



BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY

Thirty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts for the period

1st July 2014 – 30th June 2015



INTRODUCTION

Undoubtedly, the highlight of this year has been successful conclusion of the fundraising appeal for the Safe House for girls escaping female genital mutilation in Mara Region to which so many of the Society's members contributed. Those of us who were fortunate enough to meet Mama Rhobi Samwelly, the inspiration behind the safe house project, could not fail to be infected by her warmth and enthusiasm. However, this project was a true partnership between Rhobi's vision and Julian and Ann Marcus's determination and commitment to raise the funds. The fact that they overshot the original target (which has resulted in a better kitchen) is evidence of their determination. We do congratulate them on this achievement and thank them for hosting Rhobi Samwelly throughout her visit.

In Tanzania, the adoption of the proposed changes to the Constitution has been shelved for the time being. After initial technical and logistical problems, the new Biometric Voter Registration system has been completed in time for the general election, which is due to be held on 25th October. This election is bound to be very tense. The government party, CCM, has nominated the Minister of Works, Dr John Pombe Magufuli, to be its candidate for the position of President. This resulted in another serious candidate, Edward Lowassa, the former Prime Minister, resigning from CCM and joining the opposition party, Chadema. He has secured the nomination of the loose coalition of four opposition parties, called, UKAWA, as their candidate for the presidency.

The proposed changes to the Society's constitution have taken much longer than we expected to finalise. At its meeting in May, the Executive Committee agreed the final draft of the constitution of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which has since been rejected by the Charity Commission on the basis that friendship between two countries cannot be considered to be a charitable purpose. I very much hope that we will find an equitable solution to this problem, which will enable the Society to achieve charitable status (as enjoyed by the Zambia Society) and limited liability for our Executive Committee members.

Andrew Coulson organised another very interesting series of lectures and seminars, which included the very informative presentation by Dr Alan Roe on the opportunities and challenges of exploiting Tanzania's newly discovered

offshore oil and gas reserves. Prior to that, we held a very well attended seminar on education, which produced a most interesting debate with contributions from many involved in education in Tanzania. We also held a joint meeting with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the subject of FGM. This was attended by Rhobi Samwelly, who was a keynote speaker. Many members made valuable contributions to this very informative seminar on this very sensitive subject. One unexpected fact was that more girls from Christian communities in Tanzania are victims of FGM than from Muslim communities.

Ann Burgess continues to organise meetings of our Scottish group, which continues under the chairmanship of under the leadership of Ralph Ibbott.

The editorial team at *Tanzanian Affairs* has produced three very interesting editions, which continue to provide a commentary on current trends in Tanzania. This publication is valued, not only by many academics in universities around the world but also many people in public life in Tanzania as well as commentators on Tanzania and East Africa. We are very grateful to David Brewin and his team for covering many complicated subjects with such thoughtful and well-informed insight as well as collating economic trends, books reviews connected with Tanzania, and commentary on music and other art forms and sport.

Many members have commented favourably on recent changes to the Newsletter. This continues to highlight the work of so many small NGOs working in Tanzania and provides a useful forum for exchanging ideas for improving ways to deliver development and empower communities. All these help, in their way to relieve poverty on the ground in Tanzania.

Apart from the delivery of the safe House in Mara Region, the Tanzania Development Trust was able to make many grants to very small organisations in the poorest regions of Tanzania, thus helping to empower these communities to make a significant difference to their communities in the fields of education, health and poverty alleviation. All these grants are featured in the separate report of TDT. We continue to be most grateful to the Society's members for their support of TDT and to the David Anderson Africa Trust, which is able to cover some administrative costs, which TDT would not otherwise have been able to bear.

William Fulton, Chairman

SEMINARS

The highlight of our programme this year was the seminar on Saturday 28 February, on **Tanzania: A New Constitution?** A referendum on whether to accept a new constitution was expected at the end of April – it was subsequently postponed due to delays in compiling an electronic list of eligible voters. The draft is controversial, because it does not follow the recommendations of the Constitutional Review Commission chaired by former Prime Minister Joseph Warioba which proposed a “three-parliament solution” – a parliament for Zanzibar, a parliament for the Mainland, and a Federal Parliament covering issues that affect both. However, many other issues are included, including the powers and discretion of the President, human rights, access to information, freedoms of the press, rights of women and minorities, e.g. to own land, and dual citizenship.

Abdul Paliwala, Emeritus Professor in the Faculty of Law at Warwick University, born in Zanzibar and a lecturer in the Law Faculty of Dar es Salaam from its foundation in the 1960s, presented a detailed discussion of the issues, subsequently published in *Tanzanian Affairs* No. 111. It was not, he pointed out, the drafting of a constitution that mattered most, but the making of it and the building of a consensus about what it should include. This draft, and the Warioba proposals, had opened up discussion of many contentious issues, and it was clear, to say the least, that on many of these consensus had not been reached. In the future, regardless of the outcome of any referendum, its success will depend on whether the people of Tanzania come to feel that it belongs to them.

Yussuf Hamad, also from Zanzibar, who teaches Kiswahili at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, spoke about the challenges of creating a constitution that would give Zanzibar more freedom to decide its own affairs while keeping it in the Union. The Union itself had been created without consultation with the public, and there are now many doubts as to whether Zanzibar is getting a fair share of resources.

Aikande Kwayu saw the draft as good for women, clarifying their position on important matters, in particular their rights to own land. **Freddy Longino** spoke about how a new constitution would be seen by his grandmother – for whom all such matters are remote and very hard to understand, and what differences would it make to her anyway? Issues of land, markets for crops, road repairs and corruption were the kind of issues that would make a real difference for her.

Earlier, in October, a seminar on **Raising Attainment in Tanzanian Schools**, included presentations by **Felistas Kalomo**, Director of the Changarawe Project, near Morogoro, which has been supporting the education of orphaned and destitute children for more than 15 years, and **Anne Samson**, advisor to VEPK, Village Education Project Kilimanjaro, which works to improve primary and pre-primary education through training and improved materials. The wide-ranging discussion considered many of the challenges facing secondary education in Tanzania.

Then in November **Sarah Brennan** showed slides and discussed the implications of the ultra-modern new housing developments proposed for the Kivukoni area of Dar es Salaam, “across the harbour” at present by ferry, but expected to benefit greatly from a new bridge now under construction across the creek at the far end of the harbour. It is impossible not to be stunned by the ambition and scale of this development – though whether Dar es Salaam can become another Dubai raises a host of issues about what happens to the rest of its population.

A few days later, the speaker at the AGM was **Alan Roe**, who spoke mainly about the gas discoveries on shore in Southern Tanzania but especially off-shore where huge reserves have been discovered. However, getting these on shore, and finding good uses for them raises many issues. His presentation was published in *Tanzanian Affairs* No, 110. If this goes ahead, the impact will be huge – but final decisions have not yet been taken. Since this seminar the world price of natural gas has halved, and the main contractor for the off-shore fields in Tanzania, BG Group, has been taken over by Royal Dutch Shell. So whether, and if so when, all this goes ahead is a very open question.

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge the support of the School of Oriental and African Studies who collaborate with us and so make it possible for our seminars to be held in central London, and to thank all those who attended and participated in these events.

Andrew Coulson

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

TANZANIAN AFFAIRS

Tanzanian Affairs

David Brewin and colleagues produced three well-received issues of *Tanzanian Affairs*, which continues to be a very valuable resource for a varied community of those with interest in Tanzania.

This year saw notable articles on changes to education policy, the prospects for natural gas, an alarming decline in elephant population and the government's problematic response, and an extended article marking the 100-year anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1.

The increasingly competitive nature of Tanzania's politics was covered in depth, as was the now apparently stalled process to develop a new national constitution, including a detailed analysis of the process and the various drafts.

The book reviews continue to be a popular section of *Tanzania Affairs*, keeping readers up to date with the latest publications. Similarly, the development research section has brought a wide range of academic articles to the attention of readers.

As before, past issues of *Tanzanian Affairs* are available online at tzaffairs.org.



The Safe House

NEWSLETTER

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.

The newsletter of January celebrated TDT's achievement in raising the £70 000 needed to build the Safe House in Mara for girls fleeing FGM and Mama Rhobi's visit to the UK, plus Bridge2Aid, Future Visions and Urban Development of DSM, and a report on Education Seminar on raising Attainment in Tanzanian Schools.

The May Newsletter featured a number of articles including Shirati Hospital Energy Project, TDT Chair Julian Marcus' visit to projects, opening of the Safe House and Vocational training Centre in Mugumu, Scottish Group News and BTS Chair William Fulton's problems with the Tanzania Immigration Authorities.

The new page devoted to "Swahili Matters" has had an article appear in both English and Swahili, thanks to Donovan McGrath. Feedback on the idea of this Swahili page and its contents would be welcome.

Thanks to Jill Bowden for her careful proof reading of the draft copy and for overseeing the printing and posting.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters and to Julian and Willie for encouraging and supporting me throughout the year.

Sue Mitchell

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY ON THE INTERNET

Our website <http://www.btsociety.org/> is the source of the most up to date information about the Society.

Plans are currently underway to make the three sites associated with the Society more integrated. The other sites are for the Tanzania Development Trust <http://www.tanzdevtrust.org/> and Tanzanian Affairs <http://www.tzaffairs.org/>

MEMBERSHIP

Membership 2014-2015

Subscription arrangements:

Previously, members joined BTS as either 'joint' or 'single' members, and it was possible to calculate the total number of individual members.

A flat fee subscription has recently been introduced, and membership is now paid and recorded by number of subscribing households, or addresses.

Types of Membership:

The current mailing list stands at 636 addresses.

32 of the 636 addresses relate to group, or corporate, membership.

36 addresses are linked with non-paying members: 22 associate (honorary) members, 4 concessionary members, 10 journalist mailings,

18 student members pay reduced subscriptions, and one VSO member applied for and was granted a year's free subscription.

Where members live:

Inner/Outer London: 133

Home counties and accessible London (e.g. Oxford, Cambridge): 201

Northern England: 72

Midlands: 52

West Country and S-W peninsula: 51

Overseas: 50 (of which 18 are in Tanzania)

Scotland: 37

E Anglia: 21

Wales and Shropshire: 14

N Ireland: 3

Guernsey: 2

Ann Brumfit

EDUCATION GROUP

The Linked In Group consists of 36 members and continues to share information on aspects related to education in Tanzania. This is mainly around funding opportunities and conferences. During the past year, Andrew Coulson organised a seminar on Education in Tanzania (please see the report on seminars above). This was well attended with attendees requesting further opportunities to discuss education issues. Finding common strands and time remains the challenge of getting together and participating in the discussion areas more frequently.

Anne Samson



In the classroom

BTS SCOTTISH BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report from Britain Tanzania Society Scottish Group (BTSS)

1 July 2014– 30 June 2015

Although the Group has been less active than usual over the past year we still have over 50 people on our mailing list – who receive notices of members' activities, and of items related to Tanzania.

During the year BTS Scotland hosted a meeting in January. At this well-attended event Louise Johnston gave an inspiring talk on the fund raising and other activities of the Ruvuma Development Aid (RUDA) project, and Christopher Hall gave details of the visit to Edinburgh of the Bishop of Zanzibar and Restoration Director for Zanzibar Cathedral.

During this year the book, "UJAMAA - the hidden story of Tanzania's development from the grass roots" written by Ralph Ibbott, our Chair, was published and Ralph attended the launch in London. Copies of the book are available from Crossroads Books sales@crossroadsbooksonline.net for £15.99. See details at <http://crossroadsbooksonline.net/product/ujamaa-the-hidden-story-of-tanzanias-socialist-villages/> All royalties from the book go to support Ruvuma Development Aid towards the building of a research centre documenting the history of the Ujamaa villages and celebrating the people who worked and lived in these villages.

Since then there has been, for various reasons, a lack of interest in Saturday meetings and we have yet to find another *modus operandum*. However, many of our members have their own Tanzania-based projects and their meetings are open to all the Group. Apart from the RUDA project other very active ones are SASHITA <http://www.sashita.org.uk/>, and the fund raising for Zanzibar Cathedral (see update in the autumn BTS newsletter).

The Chair of the BTSS is Ralph Ibbott. For more details contact Ann Burgess annpatriciaburgess@yahoo.co.uk, Jennifer Sharp js@satv.co.uk or Ralph Ibbott at 01875 818658.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

The 39th Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 15th November 2014.

The Chairman, Mr William Fulton welcomed the 50 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 Tim Watkins-Idle, the web site administrator and of Peter Hill. Their terms of office had come to an end and they were not seeking re-election.

The meeting unanimously agreed that David Gibbons and Jonathan Pace be re-elected to serve for a further three years.

Janet Chapman, TDT Communications Officer, Petronilla Mwakatuma and Roger Nellist were elected to serve for the next three years. We look forward to the contributions that they will make in the coming years.

Trevor Jaggar, Vice-President of the Society took the chair for the election of the Chairman. Mr William Fulton was re-elected Chairman and resumed the Chair. Dr Andrew Coulson was re-elected 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.

Julian Marcus, Chair of TDT, proposed a vote of thanks to Robert Gibson for his excellent work as treasurer from which he now wishes to stand down. Robert Gibson will remain as a Trustee of TDT. The meeting was informed that Mr Sam Macaulay has been appointed as TDT treasurer.

The meeting extended their greetings to Dianne Corner, former High Commissioner to Tanzania, who now holds a posting with the United Nations in the Central African Republic.

Alan Roe gave a presentation : Gold and Gas: The Impact on Tanzania
To which he gave the title

Tanzania and Extractives – structural change
.....another twist?

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

FINANCE

The surplus for 2014/5 was £3,211, a small increase on last year's £2,715. The improved finances enabled the Society to underwrite expenses of £814 for an event run by the Development Trust to raise funds for the Safe House project.

Postage costs rose slightly, but printing costs were down on the previous year. Legal fees for advice on changing the status of the Society to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation account for the expenses of £387.

Jill Bowden



Traditional Housing

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee and the Tanzania Development Trust each met on four occasions during the year: 17th September, 25th November, 21st January and 12th May, and the Tanzania Development Trust held an additional meeting on 24th March. 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.



At the Maasai market

CONCLUSION

As this year's report and our publications demonstrate, your Society continues to work towards alleviating poverty in Tanzania by improving education, promoting good health practices and in promoting grass roots economic development in one of the poorest countries of the world. All this is done through a spirit of friendship between the peoples of our two countries.

We also continue to educate and inform ourselves, through the sharing of information and good practice, which equips the majority of our members, who are current practitioners in development in its many and varied forms in Tanzania, to be better able to share their skills and resources more effectively.

Ann Brumfit, our Membership Secretary for the past 15 years, has said that she does not intend to stand again for re-election at the AGM. The role of the Membership Secretary is vital to the smooth running of the Society. I would like to thank Ann, on your behalf, for the efficient way in which she has processed membership applications and maintained our members' database, as well as providing us with the membership statistics.

Finally, I am sure that we all hope and pray that Tanzania's General election in October passes peacefully and that the new parliament will remain committed to continue the vital work of improving the lives of its citizens through improved education, health care and much-needed infrastructure.

William Fulton

Chairman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THE UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ex Officio	President	HE Ali Hassan Mwinyi
	Vice Presidents	
	Elizabeth Fennell MBE	Dr J K Chande, KBE
	Derek Ingram OBE	Ronald Fennell MBE
	Professor Esther Mwaikambo	Trevor Jaggar
	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	Valerie Leach
	Janet Chapman	Julian Marcus
	Dan Cook	Sue Mitchell
	Kevin Curley CBE	Petronilla Mwakatuma
	David Gibbons	Roger Nellist
	Phil Grant	Jonathan Pace
	Aseri Katanga	Ben Taylor
Co-opted	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 Jaggar
	David Gibbons	Tony Janes
	Robert Gibson	Julian Marcus
The Officers	Chairman	Julian Marcus
	Vice Chairmen	Dan Cook
		Jonathan Pace
		Sam Macaulay
	Hon Treasurer	Elizabeth Taylor
	Secretary	Janet Chapman
	Communications Manager	
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

BTS SCOTTISH BRANCH

Leaders	Chair of the BTSS	Ralph Ibbott
	Secretary	Ann Burgess
		Jennifer Sharp

Note: The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 14th November 2015 at Central Hall Westminster at 2.00pm. In this our 40th Anniversary year there will be a presentation on the work of the Tanzania Development Trust.

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE A/C Year ending 30th June 2015**

	2014-15	2013-14
INCOME		
Subscriptions	11900.50	11694.50
Sales of Tz Affairs	448.13	403.64
Events income		
Bank interest	3.16	3.17
Sundries	109.89	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12461.68	12101.31
PAYMENTS OUT		
Bond Membership		117.90
OPERATING EXPENSES		
AGM	1333.60	1318.40
Stationery		
Postage	2712.19	2519.49
Printing	1647.60	2395.66
Seminar expenses	80.00	
Website	540.00	782.21
Events expenses	814.00	
Bank charges	4.00	10.00
Room hire	286.80	246.00
Sundry expenses	387.00	284.98
TANZANIAN AFFAIRS		
TA expenses	18.00	39.68
TA printing	1427.30	1665.00
TA bank charges		6.00
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	9250.49	9385.32
Net Surplus/Deficit	3211.19	2715.99

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2015

	2015		2014	
FUNDS				
Balance brought forward		8746.84		6030.85
Surplus/Deficit for the year		3211.19		2715.99
		<u>11958.03</u>		<u>8746.84</u>
ASSETS				
Current a/c	7029.90		3331.36	
Deposit HSBC	5626.65	12656.55	5623.48	8954.84
Creditors				
TDT	-698.52	-698.52	208.00	208.00
		<u>11958.03</u>		<u>8746.84</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>11958.03</u>		<u>8746.84</u>

Notes to Accounts

- 1 BTS received £3294.52 on behalf of TDT (£2895.48 previous year) and paid TDT £2804.00 (£3604.38 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 accompanying 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]
15th July 2015

