

## Tributes and Condolences following the Death of Moussa Conteh



Expressions of condolence from:

***Ian Bayliss, Ken Harris, Iain and Isabel Whyte, John Myers, Sybil Roberson, Judith Ellis, Margaret Sheldon, Pippa Austin, Janet Alty, Brian Austin, Jane Shakespeare, Nicola Cumberledge, Denise Fowler, Maria Franchi, Myf Hodkin, John Mcfarlane, Kip Warr, Sylvia Lee, Magnus John, Fabian Radcliffe***

Added comments from:

***Maria Franchi***

"How awful. He was so lovely to me when I first went over and such a guiding light."

***Nicola Cumberledge***

"Very sad news indeed.

I really enjoyed meeting and spending time with Musa when we visited Bo last year. He was a very thoughtful person who seemed to take a great interest in anything and everything, and was fascinating to talk to. I am sure he will be greatly missed."

***Jane Shakespeare***

"I don't think I met Moussah but had heard lots about him and he sounded like he was a great man. Very sad."

***Janet Alty***

"Sad indeed, but at least it seems he died peacefully and in his own home. I was so fearful that he would die in India so far from his own people.

***John Myers***

"Reflective, empathetic, attentive, trouble taking, loyal to his people and country. I am honoured to have known him"

***John Mcfarlane***

Will miss you

Sincere condolences to all your family

***Kip Warr***

I should be very grateful if my condolences could be passed on to the family.

I met Moussah in 2007 when I was visiting Bo for the 25th Anniversary Year of One World Link. We had two long, interesting and enlightening discussions about the link and relationships between communities, part of which I recorded and put on the website Timeline. It was a real pleasure to meet

someone with such depth of experience and conviction and he will be much missed. The website includes numerous mentions of the very important part he played in the link itself. Members may wish to look up the many mentions of him on the OWL website. These include sound recordings of his thoughts (Timeline - archive for 2007).

### **Brian and Janice Austin**

We were both saddened at the news of Mussa's passing, although not altogether unexpected in the light of recent reports about his health. We feel that we have lost one of our friends in the Link and think it is a big loss as he still had much to contribute. He has been an inspiration to many people. Janice remembers him particularly from her time at St Anthony's School in the early days of the Link when they were involved with him in a bee-keeping project at the Tikonko Agricultural Centre when he was working there. And Brian had most contact when he was returning to Sierra Leone after his time at Milton Keynes working for Christian Aid. But over the years we have valued our contact with him on his visits to Leamington. Please pass on our sympathy to all his family. Brian and Janice.

### **Magnus John**

Yes, Musa Conteh's death is sad news indeed. I called at his house last Saturday in Bo to sympathise with relations I met there. I was visiting Bo since my return to Sierra Leone in 2000 and made it a point of duty of calling there. Best wishes to you all. Magnus John Ex Milton Keynes (committee member)

### **Fabian Radcliffe**

I am so sorry, and of course I will pray for him. And I know it will grieve you. He was a good man, and I know he will find welcome and mercy. Love. Fabian. (addressed to Jane Knight)

1/ To: OWL Newsletter Editor.

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Dear Ron,

A friend has passed on to me the OWL newsletter for June, so I would like to pay tribute to Moussa Conteh, if not too late.

I knew Moussa when he was the Area Secretary for Christian Aid, & I was the Aylesbury Sec. for C. Aid. (1905 to 1985)

He was a lovely man, very caring, & full of good ideas. Rev. Peter Lemmon, who was Chair of the C. A. c'tee in 1989 (now retired!) was very sad to hear of Moussa's death, & also shares my appreciation.

Yours sincerely,  
Eve Howes

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Dear Mr Stone

It is with great sadness  
that my friend and I learnt of the passing  
away of Mussa Konteh.  
Many years ago I met Mussa at a  
talk at a church in Hitchin.  
He gave a wonderful talk about S. L.  
and asked for any sports equipment  
I have linked with some of the Hitchin  
Charities

Those that I did not have I soon  
fastored

I was given sports equipment Football boots  
Shirts Socks shorts cricket bats balls  
hockey and Rugby stuff etc etc  
my friend used to store it until we  
had a load.

a phone call to Mussa and he would  
come in this old Volvo  
a couple of times he taught his young  
daughter with him.

People with his kindness are very rare  
I stopped collecting the stuff when I was  
told enough had been collected.  
I was only thinking of Mussa the other day  
then I received through your newsletter  
the news.

I am sad at the passing of a lovely  
guy

Yours Sincerely  
Colin Dunham