



The Uganda Kobs in the UK

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Dear Fellow Kob

Curry Lunch Reunion – Friday 8th May 2009

Please note that the next Uganda Kobs Reunion will be held at The Falstaff Hotel, Leamington Spa on Friday 8th May 2009. We have used this venue for our last two gatherings and have been very happy with the service provided.

We have not yet finalised costs but will write again early in 2009 with these, and a booking form. As the cost of living is on the increase and there are no longer funds available to meet the administration costs of the gathering, we do anticipate an increase.

Meanwhile, may we ask you to note the date in your diary and spread the word to anyone you think might be interested. If you'd prefer not to hear from us in the New Year, please let us know.

We hope to see you in Leamington next May.

Kind regards

Roger Bailey

I thought you might be interested to hear about an initiative between the Bristol NHS Trust & Bristol University and Mbarara Hospital. After an informal arrangement over several years, links have now been formalised which means all involved are in a good position to share experience and arrange two way exchanges of personnel.

Bristol personnel have now carried out pilot visits which have included general medicine, paediatrics, infectious disease, renal disease, ophthalmology, nursing/physiotherapy and equipment maintenance (this has been a particular success and is leading to an MSc course in equipment maintenance at Mbarara University). A visit by four obstetricians and a midwife will be leaving later this year. This is of enormous importance as Uganda has a MATERNAL mortality in double figures.

Professor Stafford Lightman, Head of Medicine at Bristol University writes: "We are terribly cash limited in what we can do. We are helping set up a new feeding centre for children with malnutrition and are hoping to improve transport from outlying districts. Anything helps. Even some money for waterproof covers for mattresses makes a big difference - and I will not even mention drug costs".

If you would like more information about this initiative, or would like to support this work in some way, please contact me and I will put you in touch with Professor Lightman, who spent time in Uganda with VSO before his medical training and who has a deep love for Uganda and its people who, he says, taught (and continue to teach) him a great deal.

Thank you.

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