

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2022  
We hope you are keeping well and managing to stay safe in the current heatwave we are experiencing.  
Thank you for continuing to support Acorn Project.

### News from Kenya . . . .

Samuel has completed his university studies and examinations successfully. He has continued to work for USAID whilst awaiting notification of his one year internship placement in a Government Hospital. This is certainly taking some time to confirm due to the current political situation in Kenya.

Nothing has gone very smoothly and timelines have had to be extended after the COVID 19 two year period and now the elections which are coming up in August are affecting sorting internship placements as the General elections are scheduled to be held in Kenya on 9 August 2022. Voters will elect the President, members of the National Assembly and Senate, county governors and members of the 47 county assemblies.

This is obviously frustrating for the medical students who just want to get their internship year completed to enable them to gain their accreditation and in Samuel's case be recognised as a Higher Clinical Officer with a BSC Degree in clinical medicine. He will of course need to then look for appropriate employment within a hospital setting. This will now take him into 2023 which in itself will be difficult financially.

Since the Spring Newsletter Samuel has been linked up with a young doctor here in Newcastle upon Tyne. Ysanne is currently working as a Teaching Fellow at Freeman Road Hospital in the Oncology Department. They have had several online Zoom calls sharing and talking about their medical experiences as young doctors in the UK and Kenya.

Ysanne visited Kenya when she was in the Sixth Form and appreciates the challenges Kenya has to cope with. She is considering a Tropical Medicine Course in the future. She has also spent time working in Nepal during her medical studies.



Visit to Grifaid (Safe Water Trust ) factory unit in Washington . . . .

It has been quite a while since we have had the opportunity to meet up with John and Gill from Grifaid. They now have much larger premises to assemble and store their amazing water filters on an industrial estate in Washington.

John took us into the main office/showroom where the different design development of the Family Water Filters are on display. We took some Family Water Filters out the last time a visit was made to Kenya. The model available today is smaller and more compact. These family filters are able to be shared between a few families.

We also saw the design changes which have taken place with the Community Filters which are still in use in quite a number of schools in and around Ndhiwa. Approximately 100 of these are made each year.

The new instructions with the Family Water Filters are pictorial with a QR code where the instructions can be read on a smart phone.

There is a world map on the office wall which shows all of the places where Grifaid water filters have been sent to and are in use. This not for profit organisation has given countless numbers of people world wide safe drinking water in times of emergency or necessity as well as saving many lives.

The assembly process is carried out in the main factory area by a small number of dedicated staff. There are also some regular volunteers who prepare and sort the various components for the filter assembly area.

The storage shelving units seen in the rear of the photograph had been well stocked with Family Water Filters until very recently when an order for 2,540 came in for these filters from UK Charity Shelterbox to be transported to Poland for distribution in Ukraine.

It is possible to view a video Gill and John made at Rakoro School, Ndhiwa with Charles who was the Headteacher at the time speak about the importance of having safe water for his students to drink. You Tube Safe Water at Rakoro Primary School, Kenya with Grifaid.





Since our Spring Newsletter  
**£170**  
 has been raised from our  
**Weigh Bag Collection scheme**

**Saturday Bonus Ball 2022**  
**Winning Numbers**

March	Lotto Number
19	7
26	40
April	
2	20
9	17
16	44
23	15
30	52
May	
21	8
28	20
June	
4	24
18	21

**Weigh Bag Collection**  
 The following textile items can earn the charity money: clean clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, belts, table linen, bed linen and curtains.  
 Please contact us [admin@acornproject.org.uk](mailto:admin@acornproject.org.uk) and we can let you know when the next collection is taking place and where to drop off the donations.

**John Willie Sam Centre Summer Fayre 2022**  
**Thursday 28 July, 11am - 2pm**  
 It has been a long time since we have been able to do any fundraising table top sales due to Covid 19. Muriel and Barbara had quite a busy day, great prices and lots of satisfied customers. £110 was raised. Thank you, if you came along to the Summer Fayre and made a purchase.



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