



"CAROLS DOWN THE LINE" on the South Devon Railway

Coordinated by Paignton (Palace Avenue) Methodist Church

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'Carols Down the Line' 2011

Tuesday 06, Wednesday 07 & Thursday 08 December 2011

Over the three evenings of 'Carols Down the Line' saw 648 joyful passengers and helpers singing carols, drinking tea/coffee and eating hot mince pie's (kindly donated by Brakes Fresh Ideas) as they travelled along the South Devon Railway.

The annual 'Carols Down the Line' event was coordinated by Paignton (Palace Avenue) Methodist Church and raises money for nominated charities and good causes. South Devon Railway Stations were beautifully decorated as was the train with South Devon Railway Association volunteers (both train crew and station staff) also entering into the spirit of the occasion. Passengers alighted from the train at Totnes and Staverton stations to sing carols accompanied by Salvation Army bands on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Totnes Town Band on the Wednesday. Plympton Clangers (hand-bell ringers) delighted us with their tuneful ringing on the train on the Thursday whilst awaiting departure from Buckfastleigh. We were delighted to welcome Devon born International athlete Jo Pavey and her family to the Thursday event as our special guest and are grateful to Jo for receiving a cheque (representing part of the proceeds of 'Carols Down the Line') on behalf of Action for Children from Revd Pete Pillinger (Chair of the Plymouth and Exeter District of the Methodist Church).

This year, thanks to the generosity of passengers, the following donations were able to be made –

- Action for Children - £821.44
- Donation to Action for Children on behalf of 'Brakes Fresh Ideas' - £108.00
- World Vision Projects - £819.00
- ShelterBox - £554.76
- Railway Mission - £453.80
- Salvation Army (two bands) - £300.00
- Totnes Town Band - £200.00

This gives a grand total of **£3257.00** donated to charities and good causes.

Paignton (Palace Avenue) Methodist Church Council wish to place on record their sincere thanks to the volunteers of the South Devon Railway Association who gave of their time freely to help make 'Carols Down the Line' 2011 such a success.

World Vision Projects



A Borehole and Hand Pump

£654.00

Sudan: Many families have to walk long distances several times a day for safe drinking water. Drilling boreholes and installing a **hand pump** will provide easily accessible, clean water for the entire community.



A Hand Washing Facility

£124.00

South Sudan: Conflicts in the region have left villages without basic sanitation facilities such as basins and toilets, making it easy for disease to spread. Our gift of a **hand washing facility** will improve hygiene, keeping communities safe, healthy and free from infection.

2 Hygiene Kits



£28.00

Sudan: We take toilets and washbasins for granted, but most villages in Sudan simply don't have them. This neat little gift of a **hygiene kit** contains jugs, bowls and soap for hand-washing and cleaning up, helping to keep the whole family protected from germs.

1 Malaria Testing Kit



£13.00

South Sudan: Malaria is one of the biggest killers of children in South Sudan but can be easily treated if caught early. This simple gift of a **malaria testing kit** makes for earlier detection and treatment that could save lives.

For more information about Action for Children go to www.actionforchildren.org.uk
or telephone 01923 361500

For more information about World Vision go to www.worldvision.org.uk
or telephone 01908 841000

For information about 'Carols Down the Line' go to
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('Carols Down the Line' 2012 will take place on 04/05/06 December – we will be able to accept reservations from 01 September 2012.)

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