



Nomonde Project - Completed!

Our special April 2018 Newsletter announced the start of the 3 year LTPT 10th Anniversary Nomonde Project, to be completed by February 2021, 10 years after the signing of the deed which established the Trust. Nomonde

Pre-School had just become the base for the LTPT operation, and the aim was to greatly improve it as a safe and attractive place for children to be in.

Reports on progress have been included in newsletters over the last 3 years, but the pandemic set back our programme by a few months. The project has just been completed as a selection of photos show.



2018 - The area is known as Zone 23, Nomonde, a crowded area of shacks with homes made of materials such as corrugated iron, tarpaulin, and wood. Nomonde Pre-School before LTPT investment projects, comprised dilapidated buildings, unsuitable play equipment and poor security.





December 2018 - Two new classrooms with a canopy and a stoep constructed and equipped.



In April 2019, following a long period of drought in the area, a water storage facility was installed together with the refurbishment of the guttering. This was later enhanced by the addition of a second tank, doubling the capacity.

The local community also benefits from this facility as the school is able to share its water with some local people.

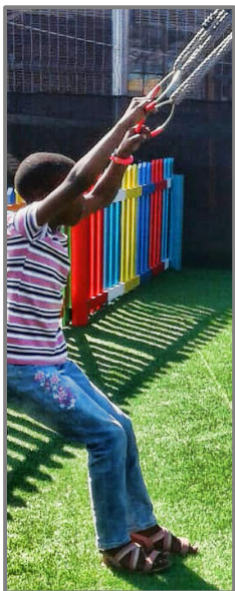




In July 2019 major external painting, important for the preservation of the building, was financed by Cheltenham College(photo left). More recently the outside has been given a makeover organised and undertaken by the Bishop's College VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy. Photo (right) show the child-friendly and happy designs and also the Langa artist, Lwando Batala, at work.



In April 2020 new perimeter fencing was erected to improve the safety and security of the site enabling the work on the play area with the installation of new equipment to commence.





The final stage in the 'Nomonde Project' has been the establishment of a vegetable garden, both as a teaching resource and as a source of vegetables for the pre-school kitchen. Thanks to an initiative by Nadia Petersen, financial support by LTPT, some free labour from Clarence Petersen and, through Cape Town's 'Ladles of Love', the very welcome gift of professional advice, seeds, soils, fertilisers and training.

Now the first season's vegetables have been planted and successfully harvested.



A 'thank you' wave from the children of Nomonde



The last item in the improvement of the playground to complete the 3-year Nomonde Project: a pergola to protect the children from rain or intense sunlight.

Nomonde Staff and others receive gardening training

Message from LTPT's Nadia Petersen to Danny and his team from the iGardi Project.

'Ladles of Love, Danny and Team we thank you for your commitment towards our Gogo's in teaching them about gardening as they work towards self sustainability. They were so happy to receive their certificates on completion. Pioneering new things together:

#LTPT

#The Management.

#CPBPROJECTS

#Ladlesoflove

#NOMONDE

#Groundbreakers

#iGardi



iGardi is a non-profit-making voluntary organisation aiming to increase food security and urban greening through sustainable vegetable gardening in under-resourced communities. It plans garden lay out, establishes gardens, plants and hosts training workshops. Over the last 5 months it has worked at Nomonde as the photo illustrates.

Gordon the LTPT Chairman comments, 'To me this is momentous – turning unproductive sand into productive soil, training a group of people to see how to nurture and harvest. Also for the message to be carried forward to families and the wider community, a demonstration of what human beings can do if they think, communicate and help each other'.

Art in the Nave Exhibition and Sale raises money for LTPT



This highly successful exhibition was held in the ancient church of St Mary's Hemel Hempstead at the end of August. The St Mary's and St Paul's Parish Church Council (PPC) had decided that some of any profits made would be shared by LTPT, The Hospice of St Francis and the local charity for the homeless, DENS.

The exhibition was supported by LTPT Trustees who organised the Bar and the Grand Draw. Following the exhibition the PCC donated £750 to LTPT, a magnificent and unexpected contribution to the Nomonde Playground completion fund.

British and Irish Lions donate kit to VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy on recent tour to South Africa

Tim Percival, Head of Communications with the recent Lions Tour to South Africa and partner of Aimee Luther, one of our Trustees, kindly arranged for some bags of Lions kit to be collected by the VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy from the Lions Hotel in Hermanus.



Such were the COVID precautions that there could be no handing over ceremony! Brendan Fogarty of VUSA reported that, 'the big sizes would be handed over to the VUSA rugby coaches and the small T - shirts would be for man of the match awards at a forthcoming game'.

VUSA is linked with Bishops Diocesan College and also with Nomonde Pre-School. There is more information about these links in the August 2020 Issue 35 of this bulletin, available on our website.

Christmas Card



2021 will see our fifth LTPT Christmas card. This year it features children from Nomonde Pre-School and their new vegetable garden ready for harvesting.

Including an envelope EACH card is priced at 50p.

Orders, including postal delivery - minimum of 10 cards, can be placed through e-mail:

gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com

or by post to:

LTPT at 91 Highfield Lane,

Hemel Hempstead HP2 5JE



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 1 December

The Marchmont Arms in the Orangerie.
Reception at 7pm, 3-course dinner with wine.

Tickets £42 each.

'The Legends of Motown, Soul & Swing at The Gatsby' Wednesday 30 March

Stephen Clayton
with Bernie on the Saxophone.



Cocktails followed by three course dinner
Tickets £45 each

Forthcoming Events

'Shmelvis' AT THE MAZZA

An Adventure in Indian cuisine
Wed 26 Jan 7pm



An Indian banquet followed by a cabaret with Ricky Lopez as Elvis.

£25 each place

The Food Junction



The Food Junction, an order-on-line delivery service is based in The Old Town provides a wide selection of food, as his website shows:

foodjunctionhemel.co.uk

The proprietor Harun, proposes that any order nominating LTPT as a charity would lead to 25% of the value being transferred to the LTPT bank account.

This would be a happy form of co-operation, Harun extending his business reach and LTPT gaining some funds.

Rosina and I, with daughter Sarah, decided to taste and test by ordering an Indian meal and were delighted with the quality and service.

Should you want to try out this idea please approach the website above or phone Harun on 0752 863560.

Gin & Jazz at the Gatsby raises £2k



Threatened by COVID restrictions this event, delayed since May 2020, was a great success on 15 September. In the splendid 1930's setting of The Gatsby. Cocktails were followed by a 3-course dinner during which 70 guests were entertained by the Al Nicholls Jazz Quartet. There were two fundraising initiatives and overall a contribution of £2,000 was made to help complete the Nomonde playground project.

Financial Out-turn 2020/21

On 9 October the Board authorised that the Report and Accounts for 2020/21 be passed to the Independent Examiner, Ian Aikman.

They concluded that LTPT had come well through the difficult pandemic period.

The headline figures were:

Income £28,114,

Expenditure £26,963,

Surplus £1,151.

With no profit making events possible the Trust had benefited from regular donations and those arising from special appeals totalling nearly £22,000.

Changes in Objects: UK Langa Township Pre-School Trust

In view of the various changes to the ways in which the Trust is operating in Langa the Trustees decided the Objects of the Trust should be reviewed. As a result and, through due process involving the Charity Commission, the Objects now are:

'To advance education for the benefit of the public of the township of Langa, Cape Town, South Africa, by supporting the Nomonde Educare Initiative and any other pre-school initiatives in the township through assistance such as materials, equipment and furnishings and direct financial assistance, the provision of professional advice and such assistance as deemed appropriate.'

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