



# Building Brighter Futures Newsletter – 4th Edition May 2008

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**The Chairman says ...** What a year! Last year we promised to pay the teachers at both schools up to April this year and we have now pledged to continue for a further year. We have organised diagnostic hearing tests and provided funding for surgery, medication and the provision of hearing aids for those who will benefit. We have committed to the building and stocking of a poultry farm and are delighted that Surrey Beaver Scouts have raised almost £2000 towards buying the chicks. Northumberland scouts have also come on board to help us with both funding and building of this project and Haslemere Rotary Club has adopted us as their charity for 2007/2008. We now have a trusted representative in the name of Mpagi Livingstone who is our link between both schools. We sponsor over 60 children and our 100 Club is already adding to our funds ... not bad for a local charity whose aim was to raise about £3000 a year. But the genie is now out of the bottle, there is no going back and we need people like you to help us continue with our work. If you would like to become involved contact us now either directly or via our website. Anything you can do, however small is making such a difference to these children.

## Hearing Tests

Following the results of the diagnostic hearing tests we are delighted to report that the sum of £3658 has been sent to Kavule School for the Deaf to cover the cost of surgery, medication and hearing aids. In the future it is proposed to fund the cost of training the children's families in sign language so that when at home during the holiday period they can communicate with each other. We are also looking at the prospect of running a hearing awareness campaign to educate the public about the benefits of educating deaf children. Trustee Sarah Lewington has worked tirelessly on this project and the results speak for themselves.

## Poultry Project (EGGS)

Our poultry project is now well under way and we have recently sent over £7000 to start the building of the chicken housing. It is hoped that the main structure will be completed in July when both BBF and Northumberland Explorer scouts visit. The Explorer scouts involvement in our project is very exciting as they are helping with the

fundraising and will be staying at the school where they will be putting the final touches to the chicken housing and erecting security fencing to the compound. By the time we leave it is hoped that the first batch of chicks will be in place and for these we have Surrey Beaver Scouts to thank for their contribution of nearly £2000.



**Our picture shows a poultry project we visited in 2007. Here the annual income is around £12000 from a stock of about 5000 chickens.**

## Bukeka School

Bukeka School continues to thrive. So much so that Livingstone, the School Director, has decided to build another temporary classroom. This will be constructed from local materials and 9<sup>th</sup> Reigate Scout Group will be funding the provision of metal sheets for the roofing. On past experience it is expected that this structure will last for about 3 years as the ants eat the reed it is built from. However, at a recent meeting of Trustees it was decided that 2009 will be the year that BBF concentrates more of its efforts to raise funds for the building of 3 further permanent classrooms. Currently when children complete primary 4 they have nowhere to go and their education finishes. 3 further classrooms will enable these children to continue with their education, which is critical to their futures as they live in such rural areas.

## First BBF 100 Club Draw! (see over)



## Results

The new **BBF 100 Club** draw took place on Tuesday 5th December 2007. The first ball to be drawn for the monthly £100 prize was number 64. The second ball to be drawn for the special Christmas prize of £300 was number 48.

### Winners of the BBF 100 Club Draw 2008

	Share Number
January	91
February	25
March	25
April	15

Every draw took place during the Farnham District Scout Fellowship's monthly meeting and the ball was drawn by a different guest each time. As you will note, unbelievably, it is possible for a number to be drawn again! So, please join the club (£5 month) and get yourself in with a chance of winning £100, at the same time know that you will also be supporting our schools in Uganda.

Contact Marion Stagg [marion@stagg.org.uk](mailto:marion@stagg.org.uk) who will be pleased to send you details of how to join. You can also log onto [www.buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk](http://www.buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk) where you can download an application form.

## Sponsorship

Sponsorship has remained at around 63 children from both the schools. Sponsorship is crucial to keep some of these children at school and whilst 63 is a good number we still need to sponsor many children. At Bukeka £5 a month will sponsor a child but at Kavule School realistically we are looking at £10 a month. The extra amount takes into account specialist teaching and materials as well as their board and lodgings. Our guarantee at BBF is that every penny sponsored will get to the end user. If you know of anyone who is looking to helping a charity or sponsor a child please point them in our direction.

## Fund Raising

All of us at BBF are continually striving to raise funds for our charity. There is never a shortage of projects or ways in which the schools can use the funding; any new ideas from anyone would be very welcome and if anyone felt they would like to come on board and actually run some fund raising events then please don't stay quiet contact us with your ideas and we will do everything possible to support any efforts that help to increase our funding.

We can even loan you a chicken costume if you really want to dress up!

So far we have raised money by tombolas at local fairs, 100 Club, sponsorship, race nights, quiz nights, skittles, cooking camp donuts, giving talks etc. etc. Remember, we are always available to come to your location and speak to local Lions, Rotary Clubs etc.

If you are interested in sponsoring or fund raising please contact **Marie Goulding** at [mandegoulding@lineone.net](mailto:mandegoulding@lineone.net) or our website where you can download the appropriate forms.

## Future Visits

Our next visit is in July 2008 and we are delighted to announce that a party of 17 of us will be visiting both schools and enjoying a safari at Mweya Lodge in Queen Elizabeth Park.

The group is made up of existing members of BBF but the best bit is that some of our sponsors are joining us too. We hope to be able to introduce them to the children they are sponsoring and let them see for themselves the sort of work we are undertaking. It will also give them a better understanding of life in Uganda. There will be opportunities to sit in on some of the lessons, have a go at signing (one of the team already works with disability and signs) and be shown around the local community. We shall also be attending the local church which really is an experience not to be missed.



So... what next?

*You are cordially invited*

*to the*

**BUILDING BRIGHTER  
FUTURES**

**BBQ and AGM**

*at*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Farnham Hale Scout  
Headquarters  
The Green  
Hale, Farnham, Surrey*

*on*

*14<sup>th</sup> September 2008*

*at 3pm*

**Polo Shirts** – we now have in stock BBF polo shirts, in red, priced at £10 each. If you would like to order one please email [Marion@stagg.org.uk](mailto:Marion@stagg.org.uk) stating your size.

**If you feel you would like to volunteer in any capacity on behalf of BBF please do not hesitate to let us know by calling Eric or Marie on 01252 725656**