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Welcome

Welcome to this December issue of Jump4Timbuktu news, our third newsletter. Once again we have lots to update you on including news on our development projects in Timbuktu and progress we are making to improve sales of Tuareg jewellery. If you do not wish to receive future editions of our newsletter simply click on the link at the bottom of this page.

All of our development projects are dependent, in the long term, on the Tuareg artisans selling sufficient jewellery, through their partnership with Jump4Timbuktu. We have a long way to go, but there are several items of good news in our efforts to improve sales including the fantastic news that Marie Claire, the hugely popular fashion magazine, is promoting our jewellery as “on trend and ethical statement pieces” on their website. [Click here...](#) Another confidence boost to sales is that the prestigious Horniman Museum in London is now displaying and selling Jump4Timbuktu jewellery.

Buttermarket Fair Saturday 19th December

Jump4Timbuktu has been helping to organise the Christmas Fair Trade Fair in Hay which will be on the last Saturday before Christmas day. We have a good line up of stalls representing the products of many parts of the world and countries ranging from Zimbabwe to Nepal. Apart from our own stunning silver jewellery and leather boxes with new stock that has been ordered there will be a whole range of interesting products including shawls made by refugees from Burma and beautiful rugs made by Nepali craftsmen and women and beadwork from Zululand, S.Africa. In addition there is the colourful painted pottery from Zimbabwe and a whole variety of useful stocking fillers.

Not everything is from overseas as we will have locally made organic skin products and also shopping bags made from recycled materials. Truly something for everyone and all offered in a festive atmosphere with mince pies, mulled apple juice and Christmas music. We hope to see you there to do your last minute Christmas shopping!



Latest news

Forth coming trip to Timbuktu

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Horniman Museum in London to sell Jump4Timbuktu jewellery

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Jump4Timbuktu successfully campaigns for Regional President of Timbuktu to attend Climate Change conference at Copenhagen

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Second food security project

We have also made good progress with our water and food security programme for the five Tuareg desert communities. The exciting news, since September, is that we have raised funds to start a second food security programme at Toga, about 10 miles from Timbuktu. The feasibility study indicated good water capacity and soil quality. Within a month of receiving funds from Jump4Timbuktu, the community had cleared and fenced the land and commenced planting. Mohamed Lamine, president of the artisan co-operative said – ‘Everyone is very excited. This is the first time anyone has offered help from outside or within Mali. It gives us hope for the future.’





Fairtrade arm of Tuareg Relief,
charity number 1127167
<http://www.jump4timbuktu.org/>

Business and IT Centre for Artisans

We have received a major grant from The Waterloo Foundation to establish a Business Training and IT Centre in Timbuktu for the members of the Co-operative Artisans.

We have three years of funding to set up the centre and to run weekly courses in computer and internet skills, marketing, and business systems. The aim is to enable the artisans to strengthen their capability to trade in local and international markets. They will have the use of new computers with a fast broadband connectivity. Hopefully the days of queuing in the hot sun at the internet café are over.

Fundraising campaign for teacher in Tuareg village

Our last newsletter inspired Giorgio Favrin, a scientist at Cambridge University, to start a fund raising campaign to fund a teaching post in a new school at N'Dala where there is a single teacher for over a hundred primary age children. This is the village that we supported with our first food security project and where the community plan to use half of the vegetables produced to provide a mid-day meal for the children. You can see Giorgio's fundraising page at Just Giving by clicking [here](#).



Final words

We need to continue consolidating and strengthening the Jump4Timbuktu network of friends and supporters. We are amazed and uplifted by the contributions from our old friends, such as The Hay Makers and the Blue Ginger galleries, and by the steady stream of new support from Marie Claire, The Horniman Museum, grant making trusts and individuals. If you, or anyone you know, would like to discuss how you can support us, then please contact Steve Felgate by email, Steve@Jump4Timbuktu.org

Thank you for reading our newsletter and for keeping in touch with the new developments. We plan to go to Timbuktu soon and on our return will update you on progress being and hopefully have photos, videos and blogs to sustain your interest and support.
