



BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY

Thirty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts for the period

1st July 2013 – 30th June 2014



INTRODUCTION

The highlight of this year has been the visit by President Kikwete to London at the beginning of April, during which the Society had an opportunity of entertaining the President and his party.

In Tanzania, the main focus of political activity has been the changes to the Constitution. It now looks as though the new proposals for a revised Constitution for Tanzania will be agreed and adopted by the Bunge in time for the next General Election in 2015. The Society is also looking to change its constitution in order to make this fit for purpose for the coming years.

Under the leadership of Andrew Coulson, we have continued our programme of seminars as well as co-sponsoring a conference at the University of Bradford. We also held another meeting with the All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Our Scottish group continues to flourish under the leadership of Ralph Ibbott and Ann Burgess. They held some well attended meetings during the year.

The editorial team at *Tanzanian Affairs* continues to grow as does the quality of this publication. We are very grateful to David Brewin and his team for providing such interesting and thought-provoking material, which is not only read by our members, but by many academics and commentators on Tanzania and East Africa. Subjects covered this year range from the Form IV exam results to the Great War in East Africa.

Sue Mitchell has brought fresh eyes to the editorship of the Newsletter, which has been very well received by our readers. This continues to highlight the work of so many small NGOs working in Tanzania.

The Tanzanian Development Trust hosted a conference for its local representatives in Mwanza in September. This very successful conference was attended by the three vice-chairmen of TDT and was made possible through our new association with the David Anderson Africa Trust, for which we are very grateful.

In the UK, Julian Marcus and his wife Ann, have spearheaded TDT's ambitious fundraising project for the building of a safe house for girls escaping female genital mutilation in South Mara Region. We thank Julian and Ann for the many hours they have devoted to this project, which will undoubtedly reach a successful conclusion.

VISIT OF H.E. PRESIDENT JAKAYA KIKWETE

During the three day official visit of H E President Jakaya Kikwete to the UK between Sunday 30th March and Tuesday 1st April, the BTS was invited to host a reception for the President jointly with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Tanzania. The Society was very grateful to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for providing the prestigious venue of the Durbar Court at the Foreign Office for this occasion and for providing the drinks and food. The reception took place on the Tuesday of the President's visit.

About 200 guests attended the reception. Of these about half were members of BTS, other guests were diplomats or members of the business community with interests in Tanzania. Amongst the guest were former High Commissioners to Tanzania, Diane Corner, Philip Parham and Bruce Dinwiddy.

The President was welcomed by the BTS Chairman, William Fulton. The President



recalled the dinner which BTS held for him in 2007 and paid tribute to the work of TDT which has provided over £1 million to the 284 projects it has supported in the poorest parts of Tanzania. He encouraged TDT to continue this good work.

William Fulton raised the current difficulties experienced in obtaining visas for visitors from and to Tanzania.

The co-host of the reception was Jeremy Lefroy of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Tanzania. Unfortunately he was called to a vote in the House of Commons. The task of giving a vote of thanks to the President fell to Lord Mandelson who had worked as a volunteer in Tanzania during his Gap Year.

The President clearly enjoyed mingling with guests and it was only with difficulty that the Tanzania High Commissioner to the UK, Peter Kallaghe, managed to persuade him that it was time to leave.

RED TAPE

There have been less reports of problems associated with volunteers from the UK working for small NGOs in Tanzania. This has been due to improvements in the website of the Immigration Services Department, although there is still a need to simplify the different categories of entry. Can anyone explain the difference between a visa, a pass and a permit? During his visit in April, President Kikwete agreed to sort out these issues.

In the UK, many BTS members continue to be frustrated and embarrassed by the really appalling treatment meted out to bona fide

potential visitors to the UK. The main purpose of the Society is to promote friendship between our two countries, while we see petty officials employed by the UK government undermining this work by refusing visas to those who have been invited to conferences and fundraising visits. We all understand the need to protect ourselves from illegal immigration and from terrorism, but there is no excuse for failing to process the applications of *bona fide* visitors, whose applications are supported by people of goodwill in this country. There must be a better way of handling visa applications, which does not tarnish the reputation of the UK.

The Society, supported by members of the APPG, continues to lobby for change in this area.



Gizenga Street, Stonetown

SEMINARS

BTS seminars are open discussions of matters of general interest - not presentations of academic research. They are almost all joint ventures – three this year with the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, one a conference at the University of Bradford which we co-sponsored, and one with the All Party Parliamentary Group for Tanzania. Without these friends and collaborators it would have been very difficult to run the programme.

The three at SOAS were seminars on the challenges faced by pastoralists in the Usangu Plains, Kilombero and Loliondo for which the main speaker was Martin Walsh (31 October 2013); on how communities on the Pare mountains have managed to adapt to climate change, and the lessons for others – speaker Ben Wisner (30 January 2014); and on the 2012 population census and what it tells us about migration – speakers Hugh Wenban-Smith and Professor Deborah Potts (16 June 2014). There is more information about what was said at these seminars on the BTS website.

The two day conference on “50 Years of Development in Sub-Saharan Africa - The Experience of Tanzania” in Bradford 29-30 May was attended by over 50 people – including several BTS members. Highlights included papers by Andrew Coulson (on the political economy of Tanzania, from colonial times to the present), Michael Lofchie (reflecting on Tanzania’s recovery after structural adjustment) , Brian van Arkadie (on agriculture), Joe Kuzilwa, Vice Chancellor of Mzumbe University (on contract farming), Anna Mdee on contrasting experiences of irrigation, Dan Brockington on why the Household Budget Surveys may not tell the whole story about increasing inequality, Andrew Agyei-Holmes on how farmers should choose which of three available power-tillers to buy (the answer turned out to be the heavier, but cheaper, Chinese model), and three researchers from the University of Huddersfield (Pammi Sinha, Katharine Beverley and Claire Day) who had tramped over the huge landfill site in Dar es Salaam to work out the prospects for recycling textile products from the waste stream.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group held a discussion about the rights of the workforce at the North Mara Gold Mine, on 16 July.

For the future, we would very much like to hold another seminar on education. So if anyone would be prepared to consider leading a seminar on a relevant aspect, for example about the teaching of English in Tanzania and whether it has become time to make more use of Kiswahili in secondary and tertiary education, then please get in touch.

Andrew Coulson (a.c.coulson@bham.ac.uk)

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

TANZANIAN AFFAIRS



View from the PPF Tower on Ohio Street, Dar. In the background, the Lutheran church to the left and St Joseph's Cathedral towards the right

The year has seen a transformation of Tanzanian Affairs. We now have colourful new covers, our new Co-Editor is taking on vastly increasing responsibilities and some fresh air, and better coverage of events in Tanzania has been brought in by the settling in of our six new regular contributors.

During the year most politicians moved to Dodoma to take part in turbulent sessions of the Constituent Assembly which should draw up a new constitution but the deliberations seemed to exacerbate already existing differences in the country. Major features in TA during the year have been the new direction in British aid, serious increases in poaching in the national parks which are so valuable to Tanzania's economy and the beginnings of what will eventually put Tanzania into the forefront of world energy production. We have also increased our coverage of the music scene but need a volunteer in this area to help us. We also still await the day when a Tanzanian team will bring home a major international sporting trophy.

And we also cannot understand why we never hear from any of our readers. What are we doing wrong?

David Brewin, Editor.

NEWSLETTER

Sue Mitchell took over as editor of the Newsletter from Richard Barton-Wood in November last year.

There have been the usual three issues of the 16 page newsletter, (January, May and September) informing members of visits, small scale projects and initiatives taking place in different areas of Tanzania, forthcoming seminars and events in the UK, updates on the projects that TDT is helping fund, as well as providing news of our members' NGOs. There has been a new page with space devoted to "Swahili Matters" giving the names of BTS volunteer "walimu" and contact details should members wish to learn/improve their Swahili. The aim for future issues is to have an article appear in both English and Swahili. Feedback on this idea would be welcome.

The newsletters of May and September were used to help publicise TDT's Safe House Appeal in Mara for girls fleeing FGM and Mama Rhobi's visit to the UK in October.

Thanks to Jill Bowden for her careful proof reading of the draft copies and for overseeing the printing and posting. Janet Chapman also stepped in to help with posting the May issue when there was a delay in getting Tanzanian Affairs ready for distribution.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters and to Julian and Willie for encouraging and supporting me when I took over.

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY ON THE INTERNET

LinkedIn

For those of you on LinkedIn, please join the Britain Tanzania Society group for further information on BTS and TDT and opportunities for discussion...

https://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=2758787&trk=anet_ug_hm

MEMBERSHIP

Since publication of the last Annual Report the basis for subscription rates has altered. Membership subscriptions no longer depend on the number of individuals at an address, (previously single or joint), but now depend upon (and are recorded by) household, with one standard membership fee per household. The figures below are therefore not directly comparable with those for previous years, as they reflect the number of household memberships rather than the number of separate members.

Totals for honorary members and those paying concessionary subscriptions are listed separately below.

An extra fee (£4) is paid by overseas members, to cover the cost of postage.

Total Subscribing Households:	551
Student and other concessionary members:	20
Corporate/Group members:	35
Total paid subscriptions:	606

Non-Paying Members:

Associate (Hon) members:	23
Journalists (free)	10

Overseas Addresses:

Note: among the above, there are 52 overseas addresses, among which 19 are in Tanzania.

EDUCATION GROUP

There are currently 28 members on the Linked-In group with a few others interested in education issues but only on email. There have been a few contributions to the group but not much. The role/focus of the group needs to be addressed as it is clearly not meeting members' needs.

BTS SCOTTISH BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

The Group has over 50 members and several 'friends' and is a founder member of the **Tanzania Scotland Network** which has a yahoo group, a Facebook page (see <https://www.facebook.com/TanzaniaScotlandNetwork>) and a website (see www.tzsn.org.uk).

During the year BTS Scotland hosted two well-attended meetings for the Network at the Out of the Blue Drill Hall, Edinburgh.

On September 7th 2013 Jim McCarthy gave a fascinating talk on 'Exploring Forests in East Africa'. This was followed by a well-illustrated and stimulating talk on 'Update on Shirati hospital energy project' by Tom Grassie and Yvonne Babinski which has been a very successful project.

On 1st March 2014 by George McBean, a Scottish artist, who has worked for UNICEF, gave a talk about his work on visual literacy in Nepal and about albinism in Tanzania, and read from his crime novel 'Children of the Moon' (which is available to buy from Amazon - with some of the proceeds going to the Tanzanian Charity 'Under the Same Sun').

On May 6th 2014 fifteen members and friends of the Scottish BTS section met to celebrate the 90th birthday of founder member Ralph Ibbott, and the impending publication of his book "UJAMAA - the hidden story of Tanzania's development from the grass roots" (watch for details in a future issue of the BTS newsletter). We enjoyed a meal in a local hotel, which was followed by a lively discussion about experiences in Tanzania and, of course, Scottish Independence.

In August 2013 we lost one of our favourite and long-standing members, Mary Willis, and several of us attended her funeral in Falkirk.

The Chair of the BTSS is Ralph Ibbott. For more details contact Ann Burgess annpatriciaburgess@yahoo.co.uk, James McCarthy mccarthy-james4@sky.com; Jennifer Sharp js@satv.co.uk or Ralph Ibbott at 01875 818658.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

The 38th Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 16th November 2013.

The Chairman, Mr William Fulton welcomed the 54 members present together with a representative from the High Commission and several members of the diaspora.

The chairman paid tribute to the service to the society of Richard Barton-Wood as editor of the Newsletter and of Abubakar Faraji. Their terms of office had come to an end and they were not seeking re-election.

The meeting unanimously agreed that Aseri Katanga and Julian Marcus be re-elected to serve for a further three years.

Ben Taylor, Sue Mitchell and Kevin Curley were elected to serve for the next three years. We look forward to the contributions that they will make in the coming years.

Trevor Jaggard, Vice-President of the Society took the chair for the re-elections of officers. Mr William Fulton was re-elected Chairman, Dr Andrew Coulson as Vice-Chairman, Dr Elizabeth Taylor as Executive Secretary, Miss Ann Brumfit as Membership Secretary and Mrs. Jill Bowden as Hon. Treasurer.

Julian Marcus presented the report of the Tanzania Development. Robert Gibson then presented the accounts of the Trust.

Jonathan Pace gave a brief report on the conference held in Mwanza for local representatives from 29th to 30th September 2013. This event is unique in the history of TDT for which the Vice Chairs, Jonathan Pace, David Ackland and Dan Cook, were self-funding. The conference was an excellent learning experience with the opportunity to get to know the local representatives. Planned steps were taken at the conference to improve project monitoring and evaluation.

A presentation on the new draft Constitution for Tanzania was given by David Brewin and Frederick Longino. Some discussion then took place with questions and comments from members. The Society is grateful to David Brewin and Frederick Longino for their work in preparing this presentation.

Members were then able to network and to visit the exhibitions of photos and material from several voluntary groups.

FINANCE

It is pleasing to report that last year's deficit of £417 was replaced this year by a surplus of £2715. The main contributors to this turn round of over £3000 were: increased subscriptions following the introduction of the new rate of £25 last year; a reduction in printing costs for Tanzanian Affairs, thanks to finding a lower cost printing company; and the absence of losses on events; offset by some of the smaller increases incurred in other costs.

The net assets of £8746 (in the form of cash) provide a buffer to absorb increased costs in future years.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee and the Tanzania Development Trust each met on four occasions during the year: 17th September, 26th November, 22nd January and 13th May. The Society is most grateful to the management of Central Hall Westminster for allowing us to use one of their committee rooms on a regular basis.



Tanzanian Cooking Primary style

CONCLUSION

Robert Gibson has recently retired as the treasurer of the Tanzania Development Trust. We thank Robert for all his hard work for TDT over the past four years during which he has improved the reporting on TDT's finances. He has also undertaken much work on improving the TDT website and initiating a Facebook page.

The Society is now seeing the benefit of the increase in the subscription rate two years ago. We are grateful to Jill Bowden and Ann Brumfit for seeing through these changes, which has brought stability to the Society.

Thanks are also due to our Executive Secretary, Elizabeth Taylor, for all her work for the Society, which ranges from sorting out name badges at meetings to writing and editing most of the annual report.

No doubt the coming year is going to bring about big changes in both countries, as we contemplate the fallout of the Scottish referendum in the UK. Both countries will be facing general elections, so there are bound to be new leaders emerging. Let us hope that the build-up to both elections will be peaceful. The events in Tanzania will continue to be followed by the readers of our publications.

William Fulton

Chairman.



Fishing boats at anchor, Baaamovo

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THE UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ex Officio	President	HE Ali Hassan Mwinyi
	Vice Presidents	Dr J K Chande, KBE
	Elizabeth Fennell MBE	Ronald Fennell MBE
	Derek Ingram OBE	Trevor Jaggar
	Professor Esther Mwaikambo	
	The members of the Executive Committee of BTS (Tanzania)	
The Officers	Chairman	William Fulton
	Vice Chairman	Andrew Coulson
	Executive Secretary	Elizabeth Taylor
	Hon Membership Secretary	Ann Brumfit
	Hon Treasurer	Jill Bowden
	Editor Tanzanian Affairs	David Brewin
The members	Elly Benichou	Aseri Katanga
	Janet Chapman	Valerie Leach
	Dan Cook	Julian Marcus
	Kevin Curley CBE	Sue Mitchell
	David Gibbons	Jonathan Pace
	Phil Grant	Ben Taylor
Co-opted	Peter Hill	Tim Watkins Idle
	Yusuf Kashwanga	Anne Samson

THE TANZANIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MLOZI, Patricia	Acting Secretary, BTS -Tz
MOSHA, Dr Strato	BTS-Tz Executive Committee
MWASANDUBE, Danny	BTS-Tz Executive Committee

THE TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

The Trustees	Andrew Coulson	Trevor Jaggard
	David Gibbons	Tony Janes
	Robert Gibson	Julian Marcus
The Officers	Chairman	Julian Marcus
	Vice Chairmen	Dan Cook
		Jonathan Pace
	Hon Treasurer	Robert Gibson
	Secretary	Elizabeth Taylor
	Communications Manager	Janet Chapman
Project Officers	Janet Chapman	Tony Janes
	Tichafara Chisaka	Aseri Katanga
	Dan Cook	Sheila Meikle
	Kevin Curley CBE	Petronilla Mwakatuma
	Ron Fennell	Katie Nash
	David Gibbons	Jonathan Pace
	Philippa Grant	Ian Powell
Members	Peter Hill	Willie Fulton
	Liz Fennell	Sue Mitchell

Note: The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 15th November 2014 at Central Hall Westminster at 2.00pm. The guest speaker will be Alan Roe who will speak on the topic of ‘Gold and Gas: The Impact on Tanzania’.

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**Year ending 30th June 2014**

	2013-14	2012-13
INCOME		
Subscriptions	11694.50	10727.87
Sales of Tz Affairs	403.64	405.60
Events income		4229.70
Bank interest	3.17	2.95
Sundries		196.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12101.31	15562.22
PAYMENTS OUT		
Bond Membership	117.90	115.20
OPERATING EXPENSES		
AGM	1318.40	1188.72
Stationery		
Postage	2519.49	2876.51
Printing	2395.66	2225.78
Seminar expenses		
Website	782.21	378.00
Events expenses		5366.68
Bank charges	10.00	6.00
Room hire	246.00	220.50
Sundry expenses	284.98	368.00
TANZANIAN AFFAIRS		
TA expenses	39.68	
TA printing	1665.00	3215.65
TA bank charges	6.00	18.00
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	9385.32	15979.04
Net Surplus/Deficit	2715.99	-416.82

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2014

	2014		2013	
FUNDS				
Balance brought forward		6,030.85		6,574.17
Surplus/Deficit for the year		2,715.99		-543.32
		8,746.84		6,030.85
ASSETS				
Current a/c	3,331.36		1,327.44	
Deposit HSBC	5,623.48	8,954.84	5,620.31	6,947.75
Creditors				
TDT	208.00	208.00	916.90	916.90
NET ASSETS		8,746.84		6,030.85

Notes to Accounts

1. BTS received £2895.48 on behalf of TDT (£2536.23 previous year)
and paid TDT £3604.38 (£1809.23 previous year)
2. Membership subscriptions are taken into account on a cash basis
3. Expenditure is included on a cash basis

Examiner

I have examined the above statement of assets and liabilities and the income and expenditure account which are prepared and drawn up in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Society and from explanations given to me.

J E H Olivier [signed]
7th August 2014