

More News from Students



Graduation Day at Kabwe School of Nursing with John Chileshe receiving his Nursing Certificate on completion of his course. The Trust supported him for 2 years and his Certificate is being presented by the Minister for Central Province.

Every year the Trust provides grants to around fourteen students at colleges and universities in Zambia, and from time to time we get news of their progress. John Chileshe sent this photo of his graduation from the Kabwe School of Nursing, and several other students have written recently with updates. Here are a few of them:

From Emmanuel Mwanza: *Studies are going on well despite my eyes giving me problems. I am currently at UTH [University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka] where I'm doing my practicals. I have delayed in sending you my end of second year results as I'm still waiting for the school to provide me with a result slip. Will do so as soon as it is made available. Thank you so much for your concern.*

From Milandu Hitala: *I am doing so well academically I believe as I have never re-sat for a course (rewrote). I have been passing all my Mid-semester and/or End of semester examinations since the beginning of this nursing programme. And happily enough, wholeheartedly, I have to inform you here that I will be completing this nursing programme next week on 16th June, 2017. Thank you so much once more.*

From Mutale Nsama: *Good afternoon, the studies are going well thanks. We just finished writing the*

end of semester exams and now closed to open third week July.

From Constance Shafweka: *Good afternoon to you. Am pleased to hear from you. My studies are going on well. Your support and my families prayers have made me reach this far. Thank you and God bless.*

From Precious Bwalya: *My graduation has been moved to 27th October 2017, but all the paper work is done. I will surely send my pictures when it happens. I am doing an internship program as I wait to graduate.*

And sometimes we are delighted to hear from students long after our support has ended! Here's a recent email we had from **Joackim Mambwe:** *"In 2006 while pursuing a Diploma in agriculture Majoring in Animal Science at NRDC [Natural Resources Development College] in Lusaka, Zambia, I applied for a grant to enable me to finish a three (3) year course. This money went for my tuition fees for my second year. Before I finished my programme, some unfortunate incident happened and I lost contact details for you and so could not respond to you. I found your email a week ago but could not successfully email to you because where the part country where I currently staying internet is not always good. I therefore write to sincerely and honestly thank you for empowering me. I finished and I am now working as an instructor at an agricultural training college."*

Our 50th Anniversary Fundraising Appeal!

As we mentioned in the June issue, we are aiming to raise £50,000 by November 2018 to coincide with our 50th anniversary. We would like to apply these funds specifically into two areas – education and orphans. We'd like to increase our funding for education scholarships for one year and offer extra support for Kwasha Mukwenu, two extremely worthwhile areas of ZST work. So far this year we've had two golf days which between them have raised around £10,000 so we are off and running.

But to succeed we need your help and support. Perhaps a one off extra donation or a coffee morning or a sponsored run – anything that will raise these much needed funds. Even ideas on how we can achieve our target would be most welcome. Please contact our Chairman, John Barnard john.barnard@btinternet.com or telephone 01730 231225.

Obituary: Gabriel Ellison



Gabriel Ellison, a woman best known for designing the national flag of Zambia which was adopted in 1964, and for designing most of Zambia's colourful postage stamps from the 1960s to 1980s, depicting wildlife, historical events and culture died in Johannesburg on the 18th July at the age of 87. Mrs Ellison's work spanned six decades as a graphic design artist, painter and writer whose considerable contribution to Zambia helped to establish the country's national identity and heritage. Her work and contribution to the arts earned her the honour of Grand Officer of Distinguished Service from the government and also an MBE from the Queen of England.

As head of the Graphic Arts section of the Zambian Ministry of Information she designed banking and railway insignia, emblems, coins, honours and awards but most famously the national Coat of Arms. Ellison also designed the 107cm long mace from ivory, copper and amethyst, the symbol of parliamentary authority in the National Assembly. From 1960 to 1972 Ellison headed the Visual Art and Exhibitions Section and travelled around the world to international trade fairs and exhibitions with senior exhibitions officer, Ron Found and his assistant, Damien Kachidza. Their work won them a number of awards, including two gold medals in Leipzig.

As an author, Ellison's work has been published widely. She has written and illustrated a number of children's books and authored novels as well as non-fiction works. She has illustrated numerous guide books, including the Wildlife Society's publications *A Guide to Reptiles, Amphibians and Fishes of Zambia* (1993), *Common Birds of Zambia* (1990) and *A Guide to Common Wild Mammals of Zambia* (1991).

Born Gabriel Ryan in Lusaka in 1930, her parents had settled in then Northern Rhodesia where they joined the provincial administration, after escaping from Mexico on a donkey! She attended school in both Northern and Southern Rhodesia, but there was little art education so after school the young Gabriel took up private studies in Britain. She married Tony Ellison, a policeman in the colonial administration in Lusaka, and attributed much of her achievement to his unwavering support. Inspired by rural Zambia, and in particular her childhood among the Ila in Namwala, Gabriel's art recorded momentous milestones in history as well as the normal day to day life of Zambia and its astounding wildlife.

Gabriel was a Patron of the Zambia Society Trust, and a longstanding supporter. She donated many of her beautiful bird paintings to the Trust, and many members will remember the lovely cards and prints that raised so much for the Trust's funds.

Harrogate Golf Day

Andy Rose reports on another successful fundraiser for the Trust: Near perfect weather for the 7th Sterling CF golf day, and of course 14 absolutely perfect teams! All teams participated with great enthusiasm and, in most cases, with great skill. Thanks once again to BPR Heaton we were able to raffle a day's golf for four at the Leeds Golf Club, and Lottie Shaw contributed towards a fantastic hamper full of their luxury bakery products. We continued our positive trend of bettering our previous year's total raised with a final figure of at least £2,400 to donate to The Zambia Society Trust. As in previous years this figure included a significant amount from the "Beat the Pro" competition, with golfers generously donating their winnings back to us if they did beat him.



We are very grateful to all who participated in the day and to Chris and his team at Ridding Park who, as usual, looked after us very well. Special thanks to Lisa for the seemingly endless supply of delicious bacon sandwiches!"