

Kennington Overseas Aid: Breaking Records,

There was an excellent turn out at the KOA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 9th.

Clive Rodgers announced the total funds raised in 2016 was **£28815.42** including gift aid. Divided between the three charities that were to be supported in 2016 gave each one £9605.14!

Keith Budgen accepted the cheque on behalf of the **Nasio Trust** and said that KOA funding had been critical in facilitating the production and use of Spirulina for improvement of the nutritional status of the vulnerable children they supported. Keith shared the wonderful news that they had received an order for copies of the Spirulina cookbook from an Australia based health food group. Nasio hopes our project will help them be self-sufficient in West Kenya by 2021.

Children's Radio Foundation: Katie Abbots shared the exciting news that the unique partnership of collaborative activities with Standing Voices planned for 2016 had undertaken training of young Albinos in Tanzania as youth reporters. They would be working with the CRF project in Mwanza.

Lunch 4 Learning Chris Shrivener said the charity is focusing on the construction of water tanks and parent led gardens. The charity is now moving towards drip irrigation schemes and is devolving responsibility to the group in Uganda.

Kennington through KOA is indeed helping people to help themselves!

The meeting reviewed highlights of the year including the launch of the new logo of the KOA, the launch of the Spirulina cookbook and the United Choirs concert, which raised the biggest chunk of funds for the year. Sylvia Vetta thanked all members of the executive committee for their hard work during the year and announced that she would be stepping down from the Chairmanship in 2017 - after 16 years of playing this role! Brenda Groth and Marilyn Farr will lead KOA in 2017 towards its 50th anniversary in 2018. They will share the role of chair and will be joined on the executive committee by Hugh Fleming, Sylfest Muldal and Laila Ismail Khan.

The First Meeting of 2017 will be in St Swithun's Hall on Wednesday 11 January at 8pm. Do come! Discussion will focus on selection for 2017 funding of one of the three charity proposals we have received. You can read them at www.koa.org.uk. Do join us in January to select the project or 2017.

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