



# The Mityana Charity

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## **Would you be able to swim the English Channel?**

Six young people from Wellington College set themselves this challenge. The swim on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July was an amazing journey for us. We swam in a relay, each of us swimming for one hour at a time. There were six of us altogether: Max was first to swim, leaving off the beach in Dover, and got us off to a good start, then Sean-Paul, Bianca, Phin, me (Harriette), and finally Miss Grace Devlin (our teacher and fantastic organiser of the event). We had a beautiful sunny day and the sea was reasonably calm and, luckily, slightly warmer than during our training. Having set out at 11.15am the last four swimmers had to swim in the dark which was an additional challenge. Max was our only swimmer who had to do 3 full hour-long swims, and on his final one he got to within 800 metres of the French coast. Sean-Paul took over and was the lucky one to climb out onto the rocks to mark the victory of completing the swim. We had a lot of fun along the way and supporting each other was very central to the success of the crossing. We were all inspired so much by Miss Devlin who led from the front, having been in the water with us at every training session and then swimming as part of the team. Unbelievably, next weekend she is going to be attempting to do the same swim again, but this time completely on her own. I am sure the children at St Mary's school for the Deaf in Mityana will join us in wishing her well.

I am delighted to say that donations have now exceeded £1,700 and are going to St Mary's. *Harriette*



## **Thank you Mityana Charity from Rev Moses Ssemugooma**

"I am indeed pleased to express my heartfelt thanks to Mityana Charity for choosing me to undertake a University degree course at the Uganda Christian University-Mukono. Special thanks go to Ann Potts who has been paramount in encouraging me. I do very well recall her when she sent me a Greek NT Bible."



## **Sponsorship**

Unfortunately no one has come forward with any donations for Nayiga Sarah, who is a very bright, hardworking young woman who has been sponsored through secondary school. She has been granted one of the very rare government scholarships that will pay her course fees in full, to study Entrepreneurship and Small business Management.

Sadly her sponsor is unable to help her anymore and we are desperately hoping that you will feel able to contribute towards her board and lodging at university in Kampala for the next three years. The full cost will be £800 per year **but any smaller contributions** would be welcome towards this. Please help! Sarah is just the sort of person that Uganda needs so much. Without your help her dreams will come to nothing.

**HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL OUR SPONSORS AND FRIENDS!**

## **The New Water Tank provided by the Charity at Kyankwanzi- letter from the Head Master**

".....I have been filled with a lot of joy as I have seen the first waters go down in the tank. I have been reminded of the life giving water which Jesus promised and this has reminded me that you need much more blessings dear Ann. May God bless you more and more. The tank is soon becoming full, praise be to God. It is the song of everybody, though there is a fear as the whole community wants to get water from it. As regards the whole community looking for water I have tried to stop it by using our local leaders to stop it. I have also got a watchman though expensive to have him keep an eye on it especially at night and over the weekend as we are all away. .... The place is dry and when the rains begin you may not realize it, but come a dry season it is incredibly hot and dry. *Cranmer Kigongo...*"

**We now need to raise money for a tank for the community**

## **VISITS TO MITYANA 2011 & 2012.**

**Ann is planning trips to Mityana on 23<sup>rd</sup> October this year, and on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012. If you would like to join her please get in touch. [ann.potts@virgin.net](mailto:ann.potts@virgin.net)**

**Jean is hoping to visit in Feb 12**

## **New Life Gifts - Can you help to run our Gift Scheme?**

Unfortunately Eileen Rhodes is unable to continue running our New Life Gift scheme after December this year. We thank her for all the work she has put into this project. If you think you could help us with the Scheme in future, then please email Ann Potts [ann.potts@virgin.net](mailto:ann.potts@virgin.net)

## The Orphanage



Boarders at the Orphanage helping to level the land and others working in the gardens at the weekends.



## Jason cycled 419 miles across the high Pyrenees and raised £500 for the Orphanage – WELL DONE

I have wanted to do this ride for a number of years now. It is a 6 day ride from the east coast of France to the west coast, travelling through the Pyrenees. I started at the coast in Biarritz, and cycled through many of the classic cols of the Pyrenees.

The highpoint of the trip was the climb of the Col de Tourmalet (HC cat) at 2115 metres - involving 18km of steep uphill riding. It was a



tough trip but there was a great bunch of people doing the ride with me and a great sense of achievement and the end. - Jason

Also congratulations to Karen & Jason Davis' son Carrick who raised £295 in the Green Park Run.

## One of our teachers is getting married!

David Atukunda, who is one of our teachers at Nabukenya Primary School is getting married on 20<sup>th</sup> August. The wedding will be in Mityana Town, with a reception afterwards at our school. We wish the couple every blessing. -

## Charity Sponsored Swim

We organised a sponsored swim and had four swimmers – Tim Moreton-Morys, Helen Chang, Sarah Birch and Jean Ajin.

Tim swam 56 lengths of the pool, Helen 52 lengths, Sarah 50 lengths and Jean 100 lengths.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored them. We are hoping to have raised £2000.



Jean and Sarah swimming for Mityana

## Help our Treasurer

Please can we ask that when you make a direct transfer to our account you please put a reference on it e.g Sponsorship, Ann Potts, orphanage, Nabukenya Primary School (NPS), water, bibles, bikes etc.

As cheques are being phased out can we please urge you to make bank transfers or standing orders

Beneficiary ref **Mityana Charity**

Sort code **40-47-09**

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## Berkshire Scouts Africa badge

St Sebastian's Beavers found out quite a lot about the life of a typical Ugandan child in two sessions this summer. They had to identify from photos, where and how to get to Uganda, what children there ate, the games they play and also HOW TO WASH!

Ann Potts came along and told them a bit more about the classrooms and loos! She told them about Ugandan children walking to school, starting out in the dark, so that they get there on time.(Many schools are a long way from where they live) - no mums doing the school run there!



At the end the Beavers tried to carry water containers on their heads, without spilling too much, in a race outside. This was fun on a warm summer evening, quite unlike what many African children have to do to bring all the family's water for drinking, washing and cooking home every day. It made the Beavers think though, how different their lives are to Ugandan children and also they all received an African badge at the end!

Sarah Birch  
St Sebastian's Beaver Leader

## Water Situation

The water situation in Uganda is not at present as bad as in other parts of East Africa, but people and animals still suffer very badly from thirst in the dry seasons. There is a desperate need for us to drill more boreholes, and provide water tanks for schools and vulnerable communities. Please send your donation towards this urgent need to the Secretary, marked "Water Scheme."

