panels operational – and we need that electricity to power the pump for our borehole!

The cost of the battery will be £4,800. Thanks to you, all our wonderful supporters, we hope to be able to pay for this without delaying the borehole project work. If they are conserving their electricity ration for administration and teaching purposes during the day that means that from 6.00 pm they are returned to their original state in 1995 – only the light of the moon to guide them! We cannot leave it at that, so the money will be sent soon and we will hope that we have enough to pay the contractors for work on the borehole as their payment requests come in.

Thanks to all who helped recently with the jewellery stall, giving up both Saturday and Sunday on 3 occasions, and all who helped with the Coffee Morning on 13th June. Together we raised almost £1,300.

WHAT NEXT? - PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS if you can – and bring your friends!

NO COOKING FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS, AND GOOD COMPANY!!!

THURSDAY 23RD JULY - A CURRY NIGHT INDIAN EATING EXPERIENCE!

At '7 SPICES', Hildyard Road, Leicester – not a posh restaurant but wonderful, genuine 'home cooked' Indian cuisine. This event is kindly organised by a friend who regularly organises 'Curry Nights' for charity and has chosen The Bark Foundation to benefit from this occasion. £15 for 2-course meal (all you can eat). A licensed bar is available. There will be a demand for places so **PLEASE BOOK BY 16TH JULY** to secure yours!
Joy and David: 0116.2677576 or email: bark_foundation@btinternet.com

FRIDAY 24TH JULY from 5.30pm till we go home! - 'MINI' BARBECUE at QUENIBOROUGH

Audrey and Keith invite us once again to their home and lovely garden for a great evening together. ADMISSION IS FREE, just buy as much – or as little food, drink and 'puds' as you can eat: super sausage and burger baps, plenty of salads, home-made puds and a variety of liquid refreshment will be served until everybody is replete.....

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Please help us to judge catering needs by **'booking' with Joy (Tel. 0116.2677576) or Audrey (0116.2693440)**. BUT – if you are unable to tell us in advance, just turn up on the night, there will be plenty of supplies. There will be the jewellery stall, bric-a-brac and RAFFLE. (Suitable access for disabled people). Full directions will be sent to those who of you who do not know where to go. We look forward to seeing you.

On 24th June David and Joy Bark were presented with **The Alan Morley 'Service above Self' Award** by the Rotary Club of Wreake Valley. This award is presented annually in memory of Mr Alan Morley who was a much valued and respected member of the Club. David and Joy were honoured to receive such recognition and to meet with Mrs Shirley Morley at the presentation dinner. The presentation included a framed certificate, a Memorial Cup to be kept for the year, and a very welcome generous donation to The Bark Foundation.

ADVANCE NOTICE – 2 dates for your diary:

COFFEE MORNING, 9th September 10-12noon at Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall, LE4 4GS
Usual 'stalls' and RAFFLE.

HIGHCLIFFE HARMONY AND MOIRA MALE VOICE CHOIR have kindly offered a concert to raise funds – **SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER, 7.00 or 7.30 pm**. Also at Birstall Methodist Church. More details nearer the time. Please support this event and help us to make sure we have an audience worthy of their effort on our behalf.

DON'T FORGET:

YOU CAN NOW FIND US ON 'FACEBOOK'! Go to: www.thebarkfoundation.org and click on the link.

If you wish to make a donation to help in our quest to improve the lives of the children of our HOTPEC family please either send it direct to our home address or through 'CHARITY CHECKOUT', on line.

Please see our website where you can click for on-line donations. Some supporters choose to make their own arrangements directly from their own bank account to ours via a monthly 'direct debit'. (Please just ask for our bank account details). Modest donations made on a regular basis are greatly appreciated and will be even more important as we begin our efforts to sort out the water situation.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like us to claim 'GIFT AID' on your donation this can be done through 'Charity Checkout' or by including a note with the following statement and information if sending directly to us:

Please treat all gifts of money that I make today and in the future as GIFT AID donations.

Title.....Initials.....Surname.....Home address.....

POSTCODE..... SIGNED..... Date.....

BE PROUD OF YOUR SUPPORT – Since January 2008 you have helped us to raise £150,000. Together we really have already made a difference to life at HOTPEC and continue to do so by the provision of water and electricity.

Best wishes.

Joy, David, Charles and Edward

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