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Yorkshire Water WaterAid News Update Summer 2008

Welcome to Yorkshire Water's WaterAid newsletter!

Please feel free to distribute this to others who you think may be interested in WaterAid - so please pass on to service partners, consultants and suppliers as well as your colleagues throughout the Kelda Group.

WaterAid Nepal - Country Links

Nepal is just one of 3 countries that Yorkshire Water is country linked with, which means that every year a proportion of the money that you raise goes directly to WaterAid in Nepal.

Nepal lies landlocked between India and China, its dramatic landscape rising from the lowland plains of the Terai up to the peak of Everest in the Himalayas.

Although it is estimated that most people have access to water, in hill areas distances to water sources are great. The Terai wells are often highly polluted and the quality of water is affected by the presence of arsenic in many areas. Well over half of the population do not have access to sanitation, spreading disease through unhygienic living environments.

In rural areas WaterAid, working with Nepal Water for Health, have provided water, sanitation and hygiene education to more than 3% of the population, while their urban work reaches those living in slum and squatter settlements in the Kathmandu valley and towns in the narrow strip of flat, fertile land along the Indian border called the Terai.



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Find out more at www.wateraid.org

Forthcoming Events 2008

WaterAid Supporter's Visit 2008: Uganda

In August, EBU Management Accountant Dave McGlinchey will be travelling to Uganda to see first hand WaterAid's work in rural and urban areas of the country.

Uganda is a landlocked country on the equator between the East African and the Central African Rift Valleys.

The country is desperately poor, the majority of people are dependent on agriculture and close to half of the population still live without a safe water supply.

Read about Dave's experiences in the next WaterAid newsletter.



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The whole community helps with the construction of a well in Rwakabengo village.

Fly Fishing Competition: 30th August

The popular Swinsty fly fishing competition has relocated this year to Damflask reservoir near Sheffield. Contact Kezia Drew for more details.



'Go With The Flow' is a new event for 2008 and an opportunity to walk along a waterway anywhere in the UK and for any distance and get sponsored.

You could make it an easy walk along a flat canal towpath or a longer, more challenging route with your family/friends or colleagues. It's up to you, as long as it has some connection with water.

To find out more and register your team visit www.wateraidgowiththeflow.org or call Nicola Richardson.

Great North Run: 5th October

If you manage to secure your own place we'd be delighted for you to join our team in the Great North Run and raise as much sponsorship as you can for WaterAid.

For more details see the website or contact: greatnorthrun@wateraid.org



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great north run

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Committee News

Big National Ceilidh: 18th October

Join in with the Big National Ceilidh when thousands of people will be taking part in ceilidhs up and down the country in support of WaterAid.

A ceilidh is a type of barn dance, with a live band. It's a great social occasion that anyone can join in with. To unify all the ceilidhs, at 10pm everyone will be dancing the Circassian Circle.

Look out for further details or contact Sarah Gledhill.

WaterAid Curry and Quiz Night: 10th November

Following the success of last year's curry and quiz night, it's back in November for a second chance to win the coveted Venetian Trophy.

Look out for details later in the year or contact Christina Chinnian.

World Toilet Day: 19th November

19 November is World Toilet Day - a day to celebrate the humble, yet vitally important, toilet.

Regional campaigners will be out and about raising awareness of the global sanitation crisis.

Regional Representative

After 8 years on the WaterAid Committee and 5 years as Regional Representative for Yorkshire, Stephanie Walden will be stepping down at this year's AGM. Steph's enthusiasm, commitment, hard work and powers of persuasion have helped to raise the profile of WaterAid in Yorkshire, not to mention plenty of cash! Thank you Steph and welcome Dave McGlinchey who will be taking over the role of Regional Representative at this year's AGM.

Steph will be staying involved with WaterAid and hopes to work with Professional Institutions to raise the profile of WaterAid amongst their community.

Fundraising

Last year was our best year ever and you helped to raise a whopping £303,351.71p (£50,000 more than last year!) which will help of over 20,000 the World's poorest people gain access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene education for life.

Thank you!

You don't have to climb a mountain to contribute...
it is now even easier for you to join the

Yorkshire Water WaterAid Lottery

12 winners every month from £50 TO £200

Contact Steve Blackburn or Helen Dibb for more details

Recent Events

Leap Ball 2008: February

The stunning Leeds Met Hotel provided the setting for this year's Leap Ball which was organised by graduates from Yorkshire Water. The event which was held on 29th February, raised a fantastic £2000 for WaterAid. Everyone had a great night and the event will return next Spring.



Water Aware Week 2008: March

Colleagues from Yorkshire Water and its partners took part in awareness and fundraising events across the Yorkshire Region including the famous Tap and Toilet tour.

The events raised awareness of WaterAid as well as £1300 to provide water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.



WaterAid in Yorkshire Ball: April

The ever popular WaterAid in Yorkshire Ball took place in April at the National Railway Museum in York with the theme of 'Making a World of Difference'. Last year nearly £80,000 was raised and this year we've topped that by around £100,000.

Shahid Malik MP, Minister for Overseas Development spoke about some of the issues WaterAid are tackling while Papa Diouf spoke movingly of the work Wateraid has been doing in Burkino Faso.

We are extremely grateful to our co-



hosts and sponsors for their invaluable support of the event and the team are already looking forward to organising the next one...well,

after a little rest!

The Great Yorkshire Bike Ride: June

Cyclists experienced four seasons in one day on this annual event that sees more than 1000 cyclists pedal their way from Wetherby to Filey while raising money for charity.

WaterAid volunteers manned the drinks stall at the 10 mile mark.

Recent Events

A Cycle Ride for WaterAid: May/June

This May, Kelda Water Services employee Terry Rimmer embarked on a very long cycle ride across America to raise money for WaterAid. Terry's journey follows the TransAm cycleway. The distance (without getting lost) is 4,248 miles over 93 days.

Terry has raised a massive £10,517.11p to date. Well done!



CIWEM Tyne and Humber Annual Branch Dinner: May

The Merchant Adventurer's Hall in York was the magnificent setting for this year's CIWEM Tyne and Humber branch annual dinner. The raffle raised a fantastic £2183.88p for WaterAid.

Bradford Mela / Leeds WaterFront Festival: June

The Rt. Hon Hilary Benn MP playing WaterAid's Poop-la was one of the highlights for WaterAid campaigners attending this year's Leeds WaterFront Festival and the Bradford Mela.



Colleagues from YW and its partners, EA, ARUP and White Young Green travelled to Scotland and the Lake District to take part in this year's Trail 100 challenge.



More than 2,300 walkers took part nationally and the event hopes to raise more than £200,000.

Recent Events

Trail 100 Ambleside Ceilidh: June

Tired and aching feet couldn't stop the dancing at the post-Trail 100 Ceilidh in Ambleside. Cock O' the North provided the soundtrack to a fabulous evening. Everyone had a great time and the event raised approximately £900.



The aim of the 6 Peaks Challenge is to visit the summits of the highest peaks of the six regions of the British Isles, all within 72 hours!

This year's event saw more than 130 people registered to take part and hopes to raise £250,000.



Golf Day: July

Now in it's 7th year, the WaterAid in Yorkshire Golf Day was a fantastic success raising £11,000! The event was held at The Oaks, Howden and as usual the club were hospitable and the greens in a lovely condition - the weather was even kind this year! After a close finish, S&B utilities took the overall team prize and we were most grateful to all of our sponsors and guests who provided an excellent prize table.

York Dragon Boat Race: July

The River Ouse played host to the 6th annual Great York Dragon Boat challenge.

The event raised £5000 for WaterAid.



Whitby Regatta: July

The sun shone as rowers from YW and its partners descended on Whitby for the alternative regatta. The overall event was won by the MMB Umpa Lumpas team and raised £2500 for WaterAid.