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NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

The four local schools involved in the Link, Olney Infant Academy, Olney Middle, Ousedale and Lavendon performed together in a special concert on Thursday 10th November. Each school had been busy practising their individual items and then came together at the end to sing an African song, A Keelie Makolay, with a beautiful solo by Georgia Barnaby. It was wonderful to see the four schools working together. £266 was collected on the night for the schools in Newton. It is hoped that a similar event can be held in the future.

Olney Infant Academy raised the fantastic amount of £289.18 at their Christmas concerts. Olney Middle has just sent out some money, so that their Link school, Christ Evangelical, can buy two metal cupboards, as at the moment they have nowhere to store their resources. The other schools will also be sending out money shortly, once their Link schools have decided what they would like the money to be spent on.

Communication between the schools has been difficult. It is hoped that now the Skills Centre is open, more information can be exchanged between the schools and we can continue to develop our joint curriculum topics.



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Truth can be stranger than fiction!

At Registry entrance... Wife stops husband from marrying another woman

Alex Moore, residing at 14 Ladner Street, Fourah Bay, was yesterday caught by his wife at the entrance of the Registry at Walpole Street as he was about to wed another woman. The ceremony did not take place and the husband and the wife he was about to jilt ended at CID headquarters.



According to the wife, Haja Kadie Kalokoh, who is also the Chairlady of the Abacha Street traders, she has been living with Alex for the past twelve years as husband and wife. The husband was jobless for nine years but the wife was sustaining him, and of the nine years Alex was out of job, only this last three years that he secured a job

through her support from Mayor Herbert Williams of the Freetown City Council. She stated that previously Alex was doing well at home when he was not working, but immediately he started working problems started as both of them have children outside their marriage life, but they do not have any child together as husband and wife.

"Alex took my US\$6,000 which is equivalent to Le26, 460,000 (twenty-six million, four hundred and sixty thousand Leones) and left home for three months. "

The only time I saw this man was when I was walking and I saw him inside the house of this same women that he was about to wed, and the woman told me that her house is a Church where people go for prayers," said Haja Kadie, Haja Kadie disclosed that she went yesterday to the Registry as early as 5am after a tip-off that her husband was about to marry another woman.

The wife said she was determined to halt the wedding ceremony at all cost as the man used to waste her money.

"She is fierce...I told her that there is something fictitious in our house and her children frequently beat me up. These are some of the reasons why I decided to leave the house. In fact I am afraid of her hot temper," said Alex Moore.

The husband said he left the house and went to the woman he was about to marry, Zainab Ikeh Kassim, for his own safety.

He disclosed that Zainab lives at 6 Ladner Street and she often goes to his rescue when he finds life difficult at home. He said he was only walking along Walpole Street and denied that he was about to get married.

"I do not need to hide if I want to marry another wife, because this woman is wicked," Alex said.

Claudius Samai, Crime Officer, Family Support Unit (FSU) at the CID, disclosed that Alex confessed to them inside the FSU Line Manager's Room that he was to wed the other woman. He added that they were informed about the incident from the Registry and they went to the scene and invited both the husband and wife to CID headquarters.

By Alhaji M. Kamara

From: abu bakarr
Sent: 3 December 2011 10:15
To: Brian & Rachel Lintern
Subject: Re: ONL Money

GOOD NEWS!

Hi Mum, Dad, Claire

Am please to inform you that the internet service provider is now working here in Newton. This mark a progressive mile stone in our latest achievements. We have inform all school heads about this.

I have also received photos of the AASS toilet project which I will send to you soon

Thank you very much, now we can communicate freely and regularly.

God bless you.

bakarr

DISTURBING HEALTH PROBLEMS IN NEWTON

We have recently received reports that two of our friends in Newton have spent time in the local hospital with the diagnosis of malaria and typhoid.

The former is a common problem at this time of the year, (let's hope that Bill Gates is successful in at least going someway to eradicating it) but typhoid implies contaminated water supplies in the village.

A worrying development.

Rachel

How to Keep Warm on a Cold Night!



It may have been the coldest night of the year so far (Friday 3 February), but there were only two people at the Barn Dance who felt it. They were the two stalwart chefs preparing and serving the Hog Roast on the patio. We did feel sorry for them but were delighted to eat their food nonetheless. Inside the atmosphere was warm and welcoming with over 100 people taking to the floor and dancing their feet off to the music of

Winnie and the Whirly Pitts, known to most us as Sheila Woodhead and her friends and family. A profit of £541.90 was raised and our gratitude also goes to Olney Rugby Club for allowing us the use of their premises and to all who helped in any way. I think we might do it again sometime!

Rachel Lintern



The carol singers made a joyful noise-and got invited back!

At 4.30pm on Friday 23rd December it was pouring with rain and blowing a gale. By 5.30pm it had stopped and by 6.30pm a group of fourteen of us set off to wake up the people of Olney.

Jonathan Heron did stirring work with his trumpet, two reluctant singers opted for knocking on doors and the rest of us tried our best to imitate the Herald Angels.



After about an hour our angelic toes were getting a bit cold so we dared to gatecrash the Carlton House Club. There we received a very warm welcome—and were also invited to come back next year!

Thank you very much indeed to all who took part. A total of £132 was raised for ONL funds (including donations before the event).

Rachel

IT'S A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS 2011

Well here it is again, Dickens Day. How does it come round so quickly! It is the most difficult event of the year for those of us involved with fund raising and the preparation starts almost as soon as the previous one has ended. Unlike most events such as Church fetes which only last two or three hours, Dickens Day runs from approximately 9.30am to 4.00pm and selling out by lunchtime is not an option! We have learnt from experience that at least 800 tickets are needed, i.e. 160 prizes and the best ones mustn't all go in the first two hours. This marathon of organisation is undertaken by Sheila Ware who gallantly collects prizes throughout the year, tickets them all and divides them into groups so that as we go through the day we can keep topping up the stall.



As the day approaches eyes and ears are on the weather forecast and prayers are offered for no high winds please. The Gazebo has to be erected on our allotted spot by 8.00am and the car will only be able to get within 100 yards of it at best. Luckily Tricia Selwood lives within carrying distance of the Market Square so all the crates of prizes, tables etc can be carried from her house through Fountains Court. Then the delicate art of trying to display at least 50 prizes on a 5ft table begins, Rose Platt is getting very good at persuading floppy toys to stay put, and we just manage to get them up when the first punters appear. This year we were next but one to the stall selling Turkey Rolls and the consumption of those began at 9.15am! From then on three people are needed, one to stand in front with the tickets, one to take the money and one to look for the prizes and rescue the floppy dog who keeps falling off the stall, and we all have to wear silly hats!

It is good fun and a huge thank you to all who helped with this. This year we sold 722 tickets at 50p each and therefore took £361. So please continue to support us with your items for the stall and if you would like to help on the day we would love to hear from you.

Rachel Lintern



THANKS TO THE SCHOOL FAIRS

We had a stall at two local School Fairs in November and December last year—Olney Infants Academy and Lavendon

School. Pictured here is the successful stall at Olney. Our thanks go to both schools, and we raised nearly a £100 for our funds.

Items for the next Newsletter will be welcomed by the Editor, Sheila Ware.

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*The next
deadline is:*

*Friday 4 May
2012*



CORPORATE MEMBERS SCHEME

We are already fortunate to receive support from local businesses, both financial and practical. We have decided to formalise this arrangement and to offer the opportunity to join the scheme to a wider range of business within the area who may not be fully cognisant with the charity. The scheme will provide existing supporters with greater and more tangible recognition as well. Corporate members will be requested to sponsor the Link's work through a series of packages, briefly:

Bronze Membership, £50 per annum – Benefits:- your website link and name on ONL's website.

Silver Membership, £100 per annum – Benefits:- your website and name and description on ONL's website and your company name and logo in our newsletter.

Gold Membership, £150 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



Heron Opticians, a friendly, professional family business.

J. GARRARD & ALLEN
SOLICITORS

J Garrard & Allen, Solicitors, has been established for over 200 years. The firm has a local and international clientele. We like to provide a friendly, efficient and prompt service to our clients, many of whom have been with us for years. The firm is pleased to sponsor the Link's work. For more details of the areas of law covered by the firm, please view the website—www.jgalaw.co.uk

SILVER



David Coles Architects

BRONZE

Souls Garages
Stephen Oakley

THE KITCHEN TABLE HELPS US WITH THE TOILET PROBLEM!

A few months ago we were informed that the girls' toilets at the Ahmadiyya Agricultural Secondary School in Newton had collapsed and approximately £1,000 was needed for repairs.

Following advice from Community Action MK we applied to a charity with the delightful name of '**The KitchenTable Charitable Trust**' and were given the money needed for this work which has now been completed. We would like to thank them for their help in this very important project.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2012

Please help us to raise the £5000 needed for the installation of solar panels at the Health Centre in Newton, Sierra Leone. We have already raised £3500 towards this.

We are also supporting the newly opened Skills Training Centre
and several of the schools in Newton.

You can show your support by attending the forthcoming events below,
and have some fun at the same time!

Tuesday 21 February	PANCAKE DAY Please come along and support our stall in the Market Place
Friday 2 March 12.30—2.30pm	HOMEMADE SOUP LUNCH 40 Midland Road, Olney Bring and Buy and other stalls for you to shop at. No cost but donations gratefully accepted.
Saturday 24 March 10.00am—2.30pm	TABLE TOP SALE Carlton House Club, High Street, Olney Come along and get some real bargains, or if you would like a stall contact Rachel Lintern on 01234-711751
Saturday 12 May	ANDANTE CONCERT Sutcliffe Baptist Church A further opportunity to hear this superb Choir.
Saturday 23 June	MUSIC AND VERSE AT THE CHURCH St Peter & St Paul, Olney
Saturday 30 June	OLNEY CHERRY FAIR The Glebe, Olney Hope to see you at this annual fun afternoon!

More details can be found on our website: olneynewtonlink.org.uk

WANTED!

At two of our main events each year — Dickens of a Christmas and the Cherry Fair, we run a Tombola.

We would be grateful for donations throughout the year of any prizes towards the stalls. Please contact Rachel Lintern, Sheila Ware, or any of the Link Officers.