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Message from the Chair of Operation Imprezza

I am really delighted to inform everyone that Catherine and Daron have shared with us the news of the birth of their new baby son, Tolsa! I am sure you join with me in sending them our warmest congratulations!!



The choice of name is significant, Catherine and Daron met in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Tolsa is the Luhya word for clever. Catherine being Luhya, (and clever!) making it a special choice.

Before I begin, can I just pause and issue a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported, contributed or attended our events or helped in anyway at all in 2025. Your contribution, however large or small, continues to make a difference to the lives of so many young people who you will never meet. Please be assured, the impact your contribution has on them, is life changing, so on behalf of them and the Committee, can I say a really big THANK YOU!

2025 has been a busy and successful year for Imprezza and as it draws to a close, we are turning our attention to how we can continue to support Catherine, Rose, Daron and their staff and pupils.

Now that the fence is completed, making the site secure, we are starting our agricultural projects, we are intending to plant a variety of crops which will help take steps towards greater food self sufficiency. The school can now start a honey project as there is land the students don't use and we can put hives on there. We are starting work on the brick hen house including making it vermin and snake proof, the latter not being a normal problem in UK!! We will then look to purchase enough chickens and bring it into production to enable enough eggs to prevent the need to buy elsewhere..... hopefully as time passes, the we hope to help the Academy's generate more of its own food and this will impact positively on the diet of the students.

The ability to grow on site will be essential in the coming year, as we have needed to take an extra 130 pupils into the school starting with the new school year in January. This is part of the curriculum change which the Kenyan Government have brought in. The new system will be very similar to UK with a 6 year primary 6 year secondary, 3 years of Further Education and University being the norm, obviously some courses are longer as in UK. Until now the Kenyan system has been 8 4 4. The students that are joining are possibly the poorest we have ever had join. Catherine says there is not one student whose clothes aren't torn and faded and obviously underfed, some no doubt malnourished. All are either orphans or from destitute families as usual. The vast majority of these students will be day pupils as we do not have the capacity in our dorms for any more. We need more dorms and classrooms very urgently and more land to grow more food to feed them all.

We are investigating how we can provide more and better quality dormitory accommodation at present, more details will follow once we have secure information on the draft plan.

Best wishes Chris

A date for your diary!!

[24 January](#)

at Joanna's, Teignmouth

Quiz Night

Further details to follow! Together with other events planned for
2026!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our events throughout the year, we look forward to your continued support in 2026!



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