

NEWSLETTER

SPONSOR A PRIZE: KILLEARN-REGSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Last year, 6 scholarships were awarded to successful students in Forms 2, 3 and 4 at Nkhande Day Secondary School. The prizes consisted of the payment of school fees, and items to help the students, including solar lamps to help them study. A boy and a girl were awarded the prize in each of the years, to pay for the next year's fees.



Scholarship winners with Ken Allen, Kondwani Chidziwisano and Mr Tsamkhwimbi, the Head Teacher

Ken Allen met most of the students when he visited the school last September. He interviewed one of the students, Gombeza, who said that he would not have been able to continue his studies without the scholarship, because his parents did not have the money to pay them. Gombeza is highly regarded in the school, where he is the Head Boy.

The shocking thing for us is that the fees for a Community Secondary School are only MKW8000 per term, MKW 24000 per year, or less than £27, (There are about 900 Malawi Kwacha MKW to the Pound) Yet these fees are either beyond some of the students' families, or are a major struggle to find.

The KMG Committee would like to continue these scholarships, in conjunction with Mr Tsamkhwimbi, the Headteacher, and Kondwani and Victor Chidziwisano, who come from the area. The prizes will be awarded by the staff of the school, according to their criteria for judging the most successful students. This year we hope to identify 2 students coming from Primary School into Form 1, from the qualifying exam results. The intake for each year is 50, equally boys and girls. This would mean awarding 8 Scholarships in total.



Gombeza
the Head Boy

£30 would fund one scholarship for a year, and would allow the purchase of some basic school materials, like pens and pencils.

If you would like to sponsor a Killearn-Regson Scholarship, please contact Sue Beck at killearnmalawi@gmail.com or phone Ken Allen at 01360 550415.

APRIL 2017



FASHION SHOW 2017

Killearn Kirk Hall
Friday 19th May 2017:
7.30pm

This enjoyable and unmissable event has been organised in partnership with M&Co in Milngave.

Put together your summer wardrobe as shown by local models.

There are 10% discount vouchers available for use on a special extended shopping evening in M&Co in Milngavie on Wednesday 24th May.

There will also be stalls and a superb raffle.

Tickets: £10 includes a drink and nibbles.

Tickets are available from Killearn Pharmacy or phone Shona 01360 550135

or Helen 01360 550755

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JUMBLE SALE SUCCESS

The KMG annual Jumble Sale on a dreich Saturday, 11th March, was a huge success. It has raised about **£2000**, and there are still some items which will go to auction or specialised buyers. This is the result of a lot of hard work by many volunteers, who spent many hours on the Friday evening receiving and sorting the piles of articles which the generous people of Killearn contributed to the sale. Then on the Saturday morning, there was a queue already waiting patiently in the rain to get to the bargains first. Meanwhile, the yellow t-shirts were being donned, and articles priced to a reasonable level.

There are so many people to thank, that it's impossible to list everyone. But we should mention Doreen Snadden, whose contribution was to post a flyer through every letterbox in the village in the week or two before the event!!



We are very grateful for all the contributions, in goods, in help, in direct financial help. It's wonderful that so many people give up their time to come and help. And of course it's a great social event, where people meet and have a bit of time to have a chat.

The items that were not sold on the day have gone to another charity, in Govan in Glasgow, so it's good to know that there's another chance for things to have a life and benefit another charity. Some items were put up for sale on the Killearn website.

The latest news is that the items sent to auction have raised over £200!



KILLEARN 10KM RACE—SPONSORSHIP

If you are considering taking part in the Killearn 10km Race on Saturday 3rd June, you may consider making the Killearn Malawi Group your sponsored charity. Or you may know someone who is competing and would be willing to do this. If interested, please contact Ken Allen at 01360 550415 or email : killearnmalawi@gmail.com