

THE KENNINGTON - BETHLEHEM LINK

Introduction

The Kennington Bethlehem Link was formed to promote and foster friendship between the people of Kennington, London and Bethlehem, Palestine.

Despite the constraints of Covid 19 we have been able to maintain a lively programme of work in support of Bethlehem.

Meetings

Face to face committee meetings were held in January, February and March.

Zoom committee meetings were held in April, May, June, July, September with our AGM in November. We were delighted that Anas Abu Srou, a manager at the Aida Youth Centre in Bethlehem, was able to join us at our May meeting.

A number of sub-groups met to plan the quiz night and the sponsored walk.

Finance

Income

Total income this year - £ 4,378

Expenditure

Projects funded this year
- £ 5,025

- *Aida Lockdown* - £ 916*

- *House of Bread* - £2,672

- *Aida film project* - £1,437

Charges £ 350

* Raised in 2019

Ratio of expenses to total income c. 5%

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Our Zoom meeting, May 2020 with Anas Abu Srou



Food collection for lockdown in the Aida Refugee Camp, from 2019 fundraiser

Events

- **December 2019.** Film night *Imprisoning a Generation* for Aida Refugee Camp. The journalist Victoria Brittain joined this event speaking of her experiences of working to protect children in detention.
- **February 2020.** Hosting the British Palestine Friendship & Twinning Network conference at St Anselm's Church.
- **June 2020.** On-line Quiz Night for Aida Refugee Camp film project.
- **October 2020,** *Walking for Bread* sponsored walk for the House of Bread Bakery Project in Bethlehem.

Outreach and social media

- Several Committee members had conversations with Madeleine McGivern of the British Palestine Friendship & Twinning Network (BPFTN).
- Our website offers a window into our work and is up-dated regularly.
- We now have an active Facebook page to help promote our work.
- Three e-mailings sent out to our supporters.

Managing Committee

Stephen Adamson, *Vice Chair*
Suzette Aagaard
Sue Codrington
Pat Gaffney, *Chair*
Marc Kerr-Sheppard, *Secretary*
Gill Lucas
Stephen Mitchell
Ursula Ovenden
Rachel Phillips
Patrick Tatham, *Treasurer*
Miranda Townsend

House of Bread Bakery Project, Bethlehem

The House of Bread project has grown out of the experience of a small group of women who were sheltering from domestic abuse in Bethlehem. Following a program of counselling and training these women now feel empowered to help other women going through similar experiences. Rather than return to their abusive situation they seek to create a business in the form of a bakery which will sustain them financially and also provide assistance to other women at risk in remote areas of Palestine .

Rami Khader, the project leader, visited Kennington with a women's football team in 2017.

Individuals and groups walked from Pudding Lane, near the Monument to Baker Street , London for our Walking for Bread fundraiser. This raised in the region of £ 2,672. We are extremely grateful to all those who walked and those who donated.

Walking for Bread!

Sunday 11 October from 2.00
(staggered starts for social distancing)

FROM: The Monument,
near Pudding Lane, EC3R 8AF

TO Baker Street,
Manchester Square, W1H 6EQ



Networking and outreach

We are a member of the British Palestine Friendship Network. Miranda Townsend is on their Network Committee and this year we helped to host their Conference and AGM. The network seeks to coordinate and share the work of 35 member groups throughout the UK.

More here: www.twinningwithpalestine.net/



A video of the Aida Youth Orchestra provided soothing entertainment during our Quiz Night in June. We like to keep in contact with the camp through their website and FB page.

More here www.aidacenter.org/#home

Follow us and support us

Visit our website and read more about our earlier work and the projects we have funded.

Follow us on Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/kennington.bethlehem.790>

Become a member (just £10.00 a year) and be kept in touch with our events and news via email.

Make regular or one-off donations to support our work.

Banking details for fees/donations

Kennington Bethlehem Link

Unity Trust Bank

Sort code: 60-83-01 Account No 20410706

(Please email us if you pay direct so that we can keep track!)

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