

Pazapa Church Stretton

Charity number 1167025

Financial Year ending 31st December 2023

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Chairman's Report for 2023

As always our small committee over-stretched themselves to run a programme of funding events which are popular and generate an often surprising generosity of donations. We try to get the message across about why we, in the Strettons, should keep supporting this special needs school and clinic, so very far away. Those who deliver the message are well received and the response accordingly rewards the effort.

The ongoing traumas for the Haitian people remain increasingly challenging, The present one is an epidemic of gang-violence and oppression of the people by controlling access to food and other necessities of life, forcing prices high and beyond the poor. Whilst Jacmel, where our school is located, is not so much affected by the violence, food shortages are country-wide. Pazapa is the only body which can support the people in the neighbourhood of isolated and poor families. At present the school functions well but they need to spend more money on food, than they should. It is about survival in this community until this gang warfare against the people ceases.

We have a valued band of loyal and regular sponsors who provide the base resources from which we can continue to support the school. We are indebted to them for their loyal, dedicated support. Our thanks go to those who have stayed with the charity, some for many years.

Again, I am proud of our committee and their partners, who have continued with us over the 12 years life of the charity in the Strettons. Thank you to you all.

Like all charities we need to attract new and younger members. We welcomed this year a committed Friend onto our committee, John Milham. There is room for others and that must be one of the issues we need to address in the following year.

Noel Beattie

Pazapa Church Stretton. Treasurer's report for 2023.

During 2023 our generous and loyal Friends continued to provide a large proportion of the charity's income: a total of £2005 out of an overall income of £3617.

The Spring quiz evening was again very successful, raising over £500. We have been privileged to have Ben and Lynne Warren hosting these over several years. They are taking a well earned break from leading quizzes and so we extend our thanks to them.

The summer concert raised £525 in donations (before costs) and this remarkable sum is due to a combination of the audience's generosity and the quality of the musical entertainment provided by Richard, Sarah and Chris.

We were unable to go ahead with the planned jazz evening in October due to low ticket sales. The event was postponed until the following April (2024). This meant that the expected income was not received and so the overall income for the year was lower than in previous years.

One donation to Pazapa via the Siloé foundation, of £1699 was made during the year. We offered a further donation towards the end of the year but were asked to delay this until Spring 2024 in order to allow Siloé to obtain match funding from another donor. The holding over of a donation meant that the closing bank balance at the end of 2023 was larger than in the previous year despite the postponement of the jazz evening fundraiser.

Graham Jackson, Treasurer.

