

Tim Atiep Times

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Fergus's bit
Greetings All. So far little or no reaction to my first newsletter, so I am assuming that everyone approves or, at least, does not object. Since June, things have been moving slowly and some money has so far been raised. However, we are still quite a long way from our target. I am not discouraged though and I am sure that we can get there.

I had planned to travel to Bahr el-Ghazal in November, but have now had to postpone the trip until January 2002, in order to fit in some more fundraising efforts. Amongst other things, we are hoping to be able to hold a dance or two on the Island. I will let you know if they are going ahead.

I am enclosing with the newsletter, a copy of our
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The STTA's first A.G.M.

On Sunday 16th September the Shading Tree (Tim Atiep) held its first Annual General Meeting on the Island of Greater Cumbrae. Ten members attended and one prospective member sat in on the meeting. The interim Executive Committee having tendered their

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resignations, Fergus was elected to Chair the meeting. Only three proposals were submitted for the election of the new Committee

and so Mrs Laura Pennick, Mr Hamish Boyle and Mrs Beatrice Bath were duly elected as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. It was proposed that there should be at least two other members of the Committee, but no names were put forward at the time and the proposal was left pending. However, since then, two members from the Island have suggested that they would be willing to be considered.

Fergus gave a brief report on progress and on his trip to Sudan earlier in the year and reported on the financial status of the Association. Membership at present stands at 28 individual members and one corporate member and the website



THE SHADING TREE (TIM ATIEP) CARD. POSSIBLY 25P EACH WITH ENVELOPE. THE MAIN SURROUND WILL BE GREEN.

and video are developing well. It was felt by the members present that membership could be increased considerably and the meeting urged everyone to put in their best efforts to interest more folk. After one year, the STTA's funds stand at £3,725.68. Transactions pending amounted to £160, which represents

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R&A challenge-fundraising news

Not, as may seem to be the case to any non-golfer, a good walk spoiled, but a fun competition between the counties of Renfrewshire and Ayrshire. The competition, up until some years ago, had been a regular event and has now been revived. The Shading Tree (Tim Atiep) was adopted as this year's nominated charity and may well benefit in future years. The contest is

as much a social outing as a day of team games and events, such as the tug-of-war, rounders, volleyball and mountain biking. The day turned out very fine, dry and sunny though breezy, which was a relief, as the few days before had been truly awful, with lashing rain and high winds. There was plenty to drink and a huge barbeque rounded off the competi-

tion, which was won, rather easily, by Renfrewshire. A magnum of champagne was donated to the STTA to be raffled and it eventually sold in exchange for 99 pieces of string at £1 per piece. The winner was the holder of the longest piece. The other proceeds of the competition have not yet been calculated, but we are hoping for a nice contribu-

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constitution. Any thoughts or comments will be welcome.

I have not had many opportunities to show my masterpiece, the STTA video, but it has had a good reception so far. I have finally sorted out the commentary problems. Anyone who is interested in seeing the video and showing it to interested parties in their own area, is very welcome to contact me and I will send a copy. Likewise, leaflets are available to members for distribution. Please get in touch and let me know how many you would like. Each leaflet, will include a Gift Aid Declaration and a Standing Order form. The Christmas card idea (see picture, right) mentioned in the AGM report has been modified. No message will be included in the card, so that it may be used for any occasion. Again, any member who would like to buy some of the cards, can see a better copy on the website at www.theshadingtree.org.uk/Xcard.jpg. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

A.G.M continued

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the only expenses incurred so far. £100 was donated to the School project in Ajiep and £60 was spent on printing 1000 leaflets. As mentioned in Fergus's bit, fundraising efforts since the appeal in June's newsletter are continuing gradually, but the grand sum of £887 has so far been raised. Details of fundraising events can be found under a separate paragraph. Other business included the proposal to produce a Christmas card for sale and this was adopted. The offer, again, of the donation of the required amount of British Airways Air Miles for Fergus to travel to Nairobi was made and there was some discussion about the high cost of flights from Nairobi to Lokichogio and into Sudan. Kenya Airways has a monopoly on the route from Nairobi to Lokichogio on the border with Sudan and a return ticket

Other Fundraising news

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tion. Many thanks to the Morriseys and the MacMillans. Fergus will be fulfilling a promise made to the Minister of the local Kirk, Rev. Marjorie McKay, by showing the video and giving a short talk to the Women's Guild towards the end of October. The Kirk donated £150 from a retiring collection to the STTA, last year. The VG Store in Millport also do-

can cost up to \$360. A three hour (that is, one-way) flight into Bahr el-Ghazal on the small UN planes can cost from \$400 to \$800 depending on the number of passengers and cargo! To charter your own plane has to be worth the, at least, \$5000-odd it would cost. Alternatives are to be investigated. Fergus was able to save some money, this year, by depending on his friendship with the manager of one of the independent air services. However, free flights can not be expected every time.

The meeting ended with a good solid lunch and a few drinks. Thanks to all who came and took part.

nated £150 from their Bonus Ball competition. Other events, in the planning stage so far, are a Movie Stars Ball in November and a Christmas or Hogmanay Ceilidh Ball at the end of the year, both to be held in Millport. The STTA card has been sent to the printers and proofs will be forthcoming shortly. Depending on the cost of the printing, it is hoped that about

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Any internet whizzkids and browsers, please feel free to submit our website details to other websites which you feel may be interested in adding a link. Let me know so that I can make a reciprocal link.

The Gift Aid Declarations are very important. We have just received the sum of £186 from the Inland Revenue. For every pound in donations from taxpayers we can claim about 28p back!

£100 or more can be raised over the actual costs of the printing. Any ideas or suggestions about any of these events, this newsletter or for future fundraising will be welcome. Please do anything you can to raise funds and, as importantly, awareness of the situation in Sudan. If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact Fergus by letter, phone or e-mail.