

# More News Items and Cambridge Africa Day 2022

28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# Programme

- See: <http://af.woodsforwards.uk/>
- One gap to fill this term
  - Alan Bird on 'African Jazz' – save to mid-winter?
  - Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (tbc)
    - Photo Collection
    - Return of items?
  - Michael English - <https://www.ekisa.org.uk/ekisa-uganda> (offered)
  - 'Faraway Finds – bringing African bird sculptures to the UK' - Lucio Cicolectchia and Dr. Oliver Hill. - [farawayfinds.co.uk/](http://farawayfinds.co.uk/) Postponed from Last Year. Invitation sent
- Next Term
  - Andrew Day – 'South African Personalities'
  - Peter Wiles – 'Education of Girls in East Africa'

News Items

# Julia Davison – Ethiopia and Tigray

- <https://www.crisisgroup.org/africa/horn-africa/call-action-averting-atrocities-ethiopias-tigray-war>
- Perhaps the first few paragraphs would give enough acceptable information to convey some aspects of the appalling situation in Ethiopia.
- For those intrigued by war tactics:
  - <https://www.ethiopia-insight.com/2022/10/26/tigrays-resistance-will-grow-in-the-face-of-adversity/>
- Ethiopia's Tigray conflict: Nasa shows how a war zone faded from space
  - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-63315388>

# John Ayton – African Energy

- African Oil and Gas Map
  - <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/132504414011683462/#imgViewer>

Toni Beardon and any others

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# Sheila Brookes

- Digital Fabrication in Ethiopia & Malawi.
  - <https://www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/events-/cambridge-africa-day-2/cambridge-africa-day/cambridge-africa-day-2022/>



# Lorna Atwell

- Overcoming Language Barriers in Rwanda
  - <https://www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/events-/cambridge-africa-day-2/cambridge-africa-day/cambridge-africa-day-2022/>

# Michael English

- Perspectives from Archaeology in Nigeria
  - <https://www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/events-/cambridge-africa-day-2/cambridge-africa-day/cambridge-africa-day-2022/>

# Diane Milan

- The Uganda Cambridge Cancer Initiative
  - <https://www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/events-/cambridge-africa-day-2/cambridge-africa-day/cambridge-africa-day-2022/>

## Uganda-Cambridge Cancer Initiative



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- Collaboration between Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) and several depts at University of Cambridge
- UCI is a cancer treatment, research and teaching centre in Kampala, 80 beds, sees approx. 200 patients every day
- UCI affiliated with Makerere University School of medicine and Mulago teaching hospital for the medical school.
- Collaboration began 2018 since grown into a wider network:
  - number of research projects, collaborations
  - student exchanges.
- Aims: Training, capacity building, research, wider collabor'n
- Several departments and organisations are involved eg
  - Cambridge Global Health Partnerships
  - Addenbrookes
  - CRUK – Cancer Research Cambridge Research Institute



Visit to Cambridge 2019

Dr Jackson Orem, Exec Director UCI

# Uganda-Cambridge Cancer Initiative

## Clinical Partnership – Paediatric Oncology

### 3 aims

- Chemotherapy safety protocols
  - Devt specialist training for paediatric oncology nurses
  - Devt parent & carer support
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- Survival rate high income countries 80%
    - Low & medium income < 20%
    - Survival rate in Uganda well below WHO target 60%

### Achieved:

- 78 samples reviewed in lab
  - Agreed training for nurses
  - Agreed parent & carer support groups to enable them be more involved in care
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- UCI visit previous week
    - Pharmacist Shauna Arao joined the presentation



## Research in Uganda – Endemic Burkitts Lymphoma

- Jaw tumour in children
- Burkitt spotted connection with malaria. Samples sent to UK showed tumour result of virus as well as parasite
- Approx 50% of lymphomas seen in children – Burkitts – all over world – UK example Alex Hines - can learn from each other.
- Aim: to develop models for early detection in malaria clinics and to improve the efficacy of drugs with fewer side-effects.

# Chris Wagner –Improving Tef yields in Ethiopia

- <https://www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/events-/cambridge-africa-day-2/cambridge-africa-day/cambridge-africa-day-2022/>

# Exploring Tef Root and Shoot Phenotypes to Improve Field Performance

- Cultural crop (injera from tef is staple diet in Ethiopia)
- Tef is packed with protein, but is “orphan” crop and yield in terms of food is 4 times less than for example maize
- Problem of stem and root “lodging”
- Ist 4 minutes of talk very interesting
  - <https://www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/events-/cambridge-africa-day-2/cambridge-africa-day/cambridge-africa-day-2022/>



# Peter Woodsford – Cambridge Film Festival 2022

- <https://www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk/>
- ‘Father’s Day’ – fourth film from Rwandan Director Kivu Ruhorahoza
  - <https://www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk/film/fathers-day>
- Trailer:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpVJdQfKMt8>
  - One story of three. Mukobwa (Aline Amike), who grapples with whether or not to be an organ donor for her murderous father who she’s never loved.
  - The three stories are cleverly intertwined – opening sequence
    - Theft of wheel nuts by cruelly bullied son of small-time thief Karara (Yves Kijyana) causes death of son of struggling masseuse Zaninka (Médiatrice Kayitesi)

# Reactions

- A hard film to watch, three very tough situations in midst of CoVid and only limited rays of hope
- Slow pace, Kigali depicted as very clean and antiseptic, no crowds, good roads
- Kinyarwanda dialogue easy on the ear, vegetation, weather etc beautifully filmed
- Male characters either evil or weak or victimised. Two strong women who come to some resolution of their situations
  - Médiatrice Kayitesi and Aline Amike both internationally recognised
- Fate of the small boy is heartrending – no hope.
  - Drift to cities from depressed rural areas
- Local angles – ‘pale-skinned women’, Greedy pastors, medical operations in India
- Hard-hitting depiction of contemporary city life in Africa