

Kiribati Tungaru Association, EU (<http://www.ktaweb.org.uk/>) (formerly the Kiribati and Tuvalu Association)

KTA's Chairman from July 2006?

And the winner is:



Agnes Henson.

2007 UK Kiribati Day

Kabure and Aorita have offered to hold the 2007 Independence anniversary in the vicinity of Southampton. The possible weekends are: 13-15, 20-22, or 27-29 July

Please pencil these dates in your 2007 diary.

A notice will appear on <http://www.ktaweb.org.uk/> as soon as things are set, and ticket application forms should be with you by May.

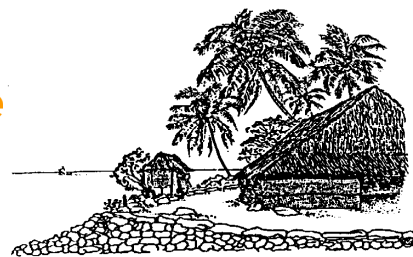
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Pacific Islands Festival cum KTA Independence at Woodhouse Park

We were at Woodhouse Park Scout Activity Centre in Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire in August for Independence, just outside of the city of Bristol, in fact. It was a joint venture between the Kiribati and Tuvalu Association and the Pacific Islands Society of UK and Ireland (PISUKI) as part of their Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The Saturday programme commenced around noon with participants from Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomons, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Europe, the Isle of Man and Ethiopia in Africa. Several happy hours ensued, helped by drinks from the makeshift bar. Members were quick to quench their thirst and relax as they arrived. Around 12.30, everyone was summoned by the master of ceremonies of the day, Patrick Somerville, and he took us through the formalities and the dancing parts of the day. Speeches were made by the chairpersons of PISUKI and the KTA, Michael Walsh and Samoala Kofe. These were followed by the customary toast to the island nations and cutting of the PISUKI and KTA cakes, and the traditional Pacific Islands Feast. As ever the dance display was superb. After an unassuming afternoon tea, served at about 4pm, an inter island sports competition took place. The 5-a-side football was popular, as well as the volley ball. Some of



us were waiting for the tug of war but the rope was never pulled: maybe next time. It was great to see most participants and competitors sweat it all out that afternoon but lucky that there was plenty of food and beverages to consume to regain their energy.

It was a quiet Saturday night at the campsite, not surprisingly after many people had put so much effort into preparing the theatre area, hall, dancer marquees and the food upon arrival on Friday afternoon until 3 a.m. (no wonder there was so much food); and then played all those physical games earlier that afternoon. Well, that is what it is all about: catching up, playing games, dancing, eating, conversing, drinking, etc.

Sunday got going bright and early with breakfast and a campsite clean up, the church service, and then the hall clean up, before everyone broke camp and idled their way home through the Somerset, Gloucestershire and Welsh countrysides.

Separation of Tuvalu and Kiribati in UK

A proposal was sent to the 2000-06 chair, Samoala Kofe Jackson early in 2006 from the Tuvalu Community, proposed by Mrs. Suliana Lopati Barber, and seconded by Mr and Mrs. Avau Polau. It requested the separation of the Tuvalu community from the KTA after this year's AGM, at Woodhouse Park Scout Camp, Gloucestershire. The Tuvalu community will be on their own running their own association, Ulufonu: Tuvalu Community Association, UK. The decision to be separated was taken by the majority of Tuvaluan here in UK and supported by the Tuvaluans in North America and Europe, who were at Alton House Hotel, Alton, Hampshire on the 1st October 2005 to celebrate the 27th Tuvalu Independence Day and the 100 years Anniversary of Motufoua Secondary School.

The Kiribati wing of the Association will still go on as usual. Nothing will change; only the "T"

will change to "Tungaru" in the association's name*. Members of the present KTA will be at liberty to join either or both of the associations. Samoala said, "I know that some people will say 'Oh! How sad!'. Well, I think it depends on how you look at the separation. Any separation of two people can in some ways be considered sad. But I look at this separation as a break-through rather than a break-up. We are both still in one piece and flourishing, brimming with new ideas! So, I look at this as an achievement of good friends who have been together for a long time and now have grown up and become strong enough to go on their own separate ways and develop their own individuality. I do not see it as a bad thing at all. In fact, I look at it as a celebration of our long friendship."

Kam bati n rabwa

Thanks to everyone for all the contributions, large and small, in cash and in kind, that have made the year interesting and, on the whole, successful. That applies to the Woodhouse Park get together especially, whether it was in the run up to the event or during the weekend itself,

on the stage, in the kitchen, at the bar and raffle counter, around the hall, in the foyer, on the campsite, running around the town and county, etc. Particular thanks to **Patrick Lawrence**, who emerged as the local but remotely located host in Almondsbury, and did a great job in procuring chairs, stages, marquees, etc.

Samoala Jackson

**Tiabo****Tofa****Goodbye****Au revoir****Tschüß**

Oh, and we wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



Hagnes Dixon



From the retiring chair . . .

All these years that I have been your chairperson, I can certainly say that it has been a great learning experience for me. I did enjoy the challenge which came with the job. We also had a lot of fun. I know it is time now for me to take the back seat and spend more time with my grandchildren. I thank the members of the committees I have worked with for the great effort they made to keep the KTA going, and I thank all the members of the KTA from the bottom of my heart for letting me be your chairperson for all these years. And I do wish my successors good luck for the future and wish the two associations great success under their new chairmen and their new committees.

[Samoala Kofe Jackson is now the Chairman of Ulufonu; Tuvalu Community Association, UK – Ed]

Secretary's Farewell Report

The year was Good, and mainly we on the Committee, enjoyed ourselves, though our accustomed place of rendezvous, the King's Arms, convenient because it's close to Victoria station, became unavailable. One occupancy of The Shakespeare in Little Venice wasn't said to be such a success, though the sessions at the Greencoat Boy in Victoria apparently were.

We were all very sad to see Samoala go because of the great and selfless work she's done for us, but sadder still to see the entire Tuvaluan contingent leave to set up on their own! We'll miss them, but wish them 'tiabo rimwi' and meet occasionally in future.

As must I also your secretary, say - from me, it's bye-bye; don't cry! Not that you would, and I don't blame you, but the food was so good at Almondsbury (Pacific Festival), I ate too much, had to go to bed, and so missed the dancing. Thank goodness I didn't drink any of Clive's 'kava'!

Love & best wishes from, TEN TIMON, tibun Kurimbu (te 'tia kai-ni-kamaen'?) he hopes!

From the Newsletter Editor

It's been a privilege to be part of the committee, to edit now six newsletters and team up with Jeremy Cooper to give you three years online (see p. 6). Thanks Jeremy for the super format and for tolerating my lack of technical knowledge. The lottery grant and buying the sound system were the two other most satisfying projects that I was part of.

The website idea arose from complaints by Keith of sticking postage stamps on another 200 envelopes for the newsletters and carrying them to the post office. The solution seemed to be a website that all news and future events are posted for members to download whenever needed. What happened is we have an active website, but everyone still wants their Newsletter, so Keith's still sticking stamps.

The lottery grant started from a chat one evening of May 2001 with Rake Hardy, the former dance coordinator, about the Kiribati youth group in Wellington and Palmerston North (NZ). They got a NZ lottery grant towards cultural activities.

Immediately, Rake said, "Yes that will be the next item on the agenda". It was Jeremy Fordham, the former trustee, who convinced the AGM and did much of the application paper work - thanks.

The sound system was difficult because the criteria were super quality, portable, compact and within the budget. Visiting music shops around MK, and testing for best quality and lowest price took a few weeks before recommending one to the committee and then purchasing it. I am pleased that the sound system has been very well utilised and enhanced the dance group.

Anyway, here comes that time again in life when people move on mainly for the better. The hardest part is to leave friends and relatives but then, "It's not goodbye, but see you later." You all have special place in our hearts and we are going to miss you terribly. We shall be in Christchurch, NZ where Keith will be working in Business and Economics at Canterbury University. Christchurch is a well-known tourist base for the South Island, and so anyone who wishes to expand their horizons is very welcome to stay with us.

Thank you committee members past and present. I hope our ideas and debates have improved the KTA. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to newsletters and the website, making my job pleasurable and easy. Thanks to Jeremy Fordham for producing address labels. I wish the next editor every success and good luck

Kam bati n rabwa ao Tiabo Rimwi

Hagnes Dixon

Visiting your website is a piece of cake

You'll find it at

www.ktaweb.org.uk

It features photos from Woodhouse Park, not forgetting Keswick, the Motufoua Centenary and Tuvalu Independence celebrations in Alton, the PISUKI South Seas Islands Night in Kew. If you are reading this newsletter in black and white, visit the website for the full colour version.

Anyone with photos, stories and news for the website (or the 2007 newsletter) is invited to send them to the acting editor, Agnes Henson at agneshenson@hotmail.com or 40 Bellingdon, Chesham, Bucks HP5 2HA, ENGLAND.

For a colour version of Te Buu, please visit the website (password hint - hellohello).

Another “Break-Even” Year

The following statement shows where the Kiribati and Tuvalu Association has obtained money from between June 2005 and May 2006, and to describe the activities and items that that money has been used on.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2006

		Opening Balance 1/06/04	£3,462
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	£553	KTA Website	£144
Donations	£44	Committee Meetings	£500
		Newsletter + Admin	£307
2006 Get-Together advance ticket sales	£58	2006 GT advance payments	£300
2005 Get-Together		2005 Get-Together	
Ticket Sales	£2,520	Food + Drink net	£1,291
Camping Fees	£270	Venue Hire + Insurance	£1,325
Bar Profit	£485	Other	£78
GT Raffle proceeds	£152		
T Shirts + Mug sales	£246		
	£4,328		£3,945
		Excess of income over expenditure	£383
		Closing Balance 31/05/06	£3,845
		Bank Reconciliation	
Patrick Lawrence		Unpresented cheque	£100
Treasurer 1-Jun-06		Balance at Bank 31/05/06	£3,945

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 and Tuvalu Number 2 Account for the period 1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006.

Peter Illsley 31-Jul-06
Auditor

Another positive financial year then, Patrick. Well done that man, not just for keeping score but also for doing quite a bit to make the money flow - Ed.

Postscript

The financial outcome of the Woodhouse Park event looks like being break-even in cash terms, or that's what the treasurer says (but that's what he said last year, and see what happened). His prognosis is the 2006 event receipts during 2005-06 and 2006-07 are going to be £3,000, which will match expenditures, also of £3,000. However, there was some wine left to the value of £130, which is now maturing in the cellar of Chateau des Walsh until the South Hants do in 2007.

In Plain English

On 1 June 2005, the KTA had £3,460 arising from past surpluses and many members having paid fees for 2005-06 and later before 1 June, net of an outlay of £150 for the Keswick get-together in July 2005.

Between 1 June 2005 and 31 May 2006, the Association received £600 in subscriptions and donations.

The committee met a few times, it maintained a web site and distributed Te Buu. It incurred some administration costs. All these amounted to £950.

The main event was the get-together in Keswick in July. It cost £2,840 (including £150 in the 2004-05 accounts) and £3,670 of revenue was collected. Some minor items not used were transferred to the 2006 event at Woodhouse Park. Starting to organise this cost £300, and tickets of £60 were sold.

On 31 May 2006, the KTA now had almost £3,850, some of it being members subscriptions paid in advance for 2006-07 and future years.



URGENT AND IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU PAY BY STANDING ORDER

To meet increasing expenses, the AGM agreed to an annual subscriptions increase for 2007, as follows:

Ordinary member (includes family members)	£ 10.00
Students and Visitors	£ 5.00
Corporate Membership	£ 25.00

If you pay by standing order, can you please contact your bank to amend your existing order? A standing order form is available at on the membership link from <http://www.ktaweb.org.uk/>

Other members, please use the form to initiate payment by standing order, instead of writing cheques every year; or be bothered by reminders when you forget – it'll reduce our costs and the burden on our volunteer treasurer.

Dancing Group



In the past year, the dancing group has been busy perfecting the dances that we had learned from Ioanna – and supplementing them with new ones, such as a new boy's dance brought back from Butaritari by Ben, following his visit to there this summer. The range of dance thus suits the ages of the dancers, from five through to sixty, and from very traditional dances to modern ones!

Unfortunately, many of the young adults who have gone off to University or have weekend jobs are less able to commit to the practices.

The Celebration at the Pacific Islands Festival, which was hosted by the KTA and held in Almondsbury, was, as usual, the high point of the year and much appreciated by its audience: 'I closed my eyes and felt just as if I was in a Maneaba' was a typical comment. The singing, clapping and atmosphere, as well as the dance movements themselves – not only enchanted the audience; they moved some of the dancers, too, to tears.



As always, I would like to thank all those whose hard work in organising and practising makes these performances so much appreciated. The level of enthusiasm is enormous, the level of skill consistently

high. I should also give special thanks to Kabure for making costumes and to Maritino for helping with the boy's dances.



When you read this, we will have performed at the British Museum on both 4th November and 2nd December, having been invited to figure in their current Pacific Exhibitions on power and tabu in neighbouring Polynesia (<http://www.british-museum.ac.uk/>). This is the second time that the Museum has asked us to show our culture in a living, practical way to supplement their exhibits, and a splendid advertisement for the Dance Group. Photos on the website soon, I hope.

I am trying to book halls for regular practices next year, rotating venues so that everyone will have a site close to them at some point. If you know of suitable (and cheap) venues near you, please let me know.

Rotee Walsh, Dance organiser



Postscript: On the 4th Nov, the dancers performed successfully with other Pacific Island dance groups, notably Maori, at the British Museum. There were two performances, one straight after lunch and one around 3pm. The sharing of histories, values and traditions with other islanders was fascinating and stirring. We all had a good time, thanks to the dancers who made it happen.



In Plain English

On 1 June 2005, the dance group had just over £1,000, arising from surpluses in past years.

Between 1 June 2005 and 31 May 2006, the group raised over £1,240 from performing and other means. It spent £770 on dance practices to make ready for performances, and £400 on returning the dance coach to Kiribati.

The practices culminated in a pleasing performance at the KTA's main event of 2006 in Almondsbury.

On 31 May 2006, almost £1,100 remained in the dance group account.

Do you have any ideas that the KTA can turn into a Lottery grant application?



More from the Treasurer

The following statement purports to show whence the dancing group of the Kiribati and Tuvalu Association obtained money between June 2005 and May 2006, and to describe the activities and items that that money has been used on.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2006

		Balance 01/06/04	£1,010
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Collections at Dance Practices	£422	Dance Practices:	
Sound System Hire	£50	Venues, subsistence, etc	£772
Keswick Town Council Donation	£250	Visit of Kiribati Dance Instructor	£393
Dancing Displays	£519		
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Total Income:	£1,241	Total expenditure:	£1,165
		Excess of Income	£76
		Balance 31/05/06	£1,086
		Bank Reconciliation	
		Purchases for No. 2 Account	£100
		Balance at Bank 31/05/06	£986

Patrick Lawrence
Treasurer 1-Jun-06

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 and Tuvalu Dance Account for the period 1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006.

Peter Illsley, Auditor 31-Jul-06

Lottery Grant Ideas Please

The Lottery Board recently announced that it isn't receiving enough applications for projects. Having managed, only just, to spend our first grant, perhaps it is the right time to make further grant applications. Lessons learnt from the first grant seem to be:

- Make a separate application for each idea, and so make more than one application if necessary
- Before submitting each application, develop the idea far enough into a project so that the specific activity to be funded is very clearly defined in terms of
 - when it will take place and where
 - who will be involved (including who will monitor and control the activity)
 - how the activity is expected to pan out and what it will achieve

- how much money will be spent and on what kinds of items.

- For each successful application, have the treasurer keep a separate record in the accounts and charge the KTA Committee with ensuring that the grant is spent within the clear specification and on time

So, do you have an idea for an application? The Committee will be pleased to hear from you with outline details. Send them to Agnes Henson at agneshenson@hotmail.com.

Note that the money usually has to be spent in the UK on things that benefit communities in the UK, so the Board probably won't approve hiring a 747 to take us all to Arorae.

Kiribati Visitors Welcomed to London in April 2006

The Minister of Finance in the Government of Kiribati, Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and an accompanying senior official Timii were in London 21-27 April to have a short consultation with City financial specialists before flying on to Brussels for a meeting of African, Caribbean and Pacific finance ministers. Teuea and Brucetta played host on behalf of the KTA and the minister was delighted and pleased to meet some of the KTA members who could make it, mainly those living in London and nearby towns. **[This event is typical of what you can learn about from the website and come along to]**



Sitting on the sofa from left to right: Nabuti, the Minister of Finance; Timii, his official; Patrick Lawrence, KTA treasurer with little Isabella, with Brucetta on their shoulders. At the back are Tabera, Biromena and Keith. [picture by Hegnes newsletter editor]

Nabuti told the newsletter editor that he was having an interesting and challenging time in his ministerial position. The Revenue Equalisation Reserve Fund (RERF) and Kiribati Provident Fund (KPF) were again rising in value with upswings on the international capital markets; and so the country's finances were buoyant. Several investment projects are continuing in education, health, transport and other important areas. Ways are being looked at to provide private domestic finance so that local groups can expand their manufacturing and supply activities and establish new ones.

As regards international transport links, Nabuti had heard that Air Nauru are apparently planning to acquire a new aeroplane after their faithful old 737-400 was seized by an agency of the government of the United States of America (see <http://www.southpacific.org/map/airnauru.html>). They are still operating a limited service to Tarawa, along with the service recently instated by Air Pacific.

As regards migration, the opportunities for I-Kiribati to visit overseas in search of work are again increasing, including to Australia and New Zealand, whose demand for labour is again on the increase.

Re the visit in November, 2005 of Minister Natan Brechfeld (Telecommunication, Commerce and Tourism) and including the Permanent Secretary, Tebwe Ietaake, and the Director of Marine, Meteti Abete, drop into **Features** on the website

Webmaster's Report: Three years on-line

I must confess that my first thought when asked to write about the website was to reply, "Don't bother reading anything I write – just look at the website!" But on second thoughts I felt that I might be able to say something of interest – so here goes.

Statistics are a good starting place: the counter at the bottom of the home page shows that so far there have been around 6,500 visits to that page. That doesn't mean 6,500 different people visiting the site, because every visit is counted separately, even the three or four visits I might make each time I update the site to make sure the changes work on line using several different types of browser, and my weekly visits to make sure the site is still there!

The site consists of about 975 files which appear on-line, plus about 30 other files that stay at home on my computer to help compose the site and to maintain it: each page of text and every image constitutes a separate file. The 975 files that venture out on-line occupy 22MB of the server space I own at streamlinenet.com.

When you type "ktaweb.org.uk" (the domain name) into your browser, your computer sends a request to amenworld.co.uk who hosts the domain for us: amenworld forwards the request to the streamlinenet.com server where the web site lives. The advantage of using a domain name is that if we wanted to move the web site to a different server (involving a change in its URL address), people could still reach it via the domain name, which would not change. Any email addressed to "...@ktaweb.org.uk" goes to amenworld, where it is forwarded to the email account of whichever KTA Committee member has been chosen to receive it.

My role is to design and compile and technically manage the web site, and to make additions and changes as and when asked to by whoever has been given the liaison role by the Committee. I make minor design changes (and I do a bit of sensitive sub-editing) on my own initiative. I also took many of the photos that decorate the site.

The ktaweb Yahoo Mailing Group is a completely separate system run by Yahoo. I set up and "own" the Group on behalf of KTA, and I have to approve any request to join the Group. I approve membership for anyone who is a KTA member. Once on board, Group members manage their own membership, telling Yahoo direct if they change their email address or other details. The Mailing Group enables any member to email to all the other members – it's a good way of spreading news.

If you haven't ever visited the website, I can provide a brief description. It has a "home" page which outlines the nature and purposes of the KTA. From that page there are links to the other pages: a Notice Board with information for members about coming events; the text of the KTA Constitution in both English and Kiribati/Tuvalu languages; contact details for the Committee members; lists of links to other relevant web sites; the Te Buu Newsletters past and current; a KTA Membership application form; a page about the KTA Yahoo Mailing Group; and about 20 special features – photos and reports about KTA events and KTA Member's activities.

Well, I did find something to say after all and I hope it has been of interest.

Jeremy Cooper: web site manager

2007 Independence

Next year's BIG do is expected to be held in the vicinity of Southampton and the Solent (imagine the yachts!). The possible dates are **Saturdays 14th, 21st, or 28th July**. Please keep these free if possible.

Kabure and Aorita are finding a venue and as soon as this and the date are known they will appear on the notices on the web site, that's <http://www.ktaweb.org.uk/>.

Following the Woodhouse Park event, many members praised the organisers and made some very good suggestions for improvements that the committee intend adopting for 2007.

- Mrs Joan Dixon from Devon thanked the organisers for such a wonderful weekend and sent congratulations to the team of helpers (some pictured right). She believed the pig to be the best ever tasted by her, in 7 years of attending gatherings, and the rest of the food was absolutely delicious! A really great weekend!
- Mrs Roddy Cordon from Lincoln suggested we provide public address equipment at the AGM to enable everyone attending to hear everything said during discussion, which had not proved possible for her at Woodhouse Park. She is willing to donate up to £100 to finance this.
- Mrs Nafiata McNaughton from Ayr, Scotland, said how much she had enjoyed the Festival and asked whether in future a longer weekend programme could be arranged with the dancing displays extended so that, after a meal break, they continue on Saturday evening.

And we did get some positive comments from our venue providers at Woodhouse Park and in Almondsbury:

- Councillor Jim Cullimore (Chairman South Gloucestershire Council) (pictured right with Patrick Somerville, who did such a great job of MCing and balancing the programme) wrote to thank everyone for receiving him and his wife in such a fine manner at Woodhouse Park. He said that "Not knowing what to expect we came, not in fear and trepidation but with some wondering. To be with such wonderful people throughout the afternoon and to experience that which I have only read about in the "Modern Boy" and similar boy's papers in my youth, kept us enthralled. A lot of hard work and planning obviously went into achieving something well worth remembering. Thank you once again.
- Mr. Laurie Penny, Treasurer of the Almondsbury Old School Hall Management Committee, thanked the KTA for the donation we had made in respect of the loan of chairs from them. On behalf of the committee, he said how glad they were that the Festival proved a success and that they were able to help. If we hold another event in the area, they will be pleased to assist once more.



Recent Pacific Beat news . . .

Kiribati criticises Australia PM

Some Pacific leaders have attacked the Commonwealth Government of Australia over its attitude towards them at the recent Pacific Islands Forum meeting in Fiji. Leaders from **Kiribati** and Tuvalu wanted to speak directly with Australia's Prime Minister, John Howard about bilateral issues including climate change and the Pacific Labour mobility scheme. Pacific Island nations have been pushing Australia and New Zealand to allow Pacific seasonal workers to work as labourers in the agriculture sector. The Australians have strongly opposed the idea, but New Zealand has been more neighbourly and will now allow more than five thousand Pacific Islanders to work under the scheme. Tuvalu's Prime Minister, Apisai Ielemia says he commends New Zealand but is disappointed with Australia. Pacific Beat tried to get a reaction from the Australian government, but we were told they were not making any comments. (source: <http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacbeat/>)

Annual General Meeting

In addition to reports from office holders, the main items of business were

- A presentation to Samoala for her seven years as chair (pictured on p. 2).
- The appointment of Agnes Henson as the new chair (pictured on front page).
- An increase in the Annual Subscriptions to £10.00 from 1st January 2007 (if you pay by standing order, please see back page).
- No nominations arose for the posts of secretary and dance co-ordinator, and those positions are vacant (see back page). Patrick Lawrence agreed to carry on as treasurer until a replacement is found.
- The decision of the Tuvalu community to set up a separate organisation
- Proposal deferred until the 2007 AGM to amend constitution to create a deputy chair and change how the dance organiser and dance co-ordinator are appointed.

Minutes available to all financial members soon from agneshenson@hotmail.com



Kiribati and Tuvalu Association

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A strong active committee is essential to the 3-year vision

Dear Members, We need some new committee members immediately:

- Simon Seligman indicated that he would be unable to carry on as secretary after the AGM in August, and so that position is presently vacant. We need someone who is competent, efficient and industrious to be secretary.
- Patrick Lawrence wishes to hand on the treasurer position that he has prosecuted well for some years, and so if you're good at economics and would be faithful with members' money, we need you.
- Hegnes Dixon is migrating to the south Pacific, and so we need someone with the same flair for news and pictures to carry the newsletter on and keep building up the website, with Jeremy Cooper's technical assistance.

- The job of dance co-ordinator has been vacant for some time. Rotee Walsh, the dance organiser, needs a companion to do the co-ordinator job, including some choreography.

As well as carrying out the intrinsically rewarding but not overwhelmingly taxing responsibilities that go with each job, you'll also get involved in all the excitement of committee meetings, which are held only about three times a year. You'll also get to strategically plan and delegate the operational jobs that go with the annual independence get-together, as well as lend a hand if things go awry. So, please think about people who you feel should be nominated for the vacancies and send in names of people who consent to stand to the chair cum acting secretary (contact details on left).

Fraternisation Opportunity:

EU Youth Programme: Youth Exchange Project for summer 2008

Still only a proposal, this is for young people of Pacific Island background. The theme may be "European citizenship and Cultural Identity" but it is open for discussion. The idea is to get young people from several European countries to gather in Helsinki to share cultures such as dances and music, and exchange experiences as Islanders growing up in Europe.

1. 70% of total travelling costs plus accommodation and food during the exchange met by PIFS.
2. The groups/participants are responsible for their insurance during the time they are in Finland.
3. Participants except the leaders/coordinators should be 14 - 17 years old during the Exchange.
4. The group should be six members plus one leader; and one group per country.

Groups/participants must be confirmed in 2007. More information about EU Youth Programme from: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/program/index_en.htm and the Finnish National Agency: <http://www.cimo.fi/Resource.phx/cimo/euprogrammes/youth.htm>

Let Samiuela Elone Pihkatie know if your group is interested or please ask if you need more info. Pacific Islands Friendship Society ry (PIFS) c/o Samiuela Elone Pihkatie 6E 47 00410 Helsinki Finland +358 44 337 4435 <http://www.pifs.fi>



We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.ktaweb.org.uk/>

URGENT AND IMPORTANT

ESPECIALLY IF YOU PAY BY STANDING ORDER

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