



2013 Get-Together

The next Annual Get Together will be held in Mid-Devon, during the last weekend in July, from the 25th to the 28th.

Our host for the event will be Karea Baireti, our new Treasurer.

Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Subscription reminder

The Kiribati Tungaru Association membership fee of £10.00 falls due on 1st January. Members who pay through their bank with a Standing Order are asked to check the sum paid, since there are still a few outstanding ones at the old rate. Members who make payment by cheque to the KTA Treasurer are asked to make the sum payable to **The Kiribati Tungaru Association** with their name and address details; kindly remember to include any outstanding past years' subscriptions.

Following the 2012 AGM Karea is the new Treasurer. His address is:

The KTA Treasurer

Great Leigh Farm

Crediton

Devon EX17 3QQ

Standing Order Mandate forms can be downloaded from the www.ktaweb.org.uk. Payment can also be made via Paypal.

Greetings from the new Chairman

2012 marked a watershed in the development of the KTA: for the first time, the 'younger generation' of I Kiribati took over the majority of positions on the Executive Committee; and assumed the responsibility, over the next three years, of taking the Association into the beginning of its third decade.

In addition to Terema and Nancy, who were already serving members of the Committee I was elected as Chairman; Karea Baireti as Treasurer; and Tokaniman Finikaso elected (by the Dancers) as Dance Co-ordinator.

We succeeded Nei Beta as Chairman; Patrick Lawrence as Treasurer; and filled the vacancy at Dance Co-ordinator. I am sure that we all owe a huge debt of thanks not only to the departing Committee members, but also to all the Unaine and Unimane who set up the Association and have contributed to its success (and as noted elsewhere in Te Buu, its current healthy financial position) over the past 17 years, since its inauguration in 1995.

We know that we shall appreciate their continued support to the Association, most directly through Patrick Lawrence, who has become the Co-Trustee, and Rotee Walsh who was re-elected for a final stint as Dance Organiser; but also more broadly for all those involved in helping with the management of events, cooking, cleaning, dancing and organising raffles and many other tasks.

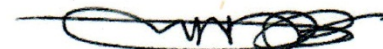
As reported elsewhere in Te Buu, we had another record turnout at this

year's Independence Celebrations, at which we were delighted to welcome Nei Teima Onorio, Vice-President of Kiribati, and members of the Kiribati Olympic Squad.

We have also recruited several new KTA members.

I would like to thank each and every member for their continued support and commitments to the Association, and wish you all a happy and enjoyable festive season.

We look forward to working with you and to continue to achieve our aims and objectives in the coming years!



Erin Orme

New Logo

You will have noticed that we have a smart new logo, designed by Tokaniman.



We shall at the next AGM formally substitute it for our previous one, as prescribed in Paragraph 2 of the KTA Constitution.

Get-Together 2012

This year the KTA members, friends and family gathered together during the last weekend in July to celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of Kiribati Independence.

The event was held in Great Dunmow, Essex, a venue which is familiar to many members, as we have held two previous celebrations there.

There were over 250 people there from all over the UK, several parts of Europe, NZ, and even from Tarawa and Fanning Island!

Although the weekend conflicted with the Opening Ceremony of London Olympic 2012, many members were still able to attend.



The Dourdan Pavillion which is adjacent to the Great Dunmow Sports Ground was hired from Thursday, 26th July through to Sunday, 29th for caravanning and camping, while some members opted to stay at the nearby

beds & breakfasts, and some travelled up for the day.

The Vice President of Kiribati, Nei Teima Onorio and her team were also able to join us during our celebration together with all the members of the Kiribati Olympic Team. The KTA was proud to have them joining us in celebrating the event together.

We were also joined by the Mayor and deputy Mayor of Great Dunmow.



The Foakes Hall, in Great Dunmow Town Centre (a few minutes walk from the campsite) was hired for the main celebration which took place on Saturday, 28th July.

After the AGM, which included the presentation of the KTA and Dance

Fund Accounts (pages 4 and 6), and elections to the Committee, we had the usual superb feast following a toast from the Honorary Consul and reply from the Vice-President.

And then the dances!



At teatime, the Vice President Nei Teima also cut the cake, before everyone dispersed to the campsite. On Sunday, we had a church service in the Pavilion before we all departed for home.

There are more pictures of this very successful event on the opposite page.

New Year Event and Dance Practice in Bristol

To see the New Year in and for our next scheduled dance practice, we have booked a Hall in Bristol which will be open to the members from noon onwards on Saturday 29th December. We hope to see as many members there as are able to attend.

Felix Road Adventure Playground
Felix Road
Easton
Bristol BS5 0JW

(near Stapleton Road railway station, if you are coming by train).

Don't forget to bring the usual things!





Accounts for the year ending 31st May 2012

The Annual Accounts, as presented by Patrick at the AGM, show a continued healthy increase in the overall balance, in part from an increase in the number of members subscribing to the KTA, and in part by continued careful control of expenditures.

The total expenditure on administration (Committee meetings, publication of *Te Buu*, and the Website) remains comfortably below basic Subscription Income. In addition to the Website, members increasingly communicate with each other via the KTA Facebook Page.

The 2011 Annual Get-Together also produced a surplus for the General Account.

We also had a one-off expenditure of £110 for our guests from Kiribati in 2011, which represents their Transport Costs to and from the Canterbury venue.

THE KIRIBATI TUNGARU ASSOCIATION NO2 ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUNDS										
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY, 2012										
								Opening Balance 01/06/2011		£8,011.67
INCOME				EXPENDITURE						
Subscriptions:	Paid to Treasurer	£603.00			Committee Meetings				£264.30	
	Standing Orders	£587.00	£1,190.00		Newsletter & Admin.				£383.82	
Donations			£47.85		KTA Website				£144.00	
Interest on Savings			£2.08		Transport - Kiribati CPC Delegates				£110.00	
Compensation			£50.00							
2011 Get-Together	Ticket Sales	£2,165.00			2011 Get-Together					
	Less incl. 2011 acts	-£320.00			Venue, campsite + eqt. Hire	£920.00				
	Camping Fees	£355.00			Less deps paid 2011 acts	-£250.00	£670.00			
	Bar Sales & Raffle	£829.50			Hog Roast, Foodstuffs, wine, etc		£1,401.23			
	Mugs, T-shirts, etc	£511.50	£3,541.00		Special Event Insurance, TE Notice, Banners, transpt, printing, etc	£497.58				
					Less paymnts made 2011 act	-£244.00	£253.58			
					transprt of handicrafts P.Chilton		£100.00			
2012 Get-Together	Ticket Sales		£270.00		Goods for resale		£548.70	£2,973.51		
	Total Income:		£5,100.93		Total expenditure:			£3,875.63		
					Excess of Income over Expenditure:				£1,225.30	
								Closing Balance 31/05/2012	£9,236.97	
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>										
Unpresented cheque										
Money to be deposited										
Balance at Bank:										
Patrick Lawrence, KTA Honorary Treasurer, 1st June, 2012					Lloyds TSB KTA No2 Act	31/05/11		£4,132.66		
					Lloyds TSB KTA Inst.Saver	31/05/11		£5,104.31	£9,236.97	
I have examined these accounts and supporting documentation and am satisfied that they provide a fair and true summary of the transactions on the Kiribati Tungaru Association General Funds No2 account for the year 01 June 2011 to 31 May 2012										
Peter Illsley										
Honorary Examiner, 21st July, 2012										

The Dancers in 2012: Citius, Altius, Fortius

Like the Olympics, the dancers in 2012 have been *faster, higher, and stronger* than ever; and if, again like the Olympics, the *most important thing is not to win but to take part*, we have again scored, with a record number of participants and half a dozen practices.

The year's public performances started with a New Year practice-cum-party in Bristol to prepare for our first major public performance: *Te Reitaki*, an event specially staged in early March at the Manchester Metropolitan University site in Crewe, in honour of the Kiribati boxers who had been training there for the Olympic Oceania Qualifying rounds.



As well as the boxers themselves, and many University Officials, we had present the Chairman of the Kiribati Boxing Association, Derek Andrewartha.

Our next performance was at one of the several weddings that have taken place amongst KTA members this year, that between the KTA's Secretary Terema and Andrzej. As well as being a great performance, this was a much relished first taste of Kiribati dances for Andrzej's Polish family! We danced too at Tracy and Paul's wedding in Hampshire, in June,

in the great setting of the New Forest Exbury Gardens.

The highlight of the year is always the Independence Get-Together, where, as reported elsewhere in *Te Buu*, we were honoured by the presence of the Vice President and most of the Kiribati Olympic Team.



The Independence Day AGM also formally affirmed the appointment of Tokaniman as Dance Co-ordinator, and re-elected Rotee for what she intends to be her final stint as the Dance Organiser.

In August we performed over two evenings at the Pacific Olympic Village at St Catherine's Dock; and in November, we again performed at the annual Commonwealth Countries League Fair in Kensington, and were, as for last year, the opening act.



The Commonwealth Countries Fair

CCL is a sophisticated and successful fundraising event of which the KTA dancers were proud to be part.

CCL exists to promote the education and advancement of women through provision of scholarships to girls who would otherwise not be able to attend school at Secondary School level, as a supporting factor in reducing world poverty. Currently no Kiribati girls have been sponsored by this programme, but we are hopeful that this will be something which the CCL will consider in the future.

Dutch monitor climate change in Kiribati

Museon, an education museum in The Hague, the Netherlands, has embarked on a project monitoring climate change in three different places in the world: the Netherlands, Kenya and Kiribati. To that purpose a team of three visited Tarawa and Marakei in October. Prior to their visit they contacted the Netherlands Kiribati Friendship Association for information. We organised a nice little *botaki* which was also attended by Patrick and Biromina Lawrence.

Our tiny association managed to make their trip worthwhile by arranging the invaluable assistance in Kiribati of Linda Uan and John Anderson, who helped with practical issues; and Claire Anterea who acted as a guide and interpreter.

The project will start next year but two members of the team, Diederik Veerman and Anne-Marie Boer, kept a blog (also in English) about their trip which can be accessed on www.klimaatverhalen.nl.

Should any KTA member visit the Museon you are most welcome to pop in for a cuppa since we live within walking distance from the museum.

Mark Overbeeke, Secretary, Netherlands Kiribati Friendship Association

Dance Fund Accounts

The Dance Fund income and expenditure accounts for the year ending 31st May 2012 are shown below.

The major expense – transport and accommodation for *Te Reitaki* in Crewe in March 2012 was more than offset by a donation from the MMU.

We are also grateful to Tekaobo Wainwright for her individual generous donation.

Other than *Te Reitaki*, expenditures (which represent principally the hire of halls in Bristol, Letchworth and Alton for Dance Practices) slightly exceeded other income. This was partially offset by raffles.

Overall, however, there was again a slight fall in the overall balance of funds over the year.

The rate of decline in the balance is quite containable for the next few years, but eventually the Fund may need to be topped up either from the General Fund, or by finding another source of grants (as we have done in the past).

THE KIRIBATI TUNGARU ASSOCIATION		DANCE FUND	
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2012			
			Opening Balance 01/06/2011
			£2,474.41
INCOME			EXPENDITURE
Raffle New Year Bristol	£49.00		Dance Practices & gatherings
Raffle & KaboTaeka Letchworth	£70.59		Bristol
Raffle & KaboTaeka Crewe	£200.85		Letchworth
Raffle & KaboTaeka Alton	£130.44	£450.88	Alton
			£200.00
			£970.00
Donation - Mrs Tekaobo Wainwright	£100.00		Reimbursements for travel expenses
			Dancers attending <i>Te Reitaki</i> , Crewe
			£1,122.87
Collection - <i>Te Reitaki</i> Crewe for Kiribati Disabled Childrens School	£119.75		
Manchester Metropolitan University travel expenses KTA Dance Group - <i>Te Reitaki</i> performance	£1,251.63		
Total Income:	£1,922.26		Total Expenditure:
			£2,092.87
			Excess of Expenditure over Income:
			-£170.61
			Closing Balance 31/05/2012
			£2,303.80
			Balance at Bank 31/05/2012
			Lloyds TSB KTA Dance fund Account
			£2,303.80
Patrick Lawrence, KTA Honorary Treasurer, 1st June, 2012			
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Peter Illsley			
Honorary Examiner, 21st July, 2012			

Kiribati and the Olympic Movement

Kiribati first participated in the Summer Olympic Games in 2004. Its delegation consisted of weightlifters and sprinters. The country's name was notably then mispronounced by officials in all three languages - French, English and Greek - during the opening ceremony!

In 2012, three athletes from Kiribati were selected for the team, to compete in athletics and weightlifting.

Weightlifter David Katoatau, the oldest member of the contingent, became the first Kiribati person to qualify as of right, which represents a landmark in our progress towards a medal (and we only need a single medal to leap to the top of the world league table for medals per capita!)

As we in the KTA know well, Kiribati also planned to send two athletes to compete in boxing, but they narrowly failed to qualify: but in the 8 competitions in Canberra, six were between Australia and New Zealand, one between Australia and Tonga, and one between Australia and Kiribati. Australia won all of them! We also won a bronze medal in the qualifying rounds, so did better in boxing than any of the other island nations.

We owe a big debt to the Manchester Metropolitan University for hosting and training the boxers at their campus in Crewe, as reported in last year's *Te Buu*; and to The British Friends of Kiribati, for their financial support both to the Boxers and more generally to sport in Kiribati.

The British Friends of Kiribati is a charity set up to promote community participation in amateur sport in Kiribati and at international events in other parts of the world, and provides funds and equipment to this end.

Our Athletes in 2012



David Katoatau

Came 17th in the Men's Weightlifting (94kg), with a score of 325.



Kaingau David

Came 8th in her heat of the Women's 100m Preliminaries, with a time of 13.61 seconds.



Nooa Takooa

Came 7th in his heat of the Men's 100m Preliminaries, with a time of 11.53 seconds.

On the Thursday before the Olympics started, Sir Robert Malpas held a reception for the Team in Wandsworth, attended also by The Vice President and her party, the Kiribati National Olympics Committee officials, the Honorary Consul, and many other invited guests.



At the reception David Hudd, the BFoK Chairman and Trustee, read out a message of support and good wishes to the Team from the Princess Royal, in which she warmly remembered her role representing HM The Queen at Independence in 1979 – it was her first ever international royal engagement!

At the Opening Ceremony, David reprised his role from the Beijing Olympics to be flag bearer, much remarked by watching Britons.

We may not have won any medals, but we congratulate our athletes on their performance – in the case of our sprinters, both personal bests. Perhaps the most apt comment came from a NZ television commentator – 'if you think that Usain Bolt is 6'5" and Nooa Takooa is 5'3"', their relative speeds over 100m are not really that surprising!'



We now move to legacy actions of the London Olympics with wider investment in sports facilities - and our preparations for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, in 2014.

Responding to climate change

Although the sea level around Kiribati is rising by some 2mm per year, the land in Kiribati is not so much already being drastically eroded but that the coral lenses are becoming more and more saline, and there is more temporary damage from 'King' tides. It is possible that global warming will ultimately result in storm waves breaching the outer reefs, which will result in the land very rapidly washing away. However, the science about this is disputed, whereas the immediate impact of current change on the water table is irrefutable to all but the most determined climate change deniers.

However an important recent study concluded that the unique position of certain currents and tides around Kiribati may provide a refuge for corals to evolve in order to cope with rising temperatures, while they will be wiped out virtually everywhere else in the world.

In the meantime the much publicised purchase of land abroad in Fiji has been a new part of the three-strand Kiribati strategy on climate change responses which are to:

- sustain the existing population and land as far as is technically and economically feasible
- train I Kiribati people with internationally recognised skills, so that if it does become necessary for them to emigrate they will do so as valued migrants, not as refugees
- buy land overseas.

The current purchase in Fiji (equivalent to about 7 sq. miles) is not intended for the relocation of the entire population of Kiribati, but mainly for greater food security. Considerable hardship has been

caused by rising food prices in the past few years, and the prospect of being able to supply more of food from our own land (albeit in another country) is a sensible investment. Kiribati will not be the first country to go down this route – for example, Brunei has for similar reasons invested in cattle ranches in Australia.

Coconut Bullets for Christmas Delights (Te Katiniben)

By Beta Turpin

This is a recipe I thought would be nice for Christmas if you have a typical coconut grater, *te kautuai*.

What you will need

- 1 cup coconut juice
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups grated coconut



How to do it

1. Melt the sugar, and then lower the heat when the sugar has melted into syrup.
2. Pour in the coconut juice stirring it with a wooden spoon until the syrup is all smooth and runny.
3. Cook it up for a while stirring it all the time until a drop turns solid in a plate of cold water.
4. Pour in the grated coconut stirring it all the time over moderate heat

5. Cook it for a while until the mixture can roll on a board with the fingers.
6. Cool it down before making small coconut bullets.
7. Coat the coconut bullets with dessicated coconut.

I hope you will enjoy your home made Christmas delight.

Do not be discouraged if you do not get it right the first time. Try a few times and you will be surprised to realise that with experience you will get it just how you like it: that is, it is neither too soft nor too hard!

Contact the new Committee

We all now have KTA-specific emails, as set out below.

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