

## The Joy of a Wheelchair

WHEN we heard that some children who should have been attending Nachingwea Primary School weren't able to go because they couldn't walk and others were kept at home because they had hearing difficulties, we felt we had to act. We are now delighted to see the joy on the faces of three children in the Special Needs class who have received wheelchairs (see photos) and to hear that another three children have had their hearing needs assessed and now have hearing aids. We can only imagine what an improvement these aids, which here in the UK would be taken for granted, must make to the lives of these children. Their teacher, Siamini, has written via WhatsApp, saying "The wheelchairs and hearing aids have truly made a big difference in the lives of the pupils. Thank you for your generous support and care."



Robert and Liz, who visited Nachingwea on our behalf this summer, suggested that it would be very helpful if our chair of our Link, Trish Maude, and their chair, Kevin Bushiri, could speak directly via the internet. A date was set and with great anticipation both chairs joined WhatsApp only to find that they could not hear each other. It was a great disappointment, but we are eagerly looking forward to our next attempt.

Finally, a huge thank you to all who came to our second Christmas Tea in the Pavilion on 30 November. What a lovely social occasion, with old friends catching up and new friendships being made. Thank you to all who made the

delicious scones and cakes or who gave raffle prizes. Every penny of the £1,000 profit will go to our next projects in Nachingwea.

We look forward to another exciting year as the Link between Stapleford and Nachingwea continues to flourish. **The St Andrew's Stapleford Link Committee**

