

# The Anvil

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September 2007 **The Latest News from Tools For Self Reliance Cymru**

## "KARIBUNI"

We were very pleased to welcome **Deo Nkwabi**, Technical Officer from SIDO Mwanza, who visited us for a month this summer.

He joined us at two summer festivals where he spoke to countless members of the public about life in Tanzania. He also visited Belfast TFS and Welsh TFSR Groups, where he gave a presentation about the work of SIDO (Small Industries Development Organisation) and TFSR.

We were all sorry to see him go, he made lots of new friends here, and was always busy in our workshop whenever he had the chance. Most importantly he saw and participated in how we make most of our money - by selling tools at festivals and from our workshop.



Sue and Tony with Nkwabi at the Big Green Gathering with our display in the marquee

The **Big Green Gathering** was our first dry festival of the summer, and we had record tools sales, everybody wanted an axe or billhook. At the **Green Man Festival** in our own back yard once again, our stall was a hive of activity; Rob's new forge blower at the centre of attraction. Several of the youngsters who had a go at blacksmithing last year were back again, along with all the new-comers. Punters came from all over the country, and we soon ran out of leaflets. Next stop will be Abergavenny Food Festival, the one last one of our season.



Nkwabi taking a well-earned break with Gwyn our worthy chair, and Ivan from Tools For Solidarity - our sister organisation in Belfast

### SIDO WALES TOOLS WORKSHOP

Our second container full of un-refurbished tools was sent off last March, and arrived in Mwanza in June.

The team in our Tanzanian Workshop had almost finished their stock of tools, and Saidi has been busy giving training to Blacksmiths Groups in Mwanza Region. Since June they have been extra busy, and they have dispatched 25 tool kits to artisan groups in Lake Zone during August alone.



Llanbedr School helped us to send off our second container to Mwanza - on Red Nose Day last March



Janet Meshack Kiswahili teacher, another visitor from Tanzania who gave us lessons over the summer, here with young axe-men at the BGG. TFSR Cymru hard at work in the background.

*"We're pleased to send you formal confirmation of the arrival of the tools you sent to our group. All tools arrived safely, in good condition and in accordance with the list enclosed. Thank you very much for the tools, which we have already started using. They are helping us to make products and increase the amount of money we make. God bless you all."*

**Bakari Ramadhani Lukindo**  
Group chairman - Handeni Group  
Tanga Region - Tanzania

## N E W S

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**"Open Day" Sat 20th Oct \* 10am - 1pm**

Come and have see our latest Tool Kits, the Tangawizi Forge will be running, Refreshments, all those sorts of things ....

**IKULWA BLACKSMITHS** have been making some wonderful tools for us to sell here following their training by Saidi from the Mwanza Workshop. Come to our Open Day and buy!



Young trainees from Handeni Group.



Jeff on our smartly painted zebra forge showing them how it's done, while keeping the crowds entertained as well. The latest version of Rob's pedal powered forge blower can be seen in the foreground.

## Many thanks . . .

. . . for all the generous donations you have made over the past year. If you haven't got round to it yet - better late than never!

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**Workshop Open:** Saturdays: 10.30am - 12.30pm for dropping tools & Tool Sales  
Wednesdays to Fridays: 10.00 - 2.00pm + Tues & Thurs 7.45 - 9.45pm for Refurbishing

