Going for Goal

The coach of the Tanzania national women’s soccer team, Nassra Juma Mohammed, started coaching women players in Zanzibar in 1988 – fitting it in alongside her job as a civil servant. Her team, the Women Fighters, became the foundation of the Zanzibar Queens, the Zanzibar national women’s football team. Nassra was the first woman in Tanzania to qualify as a soccer coach.

In 2007 the Cameroonian film director Florence Ayisi, who is Professor of International Documentary Film at the University of South Wales, made a film, ‘Zanzibar Soccer Queens’ about the team and the struggles that the players had gone through in order to play. It was shown in Zanzibar and at film festivals around the world. Now there is a sequel, ‘Zanzibar Soccer Dreams’, which takes the story forward to 2015. Nassra has become coach of Twiga Stars, the Tanzanian women’s soccer team, taking women’s football in Tanzania farther than ever before. Nassra has also trained male footballers, a position that is to be admired and antithetical to gender parity in sports across the world. Nassra is the star of the film and, subject to visa approval, she and Florence will be present to introduce it. It will be shown across the UK in October and November in Cardiff, London, Edinburgh, Bristol and Cambridge. BTS has helped to pay for the cost of Nassra’s travel. This is part of our efforts to relate more to the Tanzanian Diaspora in the UK.

BTS committee member Fadhili Maghiya has a full time job paid for by Sub-Sahara Advisory Panel (SSAP) which is supported by the Welsh Government’s Africa programme to support work among all the African diasporas in Wales. The film festival fits with this, and this film will appeal to Tanzanians, men and women, in Wales, England and Scotland. It shows how sports such as football can be a form of liberation – but that sometimes it takes remarkable, and brave, people to make it happen.

At the time of writing definite details of the timing and place of showing of the film are not confirmed. Details will be on the BTS website and we will update them as soon as we get more information. We hope that as many as possible of our Welsh friends, and others, will be able to meet Nassra and Florence in Cardiff and come to see this film.
Reception for High Commissioners

On 7 July members of the Britain-Tanzania Society and of the Royal African Society, and other guests, were welcomed to the School of Oriental and African Studies in Russell Square, London, for a reception. This was organised to say farewell to Her Excellency Dianna Melrose, outgoing British High Commissioner in Dar es Salaam and to welcome her successor, Sarah Cooke. A few days before the reception, we learnt that the new Tanzanian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Her Excellency Dr Asha-Rose Migiro had arrived in London to take up her post. We were honoured that she was able to come and delighted to have this opportunity to meet and welcome her.

In all there were more than 60 people present, from a wide range of backgrounds - former High Commissioners, Tanzanians living in London, people from the business community with interests in Tanzania, people involved in organisations supporting development in Tanzania, representatives of organisations involved in international development and diplomacy, and ordinary - and in many cases long-serving - members of the Society. There were interesting discussions and many new contacts were made.

We received an apology from Dame Valerie Amos who, like Dr Migiro, served in a high position in the United Nations, and has recently become Director (equivalent to Vice-Chancellor) of SOAS, the first black woman to lead a university in the United Kingdom. We were told that part of her ambition for SOAS is to reach out to the diplomatic community in London, and we look forward to meeting her in the future.

Meanwhile Dr Migiro has agreed to be the speaker at our AGM on 19 November, see below. This will give us another opportunity not only to meet her, but also to get a briefing on the fast-changing scene in Tanzania, one year into the Magufuli presidency. The whole of Africa is watching his efforts to confront corruption and waste – but it is not easy for one person, even the elected President, to quickly change cultures that have become entrenched, and not every problem can be tackled and solved quickly.

So we are looking forward to a bigger attendance than usual at our AGM.

BTS Annual General Meeting 2016

You are warmly invited to the Annual General meeting of the Britain-Tanzania Society.
Saturday, 19th November at 2.00pm at Central Hall Westminster.

H. E. Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, Tanzania High Commissioner to the UK
will speak on

Current Developments in Tanzania

NGOs and charities which operate in Tanzania are invited to have a table display at the AGM.
Please contact etaylorsjut@gmail.com
This year the Annual Report will be published on line in the society’s website
www.britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk
If you would prefer a printed copy please notify the Executive Secretary,
Dr Elizabeth Taylor, 4, Titchener Close, Bicester, OX26 2BZ
2nd Musoma Charity Dinner raises further £10,000 for GOMAD (Go Make a Difference in Tanzania) and LVDC (The Lake Victoria Disability Centre)

BTS member Dr Manny Vasant MBE is a UK-based dentist born in Musoma. He runs a dental practice in London and is a teacher of dentistry in the UK and abroad. He is founder of the Overseas Musomians. Dr Vasant has already raised a great deal of money for TDT towards Musoma projects, from charity walks and through dentistry. His latest fundraiser was a Musoma Charity Dinner on 3rd June at the Royal National Hotel London run jointly with GOMAD (Go Make a Difference in Tanzania). GOMAD is another charity run by Graham McClure. Graham, a retired builder and lay preacher in London, spends a lot of time in Musoma. The event was a sell-out with 120 people there to support the fundraising. Thanks to Mike Conway, also a charity worker, who organized the event on behalf of Manny and Graham.

As last year, the evening began with mingling in the bar. There was an exhibition of Jo de Banzie’s exclusive photo exhibition of Musoma, its people and environs (Jo is a well-known celebrity photographer in the UK), preceding a buffet dinner in a lovely setting where Mike and family had spent all day decorating the room with an African theme. Manny and Graham outlined the charity projects completed in Musoma. Amongst others these include the following:

**Projects managed by Manny Vasant:**

- Toilets, library, furniture and electricity for schools Iringo and Mukendo (formerly Nanak Chand and Agakhan)
- Refurbishment of the dental unit at Musoma Hospital and for Lake Victoria Disability Centre. LVDC complex is in Nyabangi, Musoma. It has 11 buildings within the complex within its 7.5 acre site. This includes residential and day units for teaching disabled children and orphans. 1 in 7 people in Musoma are disabled.
- Started a resuscitation unit in Musoma Hospital.
- Donation of books for libraries
- Vehicles, buildings and electricity for LVDC which provides training and practical skills for disabled students
- Education projects to challenge the dangerous influence of witch doctors, female genital mutilation etc.
- Water well for LVDC

**Projects managed by Graham McClure:**

- Medical Dispensary
- Building several water tanks through volunteers from the UK
- Building homes for destitute people
- Assist in various buildings for worship

It is estimated that in the last fifteen years, Graham and Manny between them, have pumped in close to a million pounds sterling to the economy of Musoma.

Following the dinner, there was an auction which included various items. These included signed t-shirts by various celebrities in Rugby, Football, Cricket. There were also goods donated from the dental industry by Biohorizon, Orascopic, and Perfect Smiles. Perfect Smiles is a dental corporate owned by Dr Chirag Patel whose father Subash hailed from Musoma. Chirag has been generously supporting Musoma projects. Future projects include building accommodation for volunteers within the LVDC complex and also starting medical and dental training sometime this year.

For more information about the charities – follow these links

GOMAD [http://gomakeadifference.co.uk/](http://gomakeadifference.co.uk/)  
Overseas Musomians: [http://www.musoma.com](http://www.musoma.com)
Earlier this year my husband, Peter and I returned to Tanzania to spend some time with ACTT (Affordable Computers and Technology for Tanzania), a small social enterprise, based in Moshi, whose aim is to bring ICT and computers to schools and the marginalised youth of Tanzania. We have supported the work of ACTT for over 5 years and return to Moshi each year to follow up on our existing projects and set up new ones. In between these visits we spend time raising funds to support our work with ACTT and are grateful to TDT for their support with these private projects.

ACTT – Making projects sustainable
During the last 5 years we have worked with ACTT to set up computer labs in several schools in Northern Tanzania and have also helped other interested travellers to do the same thing. However over the years we have learnt that we also need to focus on making sure all these projects are sustainable. With this in mind we have previously funded a School Maintenance Technician at ACTT and last year we set up and funded the ACTT School Content Advisor role, to provide ongoing support to schools who have benefitted from donated computers. The aim of this project is to help the teachers understand and use the vast amount of educational software installed on the computers by ACTT, so that they can incorporate this into lessons across the curriculum. So back in March 2015 we interviewed and appointed a young lady called Grace. During the last year we have kept good contact with Grace and she has sent monthly reports which have enabled us to monitor and direct the project.

On returning to Moshi this January we spent time with Grace discussing the project, visiting schools with her, talking to teachers and assessing the value of the project. We also took part in her annual appraisal which was done by Robert Mafie, ACTT Director. All of this led us to conclude that Grace is doing a good job and we would like the project to continue for another 15 months. So that was a great start to our trip.

Meadowbrook–Gezaulole link
Another project we had previously set up was to link Meadowbrook Primary School here in Bristol and Gezaulole Primary School in Boma Ng’ombe. In 2015 Meadowbrook had funded 6 computers for Gezaulole through ACTT and since then we have continued to build links between the 2 schools including a penpal scheme involving about 60 children at each school. Then a few months ago the lead Science Teacher at Meadowbrook approached me about providing some science equipment for Gezaulole and before we left the UK she gave me about 40 science lesson plans and literally EVERYTHING needed to perform these experiments – a fantastic resource for this government school where the children never normally get to do any practical science lessons.

Science lessons at Gezaulole
So during our stay in Moshi we visited Gezaulole twice. The first visit was to deliver the science equipment and also 2 more computers, one funded by Meadowbrook and one by us. Then on the second visit we spent the day with the teachers and kids actually using the equipment and letting them do some experiments. The day actually started quite quietly with about 70 children sitting wide eyed in their seats waiting to see what was going to happen. In fact when I then gave a few of the children magnets and asked them to come to the front to demonstrate them, no one moved. In the end I had to go round the class and get each child individually and bring them to the front and show them what to do. It really brought it home to us the fact that these children never normally move out of their seats during a lesson.

Anyway as the day went on and the children got more used to the whole idea of actually getting involved practically, the excitement level rose and so did the noise level! During the day we did 5 different experiments, even making fake snow, and all were a great success. At the end of the day, we left them with all the lesson plans and equipment so that hopefully science lessons at this school will be more fun in the future.
JK Nyerere School. We installed 10 computers a couple of years ago and Grace has been regularly supporting the teachers. When we visited this time the Head Teacher at JK was pleased to show us that they had recently been given 17 laptops, 2 projectors and a satellite internet connection. This was part of a joint project between the government and an NGO called Camara, who were looking to support schools who had already demonstrated an interest in ICT and an ability to use it. So it seems that our initial investment in this school has now led to them being eligible for further support, which is great.

ACTT opens second office in Mwanza
Now one really interesting part of this latest trip was a visit to Mwanza where ACTT have now opened a second office. In fact Robert decided to use our visit as an opportunity to get all the staff from the 2 offices together in Mwanza for a 2 day retreat. So over the course of a few days all 8 staff from Moshi plus Robert and us travelled to Mwanza by air (2 hours) or by bus (14 hours). Because this was such a big event for the staff, Robert even managed to arrange for all the staff to fly one way – a huge thing for them as they had never flown before. Before the trip there was an air of excitement among the boys and terror among the girls but on the day everyone enjoyed the experience and it is certainly a journey none of them will ever forget. We actually travelled to Mwanza a couple of days before the staff and spent some time getting to know the Mwanza staff, visiting schools and seeing the area. We also arranged to donate 3 computers to 3 individual schools who had shown a real commitment to ICT and were looking for a way to try and fund some computers.

We quickly noticed that Mwanza was a bigger town than Moshi but had far less tourists, our white faces causing people to turn and look at us wherever we went. We also noticed that at present, virtually none of the schools had any ICT equipment, so an organisation like ACTT could have a huge impact here.

Team building for all ACTT staff
Once all the staff had arrived in Mwanza we spent the first day Team Building. Robert had arranged for this to be done at a beach on the shores of Lake Victoria, a fantastic location. The aim of the day was for the 18 staff from the 2 offices to get to know each other. Robert organised workshop sessions for everyone to brainstorm how ACTT might move forward over the next 5 years and then to discuss the sort of problems they encounter at work and how these might be solved. After a late lunch there was then a general discussion about working at ACTT and finally Robert awarded 3 prizes to the people he felt had gone “Above and Beyond” whilst working at ACTT over the last year. The formal part of the day ended about 5.30pm and we then had about an hour to relax on the beach and watch the sun go down with a cold beer. The second day was their “Fun day” and was spent on Saanane Island National Park. We had a guided walk, a picnic lunch and then some games before returning to Mwanza in the evening.

The following day we then flew back to Moshi with 2 of the staff and witnessed first hand the excitement when someone who never ever really expected to fly, boards a plane.

So these are just a few of the things we did during our 3 weeks with ACTT. ACTT continue to work to bring ICT to the youth of Tanzania and they are always striving to grow and improve. If anyone reading this would like to know more about our trip please have a look at my blog. Hilary Bacon


And if you would like to know more about the work of ACTT please look at their website www.actt.co.tz or email me at hilarybacon@live.com
HIV in Africa: Where are we and where are we heading?

There are believed to be about 37 million people in the world with the HIV virus. Of these 26 million are in Southern Africa, where more than 15% of the population carry the virus. But East Africa is not far behind. More than half of these are women, who acquired the virus through sex with men, and a small proportion of their children also have the virus. In 2002 about 12% of the pregnant women who attended ante-natal clinics in Tanzania had the virus. These statistics, and the issues they raise, were discussed at a BTS seminar held at SOAS on 14 March 2016. The main speaker was Professor Shabbir Jaffar, Head of the Department of International Public Health at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. He was supported by Dr Hamza Hassan Mohamed who has worked on these matters in Tanzania and Dr Mohammed Salim, a public health specialist, currently specialising in matters relating to addiction.

The total numbers of people infected with HIV around the world continues to rise, but the rate of growth has slowed. There are three reasons for this:
1. An increase in male circumcision. Those who are circumcised have a 60% lower chance of catching the virus. This is the same order of magnitude as the improvement which would be expected from a vaccine.
2. More care when having sex, including the use of condoms, or having fewer partners.
3. Antiretroviral drugs. Before this treatment someone with HIV could expect to live for about 10 years, and then die a most unpleasant death. Those who take the drugs now have life expectancies not much below the rest of the population. Moreover in a few months the drugs reduce the level of the virus so much that it is almost impossible to pass it on to other people.

Antiretroviral drugs are not cheap, but in Tanzania most of the cost is met by donors, especially the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It is believed that about half of those affected are now on the drugs. However, as Dr Hamza pointed out, donors do not pay for the blood tests which determine if you have HIV and the dosage of drugs that is needed to control it, and for many people the nearest clinic is far away and the cost of travel a big deterrent. The drug regime is complicated, and many forget to take the drugs as prescribed, especially if they are not feeling unwell and they experience side-effects when they take them. There is then need for support and help, because there is often stigma and fear attached to HIV - those who take them are assumed to be promiscuous and unfaithful. Continuing to drink alcohol lessens the effectiveness of the drugs, and people who are drunk are less likely to use condoms or to take other methods to prevent transmission. Poor nutrition due to poverty affects people’s general health and makes them more at risk from malaria, chest infections, cystitis, venereal diseases, etc, and the drugs for these are often fake, expired or sub-standard – or just unaffordable.

The battle is not yet won. The numbers are still increasing. Resistance to the drugs which control HIV and TB is a huge threat. The position today is that we probably have the tools to fight HIV – but are we organised enough, and open enough in our education and training about health, to make the most use of them?
Conflict and Consensus in Constitution-making in Tanzania

We were pleased to give a platform to Professor Issa Shivji, who was on a brief visit to the UK at the invitation of the University of Warwick. The seminar took place on April 29th and was supported by the University of Warwick, the School of Oriental and African Studies, the Centre of African Studies and the Britain-Tanzania Society.

Ever since 1970, when his article ‘Tanzania: The Silent Class Struggle’ took up a whole issue of the student magazine Cheche, Issa Shivji has been at the forefront of political analysis and discussion in Tanzania (for the early history see the book Cheche: Reminiscences of a Radical Magazine edited by Karim Hirji reviewed in Tanzanian Affairs at http://www.tzaffairs.org/2011/05/reviews-57/). He has also made practical contributions on land issues in the courts, and as chair of a Presidential Commission of Inquiry into Land Matters in 1995 (https://www.tzaffairs.org/1995/01/the-land-commissions-proposals/). Until recently Issa was Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Research Professor in Pan-African Studies at Dar es Salaam University, where he worked to explore Nyerere’s contributions to political thinking. He is carrying this work on as Director of Kavazi la Mwalimu, the Nyerere Resource Centre in Dar es Salaam. See below.

The discussion was introduced by Professor Issa Shivji with a response from Dr Aikande Kwayu (a research affiliate of the Centre for Comparative and International Education at Oxford, and a consultant at Bumaco Ltd, with a special interest in the contributions of women to public life in Africa).

Prof. Shivji’s presentation took us through the seven constitutions which have provided the framework for governance in Tanzania since Independence in 1961, and the proposals of the Warioba Commission which reported in 2013, but was not accepted by the Kikwete government because of its proposals for Zanzibar. Then he commented on the difficulties of getting changes agreed while the issues of power and policy in Zanzibar remain unresolved. As he pointed out, following Abdul Paliwala’s article, also in Tanzanian Affairs (https://www.tzaffairs.org/2015/05/analysis-of-proposed-constitution/), a constitution is not something that can be imposed by a small majority – it needs to grow out of a process of discussion and debate until a consensus emerges on the best way forward.

Appeal to Friends of the Nyerere Resource Centre,
Kavazi la Mwalimu Nyerere.

Since 2012 Issa Shivji and 2 other colleagues, all former or current academics of the University of Dar es Salaam, have been conducting research in a project of writing a comprehensive and authoritative biography of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, funded by COSTECH (Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology). During the course of their research, spanning over four years, the researchers have collected enormous archival and secondary material. From the inception of the project, it was the intention of the biographers that the material collected be archived and made available to future generations of researchers. Hence the establishment of the Nyerere Resource Centre imaginatively called in Kiswahili Kavazi la Mwalimu Nyerere, which has given the Centre its unique identity.

If you would like to make a donation to secure the future of Kavazi please contact kavazi.nrc@gmail.com

Account name: Nyerere Resource Centre Account No: 0150440190100 Bank: CRDB bank plc Address: P.O. Box 268, Oysterbay branch, azikiwe street, Dar es Salaam Branch: Oysterbay branch, Branch code: 3397 Swift code: CORUTZTZ
AROUND THE REGIONS – some recent project photos from Local Reps, Beneficiaries and Project Officers. Many more may be seen on our new web site at www.tanzdevtrust.org. There you will find detailed project information and moving stories of how TDT, with support from many donors and other partner Trusts, has changed people's lives. Jonathan Pace

NEW HEALTHY WATER SUPPLIES TO SAVE LIVES
Nyirongo village borehole Mara Region – Serengeti District- PO Ian Powell

Zeze Village ROPE WATER PUMP Kigoma Region. Low cost technology saves lives

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Recently drilled Borehole provides heavy buckets of clean, healthy water for the delighted village community

Marumba village school classroom under construction.

CHAMWINO BEEKEEPING TRAINING PROJECT
A beekeeper trying out the smoker and clothing

KASADEFO COMPUTER TRAINING FOR YOUTH
Simiyu Region
Hot off the Press: From Kevin Curley 10 Aug 2016

“I thought I would share with you some good news from two of our projects. Innocent, the teacher at Manyoni Secondary School who led the construction of the girls' hostel, has been in touch to tell me that the number of girls sleeping in the hostel has grown from 12 to 42 since electricity was installed. The hostel has room for 48 girls. Obadiah, the organiser of ANCO in Kasulu, has sent me photographs of the first three street boys he has helped to return home. He has used our small grant to buy clothes and mattresses for the boys and has given them money to begin petty trading.

Here are photos of some of the girls in the Manyoni hostel and of Jackson going home after 2 years living in the streets of Kasulu.

With our small grants we are changing lives for the better and giving young people new hope and opportunities. Well done everyone.”

Art Auction Glasgow raised £19, 526 for RUDA

to build another dormitory at Ntimbanjayo Memorial School, Namanditi.

‘We raised £19,226 at the auction sale in Glasgow on June 3rd with a donation of £100 and a later sale of £200 making a grand total of £19,526. The event was staged in a really good central venue in Glasgow, although it did present a few challenges for display as we were not allowed to hang anything directly on the walls, but all looked very good thanks to a great team of hangers who worked very hard to get all the work up and lot numbers assigned by 3.00pm in the afternoon!’

For further details contact Louise Johnstone (rudatanzania@hotmail.co.uk)
**A big thank you to all BTS and TDT members** who have so kindly supported Phase 2 of the buildings of the Safe House and VTC at Mugumu, to provide a refuge and schooling for girls running away from FGM and forced marriage.

The pictures show the construction of the foundations for the Dining Hall and Kitchen and the work for the new Septic Tank. There was quite a delay because of the very heavy rains earlier in the year, but work is now proceeding rapidly. At the time of writing we can’t say for certain that we have raised all the money needed, partly because since the BREXIT vote, the £GBP keeps falling and this has impacted badly on what your donations will buy. However, we are certainly nearly there and that’s thanks to the kindness and generosity of many people.

**Food growing Project:** Helen Carey has managed to reach her target of £6000 to cover her costs to return to the Safe House and continue with the food growing project for at least the next 8 months (Sept 2016 - May 2017). She is delighted and wants to say “A huge thank you to everyone for their support and encouragement.” My Donate page will continue to be up and running in order to try and start raising some of the funds that she will be needing to go out again next year (i.e. 2017/18).

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**One girl’s story—**
**Happiness, who came to the Safe House in December 2014**

“When I arrived last year I knew nothing. Now I have learnt tailoring skills - how to make clothes and other items with our teachers. I have also learnt a lot about computers and can now type, save files, open files and use previously saved documents. I can also download files from the internet! Also cooking - I now know how to make cake, roast fish and pilau rice, Also about horticulture. We have already enjoyed eating food we planted ourselves and harvested including onions, tomatoes, aubergine, greens, spinach, kale and okra. Here at the SH we live as a family and everyone is treated equally. I share a bedroom with one other girl called Jacqui. Sometimes I miss my family. My dream is to become a clothes designer here in Mugumu and to teach other girls and members of the community how to sew. Here at the SH I have been provided with everything I need - clothes, food, oil for my hair and body, shoes, exercise books, study programmes.

There are a few challenges though: we need a fence around the compound because there has been an incident when people from my village have come and mocked me for not undergoing FGM. I didn't like it. Also we need a new kitchen because at the moment when it rains everything gets wet.”

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**Kate Dyer to run Scottish Half Marathon in aid of the Safe House**

**Sept 18th**

“I've never run this far before, and would love it if anyone could contribute to my fundraising by sponsoring me. My fundraising page is https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/katedyer1

The event finishes just by the grandstand at Musselburgh Race Course anytime from about midday on 18th September. It would be great to see anyone there!”
**Crowd2Map** - help protect girls from FGM by putting their villages on the map.

Anyone with access to the internet can help to improve the maps of rural Tanzania by helping map roads and villages from satellite images. No special skills are needed! So far the area is 69% mapped and we would like to complete it before the next cutting season in December. If you can get online you can get involved and help at http://tasks.hotosm.org/project/1788#

Crowd2Map is a volunteer project using this technology to help Rhobi Samwelly and her staff at our Safe House in Mugumu, better protect the girls refusing FGM in the surrounding areas. It is part of the Missing Maps project which is using this technology to map vulnerable places in the world (affected by humanitarian crises: disease epidemics, conflict, natural disasters, poverty, environmental crises). As visitors to rural Tanzania well know, areas such as Serengeti are very poorly mapped, with many villages and roads missing. The online volunteers add the roads and villages from satellite images. Then people on the ground in Tanzania check and add the names and features in their areas using a free app called Maps.Me which lets you add points of interest to Openstreetmap at your location. It also lets you download maps and navigate to your destination.

To map the area around Mugumu we held successful mapping parties in Dar es Salaam, London, Vilnius, and Nairobi in May and are talking about the project at a mapping conference in Brussels in September. More than 200 people have already been involved. The link with Lithuania started when Janet Chapman met a researcher from Lithuania at a tech event in London.

If you would like more information about the project please see https://crowd2map.wordpress.com/ or email Janet j.chapman@tanzdevtrust.org

**EDUCATION GROUP**

BTS/TDT has been involved in many educational initiatives this year. A relaunched BTS Education Group has met twice at SOAS. The first meeting discussed educational technology and the second school enterprise schemes. The presentations are available on the BTS Education Group Facebook and LinkedIn pages or from Janet, j.chapman@tanzdevtrust.org The next meeting will be in the Autumn with a focus on teacher training.

In Tanzania we have been collaborating with Tanzania Young Scientists, SAMI Maths Camp and the Teach a Man to Fish school Enterprise Challenge. Six of our schools have now got satellite internet broadband via an initiative funded by the UK Space Agency. This has enabled them access educational resources and collaborate with other schools and universities, including from the UK, to develop science education. Zeze Secondary School participated remotely in an international education conference in London organised by PiXL. This charitable organisation helps schools across the world improve their students’ performance by mentoring, monitoring and target setting, and many Tanzanian schools are now piloting their methods.
A Database of Support Organisations – Report by Andrew Coulson

There are probably more than 700 organisations in the UK and Ireland which support development in Tanzania. Some are tiny – the work of an individual who visited or worked in a school or hospital in Tanzania and on return set out to fundraise to support it. Others are major NGOs supporting communities in Africa, such as Oxfam, War on Want, or Wateraid. Many have links with Christian missions, a few with Islam or other religions. The database is on our website at http://www.britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk/about-bts/uk-organisations-working-in-tanzania/

The list is far from perfect. It includes organisations based in the UK and Ireland, not in the USA, not in continental Europe, or Tanzania. The entries are non-government organisations, not commercial or state-owned companies or agencies. Some are probably dormant, and a few defunct. The data has been assembled and maintained by Peter White, over the last 12 years. During that time he has updated it yearly, adding new organisations and removing those he understands no longer function. But now Peter has decided that it is time to pass this task on to new hands – and Janet Chapman has agreed to take over.

Most of these organisations have websites, and information about them can therefore be researched via Google. Yet such a database, with contact details, email and postal addresses, a basic classification showing the main field of interest, and very brief notes about the origins of the organisation and what it does, is still of interest. It is useful geographically – enabling people in an area of the UK who are considering supporting a project in Tanzania to know what already exists; or those visiting Tanzania in support of a project to know what other similar projects in that area are also being supported. It can also be used functionally. Janet also convenes the BTS Education Group, (see page 11) and will be able to use the email addresses in the database to ensure that projects supporting education in Tanzania are aware of its work. The same would apply to project supporting health, water, agriculture, sufferers from HIV/AIDS, disabilities, or any other sector.

So this is the end of an era for the database (and thank you Peter for keeping it updated all this time), and the start of a new era (thank you Janet, and good luck with it in the future). We hope that many of you who read this will upload the database, and check that information about any support organisations known to you is correct and up to date.

Janet can be contacted at j.chapman@tanzdevtrust.org

Do you know anyone who is suffering from Elephantiasis? By Willie Fulton

There is no need for anyone with Lymphatic Filariasis (LF, often called Elephantiasis) in Tanzania to be suffering from this debilitating disease. LF is caused by parasitic filarial nematodes (microscopic round worms). It is found along the coast, in lake regions and near some slow-moving rivers. It leaves the sufferer with very unsightly and disabling swelling to a limb or limbs or to testicles. It was very prevalent along the south coast of Tanzania, with Mafia Island being a particularly badly affected area.

However, LF is one of the neglected tropical diseases for which there is a worldwide eradication programme. This eradication programme has been managed since 2004 by a team at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. In 2014, 559.3 million cases were treated, mostly in the coastal regions of India and East Africa.

Some years ago, I came to realise that one of our young volunteers at The Mango Tree Orphan Support Programme in Kyela, who was a widow with two young children, was developing LF in one of her legs. I contacted colleagues at the Liverpool School, who were able to put me in touch with the clinic in Dar, which oversees the eradication programme in Tanzania. The clinic sent the necessary medication to the local district hospital, where she received treatment. This consists of a short course of tablets and then an annual treatment of one tablet. Because her case had been caught early, Doris’s debilitating swelling (oedema) in her leg disappeared and she was able to resume her farming activities.

More recently, I read in a visit report of a TDT officer that he had seen a young man in Kigoma, who was suffering LF. I very much hope that this young man has now been able to access treatment.

In your travels around Tanzania, if you should ever come across anyone with the very obvious signs of swollen limbs or testicles, please encourage them to contact the Neglected Tropical Diseases Control Programme in Dar. Please contact: The Neglected Tropical Diseases Control Program, The National Institute for Medical Research, 3 Barak Obama Drive, (formerly Ocean Road) +255 22 212 1376/8, Fax: +255 22 212 1360 Email: info@ntdcp.go.tz

More information about the work of the Neglected Tropical Diseases Control Program in Tanzania can be found at www.ntdcp.go.tz
Hanging in every public office in Tanzania is a government-issued poster on unacceptable forms of dress for civil servants. See Tanz affairs N0.114 May-Aug 2016. Here is the contents of this type of poster (you will notice there are more restrictions for women!), followed by my translation. Enjoy! – Donovan McGrath

**Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania**  
**Ofisi ya Rais**  
**Mencjimenti ya Utimishi wa Umma**  
Mwongozi wa Mavazi kwa Watumishi wa Umma  
kwa Mujibu wa Waraka wa Utimishi wa Umma  
Na. 3 Mwaka 2007

**Baadhi ya Mavazi Yasiyofaa kwa Wanaume**
- Nguo ambazo ni za kazi maalum kama vile michezo (Hizi zivaliwe wakati shuguli hiyo tu)
- Nguo ambazo zina michoro, maandishi na picha ambazo haziendani na shughuli za serikali  
  - Nguo zinazobana

**Baadhi ya Mavazi Yasiyofaa kwa Wanawake**
- Nguo ambazo kama la kazi maalum kama vile michezo (Hizi zivaliwe wakati shuguli hiyo tu)
- Nguo ambazo zina michoro, maandishi na picha ambazo haziendani na shughuli za serikali  
  - Nguo zinazobana

**United Republic of Tanzania**  
**Presidential Office**  
**Management of the Civil Service**  
**Dress Code for Public Servants According to the Civil Service Document**  
**No. 3 Year 2007**

**Some Unsuitable Dress for Men**
- Clothing for particular jobs such as sports (These are to be worn only during the activity)
- Clothes with drawings, writing and pictures which do not go with government activities  
  - Tight fitting clothes

**Some Unsuitable Dress for Women**
- Tight fitting clothes
- Short clothing revealing the knees
- Clothing that reveals parts of the body such as the midriff and chest.
- Clothes with pictures, drawings, and writing which do not go with government activities
- Shorts of any kind such as pedal pushers and pants
  - Transparent clothing
  - Jeans
  - Any unhemmed trousers

Fulana – ‘T-Shirts’ (Hizi zivaliwe tu wakati wa shughuli maalumu inayotambulika)

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**Request for speakers of Simbiti, Ngoreme and Rangi**

“I am a linguist based at the University of London. I am looking for speakers of the Tanzanian languages - Simbiti and Ngoreme (spoken in the Mara region near Musoma) and Rangi (spoken around Kondoa) who are based in the UK. If you can help please contact me.”

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Please book with
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Buffet lunch available which will be contributed by friends. Suggested donation £4.

Are the rivers in Tanzania at risk of drying up? The contested causes of environmental change

A seminar hosted by BTS in association with the SOAS African Studies Centre.

Monday 10 October 2016 at 5.15pm
Room 4429, School of Oriental and African Studies, Russell Square WC1H 0XG

In recent years the Great Ruaha River which runs through the Ruaha National Park near Iringa and supplies two reservoirs which supply hydro-electricity for Dar es Salaam has dried up in most dry seasons — firing concerns for tourism and biodiversity, as well as electricity generation. Professor Bruce Lankford of the University of East Anglia was part of two studies which investigated the causes of the changes that are taking place, and the implications of different uses of water, especially large scale irrigation. The Great Ruaha is not the only Tanzanian river facing competing demands for its water, so what we learn from these and other studies has implications for large scale irrigation possibilities, and hydro-electricity, in several parts of the country.

Promoting the social inclusion of people with albinism in Tanzania

A seminar hosted by the Britain-Tanzania Society and the SOAS African Studies Centre and facilitated by Standing Voice as part of the African Studies Centre programme

Monday 24th of October  5.00-7.00, SOAS

Albinism—a genetic condition reducing or eliminating melanin pigment in the skin, eyes and hair—is poorly understood across much of Tanzanian society. Dehumanising myths and superstitions surround the condition, with misconceptions breaking up families and leading to mockery, abandonment and violence. Seen as ghosts or ‘zeru zeru’ (‘sub-human’ in Swahili), people with albinism are often construed as curses on their families and communities and are segregated as a result. Some are even targeted for their body parts, used in witchcraft charms thought to bring wealth and fortune. Since 2006, 76 have been murdered and 69 more attacked.

Because people with albinism are often thought to be subhuman, services are not built to meet their needs.

Marginalisation impedes access to health services, restricts the delivery of health education, and isolates individuals with albinism from their families, communities and caregivers.

This engaging and interactive seminar will be delivered by Jamie Walling (Standing Voice Project and Fundraising Coordinator) and present the issue of human rights abuses against people with albinism in Tanzania.

Standing Voice is an international non-governmental organisation based in Tanzania with its headquarters in the United Kingdom, deeply committed to promoting the social inclusion of people with albinism through delivering Health, Education, Advocacy and Community Programmes, reaching thousands of people with albinism across Tanzania on a structured, regular basis.
Karibu Tena, Rafiki
We say a big welcome this Autumn to our good friend Danny Mwasandube, former Treasurer of TDT, and now TDT’s representative in Dar es Salaam. Danny will be in Britain for his daughter’s graduation and the 40th anniversary of the London Swahili service of the Lutheran Church. We hope Petronella Mwasandube may come also, but at the time of writing, this is not known.
There will be a lunch party to welcome Danny on Saturday 22nd October at 1pm at the Marcus’s house in Purley.
All BTS and TDT Committee members are welcome but RSVP to Ann (ann.marcus@uwclub.net; 020 8668 5230) by 15th October for catering numbers. Julian and Ann will send directions and Julian will run a station shuttle.

Ann and Julian’s Golden Wedding, July 23rd
Ann and Julian Marcus celebrated their Golden Wedding on a sunny July day, precisely 50 years after their marriage in 1966. Ron and Liz Fennell and Trevor and Eiry Jaggar represented BTS and TDT at the event. Julian first became interested in Tanzania when as an Oxford undergraduate he met our founder Trevor Huddleston. After their marriage, Ann and Julian planned to teach in Africa - it didn’t happen then, but the couple have been involved with projects in Tanzania for 30 years and Ann looks back on her time teaching in Bukoba as one of the best jobs she ever had. In January they’ll be making their 14th visit to see TDT projects, including, of course, the Safe House at Mugumu in Mara Region.
Guests were asked to contribute to completing the Safe House and amazingly generously donated £2,269 to the Safe House and Vocational Training Centre.

Appeal for funds Following the appeal by BTS Chair Andrew Coulson in the May Newsletter, some of our readers have asked for information about how to create or change direct debits to TDT. If you want to do so, the form is on the TDT website at http://www.tanzdevtrust.org/ “TDT is still very short of money so any increases in direct debits would be greatly appreciated.” Andrew Coulson

Would you like the opportunity to be more involved in BTS?
If you have a way with finance, then we need a treasurer. If you like contacting people and encouraging them to be more involved, then we need a membership secretary. We also need someone to help with the mailing of the Newsletter and Tanzanian Affairs – ‘stuffing envelopes’. If you would like to know more, then please contact BTS chair, Andrew Coulson, the Executive Secretary, Elizabeth Taylor, or the current holders of Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

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BTS AGM
Saturday, 19th November at 2.00pm at Central Hall Westminster.
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