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Pictures clockwise from top left: Mums soaking up the fun; The cleaned out Tobolaba stall; Front row entertainment; Annabelle Allison with the best drawing of the day; Steve and Gordon, culinary artists



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Kwenderana

Maureen Potter

The Kwenderana Partnership Group had a lovely afternoon on Sunday, 17th June, honouring our founder, Sheena Dougall, by making her Kwenderana Honorary Patron. Everyone who attended relaxed, chatted and shared many happy memories which we have accumulated over the past 10/12 years.

On Wednesday, 4th July, a Kwenderana Review Meeting was held in Giffnock South Parish Church under the Chairmanship of the Very Rev. John Chalmers. It was attended by Ms. Carol Finlay, World Mission Local Involvement Secretary, and the four local Kwenderana Ministers along with the current Kwenderana Members. It was a very strange meeting and ended with a representative from each church forming a sub-group. Our representative is Mrs. Christina Hogg. This sub-group has met under the chairmanship of Ms. Carol Finlay but have been advised to keep all matters discussed confidential even from the Kwenderana Committee. Another full Review meeting is scheduled to take place on 4th September.

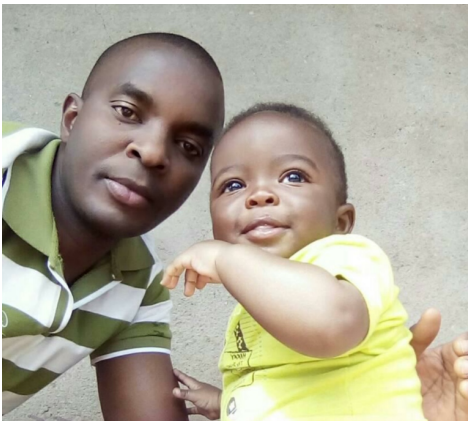
Due to unfounded allegations made at the Review Meeting in July, Mrs. Fiona Gunning, Education Convener and one of our most conscientious, hard-working members resigned. Fiona will be greatly missed but does not intend severing her connection with Ekwendeni. She has already set up a Project called Mtende, which means peace, and has raised £745 with a Strawberry Tea in her own home. Fiona is working with Ben Kalua, who is Director of the Youth Counselling Organisation at Ekwendeni and through him will use her expertise in child education to help very needy families and empower them to find a way out of poverty. She already has acquired 14 sponsors for child education.



Afternoon to honour Sheena Dougall



Porridge for needy children



*Anson and Mighty Singini
Sheila Msowoya's wedding*

On a recent Sunday, Lynne Macgregor and Christina Hogg sold paintings on behalf of a young artist, Given Njikko. Within a very short space of time, £100 was raised by these paintings. The money has been sent to Given who now has a bank account for the first time in his life. I have a few smaller paintings, some cards, and bookmarks and will have Christmas Cards later in the year for sale, all at a very low cost, so if interested please contact me.

Our friend, Anson Singini, continues to keep in regular touch and sends photographs of his family at various stages of their development. They are lovely children and it is so nice to see them growing up. Anson also works very hard to build up his Community in Ngazi through his Vine Fellowship Church such as teaching the congregation to make an African drink with millet and flour which will be sold to raise funds to improve the quality of music in his church.

A few years ago, Maggie Msowoya visited us from Ekwendeni. Maggie and her husband, Enos are two of the cheeriest people you could meet. An hour or two in their company is a real tonic. Their daughter, Sheila, recently got married in Blantyre, Malawi and having seen the pictures, it looks as if it was a very happy occasion. One of the main tenets of Kwenderana has always been building up friendships and understanding between people in two very different environments. I hope that is allowed to continue after the Review.

Despite the ongoing moratorium on spending Kwenderana funds, we have continued to send money to buy porridge for needy children and paid school fees for children who are currently being sponsored. We have not taken on any new education sponsorship this year for the first time in many years.

Please pray for:-

- A successful outcome for the Review Process
- A rebuilding of trust within the Kwenderana Partnership
- For our partners at Ekwendeni who are struggling along with us.



Obituaries

Alan Leslie Stewart Mill 17th February 1948 – 23rd May 2018

Leslie was born in Stirling the third son of Jenny and John Mill. They moved to Giffnock when he was small and he had a happy childhood with his brothers Gordon and Stuart. He attended Giffnock Primary and then Hutchesons Grammar School. His mother Jenny was a Lifeboy leader and Leslie was an enthusiastic member of first the Lifeboys and then the BB at Giffnock South Church. He especially enjoyed the BB camps at Aberfeldy and that is where he first got a taste for fishing. He also gained his Queens Badge in the BB.

When he left school he went to Strathclyde University and studied Geography and that is where he met his wife Pamela. After university they both went on to Jordanhill College and got married in the Easter holidays when they were still students.

They moved to Woodyett Road Busby in 1975. Lauren was born in 1976 and Graeme three years later. Leslie loved being a Dad and always took an active part in their lives.

For the first couple of years Leslie taught in Penilee Secondary and then moved to Bannerman High in Baillieston, where he taught Geography and Modern Studies until he retired in 2008. He was a popular teacher with both staff and pupils and seemed to cope with the most trying pupils.

In 1991 the family moved to South Road and Leslie especially enjoyed spending time in the garden. In the summer he often went fly fishing for trout in the Eaglesham lochs and in Loch Long. He would regularly deliver trout to friends and family. For the last few years Leslie was also involved with the Church gardens and he thoroughly enjoyed cutting the grass and helping maintain the grounds. Leslie was very proud of his children, Lauren who is a doctor and Graeme who is a film producer. He was a real family man and took great pleasure in spending time and playing with his grandchildren Poppy, Ben and baby India. They all miss him terribly.

Graeme brought his wedding to Asia forward when he realised his Dad was so unwell. They got married on the 15th May and Leslie got out of hospital the day before so that he could attend. They had organised the wedding in less than a week and it really was a lovely event. It was great for family and friends to spend time with Leslie, who was so happy that he was well enough to enjoy the day.

Sadly, Leslie passed away peacefully at home just over a week later.



Martin McIver Dick [by Angela Marshall](#)

Martin Dick passed away suddenly, surrounded by his family, on 24 June 2018 at Hairmyres Hospital, aged 52 years: Beloved son of Anne and the late David, dear brother of Sarah Jane, dearest father of Liam, and fond uncle and nephew of many: Sadly missed by all.

The family wishes to express their thanks to their elder at Busby Parish Church for all the comfort and support during their most difficult time.

Jack Cuthill [by Steve Smith](#)

The last occasion on which I saw Jack, we were discussing the latest musical items that Busby Parish Church Choir were busy rehearsing for future concerts and Jack was nostalgically wishing he could still be a part of Sunday Worship and gala events.

He said he regretted retiring from the Choir as early as he did. Personally, I regretted it too, for, from the first day I joined the Choir in 1982 until Jack's departure, this kind and gentle man taught me and guided me in the diverse aspects of the Tenor Section. I learned so much from having this artiste by my side: there was not anything that Jack could not master and his was a voice that was as richly mellifluous as you could possibly wish to hear.

He said he missed the Choir, but not as much as the Choir missed him.

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