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*Helping with the development of the people of the Tabora Region of Tanzania*

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## A Message from the Honorary Secretary

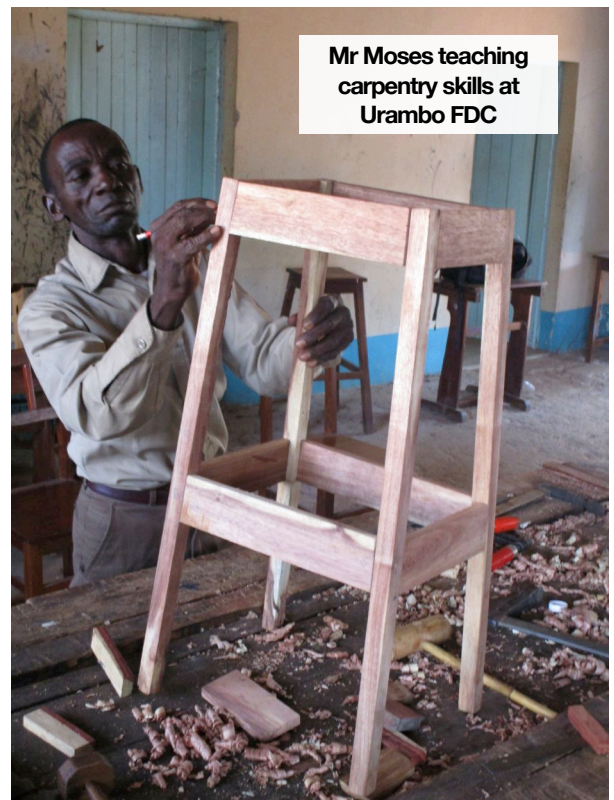
### Dear Friends and Supporters of FUM

Here is our spring newsletter, as usual expertly set and edited by Martin Kenway. Many thanks to him for his work on the newsletters during more than a decade.

As I write, the news is that the rains in Tabora have been sufficient to grow a good harvest and to bring the water table up to a level where shallow wells in the villages are once again functioning. It is quite remarkable how the groundwater level varies during the year; a ten metre deep well that has water nearly to the top in March can have run dry by August. This continual rise and fall of the water table, due to the periodic rainfall and

consequent washing away of the soluble minerals, is the origin of the deep red laterite soils so typical of the Tabora Region, but these soils are nevertheless fertile enough provided animal dung or fertilizers are added, but it is always a struggle to maintain humus in the soil, crop residues being the main source. Tabora farmers have extensive knowledge of the growing conditions and are very hardworking so, given enough rainfall, they can produce sufficient food for their families and a surplus to sell.

The unreliability of shallow wells is becoming more of an issue as the climate gradually changes. Often water becomes



Mr Moses teaching carpentry skills at Urambo FDC

scarce in some localities and has to be bought in, as is the case at both Sikonge and Urambo FDCs, which some years have to spend large amounts to acquire water for the staff and students. In 2013 the visiting Cranbrook students paid for new wells at Sikonge FDC and at Iseghe village clinic, but these will

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provide only a temporary solution. Accordingly the FUM officers have decided that our focus for the next few years should be the provision of reliable water supplies at all our FDCs and village clinics. I am in discussion with the local authorities to determine the best solution for each location. Most have good shallow wells already and some have large storage tanks for harvested rainwater, and Uhindi has recently been provided with a village borehole supply. Ideally we would like to provide all our clinics with deep boreholes, fitted with handpumps at first, but eventually scaling up to solar pumps and storage tanks.

The three boreholes FUM has provided, one at Nzega Hospital, one outside Urambo supplying the hospital there and a third in Mwanhala FDC, all work well. They provide a re-

liable, potable water supply and have functioned without problems for many years in Nzega and Urambo. The Borehole in Mwanhala seems reliable too. Our only problem with this aspiration is the cost; each borehole costs at least £10,000 including the preliminary ground survey, the drilling and the pump fitting. What is more, there is a fair chance that the borehole will not strike water, as happened some years ago when we attempted a borehole in the grounds of Urambo FDC. All in all FUM must launch a major fundraising attempt for this, so please start putting your pennies aside so that you will be able to respond when the time comes. Isabel is already seeking people to walk with her to raise funds. Included is an invitation to join her.

In this newsletter is a short article by Tom Davies about his time working in the Urambo FDC woodwork shop, where there are now six students. He focused on furniture design, helping develop new ideas which are stylish, functional and use less wood.

There is also a short appreciation of FUM's work and the visits by Cranbrook School pupils to the Tabora Region viewed from the UK and the Tanzania perspective. The UK part is written by Dr Amy Baigent. Amy first went to Tanzania with Cranbrook school, working on the MCH clinic in Maboha. She trained as a doctor and decided to do her elective placement in Nzega hospital. Friends may well remem-

ber reading her account of that time in the autumn 2011 newsletter; it can still be found on the FUM website.

The Tanzanian viewpoint comes from Euni Tabani who grew up as a schoolgirl in Mwanhala where her mother still lives. Her story is most interesting and contains, if one reads between the lines, clues about the sort of life a young girl leads in a Tanzanian village.

A number of former Cranbrook students have sent me letters in support of the Cranbrook School link with Tabora as there is a fear that the 2015 visit may well be the last. The Cranbrook link with Tabora has lasted for 30 years, a huge length of time for a school link, but staff changes always endanger such projects; only very

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dedicated teachers are prepared year after year to give up their holidays leading young people on such adventures. Jo Taylor has sustained the link for a decade but has run out of energy and support. So, unless something unexpected happens, July 2015 will be Cranbrook School Tanzania Project's swansong and one of

the UK's longest running links with the developing world will close down. The school has long been integrated into the maintenance program of our MCH clinics, and without their invaluable input we will have to reassess how we can keep our clinics in good repair. For all her hard work, initiative and energy, FUM is greatly indebted to Jo and to Cranbrook headteachers for their support and encouragement.

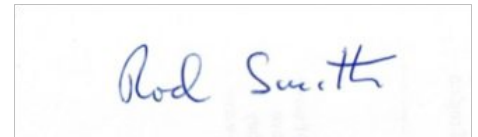
Another story to be read in this issue is that of the Tabora

teacher group. A number of teachers who had all worked in Tabora schools in the 1960s, held a reunion last July at which they pledged money to help with education in Tabora. Their story is a heart-warming one; truly, Tanzania around the time of independence was a very different place. Many congratulations to the group for their success in raising such a significant sum of money.

You will find in this newsletter details of the 51st AGM to be held at 2.30pm in Kalendar

Hall, South Street, Exeter. Please make an effort to join us. I also send out my annual plea asking you to make yourself known if you feel you would like to take a more active part in FUM.

I hope to see you all in Exeter if not before.



Rod Smith

# FUM Helping to Introduce Alternative Domestic Lighting

Nick Vinall

Most rural communities in Tanzania have no electricity so villagers rely on kerosene lamps for their lighting. These are expensive to run, have a serious risk of fire and the oily fumes are a health hazard.

Domestic solar lighting is now a reasonably affordable alternative that FUM is helping to introduce. We have tried them out and found them to be robust and work well even in cloudy UK. Hanging the lights outside to charge for a day gives 4 – 30 hours of light depending on the model. Larger models are available giving

more light and the ability to charge mobile phones.



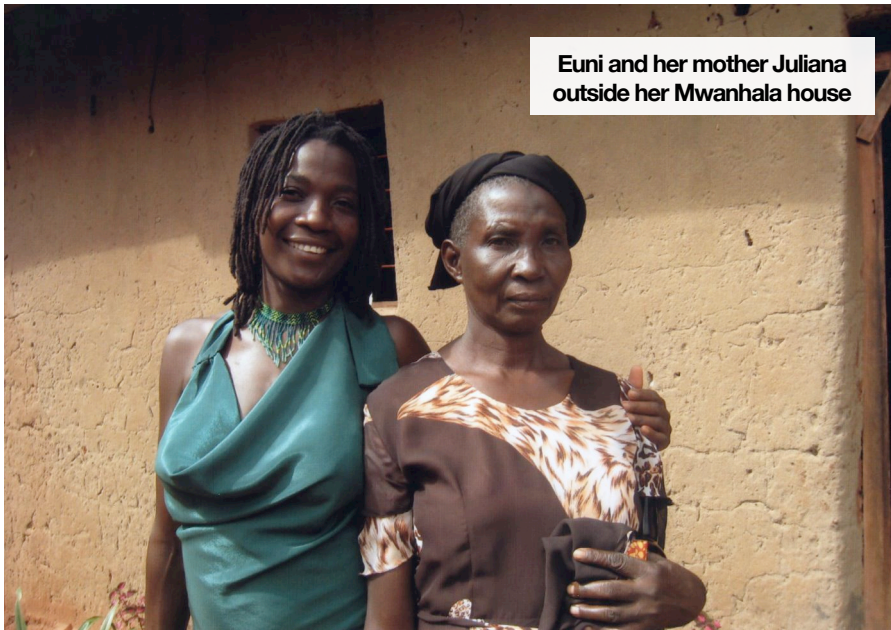
Headteachers have reported a significant improvement in homework where families have bought them.

The lights are supplied to the FDCs at a subsidised price by SunnyMoney, the social enterprise arm of SolarAid, a UK charity. FUM will provide a starter kit of 60 lights (3 models, £5 - £7) to each FDC who will sell them in their existing shops, restocking as needed. The FDC principals see this as a good business opportunity that will provide many local people with a welcome alternative to kerosene lamps.

# An Appreciation of the Work of FUM and Cranbrook School

Euni Tabani

Euni Tabani grew up in Mwanhala village; her mother still lives there. Here she gives us an insight into how FUM has contributed to her life and to that of her village.



school. Within the graduated students there were 4 boys also selected to continue with secondary education. My secondary school was Kazima. Mr Tengia, the Mwanhala FDC principal at the time, gave us all a lift to Tabora free of charge, which was wonderful. When I arrived at my school, some of the students were intrigued to know why we were dropped off by a Land Rover with FDC on it. They wanted to know what FDC meant. I was pleased to explain to them and the relation between FUM and Cranbrook School. (*Cranbrook Lenten Appeal purchased the Land Rover jointly with FUM in 1987.*)

I was very proud to be part of Mwanhala village and the transport helped me and my fellow students as well as other villagers who had use of the vehicle e.g. transporting pregnant women in an emergency to Nzega or Ndala if they had complications.

I am now a qualified nurse trained here in the UK 8 years ago and working in Brighton Hospital; I know that the FUM and the visits by Cranbrook

As a little girl I remember going to Mwanhala Kindergarten which was started by FUM and decorated by Cranbrook School. It was a fun time and we enjoyed attending the sessions. We received free breakfast and for some of us this was the first meal of the day. (*For many years the Cranbrook School Lenten Appeal funded these breakfasts.*)

Growing up in a village that did not have a milling machine, we used to walk to Muhugi or Utwigu to get our maize milled, but thanks to FUM this journey was cut when they provided two milling machines, one at the FDC and one in the centre of

Mwanhala village. These were a great success and so we no longer had to walk so many miles with 20kg or more on our heads each week to get our maize milling done. The

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services at both machines were excellent.

I finished primary school in 1990 and was the only girl selected to attend secondary

School have made a big difference to me, my family and the local communities in Mwanhala and other surrounding areas. I would hope that these links can continue and I would love to visit my village with a group of Cranbrook students one day if I am given the chance.

The installation of a borehole at FDC Mwanhala has provided clean and safe water. As we know, dirty water contributes to various infections within the local community. I am very pleased to hear that Mwanhala and other nearby villagers are benefiting from the project. *(The borehole, pump and water storage tanks were paid for by FUM with Cranbrook's*



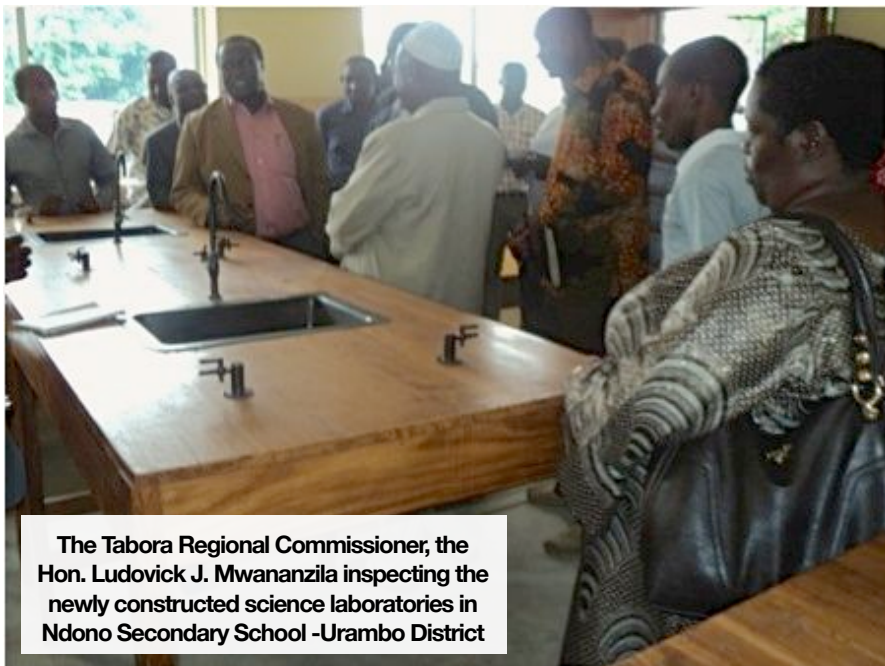
Euni's daughter Chantal and other children

*Tanzania Project paying for the electricity connection to the grid.)*

There are many more ways in which Mwanhala has benefited, such as the Mother

and Child Health Clinic and assistance to the primary and secondary schools, but a description of those must wait for another day.

## Meet Our New President (Tanzania), Regional Commissioner, Tabora Region



The Tabora Regional Commissioner, the Hon. Ludovick J. Mwananzila inspecting the newly constructed science laboratories in Ndono Secondary School -Urambo District

Mr Mwananzila is very interested in FUM's activities and is pleased to become our president.

There is a push to improve secondary education in Tanzania, the aim being that all secondary schools should have science laboratories by June 2015, a policy strongly supported by the RC who is seen here inspecting the new science laboratory in Ndono Secondary School, Urambo District.

It is with much pleasure that we greet our new President (Tanzania), The Hon. Ludo-

vick J. Mwananzila, recently appointed Regional Commissioner, Tabora Region.

# Notes on a Visit to Urambo FDC

Tom Davies

Tom Davies visited Urambo FDC last autumn with the aim of helping them improve furniture design at the FDC. While there, he was able to see some of the things FUM has helped with recently. Here are his comments on what he found.

## Computers:

All the ten computers that were donated are used and in working order. They seem to be pretty functional, although while I was there, the course wasn't running, as it was in between the 3 month short courses. The Internet is used through a USB phone dongle and is painfully slow, slower than an old dial-up modem from when the Internet first started. Mr Jackson Simfukwe, who is the college's secretary and who is also studying domestic electrics, used it with me while I was there, and it is a very lengthy process to try to achieve anything, but emails can eventually be sent. Apparently it only works well at night. There is no printer for the class, so if there needs to be anything printed they have to use the office printer.

## Bees:

The honey from the beehives has been harvested once, before the new principal Mr Nestory arrived. Roughly ten litres were made, which they sold. The whole area is burned, and the boxes are hanging in the wooded area with nothing in. Apparently there was a fire and the bees haven't returned. Mr Nestory has plans to make



Mr Nestory, Principal of Urambo FDC

another twenty hives in the woodwork shop, but there were masses of boxes lying around, so I couldn't work out how more boxes were going to help.

## Vehicle:

Mr Nestory made a point of the fact that they never ever use the vehicle for any kind of teaching in the mechanics class, honouring the agreement with the FUM. It was fully operational and in regular use. The problem they face with the

vehicle is the diesel being very expensive, and the government funding does not cover this. It is 2,300 TZS per litre.

(At present, there are approximately 2750 TZS to £1.)

## Water:

The water situation has not changed. The school has to pay 60,000 TZS per week on water that is delivered to the school and pumped into the tanks, by a truck. After 9 months there is still no water supply from the water department.

## Electricity:

The college spends 400,000 TZS a month on electricity. It is a kind of meter system and staff contribute 20,000 TZS per month. When I was there, it had been off for a week and continued to be off for five days of my visit, as the transformer cooling oil had been stolen. This wasn't just localised to the school, but it affected the surrounding areas too. The generator has a part that needs to be replaced, but I couldn't quite establish what it was. They were making a concerted effort to try and fix it, but I think it is still not resolved. As a general rule,



The Urambo FDC shop - open and doing well

I don't think they had the electricity on during the day, although it was used at night. I'm not sure how this worked for the students doing computer courses, but assumed that the laptops could be charged as and when the electricity was available. As for the woodwork shop, work just happened around the constraints of the availability.

**Shop:**

The shop in the canteen area is back open and apparently doing well. The school employs a local girl, who receives 40,000 TZS a month.

**Goats:** (purchased for the FDC by Cranbrook School students)

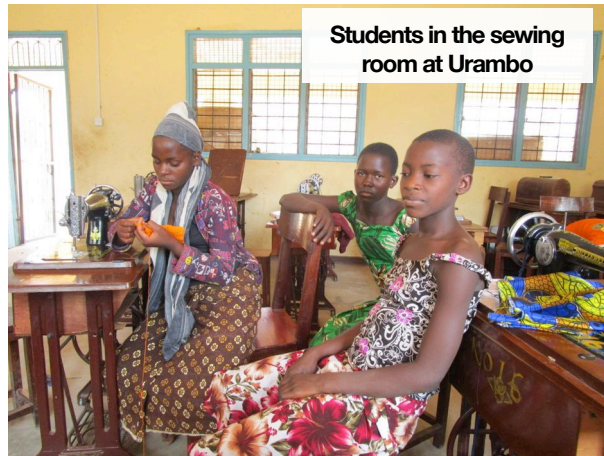
The goats are doing well. There is a young boy employed to look after the goats and I think he is on a similar wage at around 40,000 TZS. Four kids died as they had a problem with ticks. They bought insecticide for them. It is not too expensive (around 20,000 TZS) and they get sprayed twice a week. There are now 25 goats in total. They are going to be mainly used for meat. They haven't slaughtered one yet, but intend to do so for special occasions.

**Tailoring:** (Workaid gave newly refurbished sewing machines to the FDC two years ago)

The sewing machines function but need regular maintenance. In July and August there was a seminar on how to make bee-

keeping outfits.

**Carpentry:** (Workaid also donated an extensive toolkit to the woodwork shop. Tom's observations illustrate how difficult it is to match what is available in the UK to the real needs in the FDC.) There are many hand tools. Many are broken. Many hand



Students in the sewing room at Urambo

planes have blades that have been used and reground so many times over the years they can't be used any more. There is a fairly comprehensive amount of measuring devices, a handful of tape measures and a few steel rulers.

I don't want to be too critical; I come from a background in which we use high quality tools on a regular basis and understand that this is a privilege/niche area even in



Tom instructing. There are now six woodwork students, but they are still recruiting

the UK. However, in my opinion, some of the tools that were included in the recent tool donation seemed to be DIY rather than industrial quality. I wonder how long they will last.

The bandsaw that was provided is a Black and Decker, again aimed at the western DIY home user, and in my opinion not suitable for a workshop dealing with super tough timber. The bandsaw is used for theory, so they can see how one works, but they do not use it to cut timber for projects.

The jigsaws work and cut, but are pretty fragile and I'm not sure how long they will last for.

There has been a sander provided, aimed again at western DIY enthusiasts, which takes specific branded sanding pads, and when these run out they will not be easily replaced. It would make a lot more sense to get a sander that uses rolls of sandpaper, and this would not cost any more than the one they have.

There is an electric drill, and it works well.

Bearing all this in mind, they are incredibly grateful, but there were many tools in their boxes in the storeroom, not really serving any purpose. The power tools that I have mentioned are all used, apart from the bandsaw.

There is a lack of dust masks and safety goggles. A regular cheaper wood

that is used makes you sneeze and cough and splutter, and you could tell the students were really put off by this. Mr Moses, the carpentry teacher, independently mentioned that they need masks. Also, with the introduction of power tools, there is an introduction of speed into the process, which means bits of wood can fire off in the direction of the face, so a handful of safety glasses would be a very good idea.

There is a lack of money for materials. Wood is even a problem; apparently they are struggling to get enough timber into the workshop. Twelve feet of timber varies from 7,000 to 10,000 TZS. For finishing they use a varnish, which seemed pretty toxic, with no gloves.

As with safety equipment in the UK, many people often don't bother, but it is important to have the option, and when Mr Moses talks of things like dust masks independently, I think there is a real need. It's not just the health and safety bureaucracy of the west influencing my judgment.

The course is really struggling. It only has three students this year and there is a general lack of interest. Numerous people speculated that this was to do with the lack of interest in hand tools. Children can join a carpenter on the street, as there are carpenters on every corner in Urambo town. There is a general thought that if

there was more emphasis on power tools on the course, then there might be more interest.

Mr Moses is a really skilled maker. He was really sharp-minded and when we were working together was often one step ahead and picked up on little techniques/ideas that we shared really really quickly.



**Students using the  
woodwork shop**

We worked out a slightly modified design based on a stool, that he saw in some photos of projects I have worked on. It was very lightweight, and an idea that he was clearly familiar with, based on the fact that this was his reason for wanting to make the stool from the image. We set about changing the design slightly, so that we could make it with the college's facilities, and over the

duration of the week, exchanged techniques and drawings, working out the various stages along the way, while the students watched, and then helped make the other parts of the project.

After making a stool with Mr Moses and the class, the students were then given the task of making a smaller one each. It was the same style, but with the seat height of an average chair. Mr Moses explained how he would find images of other furniture designs really useful, and this is a great point. They have books on the technicalities of making furniture, but none on 'designs'. He expressed a great interest in this, and has requested images of furniture from the 'west' to try to recreate and to inspire the class. This brings up quite a few moral issues on globalisation etc, but I think that if the images were presented in a kind of anthology of other furniture from all around the world, as a more historical and contextual reference, then this might be a bit more ethical.



**Stool assembly**

**Other things of note:**

Mr Jackson Simfukwe was introduced to me as the principal's secretary. To me he had probably the best understanding of English, along with Mr Nestory. When communicating with Urambo, you are often actually talking to Mr Jackson, as he deals with a lot of the office emails.

I had an English to Swahili phrase book, and EVERYONE I came across was obsessed with it. It was very simple, but they made it apparent that there is a strong desire to learn English. Students were coming to Devon House and copying it page for page late at night. I reckon a shipment of Swahili-English phrasebook / dictionaries would be very much appreciated. I am con-

tacting the School of African and Oriental Studies in London to see if they have any old books they might be able to donate.

There is a strong desire for a football kit. This would be a great treat for the college football team as they take their football very seriously.

The Principal, Mr Nestory has been a teacher for 30 years, and before that he was in the Army. He has taught at another FDC before this one. He is very interested in history and this is one of the subjects he used to teach. He is a very, very friendly man, and seems to be greatly liked by staff and students alike.

## Tabora Teacher Group Still Giving After Fifty Years

Keith Bell

**It seemed like yesterday...**

**Fifty years ago last autumn / winter, soon after FUM was founded but totally separate from that initiative, a bunch of eager new teachers arrived in Tabora, most of them heading for the Boys and Girls Secondary schools.**

They came mostly from the UK and US, with a few from Australia and Canada. Some had done their teacher training at Makerere University in Uganda; others had initial training at home or were from US Peace

Corps or UK VSO. For most it was their first job after graduating, their first experience of Africa and in those days probably the first time they had flown on a jet. Within weeks firm friendships were formed, and over

the two or four years of their contracts several marriages resulted. As well as teaching all the main academic subjects to Cambridge 'O' and 'A' level, they provided facilities and supervision for basketball, tennis, athletics, and the boy scouts, as well as other sports, similarly with the girls.

After the massive experience of life in Tabora and around East Africa, they went their separate ways; some stayed in school teaching or in education administration, while others branched out into academia, the art world, scientific re-



Our reception at Dar



The welcome party on the steps of Tabora Boys' School

for FUM's school sponsorship programme, by holding a reunion in the UK and by visiting the two schools. Over the next two years £2000 was raised for the sponsorships. This is being used to help ten primary school pupils to spend three years at secondary school (anywhere in the region, not necessarily in Tabora), and also to pay for a trainee teacher's fees. Five of the original group returned to Tanzania in July last year, three of them to Tabora. They met several of the alumni and alumnae (mostly in very senior positions in government, law, academe, armed forces and business) from both schools at receptions in Dar and Ta-

search, industry and commerce. The warm relationships remained, and even before the days of email and Skype many managed to visit each other, exchange Christmas cards, and think fondly about those wonderful times in Tabora, which everyone recognised as very powerful in influencing

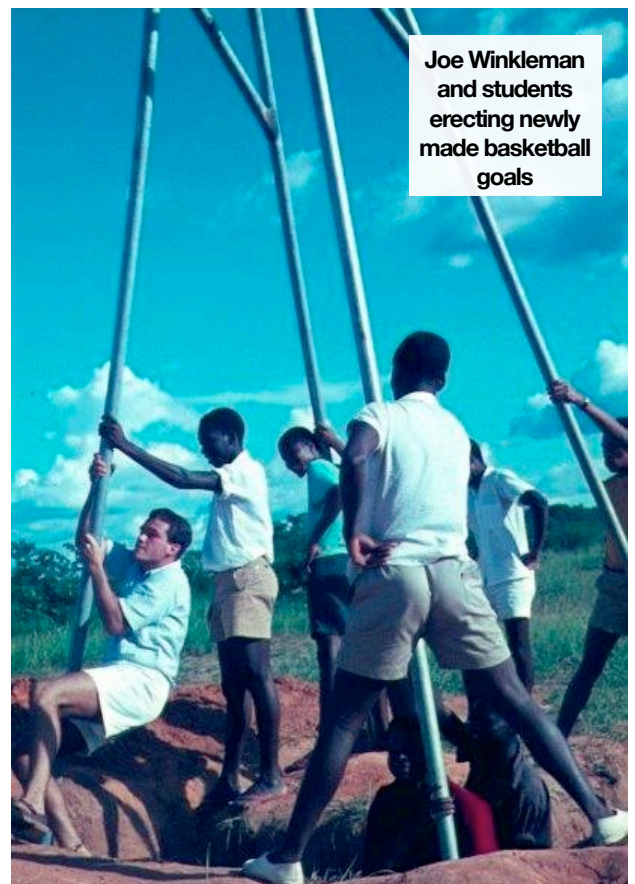
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their future lives. By around 2010 there was an established mailing list of nearly 30 former colleagues.

So it was not too surprising that thoughts of a group reunion or return visit to Tabora began to surface a couple of years ago. One of the teachers at the boys' school had been back on a brief

visit to the school and reported that there was a desperate need for equipment and books. The headmaster asked for a heavy duty photocopier to help with exams and lesson preparation, and some of the group provided funds, which were dispensed after contact had been made with FUM and with their help. Another of the group had visited in 2008 with similar observations, and several were expressing a wish to revisit.

In 2012, as the 50th anniversary of our arrival in Tabora approached, some of us proposed to recognise it in three ways: by raising money

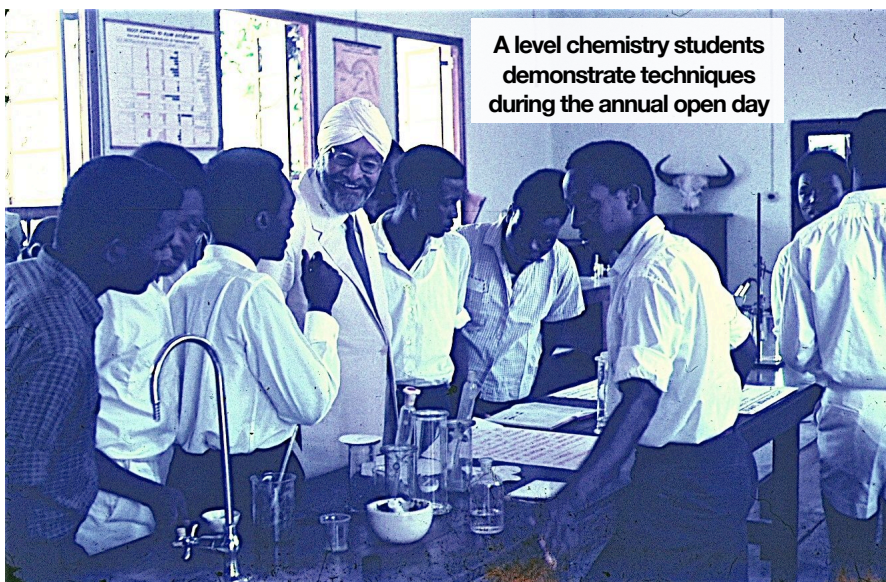


Joe Winkleman and students erecting newly made basketball goals

A basketball match against Kipalapala on the pitch members of the group built for the school



A level chemistry students demonstrate techniques during the annual open day



bora where they were warmly greeted. The condition of the boys' school still concerned the visitors and the alumni with them; there was clearly a lack of modern equipment, and the buildings needed much refurbishment.

Two months later at a secluded country hotel in Warwickshire, 17 of the original group from the 1964-66 period, together with spouses, a total of 25, came together from various parts of the UK, west and

east coasts of USA, Canada and South Africa, to celebrate, reminisce, and rebuild

old relationships. Most of those who had come from abroad had arranged their holidays over a year before. They were joined by a doctor, born and raised in Tabora, now living in the UK, who had kept in touch with one of the group over all those years. Rod Smith, Nick Vinall and Richard Pratt gave excellent talks about FUM's development and activities, and the recent visitors to Tabora gave impassioned descriptions of the needs of the schools. Overnight an appeal for funds was started and within days raised another £2000 to be spent on books and equipment, with FUM facilitating the transfer of money, and two of the eminent alumni in Dar who had also visited the schools were persuaded to monitor spending. Gratifyingly, a group of alumni in Dar have subsequently also proposed a massive project for up-

Derek Lilliston is conducted around by prefects during a dormitory inspection



grading the schools' facilities and are seeking aid from international agencies, directly as a result of the visit in July. From small beginnings...

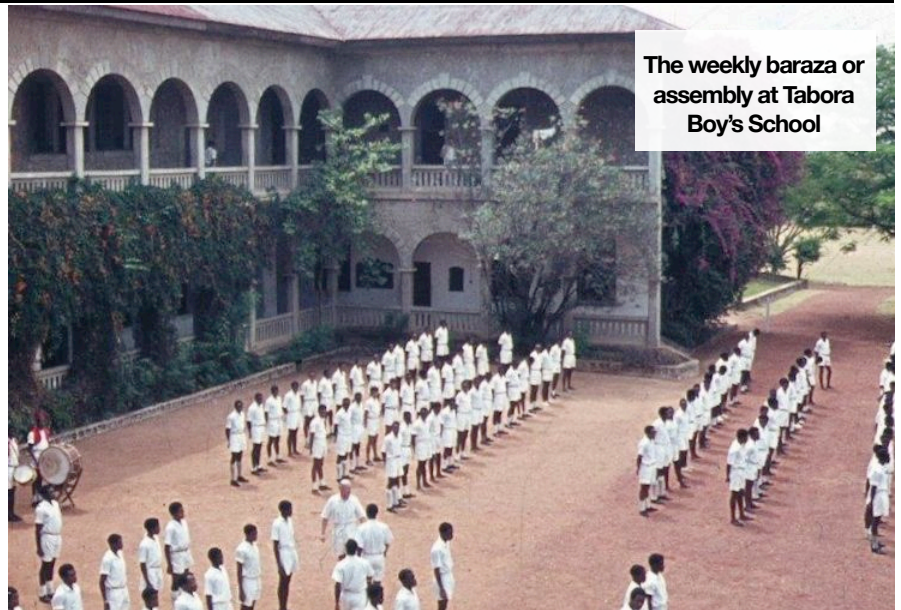
A couple of comments after the reunion captured the spirit:

"Most impressive and heartwarming to me was that, through the grey hair, wrinkles, and the fifty years of fair wear and tear that we all now have in common, everyone is the same as in the 1960s. The energy, enthusiasm, kindness and intelligence and humour are all still there in large bundles."

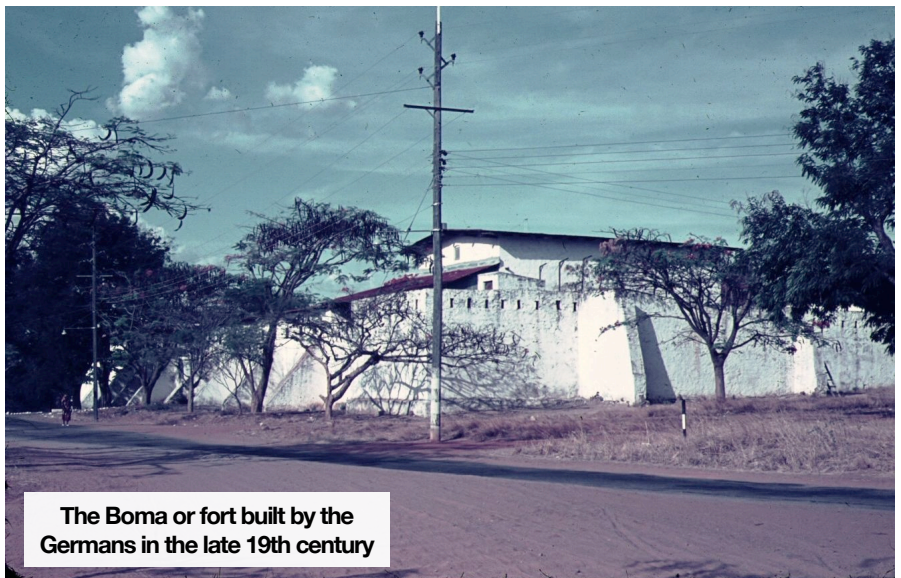
"Good time, good place, good people. It was wonderful how we all got on so well and seemed effortlessly to pick up where we left off, 50 years ago! An excellent and talented group of people. Will we ever see their like again?"

Definitely a worthwhile and satisfying experience for all of us involved - it seemed like yesterday!

With thanks to Keith Bell and Joe Winkelman for the reunion, and Alan York for the recent visit and its fundraising - and to FUM for being so helpful.



The weekly baraza or assembly at Tabora Boy's School



The Boma or fort built by the Germans in the late 19th century



The reunion group enjoy dinner

# Life Changing Education

Amy Baigent

**Amy's experiences related here show us just how important volunteering to work in a developing country can be to a young person.**



Amy on her medical elective in 2011

Having taken A-Levels in English, History and French, I was set to leave Cranbrook School to study humanities at University, but with little in the way of thoughts about my future career. I loved my time at Cranbrook School, but had thought too little, too late, about what I wanted to do afterwards and left thinking that I had made the wrong subject choices at A-Level. I had thought that I would like to study medicine, but with my A-Level choices, I did not have the confidence to pursue this idea. I mentioned this to the trip organisers on the flight to Tanzania in 2005.

I was encouraged to spend time on the trip exploring these thoughts about my future career. The long established links between Cranbrook and Tanzania meant that I was given the opportunity to spend many days on the trip learning about

medicine in the rural health clinics, become involved in vaccination programmes, witness babies being delivered and see the facilities in the local hospital. It was the best 'work experience' I can imagine and it gave me the direction towards thinking about my future career that I'd been so far missing.

Many of my friends took gap years, which they all enjoyed and benefited from. However, I think the Cranbrook Tanzania

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project is unique in that it provides students with exposure to these amazing experiences within the educational context and environment of School. I do not think that on a gap year I would have been able to develop the same reflective approach towards my education and future.

I declined my University place the day after returning and instead enrolled on a pre-medicine course at a college in Sheffield. At the medical school admissions interview, every question about why I

wanted to study medicine, my work experience, how I could show my commitment etc was answered from an example from that trip. Undoubtedly, the unique experience of the Cranbrook Tanzania trip played a significant part in my achieving a competitive place at medical school.

I went back to Tanzania during University holidays for a month and then was awarded two prizes from Medical School for my Elective Project, which allowed me to go back to Nzega District Hospital, staying with Mama Malyeli in Mwanhala FDC where we had stayed 5 years previously, this time not as a sixth form student unsure of my future direction, but instead, as a student Doctor learning skills that I would apply in less than 18 months time as a qualified Doctor working in busy central University Hospital.

Today I am a qualified Doctor specialising in anaesthetics and can truly say I love my job. I couldn't think of anything I'd rather be doing. However, I would never have had the confidence or belief to achieve this without the unique life changing experience of participating in the Cranbrook School Tanzania project.

## The Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala

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### Presidents

Regional Commissioner, Tabora Priscilla Gillett



Dear Friend,

**The 51<sup>st</sup> FUM Annual General Meeting** will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in Kalendar Hall, South Street, EXETER.

The agenda for this meeting, and minutes of the 50th AGM, are included in this newsletter, as well as a copy of the 2014 accounts, as yet unaudited.

All current officers have agreed to stand for a further year but if you would like to become more involved we would be very pleased to hear from you.

We will be happy to welcome Mr Abrahaman Mndeme, Executive Director of Nzega District, as our special guest. He will address our meeting and provide a Tanzanian perspective on the work of FUM.

After the meeting there will be time to meet and talk informally to other friends and supporters of FUM over a cup of tea/coffee.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Richard Pratt  
Chairman



## FUM Accounts Jan - Dec 2014

		<i>[2013]</i>
<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>1st January 2014</b>	<b>18,384</b>
	<b>10,719</b>	
<b>Income</b>		
	Standing orders	9,060
	General donations	6,474
	Specific donations <i>(note i)</i>	3,021
	Tabora Group	3,481
	Gift Aid tax refund	2,951
	Cranbrook School	200
	Interest	2
	<u>25,188</u>	<i>[22,841]</i>
<b>Transfers (FUM)</b>		
	Imeli bursaries <i>(note ii)</i>	6,000
	Mwanhala FDC <i>(note iii)</i>	2,000
	Urambo FDC <i>(note iv)</i>	2,500
	Sikonge FDC <i>(note v)</i>	2,225
	Clinics + hospitals <i>(note vi)</i>	2,250
	Tabora group items <i>(note vii)</i>	330
	<u>15,305</u>	<i>[29,908]</i>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Bank transfer charges	150
	Printing + postage	160
	Miscellaneous <i>(note viii)</i>	216
	<u>526</u>	<i>[597]</i>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>31st December 2014</b>	<b>20,077</b>
		<i>[10,719]</i>

### Notes to Accounts

- i* Specific donations include Imeli student bursaries, Shigamba village support, Tom Davies FDC fund, Nyasa II Primary School
- ii* 100 poor or orphaned students from Imeli Primary School including 10 supported by Tabora Group
- iii* Poor student bursaries
- iv* Poor student bursaries + vehicle support
- v* Poor student bursaries + vehicle support
- vi* 10 FUM clinics + Nzega hospital
- vii* Tabora Boys & Girls Schools, first tranche
- viii* Room hires + transport

After the heavy spending of 2013 we had planned to have a year of consolidation in 2014.

Spending in 2014 was however lower than expected because of delays in getting information from Tanzania.

We are holding approximately £8000 in forward commitments.

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## The Final Word



"Please make an effort to join us at our 51st AGM. I also send out my annual plea asking you to make yourself known if you feel you would like to take a more active part in FUM.

I hope to see you all in Exeter if not before."

Best wishes  
Rod Smith