



WaterAid/Jon Spaul

# Newsletter for Lions 2008/09

Find out how your generosity is making a difference in Malawi and Nepal, raise money with a ceilidh or get involved with WaterAid's newest walking event.



Pictured on the front is Mrs Jaziel from Maganga Village, Malawi, collecting water from her village's only water source – an unprotected well. She says, “We draw the water up from an open well in a bucket. Broken pieces of string and other things fall into the well and it becomes a breeding ground for bacteria.

WaterAid is helping Maganga village improve their water and sanitation facilities. Mrs Jaziel adds, “For the future I hope that disease will be reduced which will make so much difference to the quality of our lives here.”

The money raised by Lions Groups in Great Britain and Ireland support WaterAid projects in Malawi and Nepal.

## Your continued support makes a huge difference



My name is Martin Dale and I am the new WaterAid contact for Lions Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland. In the coming year I am very much looking forward to meeting as many of our Club supporters as possible and assisting you with your ongoing fundraising efforts.

On average it costs just £15 to enable one person in the

developing world to gain access to a lasting supply of safe water, sanitation and hygiene education, so your generosity is making a big difference.

As I am sure you are aware, your donations currently bypass all UK administration costs to finance Lions funded projects in Nepal and Malawi directly. This allows us to maximise the impact of your money and spend funds where they are most needed.

Last financial year, your hard work and commitment raised £78,000 for WaterAid – a fantastic achievement. This year, we hope to build on these successes and benefit a further

5,300 people with work worth £80,000. I hope your Club can help us achieve these aims – thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions about Lions Club/WaterAid projects, or any other aspect of our vital work, please do not hesitate to contact me on **020 7793 4550** or **[martindale@wateraid.org](mailto:martindale@wateraid.org)**

With kind regards,

**Martin Dale**  
Community Fundraiser

## Big National Ceilidh!

How can your dancing feet help WaterAid change lives? By stepping out to the Big National Ceilidh on Sunday 18 October! On this day thousands of people will be taking part in ceilidhs up and down the country to raise funds for WaterAid.

A ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is a type of barn dance with a live band and a caller to help you put your best foot forward. The Big National Ceilidh is calling for groups across the country to organise or take part in a ceilidh in their local area. The challenge is to get all the bands to play the traditional tune *Jamie Allen* at 10pm so all the participants can dance the Circassian Circle simultaneously!

Ceilidhs are a wonderful way of socialising and enjoying some local musical talent. Visit **[www.bignationalceilidh.co.uk](http://www.bignationalceilidh.co.uk)** to find out about Big National Ceilidh events in your area or to register your own event. For more information call event organiser David Oliver on **01434 607432**.

# Growing change in Nepal

Before WaterAid began working in Siddipur village in the Lalitpur District of Nepal you would have had trouble finding a hygienic place to go to the loo. Only 40% of the population had access to a latrine. Now WaterAid is working with local people to promote the use of composting latrines, which not only clean up the environment but create rich fertiliser too.

Sharda Shrestha (pictured right), a member of the local sanitation committee, says, “I advise people about the composting latrines, as it’s a farming community it isn’t hard to explain the idea – people understand using waste to fertilise crops.”

The benefits of the latrines are already being felt, especially by the local produce! Local woman Gyani Maya Maharjan says, “The quality of the vegetables I grow has improved and we don’t have to buy manure anymore.”

A new water treatment works is being constructed to improve the quality of local water supplies and hygiene education is taking place in local schools. These vital interventions will ensure that 6,000 people living in Siddipur can look forward to a better future.

Sharda says, “The level of hygiene has improved dramatically and our health is better as well.”

This project in Nepal is generously funded by Lions Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland. To support WaterAid’s life-changing work in Nepal and Malawi, please email [martindale@wateraid.org](mailto:martindale@wateraid.org) or call **020 7793 4550**.



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## World Water Day 2008

Thank you to everyone who braved the great outdoors to hold a collection for WaterAid on United Nations World Water Day on 22 March. Your enthusiastic support has enabled us to help some of the poorest people in Malawi and Nepal gain access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education.

# Go with the flow

Enjoy a waterside walk on Sunday 14 September and join thousands of people around the country taking part in WaterAid's newest challenge – Go with the flow.

To take part simply organise a sponsored waterside walk and raise money to help the millions of people across the world who waste hours each day walking to collect water.

The event is open to teams of between four and six people and all we ask is that each group member raises £30 in sponsorship for WaterAid. Visit [www.wateraidgowiththeflow.co.uk](http://www.wateraidgowiththeflow.co.uk) for walk ideas, information and to register your team.



If you would like to make a donation or let us know that your contact details or those of your Clubs are incorrect please call **020 7793 4550**, write to **Martin Dale, WaterAid, 47-49 Durham Street, London SE11 5JD** or email [martindale@wateraid.org](mailto:martindale@wateraid.org).

## Make a donation

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(Please make cheques payable to WaterAid)

Please return to **Martin Dale,**  
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**WaterAid, 47 – 49 Durham St, London SE11 5JD**

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Your support makes our vital work possible. We'd like to keep in touch with you to tell you more. If you don't want to hear more from WaterAid and WaterAid Trading Ltd just let us know.



WaterAid's mission is to overcome poverty by enabling the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education.

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