



## CHAOS IN SOUTH AFRICA

We have read about the dreadful destruction and looting in two provinces, KwaZulu Natal and Guatong, led it seems by ANC and Zulu supporters of the discredited former President Zuma, now in jail for defying the Constitutional Court in its investigation into corruption. Whilst it was Archbishop Desmond Tutu who stated that, 'the gravy train stopped long enough for the ANC to get on board', it is clear that after all the years since the end of Apartheid, the current ANC leadership at last is trying to deal with corruption.

The Economist reports (Issue 24-30 July 2021), 'Crowds of volunteers, white and black, young and old, sometimes singing together – sweep up the broken glass and ashes .....In the clean-up, the optimism and generosity of the spirit of the rainbow nation re-emerged, a reminder of the miracle that enabled a liberal democracy to be born.....Make no mistake, though. The riots were nothing less than a violent attempt by a pro-corruption faction within the ruling African National Congress to overthrow the democratic order.'

What does this mean for LTPT and its work and how do our Trustees react? Of course, we carry on with the same determination as before. We are encouraged by the careful local administration and the LTPT achievements in Cape Town, and what this work means for young children, staff and parents, as reported in our newsletters.

We are encouraged by the tremendous efforts being made to bring succour and to improve things by Cape Town people co-operating across race, culture and creed. We instance the 'power of connection', which features in the following article on the Nomonde Garden, as showing the way forward.

## NOMONDE GARDEN



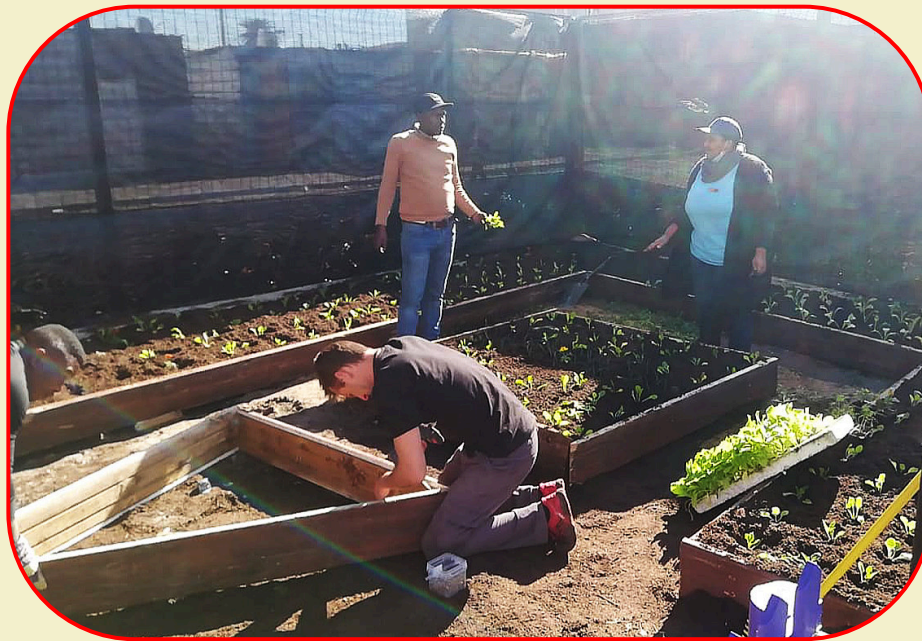
## CHEERS!

Thanks to an initiative by Nadia Petersen, payment by LTPT, some free labour from Clarence Petersen and, through Cape Town's Ladles of Love, the very welcome gift of professional advice, seeds, soils, fertilisers and training, now vegetables have been planted. These include cabbage, spinach, beet-root, spring onions and mustard and it is hoped that harvesting will start in three or four months time.

This is an important little project in the heart of an area of shacks, a demonstration of what can be done, a supplementary supply of vegetables and an important eco induction for young children. The Nomonde cook, Lizeka Saiti, will be the gardener, supervised and helped by 'Greenfingers' Evelina Sukwana, who is the treasurer of the Nomonde Management Committee and a catalyst for gardening projects in the township. Nadia Petersen, the LTPT representative in Cape Town describes this as follows, 'from our non profit making organisation, Groundbreakers, we reached out to Ladles of Love for assistance for the garden and from there Danny connected LTPT and Nomonde and from their network partnered with their circles to commit to Nomonde and today we are where we are through the power of connection.'

From LTPT to Clarence Petersen Building Projects to Nadia and her Groundbreakers to Ladles of Love to Nomonde and the latest sponsor who teaches gardening.

# THE NOMONDE GARDEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION



*Children, Yolisa and eco-induction*

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DONATION



Tony and Gill Grainger were amongst the first few people to join LTPT as Friends when the Trust was founded ten years ago. Since then they have made regular donations and attended many of our events. It was a sincere and generous reflection of their continuing support for LTPT that, on the occasion of their pandemic confined small anniversary dinner party at Ashridge House on 2 July, they requested, 'no gifts, but donations to LTPT welcomed'. The resulting £800 will be added to the growing Nomonde playground completion fund.

## YEW TREE JUNIOR SCHOOL



Two second year classes from Yew Tree School separately one afternoon came to St Paul's Church. Canon John spoke and answered their questions during a interesting and joyous time. I was asked to speak about our work for pre-school children in Langa Township. The children went away with their teachers and, wanting to do something for LTPT, they had a 'pyjama day'. This meant that they could come to school in their pyjamas and make a collection for our Trust. What a lovely idea. The children raised £91 for the Nomonde Playground project. *Gordon*

## PLAYGROUND FUND - COUNTDOWN TO COMPLETION !

£2,220	Donations received
£2,000	Profits on 2 pending events
£2,000	Donor Promise
£1,000	Gift Aid
<b>£2,280</b>	<b>Still to be raised</b>

## MOTOWN AT THE MAZZA

Clayton Stevens, with Bernie on the saxophone, greatly entertained 31 of us at The Mazza on 21 July, covering Motown, Soul and more. This 'Mazza Curry Banquet' had a reduced attendance, having been postponed from 14 July and now being held in the first week following the removal of Covid restrictions. Nevertheless, the very happy evening ended with people dancing in the aisles and it raised a welcome contribution of £612 for the Nomonde Playground fund.



## EVENTS THROUGH TO CHRISTMAS

# GIN & JAZZ AT THE GATSBY

WED 15 SEP 7PM-11PM



Event postponed last September return of brilliant London saxophonist Al Nichols with his Quartet, following great success in May 2019.

Cocktail on arrival, three course dinner; smart casual! £45 per ticket, proceeds to support children in Nomonde Pre-School.

Please contact Rosina on 07720 897037 for more information or to reserve places.

Tickets available from Eventbrite: (click on link)

[Gin & Jazz at the Gatsby](#)

# NIGHTCALL<sup>AT THE</sup> MAZZA

An Adventure in Indian cuisine

Wed 6 Oct 7pm

This music night at The Mazza will feature the Nightcall duo. Peter Lennon is the lead guitarist and David Bekaert the singer/guitarist. Well known in London and the Home Counties they have a wide repertoire covering Folk, Jazz and Rock and Roll. The Mazza will provide their 'Indian Banquet' in their delightful restaurant with its well stocked bar.

Should circumstances be such that the event cannot be held you will be refunded in full.

£25 each place

# Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 1 December

The Marchmont Arms in the Orangerie.  
Reception at 7pm, 3 -course dinner with wine.

Tickets £42 each.

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