



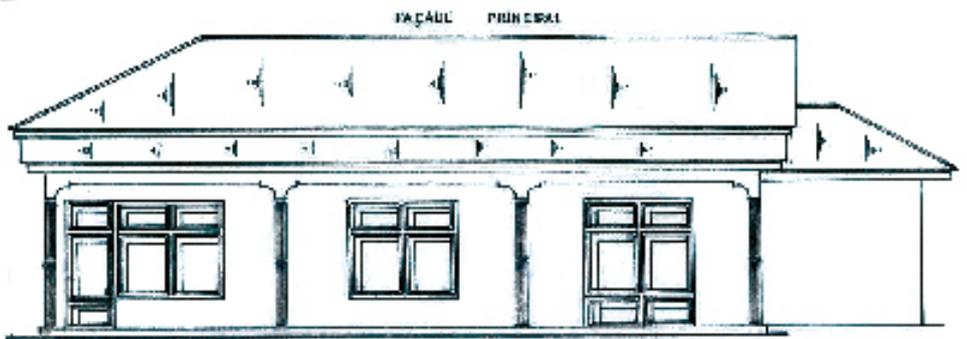
CENTRE TO RAISE £10k EACH YEAR IN RWANDA

A MAJOR initiative by Msaada and one of its Rwandan partners will raise an estimated £10,000 a year for projects.

The joint venture involves building a new conference centre with the widows' and orphans' group AVEGA at its Rwamagana base. The centre will provide a much a needed facility for the local community.

AVEGA already has a conference centre at Rwamagana but the demand for the facility far outstrips the availability.

The current centre is the only facility in the entire area which is suitable for events such as weddings,



A drawing of the new conference centre to be built at Rwamagana

community celebrations, funerals and local and international conferences.

The centre will provide an estimated income of £10,000 a year. This figure is based on the current income for the existing conference room.

The cost of the new centre is £19,000 which was provided by Msaada. This money was raised at the fundraising lunch in Salisbury organised by Tisbury management consultant Jim Farrand in conjunction with Pennyfarthing Estate Agents.

"This centre fits in perfectly with the Msaada philosophy of helping people to help themselves," explained Msaada chairman Chris

Brickell.

"By helping AVEGA to generate a serious amount of money Msaada is allowing our Rwandan friends to take control over their own lives.

"We feel it is a very positive thing that they raise funds from within their own community."



Msaada chairman Chris Brickell with Odette Kayirere, co-ordinator, AVEGA Est, during recent discussions about the new conference centre

Total funds raised in UK to date:	£37,540
Donations from outside UK:	£20,000
Grants:	£52,000
Total funds sent to projects in Rwanda:	£57,922
Total outstanding commitments to 2010:	£88,700

Geoff is on his way to the Sahara and back

PRINTER Geoff Ballett is turning his lifelong passion for motorbikes into a major charity fundraising challenge.

Geoff is currently driving a 125cc Sukida motor scooter from Dorset to the Sahara Desert, and back, to raise funds for Cancer Research UK and Msaada.

The 7,000 kilometres journey will take Geoff to M'Hamid in Morocco, the most southerly point one can travel to in this part of the Western Sahara.

Geoff stressed that all of the money raised will go directly to the charities - nothing will be taken out for costs.

He explained how his idea came about: "I have been riding and restoring motorbikes for over 25 years. Two years ago my wife and I were on holiday in Morocco and hired a motor bike to travel the 800km round trip from Marrakech to Zagora via the Atlas Mountains. This got me thinking: why not take my passion for bikes and turn it into a challenge that would help others?"

Geoff has enlisted the support of his employers, Blackmore Press Ltd, who are totally committed to his challenge. He has also received major support from The Internet Bike Shop - Sukida Motorcycles and the British Motorcyclists Federation and many other sponsors.

"I have always supported Cancer Research UK," Geoff commented, "and losing my father-in-law to cancer in 2002 made me want to do more for this worthy charity.

"I have also felt for some



Geoff Ballett sets off on his 7,000 kilometre trip from Shaftesbury to the Sahara and back with a police escort by PC Kev Adlem, Blandford Police

time that more should be done for the victims of the 1994 Rwandan

genocide. That is why I am supporting Msaada."

Geoff set off from Gold

Hill in Shaftesbury on September 8 and hopes to be back about four weeks after that date.

His route has taken him through France and Spain, across the Straights of Gibraltar and down through Morocco. He plans to pass through as many towns and cities as possible along the way to continue raising awareness and money for the two charities.

Geoff is a former North Dorset RFC player, where he turned out for the second and third teams for many years.

Geoff can be contacted on 01747 838613 or mobile 07919 283033 or e-mail: tangeo27@btinternet.com



Lin Charlton, Cancer research UK; Della Jones, Cancer Research UK Dorset County patron; PC Kev Adlem, Blandford Police; Chris Brickell, Msaada chairman; Geoff Ballett, Cllr Win Harvey, deputy Mayor of Shaftesbury town council; Tania Ballett and Rev Anne Haywood, St James, Shaftesbury, at the fundraising draw for the top prize of a 50cc Top 1 Sukida Motor Scooter provided by The Internet Bike Shop, Hemel Hempstead, which was won by Paul Luffman from Shaftesbury

Julie's charity swim makes a huge splash

A GROUP of 16 hardy swimmers from Tisbury completed over 760 lengths in their local swimming pool to raise funds for Msaada.

The event was organised by Msaada stalwart Julie Burrow, who has already organised a car boot sale and a Safari supper, among other things, for the charity.

The Tisbury pool was provided free of charge and everyone volunteered their time to make sure the event made the maximum amount of money.

The total figure is not yet in, but Julie expects it to be around £500.

She paid special tribute to Sophie Taylor who was the top fundraiser and needed more sponsorship cards than any other swimmer.

Each swimmer had 30 minutes in the pool and the most number of lengths achieved by any swimmer was an exhausting 63 by Neil Oliver.

Julie thanked all the swimmers and others who helped make the event such a success.



Sophie Taylor (front, centre), who led the field in raising the most number of sponsors for the Tisbury swim, Kim Pitts (left), Freddie Eyre (back, centre) and Harriet Walker after taking the plunge

BARBECUE TO BECOME A MAJOR FUNDRAISER

GILLINGHAM Festival's first ever International BBQ Cook-Off has raised in the region of £500 for Msaada, whilst laying the foundations for a major event in coming years.

This year, 10 teams took part in spite of the dreadfully bad weather.

Already, there are 14 teams booked in for next year's event suggesting that the 2008 BBQ Cook-Off will be a fabulous event.

The Gillingham Busking Competition, which was run in conjunction with the BBQ attracted some 10 acts, ranging from individuals to four piece bands and even juggling street entertainers.

The overall winners of the barbecue Cook-Off were the Celtic Connection (pictured), happiest team were France, best meat dish, Bangladesh, and best fish dish, Mexico.

The busking was won by Nick Parker and Rose Spencer of Central News.



The Celtic Connection team, overall winners of the Gillingham International BBQ Competition in aid of Msaada: Chris Andrews, Janice Wood, Deena Geal and Paul Philips



Msaada was established under the patronage of journalist and broadcaster



Fergal Keane
Msaada president

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Billy Kelly, Msaada director, accepts a cheque for £500 from Chris Goodinge of the Coppleridge Inn, Motcombe, part of the proceeds of the inn's third annual charity ball. A total of £6,000 was distributed from the ball to various local charities. To date the event has raised an impressive £24,000 for charity

Gift Aid

Thank you for your donation to Msaada to help the victims of the Rwandan genocide rebuild their lives through self-sustainable development. If you would like to ask any questions regarding the form or Gift Aid, please call Ian Small on 01747 839960.

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