

# Tanga in Touch

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## PATRONS

- *The Rt. Rev. Michael Hooper*
- *The Rt. Rev. John Ramadhani*
- *The Rt. Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa*

## TRUSTEES

- *Rev. David Howell*
- *Mrs. Susan Morris*
- *Mrs. Brenda Allan*



## Rev. Preb. Walter Gould 1935–2014



Walter was a devoted churchman all his life. He was Vicar of Bromyard for twenty-seven years. Towards the end of his time there, he set up, with others, the Bromyard-Buhuri link. He had seen the Leominster-Tengeru link and admired the way it was working. The link focussed on exchange visits—each year from 1995 to 2012 saw a visit in alternate directions. Recently visits have been more difficult, due to increasing costs and difficulties in obtaining visas. The link also funded projects at LITI Buhuri, including the tree nursery and a significant contribution towards rebuilding the dam.

When we set up Tanga in Touch in 2002 he became one of our foundation trustees, and was an invaluable source of information and support, rarely missing a meeting. He was Diocesan Tanzanian Link Co-ordinator, and was a regular visitor to Tanga, Dar es Salaam and Masasi—and, when the latter was split into two, to Newala.

Walter was always enthusiastic in what he did, and he and Hazel devoted their lives, since retirement, to Tanzania. He had been suffering from prostate cancer for a long time, but it did not appear to be a problem—although I suspect he was good at hiding it—until the last couple of months. He even discharged himself from the hospice, two weeks before he died, to attend a Diocesan Tanzanian link meeting. From there he went home, to spend his last days with his family.

## Vacancy for a Trustee

Walter's sad death leaves us a problem. Walter was one of our trustees, and now the gap must be filled. Our trust deed says that we need four; we have David Howell, Sue Morris from Bromyard, and myself. I do have my eye on two people, but if anybody else thinks they might be interested, please get in touch and we can discuss it. We have three meetings each year, and several fund-raising events. I pack books and computers, and anything else worth sending, to go to schools in Tanga, and visit once a year to see what is being done and look at possible new projects. Ideally a potential trustee should visit Tanga at least once. It is a different world, and you really have to spend some time there to appreciate the need and to see what we are doing. We are a very small charity with a very small amount of disposable income besides our regular commitments to orphans and vocational education.



## Christmas Appeal 2013

Some of the orphans, these at Horten Secondary School, who benefited from last year's Christmas Appeal. Sitting at the front is Pauline Matthias, who organises the distribution, and at the back, Mary Kingazi, the Head Teacher.

The Appeal raised £800; 86 children received uniform, books, pencils and in some cases, cash for fees—or even food.



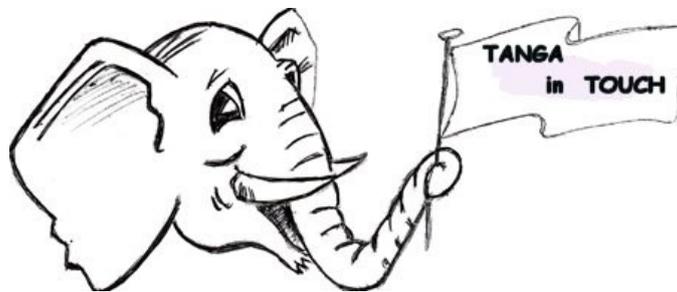
Our Lent Lunch in March raised nearly £200, which will go towards toilets at Horten School.

I also have a lot of Maths text books and some computers for them.

Some of the children have no real homes to go to. Life is a real struggle for them. We want to build a hostel so that they can have safe lodgings, good food and friends. Many thanks to everybody who contributed.



Right: our logo, by the cartoonist Bill Asprey.



## TZ DIARIES

People sometimes ask me what I do in Tanzania. The short answer is 'go round talking to people.' While this is true, it is certainly not the whole story. So last time I went, in February, I wrote a diary, and emailed some days-worth back to a few friends.

Now the whole two-weeks' worth is available, with lots of colour photos, for a donation to cover printing costs and to raise funds for Horten School. I suggest £5. Please get in touch if you would like one and I will arrange to deliver it. We hope eventually to raise enough to start a hostel for homeless orphans, like those in the photo above, to live in.

**TANGA IN TOUCH** is Whitbourne's charity which runs our Tanzanian link. We support the Misufini Leprosy Centre as well as our link parish of St. Francis, Mapinduzi, a suburb of Tanga.

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