

Thank you to Waterlilies!

CONGRATULATIONS to Helen and Alison, owners of Waterlilies, the Beauty Salon in Dolphin Way, Stapleford, as they celebrate their 20th anniversary.

To celebrate this event, they have very kindly chosen to ask their customers to donate to our Link project which has been supporting women in Nachingwea to make reusable sanitary pads both for themselves and to sell to raise money to improve their lives. These women have now offered to go into local secondary schools to train the students to make the pads. Gradually we hope that the whole community will erase period poverty and girls will be able to attend school regularly.



Left: Some of the ladies from the sanitary pad project and, right, a close up of the pads being made

The Stapleford Nachingwea committee is very grateful to Helen and Alison and to all who have contributed.

It has been an aim of the Link for many years to improve the education of girls and we will continue to support this but the Nachingwea Link committee has now highlighted the need for help for boys to have opportunities to develop technical skills, as, just as in England, many boys

are losing interest in academic education. A new project has been suggested with the following aims:

- To equip boys with vocational training.
- Showing gender equality in action.
- Helping boys to get direct employment after training.
- Helping future fathers for income of their families with daughters and sons.

The Stapleford committee is now investigating how we can support this new project.

Finally, the committee is re-establishing its link with the Britain Tanzania Society, whose aims are very similar to those of our Link. They are also a volunteer run group, which aims to increase mutual knowledge, understanding and respect between the peoples of Britain and Tanzania through the development of education, health, water and sanitation and other self-help community development activities and the promotion of gender equality. You can find more information at britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk and a short introduction is given below.

Stapleford-Nachingwea Link Committee

A brief introduction to the The Britain Tanzania Society



IT was founded in 1975 to improve communications and understanding between the UK and Tanzania. It is a non-political, non-governmental organisation with chapters in the

UK and Tanzania. Bishop Trevor Huddleston in England and former Minister of Foreign Affairs Amon Nsekela in Tanzania were involved at the start.

BTS very quickly created a charity, the Tanzania Development Trust (TDT), to support small local projects in Tanzania, especially in parts of the country that other NGOs were less likely to reach. This has grown and developed, and become more professional, with local representatives employed in the parts of Tanzania where the BTS supports projects.

Its President is Hon Jakaya Kikwete, former President of Tanzania, Its Vice Presidents are Professor Esther Mwaikambo, Andrew Coulson, and Julian Marcus.