

FRIENDS OF SWGS

July 2015

Fair weather, FRIENDS

Hello Everyone,

What a busy year it has been for us, the Friends of SWGS.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has supported our fund-raising activities, whether that's through buying raffle tickets, donating or selling books, helping at Parents' Evenings, the Leavers' Ball or Burn's Night, baking delicious cakes and biscuits, or attending our Christmas Fair. Without the support we have from our parents and guardians, we would not be in the position to help the school – and therefore our daughters – as we do.

This autumn, we plan to contribute a significant amount towards a major

capital project being undertaken by the school. This money will enhance the lives of our talented girls and all pupils at South Wilts Grammar School for many years to come.

I would like to thank the amazing team of people who make up the 'Friends' committee. They have worked tirelessly, providing reliable leadership, endless energy and commitment for an ever-increasing timetable of events. Many hands make light work, so why not come and join us next year? It's great fun!

The Year 13 Leavers' Ball this year was a testament to the talents of those involved, especially Sally Walden, who co-ordinated this highly successful event.

We send our best wishes and thanks to those of you moving on this year, with a special mention to: Nicola Dunning, who has been Friends' secretary for seven years; Jane Rist and Georgina Knipe, who have 'themed' our Ball for many years; and Angela Iveson, another seven-year veteran of our team. We will miss you!

For those of us returning in September, please remember to fill in your 'Willing Helpers' forms – we can't do any of this without you.

See you at our first meeting in September (date to be agreed).

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer.

*Kim Glennon-Alty,
Chair*

Forthcoming Friends events

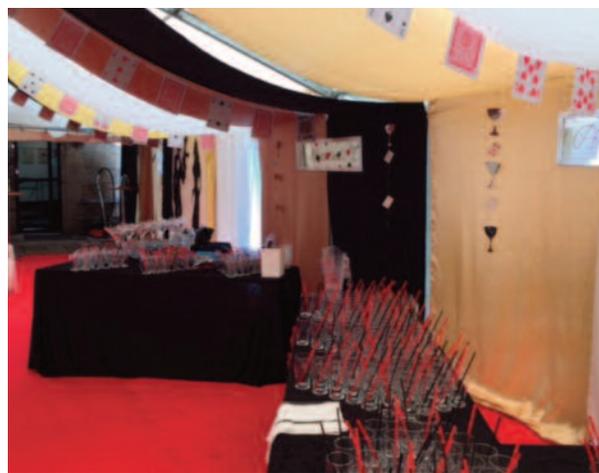
- Saturday 12th September
Book Stall, Salisbury Market
- Tuesday 15th Sept (tbc)
Friends Meeting
- Saturday 19th September
Skittles Evening, Laverstock
- Saturday 26th September
Skittles Evening, Laverstock
- Monday 2nd November
Friends AGM
- Friday 22nd January (tbc)
Burns Night Party

Leavers' Ball 2015

We held our Year 13 Leavers' Ball on 19th June. Preparation began in January, when we met the sixth formers to choose the theme – this year it was James Bond: Casino Royale.

The hard work of designing the set for the event was done by veteran committee members Jane Rist and Georgina Knipe. They worked tirelessly for months beforehand making bunting, cutting silhouettes, painting giant playing cards and more. The venue looked stunning.

On the day itself, an army of helpers from FSWGS worked from 8.30am until 1am to set up the Arts Centre, serve champagne and Pimm's to the guests and clear up. As a result, the 340 sixth formers and more than 20 staff from SWGS and BWS had a great evening. Thanks to all the helpers who made this possible.



Definitely one of the most fun events in the FSWGS calendar. We're already working on 2016 event and would be delighted to hear from anyone who'd like to be involved.

Sally Walden, Ball Committee

“ The Leavers' Ball was a really good way to celebrate finishing exams and to say goodbye to people. I'd like to say thank you to all those who volunteered and those who organised the event for creating an enjoyable evening for everyone who attended. ”

Year 13 Student



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A fond farewell

At the last Friends' meeting of term our chair, Kim, presented Nicola Dunning (right) – who has been the group's secretary since her daughter, Ava, started at SWGS in Year 7 – a present on behalf of FSWGS to thank her for all those years of support and dedication. She will be greatly missed.



1000 Club

Here are the results of the latest draws for the **1000 Club**. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us. If you are interested in becoming a member, download an application form from the Friends' page on the website. Thank you.

Anne Conboy

Draw Winners

June 2015

1st	Roger Leary, No 406	£100
2nd	Sally Greenaway, No 376	£50
3rd	Mr & Mrs Simpson, No 60	£25

July 2015

1st	Dr Andy Curry, No 309	£100
2nd	Ariane Crampton, No 358	£50
3rd	Claire Collinge, No 238	£25

Don't forget to sign up at easyfundraising.org to help raise funds.

Cakes for Sports Day

I cannot thank you enough for all the wonderful cakes and biscuits you made for us to sell at Sports Day - a record-breaking year. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the response to my request for more goodies. Needless to say, the girls consumed most of them, leaving just a few for the willing helpers, 6th Form volunteers and our fabulous cleaners. We promise to increase the supply of ice lollies, bottled water and cans of drink next year. Just one other thing: could the maker of the coconut/chocolate macarons let us have the recipe, please!

Kim Glennon-Alty, Chair

FSWGS & BWSPA Christmas Fair at Bishop Wordsworth's School

Over 40 stalls last year!!

Saturday 21st November

10.30am - 2.30pm

If you are interested in a stall please contact Clare at fswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk for more details.

Friends Committee

Kim Glennon-Alty	Chair
Sally Walden	Acting Vice Chair
Nicola Dunning	Secretary
Ed Evans	Treasurer

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