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# Summer Newsletter

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## 1. Latest news from Trade Aid

The evenings are getting longer and the sun has finally made an appearance meaning Summer is here! Trade Aid kicked off Summer with our Party at the Barn event in May which raised over £2,000.00 !

We also held a stall at the ever popular Downton Cuckoo Fair



on the first May Bank Holiday weekend. The Fair was incredibly busy, and we raised

money by doing a fair favourite, the tombola, and selling globe balloons for kids.

**Above: One of our youngest supporters, Millie, helps at the Cuckoo fair.**

We say hello to Gavin Ross, who is going out to Tanzania to be our new Chief Executive. We say farewell to Paul Green who has been outstanding in all that he has done for Trade Aid in Tanzania. We wish him good luck for the future and sincerely hope that he remains a friend of Trade Aid.

I am running the Great South

**Below: Gavin Ross joins the Trade Aid team.**



Run to raise money for Trade Aid in October. If you are interested in sponsoring me, please visit our website or my just giving page:

[www.justgiving.com/emmanuelmesgr](http://www.justgiving.com/emmanuelmesgr)

Continuing on the sporty theme, we are doing the Charity Challenge again this year. Please see the back page for further details on this fantastic fundraising event. I have also attached an application form and flyer to this email.

Look out for details on November's fundraising night! A James Bond casino evening will have someone for everyone—sensational music, great food, stunning location, and all to raise money for Trade Aid.



Emma - Editor

## 2. Cruise Ship Passenger Support

We have received some fabulous support from passengers of the MS Island Sky who visited the Old Boma Hotel earlier this year. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, guests who were on the Gerald Durrell Expedition stopped at the Old Boma for refreshments, listened to Jane's talk and went on a guided walk through the town. Some guests in particular were quite moved by what we do,

and have arranged various fund raising events. Emma was asked to do a presentation for church group. St.Philip and St.James Church, Cheltenham who have very kindly made us their 'charity of the month'. We would like to thank Sara Turner for all her hard work and fundraising. We have also received donations from other passengers which have been greatly appreciated. Thank you.



**Guests enjoy coffee and biscuits at the presentation in Cheltenham.**

### 3. ENTERPRISE -The Old Boma Hotel & EDP



Issa, the hotel gardener, collecting seeds to be re sown in the hotel vegetable patch.

The Old Boma hosted a dinner buffet for the Minister of Fisheries who was opening the new marine park office in Mikindani. Up to 70 guests enjoyed a buffet prepared with the assistance of some of the trainee's who are currently on a three month training program.

In the same week, the Minister for Roads and the South African Ambassador stayed. They were there to open the new bridge between Mozambique and Tanzania.

**Pictured below: Hatia, one of the trainee's at the Old Boma, working in the kitchen**



Joyce Hittu has been promoted to Hotel Training Manager, ensuring a smooth takeover will take place when

Rachael leaves in July. We wish Rachael good luck with the future, and thank her for all the work she has done for Trade Aid.

Ally Simba has been promoted to Hotel Manager. We congratulate Joyce and Ally on their promotions.

Seeds that Jane brought over from the UK earlier in the year are now flourishing in the hotel vegetable patch. The seeds will enable the hotel to provide their own vegetables and herbs.

*Sponsor one of the VETA students and make a REAL difference to their lives for only £15 a month*

### 4. EDUCATION -VETA Sponsorship



VETA Colleges of Technology are situated throughout Tanzania and provide the opportunity for young people to continue their education after primary school and to learn vocational skills. Courses are

usually for two years and are varied, examples include:

- Carpentry
- Tailoring
- Plumbing
- Hairdressing

The VETA College in Mtwara is considered to be one of the best in the Country, and competition to get on a course is fierce. Trade Aid visited the college last month,

and was impressed with the College which was clean, tidy and well run. The students looked smart in their uniforms and on speaking to them, they felt privileged to be at the College and appreciated the opportunity to learn a trade. VETA has a range of facilities and equipment, which is well maintained and functioning. **All students board at the College, so their fees include their food and accommodation.**

**VETA students who are on an electrical installation course**



Please contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a student. £10 or £15 a month changes their future and their family's lives forever.

#### Hamisi Mohamedi

Age: 19  
 Education: to standard seven – basic education  
 Hamisi's mother is dead and he is now living with his father who is a farmer. A farmer doesn't make a great deal of money so he can't afford to continue to pay for Hamisi's education. Hamisi would like to go to VETA, continue his education so that he may eventually get a good job to look after his father when he gets too old to farm.

Hamisi is known to Trade Aid, he lives in Mtangashari Street in the Jangwani district of Mikindani and we have received good reports from his school.

**Hamisi has a keen interest in building and would like to do a masonry course.**



# 5. CONSERVATION - Livingstone House



**Left: Livingstone House before work commenced.**

ing has been secured and rendering has been completed, transforming the exterior of the property. We have established a good and reliable team of local 'fundi', (skilled workers) who understand the importance of using traditional tools and methods, and have sourced materials locally.

Work is continuing steadily on Livingstone House, despite the unfortunate news that some of the front canopy collapsed in April, the project got back on track, under the skillful guidance of Project Manager Matt Fish, The build-

Livingstone House is to be used as a Community Learning Centre with a library, computer room and



**Above: Rendering under way on Livingstone House**

museum. The rooms upstairs will be used as letting rooms, providing an income to support the running costs of the finished project.

# 6. Party in the Barn Sellout Success!

## An Amazing £2,200.00 Raised!

We were all looking forward to Friday, 14th May here at Trade Aid. Brian Currie, our principal trustee, very kindly allowed me to



take over The Barn at Rose Farm for a fundraising evening that rocked!! Tickets sold out quickly for this event, and it was hugely supported by the local community. Local band, THE WEDNESDAYS, who very kindly gave their time on the evening for free, really did rock the barn, and had everyone up dancing in the aisles. Local



Above - Emma and Jane take time out from the busy night to pose for the camera - Below - A packed dance floor had the crowd shouting for more!



butcher, Prices' of Fordingbridge provided a gorgeous barbeque and our bar kept us refreshed, with many thanks to our helpers for running it. The fabulous raffle raised over £250 alone and in total we raised almost £2,200.00 profit from the evening.

A big thank you to Emma G, Ollie, Jessica, Megan, Lydia, Jane and Malcolm for all their help on the evening. A big thank you to all that came and supported this event!



Above - 'THE WEDNESDAYS' with Lascar's very own Pete Cross! Below - making some shapes on the dance floor.....



Many thanks to:  
 The Three Lions,  
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 Co - Op,  
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Trade Aid is a small, UK based, charitable trust, whose aim is to create sustainable employment in Mikindani, Tanzania.

There are three strands to the Charity:

**Conservation, Education and Enterprise**

Wherever possible we:

- Purchase supplies locally
- Employ people from the Mikindani community
- Staff have a written contract, with fair wages, paid holidays, sick pay, medical check-ups, health care and pension contributions
- All staff receive vocational and skills training

Visit our website  
[www.tradeaiduk.org](http://www.tradeaiduk.org)

## 7. Trade Aid: Looking Forward in 2010

### **Forthcoming Events:**

#### **Charity Challenge!**

**Sunday, 19th September 2010**

**Registration 9.30 -10am**

**Race Starts 10.30am**

**£10.00 entry including freebie**



The Charity Challenge will be taking place again in September. Now in its 4th year, the routes take in the most beautiful New Forest scenery and is a most enjoyable event.

There are a choice of routes to suit families and the more serious cyclist should they not want to make use of the various refreshment stops on

the way. On your return, we will have a BBQ and music to finish off your afternoon after all that hard work! This year's event is sponsored by the Co-operative Membership.

The **co-operative membership** 

We are looking forward to holding a James Bond themed evening in November at the stunning location of The Milford Hall Hotel in Salisbury. We have a fabulous evening of entertainment lined up for you, including the amazing R.P.3 who will be singing all the Rat Pack favourites' guaranteed to have you up dancing the night away! We have professional casino tables, all using fun money to raise money for Trade Aid. Deluxe Rooms are available at £75 a night, so go on make a weekend of it and start your Christmas shopping early in this beautiful City!



**James Bond Casino Night**  
**Saturday, 13th November 2010**

**Milford Hall Hotel,**

**Salisbury**

**7pm until Midnight**

**Three course meal**

**Live Music**

**Casino Fun Money**

**£40 a ticket**

**CALL EMMA NOW**

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