

Stocks and Stalls at Kilgetty Fun Day

Tearfund Pembrokeshire and *New Life Christian Fellowship* held stalls raising funds for Kilgetty's Fun Day last Saturday. *New Life Christian Fellowship*, who meet 10.45am Sundays in Kilgetty Community Centre, held a table top stall as part of their sponsorship for Pembrokeshire's Ruth Blunt. Ruth is travelling to North Kenya this September, working with youth in Schools, remand homes and orphanages. So far, they have raised almost £300.

Joining them was *Tearfund's* Media Officer for Pembrokeshire, Sharron Hardwick with Paula Evans and James Hughes. Sharron had a set of stocks with wet sponges, where people had fun soaking their friends and family. Water was the main theme of their stall, supporting *Tearfund's* Make Life Flow campaign, raising awareness about the billions of people who lack access to clean water and basic sanitation.

" Tap water and somewhere to go to the toilet are things we simply expect. I can't imagine what it's like to not have access to clean water and sanitation. For billions around the world what we expect is an unimaginable luxury. " shared Sharron.

Overwhelming figures show almost 900 million people lack access to clean water, over 2.5 billion, a third of the world's population, are without a clean and safe place to go to the loo.

In addition to the stocks, there were Fairtrade goods and soaps sold for *Tearfund's* Children At Risk campaign, and people had the opportunity to fill in *Tearfund* Act Fast Cards, part of a free prize draw.

" I am very thankful to those who took time to fill in an Act Fast Card. These cards will be sent off via *Tearfund* to South Pembrokeshire MP Mr Simon Hart, asking him to remember the those in poverty at September's summit." continued Sharron.

In 2000, world leaders signed up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), targets that could transform the lives of millions around the world. Progress on water and sanitation are the most off track, experts predict that the goal is unlikely to be met until early in the 22nd century, more than 80 years too late.

Despite overwhelming evidence that more action on water and sanitation could lead to huge social and economic benefits in some of the world poorest countries, too little has been done.

"Daily, 5,000 children under 5 die needlessly from diarrhoeal diseases caused by dirty water. It's time to put an end to this. Jesus asks us to love our neighbours and speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves. We hope Simon Hart will speak up on our behalf."

Tess Francis was the winner of the free prize draw, her prize was a box of Fairtrade Chocolates.

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