

Friends of Tafo Newsletter

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Friends of Tafo is a UK Charity that facilitates and inspires sustainable development in education, health, employment and infrastructure in the town of Kwahu-Tafo, Ghana, West Africa.

This is the *eighth* FOT Newsletter, and celebrates 5 years of Friends of Tafo!

Five Years of Friendship!!



To give our celebrations a major boost we received the wonderful news that the Senior Secondary School will be officially recognised by the Ghana Education Service from the start of this academic year. This means that the teachers' salaries are paid, some text books are supplied, and that the school is eligible

for general government assistance. To reach this point, FOT and its donors have helped the KTDC to build four new classrooms, a head master's office, a science lab, washrooms, a 40-strong computer classroom, a staff common room, a library, an assembly hall; to connect water and electricity; and to recruit an eight-strong professional teaching staff.

Christmas Cards now available!



Choose from one of our 3 designs. See our accompanying order form.



FOT is: **Chair:** Humphrey Barclay, Nkosuohene of Kwahu-Tafo; **Secretary:** Georgina Owen; **Treasurer:** Benjamin Ntim; **Trustees:** Crispin Leyser, Jules Leyser, Daisy East, Lizzie Chatterjee, Robert Taylor; **Committee Members:** Colena Abbosh, Dr John Ofori.

The last five years

The story starts in 2001 when UK TV producer Humphrey Barclay was sworn in as Development Chief of Kwahu-Tafo and, along with his friends and family, formed Friends of Tafo to support his responsibilities. FOT works with the Kwahu-Tafo Development Council to help the town achieve a wide variety of goals.



Since then YOU have enabled Tafo to:

Get children into school



Open a library



Found a Music Academy



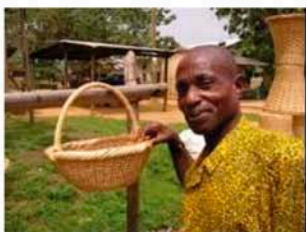
Build classrooms



Equip computer rooms



Provide craft training



Improve health



Repair wells



And a whole host of other projects

..... and the work goes on.

Education: Following the success with the Senior Secondary School we are now focusing on rescuing kindergartens and raising standards in education via teacher training workshops. Furthermore, despite the Government's abolition of school fees, there are still very young children whose parents do not have the means to buy uniforms and exercise books. We help them to get into school.



Sanitation: We continue to need money to assist the community's efforts to improve the sanitation and safety of the wells in the town, and to provide more lavatories for the general public and particularly in schools.

Twinning: We are looking for more schools which want to twin with Tafo. We have details available – please contact us!



Skills: Most families in Tafo have no income at all. FOT is looking to create a Business Development Fund, to step up training programmes and include start-up loans to those who graduate from our craft skills



workshops in glass beads, cane furniture, tie and dye, batik, soap, beekeeping and leatherwork. We also have plans for an apprentice scheme, like assisting this disabled tailor to buy a sewing machine and learn his trade.

...all this will help in the regeneration of Kwahu-Tafo and ensure that the town's development continues to be sustainable

What you can do...

Giving to FOT puts you directly in touch with a community where we make sure you see speedy effective results.

Donations: join our list of generous friends! Donations by cheque, standing order or internet: www.givenow.org and www.cafonline.org. Regular donations help us plan. We can also send unwanted educational books and toys to Tafo, where they will be appreciated beyond words.

GoodGifts Catalogue: This Christmas Tafo's beekeepers will again be featured in the ethical Gift catalogue, We wish we could send each of you a taste of the honey, which is truly delicious. See www.goodgifts.org.



Hold an event: We are always delighted and grateful to all those people who hold fund-raising events on our behalf. Some recent examples include an Art Show, featuring FOT at a 40th Birthday Party, and a 'Hippo' event! Please get in contact if you have an idea you'd like our help with.



Can you spare £10? That's all it costs to send a child to school for a year, and many parents can't manage it.

The Empire Strikes Black 3: Held on May 21st and raised £10,000 profit. A fantastic bill of comedy and music stars created yet another fabulous show – thanks to all who starred, produced, attended and gave so generously on the night. Needless to say, TESB 4 is in preparation for next May!

Recent donors: BFSS, Douglas Turner Trust, DHL, GoodGifts Catalogue readers, W. & E. Harris Trust, ie:music, The Kwahuman Association of GB and NI, A.G.Leventis Foundation, IBLF, Morgan Stanley, SAFE Trinity Hall, SAFE St John's College, Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shere C of E Infants School, Siemens, Standard Chartered Bank, Western Union, and a host of individuals Thank you all!

If you would like to donate to our work please send a cheque to 'Friends of Tafo' along with your name, address and email to:

Friends of Tafo, P.O. Box 43826, London NW6 1XG Thank you so much!!!

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