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## Dear Supporters,

As the days get longer and the weather improves, here in the UK Spring provides the first glimpses of greenery returning to our countryside and an explosion of colour in the fields and hedgerows. However, times have been tough in Kenya due to a drought (the worst in living memory according to Catherine) and its knock-on effects. Criminal gangs have stolen our crops (image right) which would have made the school self sufficient in vegetables for most of this year. We now have to buy food and seed for next year at vastly inflated prices as demand exceeds supply. Already many in the area only eat every other day, so starvation is a real threat. In addition we have recently heard that part of the roof on the girls' dormitory has blown off following a short storm and strong winds, repairing this damage is a must and adds to the already growing bill.

Full report: [www.operation-imprezza.org/news.html](http://www.operation-imprezza.org/news.html)

**Due to this emergency, we are planning a 'Pig Race' fundraiser on 12th May from 7pm at Higher Humber Farm, Bishopsteignton. A poster and further details will be on our website and Facebook page soon.**



## Construction at Imprezza

A lot has happened in the past 12 years or so and we are very proud of everything that has been achieved by Catherine and her team in Kenya. Through so much hard planning, hard work and manual labour, a school has taken shape that currently educates around 300 students.

The building process in Kenya varies from the UK in many aspects but the final product still needs to be strong, safe, weatherproof and durable.

We now have 4 classrooms, 2 science laboratories, a staff room, a kitchen and dining hall, separate dormitories for the boys and the girls, toilets and shower blocks.

Where funds are not available for a complete brick building, for instance the girls' dormitory, the foundations have been laid and the structure temporarily raised using corrugated metal sheeting. An outer wall of bricks can then be added when funds allow.

To conform with Kenyan Education regulations, the site has been fenced and an entry gate built.





Hard core for the foundations is produced by manual labour in and around the village area. Individuals and families will work long hours to quarry a grade of stone suitable for our buildings. They are paid a local rate for their work.

Bricks are made from mud and baked for hardness. They are stored until required and brought to the building site by local women. Scaffolding is provided using forked tree trunks.



Roofing is generally corrugated metal. A ceiling is added where possible to provide insulation and reduce heat build up in the middle of the day.

### **Review: Dad's Army with Moonstone Theatre Company**

Walmington-on-Sea came to Teignmouth on Friday 3rd March, thanks to the efforts of Moonstone Theatre Company and Trade Winds Restaurant. Expectations were high with the evening sold out a full 2 weeks ahead of showtime.

The evening did not disappoint, everyone enjoyed the interplay between the actors and the audience participation. The classic gag "Don't tell him your name, Pike!" was worked into the fantastic performance and

Hodges was even subject to camouflage make-up applied by one willing volunteer from the audience! (He deserved it!).

A local artist donated 3 pencil sketches to be auctioned and along with a successful raffle and a generous donation, altogether the evening raised a terrific £789. A fabulous evening which everyone seemed to enjoy, thanks again to you all for your amazing support and generosity.

Following the success and fun of these evenings we have been in discussion with Moonstone about what theme the next performance would take. There were various options but the overwhelming opinion was Hi De Hi, as this lends itself to audience participation and a similar sense of humour! We plan to bring the holiday camp to Teignmouth in November this year - watch this space for further information and remember to book your seat early before they are all gone!

### **Upcoming Events: 7pm Saturday 22nd July 2017 South Devon Railway Steam Train Trip**

Join us on a steam train on South Devon Railway, departing Buckfastleigh at 7.00pm and returning from Totnes 9.30pm. There will be a band and buffet/bar. Spaces are of course limited so please book in advance to make sure you don't miss out. Tickets are £20 per person and are available from The Whistlestop Cafe, Teignmouth Train station and Ashleigh Way Post Office, Teignmouth or please email us [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org) or phone Chris on 01626 777419.

*For more details please visit our website or our facebook page.*

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**Our Mission is to enable students, both boys and girls, who would not otherwise have any access to secondary education to succeed.**

----- How You Can Help -----

Did you know you can help raise money for Imprezza when you shop online? Or when you want to get rid of your car? To read more about these easy ways to support Imprezza, please visit [www.operation-imprezza.org/donate.html](http://www.operation-imprezza.org/donate.html) and scroll down to 'Other ways to donate'

- Online: We have several ways to donate online, including PayPal and Virgin Giving. Visit our website at [www.operation-imprezza.org](http://www.operation-imprezza.org) and click on the 'donate' button for more information.

- Cash Donation: Make a cash donation to one of the Trustees or Operation Imprezza collection boxes around South Devon. Please do not send any cash in the post. If you know an establishment that would be willing to have a collection box on display, please get in touch.

- Standing Order: To set up a standing order please contact [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org)

- Cheque: Send a cheque payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA

- Legacy: If you would like to leave a gift in your will, please visit our website and click on 'donate' to read more about your options, or get in touch via email or post.

We are also open to any fundraising idea or event, please visit our website at [www.operation-imprezza.org](http://www.operation-imprezza.org) and click on the 'donate' button for more information, or contact [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org).

**Thank you!**