

Goshen High School continued...

The repairs in progress



And nearly completed...



From Abdul Kabia...*I want to use this opportunity to say Big Thanks to you, the Olney Newton Link and Ousedale, for the support for us to repair the broken building. Thank you very much. We really do appreciate you and we are grateful for everything.*

## The Farming Basket

You will remember that we worked with James Kabia to help him set up a women's group 'The Farming Basket' which helped with the purchase of seeds and chickens to enable women to provide an income for their families.

We have received some good news - the group of women continue to meet and support each other and are successfully rearing some pigs. Sadly the chickens haven't thrived due to infections and lack of food and we are not clear about whether the seeds project is still working. We have asked Abdul Kabia to investigate further and let us know what we can do to help because we feel this was a useful community project.





# Schools' News

## From Christ Evangelical School:

The new principal sent...

*We have two things in mind for Christ Evangelical Primary school :*

- (1) Making of the School Fence which we earlier sent to you.*
- (2) Building of the Permanent structure for the School on the New Land provided by the Community people. With these two things in mind, you people can choose one for any help intended for us. Thanks so much for your concern, God bless you and the link.*

The Village Schools' Federation sent money for prizes on Sports Day and are in the process of setting up regular contact with the new principal: this was proving difficult because the Reverend Francis Lavalie wasn't confident using Whatsapp. The situation is improving.

## From Goshen High School:

Final Year students exams...

(before the summer rains)



# Fund Raising

## Summer Concert

On 7<sup>th</sup> June we were delighted to welcome Musica Charity Choir MK to St Peter and St Paul's Church to entertain us with a fabulous concert. There were many compliments from the audience about the high standard of the choir, and there was quite a buzz afterwards. The selection of pieces was spot on, with, indeed, something for everyone! Although we've heard many arrangements of Amazing Grace here in Olney, their rendition was fresh and exciting, complete with 'bagpipes' accompaniment by the incredible Ed Tomlinson on the organ. The good humour and engagement with the audience by conductor Ken Storry helped make the evening a fun and enjoyable evening.

As an added bonus, a complimentary glass of wine or juice and some nibbles were appreciated by all in the interval, as well as the obligatory raffle! We are grateful to Musica for their generosity in enabling us to raise a total of £1043 to support the Community Centre.

Thank you very much to all who helped and to those who came and supported us.

Sally Jones



*Editor's note... about some of the songs... Blue Skies was not appropriate for the weather! And the version of Amazing Grace was truly amazing and wonderful!*



We were also pleased to see Binta Bah-Pohkawa (Newport Pagnell Councillor, born in Sierra Leone, UK national for over 30 years) who came to the summer concert with her son; he is hoping to go to Sierra Leone in December.



# Cherry Fair

Lovely weather for once and I don't think I dare complain about being too hot! Thanks to lots of support from everyone, we had a huge selection of tombola prizes and consequently attracted lots of attention! We had a particularly generous donation of a parasol from Jean and John Martin. We raised over £448 for the ONL. Thank you very much to our donors and our helpers.



Our thanks also to the Village Schools Federation. They are raising money to help Christ Evangelical School in Newton. This school was recently relocated from good buildings to what looks like temporary accommodation built from wood, rattan screens and tarpaulin. The VSF ran pre-loved toys and games stalls at Clifton Reynes and at the Cherry fair and raised £260 for their partner school—a stunning amount!



We also produced a display for the Flower Festival in the Church. Thank you to designers Anne and Lynne.