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Exchange Rate - POST EU EXIT VOTE

As you can see on the graph below, the exchange rate took a steep dive after the result of the EU referendum was declared. We had been used to getting a little over 5,000 Ugandan Shillings to the UK Pound and now it is less than 4,500. This makes everything that we buy in Uganda a lot more expensive than it was at the start of the year.

This clearly demonstrates that running a

charity that spends most of its income outside of the country in which it is raised, has an extra element of uncertainty when it comes to required expenditure.

There is no panic and the funds are there to cover the planned expenditure in the short-term. The shock to our system does remind us that exchange rates make an enormous difference to just how far the money that is raised will stretch.



Up-date on Food Situation

The provision of food for the village during 2016 was a commitment that trustees were able to make when they were at Bulabakulu in February. As the article above suggests, the cost of this commitment in sterling has risen significantly (by around £200 a month at the moment) but there are enough reserves to cover the current commitment.

The situation will be discussed again when the trustees of AGLMUK meet with the leaders of AGLM early in 2017. The ability of the AGLMUK trustees to commit to funding all food supplies in 2017 will depend upon the situation at the time. The



The food store at Bulabakulu with sacks of maize flour and beans.

income dedicated to food costs is less than half of what is required and so the remainder comes from general fund-raising. Thanks to everyone that has contributed via regular or one-off donations.

Charity Shop Week

AGLMUK rented the community charity shop in Llandrindod Wells again in July on this year. Thanks to the large number of volunteers who manned the shop, a very welcome £1,700 was raised for Bulabakulu. The premises (which are in great demand from charities) have been

booked for a week at the end of October 2017. Some people seem to thrive as retailers but none of AGLMUK trustees fall into this category - we are therefore very grateful for the volunteers without whom this significant opportunity would "go begging".



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London Marathon

AGLMUK has a runner in the London Marathon! The charity was offered a place via the draw for small charities and we contacted our supporters to see who would like to represent us in this famous 26 mile slog around the streets of the capital city. We had a number of volunteers but we had to narrow it down to just one. Toby Tattersall from Llandrindod Wells was selected and he would love you to sponsor him. You can contact him directly or via the AGLMUK page on the Virgin Giving web site. Virginmoneygiving.com

Harryson is Awarded a First Class Honours Degree

We'll do more on this story when we have graduation photographs but suffice it for now, to say that we are very proud to announce that Harryson has been awarded a first class honours degree. He has worked tremendously hard - often under difficult conditions.

You might not be surprised to hear that the young men at Bulabakulu are crazy about football - and most of them support an English Premier League Club. In 2014 Andy managed to persuade Isaac that he should support Leicester City. Previous Leicester City shirts taken to Bulabakulu had been worn by one of the Grandmas - because no-one else wanted a shirt from an unknown side with unknown players and a name that is impossible to pronounce! Now Isaac has a new shirt that both he and Andy are very proud of! He still can't say Les-ta though!



His former deputy Head Teacher, and football coach, Hannington, is an Arsenal supporter. Despite this strange affliction, he has managed to persuade Agnes, one of the other teachers at Wakiso School of Hope (Bulabakulu), that he is really rather loveable - they got married recently.



Alternative Presents, Christmas No-Cards and Christmas Food Appeal

Alternative presents are available all year round - but especially at Christmas. There is a special leaflet describing the list of presents and their cost but if you want to suggest something else, and we confirm that it would be appropriate then these things can be accommodated. General unspecified gifts of any value are always welcome as are contributions towards some of the specific projects mentioned in this newsletter - and we are more than happy to provide cards for you to give to the recipient. As last year, the major emphasis is food.

Some people decide not to send lots of people that they see regularly (like work colleagues for instance) a Christmas card and give the money they save to charity. They replace umpteen Christmas cards with a group message of some sort, saving resources and providing a charity such as AGLMUK with a very useful source of income.

Statement on Orphanages and Volunteering

AGLMUK has produced a statement in response to the current debate about orphanages in the developing world and the wisdom of people from "the west" volunteering at such places. The statement can be found on our web site.

Don't forget that you can support AGLMUK just by shopping online. Many stores, including many of the big names, will donate a percentage of your purchase to us and it won't cost you a penny extra.

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