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A massive thank you to Julian, the staff at Tula Publishing & Julian's boys James (9) & Lewis (7) who have donated **£300** to sponsor 30 desk and bench sets. Julian says "having been involved in Africa education for over 25 years, I have seen **"big"** projects come and go, money wasted and 'lost' with the kids in the schools ultimately suffering. What **you** are doing is fantastic, and is making a tangible difference to so many lives".

Oxford United supporters fund footballs

I recently met up with sisters Debbie & Alison, two Oxford United supporters, and Debbie's two boys, Mason & Noah. They have been following me on Twitter since my last visit and enjoy reading about all the good work that Oxford United do to support my projects. They have sponsored three Oxford United match balls for me to take to Sierra Leone later this month. These will **"Make A Real Difference"** to some of the youth football teams out there. Sincere thanks to the family for their great support which is greatly appreciated – I look forward to showing them photographs of the teams with their **"Football For Freetown"** when I return after my trip.



Bladon Church of England Primary School

I was invited by a fellow Rotarian, a Governor at the School, to give a presentation in the school assembly to about a hundred children (age range five to eleven). They were so attentive during my 20 minute talk and afterwards the Headteacher asked them to express their feelings about the talk and the images they had seen. The comments from the children were superb and showed that they had really understood the differences in the way of life between theirs and the children in Freetown. The School Council were meeting today to formulate fundraising ideas so the pupils at Bladon can help to **"Make A Real Difference"** in Freetown.

Colwyn Bay Rotary Club

I have just received a donation of **£400** from the Club towards the making of bench and desk sets. This is the third donation the Club has made over the last few years to support my work in Freetown. Many thanks to the Club and the members for their continued support which is greatly appreciated. **Diolch yn fawr**

Brackley 50+ Goup

I have just done a presentation to this local group, the fourth time I've spoken to them, - surprised anyone who has heard me before came back !! They paid me a speaker fee and did a collection at the end of my talk which raised a total of **£225** - MANY thanks to all those who contributed. I must extend my apologies to Norma, the host, who got very emotional during her vote of thanks.

Frequently asked question – You packed yet?

I fly on Sunday - 2 suitcases (46 kilos) & hand baggage BUT not sure if I will get everything in! 5 sets of football shirts (maybe six), four footballs, kids knitted garments & blankets, pencils, rulers, rubbers – the list goes on. All the tops I'm taking to wear are donations from Oxford United – I'll wear them once and then give them away. I better get on and see what else I can squeeze in!

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