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### Reading Abbey Rotary Club

In July I gave a presentation to the Club and explained that there are 14 children at Calvary School who cannot afford to pay their school fees. At the end of the evening 3 Rotarians each gave me £30 to sponsor a child for a years education. Last week I received a cheque for **£330** to sponsor the remaining 11 students. A massive thank you to the Club and its members for all their support.

### Reading Matins Rotary Club

Nicola Wilkinson, who set up the garden project at Banbury International School, Mabureh, Waterloo suggested that we install a well at the school to provide safe, clean water for the school & local community. On August 26<sup>th</sup> she organised a **Great British Garden Party** to raise funds.

The event was held in the beautiful home and garden of a Reading Matins Rotarian and guests were served afternoon tea, Pimms, and a delicious spread of home-made cakes, scones and savoury treats to a soundtrack of Proms style music, and to a welcome backdrop of late summer sunshine! A 'Great British Amateur Bake Competition' was held as part of the event, which attracted several fantastic cakes for judging – many of which had been elaborately decorated to resemble a well! All of the guests stepped up to the challenge of sampling each of the competition entries, and a very talented winner was selected.

The event raised **£576**, added to the other donations Nicola received took the grand total raised to **£1000**.

I have applied for a District Grant to "match" this and this will see the project fully funded and we plan to start work later this month.

A **HUGE** thank you to Nicola and all those who supported the event – I know it must have been really hard for you all to drink Pimms & eat cake!!

### Funding information

Since July 1<sup>st</sup> I have raised **£6,110** and have pledges for another **£5,190** which will come in during the next few weeks enabling work to start

on building the well at Banbury International Community School and the library & laboratory at the Liverpool Community School. I would like to thank **EVERYONE** who has donated to help me continue to "Make A Real Difference"



On 1st September Books & Ink, Banbury held another "pay what you want" book sale to support my work towards building a library at the Liverpool Community School in Waterloo. The previous record of **£265**, which had only been set 6 weeks previously, was beaten and the sale raised an amazing **£290**. Sincere thanks, once again, to Sam, Karl & Sandra for ALL their hard work and continued support and also thanks to all those who supported the book sale so generously.



MANY sincere thanks to Peter Rhoades-Brown and all at Oxford United for the recent donation of football strips. In total **65** boys received a kit as a result of the generosity of OUFC with support from Joanna & Lorraine of Westminster Aviation Security Services who delivered the kits to my man on the ground in Freetown.



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