

A spectacular performance by our friends the Afro Drum Generation was the highlight of the Vigil. Dressed in traditional animal skins, their high-stepping dancing, supported by marimba and drums, entranced many passers-by. The group hopes to take part in Zim Idol, a TV talent contest to discover

Zimbabwe

's music stars of tomorrow.

Thanks to Njabalo Ndlovu, Claude Chiswamu, Christopher Sibanda, Jerry Mtotela, Peter Dlomo (on loan from the Shashe Dance Troupe) and Nanzy Sebata. Nanzy also manages the group. They are available for hire – please contact Nanzy (07787 183 098).

Once again we were joined by several MDC officials who spoke of the need to reform the party in the UK. Our activities were again filmed by ZBN News (www.zbnnews.com).

The Vigil continues to be 'humiliated' by developments at home – when, for instance, Mugabe says Zimbabwe must maintain its vast army of diplomats leaving trails of unpaid debts around the world because to reduce their number would be 'humiliating'. We are embarrassed when the mayor of Harare – in an affront to all donor countries – openly boasts he has a private fleet of vehicles but must still have an official car costing US\$150,000: ‘

I have a Mercedes Benz E240 and a Jaguar. My wife has a Toyota Double Cab and an Audi Curio Double Cab. My children use a Ford Bantam and a Ford Courier’.

We are embarrassed that the Zanu PF deputy spokesman—in a break from insulting the West

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whines that Mugabe and his gang still can't travel to the West or educate their children there.

It was good to have so many supporters from far-flung places today – David Maliselo from Plymouth and Edrith Mhembere from Wales were there to greet us when we set up and we were also joined by Tabetha Mutyambizi from Dublin. Patson Muzuwa read out a letter of thanks from Enika Chindawi.

Her mother died recently and Vigil supporters made a collection for her last week. Our condolences go out to Enika. There was also a message from journalist Irene Madonko. She is interested in talking to anyone who has been repatriated.

If anyone would like to help her, please contact the Vigil (co-ordinator@zimvigil.co.uk)

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) and we will pass on the message.

For latest Vigil pictures check: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/zimbabwевigil/>

FOR THE RECORD: 190 signed the register.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **ROHR Swansea launch meeting.** Saturday 22nd August, 1.30 – 6 00 pm. Venue: Morriston Memorial Hall, Heol Gwernen, Morriston, Swansea SA6 6JR. Present ROHR President and some members of the ROHR Executive. Contact: Kudzai Ruzwidzo 07824967317, Israel

Ncube 07789814159 or P Mapfumo 07915926323/07932216070.

- **ROHR South East London general meeting.** Saturday 22nd August, 1 – 5 pm. Venue: 375 Old Kent Road

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London

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SE1 5JQ

. Contact: Priscilla Chitsinde 07804696328 or

Wellington

Rupere 07838153217.

- **ROHR Chelmsford general meeting.** Saturday 29th August, 1.30 – 5.30 pm. Venue: Springfield Parish Hall (centre), Chelmsford

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CM1 6GX

. Transport from
train station

to the venue provided. Contact: Faith Benesi
07958650670

, Tobokwa Malikongwa
07533660621

, Robert Mafigo 07944815190, Christina Zanzi
07535791464, Matha A Magwaza 07748644911.

- **ROHR Derby general meeting.** Saturday 5th September, 1.30-5.30pm. Venue: The Community Block,

Pear

Tree

Community

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. ROHR Executive present and a substantive committee to be elected.

Contact: Tsitsi Razawe

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, Wonder Katurura

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, Phenias Tutayi

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. FREE PARKING AVAILABLE.

· **ROHR Coventry party.** Saturday 5th September from 4 pm till midnight. Venue: St Paul's Church

,
Foleshill Road

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Coventry
CV6 5AJ

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available. Admission £3.50. Contact (Chairman)

E. Nyakudya

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(Secretary) Pauline Makuwere

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(Organizer) Matambanashe Sibanda

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(Treasurer) V.J Mujeye

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· **Zimbabwe Association's Women's Weekly Drop-in Centre.** Fridays 10.30 am – 4 pm.

Venue: The Fire Station Community and ICT Centre,

84 Mayton Street

,
London

N7 6QT, Tel: 020 7607 9764. Nearest underground:

Finsbury

Park

. For more information contact the Zimbabwe Association 020 7549 0355 (open Tuesdays and Thursdays).