



Action in Africa



Spring 2020 Newsletter

ASHTEAD RESIDENT FUNDS BIKE FOR RUGU DISPENSARY

Latest News from Ashtead

Janella Kerr Supports Action in Africa with Family Fitness Fun



Action in Africa received a surprise Christmas gift when Janella Kerr held her Family Spirit Total Body Boot Camp at St Michael's Hall and kindly donated all the proceeds to help our friends in Nyaishozi. Janella, pictured above, taking the class, already sponsors one of our school children and is passionate about supporting the charity. It is the first time that we have been the beneficiaries of such an event and we were delighted with the staggering £325, which was raised on the day. Families turned up in force and a fantastic time was had by all. Janella says she was quite nervous beforehand, but soon got into the swing.

She particularly loved having the youngsters involved, 'I will definitely be running another one,' she says, 'all the families enjoyed it and were pleased to know that the money was going to such a good cause!' Thank you Janella!



We are delighted to announce that **Dean Macklin**, teacher at St Andrew's Secondary School, Leatherhead, has kindly agreed to sport the Action in Africa logo at the Virgin London Marathon. Dean, pictured above, has already been in training for

several months to ensure that he is in tip top condition for the iconic run. We are delighted to have such a committed runner and fundraiser on board. Thank you Dean! If you would like to donate, please go to our website, where you will find details on our home page.



Our Annual Quiz Night was a huge success and St Michael's Church Hall was full to the rafters of teams keen to show off their intellect while having a good time. The event was meticulously organized, as usual, by our lovely treasurer, Carolyn Higgs (pictured above addressing the eager competitors). We went high tech this year, with Julian Steed displaying quiz questions on the television screen. William Dyer provided a splendid supper of lasagne and everybody had a great time – while raising a staggering £1,575. Brilliant!

DFG KITS FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL



Action in Africa was delighted when Alistair Cole, CEO of Lifesigns Group, agreed to hand carry 100 Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits to Nyaishozi. He was visiting Tanzania on a reconnoitre trip and had thought he was only taking his toothbrush! Pictured above is matron Regina showing the girls at Nyakasimbi Secondary School how to care for the kits.



The school is very remote and female students (pictured above) do not have access to sanitary products. They were thrilled with their kits. If cared for properly, the kits should last up to five years.

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*Surrey School Girls
to visit Nyaishozi
Summer 2021*



As part of a personal development expedition, Alistair Cole, CEO of Lifesigns Group (pictured above) will be taking a team of teenagers from Guildford High School to Nyaishozi in the summer of 2021. The girls will be helping with carefully selected Action in Africa projects. They will focus on Nyaishozi Primary School, where they will teach basic English and Art and construct long drop toilets. In addition, they will hand carry a vast number of Days for Girls kits for the local secondary schools.

Every year Action in Africa holds a **Christmas Appeal** and sends the funds to Nyaishozi. The Christmas Appeal 2019 raised a whopping £870.31! These monies were used to buy emergency food which was then distributed by trustees to the most needy in the community (pictured left). Mosquito nets were also bought and have been distributed to local secondary schools. We would like to thank the parishioners of St Michael's Church, who donated so generously.

*Ashtead Sewing Circle
supports Nyaishozi Girls*



Mary Merret (pictured above) is spearheading a local initiative whereby Ashtead ladies make up Days for Girls kits. This is part of a feminine hygiene programme which is being rolled out to all Nyaishozi female students. With the support of Action in Africa, this creative craft group, known unofficially as the 'Knickerpacking Glories' is passionate about helping the female community in Nyaishozi. Working under the watchful eye of Days for Girls Waterlooville coordinator Sandra Sherwood, these ladies are helping us achieve our goal – to create 1,000 kits in time for the Guildford High school girls to take them on their trip to Nyaishozi next summer. If you would like to know more about this local group, please email us at actioninafrica.ashtead@gmail.com.