



Above: Happy girls, many with disabilities, some blind, at Katumba II school, Tukuyu, Mbeya region.

Below: Classroom built by TDT with funds from a generous Trust.



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BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS

For the period

1st July 2009– 30th June 2010



INTRODUCTION

The year has been a great success for the Society.

As you read about some of our activities in the past twelve months we hope you will reflect upon the enjoyment of being a member and will join us in strengthening the ties of friendship between Tanzania and Britain and improving our knowledge of the country.

Without team work we can do nothing. As Chair I am deeply indebted to all the committee members who give their time generously. Also to the many links throughout Britain which make the ties between communities in Tanzania and Britain so productive.

The Tanzania Development Trust, our charitable arm very ably led by Julian Marcus and his team of volunteers, has embarked on new initiatives this year. You will find the details set out in the separate TDT Annual Report. Many excellent requests we receive for assistance outstrip the resources available, despite the expansion of ties with other trusts which recognise TDT's knowledge of the situation on the ground and rely on us to use their funds effectively. We encourage you to become members of BTS. Your subscriptions help to cover all the expenses of TDT.

It is important to read both annual reports to get a true picture of the Society "founded for friendship and the spread of knowledge"

See pages 19-21 for details of BTS Committees

1. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS

For almost four years the Society has benefited from the unstinting support of the Tanzanian High Commissioner, Her Excellency Mrs Mwanaidi Maajar. She is now leaving London to become Ambassador to the United States. In her farewell letter to the Society she wrote: "BTS has been a true partner during my tour of duty at the Court of St. James... the Society has made my work exciting and worthwhile, particularly in relation to the support of the people of Tanzania through the development activities of TDT".



BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2010 June 2010


	2008-9		2009-10
FUNDS	10,627.88		12,173.70
less distribution T.D.T.		1,000.00	
Profit Brought Forward		2,545.82	
110.36			
	<u>12,173.70</u>		<u>12,284.06</u>
ASSETS			
Current a/c	7,275.62		5784.05
Deposit HSBC	5,605.08	12,880.70	7609.01
13393.06			
Creditors			
Subscription paid in Advance	-484.00		-579.00
T.D.T.	-223.00	-707.00	-530.00
1109.00			-
	<u>12,173.70</u>		<u>12284.06</u>

Notes to Accounts

Membership subscriptions are taken into account on a cash basis but accrued or shown as as paid in advance if appropriate. Grants and contributions are taken into account when received. Expenditure is included on accrual 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.


 Peter Marsh
 Wakefield
 Date 08/07/2010
 Note:

**BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C**

Year ending 30th June 2010

INCOME		2008-9	2009-10
Bank Interest Received		53.92	
Ordinary	7888.50		7856.19
Groups	289.00		242.00
Arrears	295.00	8472.50	394.00
			8492.19
TOTAL INCOME		<u>8526.42</u>	<u>8492.19</u>
EXPENSES			
Bond Membership		105.79	305.64
OPERATING EXPENSES			
AGM	1151.25		1377.29
Stationery	14.80		260.47
Postage	1213.15		1614.21
Printing	767.00		1156.38
Room Hire	78.25		
Travel	39.00	3263.45	
Web Design			1150.00
Scottish Branch Projector			393.99
Seminars	232.81		
H.C. Reception	-210.48	22.33	5.00
Bank Charges			4.07
TANZANIA AFFAIRS			6267.05
Expenses	188.30		178.29
Printing	2693.64		2667.29
Sales	-292.91	2589.03	-565.80
Advertising			-165.00
			2114.78
Total Expenses:		<u>5980.60</u>	<u>8381.83</u>
Net Profit (Loss)		2545.82	110.36

Her successor Peter Kallaghe and his family arrive in London from Ottawa where he has been High Commissioner since October 2007. We look forward to working with him. In a recent letter to me he wrote: "*The Britain-Tanzania Society is very well known in Tanzania for the many positive contributions it has made in fostering the relationship between our two countries and people*".

The British High Commissioner in Tanzania, Diane Corner, has also been very supportive of the Society. During her keynote speech at BTS AGM in London, she cited Nyerere's legacy of a peaceful, stable country with a lively media and vibrant Parliament. She indicated that among her priorities would be assistance to improve the business climate and poverty reduction.

The Society considers itself fortunate that one of its members, Stephen O'Brien MP has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary for International Development in the new coalition government. Mr. O'Brien, born in Mtwara, has a strong attachment to Tanzania, having led the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Malaria and Tanzania. He attends many BTS functions.

2. EVENTS

Members attended a wide variety of meetings in the past year:

A Celebration of the Life of Nyerere, was one of the most interesting events of the year with two days of meetings in October organized by Edinburgh University, Mwalimu's alma mater, and the High Commission. A commemorative book includes pieces by notable Tanzanians - Mkapa, Mwinyi, Salim Salim and others as well as nine BTS members, among them Derek Ingram, a founder member, Dr. Andrew Coulson of the University of Birmingham, Kevin Curley CEO of National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA), Faye Cran (Mama Kuku) from Arusha and Liz Fennell.

On 8 October, BTS held a meeting, at which Kasia Parham, wife of the former British High Commissioner, and the Tanzanian High Commissioner were present, to ***Welcome two young Maasai girls from Tanzania*** who were in London to launch **Emusoi**, a book written by seven young girls, describing their struggles to obtain an education.

Esupat (15) described in graphic detail her experiences as she avoided an early marriage, and managed to reach the safety of the Emusoi Centre to continue her education. Naha, aged about 21 years, is a brave young woman who is

helping other girls reach Emusoi. She ends her chapter by writing “*only when I have finished my studies and only when I have got all my qualifications, will I be able to make a difference to the lives of my people. Perhaps they will be convinced of the power that education brings.*”

The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the **Council for Education in the Commonwealth (CEC)** was held in Parliament in December. The Deputy Commonwealth Secretary General, Mrs Masire Mwamba gave the Gladwyn Lecture on “*Women as a force for development in the Commonwealth*”. She noted the mistaken perception that business was off limits to women, even though they dominated small scale trading in many countries and dominated the teaching cadre at primary level. The Executive Secretary, Valerie Davey, formerly Labour MP for Bristol West, is a BTS member.



Naha (L) and Esupat (R) with High Commissioner Mwanaidi Majaar

A reception was held by READ International at the Speaker’s House in Parliament in January to celebrate their programme of sending over 800,000 books to schools in Tanzania. Congratulations to Robert Wilson, Founder Director of the Charity and a member of BTS, who has recently been awarded an Enterprising Young Brit Award for 2010.

A meeting of the **Malaria Consortium** was held at which Professor Myles Wickstead discussed the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). He pointed out that these goals are linked to the realization of human rights but are also the right thing to aim for because we share a common sense of humanity and an interest in the elimination of poverty.

The two-day **Diaspora II Conference** in Wembley in March. Organised by the Tanzanian High Commission, the meeting was addressed by the Minister for

(2) The Officers

Chair Ambassador. Paul Rupia

Vice-Chair
Hon Exec Secretary
Hon Treasurer
Projects Officer

Dr Cuthbert Kimambo
Mrs Prudence Eliapenda
Dr Strato Mosha
Mr Chuwa Eliapenda

(3) The Members

Mr Edward Bejumula
Mr Boniface Kanemba
Mrs Gloria Mawji
Mrs Zakia Mohamed
Ms Angela Nara
Dr. Sam Nyantahe
Mr Ashwin Sampat

Mr Paddy Hoon
Hon. Mahmood Kombo
Ambassador Hashim Mbita
Prof. Gelase Mutahaba
Mr Michael Njumba
Ms. Jitto Ram
Mrs Beatrice Shellukindo



Tanzania Chapter Executive Committee with HE Diane Corner

(3) <u>The Members</u>	Richard Barton-Wood Roy Galbraith Peter Hill Aseri Katanga Danny Mwasandube Peter Park Mary Punt	Abubakar Faraji David Gibbons Tim Watkins Idle Julian Marcus Robin Newell Sally Parson Leo Tesha
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(4) <u>Co-opted</u>	Yusuf Kashangwa (Director, Tanzania Trade Centre) Joseph Kilasara
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II. THE TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

(1) <u>The Trustees</u>	Trevor Jaggar Danny Mwasandube Andrew Coulson	Robin Newell Peter Park Julian Marcus
(2) <u>The Officers</u>	Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary Project Officers	Julian Marcus Andrew Coulson Danny Mwasandube/ Rachel Lindley Peter Hill Andrew Coulson, Aseri Katanga, Ron Fennell, David Gibbons, Tony Janes, Sally Parson, Valerie Leach

(3) <u>The Members</u>	Richard Barton-Wood Aseri Katanga Jill Bowden (ex officio)	Elizabeth Fennell Tim Watkins Idle
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(4) <u>Co-opted</u>	Tony Janes
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III. THE TANZANIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) <u>Ex-officio</u>	The President H E Ali Hassan Mwinyi The Vice-Presidents Dr. J.K. Chande , KBE Prof. Esther Mwaikambo Secretary pro. Temp. Mrs Nancy Macha Derek Ingram Elizabeth Fennell Trevor Jaggar The members of the Executive Committee of BTS (UK)
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Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Hon. Bernard Kamillius Membe, who announced that the Diaspora was to be made a Region of the United Republic and that active discussions were continuing on dual citizenship. RADAR International and representatives of major banks spoke of job opportunities in Tanzania. The Commissioner General of the Revenue Authority, Harry Kitilya, led a workshop on the procedures for the import of charitable goods.



L to R: Liz and Ron Fennell, Abubakar Faraji, Aseri Katanga, Zarina Jafferji, Yusuf Kashangwa, Rashid Dilunga and Hope Katanga

A team of homeless boys from Mwanza got to the final of the **Street Children World Cup in Durban** in March but lost by a penalty goal to India. BTS liaised with the government to ensure that it was recognized as the Tanzanian national team.

3. RECEPTIONS AND PARTIES

The Society held a **farewell party for Danny Mwasandube**, TDT Treasurer, at the end of March at the High Commissioner's residence prior to his departure to take up a new appointment in Dar es Salaam. We thank Danny for his hard work on behalf of BTS.

Spring Lunch Party On April 24th, a beautiful spring day in the West Country, Steve Elyatt and Sally Parson Elyatt welcomed BTS members from Southwest Britain to their home in Abbotskerswell.



Petronella and Danny Mwasandube..

These social gatherings outside London play a very important part in the Society and we welcome offers to hold them in different places in the coming year.

4. FAREWELL TO HE MRS MWANAIDI MAAJAR.

The Society held a **Reception at Central Hall Westminster** on 18 May to bid farewell to H E Mrs. Mwanaidi Maajar. Over 120 members and friends of the Society enjoyed the evening. Among the distinguished guests were four former British High Commissioners to Tanzania and their wives, including Dr. Andrew Pocock who is head of the Africa Department of the FCO. Representatives of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and other academics were also present. In his speech the Chair said that the High Commissioner had brought new dimensions to the work of the mission: actively supporting British investments in Tanzania and encouraging the Diaspora to play a larger role in development. She had given a great deal of her time to NGOs working in Tanzania including BTS. The Society will miss her friendly and businesslike approach. Mrs. Hope Katanga presented gifts on behalf of the Society.

5. VISITORS to TANZANIA

Visits by members strengthen the friendship ties between the two countries, help the Society to keep up to date and develop confidence among our donors through our knowledge of communities we support.

- Our Scottish members led the way this year. 13 University of Glasgow undergraduates visited the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) in an ongoing programme of research projects in environment and development studies paired with UDSM students. Research visits were made by Professor John Briggs, Dr. Joanne Sharp, Dr. Leah Gibbs and Dr. Deborah Bryceson. Dr. Opportuna Kweka of UDSM visited Glasgow for research collaboration.
- Danny Mwasandube, the former Treasurer of TDT, went to review projects in the Southern Highlands in January.
- Leo Tesha spent many weeks in Kilimanjaro Region supporting the work of her NGO, the Shimbwe Trust.

17. CONCLUSION

The year has come to an end on an upbeat note despite the economic recession. There has been a significant increase in the number of activities. We are pleased that closer links are being made with the Tanzania Association and other groups within the Diaspora, thanks to the support of the High Commission.

I wish to express my personal thanks for the work and support of so many of our members – in the Executive Committee and the links. And a particular thanks to Julian Marcus and his team for the work done by the Trust. We are also pleased that Tanzanians returning to Dar es Salaam are participating in the work of the Tanzania Chapter, which is helpful in advising us and making new contacts.

2011 is an important year for Tanzania as it celebrates 50 years of nationhood. The Society will be active in promoting events to recognise the success and stability of Tanzania. We welcome all members' ideas on how to expand our work and bring in more friends. We also welcome volunteers' greater participation. Let us make it happen.

Ron Fennell

Chair. Britain-Tanzania Society

L THE UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) Ex officio

President	HE Ali Hassan Mwinyi
Vice Presidents	Dr J K Chande, KBE Professor Esther Mwaikambo Derek Ingram Elizabeth Fennell
	The members of the Executive Committee of BTS Tanzania

(2) The Officers

Chair	Ronald Fennell
Vice-Chair	David Brewin
Hon Executive Secretary	Jill Bowden
Hon Membership Secretary	Ann Brumfit
Hon Treasurer	Betty Wells

16. 26th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BTS TANZANIA CHAPTER FOR THE YEAR NOVEMBER 2009 TO OCTOBER 2010

Committees meetings were held in January, March, June, September and November. The first meeting of the year was held in January at the Dar es Salaam Community Bank Headquarters at Mnazi Moja. Mr. Michael Njumba had invited the Committee to meet regularly at his ElectroPlan offices at Twiga House on Samora Avenue. The Chair Amb. Rupia accepted the offer and expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee for Mr. Njumba's generosity. Following meetings were held at the ElectroPlan office.

AGM

The 25th Annual General Meeting of the Tanzania Chapter of the Society was held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Tanzania Library Headquarters on Maktaba \Street.

Vice Presidents Sir J. K. Chande and Prof. Esther Mwaikambo were both in attendance.

After a very upbeat talk about the first impressions of Tanzania and the economic possibilities by the new British High Commissioner HE Ms Diane Corner, a cake in honour of the silver anniversary of the TZ Chapter was cut and shared by all.

VISITORS FROM UK CHAPTER

There have been several opportunities to meet visitors from the UK Chapter, among whom were Danny Mwasandube and Andrew Coulson.

SOCIAL EVENTS

March 12th the British High Commissioner HE Ms Diane Corner hosted the Executive Committee to a dinner, which was well attended. March 19th a combined event at Palm Beach had the Committee meeting with Andrew Coulson and Tony Lovell and birthday celebrations of David Eliapenda, Edward Bejumula and Tony Lovell's granddaughter.

The high-point social event of the year was the Queen's Birthday Party. Hosted at her residence by the British High Commissioner HE Ms Diane Corner, it was a very enjoyable and even exciting evening. Following the speeches which for once did not overrun their allotted span, the vuvuzelas announced the beginning of the US-UK soccer match in the World Soccer Cup.

Nancy S. Macha

- Aseri Katanga, Chair of Computers4Africa goes regularly to Mwanza and Bukoba and has been instrumental in the completion of a large IT classroom at Rugambwa Girls School. (See TDT Annual Report for more details). He was presented with the award Tanzanian of the Year by President Kikwete in recognition of his contribution towards education, especially IT in Tanzania. (Picture below) We congratulate Aseri.



- Andrew Coulson and Valerie Leach participated in an important workshop organised by REPOA (Research on Poverty Alleviation) in March. Valerie has worked closely with REPOA for a number of years. The theme of the conference was Kilimo Kwanza –the government's agricultural policy.
- Peter and Doreen White were in Kagera in October and visited a number of TDT supported projects: Rugambwa School, Nurusu Yatima Orphanage, Kikukwe Health Centre.
- Mike Shand, Cartographer at the University of Glasgow, continued his research on mapping rabies and army worms and conducted a GIS workshop at the University of Dar es Salaam.

- Abubakar Faraji brings back news of the latest developments from his regular business trips and ensures that the Society's activities appear on his TZUK.com website.
- Tony Janes made three trips this year taking groups of BTS members and friends to visit the Swahili Coast and the Tanzania Rural Revival area.

6. VISITORS TO BRITAIN.

We were honoured to give **a lunch for the President of the Society H E Ali Hassan Mwinyi** and his wife Sitti in November. As always he was willing to discuss a wide range of topics including the growth of the East African Community, the serious situation for albinos and the new emphasis on agriculture. He remains a strong supporter of the Society and its projects. In concluding his speech he described TDT's work as *Haba na haba hujaza kibaba* (a little bit at a time fills the pot!)



*Left: Liz Fennell, Vice-President of BTS presenting a gift to Mrs Mwinyi.
Right: President Mwinyi with Julian Marcus, Chair of our TDT.*

- Sir Andy Chande, one of our Vice Presidents, meets with us whenever he is in the UK.
- Professor Gelase Mutahaba, formerly Vice Chair of the Tanzania Chapter invariably makes contact as he passes through London.

15. FINANCE

Betty Wells, our Treasurer since the early days of the Society, reported that the Society ended the year with a balance of £12,000.

It is important to note that the Development Trust spends no money on administration or fund-raising. In the past year BTS, with the approval of the Executive Committee, covered the development costs and maintenance of the new TDT website and a donation to the Scottish Branch towards a digital projector.

The two committees work together, without offices or staff. Volunteers cover their own expenses. Thus we can assure all donors that no money is taken from the donations – all of it goes to projects the TDT supports in Tanzania.

Income and Expenditure Statements for the year are at the end of this report.



At the end of the day, Matema Beach , Lake Nyasa

In his report to members the Chair, Mr Ron Fennell, commented that in this electronic age the Society needs to maintain active face-to-face contact and conversations if it is to remain an effective friendship society. Numerous and diverse links between communities in each country are vital. The Chair thanked all those who work so hard to build and maintain practical support for communities in need.

The Treasurer's Report, which showed that both income and expenditure had fallen slightly, was accepted.

Officials of both committees were re-elected and Trevor Jaggar was elected as a Vice President, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Society.

Julian Marcus, Vice-Chair of the TDT committee, paid tribute to the committee's Chair, Robin Newell, who was unable to attend due to illness and under whose chairmanship the Trust had greatly increased its income and the number of projects that it was able to support.

Aseri Katanga gave a slide presentation on the work of his NGO, Computers4Africa.

In her address HE Diane Corner commented that during her 8 months in office she had become aware that Tanzania was very outward facing and she noted its generosity to refugees. Her priorities during her term of office would be to improve the business climate, in order to facilitate the development of the private sector. Democracy, good governance and poverty reduction would also be high on the list of priorities.

After her address HE Corner was joined by HE Mwanaidi Maajar, to receive questions and comments from the floor. In response to a question on the use of Kiswahili, HE Mwanaidi Maajar replied that its use contributed to national cohesion. On the question of non-refundable visa charges HE Diane Corner pointed out that that each visa application costs money to process, whether the application is successful or not and therefore the fee would remain non-refundable.

Members and guests then enjoyed tea and informal discussion until 5.30pm.

- Jason Kessi and his daughter stayed with Jill Bowden in May.
- We look forward to Nancy Macha, a member of the Executive Committee of the TZ Chapter, visiting in the near future.

7. SEMINARS

Roy Galbraith has done a sterling job arranging seminars for 30 years, bringing memorable speakers such as Jane Goodall, Jim Adams, Vice President of the World Bank, and Clare Short. Thanks to the growing reputation of the Society, BTS gets an increasing number of invitations to seminars, receptions and exhibitions organized by many agencies including All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPG), the Royal African Society and the Centre for African Studies at SOAS. Notices of these are on the BTS website. Please ensure that we have your email address so that the Secretary can inform you of "short notice" invitations.

Although the Society itself has not organized seminars *this* year, members attended a wide variety including the following:

Economic Outlook for Africa:

a discussion of an IMF report APPG for Africa, October 2009

FairTrade Matters An all day seminar organized by Redditch/Mtwara One World Link. Principal speaker Michael Foster MP, former Permanent Undersecretary for Development, October 2010.

Accessing Medicines

Availability of anti-retroviral drugs with speakers from the Gates Foundation, Imperial College, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Stephen O'Brien, MP, February 2010.

Touch Foundation and Bugando Teaching Hospital in Mwanza

A grand reception to raise funds for major support for primary health care planning and exchange of professional staff; March 2010.

The Farms Race APPG for Agriculture and Food for Development

Resolving the potential clash between foreign investment in land for food production and communal rights of subsistence arable and livestock farmers. The Tanzania and Mozambique High Commissioners both spoke on this issue January 2010 at the House of Commons.

Roy Galbraith is working with Valerie Leach, a new member of the Executive Committee and Angelica Baschiera of SOAS to develop a seminar programme for the coming year.

8. ARCHIVES.

Julian Marcus has worked very hard to assemble the Society's archives and Seminar reports which have been catalogued at SOAS. An electronic index will be available to researchers. Members should pass historic material and photographs to Julian to add to the records. This will be a valuable resource for the Society.

9. PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

TANZANIAN AFFAIRS.

I wish to give David Brewin my sincere thanks for the work he has done as editor of Tanzanian Affairs for 26 years. He does an excellent job reporting key political, economic and social events in the United Republic. Donovan McGrath, (co-editor), Jacob Knight (electronic publishing) Mary Punt (distribution manager), John Cooper-Poole (book reviews) and Debbie Simmons (advertising) make up a strong team that keeps us abreast of important news. The journal is appreciated by many subscribers worldwide.

David summarizes the year as follows:

In the period covered by this Annual Report there has been good news and bad news.

The really good news was the reconciliation agreed between the two main political parties in Zanzibar, which immediately reduced tensions and gave hope for truly free and fair elections in 2010. The signing on November 11 of a protocol aimed at setting up an East African Common Market promised improvements in the economies of the four countries involved. More good news came from Kagera Region where, in September, the refugee camps closed after the last of the half a million refugees from Burundi and Rwanda finally returned home or were resettled in Tanzania.

The bad news, as far as most people were concerned, was the very slow progress being made in prosecuting the more important personalities accused in the 500 corruption cases which have been brought to court. In one

'YOU FEEL YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE'

While some teenagers spend their pocket money on music and mobiles, Louise Ferguson, 17, and Joey Black, 16, are more likely to put their cash and effort towards helping the children of Tanzania.

"Being involved in this makes you feel like you're really making a difference, says Louise, of Meadowbank, who has sold her own possessions to raise money for charity. Joey, meanwhile, is about to raise cash by having his long hair cut off.

He says: "When you see how difficult their lives are, and find there is something you can do to help, it makes you realise that there's more to life than material things." Piece in the Scotsman about Sashita.



Lesley Lynch SASHITA
Karibuni Kijijini Kwangu

13. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee and the Tanzania Development Trust Committee each met on four occasions, on Tuesday 15th September 2009, Monday 23rd November 2009, Thursday 25th February 2010 and Thursday 20th May 2010. During the year, Danny Mwasandube and Dr Hildebrand Shayo resigned from the Executive Committee. Hildebrand Shayo returned to Tanzania, to join the Open University of Tanzania as a Senior Lecturer. Danny, who was an outstanding Treasurer of the Tanzania Development Trust, also returned to Tanzania..Dr Andrew Coulson joined the Executive Committee and was appointed Vice-Chair of the TDT committee and a Trustee. Tony Janes was co-opted to the TDT committee and Rachel Lindley joined both the Executive and TDT committees when she took over from Danny as Treasurer of TDT.

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

The 34th Annual General Meeting was held at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) on Saturday October 17th. We were fortunate to be able to welcome to the meeting both the British High Commissioner to Tanzania, HE Diane Corner, and the Tanzanian High Commissioner to the UK, HE Mwanaidi Sinare Maajar.

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Ordinary members - individual	383	370	361	373	368
- couples	174	180	175	187	195
Total Ordinary Members	731	730	711	747	758
Student Members	26	37	29	38	34
Total Individual Members	757	767	740	785	792
Group Members	25	26	22	23	24

Note: Among the above there are 52 overseas addresses, of which 18 are in Tanzania.

12. BTS SCOTTISH GROUP

The team led by Ralph Ibbott and Ann Burgess is an excellent example of the value of regional groups. It has over 50 members and more than 20 'friends' on the mailing list. This year the Group together with the Tanzania Edinburgh Community Association (TzECA - an association of Tanzanians living, working and studying in the Edinburgh area) formed the Tanzania Scotland Network [<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/TzSN>]

The Group assisted in the arrangements for the Nyerere Celebration at the University of Edinburgh (see Events section).

At its regular meetings this year the group learned about a number of projects which its members support including:

SASHITA which was formed in 2008 by Maggie Mazoleka who has been living in Scotland since 1992. The charity is run by a committee of men and women from a variety of backgrounds, all interested in helping impoverished rural communities in Tanzania and in particular in Samuye village, Shinyanga Region, where Maggie was born.

of the more important of these cases – the sale by BAE Systems of an Air Traffic Control system which was generally thought to be both unsuitable and over-expensive. Britain's Senior Fraud Office investigated and asked the British Attorney General to prosecute BAE. After some initial objections, BAE began to indicate that it might settle and might repay Tanzania for its loss.

Even though the next elections are not due until October 2010 political activity increased markedly throughout the year as the ruling party and the two main opposition parties geared up for the contest. All three parties began to show elements of internal disunity. Meanwhile, Tanzania's Parliament showed its teeth in a way that it had never done before and this, plus the unhappiness about corruption, led to the very first signs of serious tensions within the party which has ruled Tanzania for nearly fifty years. However, the leader of the party largely retained his popularity.

"May I say how much I appreciate Tanzanian Affairs. For me, involved in business and development work in Tanzania, it is essential reading. No other source of news comes close to the standard which you set".

A reader in Scotland.

The cruel killing of Albinos so that their body parts can be used in traditional medicine attracted increasing concern and strong action began to be taken to stamp out the practice.

Two former government-owned companies, Tanzania Railways and Air Tanzania Ltd, got into major difficulties under their latest managements and it was generally accepted that they would need to change their management structures again.

NEWSLETTER.

The BTS Newsletter continues to be published three times a year - January, May and August - in tandem with Tanzanian Affairs. Copies are sent to all members, including those in Tanzania, and it is accessible from the BTS website. Members are providing more information and short articles on activities as well as photographs. Our thanks to Richard Barton-Wood for producing such an interesting Newsletter

Articles- e.g. reflecting members' experiences in Tanzania past or present - are very welcome, as are photos. If possible, please email (preferred) or post items direct to the Editor. abbeygarth@hotmail.com or Richard Barton-Wood, Abbeygarth, 15 Church St, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0PH.

WEBSITES

Tim Watkins Idle has updated and expanded the BTS website (www.btsociety.org), which now has links to Tanzanian Affairs and a number of topical Tanzania-related sites. He asks that people send him information on events as far in advance as possible and would be glad to get assistance from a member in keeping the site up to date. The Society also has a new e-mail address britaintanzaniasociety@gmail.com which is used increasingly for sending information to members.

The BTS site is linked to a Tanzania Development Trust website, designed by Julian Marcus (www.TanzDevTrust.org). This has a great deal of information about the work of the Trust, making it much easier to access information about specific projects financed by the Trust – the Society's charitable arm – and enables donors to make contributions electronically through **JustGiving**.

10. LINKS

Peter White continues to update the comprehensive list of UK organizations active in Tanzania. His knowledge of the country and his diligence means that this list is used widely by many people. The list is available on the BTS website. So many groups with links to communities in Tanzania are active that it is impossible to select more than a few for mention in this report. They work independently from BTS but we value their support and welcome them to our events.

The Hereford Diocese has links with a number of communities in Tanzania. This year the Hereford-Muheza hospital link is celebrating its 25th anniversary. A DFID Reciprocal Visits Grant has supplemented the link's own funds, enabling teachers from Hereford to visit schools in Tanzania and vice versa. A workshop for 45 participants is taking place at the Buhuri Livestock Training Institute to address the question: *How can we help our children, and their communities, secure a good supply of healthy food?*

Redditch/Mtwara One World Link: Three members have been to Mtwara in the past year to assist Mikindani Primary School and also to advise more widely on IT matters. One of the senior teachers from the school is going to Redditch under the British Council's Global School Partnership scheme.

Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala(FUM). On the 25th anniversary of the link between FUM and Tabora Region the Secretary, Rod Smith, spoke in glowing terms of the support that many government officials and in particular Elias Masatu, Chief Liaison Officer in the Regional Commissioner's Office, had given to the work over the years. Rod writes *"I have come home full of hope and clear ideas of where our efforts should be directed in the next few years"*.

A new link: a team of teachers and students from **Douay Martyrs Secondary School in Hillingdon** worked in a school near Sumbawanga, Rukwa Region, last year and will be going again this summer.



New toilets and washrooms built at Katandala, F.E. College, Sumbawanga. We are grateful to the Hilden Charitable Fund for support for this project.

11. MEMBERSHIP

Our thanks go Ann Brumfit, our Membership Secretary, who keeps us informed of the names and interests of new members through the Newsletter. We have a new membership flyer. Please use copies to enrol new members. If each one of us brought one new member think of the positive impact upon Britain Tanzania friendship. The increased income from members' subscriptions enables us to cover more expenses for TDT.

Comparative figures for previous years are given in the table overleaf. We also have 19 Honorary Members and our mailings go to 10 journalists.