



Building Brighter Futures Newsletter—8th Edition April 2011

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Welcome to this, the 8th Edition of our newsletter which I hope will show you the progress that can be made with your continued support. But first a quick update on Sylvia, who you may remember featured on our blog while we were in Uganda and was mentioned in the previous newsletter. Sylvia is now being properly looked after by a lady, known to Livingston and her sponsorship is meeting her immediate needs. Her smiles are still a bit far and few between but we are reliably informed that she is well, which is fantastic news for all of us.



Following their successful study trip to each of the schools in August last year Berkshire Scouts who are working in partnership with BBF have now committed to funding and building an EGGs project for Bukeka and rebuilding the school kitchen. During their trip they also saw a need to provide clean drinking water and will be looking at identifying some funding to construct a proper and hygienic borehole at the existing water source. The main team will spend 6 weeks in Uganda and around 90 scouts will join them over 3 week periods. The work at Bukeka is new, major project work and whilst the teams will spend some time at each school, the work at Kavule will be mainly maintenance. In addition to working everyone will be given the opportunity of taking part in some adventurous activities such as climbing Mt. Elgon, white water rafting and a safari. Both schools are eagerly awaiting their arrival and past experience should ensure that their visit will be life-changing in so many ways. We wish them well in both their fund raising and on their trips and we look forward to hearing their progress in all respects.

KAVULE SCHOOL

Since our visit last year there has been more progress made at Kavule School. The award from the World of Children mentioned in our previous newsletter has enabled the campus

to be fenced. In order to maintain security and safety this was much needed and we are delighted it is now complete. Another issue which was frequently raised was teacher accommodation. For some time now some of the teachers have been using a corner of their classroom as their main living accommodation. This is not good for morale and whilst it has been discussed with Sam on many occasions we have not had the funding to build a dedicated unit for them. Now, thanks once again to the award money from America they have been able to complete the building of a classroom block which was started some years ago by another charity but not finished. Livingstone in consultation with BBF has discussed with Sam that part of this building should be used for teacher accommodation and it is hoped that by next term this will be the case. Future plans are that we can also provide guest accommodation which will enable other visitors to stay.



The official opening of the new classroom block which will also house teachers.

The sponsorship of children continues to bring in much needed funds and whilst it is not quite enough to cover full costs of boarding, food and education it certainly goes a long way towards it. We are currently sponsoring 50 children, so thank you sponsors—you make such a difference.

Last year Farnham Scout Shop donated over 30 sweatshirts and t-shirts which are no longer worn in UK. One of our 2010 team members, John Sharpe, who also runs a scout shop has donated 40 more and our thanks to Woking Scout Shop who recently donated another large box of the same. We are hoping that Berkshire Scouts will have enough room to take everything with them this summer.

Kavule Students Promote Deaf Awareness

Students from Kavule attended an International Deaf Awareness Rally in Mbale dressed in their new school uniforms. The students were living up to their motto "Disability is not inability."



Clean Water at Kavule

Thanks to the generous support of The Ryan's Well Foundation a new well has been drilled on the school campus and is now complete, giving clean safe water for the children.



Bukeka School

Thanks to Philip German, a contingent member in 2008, collecting brass band

instruments Bukeka has now formed a small brass band. With BBF sponsorship of a bandmaster the school band has been able to make its first public performance for the parents at the end of term celebrations.



New uniforms for Bukeka children from Northern Ireland



John and Jackie Morris, who visited Uganda with BBF in 2010 have been getting support from his company and his family and friends by bag packing at ASDA in Belfast. Together they raised a fantastic £430 which was specifically for new school uniforms at Bukeka. John said "Believe me, I was so far out of my comfort zone packing everyone's shopping bags." Thanks John, Jackie and Carl for such a great effort which has been very much appreciated by all the children at the school.



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Rather than sponsoring individual children at Bukeka BBF continues to provide financial support to the school, in addition to teachers' salaries at both schools. We have agreed to continue until next year when there will be another review. These salaries can only be met if we have sufficient funds which puts enormous pressure on the Trustees to find even more ways or raising funds.

Livingstone continues to act as our agent in Uganda and does a wonderful job of keeping us in touch with events.

100 Club

The BBF 100 Club has a number of shares still available at £5 each per month. It's easy to join and you could win £100, just go to www.buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk and select "BBF 100 Club" where you will find all the information you need to apply. Download the application form and send it off today! Maybe it would make a special birthday present for someone!

HOT ROCK II



Its here again!!

**SATURDAY 21st MAY 2011 at
ELSTEAD CRICKET CLUB**

*The Recreation Ground
Thursley Road, Elstead, Surrey
GU8 6DU*

7.00pm – 11.00 pm

Live Music, BBQ, Hot Rod Cars

Fully Licensed Bar

Tickets: £10 in advance

£12.00 on the day

For tickets please email:
HotRockII@hotmail.co.uk

Or phone Anna: 07816 866782

Lindsay: 07786 581863

Michele: 01483 894596

All proceeds raising funds for Kavule Parents School for the Deaf. Tickets to be paid for in cash or cheque made payable to Building Brighter Futures. Come and join us for a great evening. Bring your friends and enjoy the music, the food and the company and help us raise funds at the same time.

NEW—CHECK IT OUT

www.buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk

Jane Stagg our webmaster has been working hard on the website, please check it out and click on the video links to see what we got up to last year. Its a great website, so please forward any new items for inclusion to info@buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk

Hygiene Education and Training

As part of the package to provide clean water, Ryan's Well Foundation provided funds to provide hygiene training to parents, staff and children at Kavule.



New latrines and hand wash stations coupled with formal classroom training has raised the standards at Kavule to a new height. Congratulations to Ryan's Well Foundation.



An Invitation !!

Traditionally the Trustees have organised a trip to Uganda every other year. Would you like to join in and have that wonderful experience that has been shared by so many people of differing ages and from diverse and varied backgrounds and situations?

A visit in 2012 would give us chance to catch up on the work carried out in 2011 by Project Africa www.berkshirescouts/projectafrica, a chance to try out some new initiatives and introduce some skills to the schools as well as renewing friendships and making some new ones.

Traditionally our visits have included a trip to a game reserve and a chance to experience life in rural communities—how about it? Have you got a vision for a project? Have you got some expertise to share? Do you just want to go and experience Africa? Why not make the decision to do it! Email

info@buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk and Eric Goulding, the Chairman of the Trustees will contact you for a no obligation chat.



BBF Trustees David Cooper and Marion Stagg travelled to Bournemouth in November last year and gave a presentation of our work in Uganda to the first CNU conference held in the south of England.

Over 16 charities were represented at the all day event and each had an interesting story to tell, many useful contacts were made and David has agreed to represent us at this year's conference. The feeling was that it was a very worthwhile day and reinforced the importance of what we are doing. Several of the other charities present were very interested in our achievements and envious of our many expeditions to Uganda.

At our AGM last year several of our Trustees agreed to continue and we have welcomed two new members:

Our current list of Trustees is now:

Chairman—Eric Goulding
Secretary—Marie Goulding
Treasurer—Jean Phipps
100 Club Organiser—Marion Stagg
Anna Lass
Linda German
Darren Sims
David and June Cooper
Paul Brewster
Michele Gardener

Linda German who was our Treasurer has now handed over to Jean and we welcome Michele, who was a team member on our visit to Uganda last year. We are delighted to have Jean and Michele aboard and equally delighted that Linda, whilst no longer our Treasurer is still keen to be an active Trustee.

WANTED : WANTED : WANTED !!!

BOTTLES (on or before 2nd July)

Once again this year we will be running a Bottle Stall at our local carnival in Hale. Last year it was very successful and raised much needed funds Please help us again this year by donating bottles which will entice

people to keep coming back. So please once again ask your friends, colleagues and neighbours if they have any bottles they would be willing to donate to our Tombola stall for BBF.

Job Opportunity

WANTED—AN Expedition Leader to lead a group of enthusiastic volunteers of various ages, skill and experience to Uganda in 2012. The job carries no salary, in fact you will need to pay the same as your fellow travellers and you will need to be resourceful, patient, tolerant and have a real sense of humour—**STILL INTERESTED?** You do not require any previous experience and full training and support will be given both here in the UK and on the ground in Uganda. For more information and a no obligation chat call Eric via: info@buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk and he will contact you.

And finally ...We have always done our best to be upbeat and enthusiastic about what we have achieved and what we wish to achieve for our schools in Uganda but it has to be said that without further successful fund raising and income our current bank balance will run out at the end of this financial year. We realise that the current financial climate throughout the world is affecting so many people but our bottom line is this ... We have taken our two schools to a level that they could never have dreamed of and as a result of our efforts and those of some of our partners they are achieving success in so many ways, educationally, socially and in their standing in the community. The worst possible scenario for everyone, teachers, students, their families and their communities would be if Building Brighter Futures was no longer able to give them the support they so badly need. Our efforts over the past six years have resulted in both schools not only achieving what is mentioned above but actually looking at ways in which they can help themselves and this was always our ultimate goal. However, without that continued support everything that has been achieved will have been for nothing and both schools will be back to struggling despite their own efforts. Please, please help us to continue to help them and any future efforts in fund raising, sponsoring and donating will do just that. The best support we can give to the children is to give them a good education and to achieve this we need around £20,000 a year—any ideas—please?