

# Olney—Newton Link

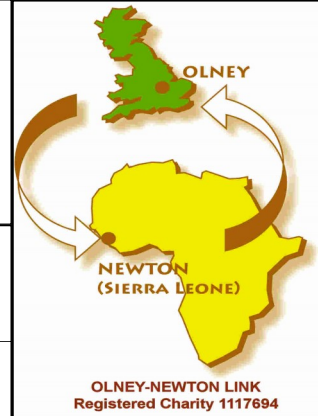
*“To advance education and to relieve poverty*

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

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## The Newton Preschool

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# News from Newton

## A Terrible Accident

We are just getting reports of an accident in Wellington, on the main road from Freetown to Newton... a petrol tanker was involved in a collision and subsequently exploded. First reports state that nearly 138 were killed and more than 100 injured. The victims reportedly included people who had gone to the scene to collect fuel from the leaking vehicle. The WHO said they would send medical supplies and specialists to assist the Freetown hospitals.

Chairman of the Newton Branch, Valicious King, messaged...

*Honestly Anne is really terrible and thanks to u all people of Olney U/K for sympathizing with us at this difficult time.*

Those of us who have been to Newton have travelled along this road and know how busy and chaotic it is. Our thoughts are with our friends in Sierra Leone.

## The Newton Preschool

Mabinty Sesay, preschool manager, sent an urgent request for money to replace the broken plastic chairs in the preschool. These chairs become brittle with time due to the high temperatures and exposure to UV light.

Mabinty messaged...

*I have talked with the carpenters. We need 50 sets of desk and chairs. Because we have to space the children to observe the rules of NACOVAC. The cost of one set is 280,00 Le.*

*We have tried plastic chairs many times but when they get spoiled we can't repair them that's why we are trying board this time.*

Trustees decided to send the requested £1000 needed to provide the materials and labour.

(NACOVAC is the Covid Emergency Operation Centre which has issued guidelines for preventing the spread of the virus. To date there have been nearly 7000 cases and 121 deaths... but reporting may not be totally reliable.)

# Christ Evangelical School

New security has been implemented, a fence to surround the whole school (photographs from Komba Nfalie, Headteacher).





# Newton Committee News...

First a photograph of one of the committee members (missing from last newsletter) - Tommy Brown



Message received on Thursday 4th November

*Good morning to all members of Olney .*

*Meeting held on Sunday evening involved all members to look and discussed issues concerning the smooth running of the link.*

*Two issues were discussed as follows.*

*Firstly: People of Newton really thank and appreciate the Olney people for their support towards the huge development you have done within the Newton community in particular.*

*Secondly: The people of Newton are still requesting for safe drinking water which is their felt need, reason because we have been facing with challenges with the said water wells which we constructed three to four years ago and most of these wells are not in good working conditions. We have to redrill and replace each submersive and an addition of one more mold in each well to reach water as to avoid such damages in future.*

*Our people of Olney. As you know we are very close to the dry season if we all put hands together it will save worst damages and the Newton people lives will be safe.*

*The link thought it fit to write and inform you that this is the most pressing need as of now any other need arises in future we will let you know.*

*The people of Newton highly appreciate you for all you have been doing for them as everyday they are seeing and benefiting from those facilities within the community. We also thank you for continue making us that link between the people of Newton and you (Olney).*

Valicious King, Chairman

Anne replied...

Thank you for the minutes - trustees will discuss the request for money for repairs to the wells. Please let us have a breakdown of the materials and costs involved. As you are aware funds for large projects have been very limited, as we haven't been able to hold any public fundraising events for 18 months, but we hope to hold our first since Covid at the end of next week. We await hearing from you further.

Kind regards on behalf of the ONL Trustees, Anne.

# Fund Raising

## The annual Quiz

Once again, we have had a most enjoyable Quiz Night on behalf of the Link. Rob McCallum produced a cerebrally challenging set of questions covering a wide range of topics, producing a spectrum of scores. The evening was further supported by a meal of assorted foods produced by our supporters who worked quietly in the background, again avoiding the typical fall-back of 'fish & chips' which has too readily become the staple of modern events. Thank you to everyone who contributed to and took part in this now annual event.



Brian Lintern




Thank you to all who took part and many congratulations to The Motley Crew who won! You will be delighted to know that we raised over £400 for Newton.

A special thank you to our helpers, some of whom were new due to some regulars being away... thank you Noriko, Cilla, Christine, Brian, Sue, Sally, Tricia, Anne, Janet and of course a huge thank you to Catriona and Rob who were the question masters.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2021

Dickens of a Christmas	Sunday December 5th
<b>Help needed!</b> 	<p><b>Please can you support us by donating bottles for our tombola? Contact Anne 01234 711196</b></p> <p>These can be given to any trustee or helper... and can be bottles of anything ...</p> <p>washing up liquid, fruit juice or even champagne!</p>

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

**A big THANK YOU to all of you who have continued to donate to the ONL through standing orders in these difficult times.**

**You have made a real difference  
as we cannot hold fundraising events at present.**

**If you usually attend our functions,  
would you be able to give us a little something?**

**It can be done online - go to our website, [olneynewtonlink.org.uk](http://olneynewtonlink.org.uk)  
and select 'donate' from the menu - or by dropping an envelope  
through our treasurer's door - Tricia Selwood, 18 East  
Street.**



**You could also ask us for a collection box in which to  
put your small change - assuming you're still using  
real money, that is!**

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