

**WELCOME TO THE  
SUMMER 2009 FOAG NEWSLETTER**



*“Thank you FOAG for the mosquito nets”*

That was the message ringing in the ears of FOAG committee member Iain Patton as he arrived in the Karamoja villages which benefited from the 2000 nets given out last year. Community workers based at our Namalu Centre went out into the villages and identified pregnant women and women with babies who are particularly vulnerable to getting malaria. But just like the mosquito itself, there was a sting in the tail! The next message from the women in this picture was 'It's great that we and our babies have nets but what about our older children - they don't!'

£4 will buy a quality mosquito net which three people can safely sleep under to avoid getting malaria which kills one child in five. Make your donation on the FOAG website shop [www.foag.org](http://www.foag.org).

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In these pages you will get a valuable insight into how your money is directly benefiting the men, women and children of Uganda. You are part of an African success story where you are a partner to giving ordinary people

the chance to stand on their own feet and contribute to society. FOAG does not run an expensive office and all of the committee are volunteers. Inevitably we do have expenses, but the large majority of the money donated to FOAG goes to the people who need it.

**Namalu**

It is critical times for the Namalu Agriculture Centre in the Karamoja region of Eastern Uganda. Up until June this year SVI (an Italian volunteer organisation) was the primary funder of this project, but as the centre built up its own income generating sources SVI decided to move on to focus on the increasing problem of urban slums around Ugandan cities.

For some years FOAG has supported a number of successful demonstration farm plots. The project targets farmers who are keen to establish their own holdings, to plant orchards and vegetables, as well as develop animal husbandry skills. The 2009 Monitoring Group were encouraged by what we saw of the demonstration plots, particularly as many other farmers

have adopted some of the approaches for themselves.

Anna Moni is one of the excellent demonstration farmers. With FOAG's support Anna has planted a thick hedge around her field to prevent wandering cattle and goats from devastating her crops. Then she has grown a successful tree plantation to supply wood for cooking and building as she knows the community cannot continue to chop down the remaining trees in the region. On top of that she has built a stall for a crossbred cow which is now in calf. Anna plans to sell the milk as a small income for her family. People come from all over Anna's parish to see what she has done and learn from her success.

The demonstration plots are not the Namalu Centre's only success as it now provides an ever-widening range of services to the community. Ox and donkey carts and yokes are made to order, there is a critically important subsidised animal health service, a seed microfinance scheme and a very important farmer training programme.

The Karamoja region is one of the poorest in Uganda and very prone to unpredictable rains. Now operating as the Chekwii Initiative for Rural and Integrated Development, it is good to see the Namalu Centre standing on its own feet, but there is still much to be done in that region.

*Iain Patton*



*Yokes for ox ploughs and carts are made at the Namalu Centre*

### **TESO Oxen Restocking Project**

For Martin Okiror, a subsistence farmer in the parish of Obwangai, life in Teso is a bit of a mixed bag at the moment. On the one hand, as a beneficiary member of the Teso Oxen Re-stocking Project (TORP) which has supplied 24 draught oxen to his village, he has every reason to be upbeat. Because he now has shared access to animal traction, with three other families, he can cultivate his five acres of land considerably more quickly than he used to be able to by hand-hoeing with his wife and children. This means he can plant more at the right time during the two dry seasons before the rains come. This should give him a bigger harvest which will bring peace of mind; removing the fear of food shortages for his family, being able to afford secondary school fees for his three teenage children (he has seven children in total), knowing that he can afford doctor's and hospital fees should illness strike. And food prices are high right now, so, as a farmer, sales of surplus harvest should generate quite a useful income and Martin should be in clover.

But ... on the other hand, things haven't quite worked out over the past few months as planned – thanks to that

unpredictable old ally/foe, the weather. Having recovered through 2008 from the most appalling floods, which parts of Teso experienced in the previous year, Martin had hoped to get back to some sort of normality – if rural life in eastern Uganda can ever be described as 'normal'. However, this year, the rains which should have come in abundance around March and onwards have failed. Apart from two or three thunderstorms in mid-May there has been nothing.

Three acres, which should by now be bearing a harvest, stand idle, unplanted, uncultivated and bare but for a few weeds. Two other acres, which Martin did manage to plant with some maize and cassava, are wilting in the drought and will yield less than 50% of what was expected and life is, after all, hardly going to be a bowl of roses in the coming months. The high food prices have become academic to him – he will have no surplus to sell.

There is an additional worry for Martin. As a beneficiary in TORP he is required to pay for his share in a pair of Obwangai's draught oxen. As part of this microfinance deal FOAG, who fund the oxen project, expect him to make full repayment over two years. If he fails to pay, the oxen can be taken away from him and he will go back to where he was 18 months ago.



*Ploughing oxen funded by FOAG hard at work ploughing in the hope of good rains*

This is the reality of life in parts of Teso today, July 2009. There is widespread drought to the point where the Ugandan government has been obliged to consider what intervention can be brought to bear to alleviate the increasing risk of starvation.

FOAG has responded to the current situation in two ways...

- a) By suspending the requirement to make oxen repayments as from now until such time as conditions improve.
- b) By making £2,000 instantly available in May for the purchase of emergency food, which is being distributed through TORP's leader, John Echeru, in Amuria district.

Despite the current drought Teso is politically calm and stable and the Oxen Project continues to grow. Current oxen villages are:

Awoja	32 oxen	70% repaid
Aparisa	27 oxen	26% repaid
Olwelai	27 oxen	35% repaid
Otatai	28 oxen	55% repaid
Ajonyi	29 oxen	50% repaid
Obwangai	24 oxen	30% repaid
Eukasi	20 oxen	This is a new village
Total	187 oxen	

Four of the above villages have been personally visited by

FOAG in the past eight months.

During 2008 seven oxen were purchased out of repayments.

The cost of oxen has risen quite substantially due to high demand in southern Sudan. A single ox could be bought until recently for less than 260,000 Ush/-. Sudanese buyers are prepared to pay up to 400,000 Ush/- now per head.

*Malcolm Rankin*

### **Butiru Rehabilitation Cheshire Home**

I shall never forget the sound of children singing in the early morning as I walked up the hill from the guest house to the church to attend morning mass. Butiru is a very special place and I have to thank Sr. Catherine and her fellow Sisters most warmly for having me to stay. Evening prayers with the Sisters, staff and children before bedtime was a time of peace and reflection for all of us. The love and care that permeates throughout the home enables the children to feel loved, secure and gives them a sense of worth. Over the years, so many disabled children have benefited from the treatment and care that they have received here.



*Sr Goretta at Butiru with Bosco and Isaac*

Here is smiling Sr. Goretta, a dedicated physiotherapist with some of her clients. Many will remember Bosco, sitting next to Sister, who over the years has had several operations. He can now walk well, aided by short ankle and foot splints. Isaac, who has microcephalus and is unable to walk, has only been at the home a short while but already through the physiotherapy he has been receiving he can now tentatively go up and down stairs. Isaac is very determined and we watched him as he pulled himself to standing using the handles of a wheelchair, thus enabling him to walk as he pushed the wheelchair.

Sr. Catherine, who is head of the home is a wonderfully capable person and she wrote in her report about Shaifa who was born with bilateral club feet. Shaifa had experienced rejection as a disabled child and when she came to the home she was in poor health, miserable and withdrawn. She slowly improved with a well-balanced diet and being amongst other children with severe disabilities. Shaifa was then strong enough to undergo a

successful operation at Mengo Hospital enabling her eventually to walk normally.



*Sr. Goretta and Physiotherapist Robert Makuto helping Isaac*

In the 2008 FOAG Newsletter we highlighted the need for sponsorship of secondary education and this was included in our Summer Appeal Wishlist. As a result we now have a sponsor for Andrew Sakaya. I was able to meet Andrew along with Violet, Nabulumbi and Godfrey whom FOAG is currently sponsoring until more sponsors can be found. They are all lively young people who are desperately keen to work hard at secondary school. Violet is an orphan and Butiru is now her home. She is a lovely and vibrant young lady who would love to be either a nurse or a teacher. Sr. Catherine closely monitors their progress at school. These students are in different secondary schools and Sr. is going to carry on bringing them together at Butiru during some of the school holidays.

Sr. Catherine wished to thank everyone in FOAG for its continued support.

*Jane Sturdy*

### **Kumi Hospital**

*Do you ever look at something and realise that a miracle is happening in front of your very eyes?*

*Can you imagine the headlines here?...*

'Hospital's electricity supply cut off. Generator used for emergency surgery. No public outcry'

*How would this job advert appeal to you?...*

'Medical Superintendent required for 300 bed rural hospital in eastern Uganda. Apart from detailed medical/surgical knowledge, the ability to negotiate with electricity boards, civil and water engineers, staff who it has been impossible to pay for some time etc. will be useful. Applicant must be able to continue smiling

when trying to raise money from possible donors to keep hospital running because there is virtually no government help. Applicant must not get bitter when patients stream in from many miles away for urgent treatment at inappropriate hours because nearest state-funded hospital is closed from 5 pm to 9 am. Applicant will also need to be accountant, auditor, builder, fundraiser, engineer, public relations wizard etc. Good eyesight vital for seeing the vision of a better world. Bad eyesight recommended to avoid seeing much better job opportunities in the city or abroad. Big heart essential. Salary uncertain. Hours 24/7.'

Kumi Hospital is a miracle. It provides for a huge geographical area. It runs almost totally on donations and some fees, since it is not state funded. Its dedicated staff are led by the tireless Dr John Opolot. Together, their energy and inspiration change - and save - countless lives.



*Patients and family carers in the grounds of Kumi Hospital*

FOAG has been privileged to be able to financially support here for 15 years. We remain committed to that support by assisting with staff salaries and by providing equipment whenever we are able. The steam autoclave for the maternity unit is now in place. The generator, supplied three years ago, is now in almost permanent use because the hospital can no longer afford to keep up with increasing electricity bills.



Left is Connie Akiror, who is 21 years old, with her mother. Having recently qualified at Makerere University she now works full-time at Kumi as Laboratory Technologist. Her job is, literally, right at 'the sharp end': blood testing for malaria, AIDS etc. Connie was sponsored through her education by FOAG members and

she is a brilliant communicator, keeping us in regular touch with all that is happening at the hospital. She has asked that FOAG consider the need for a haematology analyser which would make such a big difference to Kumi's laboratory. These machines are not cheap at £7,500 but if you feel able to help then please contact FOAG on 01905 830745. Apart from this request we remain mindful of the need to keep the hospital supplied with electricity.

If you are medically qualified, have 2-3 months to spare, can support yourself financially and would like to take part in helping a miracle continue by working voluntarily at Kumi, why not contact us here in FOAG and we'll put you in touch. But be warned, you'll never look at life in quite the same way again!

*Malcolm Rankin*

**MTCEA**

We couldn't have dreamt how successful the new ox ploughing project in Iganga District would be. But thanks to the ambition and commitment of MTCEA Manager Peter Owor and his team, the 2007 summer appeal money raised by FOAG supporters has already resulted in more families getting better health care and children being able to go to school.

Groups of farmers come together and agree to receive a pair of oxen which they use for ploughing land. Up to now ploughing has been done by hand but by using the oxen up to four times as much land can be cultivated. With more land in production more crops can be grown and with more crops comes more money at harvest time to pay for school uniforms and healthcare.

The secret to the scheme's success is that the farmers' groups agree to repay the revolving loan; not to us but to a community fund which is then available to buy more oxen for other farmers in their own community. Already repayment from the 40 farmer groups have been able to fund a further 20 oxen which will benefit other farmer groups.

Having seen the early success of the scheme, FOAG has now released the last of the 2007 summer appeal funds so yet more oxen can be bought to benefit even more families. FOAG committee member with responsibility for the project, Mike Bentley says "This scheme is a real partnership between FOAG and farmers and gives them a real sense of pride that they can repay the loan and not simply receive handouts".



*MTCEA Staff outside their office in Iganga*



*This photo shows the repayment boxes used by the Bulange village farmers group under the leadership of Steven Kunya (right)*

Field Officer for the scheme Ajab Waiswa visits the oxen regularly, checking on their health and welfare while back at the MTCEA office Moses Tsubira and Ayub Musulo manage the administration. Such is the success of this way of funding ox ploughing that recent visitors to

the scheme include university students studying development, the local and national government and representatives from the Ugandan Kingdom of Busoga.

*Iain Patton*

### **Budaka Cheshire Home**

We were warmly welcomed by the children, Sr. Mary Florence, Sr. Josephine, Fr. Paul Buyela and Chairperson Mr. Jerome. Even though it was the time of the school holidays there were many children to greet us.

Budaka is a permanent home for some of these children as none are turned away.

At the last FOAG visit in February 2008 there were 60 children enrolled; now there are 100. The increase is due to a change in policy by the Sisters. They found that many of the children who had undergone operations, treatments and physiotherapy had regressed in their rehabilitation. So now many of the children are staying at Budaka for short or longer periods of time. The presence of many extra mattresses in the dormitories was evidence of the pressure which the increased number is creating.



The children we met are happy and well cared for. Many are outgoing and confident as shown by the three boys who acted a short play for us using sign language as they are deaf and cannot speak.

Budaka is a home that needs lots of FOAG support. Sr. Mary Florence is working so hard to help so many disabled children. Her major problem apart from accommodation continues to be the need for fencing as recently a child wandered away but was fortunately found again, but not until five days later. The fencing which FOAG and others have provided at Masindi and Butiru has removed this potential problem in those establishments.

Transporting children for example to Kumi hospital is proving difficult as the FOAG-funded vehicle is in need of major repair.

The bakery funded by 'Bake for Life' is now up and running so now the children receive fresh bread and the home is also able to sell bread and cakes to the local community, thereby generating some income. Ten children have been trained to make bread as well.

Sr. Mary Florence and her staff are doing an amazing job in an area where the need for medical and rehabilitation

services for disabled children is great.

Any help for this worthy Budaka Cheshire Home from our associate members would be gratefully received.

*Jane Sturdy*

### **Masindi Centre**

It's tough work managing a school for handicapped children in Uganda. Not only have you to manage the teachers and children and make sure there is enough money in the bank, but with escalating food prices you have to organise the planting of crops to feed everyone and the planting of hundreds of trees which one day will turn into a crop to cook food and perhaps raise some funds. It is a tough job but you can see that the management team of Head Teacher Eseri Kaifi, Deputy Monica Kunihira and Bursar James Byarugaba are thriving in their roles, with the Government naming MCH a centre of excellence and a lead for others in the field to follow.



*Eseri, Monica and James standing proudly by their successful groundnut crop planted by teachers, children and parents.*

FOAG has a long history with this pioneering centre. Most recently FOAG supporters have funded a new kitchen with efficient and smoke-free cookers, the planting of another woodlot and a boundary fence to protect wandering children. It was great to see all this progress and the Centre and site looking so well cared for.

*Iain Patton*

### **Namukhongwe Community Polytechnic**



*Principal Nelson Masette*

A warm welcome was extended to us by the Principal Nelson Masette, his staff and chairman of governors. Unfortunately, there were no students present due to the college holiday.

We were impressed by the ideals and commitment of the staff. Nelson and his staff continue to work voluntarily with no salary. James Wesonga, the deputy, could be working in a mechanised carpentry shop in Mbale or

Tororo earning a good salary but we could see through his enthusiasm that he is committed to teaching students in carpentry skills so that they can ultimately earn a living. Nelson explained that, during term time, he and his staff all work on the land raising crops in the early morning and they start teaching at 8am. So in this way the staff are able to feed their respective families, plus are able to sell any surplus at the moment for good prices, thus generating some income for their families.

There are currently 51 students, of which 19 are girls. Each student pays 38,000 Ush/- per term. The college offers courses in carpentry, building, secretarial and tailoring over three years. They also receive one hot meal a day.



We inspected the new planer and saw machine which was purchased with FOAG funds and which was operated by the deputy, James Wesonga. He is very keen for third-year students to gain experience operating this machine so that they could get a job in an industrial unit. The students using this machine are asked to contribute to the purchase of diesel. A night watchman is employed to guard the machine at night.

FOAG will continue to monitor this project carefully. Some privately donated funds will be used to support a microfinance scheme for third year students with the purchase of tools when they qualify and leave in December 2009.

*Jane Sturdy*

### **Pamba Cheshire home**

It was a great pleasure to visit this work for disabled children again in May 2009.

You will recall that this Cheshire Foundation Home used to be called Madera, and then St Francis Home. However, now that they have relocated to their new permanent piece of land on the outskirts of Soroti they will be known in future as 'Pamba'.

Pamba caters for around 40 children with varying degrees of disability. As with the two other Cheshire Homes that FOAG supports in Uganda, Budaka and Butiru, it aims to care for children before and after curative orthopaedic surgery. Disabilities include polio (some children still miss vaccination for a variety of reasons), the serious effects of malaria, cleft palate, club feet, congenital hip and shoulder problems as well as paralysis and damage caused by poor hygiene and wrongly administered home injections.

The Centre is growing fast and FOAG is very much involved thanks, particularly, to generous support over the past 12 months from The Rotary Club of Malvern and The Sixth Form at Malvern College. The boys' new

dormitory is almost complete and is already occupied. The first phase of the new occupational therapy workshop, for tailoring and knitting, is also nearly finished. Solar lighting in both dormitories has caused great excitement – artificial light in the evening being a new experience for many children. The remaining big challenge is now to achieve the construction of a decent kitchen and already £2,000 has been raised – sufficient to begin foundation work – towards the total cost estimate of £10,000.



*The new boys' dormitory at Pamba*

FOAG would also like to consider helping the Centre to buy a minibus for transporting children for surgery at Kumi Hospital and elsewhere but our funds do not allow us to follow this up yet. The present open pick-up truck which is used as an ambulance is illegal and the situation is not satisfactory.

In our Christmas Appeal for money for surgery we featured young Martin Okwera, aged 8, who is resident at Pamba. As a polio patient Martin is confined to a wheelchair but he has the most engaging smile imaginable and he was so excited to take part in FOAG's introduction to the mysteries of a cricket game during our May visit. Martin's dream is to have his own Arsenal FC T-shirt (or Liverpool, or Chelsea, or Man United !!). Actually, for Martin to have a nice new T-shirt of any sort would be a dream come true.

And finally ... our thoughts have been very much with Sr. Sophie Akim, one of the leaders of the work here. In May she underwent major abdominal surgery in Mbale but is making a good recovery and is already back in harness at Pamba. There are many unsung 'Mother Theresas' in the world ... they rarely make the headlines because they are in the business of making good news happen. Sr. Sophie is one such. Together with her fellow Sisters, Crescentia, Winifred, Margaret and Pauline they bring love and hope to young lives who would otherwise remain in hopelessness. It is a privilege and an inspiration to be able to help at Pamba.

*Malcolm Rankin*



*Will Surman and some of the lads at Budaka home*

FOAG makes available each year a modest bursary (limited to £3,000 and frequently unused) to enable committee members who may not be able to afford the considerable cost of visiting Uganda to do so. Others pay their own way. This year we were joined by two self-funded friends, whose experiences they recount below.

### **FOAG takes me back to Uganda**

Exactly ten years ago, when I was 19, I picked up a pin, stuck it in a map and it landed on Uganda. Not the most scientific method to choose a gap year destination but it proved to be effective all the same. I ended up spending five months teaching in a small rural school just off the northern shores of Lake Victoria. I was mesmerised by the people, by their spirit and by the sights, sounds and smells of an incredible country. I was hooked, but had not been back since.

Not, that is, until FOAG gave me the opportunity to join them on their annual tour in May, earlier this year. Now, I had been a member of FOAG for several years; I had run the London Marathon to raise money for them and I had flicked through their newsletter. But it wasn't until six months ago that I decided to become more involved in the charity. As a sign of how uncomplicated FOAG is, it only took one phone call. Me: "Hi FOAG, I want to get more involved." FOAG: "Great. Do you want to visit the projects in Uganda with us in May?" Me: "Yes." Actually, I nearly bit their hand off.

Every year, come-what-may, a team of people – from chancers like me to founder members – will visit each and every FOAG project. This is a side of FOAG I hadn't fully appreciated. This year there were seven of us, in two 4x4s, with two weeks to cover many hundreds of kilometres of dusty roads in our quest to visit all 12 projects. We spent at least a day on each stop to get under the skin of the project, to make sure donor money was being spent effectively and to see where future funds could be used.

But auditing the projects was just part of the job. Because FOAG is a relatively small operation its members have developed strong relationships with the local project co-ordinators and our visit helped cement those relationships. It is this personal touch which stands FOAG apart from many other charities and helps strengthen the good work of its projects.

Now I am back in London, I certainly do not intend to wait another ten years before I return to Uganda. I have seen first hand how FOAG changes people's lives, I have made new friends and I am hooked, all over again.

*Will Surman*



*Nabil Jamous (right) with a Bulange Farmers group and FOAG's Malcolm Rankin*

For me it all began a year ago over a pint at the local pub. Iain Patton (FOAG member) had recently returned from a trip to Uganda and was regaling us with inspirational tales from his tour. 'Come with us next time' he invited, and I found myself accepting enthusiastically. Months later, when the dates for the 2009 tour were being bandied about, I began to worry that I'd bitten off more than I could chew. There were the inevitable trips to the GP for courses of vaccinations and medicine, with concerns about the various tropical diseases we might be exposed to. Plus, some of the areas we were planning to visit are classified as 'unsafe' by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Before this trip I was always of the view that the majority of money we give to charities went on administration and corruption and very little filtered down to the people who need it most. With the tour, the hands-on inspections and visits we carried out have changed all this for me; I was impressed and pleased to see that FOAG makes sure the money raised went to the causes intended, with particular attention and focus on projects that benefited communities. I was touched to see how a little money can make a huge difference in Uganda; for the price of a pint here in the UK you could feed 50 children in a home for a day, and £25 could change the life of a neglected child or a young adult. This amount will pay for surgical procedures, feed and rehabilitate a person with a minor disability, thereby giving them the opportunity to rebuild their lives and become a productive member of their community. The trip has touched my heart and changed my views about small charities. It makes me think much more about Africa, and the only regret I have is not having stayed longer in Uganda. I look forward to my next visit.

*Nabil Jamous*

### **LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH**

It costs quite a lot for us to print and post our newsletters and appeals but we certainly want to keep you informed about the support FOAG can give to the people of Uganda.

Can we ask you to send us your email address please. Over time we will be able to keep you better informed about our projects, appeals and events. We will certainly not pass your address on to anyone else. Unless you have already done so, please send your email address to [admin@foag.org](mailto:admin@foag.org)

### From FOAG's London Group

This has been a busy summer for us. The first Muddy Boots/FOAG Croquet tournament was launched proving to be a huge success with over 100 attendees including Ben Jaques, the great grandson of the game's inventor. On the same weekend Team Salvo managed to sail round the Isle of Wight in under nine hours and managed to claim victory over the other FOAG team who were cycling round the island.

Both teams managed to raise in excess of £1,000 for FOAG's latest project which is a joint venture with another Ugandan based charity PEAS (Promoting Education in Africa's Schools) .

We are currently working in tandem with PEAS to build an affordable secondary school in the Masindi district with capacity for 1000 pupils. The school will be a private, not-for-profit, secular school run on low fees. Facilities and places for disabled children will be provided. PEAS and FOAG London have raised £40,000 of the initial £80,000 needed to build and start the school. Following our visit in April we have secured significant local government support who are fully behind the project, and found a site 7km from Masindi town in Karujubu sub county. Currently there are no secondary schools serving this area and in excess of 200 primary school leavers looking to enter secondary education. For more information on PEAS and secondary education in Uganda please visit [www.peas.org.uk](http://www.peas.org.uk)



In addition to education the London group is also looking to tackle other social problems, most notably that of deforestation. Deforestation is a huge problem in Uganda which has seen the destruction of many of its river-line forests and the ecosystems that they support.

### Kamurasi Primary School

Now that the school is connected to both the power and water supplies this school will flourish even further. We are now raising funds for a home-based learning scheme which will enable us to maximise the expertise within the school and provide services for those children whose disabilities prevent them from attending school. We hope that the new secondary school will provide an outlet for those children with disabilities able to make the jump to higher education.

### Hayathlon 2010

The Hayathlon will be back next summer as well as a number of other events and challenges. Please do keep checking the website for further information on these.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year; the challenges are certainly many but your contributions do make a difference.

Alex Letts

If you, or someone on whose behalf you may have opened this, no longer wish to be on FOAG's mailing list, could we ask you to please advise our Administrator Mo Murphy: [admin@foag.org](mailto:admin@foag.org)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday October 17th 2009 at 7.30 pm**

Pershore Abbey

Concert given by the Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra, conductor David Curtis

*Rossini – Overture The Thieving Magpie*

*Brahms – Violin concerto, soloist Volodja Balzalorsky*

*Berlioz – Symphonie Fantastique*

**Tickets: £12.50 from the FOAG office and at the door**

**Friday December 11th at 7pm**

The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester

Christmas get-together

*Admission is free and all are welcome*

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