

'Up the creek' for WATSAN

Following last year's successful contribution to the WATSAN 2021 appeal when a number of 'dispersed walks' raised over £27 000 we are having another walk and trying to match the £2000 raised when seven of us walked the Thames Path from Putney to Teddington.

The money raised last year enabled WATSAN to complete the task of getting water to the community and senior school at Bwanga in SW Uganda. How wonderful that boys, girls and staff can now experience the privacy of their own toilets rather than sharing one basic cess pit! How great that children who previously missed so much school as they walked miles to get water for their family can now boast of much improved attendance records and levels of achievement.

In a country which experienced one of the longest lockdowns in the world the 'Walk for Water' enabled WATSAN to provide their workers on the ground with small furlough payments which were sufficient to keep their families fed and housed – something not experienced by most workers in Uganda.

We will be contributing to a new and different project in Kazuru amongst the Pygmy people who live in the borders of Uganda and Congo in an area known as 'the windy and impenetrable!'

The walk



This year we are literally 'going up the creek' on June 11th, starting at Faversham station at 10am and wending our way past the ancient buildings of old Faversham, along Faversham creek, out to the shoreline of the Swale and along the Saxon Way footpath to Whitstable via Seasalter. The walk is flat and most of it on the springing turf as we walk by the sea wall and head to Whitstable.



If you would like to join us, it's a bit shorter than the Thames Walk at a mere 10.5 miles and 25000 steps. It took me, an aged geyser with dodgy feet 4 hrs at a leisurely pace. Trains run regularly from Bromley South to Faversham and the next stop at Whitstable (£18 return with a railcard at present) but feel free to drive down the M2 and park by the station if you'd prefer. I anticipate that we will reach Whitstable by 3pm with its plethora of eateries and drinkeries- you may even fancy a swim!

Contact Martin Fosten (martfosso@yahoo.co.uk) mob. 07870447319 for more details. If you don't fancy the walk please contribute either directly to Martin (who can arrange gift aid if desired) or via the internet at https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/WATSAN_Uganda_Kazuru