



## St Barnabas Bulletin - Autumn 2020

**7th—13th September 2020**  
**Remember You're A Womble.**



Everyone's favourite burrow dwellers, The Wombles, will be brought back to the nation's screens for Remember A Charity Week (7-13 September 2020) in a new short animated film that will shine a light on legacy giving. Remember A Charity's Director, Rob Cope, says "*The Wombles are warmly remembered for the way they supported each other and the wider community, and for their unfailing commitment to look after the world we live*

*in. In such challenging times, who better to encourage the public to consider leaving a gift in their Will?"*

# Characters from the College: The Burt Family

**Prompted by the story in the last edition of the Burt Family's contribution to the life of the College, our former Chairman, Dr Dundas Moore, shares some of his recollections with us...**

May I refer you to the excellent article in the Spring Edition , on the Burt Family ,& start by quoting Grandson Douglas ,the author of that piece--- " What the Burts gave Bernie's as a family is probably unique in the 125 year history of the College " I would replace the word " probably " with " Definitely "!

How come that I can say this so emphatically ?

I joined the Lingfield Practice in 1970 ,& knew very little of the College , who were medically looked after by Dr Richard Lodge's Practice in East Grinstead ,but May Burt was on my list of patients , as a member of a Staff family. She lived in one of the up-stairs flats in Morley House , & in the wonderful days of Home Visiting , I decided to call & visit her ,so you can imagine my amazement when I came through the main gates & saw the beautiful Estate so well & , unbeknown to me ,looked after by her husband & his team . She was a delight ,& I soon learnt of her large family of 11 !!

As I got to know her better ,I was astonished to discover that perhaps 9 of them lived within a " stone's throw "of her , with just one of her sons living in Australia ;I actually met him when he returned , presumably for some special Family Anniversary !!

I managed to arrange to go & see her once a month for a check up , & a cup of tea ! I got to know best , Win , the St. Barnabas Housekeeper , & Marjorie ,who was always around the College , & who rarely missed Christmas . She was always immaculately turned out & not a hair out of place , yet she & her husband together ran the small farm , right opposite the magnificent Gatehouse of Crowhurst Place only 2 miles from the College. But it was she who suddenly & most unexpectedly died in her late 50's ; a great sadness to us all .

So I will finish as I started by quoting grandson Douglas , who speaks on behalf of all the family , when he says

"But what Bernie's gave us was nothing short of sublime ----- we were all awakened to the presence of that greater peace which sustains everything here & which has remained with us all through the years "

We can still say that nearly 50 years on!.

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# Remember A Charity In Your Will Week

## 7th—13th September.

Every day, there are people going to great lengths – like our long-distance walker Mike Herbert, sky divers, mountaineers, cyclists, swimmers, marathon runners and even extreme ironers, for example – to help good causes like ours.

But of course, not everyone can do those sorts of things. We can't all be Captain Tom. Or Action Man. So during this year's Remember A Charity in your Will Week we want to let you know that it doesn't matter if you cannot go to such extreme lengths to help. A pen and paper is all you need to pass on something wonderful.

Most of our funds result from the generosity of people like you and we hope that in time more and more of our supporters will consider leaving a charitable legacy to the College, to help us safeguard the future.



That's why, as a member of the national Remember A Charity consortium, we are taking part in Remember A Charity in your Will Week this September to help raise awareness of the importance to smaller charities like ours of gifts left in Wills.

It's a common myth that you can't make provision for your family and loved ones as well as helping the causes that are important to you. Nor do you have to be rich and famous to leave a gift to charity in your Will. *In fact, nothing could be further from the truth.* After taking care of family and friends, it's amazing what one final gift can do, no matter how big or small, to help a smaller charity like the College.

Whatever the size of the gift, we are extremely grateful for all charitable legacies left to us, as they help us to continue to provide a home and to care for elderly Anglicans in need.

Taking care of your loved ones as well as passing on something wonderful is probably so much easier than you think.

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# A Farewell to Atim

**Senior Nurse Sister Atim Edem, who is leaving the College for pastures new, pictured with the Bursar, Paul Wilkin**



The College bade farewell to Senior Nurse, Sr Atim Edem, in a short, socially distanced event in the Common Room on Thursday August 6.

Sr Atim, who has been in post for about four years, has secured a post in a facility closer to her home, significantly reducing her travelling time to and from work.

Residents and staff from all departments heard a short tribute to Sr Atim from the Bursar, Paul Wilkin.

Paul praised Atim's professionalism, saying she had brought an appreciated level of skills and oversight to the Nursing Wing.

He said she had stimulated her colleagues with a desire to push for the highest standards.

'You will be greatly missed, ' he said.

In response Sr Atim said it had been a privilege to work at the College.

She reassured Cloister residents who rely on the Nursing Wing for the ordering and delivering of medication that she would ensure there is a smooth hand-over.

Sr Atim said she felt warmly supported in the many aspects of her role, which range from initial assessments of possible residents, care plans and oversight of staff.

She talked of the team culture that prevailed under the leadership of the Registered Manager, Mr Suzan Jack.

'I have enjoyed my time here and will miss the College very much,' she said.

Sr Atim was presented with a bouquet and flowers.