

Chicken Project at Maganjo Dream Scheme

Until the construction of the new chicken house, the birds had to be housed in Jaja's (grandma's) garage. Now they have increased their production, enabling them to better teach the children and to ensure the self-sufficiency of the programme.



Nsaggu Dream Scheme

We looked at the piggery and the chicken projects, but without doubt the highlight was to see the extent of the clean water project which not only provides water for the secondary school, but gives free access to all members of the local community. Very impressive.

We were also able to present the laboratory equipment which had been donated by the Collège at La Feuillie.



Nakawuka Chicken Project

This is a newly financed project (December 2011) and so it was good to see the building completed and young birds being reared. We shall keep a close eye on its progress.

Little Angels Primary School Kawanda and its Dream Scheme Group

As always we received a wonderful welcome at Kawanda and were superbly entertained by the children. After a good lunch, the children sang and danced for us and Jeane got her story-telling duties under way.

Afterwards we were able to look at the plant grafting project and the clean water well which once again supplies the local community. Finally we went along to inspect the chicken project. It has expanded greatly since we were last there and we were delighted to accept the gift of a tray of eggs to round off our visit.



Wisdom Football Academy at Maganjo

It was a great pleasure to see our friends at the Maganjo Football Academy once again. On this occasion we were able to present gifts of football kit from Welling Utd. FC and Spurley Hey Juniors in Stockport. Our grateful thanks go to both clubs.



The Great Day of Celebration at Bubbere

The afternoon programme at Bubbere was the highlight of the entire visit, not only for us but also for the children and their teachers, for the parents and for our Dream Scheme friends.



After a tour of the farm and our first chance to have a look at the plantation of the 1000 saplings, we were able to inspect the progress being made on the new staff accommodation being constructed with the assistance of the Conseil Régional of Haute Normandie (three of the six houses were already complete). The next stop was the new kitchen which has been completed with the help of a grant from the department of Seine Maritime. Finally we inspected (and used!) the new latrines.

Now the celebrations were able to commence. An enthusiastic audience was able to appreciate the singing and dancing from both primary and secondary school youngsters. My few words in Luganda were greeted with great merriment, caused, I fear, more by my mangling of their language than for any words of wisdom.



At the end of the formalities, the sponsors presented PLE (primary leaving examination) certificates to the children who were there with parents and other relatives.

Then we were able to hand over gifts and letters offered by generous supporters, and all of the sponsored children were photographed; these provide memories for those who pay their school fees and whom we do our best to keep in touch with their Ugandan children.

The Piggery at Kabojja Dream Scheme



Following our visit to Kabojja two years ago, it was clear that the group needed two things: a building to house the animals and a male adult pig to help maintain their self-sufficiency. We funded the first and Jeane the second, which made it entirely appropriate that she was able to name and be photographed with her purchase.

We were also taken to see the community water provision and to meet the old, blind lady that the group cares for.

Third Classroom at Bulumbu

It was unfortunately impossible to get all of the necessary work done while the whole party was together, and so Jeanette and I carried on with more visits after our friends had returned to France and England.



The main task was to perform the official opening of the third classroom at Bulumbu. Like the first two, it had been financed by a c h a r i t a b l e foundation that prefers to remain

anonymous. We are continually grateful for their support in a whole range of ways. The school is growing steadily and the extra space available is timely. There are already two classes in each room; even more overcrowding has now been avoided.

Nangabo Vocational Institute

We were greatly impressed by the work going on here. We were given a tour and were accompanied by the headmistress and the young women who are being sponsored. All three of them have their origins at Bubebbere and Bulumbu and we have great hopes that, after qualification, they will return "home" and help to make an enormous difference to their villages.

All work and no play would have been a poor return however and the whole of our group was able to relax and enjoy some of the delights that Uganda has to offer.

Ndere Cultural Centre

Indeed our first task was also a great pleasure. We took a group of sponsored children (Primary 7 and secondary level) to a cultural evening at the Ndere Centre where they (and we) enjoyed 3 hours of traditional song and dance. It was also an ideal way for some of us to get to know our Ugandan children better.

Jinja and the source of the Nile

We spent two days in Jinja, Uganda's second city. On the first afternoon, we took a boat trip out to the "official" source of the Nile and on the following day drove out to be impressed by the force of the totally unspoiled Itanda Falls.

Safari to Murchison Falls/The west country

For our other main leisure experience, we split into two groups to meet our friends' wishes.

Three of us took a safari to Murchison Falls National Park to enjoy the wild animals and the beautiful scenery at the Falls. There was also an excursion to the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary.

The rest of us headed west to experience the impressive scenery around Lake Bunyonyi and on the mountain road down towards Kisoro and the Rwanda border.

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It is with great pleasure that we can report that the new Chairperson of Dream Scheme Uganda is Berna Senyonga. Berna has worked hard for many years as the group trainer, as leader of Busega Dream Scheme and at the primary schools at Bulumbu and Bubebbere.

Since our formation, we have stressed the importance of supporting girl children in a society that is still male dominated. To see Berna guiding the organisation is a great boost to the future of the girls that everybody is supporting.

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