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The Friends of Urambo & Mwanhala



Friends of Urambo & Mwanhala
Linking the Tabora Region of Tanzania with the UK



A Message from the Honorary Secretary

Rafiki mpendwa, Natumaini kwamba utaona toleo hili la jarida hili ni la kupendeza. Utaona kwamba Mkutano wetu Mkuu wa Mwaka utafanyika tarehe 7 Machi, tafadhali hudhuria kama unaweza.

Dear Friend, I hope that you find this edition of the newsletter of interest. You will see that our AGM is on the 7th March, please attend if you can.

Our newsletter this spring is a smaller edition than is usual, but as always it contains interesting detail of how daily

life is changing in the Tabora Region. Di Cooper outlines the big changes which are happening in the FDCs as the government ascribes more importance to that educational sector and Jo Taylor explains the progress of the nurses on the training courses we have been funding together with The Friends of Nzega. Long-standing members of FUM will be saddened to learn of the death last November of Martin Gilbert who was one of our founding members and a valuable and hard-working officer of FUM. In this newsletter there is a brief account of the FTR project which Martin set up and managed in order to revive and maintain village maize mills. People might wonder why

maize mills should be so important but witnessing village ladies pounding their maize in the traditional way soon convinces one that freeing them from this daily grind is a superb way of advancing family health and happiness. Tanzanian village ladies are to be admired; they



The newly refurbished mill at Mynga Village



Pounding maize in the traditional way

manage their families through hard work and considerable skill. Freeing them from one task means that they have more time to spend on advancing the welfare of their families through other means. In villages I have sometimes asked what the village most needed and always the reply has been, clean water, a maize mill and a clinic. The FTR did its best to address one of those three needs.

In July Cranbrook School are reconnecting with the Tabora Region when a party of around 40 pupils will spend a week in Nzega District. While there, they will form two groups and each undertake a project funded with money raised by the School's annual charity appeal. One group will be refurbishing the Clinic in Mambali and the other the clinic staff accommodation in Mwasala. The two villages of Mambali and Mwasala are both very pleased that they will be welcoming a Cranbrook School group to stay for a few days. In advance of the groups' arrival both buildings will undergo extensive repairs directed by the Nzega District Engineer. I hope there will be lots to report in the autumn.

Also you will find details of the fundraising activities, including the dates of the two sponsored walks planned this year (see page 9). There is a lot going on which I hope might perhaps inspire you to join in. Should you feel inclined to sponsor any of our intrepid fund-raisers, please visit the FUM website where you will find links.



A good piece of news is that we are sending a medical student, Jessica Eardley, to spend her medical elective at Urambo Hospital this summer. Dr Swakala, the District Medical Officer, is keen to welcome her and assures us that Urambo Hospital is the best place for elective studies. I hope that she will have a lot to tell us in the autumn newsletter.

Not so good is the news just in that there has been very heavy rain in Nzega District this rainy season, so much so that in some villages houses have collapsed. The traditional dried earth brick house is a very good design under normal conditions, cool in summer and adequate in normal rainy seasons, but if the land gets

flooded then of course the lower courses of bricks tend to liquefy causing the house to collapse. I have not got any more detail at present but the weather forecast is not reassuring with more heavy rain predicted. I hope that by the time you read this the situation will have improved.

Finally can I remind everyone that the AGM will be held on the 7th March in The Buckerell Lodge Hotel, Exeter. This year we have decided to combine this with our spring officers' meeting. We hope that members who come to the AGM will stay and join in the discussions. You will find details on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter.

Rod Smith

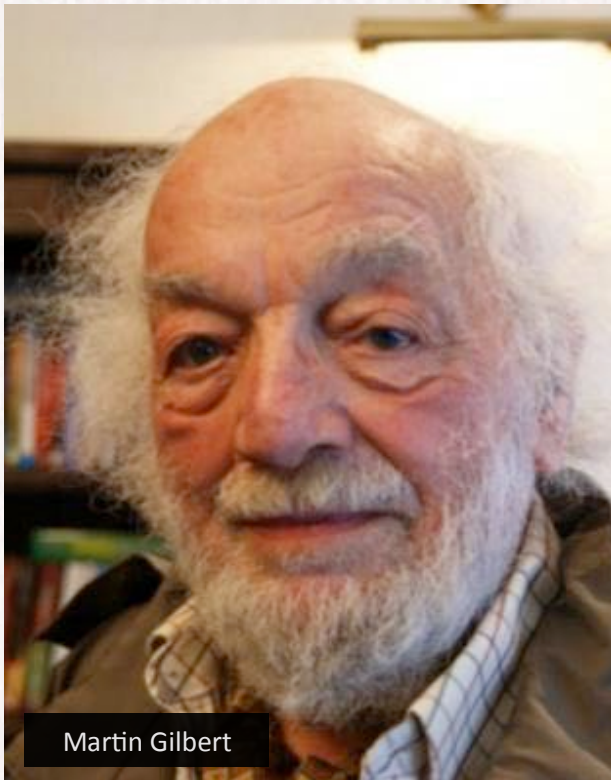
Martin Thomas Gilbert

The Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala, founded in the 1960s, has worked to aid the development of the Tabora Region of Tanzania ever since. To achieve our aim we have been lucky enough to call on the support and services of a large number of talented individuals, none more talented than Martin.

His engineering background and empathy with the people of Tanzania meant that he was perfectly placed to set up and run a very large ten year project in the remotest villages of the Tabora Region, establishing, rebuilding, repairing and maintaining village maize mills which was a task fraught with difficulty. That he succeeded was entirely due to his ability, his adaptability, his understanding of people management and the high regard in which he was held by the Tanzanians he dealt with. His visits to Tabora were productive and bore fruit beyond our expectation. If ever there was the right man in the right job it was Martin, acting as FUM's Technical Tutor. The work he did was superb and even after 20 years its effects are still felt in the Region.

It was a shock to learn of Martin's death. He passed away on the 17th November. Martin was an early member of FUM, maybe even a founding member, and certainly he was a leading figure when I first became involved in 1984.

In those early days our focus was on the FDCs in Mwanhala and Urambo which were mostly concerned with teaching trades to the young people who came to them. It was Martin who had the expertise to guide FUM through the problems of supplying appropriate tools and machinery in answer to

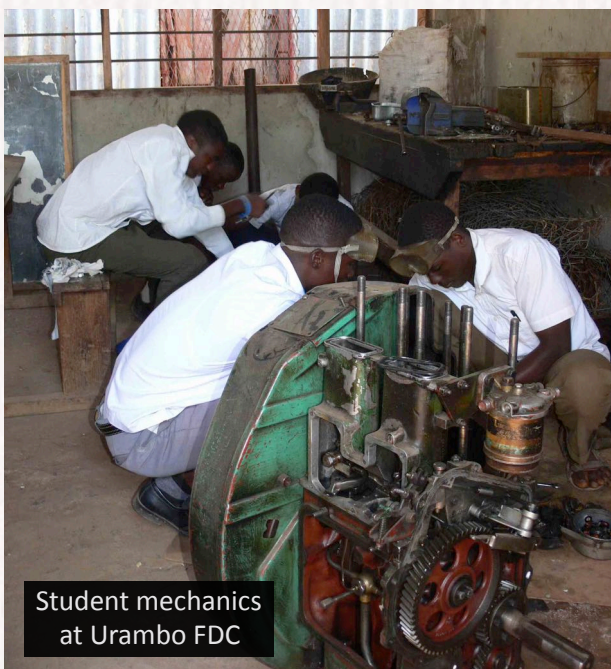


Martin Gilbert

requests from the FDCs.

Early on, he and his wife Jean paid a visit to the Tabora Region to acquaint themselves with the difficulties and needs around the villages. One thing he found was a serious lack of access to reference books and so, when Jean sadly died, in her memory he set up the Jean Gilbert Memorial Library which last time I was there was still in operation in Urambo town.

During his visit Martin found to his horror that everywhere he went he found derelict maize mills, first set up at the end of the British colonial period but now broken with no means of repairing them due to lack of resources and expertise. On further examination Martin discovered that almost all of these mills were powered by good quality Lister diesel engines, engines which could, without too much difficulty or expense, be brought back into service. So Martin hatched his grand plan which was to set up repair workshops in Urambo and Mwanhala properly equipped with all tooling needed to refurbish a mill and bring it back into operation. The scheme known as FTR (FUM Tabora Regional Scheme For Improved Reliability of Co-operatively Operated Machinery) had at its heart a technical tutor who was to be a VSO volunteer and two skilled mechanics recruited locally, one at each of the FDCs. The operation was equipped with a converted Landover and trailer



Student mechanics at Urambo FDC



FTR Land Rover and mobile welder in Isegenhe village

to act as a mobile workshop and carry the mill engines from and back to the villages. The mechanics were equipped with motorcycles so that they could respond to mill breakdowns and keep things running smoothly. FUM was fortunate that this project attracted substantial development aid from the UK government.

Martin recognised that machinery in rural Tanzania, be it water pump, maize mill, or other machinery, often becomes unusable through lack of funds to repair even the smallest breakdown; villages just don't have the resources and cash reserves to deal with mishaps. One would think that a maize mill, which is generating a substantial income, should have cash available but too often the receipts would be appropriated for other village projects so that when need arose there was no money. Martin's ingenious solution was to set up central banking at the FDCs for all village mills. The contract with FTR involved the mill sending the bulk of its receipts to the FDC base, the rest to be used to pay the mill operator with a small residue available for the village to use. In return FTR guaranteed the mill against breakdown and supplied the village with essential consumables such as oil and filters etc, with stock being built up and held at the two FDCs. A village joining the scheme (and large numbers did) would send their operator with the village mill to Urambo or Mwanhala where, under supervision, he would strip

down his mill, clean it, and rebuild it using new parts where necessary. He would be trained in maintenance and safe running of the mill and, above all, learn to recognise when there was a potential breakdown which required the attention of the FTR



Trainee mill mechanic at work

mechanics. For many years this project ran successfully, demonstrating that even in the most inaccessible of villages motor-driven maize mills could be operated successfully. We were very lucky that after near disasters with our VSOs we were allocated Mr Chris Lowey, a quite remarkable man who for six years guided the scheme and developed it into a model of what can be achieved. Sadly after several terms, VSO decided they would not renew his contract and so Chris left us to live in

his house in Morogoro. We were then allocated another VSO who proved to be worse than useless and more or less wrecked the scheme, and even though it struggled on for a while without a volunteer, in the end had to be wound up. Martin was very philosophical about this knowing that FTR had failed not through any deficiencies in the conception or from FUM but through the inadequacies and dishonesty of the British staff.

Nowadays there are maize mills running as small businesses and so village women have access to this important service. Chris pointed out to me that had it not been for FTR showing that there was a market for maize mills in the more isolated villages, he doubted that the commercial mills would have moved in. Another spin-off of FTR was the fact that both Mwanhala and Urambo FDCs found themselves equipped with fully functioning workshops. Urambo particularly took advantage, running successful motor mechanics courses up until the present day. Mwanhala FDC too is now running similar courses.

With his knowledge, his engineering background and his commitment to FUM and our friends in Tabora Region, Martin has been a constant support and a wise councillor for FUM. From the moment he stepped down as an officer we have missed his input to our deliberations.

Rod Smith

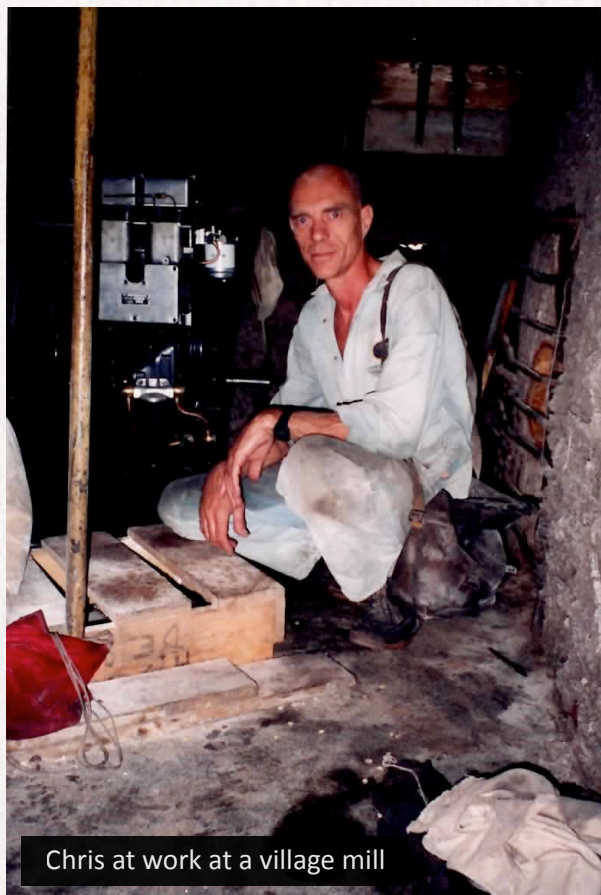


New mill in Vumilia village

Chris Lowey and the Repair of the Village Maize Mills

In Rod Smith's tribute to Martin Gilbert in the previous article, it is clear that one man in particular was instrumental in helping Martin achieve his vision of FTR. Here we reproduce an article that was written by Martin about the late Chris Lowey.

It was the sight of the Mwanhala maize mill engine in 1988, in pieces in a cardboard box with many components broken or missing, repeated in many other villages throughout the region, that inspired me to set up FTR. In 1990 we employed a VSO Technician, who had instructions to give the training of village mill mechanics priority, but by 1991 he had done nothing constructive at all. He had stripped down several engines and mixed their parts, he had pillaged the stock of spares and not ordered replacements, his records were abysmal and the only engine which he rebuilt broke its crankshaft when on test. He then left without telling us. He had drained engine oil over the floor of the workshop at Urambo and mislaid many of the tools supplied. Mark Holdsworth and I went out in



Chris at work at a village mill

June 1991 to effect some emergency restoration but it fell to Chris Lowey during his first session at Mwanhala FDC in early 1992 to set about

restoring the situation. He had been recruited by VSO and had already spent time working in East Africa, he spoke fluent Swahili and he gave

John Gillett and me strong indications that his attitude and his diligence would be up to the task.

He was a man of complete integrity and his manner inspired admiration and imitation among his students because, whereas his predecessor seemingly had a low opinion of his staff and did no training at all, Chris set up training schemes at both Urambo and Mwanhala and he spent six months at each to ensure proper standards of work by his trained village mechanics. He also rebuilt and set up trained support for six village mills by the end of his four year engagement. VSO renewed his contract and by the end

of the second four years he had the whole system set up and working with no outstanding repairs and new villages being brought into the scheme month by month. He also set up administrative teams at each FDC which included a storekeeper and a Land Rover driver/maintainer. In that eight years he had eradicated the terrible legacy that he had been bequeathed and had made FTR a byword for progress and inspiration throughout the region among the District



Chris struggling to get the FTR Land Rover through mud



Chris in the Mwanhala workshop

had a neighbour whose niece was this very Field Officer; she told Ruth of the terrible problems her niece had had with some oily chap who never attended training sessions in Dar Es Salaam and who ignored requests to visit the head office, altogether a waste of space which she had eradicated with great satisfaction. May she be forgiven.

After Chris left VSO and our direct employ

Officers as well as the villagers and the FDC staffs.

The many criticisms of FTR were not due to any failures on his part but were due to prevailing conditions in rural Tanzania where, for instance, the money earned by a village mill could not be banked because there was no way of doing this, it could not be put under the proverbial mattress

somewhere because more than likely it would have been stolen or, if not stolen, would have depreciated rapidly owing to inflation. He tried to mitigate the effect of these problems by buying parts and putting them into stock for the mills but had barely begun when his contract was not renewed.

he continued to live near Morogoro where he had a mill of his own and ran some other small businesses. We were able to pay him a retainer in return for which he could keep us in the picture about local difficulties and on many occasions was instrumental in helping Elias Masatu to sort out administrative problems for us. He remained a good and faithful servant, as well as a personal friend to me and to many other FUM officers.

This refusal by VSO had resulted from damaging reports by his Field Officer, a young woman who disliked him and failed totally to understand what he was doing. When she toured Tabora Region with her boss she did not take him to meet Chris or to inspect any of his work or to talk with the local officers. The VSO setup was geared to teaching English as a foreign language and Chris just did not fit. By chance my daughter, Ruth, who lives in Marsden, Yorkshire,



A village mill in operation - checking the maize for small stones



The Mwanhala FTR mechanic working on a mill engine

News from the FDCs

by Di Cooper

It is the start of the FDCs' new teaching year. There is some exciting news, details of which we are still exploring.

In mid December, we had a short message from Mr Mwadua at Mwanhala to say that the government was changing the curriculum so that courses would be given over three years instead of two, and that it would be taught in Swahili. He identified also that there is to be some refurbishment of classroom facilities, and two dormitories are to be built, at Mwanhala.

Subsequently we have contacted the two Principals at Urambo and Sikonge. Gulmay at Urambo has given some further details of the changes. It would seem that the colleges will now take Standard 7 leavers, and those with the most basic literacy skills. The change to Swahili as the teaching medium is obviously a key element of this. It is intended that all in the community should have the opportunity of training, offering improved life chances and living standards, whether employed or self employed. Fees for all colleges will be the same, and from the details received from Gulmay, they are reduced. The changes identified would seem to indicate a return to the early philosophy of FDCs as institutions offering training in vocational skills, with the opportunity also to gain wider 'civic' knowledge and understanding, for those with

minimal formal education, so that there might be wider participation in the community and at national level.

Some while ago I identified that there had been a very full report on FDCs, in 2017, conducted by an English academic, Professor Alan Rogers, working with colleagues in Tanzania. I contacted Professor Rogers to find out if he could perhaps recommend a government site to which I could refer to find out more details about

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the context of the changes. He referred me to colleagues at Karibu Tanzania Organisation, with whom he worked on his report. This is an NGO working with all 55 FDCs in the country. Their Programme Leader confirmed that all FDCs in the country were being refurbished, that the curriculum was to be taught over three years, and would be taught in Swahili, something for which they had campaigned for some time. A

copy of their organisation's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan was sent which offers an opportunity to widen my knowledge of FDCs. In turn it has raised further questions to which I hope I may receive answers in due course.

A scheme which we are also exploring follows Mr Mwadua's request to assist in the provision of tool kits for those students who have been receiving bursary assistance when they qualify and leave college. We are in early discussions with Work Aid, with whom we have worked before, to provide comprehensive basic kits for the relevant domestic electric installation students graduating in 2020. It is hoped these may be transported with the students visiting from Cranbrook School.

The FDCs have operated under different Ministries at different times in their history. Most recently they have been returned to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. There has been a tendency for FDCs to be the 'poor relations' in the education and training system, but now it looks hopeful that the investment being made recognises the important contribution which they can make to the development of Tanzania in years to come.



A new workshop at Sikonge FDC



The interior of the new workshop

Medical Matters

Jo Taylor

For the past two years FUM and The Friends of Nzega (FON) have been sponsoring seven trainees at the Nzega School of Nursing, and of these, four are supported by Friends of Nzega (FON), and three by Cranbrook School. Six were successful in gaining their Certificate of Nursing; indeed they passed their courses with such high marks that they were offered the chance of progressing onto the more prestigious Diploma of Nursing.

The Diploma course is highly respected at the District Hospital in Nzega where the former District Medical Officer (DMO) says this level of training will make the nurses even more valuable to the hospital. Of course the trainees were very keen to take up this offer but there were two major obstacles. First, the School of Nursing at Nzega did not offer this level of training, and secondly, the trainees could not afford the fees.

FON agreed to continue sponsoring their four trainees but Cranbrook School felt that as a team of 40+ students will be travelling to Tanzania this summer and therefore are busy raising money for their projects, they were unable to give extra support to the nurses. Thus FUM is sponsoring the remaining trainees. As arranged by the Tanzania Nursing Authority, all six Diploma trainees moved to the Nursing College in Tukuyu, a long way from Nzega, pleased to be given this chance to improve their qualifications. The Diploma course is expensive but both FUM and FON feel the

investment in these exceptional nurses is well worth the cost.

We continue to support Dr Amos Petro with his studies of advanced Radiology. Dr Amos will be returning to the Nzega District Hospital once he has completed the course where he will be able to carry out more advanced types of diagnosis thus obviating the need for pregnant mothers with complications to be transferred to other hospitals. We also continue to support Dr Mary Mkomwa who is studying an advanced course in dermatology. Like Dr Amos, Dr Mary has nearly completed this course which will enable her to offer a lot more support for people throughout Nzega District. This will include diagnosis and treatment of common skin conditions including albinism; a disorder which can cause terrible problems for people living so close to the equator.

FUM continues to support our fourteen Primary Care Clinics in the Tabora Region and we are considering adopting the clinic in Mambali which Cranbrook School

will be helping to refurbish in July. I am pleased to tell you that I have had positive reports from the two villages where new staff housing, funded by the villages together with FUM and FON, has resulted in increased availability of staff and therefore better access to treatment. All thanks to you all for your donations to FUM which have enabled these projects to be completed.

We continue to receive requests for financial support from other medical professionals in the Nzega District, who have been offered the chance to upgrade their skills but cannot afford the fees, and we have been told there are many in the next cohort of would-be trainee nurses who may not be able to go to train because their families are unable to afford the fees. Sadly FUM is short of funds and we are unable to respond to most requests, but if you would like to take on the sponsorship of a new trainee nurse or give any other help specifically to medical projects, please do get in touch with me, via medical@fum.org.uk or visit the website www.fum.org.uk.



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Fundraising 2020

Isabel Heycock

Vitality Half Marathon Sunday 1st March

We have two people running in this half marathon. They are Dr Harry Theron and Elly Hills and we wish them both well.

It is not too late to sponsor them.

Just go to the Virgin Giving website
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/make-a-donation/>
Search for Harry Theron or Elly Hills and make your donation.

North Downs Walk, Saturday 25th April

Just to remind you that this year's Sponsored Walk will be on Saturday April 25th. It will be a 15 mile walk (with a 10 mile alternative) from Shelford (near Guildford) to Dorking, mostly on North Downs Way paths.

After 5 years of the South Downs walk I thought it was time for a change of scene. This new walk has the advantage of beginning and ending at train stations and also being much easier to access for many of us. The change from autumn to spring is because I am hoping to coincide with the bluebell season.

I know this date is no good for several of you but I am hoping that you will also encourage friends and neighbours to take part.

The cost of joining the walk remains the same as previous years: £50 entry/ sponsorship, £30 for concessions. More details nearer the time.

I do hope many of you will be able to join this walk and once again support FUM.

Contact Isabel Heycock fundraising@fum.org.uk

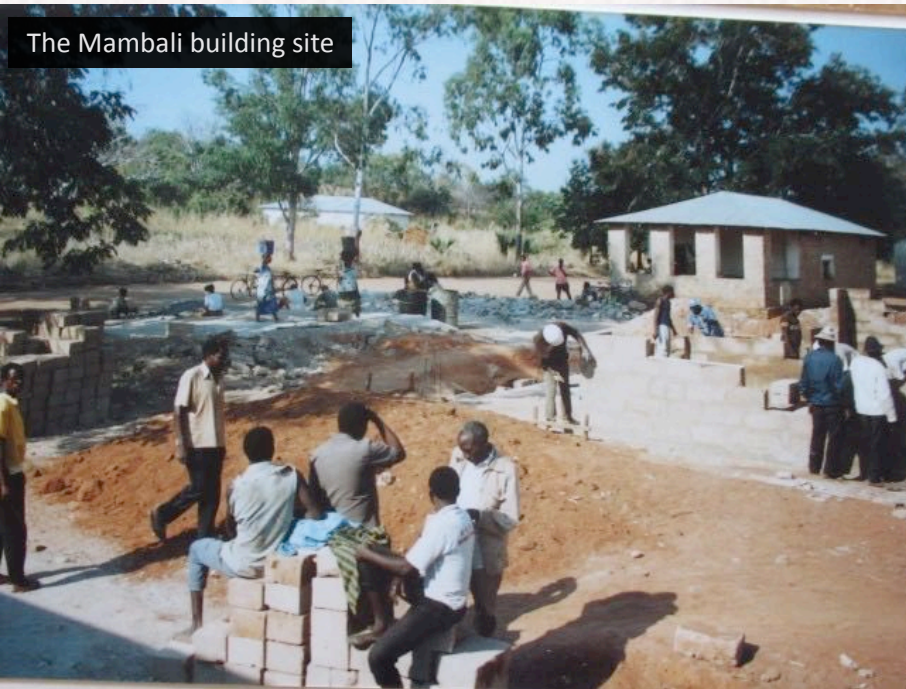
Devon/Corwall Walk, Saturday 18th July

There will be a walk in Devon/Cornwall as well this year on July 18th.

This will be a coastal one this time finishing at Plymouth Hoe after a ferry trip across the Tamar. More information will appear on the website or you can contact Julie who is organizing it by emailing membership@fum.org.uk

The Construction of Mambali Clinic

In Rod Smith's introduction to this newsletter, there is news of Cranbrook School's visit to the Tabora Region which includes a project to refurbish Mambali Clinic. The present Mambali Clinic was built in 1995 by teams of volunteers with Health Projects Abroad. Julie Overnell, our membership Secretary, was one of the volunteers and here tells us about that time.



The Mambali building site

In 1995 I found myself in Tanzania volunteering for a UK charity called Health Projects Abroad.

This was a charity which predominantly organised volunteers from the UK, to work alongside villagers, on the renovating and building of health dispensaries in Tanzania. Three phases of volunteers went out to Tanzania every year, of which I was in the first phase of 1995.

There were approximately 20 volunteers in each phase split into 2 groups which included a nurse and engineer in each. I was the nurse in the group

which spent time first in Itaga before swapping with the other group to work in Mambali.

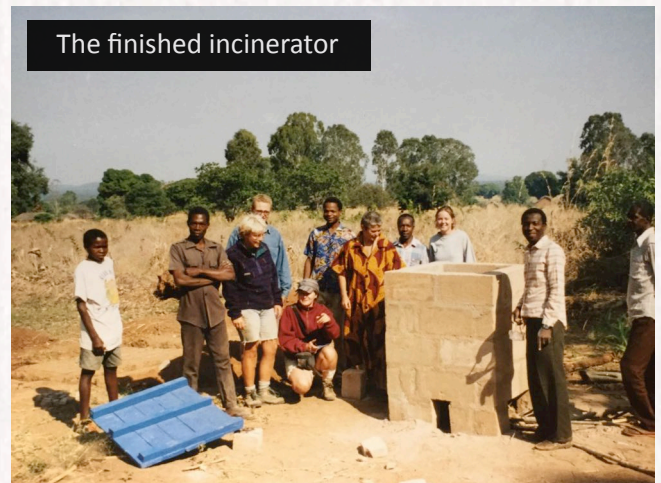
The first group renovated the existing dispensary which eventually became the staff quarters for Dr Simon. I heard from them that the roof of the old dispensary was interesting and that much was written about it in the volunteers' diaries - mainly describing the dead rats, bat poo, wasps and a nest of owl eggs, one of which hatched

and was taken back to camp! In total I was in Mambali from 15th May -11th July 1995 and in this time the old dispensary was renovated, the incinerator finished and foundations poured and walls started to be erected.

We all experienced the delights of rock breaking! In addition we found ourselves:

- Washing walls and painting in the traditional blue paint
- Rock breaking
- Building the incinerator
- Making bricks
- Pouring cement foundations
- Completing the foundations of the bath house.

The children in the village were very inquisitive, loved watching us work, were always calling out 'Jambo Julie' and were fascinated by the balloons we gave them.



The finished incinerator



Dr Simon

I recall assisting the clinic nurse Mary and Dr Simon with the ante natal clinics and on two occasions having to lead about 20 ladies across the building site in a line to continue the clinic in Vernance's (HPA technician) bedroom, as there were two women having difficult labours at the same time which meant no space to hold the clinic. It must have been a comical sight but unfortunately it was not an uncommon occurrence! These women had walked for miles to the clinic - one lady, who although pleased to discover she was not pregnant, was unhappy she had had to walk 25miles. Most of the women had had many pregnancies and all had had at least one baby die or had miscarriages.

Whilst in Mambali we made our camp on 'Snake Hill' living under a tarpaulin canopy strung between trees, sleeping on camp beds under mosquito

nets and cooking on camping stoves. Our water we collected from the well - a fair walk away but luckily we had a wheelbarrow to assist carrying the water back to camp. The sunsets were stunning from the top of Snake Hill.

There were another two phases of volunteers during 1995 who continued the work we had

started and saw that the clinic was completed. It is fantastic news that Cranbrook School are going to renovate the clinic I had a part in building, although I find it hard to believe it is 25 years ago I was there!! I will be fascinated to hear of and see the progress.

Julie Overnell



Julie relaxing in a Mambali village street

THE FRIENDS OF URAMBO AND MWANHALA



NOTICE OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at 11.45am on the 7th March 2020

at

The Buckerell Lodge Hotel, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4SQ

Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence: *Jenny Wills*
3. Minutes of 55th Annual General Meeting
4. Matters Arising from minutes
5. Chairman's comments
6. Accounts for Financial Year ending 31st December 2019
7. Election of Officers
The nomination sheet will be available at the meeting
8. AOB
9. Date of Next Meeting

Between the AGM and breaking for lunch we hope to hold a discussion about the future of FUM. With an ageing, diminishing membership, even though our income seems to be maintaining itself at £25,000 or more, it is clear that at some stage we will be unable to continue as we are. Either we decide to wind ourselves up or we manage to find ways to renew the membership and officers. Isabel will lead us in a discussion of possibilities to which everyone is invited to contribute. We do not expect to come to any firm conclusion at this stage.

The hotel has a restaurant, alternatively bar snacks can be ordered or there is a Harvester just across the Topsham Road.

After lunch, you are invited to stay for the officers meeting and will be welcome to make your own contribution to our discussions.

THE FRIENDS OF URAMBO AND MWANHALA



Officers' Meeting

This will be held at 2pm on Saturday 7th March 2020

at

The Buckerell Lodge Hotel, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4SQ

All members are invited to join us for this meeting.

Agenda

1. Apologies Jenny Wills
2. Notes from the 25th October 2019 virtual meeting
3. Chairman's Matters
4. Treasurer's Report (NPV)
5. Website update (NPV)
6. School sponsorship (JW)
7. Medical Matters, Cranbrook School and nurse sponsorship (JOT)
8. FDC matters (DC)
9. Fundraising Activities and the 2020 Project (IH)
10. Matters Arising
11. AOB
12. Date of next Officers' Meeting

FUM accounts 2019
(excluding Jubilee, Ibambo + Mambali Appeals,
see below)

		2019	[2018]
Balance b/f 1st January 2019		6,265	[10,068]
Income (FUM)			
Standing orders	10,160		
General donations	3,450		
Imeli cheques	1,163		
Jon Walker memorial fund	1,918		
Gift Aid tax refund from 2018	3,498		
Cranbrook School (<i>for nurse training</i>)	3,000		
Nyasa 2 PS (<i>from St Germans PS</i>)	99		
PayPal donations	191		
Interest	1	<u>23,480</u>	[22,317]
Transfers (FUM)			
Mwanhala FDC (<i>bursaries + vehicle</i>)	2,500		
Sikonge FDC (<i>bursaries</i>)	2,000		
Urambo FDC (<i>bursaries + vehicle</i>)	2,500		
Imeli bursaries	2,496		
Hospital training support (<i>nurses and doctors</i>)	5,213		
Clinics	2,800		
Mambali PS toilets	2,120		
Imeli PS toilets	647		
Nyasa 2 PS	246		
Mwanhala water repairs	568		
Liaison officer + student doctors local travel	249	<u>21,339</u>	[25,786]
Expenses			
Bank transfer charges	342		
Newsletter postage, Hall hire, Marathon entry fee	293	<u>636</u>	[334]
Balance 31 December 2019		7,769	[6,265]

Non FUM income

FON: Nurse training (x4)	3,165	<u>3,165</u>
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Non FUM expenditure

FON: Nurse training (x4)	3,165	<u>3,165</u>
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Special projects

Jubilee Appeal

Balance	b/f 1 Jan 2019	8,153
Expenditure	Mwanahala FDC pump	1,220
Balance	c/f	6,933

This balance is scheduled for the Maboha water project.
The amount matches the Tsh 20 million that we promised.

Ibambo clinic Project 2018/19

Balance	b/f 1 Jan 2019	3,611
Income	Fundraising walks 2019	8,490
Expenditure	Nurse accommodation completion	10,778
Balance	The Appeal will be closed and the balance transferred to FUM funds.	1,324

Mambali Family Project 2018/19

Balance	b/f 1 Jan 2019	1,772
Income	From delayed Gift Aid	449
Expenditure	Emergency medical trip	85
Balance	c/f	2,136

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The Final Word

Please can I remind everyone that the AGM will be held on the 7th March in The Buckerell Lodge Hotel, Exeter. This year we have decided to combine this with our spring officers' meeting. We hope that members who come to the AGM will stay and join in the discussions. You will find details on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter.