

News Items from Members

22nd October 2022

Lorna Atwell

Films at Film Festival

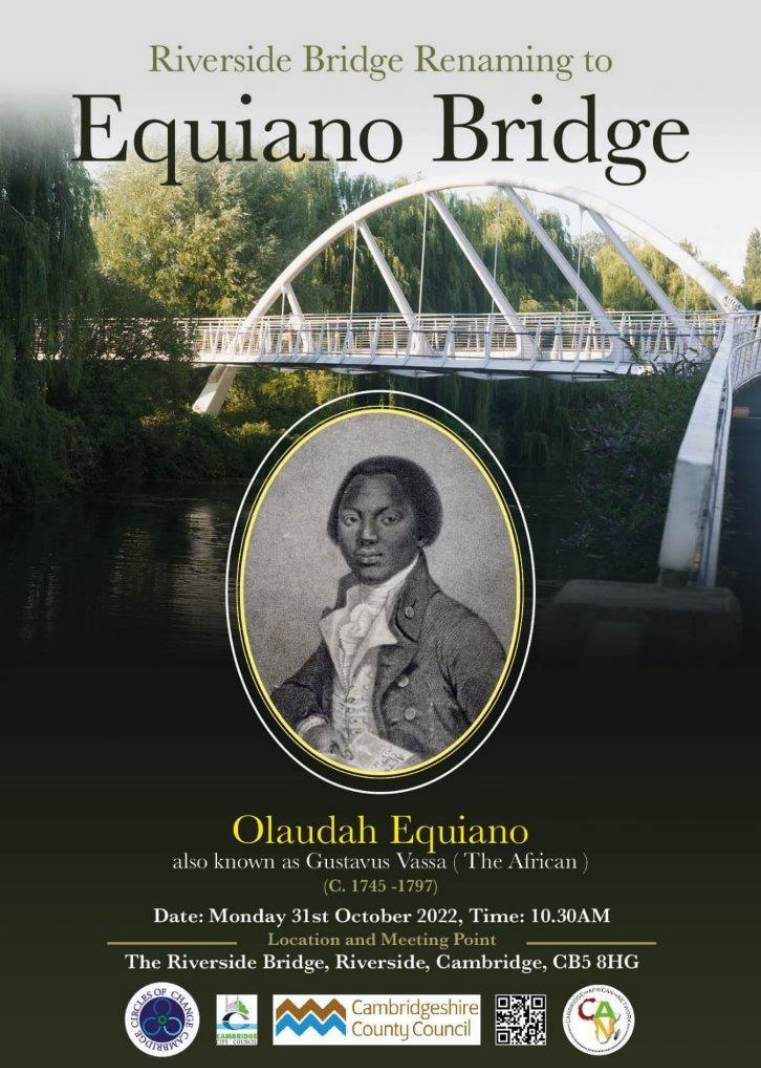
- Although there is no African Festival as such, there is a Rwandan film: Father's Day on Tuesday 25 October at 14.00 (and also on Sunday 23rd at 12.30, which is only £3!]:
<https://www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk/film/fathers-day>
- There is also a science fiction musical from Rwanda and the USA called Neptune Frost. People may wish to look that up. It will be shown on Tuesday at 18.15 and Thursday 16.15.
<https://www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk/film/neptune-frost>
- **IF ANYONE SEES EITHER OF THESE AND WOULD LIKE TO SUMMARISE FOR THE FORUM WE CAN INCLUDE IT IN OUR SESSION ON 28TH OCTOBER. Let Peter W. know.**

Chris Wagner

Equiano Bridge






- Renaming existing “Tesco” bridge over River Cam at Riverside on Monday 31st October
- <https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/black-history-month-cambridge-bridge-25251526>

Riverside Bridge Renaming to
Equiano Bridge



Olaudah Equiano
also known as Gustavus Vassa (The African)
(C. 1745 -1797)

Date: Monday 31st October 2022, Time: 10.30AM
Location and Meeting Point
The Riverside Bridge, Riverside, Cambridge, CB5 8HG

Grauer's Gorillas-Recent Appeal by Fauna and Flora International

- Eastern lowland gorilla, critically endangered, endemic to mountainous forests of eastern DRC.
- Each donation matched by four times donations from other sources.
- Funding used mainly for community rangers, good local employment
- <https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/eastern-lowland-gorilla>
- <https://faunaflorainternational.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/j/68D2FE069CEE45D92540EF23F30FEDED/32266FF1B9482F2C62AF25ACF5E3F0AC?alternativeLink=False>

Location of Eastern Gorillas



Alan Bird

Clean Energy

- **Article by the new President of Kenya, William Ruto,** about the need for more investment in clean energy for Africa. In the UK Guardian newspaper of 4th October 2022.
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- <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/oct/04/we-are-at-a-crossroads-in-history-africa-can-and-must-be-a-leader-in-clean-energy>
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- Also an associated article of 22nd February 2022 about trials in Kenya cultivating high value vegetable crops under solar panels.
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Drought and Flooding in Africa

- The current drought in the Horn of Africa (inland Somalia, the Ogaden region in eastern Ethiopia and also northeast Kenya, all Somali ethnic areas) is now starting to look even worse than the 1970 to 1975 drought. The rains have now failed for four years except on the coastal fringe.
- Big article in the UK Guardian 11th October 2022 by reporters from an all female Somali news agency with some very good photographs.
- <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/oct/11/somalia-drought-famine-displaced-people-alshabaab-militants-aid-agriculture>
- **Flooding**
- Conversely water levels in the lakes in the African Rift Valley and Lake Victoria are the highest in oral history, a good programme on Al Jazeera TV about this with comparative satellite imagery available on line.
- Report here: [UK Guardian 19th September 2022](#):

Mike Gibbs

The Stars are Bright Exhibition in
Zimbabwe

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- You may recall that both Tim Ewbank and I spent early years at Cyrene Mission in Zim, where our fathers taught. I gave a presentation about the exhibition in London last year, and have followed on Facebook its progress in Zim, where it has been getting a very positive reception
 - http://af202021.woodsforads.uk/Autumn-Term/Mike-Gibbs_Cyrene_202011.pdf
 - BBC News item – film clip and [article](#)

Diane Milan

Tanzania - Mozambique and Tanzania sign defence deals – 4 day official visit



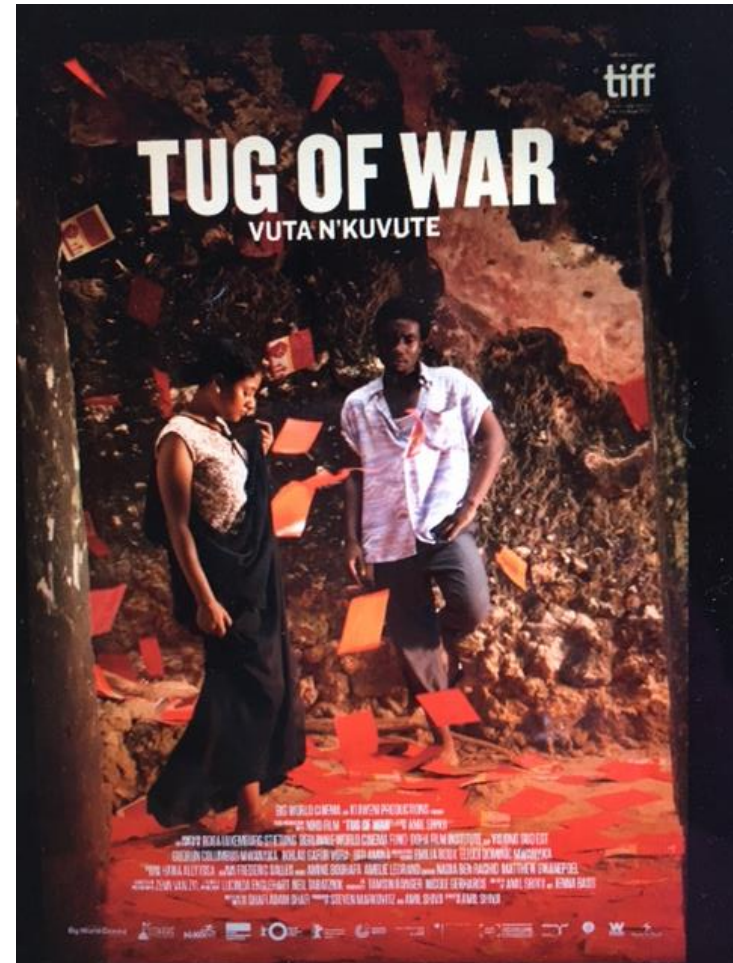
Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan,
1 year in office

President of Mozambique - Filipe Jacinto Nyusi
Since 2015
Chairman of Southern African Development
Community since August 2020

- 2 cooperation agreements in Maputo with a focus on combating terrorism and fighting crime.
- Mozambique is currently fighting Islamist militants in the gas-rich northern Cabo Delgado region of the country.
- President Nyusi said the two countries were currently focused on the exploitation of hydrocarbons which form the building blocks of vital energy sources like coal and gas.
- President Samia also highlighted the need for both countries to strengthen security because of the extensive common border they share

Tanzania – Bid for Oscars

- A Tanzanian film shortlisted for an Oscars award - Best International Film category.
- Vuta N'kuvute film - Swahili for tug of war
- Released in Swahili and with a majority black cast, the film tells the story of a young Indian-Zanzibari girl whose romance thrive on the back of a political revolt in the dying days of British imperial rule.
- "The future for Tanzanian cinema is finally in our hands. A wave of Swahili filmmakers grows with pride, intellect and audacity every day,"
- Amil Shivji, a co-producer of the film, 2021



Peter Woodsford

1. Uganda Supreme at Men's 10,000 metres
2. Mwiri Old Boy at 102 years old

Uganda supreme at Men's 10,000 metres

- [Joshua Cheptegei](#) won the 10,000m. at the World Athletics Championships, Eugene, Oregon on 17 July 2022
- Two weeks later, [Jacob Kiplimo](#) won the 10.000m. at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, UK
- Both come from the remote [Bukwo District](#) on the eastern slopes of Mount Elgon, close to Kenya Border

Sue and I were at Birmingham and saw the Men's 10,000m. Final



Mark Namanya @mnamanya · 1d

Mr Peter Woodsford was an Athletics teacher at Busoga College Mwiri in the 1960s. He was there to see Jacob Kiplimo maintain Uganda's 16-year Commonwealth golden reign in the 10000m.



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MZEE WILLIAM KYEYAMWA – 102 YEARS YOUNG (WAKO HSE
1935-1942)* is our Oldest MOBA Life Member



William Kyeyamwa is a retired Senior Medical Assistant born on December 26, 1920. Between 1928 – 1934, he attended Kiyunga Primary School. In 1935, him and Balodha Mufumba were the only two candidates from Luuka County who won the Busoga Kingdom bursary to study at Busoga College Mwiri. They stayed in the Junior Secondary section for 3 years. Later, William joined Wako House for his 4-year Senior Secondary education which he completed in 1942. He was a formidable striker in the school football team. He recalls that the current Wako house is a greater improvement from the original. He also recalls that while collecting stones for constructing the terrace, the boys captured a huge python and their teacher Rev F.G Coates ordered that it be skinned. The meat was chopped up, spiced and roasted. To entice the boys, Rev Coates first munched away a chunk of meat and explained to the boys that such amount of protein should never be allowed to go to waste. The boys ate the meat

After 2 years of vocational employment as a nursing aid, in 1945 William joined Mulago Medical School where he graduated as a Medical Assistant in 1949. He initially worked at Mulago Hospital before being posted to Soroti hospital in 1952 and later Kaberamaido hospital in 1954. From Kaberamaido he was posted to Jinja hospital in 1956 where he served and rose to the rank of Senior Medical Assistant. In between he worked at Namasagali Health facility for 1 year. In 1969 he joined Jinja Municipal Council in charge of Walukuba Health Centre from where he retired from Civil Service 1984. Upon retirement he went into private business managing Total petrol station on Main Street Jinja, a Dairy farm at Musita Iganga and Real Estate businesses.

William also served as a certified Eastern Region Football Referee between 1951 and 1972.

At present, he has difficulty hearing and poor memory. He spends most of his time at his home in Bugembe sleeping or listening to the radio. However, his physical condition remains good.

Claire Polet and Pat Holder

Ebola Outbreak in Uganda

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- Clare Polet drew our attention to the latest Ebola Outbreak in Uganda
 - The 5th outbreak of the Sudan virus
 - Started in rural central Uganda
 - As of 12 October 2022, there were a total of 64 confirmed cases and 29 deaths
 - First deaths now reported in Kampala (24/10)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_Uganda_Ebola_outbreak

Ebola Outbreak in Uganda

- Pat Holder spoke about the excellent record of Uganda in dealing with past outbreaks, giving confidence that the current one will be brought under control.
- The protocols the country had in place for Ebola had served it well with the Covid epidemic.
- She also said that her adopted daughter (a social worker in Kampala) had reported a large increase in teenage pregnancies due to the school closures caused by Covid.

Sheila Brookes

Vaccine Capability in Africa

- Sheila spoke to us about the initiative to tackle vaccine inequity by building up African capacity to innovate as well as manufacture new ones. So far the mRNA hub in Cape Town has been set up successfully, initially working on a COVID vaccine but aiming to try other mRNA vaccines to target TB and malaria. But the key part is to share all the know-how freely to centres in other countries, unlike the restrictive attitude of companies like Moderna over patents and other IP rights.
 - https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/oct/05/covid-vaccine-inequity-south-africa-afrigen-mrna?mc_cid=c2e55d9209&mc_eid=7af9c067ee