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A note from the Editor

We feel sure that most of our readers will have been bombarded over the past few weeks with emails, letters and mailings regarding GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation – and even though we are a small charity, we have to comply with these regulations.

We are therefore including, on page 11 of this issue of M&NN an official Privacy Notice and also, on page 13, a form which we would be grateful if you would complete and return to us to confirm that you wish us to retain the data that we hold on you – and at the same time we are taking the opportunity of “tidying up” our database.

The Friends of Masasi & Newala have now been running for more than twenty five years and this newsletter has been produced on a fairly regular basis for more than fifteen years – the first issue having been produced in 2001. It is obviously pointless sending the newsletter to people who no longer wish to receive it, but despite asking people to let us know if they wish us to remove their details from our database, very few have actually responded and we have a sneaking suspicion that many copies are being sent to people who have long moved away from their previous address.

So in a final attempt to remove the “dead wood”, and at the same time to save money (with a 2nd class stamp now costing 65p, the total cost of producing and mailing each issue of M&NN is in the region of £1), we have decided that we need to be more pro-active. We are therefore asking everyone, not to let us know if they do not want to receive the newsletter, but rather to opt in to receive it – and at the same time to send us a one-off contribution of £10 to cover the cost of future issues.

We hope that this will result in a smaller but more accurate list of our supporters. Needless to say, we would not expect those people who support us on a regular basis or those who have made generous donations over the past few years, to send us £10 but we would still like those people to update the personal information we hold and confirm that they still wish to receive the newsletter.

As it is only three months since the previous issue of M&NN, we do not have a great deal of information to give to you but the Trustees had one of their regular biannual meetings at the end of April and we are pleased to be able to report on their deliberations and decisions.

Many of you will be aware that Dr Marion Bartlett passed away very peacefully on 10th March 2018 at the age of 95 at the College of St Barnabas in Lingfield, Surrey and it gives us great pleasure to be able to print the address given at her funeral, by her very close friend, the Revd Timothy Fox.

MARION BARTLETT –

Address given by the Reverend Timothy Fox – 5th April 2018

I have known Marion since 1961, my wife Edith - who worked with Marion as a nurse - even longer. We visited Marion and David in Heptonstall and North Walsham – and then later at the College of St Barnabas. Marion enjoyed walking through the grounds and gardens here - now looking good with the daffodils and primroses.

Marion was above all a person of faith, with a strong sense of duty and patient commitment to her various tasks – and to her Lord and Saviour. From an early age she felt a calling to serve in what was then called the mission field, in particular to medical work - no doubt influenced by her parents who were missionaries in China. In answering that calling she had various obstacles to overcome. She committed herself in her medical training - and it was wartime - to qualify as a surgeon. She was the first woman junior doctor at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital. Her application to do medical work overseas was at first resisted, but then the Lord took matters - and Marion – in hand with a telegram from the Bishop of Zanzibar to the General Secretary of UMCA: “ACCEPT PHILLIPS SURGEON ZANZIBAR”.

She went out to Tanganyika in 1949 and gave 41 years of her life to medicine and the Church.

The life of faith, regular prayer and observance of the church festivals was central to the hospital work. Daily prayer in chapel, frequent Communion and prayers in hospital wards were all part of the routine – reflecting the ministry of Jesus. Not an easy, automatic faith and sometimes sorely tested as when there were cases involving witchcraft, affecting even Christian staff nurses.

Marion and David lived through not just times of shortages of medicines and essential medical equipment – but at least one period of famine.

We thought of Marion as a real survivor, having heart bypass operations and carpal tunnel syndrome, a complaint affecting the joints in her hands. For a surgeon that could have been just cause for early retirement. But not Marion!

A person of faith, and as she described herself – a “Jack of All Trades”. Certainly a versatile surgeon as well as a physician. Although not a vet! On one occasion she performed a hysterectomy on the pet monkey that belonged to the local District Commissioner.

On another occasion she was called out at night to perform an autopsy on someone who had died, possibly murdered, in the forest – supervised by a policeman carrying a gun.

These two stories – not in Marion’s book – were told to me by my wife, Edith who, was a senior nurse working with Marion over several years. Marion was also involved with nurses’ training, and the setting up of a system of Rural Medical Aides, with administration of the hospital, and frequently with, building projects, including the design of a completely new hospital at Muheza.

And then she was wife to David... that was a happy marriage with them sharing the ups and downs of mission life. They made a good team. David was the parish priest when they were at Muheza but also had the practical skills to keep Marion’s motorcycle going.

When they retired to North Walsham, we were all surprised when Marion and David agreed to go back to Tanzania - to spend some time in Zanzibar. This was at the request of Bishop John Ramadhani, whom Marion had known since first arriving in Tanzania, a former Archbishop – now living in Zanzibar, and who became also a very good friend. Marion was really pleased when Bishop John managed to include the College of St Barnabas on a visit to the UK.

She is also remembered by people in Masasi Diocese, especially Dr Lawi Issa who kindly sent us a message and has let people there know about Marion’s passing.

Although Marion and David were able to make good use of their time on leave, and see family and friends, there were occasions when Marion was sorry she was not in England, and especially when her mother died. But living as she had to – on mission terms – she could not just hop on a plane. Both when on leave and in retirement they visited family in the USA – enjoying seeing the next generation of the Phillips family. Jim of course sends greetings, he kindly came over recently and spent some time with Marion and tried to help her, for instance with the use of the telephone, which Marion by then was finding difficult.

The last conversation I had with Marion was when Jim was there and it was held through him. I said I could not come and see her then as it was too soon after a hip operation. Marion, being the good surgeon, said very firmly: Wait until you are ready!

Marion was glad to be godmother to my daughter Susan born in Tanzania, and baptised at Minaki. Susan is herself a medic and spent part of her elective time at Kwa Mkono with Marion and Dr Elizabeth Hills. She also visited Marion and David when they were at Heptonstall in North Yorkshire ...here, Susan says, she was always being given a job to do... including painting the wooden floor with brown paint!

Marion expected the best – and the most – from those she worked with. This was what Edith found when nursing under Marion’s supervision. Edith said the Tanzanian nurses were slightly in awe of Marion, but this was because Marion herself gave of her best – without much rest.

As well as the links with religious orders in Tanzania, Anglican Franciscans, CSP Sisters who worked in hospital with Marion, now based in Shoreham by Sea, the Tanzania Women’s Order, CMM, Community of St Mary, Marion was an Associate of English Benedictines, now with a house in Salisbury. The Prior kindly wrote to me saying they would remember Marion, as a former oblate, each year.

Other people have sent messages who cannot be with us today, Bill Murdoch, Richard Price, Gill Hucker of the friends of Masasi & Newala, Tony Gray – publisher (Words by Design) of Marion’s book, Canon David Bruno, Helen Penfold, James Potts, a priest in Tanzania and friend of David Bartlett, Mary Addington – and other friends and members of my family

No doubt African spirituality had some influence on Marion’s journey – perhaps especially with their respect for their ancestors, whom they referred to as the ‘living dead’. Marion thought of them as ‘our dear departed’.

So we thank God for our dear departed sister, who is in Christ alive and well. Marion appreciated the regular (daily) communion and being able to listen to the Chapel worship. Thank you to the College for their hospitality today, to those who helped to look after Marion, these last sixteen years, residents and members of staff and nurses and carers in the nursing wing. Thank you, a big thank you to Sarah Gilkes, David’s niece – battling through the snow at one point... making all the funeral arrangements – and to Father McDowell and the College staff..

A final word from Mary Addington’s daughter, Rachel Parsons who also cannot be here today. She wrote: “I had the privilege of being able to spend time with her a couple of days before she died, reading the psalms, singing and speaking and praying with her. I knew her as ‘Dr Bartlett’ at Kwa Mkono in 1990-91, whilst I spent eight months there working at the Polio Hostel as part of the Experience Exchange Programme with USGP, during my gap year before University. I vividly remember sharing duck with her and the CSP Sisters with whom I lived when she and Canon Bartlett joined us for Christmas Dinner 1990.... I much enjoyed her autobiography: she was an amazing “hodari” lady and I have been enriched by her friendship”.

As all of us have!

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Only five years ago Marion published a book on her work in Tanganyika (as Tanzania was then known) – “Surgeon or Jack of All Trades” and it is fascinating to read of her work as a surgeon and physician from 1949 to 1990, mostly in church hospitals for the USPG. The book is still available on Amazon at £12 and perhaps news of her death will inspire many more people to read about her tireless work in Tanzania. She was a remarkable lady and typical of so many people of her generation who devoted a large part of their lives to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. May she rest in peace.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF MASASI & NEWALA

There are eight Trustees of the FoM&N and they all have an individual role to play in the administration and organisation of the Trust. Because the Trustees are scattered geographically, over a large area we only manage to meet twice a year and even this is not easy as there is really no ideal central location; also because of the Trustees’ other commitments, we are only able to meet on a Saturday. But possibly because of the difficulty of us meeting together, we all gain a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction from our meetings, which run from 10 am to 4 pm with a working lunch, and we are indebted to Stephen and Linda Jarvis at whose house, in Minchinhampton, we frequently meet.

Gill Hucker, who has been the Secretary and Treasurer since the Trust was set up in, draws up the agenda and presents the Trustees with a financial statement prior to each meeting and each meeting is directed by Dirk Juttner, the Chairman and starts and finishes with prayers, led by Revd Stephen Jarvis.

As most of our readers will be aware, the Trust came into existence as a result of a modest donation given to the Revd Canon Ronnie Cox in the early 1990’s to be used for the benefit of the people of Masasi and since then the Friends has helped the Dioceses of Masasi & Newala by providing more than £600,000 worth of support.

During the past twenty years our bank balance has fluctuated and there have been several occasions when we have almost considered “calling it a day” but God moves in a mysterious way, and each time we even discuss such a decision, we miraculously receive an unexpected legacy or another generous donation – and we are back in business again!

The financial statement presented prior to the most recent meeting showed the bank balance to be healthier than any time over the past twenty years, but the Treasurer pointed out that a great deal of this is ring-fenced as the funds we are holding have been donated for specific purposes – the new Girls’ School at Namasakata, the Bible College at Kwitonji, the special unit for Blind and Disabled children at Mtandi, the CMM Sisters, St Cyprian’s and its possible future role to become the Theological College for the whole of Southern Tanzania, Rondo Junior Seminary and St Michael’s Health Centre at Lulindi.

The Trustees had also pledged at an earlier meeting to provide funds for the new Church being built at Kilwa Kivinje - a largely Muslim area in Northern Tanzania - and the new Clinic to be built in Sindano in memory of Bishop James' father, and when we did our sums we realised that in fact the Trust has little spare money at the present time

We are also very aware that over the past few years, apart from legacies and collections taken at funerals (which says something about the demographics of our supporters!) the Trust's income, as such, has decreased dramatically and realistically there may well be a time in the not too distant future when our coffers will run dry.

The Trustees spent a long time discussing the future of the Trust, and also the fact that at least two of the Trustees have already celebrated their four-score years and another one will be joining them this year and after long and careful deliberation came to the following decisions.

- It was unanimously agreed that the role of the Friends of Masasi & Newala is to support the work of the Dioceses of Masasi and Newala, and the work of the CMM Sisters in these two Dioceses but its role is not in any way to monitor the activities of Bishop James and Bishop Oscar and the Diocesan staff. With this aim the Friends will continue to operate for as long as possible and will continue to do all it can to support the Dioceses of Masasi and Newala as well as the work of the CMM Sisters.
- In future the Trustees will meet on an annual basis and these meetings will take place in London.
- The Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman will remain in post for the present time and Gill Hucker will continue to produce the Trust's newsletter – Masasi & Newala News, but the printing and circulation of the newsletter will become the responsibility of Steve Arbery.
- The work that Steve Arbery has been carrying out privately to raise funds for the Blind Unit at Mtandi will be recognised as a formal project under the umbrella of the Trust but the Chairman and Secretary will be kept informed of all proposed fund raising.
- Several Trustees will continue to visit both Dioceses on a regular basis as time and other commitments permit and they will report back to the Trustees via email on their return. **These visits are always at the individual Trustee's own expense and they are an essential and invaluable part of the Trust's work, enabling all the Trustees to obtain a real insight into the problems facing the two Dioceses.** We are all immensely grateful for the commitment of those who are able to visit the Dioceses and for representing the Trust in meetings with both Bishops and other senior members of Diocesan staff and are very conscious of the considerable expense involved in making these visits.

- The small balance in the Deposit Account will be transferred to the Business Money Manager Account and any substantial donations or legacies received in future will be allocated to specific causes. This will mean that the Trust will not be able to respond to any emergency requests for support, but as interest rates in the UK are so pitifully low at the present time, it was unanimously agreed this policy of “spending rather than saving” was the best way forward.
- The Bishop Trevor Scholarship Scheme will not offer any new scholarships in 2019, although it will continue to support the six students who are currently benefitting from the Scheme; this decision will be reviewed in 2020 but unless the situation changes dramatically, the BTSS is unlikely to be able to continue on a long term basis. The BTSS was established in 2007 following a service in the Chapel of Lancing College to dedicate a window in memory of Bishop Trevor Huddleston. The collection taken at this service, which was led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu enabled the Trust to offer four young people each year the opportunity to embark on a four-year course of study at Rondo Junior Seminary but the original capital was exhausted several years ago and since then the BTSS has been wholly supported by the Friends.

The Trustees continued their discussions for the remainder of the day and after careful deliberation agreed the following :

- A grant to the Diocese of Masasi to enable them to purchase the MU Landrover; this vehicle is in need of repair, but once it is in full working order it will be transferred to the Rondo for their use.
- A grant to the Diocese of Masasi to help with the expansion of the Church of St Michael and All Angels at Mtwara.
- A grant of £3000 (previously pledged) to enable the Christian community in Kilwa Kivinje to build their own Church. Kilwa Kivinje is a largely Muslim area on the coast, in the northern reaches of the Diocese of Masasi and more than 150 young people have come forward over the past few months to make bricks to build the Church. The grant from the Friends will be added to the substantial funds which have already been raised in the Diocese of Hereford. The Church is to be consecrated on 16th June and Jonathan Rendall, one of the Trustees will be travelling out to Masasi to join in the celebrations.
- The sum donated specifically for the provision of computers at Rondo Junior Seminary to be forwarded to them to enable the Head Teacher to go ahead and purchase the computers and other equipment requested.

For your information, Stephen and Linda Jarvis (who are both Trustees of the FoM&N) are currently visiting Masasi and Newala; they travelled out in mid May, accompanied by five other people from Minchinhampton, and we will publish a full report on their visit in the next issue of Masasi & Newala News.

Jonathan Rendall, who is also a Trustee, will be travelling out to Tanzania in June. One of the main reasons for his visit is to attend the consecration of the new Church in Kilwa Kivinje but he will remain in Tanzania for several weeks after this event and hopefully on his return we will have a full report on the progress of the new Girls' School at Namasakata and also on the Bible College, which will be opening later this year. And Dirk Juttner, the Chairman of the FoM&N will be travelling out to Tanzania in late September; one of the main reasons for his trip is to visit the different houses of the CMM Sisters, which are scattered throughout Tanzania, but he will also be involved in crucial talks with Bishop James Almasi on the future plans of the Diocese of Masasi. At the same time he will visit the Diocese of Newala and will not only visit the Special School for Children with Learning Disabilities in Lulindi, but will also spend some time at St Michael's Health Centre at Lulindi where he will meet with Dr Lawi Issa. As far as we are aware, Jennifer Oakley, who is our main link with the Rondo, will not be able to visit this year but she is very much involved with modern technology and is in daily contact with a number of staff at the Junior Seminary on a daily basis through the wonders of WhatsApp. She even succeeds in contacting her links at the Rondo during our meetings enabling the Trustees to receive an immediate response to any query that may be raised.

How life has changed? When the Trust was first established all communication was via air mail, which sometimes took several weeks to arrive and payments were made via cheques – which on more than one occasion mysteriously disappeared in transit. Many years ago a cheque for £10,000 went astray; our bank advised us that the cheque had been cashed in Masasi, but the funds did not appear in the Diocesan account. Some months later, after intervention from senior Government officials it was found to have been “hijacked” by a member of the bank staff and the full amount was credited to the Diocese.

As mentioned above, the Trust could not operate on such an efficient basis if it were not for the visits of the dedicated Trustees and we cannot thank them enough for the time, commitment and not inconsiderable expense involved in making these trips to Tanzania.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dick Lane, FRCVS who has visited the Diocese of Masasi on innumerable occasions and in his capacity as a former Veterinary Surgeon, gave invaluable advice and help, especially to the CMM Sisters. Dick died very unexpectedly, but peacefully, on Monday, 16th April at the age of 87. His family wrote ““He lived life to the full, travelling, publishing and studying throughout the years, making many friends worldwide, enjoying every moment and being an inspiration to us all.” Dick was an intrepid traveller and had been planning to visit Masasi later this year; he will be sorely missed by many people in the Diocese who he helped in so very many generous and unexpected ways. May he rest in peace.

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

Friends of Masasi & Newala Charitable Trust

1. Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (the "GDPR").

2. Who are we?

Friends of Masasi & Newala Charitable Trust is the data controller (contact details below). This means it decides how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

3. How do we process your personal data?

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We use your personal data for the following purposes: -

- To administer the Charitable Trusts' membership records;
- To fundraise and promote the interests of the Charitable Trust;
- To maintain our own accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid applications);
- To inform you of news, events, activities of the Charitable Trust and the Dioceses of Masasi and Newala

4. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

- Explicit consent of the data subject so that we can keep you informed about news, events, activities and services and keep you informed about news and the activities of the Charitable Trust and the Dioceses of Masasi and Newala
- Processing is necessary for carrying out legal obligations in relation to Gift Aid.
- Processing is carried out by The Trustees provided: -
 - the processing relates only to Friends or former Friends (or those who have regular contact with it in connection with those purposes); and
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5. Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other Friends for purposes connected with the Dioceses of Masasi and Newala. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the Friends of Masasi & Newala with your consent.

6. How long do we keep your personal data¹?

We keep data in accordance with the guidance set out in the Law. Specifically, we retain gift aid declarations and associated paperwork for up to 6 years after the calendar year to which they relate.

7. Your rights and your personal data

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data: -

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which the Trustees hold about you;
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- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time
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9. Contact Details

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