

Chairman's Report
Pazapa Church Stretton
2024

We are a small, local charity which tries to support the lives of children and families in a very special school, in Haiti, classified as SEN provision. It *is* a very special, professionally run school in a very poor country, which suffered a devastating earthquake, of 2010, and is subject to frequent violent Caribbean storms. It is good to recall that it was the earthquake that got us, on the other side of the planet, involved.

Haiti has a history of slavery, upon which the western world became very rich. This people have an inherited resilience that provoked them to resist invasion by Napoleon's brother-in-law, to be the only black colony to win their own freedom. In 2024 they face a new threat through criminal gangs having taken control of the food supplies at the capital, port of Port-au-Prince, forcing the price of food up beyond the affordability of most Haitians. That resilience was tested again.

Even though the gangs had not yet travelled over the mountain range which lies between the capital and the south, Pazapa in Jacmel is affected. They are managing to feed the children and families in the community. Currently it is our contribution among others which enables them to transcend this crisis for now.

We have had fantastic donations from those who attend our events. Our Friends too are very generous in their regular gift-aided donations which make it possible for us to predict the funds we can send over the year. We are profoundly grateful to both groups for their generosity and to our Friends Association for their reliability. I think the story of Haiti does engage our empathy.

In particular I admire the commitment of our volunteer members of the committee, some of whom have been with us from 2010. It is a very happy and loyal group of people and the best of company. I have a high respect for every one; they make things happen and without whom, the charity just could not have survived as long as 14 years. I thank them all for their hard work; their humour and fun.

I do want to thank profoundly those from the Band on the Edge who gave us a splendid and popular jazz evening in the spring and the trio of musicians: Richard, Sarah and Chris, who gave us their time and talent in our delightful summer concert in July.

Noel Beattie

Pazapa Church Stretton

Charity number 1167025

Treasurer's report for AGM 18th September 2025 for year ending 31 December 2024

During 2024 the generosity of our regular donors (both those who donate monthly and those who make generous `one off' donations, and other friends and those who attended events, meant that we were able to transfer donations totalling £5236 to the Pazapa School via the Siloe foundation. This was a larger sum than usual due to a request from Pazapa to send a single, larger, sum in order to obtain match funding from a third party, so a planned transfer was held over from late 2023.

We held a Jazz evening in April 2024 after having to postpone the event at short notice in October 2023. The event was a success and a surplus of £644 was achieved. Our thanks go to the Band on the Edge and to Ray Philpott for his help with the bar and to the Silvester Horne Institute for providing a great venue.

Our second fundraising event was the summer concert with Richard Silk, Sarah Westwood and Chris Lacey. We had a large audience and raised a surplus of £521.

During the year we had 17 friends who make monthly donations which also enabled us to claim Gift Aid of a total of £515. We should again put on record our sincere thanks, on behalf of the Pazapa School to those friends.

Financial position 2025 (to 16th September 2025)

We have recently been able to transfer £3499 to Siloe and have a current balance of £644.25. Our monthly income from regular donors is £172 from 18 donors.

Graham Jackson

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