

# UGANDA LODGE - Ruhanga Newsletter

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**RUHANGA  
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SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN UGANDA



**Congratulations to Stephen Kiprotich.** Over One Billion people watched Stephen receive his Gold Medal at the closing ceremony of the 2012 Olympics. He has certainly put Uganda well and truly on the map and I guess I wasn't the only one that has been to Uganda who found the race itself an emotional experience. My husband will tell you I don't get excited over much! With few televisions in Ruhanga they didn't even know about this great achievement until I phoned Denis. Most homes only have radio to receive outside and local news.

## Open Invitation to all our Ruhanga volunteers and friends to meet up at Shepperton 25th August 2012

I would like to invite all our past and potential volunteers of Uganda Lodge, to spend a few hours or even a couple of days at our annual family camping weekend at Shepperton (TW170JR). I also extend this invitation to others who have shown an interest and helped us to develop the amazing projects we now have in Ruhanga - sponsors, fundraisers and all who have offered help and support over



the past five years. We can view each others photos on a big screen and many of you will see how Uganda Lodge has changed over the past 4 years. This is also a good opportunity to have a brainstorming session and come up with some innovative ideas to generate on-going funding to sustain our school and our soon-to-be-built medical centre. I am asking for a donation of £10 per person - to go towards the building of our

newest classroom. Even if you cannot join us, a donation can still be made [HERE](#)

**Child Sponsorship** All of you who have volunteered out in Uganda have seen how much we do in the way of providing an excellent education for the children of Ruhanga village for just 90p a week for each child. I know many of you are still students but if every one of you managed to sponsor just one child - or found an Aunt or a friend to sponsor one on your behalf - then all of our children would be adequately supported. So, if you enjoyed your time out in Uganda, please try to find just £3.50 a month or £42 a year. Choose one of the waiting children from our website [HERE](#)





**Updates on proposed Ruhanga Village Clinic** Funding is now assured, and the clinic will be known as the **Duncan McNeil Medical Centre**; it is to be named after the founder of ASE Consulting who is funding this wonderful project instead of receiving a retirement bonus. Work on digging out the foundations has started and bricks & sand are beginning to appear at the site. Denis's aim is to complete, and have it ready to open, before Christmas.

**A massive thank you must go to ASE Consulting of Lytham in Fylde.**



**Village Water Project** Over the past months the water supply from some of our taps has been erratic, to say the least. Thanks to a recent volunteer, Alan Ryder, a new dam has been built across another stream and water from that is being piped into the main supply. My understanding is that more than 20 taps are now working satisfactorily so our villagers, once again, have clean water. A team of villager volunteers supplied the labour, and they are now protecting this new supply so no pollutants or grass and leaves can contaminate it.



**Volunteer Admin Help** A few people have already come forward to assist me in setting up our own Charity "Uganda Lodge Community Projects" If you would like to have an input and possibly take on a specific role now is the time to email me again at [ann@ugandalodge.com](mailto:ann@ugandalodge.com) or call me on [+44 1932562757](tel:+441932562757). We are now at a stage where you do not need to live close to Shepperton to help with some of the administration of running a charity and co-ordination all aspects of what we now have in place.



I particularly need volunteers to work on our websites who can use wordpress and others who are good at designing posters and writing relevant copy. Promotion of both the 'Child Sponsorship' and 'Volunteering Opportunities' need to be expanded and promoted in various ways. Proposals for setting up income generating projects and other funding applications is a job for someone with experience in this field.

So far Ian Emm is updating Facebook for us and Amanda Tickner preparing to take over Child Sponsorship. Hardika Sheth is keeping up-to-date with accounting and Gift Aid. Claire Underwood is secretary and John Cowan is chairing the new charity.

Terry Underwood is overseeing the planning and building of the medical centre. Max in Italy, Rebecca in France and Dan at Holloway College have volunteered to work on the Safaris, volunteering and School sections of the website.



**Volunteer placements in Uganda** Currently many skills are needed out in Ruhanga for a short or longer term. There is no volunteering fee and your food and accommodation is just £70 per week. Teachers, Builders & other tradesmen, Medics, Sports Enthusiasts, Dance, Arts, Crafts, Designers and Planners - most skills can be utilised to work with our children and the community in general. We can facilitate the residential section of the D of E award and also help with research for various university thesis. We are flexible and can accommodate families and others looking for a holiday with a difference - such as a longer safari with a short experience of volunteering. All profits go towards the latest building projects: currently (August 2012) this is the administration block and new classroom at the school.

**FIRST LADY**  
**H.E. MRS. JANET KATAAHA MUSEVENI**  
**to attend the Convention in UK**  
We are extremely excited and honored to hear that the Hon Janet Museveni Minister for Karamoja and MP for Ruhaama SW Uganda will be joining us at this year's Ugandan Convention in London on 15th September 2012.



**Uganda Diaspora Event in London Saturday 15th September** . The Hon Janet Museveni - First lady of Uganda and Woman MP for the area that includes Ruhanga - is the Guest of Honour [at this event](#) being held at The Troxy E10HX. We have been given a display table through Ida and LTHT and I would appreciate a few hours help from anyone living in or near London. You will re-live lots of Ugandan memories and there is a huge festival of Ugandan music in the evening.



**Here are a few photos for Happy Memories.** Hope to meet a few of you next weekend at Shepperton. Please - all who have read this far - try to find at least one other sponsor if you cannot do more yourself. Send in your testimonials or articles and links for the websites to me and

**Don't Forget Ruhanga!**

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