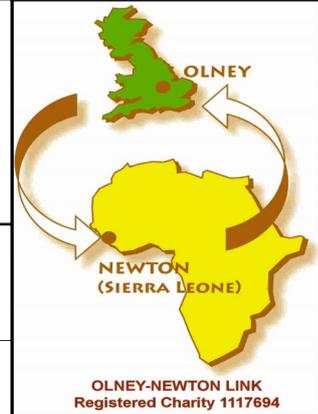


# Olney—Newton Link



*“To advance education and to relieve poverty*

*in the village of Newton, Sierra Leone, by the provision of charitable assistance”*

**August 2019**

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## Well repaired



Olney Infant Academy sent funds to Newton to repair the well at their partner school, the Rural Education Committee School.

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# The Tailoring Apprenticeships

Brima James Kabia is making fast progress with the tailoring workshop which is almost complete. It will enable the tutoring to continue during the wet season and at night.

The ONL has applied for a grant from Scott Bader to provide solar panels for lighting for the building.



James has been trying to install a borehole to provide water but we gather that it's proving difficult because water from the first hole didn't pass contamination tests.

Brima also sent photographs of some healthcare training—he is a busy man!



## A PLEA FOR HELP



In the November newsletter we reported that we had sent a carton of carpentry tools to Newton, to three carpenters who employ and train young people—Mr Massaquoi, Samuel and John. We managed to send more tools just after the New Year. These were much appreciated and now they have asked if we have any planes or other wood smoothing equipment we could send. If anyone has any which are no longer needed and which are in good order please contact Rachel on 01234 711751.

# The well at the REC School

The estimate for the repair of the well at the Rural Education Committee School was:

*Workmanship 3000000Le*

*Plumber 1000000Le*

*Granite stones 120000Le*

*Sand 150000Le*

*Binding wire 40000Le*

*Cement (5 bags) 275000Le*

*Well protection 495000Le*

*Total 5080000Le (about £500)*

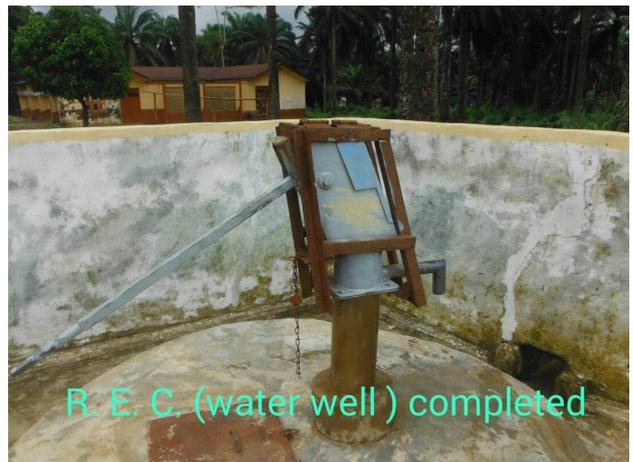
The REC School has had a troubled time recently with the new head Mrs Kallon (appointed following the retirement of Mrs Beatrice Usman who was one of the three heads who visited the UK in 2011) dying suddenly. Their partner school in Olney, the Olney Infant Academy was pleased to be able to help and sent the required funds. It was needed urgently so the repair could be carried out before the rainy season caused more damage.

These photographs show the new acting head Mrs Mansaray inspecting the damaged well.



On June 18th we received this message:

*The work is going on, thanks for your support. The entire are happy with you.*



By July 22nd the work was completed and these photos were sent... *'and the well is now working properly'*. Thank you staff and parents at OIA!

# More books for schools



Following Sarah Dewey's inspiring talk at the Olney-Newton Link AGM in May I asked my daughter Sarah, who teaches at Redborne Upper School in Ampthill, if her school had any text books they no longer required.

It turned out that they had stacks that they were looking to dispose of. Sarah liaised with Claire Tarawally, who lives and works in Education in Sierra Leone, and established that Science books were especially needed.

Sarah is pictured above loading one of numerous boxes into the back of my car. Driving the books home was particularly challenging, as it felt like the front wheels of the vehicle were lifting off the road! The books were later re-packed into larger boxes and collected by the shipping company on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The students at Redborne School had a non-uniform day on the 19<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds towards the shipping costs. Sarah has also set up a fund-raising page on Just Giving, if you would like to support this venture. (Click here)

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=SarahJones259&pageUrl=1>

Sue Lynch

# School News

Mr Komba Nfalie, headteacher of the Christ Evangelical School in Newton sent these photos on July 22nd.

*'We distributed report cards to parents on Friday together with exercise books received recently from UK. The photos show the distribution of the grade sheets and one of the guests helping to do the distribution at CE school.'*



We were very sorry to receive this sad news.



## News from Newton

We were very sorry to receive this sad news from Val King in Newton.

August 6th 2019

We regret to announce the death of newly elected secretary Oseh Jones, this morning at his residence.

Mr Oseh Jones was elected secretary of the Newton Committee earlier this year. He had joined the ONL Whatsapp group and was beginning to use it to communicate with us.

Apparently he was about 60 years old and died suddenly at his home. He had been a Committee member since before 2003, being on the Dean's committee. He was well known to those of us who have visited Newton, having been an active member for so long. We shall miss him and have sent our condolences to those in Newton.

# Fund Raising

## LONDON LANDMARKS HALF MARATHON



A HUGE THANK YOU TO Aidan and Fatima Selwood who ran in support of the ONL and the World Wildlife Fund in March. Luckily the weather was dry and they really enjoyed running past many famous London places.

The ONL benefited by £241 so we are very grateful to them and appreciate the effort and training that preceded the race.

## PARTY

A big thank you to Sue Lynch and all who attended her birthday party in March—donations were made to the ONL.

## PROBUS

A big thank you to the members of the Olney and Newport Pagnell Probud Club who invited Janet and Marilyn as guest speakers this month. Some of the audience had visited Sierra Leone in the past and some already supported the ONL but they were interested in hearing about our visit a few years ago to our partner schools.

Thank you to all of them for the generous donations they made.

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We made £239.60 profit—so congratulations and thanks to all who helped, in any way.

A special thanks to Brian, Rob, Rose and Tricia, for setting up and, in the gentlemen’s case, taking down!  
Let’s hope for better weather next year and, indeed, for the rest of the summer!

Anne

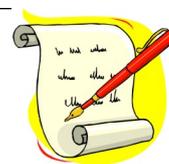
Thank you for inviting me to join yesterday’s team. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I learnt so much from Rose and Tricia about how a tombola is organised behind the scenes.  
I’m happy to help again whenever I’m free.

Christine



Children at the Newton Preschool, which is nearly complete. We are raising funds for equipment and to build toilets, required for government registration.

*Items for the next Newsletter, letters and comments would be welcomed by the Editor, Janet Howe. Email: [olneynewtonlinknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:olneynewtonlinknewsletter@gmail.com)  
The next newsletter will be in November*



**RAFFLE PRIZES**

Can you help? We need prizes for the BBQ and for our Autumn events. Have you been given something you don’t need or could you buy a small gift for us to use?

Give to Tricia at 18 East Street or Anne 34 Carey Way or any trustee.

**Thank you**

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2019

Summer Barbecue	2.30pm, Saturday 17th August, 34 Carey Way
Amazing Grace Walk	Sunday 15th September
Ian Roberts Gig	Friday 4th October at the Two Brewers
Autumn Antics	Tuesday 29th October, for little ones
ONL Quiz	Friday 8th November, Olney Centre

More details can be found on our website: [www.olneynewtonlink.org.uk](http://www.olneynewtonlink.org.uk)

## CORPORATE MEMBERS SCHEME

We are fortunate to receive support from local businesses, both financial and practical. Corporate members sponsor the Link's work through a series of packages:

**Bronze Membership**, £100 per annum – Benefits:- your website link and name on ONL's website.

**Silver Membership**, £150 per annum – Benefits:- your website and name and description on ONL's website and your company name and logo in our newsletter.

**Gold Membership**, £200 per annum – Benefits:- your website name and link and profile (maximum 30 words) on ONL's website and listing as sponsor in newsletter and logo.

**Platinum Membership**, £500 per annum - Benefits; link, profile (maximum 200 words) on ONL website, logo and advert carrying their logo in newsletter

Our very grateful thanks to those who have already joined the scheme—**David Coles, Heron Opticians, J Garrard & Allen, Souls Garages and Stephen Oakley.**

### GOLD

	<b>David Coles Architects</b>
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	<b>Heron Opticians</b> a friendly, professional family business.
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### SILVER

### BRONZE