



Daventry & District Friends of Iganga

# LINKING NEWS

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Developing links between Daventry District and Iganga in Uganda

**October 2009**



Another very successful trip to Iganga in Uganda was made by Daventry *Friends* in June. Once again led by Peter Minhinnett and David Walsh, the group got down to some serious hard work!

This time there were Environmental Health Officers joined by an electrician, a physiotherapist, two retired teachers, a couple of first timers and some who had been to Iganga before and couldn't wait to get back again!

A significant amount of work was achieved in 3 weeks in June, but rest assured that all of the participants thoroughly enjoyed the trip and many suggest they will repeat it in the future!

**In this newsletter you can read briefly about the achievements of the Friends during 2009, but for a full account of each of these please go to our website [www.friendsofiganga.org](http://www.friendsofiganga.org)**

**We are desperately short of funds and if you think you can help, please do get in touch**

**If we have tempted you to think about joining us on a visit in 2010, whatever your age or interests, please contact one of the committee. You would be most welcome!**

On a very happy note...



*Friends* are very happy to announce the marriage of Ella and Stuart. They first met when both joined the group trip to Iganga in 2005. We hope they will be very happy together.

Congratulations!

It's that time of year again and we want to help solve the problem of that difficult to choose gift. Calendars will again be on sale - a new Ugandan picture for each month as before.



email [jan@morrott.co.uk](mailto:jan@morrott.co.uk) (or call 01327 871377) with your order and at only £5 per calendar it's great value!



Have a look at details of another great gift idea for yourself or a friend. This brightly coloured bag was inspired by Julia Harris following her first visit to Iganga this year. It is large enough for shopping or your child's P.E. Kit. Go to:

[www.justgiving.com/colour-4-classrooms](http://www.justgiving.com/colour-4-classrooms)  
(or phone Julia 07887 535112) to see the whole range of colours and pictures that you can buy. £4.50 each

Julia was excited to go back to school. [www.friendsofiganga.org](http://www.friendsofiganga.org) will tell you more about it!



Namunsaala School

Julia took pictures drawn by the children at Rothersthorpe for the children in Namunsaala. They were thrilled and sent their own pictures back!



Rothersthorpe School

Look how quickly the Nurses' home went up whilst the team were in Iganga! A nurse living on site will mean that the clinic will thrive and more and more people will benefit from it being there.



Here you can see the footings with the clinic in the background. The pictures show the building work in progress and roof level was reached by the time the group had to leave. (see David Walsh admiring it)



The scaffold? Just local branches!



... but if you thought Health and Safety had not been around whilst the Nurses' house was being built, just look at this guy. He is painting the Mwaana Hotel where we stay in Iganga.

**He is 4 floors up!!**





Richard hoped to sort the electrics at the Centre for the Blind but it proved to be much too big and expensive a job. Instead he could often be found on the football field .

Guess who won?



Everyone helps when their water source is protected. Then the locals can collect water safe enough to drink.

Which of the bottles (below left) would you be prepared to drink?

Testing the quality of the water (below)



Remember, if you go to our website, you can read the stories behind the pictures

[www.friendsofiganga.org](http://www.friendsofiganga.org)

**Timber!**



*Girls learn dressmaking using old cement bags!*



## Good news for Paul!



The good news is that Paul (left), the blind son of Kagoda John, (Lab Assistant) who teaches at the Blind School, has been formally appointed some 2/3 years since he qualified and started teaching there!! We hope he is now being paid and we are so happy for him. Teaching the blind children who attend the Demonstration School is such a worthwhile job. Good luck Paul!



This is the main East-West highway across Africa and it is right outside the Mwaana Hotel where we stay whilst in Iganga. The road has been resurfaced which is so good as we can now sleep at night! We used to be kept awake as the empty tankers tried to navigate the enormous potholes.

Jude and Barbara (right) met with the Education Officer for Iganga. He is so pleased that his schools are a part of the new 3-way link:

**UK - Iganga - Japan**



Here you can see pupils from William Parker School during a live link up with Japan. As yet, Iganga does not have the equipment to join in live, but their questions, which had been sent to both countries, were answered. They will see film of the occasion.



### Obituary



It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of David Mwebaze. Many of you will recall David who was our 3rd Commonwealth

Fellow in 2005/6.

David was the Town Health Inspector for Mukono Town Council which is some 20k east of Kampala, By coincidence David was born and educated in Iganga and had worked briefly for Iganga Town Council until taking up his post in Mukono. Many of you, who met David both in the UK and in Uganda, will recall his quiet demeanour but at the same time his infectious giggle.

We all grew to be good friends with David, me especially, both professionally, where he helped a great deal with the links with Ugandan Health Officers, and as a good friend, and also Jan and Graham Morrott whom he called his English 'mum and dad'

Peter Minhinnett

### AGM

Following a very successful AGM in May, your new committee includes:

**Peter Minhinnett (Chairman), Mark Fyfe (Vice-Chairman), Richard Scott-Herridge (Secretary), Pam Eastaff (Treasurer), Carey Minhinnett (Membership Secretary), Dave Walsh, Nick Ravine, Jan Morrott (newsletter editor), Annette Dunn, Phil Edwards, Julia Smith, Jude Eddon, Lizzie Clarke and Barbara Campbell.**

The trustees meet regularly, around every 6 weeks, and anyone interested is welcome to attend meetings.

For more information about the work of the Friends, please look on our website [www.friendsofiganga.org](http://www.friendsofiganga.org) or contact Richard Scott-Herridge on 01788 814686 or [herridgers@hotmail.com](mailto:herridgers@hotmail.com)

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