



INTRODUCTION

Well, it has been a busy time since our Annual General Meeting in February and there are lots of things to update you on. And the first story must be the tree planting.

PLANTING IN ENTOTO PARK

July and August are the busiest months for the Trust in Addis Ababa – these are the best months for tree planting.

This year the Trust successfully planted 7,943 new trees.

They had the help of more than 400 enthusiastic volunteers and the support of 14 organisations, which included several banks, the Sheraton Addis, Nile Insurance, Moha Soft Drinks and Afro European Engineers.

Seven different species were planted, including juniper (*Jupinerus Procera*), which in Ethiopia can grow up to 50 metres tall, *Acacia Abyssinica* and African Olive (see photos below).

WEBSITE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS

We now have a website up and running:
www.ethiopianheritagetrustuk.org

Our grateful thanks to Adrian Kimberley (Blackheath) and Masoud Ahanchian (Dubai).

Our e-mail address is:
ethiopianheritagetrustuk@gmail.com.

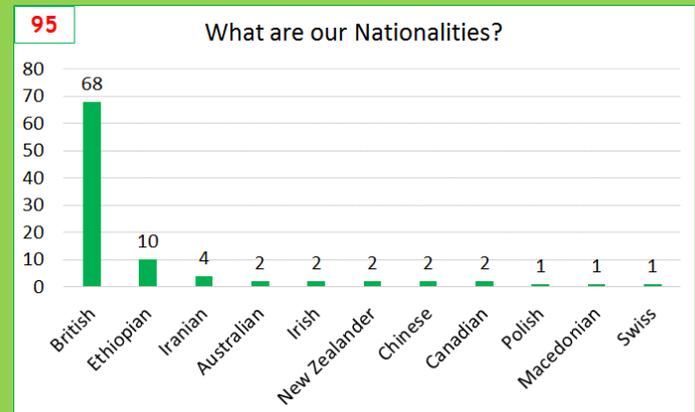
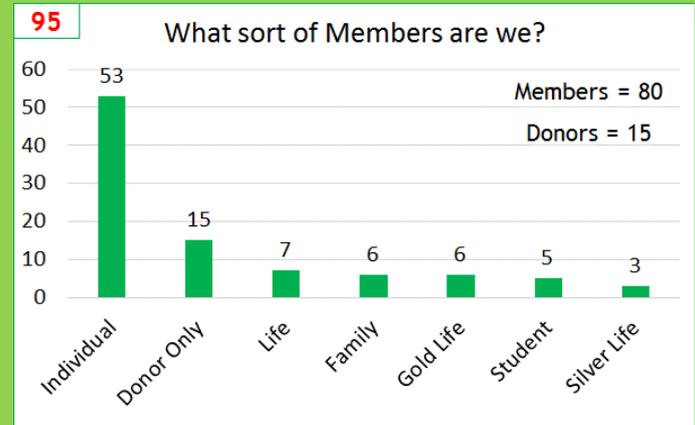
LEAFLET

We have a printed leaflet. Our grateful thanks to the designer, Kosar Movahedi (Tehran) and John Goodwin (Cornwall).

Your help with distribution would be much appreciated. Please let us know if we can send you copies.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 80 members and 15 donors, with an international flavour.



RECRUITMENT

People have been most generous, but we do very much need more members and donors.

Now that we have a website and a leaflet we hope recruiting will be easier.

Your help will be very welcome - and if everyone who receives this Newsletter would be kind enough to recruit just one other member or donor that would be a great boost.



ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR

Earlier this year HE Dr. Hailemichael Aberra, the Ethiopian Ambassador in London joined the Trust.

This shows real long-term commitment as he was an early member of the Ethiopian Heritage Trust in Addis Ababa in the 1990's.

FUNDS SENT TO THE TRUST IN ADDIS ABABA

Since our Annual General Meeting in February 2018 we have collected and sent £8,500 to the Ethiopian Heritage Trust in Addis Ababa. As promised, no funds have been spent on administration in the UK.

USE MADE OF THESE FUNDS

The first call on the funds was the payment of salaries. The Trust's earlier financial difficulties meant salaries were in arrears, in some cases up to six months. Our funds, together with the Trust's own fund-raising activities means that all arrears have been paid off.

The second call on the funds was the planting of seedlings in the Entoto Natural Park. £2,500 was spent on this.

VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA

In the spring of this year Dr. Negusse Araya, a Board Trustee, visited Addis Ababa, where he had useful discussions with the Board of the Ethiopian Heritage Trust. He reports the very real appreciation for the support we have provided, and he was impressed by the commitment of the Board and staff members. The Trust still faces the question of the two claims for parts of Entoto Park, but continues to vigorously defend the Trust's rights.

Dr. Negusse visited Entoto Park and had time to meet with some key persons and organisations in Addis Ababa including the former President of Ethiopia, HE Girma Woldegiorgis, who has

been a member of the Ethiopian Heritage Trust since 1995.

RAS KEBEDE'S HOUSE

This historic house, built in 1890, is the Trust's Headquarters. It is in urgent need of restoration.

The University of Addis Ababa's Department of Urban and Architectural Heritage recently carried out a full-scale investigation of the building (at no cost). They have now produced a full Building Conservation Project document. This estimates a project timescale of 6 months at a cost of £45,000.

The Trust in Addis is now considering how they might raise the necessary funds.

HAILE GEBRESELASSIE AND MO FARAH

These supreme athletes have both trained in the Entoto Mountains – in fact Mo Farah trained there earlier this year. Haile Gebreselassie has supported the Entoto Park for more than 20 years, but we would like to enrol Mo Farah as well if at all possible. If anyone knows of a simple way to be in touch with him we would be most grateful.

GIFT OF TREES

If anyone would like to make a gift of trees in the Entoto Park to a friend or family member then we are happy to arrange this. The cost is £5 per tree, which includes the growing of the seedling, planting out and 5 years of care thereafter.

MEMORIAL GROVE

If you would like to fund a Memorial Grove in memory of someone who was dear to you, please let us know.

We have established two such Groves, with stone plaques appropriately engraved.



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DR. NEGUSSE IN THE PARK OVERLOOKING
ADDIS ABABA



TREE PLANTING