



## Rudhaka Chinyahara Village & St Cyprian's School

*The story of a school must always be a complex amalgam of many hands, many loves, many lives.  
More than any other human fabric, except that of a family and a home, of which indeed it is  
extension and corollary, it is a delicate interweave of place and person.*

*(N H Brettell Ruzawi Staff 1930-32)*

The contribution to Ruzawi by our waged staff continues to be of inestimable importance on every level and the pride with which their duties are conducted is apparent to our pupils, parents, teachers and support staff. Our vision is to encourage strong morale and a continued sense of belonging and appreciation through improved living conditions.

**Rudhaka Chinyahara Village.** The site selected in 1936 for the Ruzawi staff village was carefully considered; combining a great "indaba" tree centrally placed amongst granite boulders with the much-loved "Parrot Rock" feature. The dwellings were arranged around two village greens in the general form of a pair of spectacles with a site reserved for a Chapel on the 'bridge of the nose'. The married quarters were built in 1937/8 and further development was only achieved in 1948 due to shortage of funds during WWII. Almost a century later, these buildings have stood the test of time and served our staff admirably.

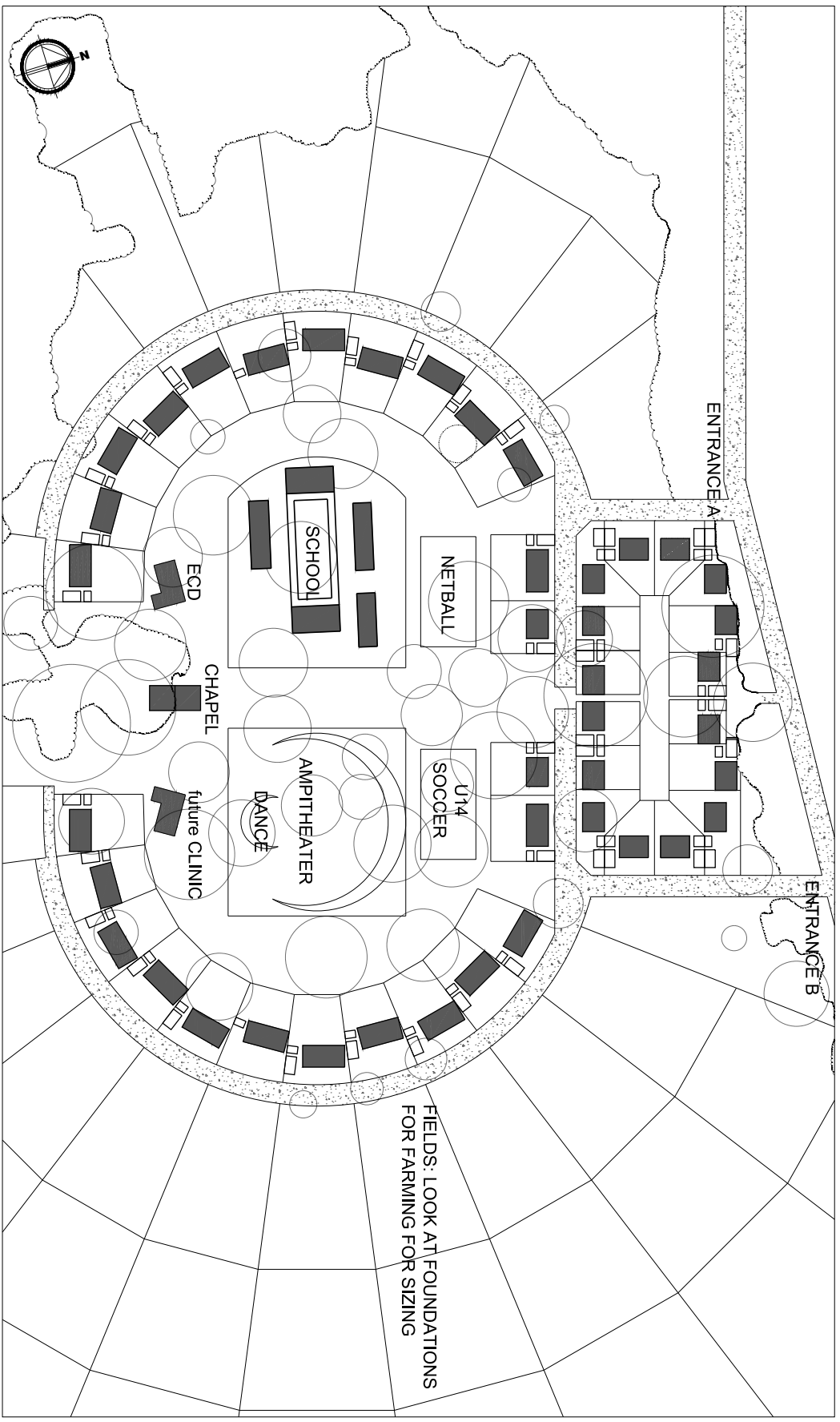
Future plans for the village aim to refine the layout and improve facilities:

- replace old buildings with two or three-bedroomed homes in a circular formation
- create a peripheral access route to reduce traffic through the settlement
- individual, segmented vegetable gardens will radiate outwardly from each dwelling
- sports, cultural and social amenities to promote community pride and spirit

**St Cyprian's School.** In 1929 Maurice Carver initiated evening school for staff servants in a schoolroom he built in the village. This developed into a school for staff children by day and for staff themselves in the evenings. In 1937 Canon Grinham wrote to Archdeacon Christelow expressing his intention to start a school in Ruzawi's staff village. After the Second World War, Sir Evelyn Baring revived the generosity of the Beit Trustees and the buildings around the second green were completed.

The village school now educates more than three hundred pupils from Rudhaka Chinyahara and the surrounding area. Prevailing, local, economic challenges have arrested progress with vital facilities such as staff ablutions and an improved ECD centre. Whilst each of these projects are equally deserving of benefactor funding, the ablution block is essential for health and welfare.

The borehole water originally used for drinking has been contaminated by effluent from pit latrines. Water tests have determined that this water is suitable for use on the school's vegetable garden. However, a second borehole with a solar pump to provide a sustainable potable water source, appears high on the wish list for St Cyprian's management.



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