

Chair's Report 16 Feb. 2013

ZIMCAN's Activities for year ending 2012.

These include;

1. Family Day Outing trip to Whitlingham Park.

The Zimbabwean Community Association Norwich received a grant from the Community Cash fund in April 2012.

The Family Day Outing trip to Whitlingham Park was on the 16th of June 2012.

Members of the community being able to learn and take part in the following activities; Sailing, Kayaking, Archery, Canoeing and Walking.

The feedback from the members of the community after the outing was that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt about the activities they took part in. The number of people who attended was 25 (children and adults).

A number indicated that they would return individually and take part in the activities.

2. The ZIMCAN Football team project.

A football team was formed after the reception of funding from the Grants Team.

Four members of the Zimbabwean Community namely Trevor Chinhengo, Limuka Sibanda, Aaron Moyo and Tapiwa Kundoro have volunteered to train and manage the team.

The football team prepares for matches at the Sloughbottom Park, Norwich. The funding was used to purchase a football kit and training equipment.

The Zimbabwean Community Football team travelled to Ipswich and played the Zimbabwean Community Football team in Ipswich on 30th of June 2012.

The return match was played at the ZIMCAN Family BBQ day in Morley Village Hall on the 28/08/2012.

The Zimbabwean Community Football team Norwich also took part in the Football tournament hosted by the Norfolk Black History Month on the 30/09/2012. The tournament was held at the Sports Park at the UEA.

Next year we look forward to resume playing against other teams in and around Norwich early next spring.

The football team has members with an age range of 18 years to 48 years. Playing football is helping the members of the community to realise healthy lifestyles.

3. Big Lunch held at The NICE Centre, Muspole Street, organised by Bridge+

ZIMCAN members attended in support of this event.

4. Annual BBQ in August 2012

The event was attended by well over 100 people from the Zimbabwean Community and the local community. The event was aimed at promoting closer ties between members and the general public.

5. The Norfolk Black History Month 2012

5.1 In October 2012 we were also fortunate enough to receive a £400 bursary to enable us to put on a Black History Month Event, featuring Francis Ampofo has amongst his remarkable achievements five consecutive wins for the Flyweight British Title, which won him the Lonsdale belt.

Throughout his boxing career, Francis always aspired to own a Free-Range farm. His desire to keep chickens derived from his childhood in Ghana when he kept a small number of hens for eggs. He moved with his wife and three children from Essex to Norwich to live at Nature Farm. Francis is happy to hang up his boxing gloves and box an egg instead.

5.2 We were also awarded a £200.00 grant by the **Black History Month Event** to celebrate the achievements of English Premier League footballer, Benjamin Mwaruwari, always known as Benjani. Benjamin played on mainland Europe and in England for Portsmouth, Manchester City, Sunderland and Blackburn. He also played a total of 44 times for the Zimbabwe National Team and was the team captain for many years.

We watched the PORTSMOUTH FC Season Review 2006/2007 DVD on the BIG screen.

BHM steering committee Meetings 2012

The chairman, Francis Nhamo, represented ZIMCAN at the BHM steering committee during the year.

6. Internship Programme Report

Hope is going to give a brief report on this

7. ZIMCAN Burial Society Chair's Report

Humphrey is going to give a report on this.

There was overwhelming support for the formation of a **Zimbabwean Burial Society** and this is being led by Humphrey Gibbs Moyo. He will be contacting you in due course.

8. ZIMCAN goes global with website: <http://www.zimcan.btck.co.uk/>

9. Diversity Network Meeting on the 8th Feb at Norwich Mind

Presenters; Norwich Mind, ZIMCAN and Galya Clark (Bulgarian Community Rep)
-Bulgarian Language Lessons at the NICE centre.

10. ZIMCAN would like to acknowledge the work or contribution being made by Zimbabwean individuals/groups in Norfolk/Suffolk in helping the needy in Zimbabwe.

Below is the list:

1. The outgoing ZIMCAN Executive Committee
2. Tapiwa Kundoro, Trevor and the guys involved with the football
3. WORD Trust International and Zimbabwe Diaspora Volunteering Programme - Everjoice Makuve
4. Tendai's
5. Munya
6. Jan of Jan's Roti
7. Soul Food Caterers
8. Victor Chitava
9. Pa Musa
10. Wymondham College
11. Others too numerous to mention