

# FRIENDS OF SWGS

October 2015

## Welcome back, FRIENDS

*Hello Everyone,*

We have, once again, started the year with record amounts being raised (more than £2,000 in September alone), thanks to you parents, guardians and families who support our efforts to provide the school with the extras our girls deserve.

We are proud to report that we have reached our fund-raising target of £30,000 to equip the new technology block. The Maths Department is now in possession of the Graphical Calculators that FSWGS agreed to fund – they are “amazing”, according to my Year 13 daughter – and we were delighted to sponsor the Speech Day prizes for our outstanding pupils. Our congratulations to all of the girls.

Coming up before Christmas is the Christmas Fair on 21st November

(please put the date in your diary) and a new initiative that I hope you'll all support: our Christmas Hamper Draw. Tickets will be coming home with your daughter soon along with a request to send in donations suitable for a Christmas Hamper (eg a bottle of wine, mincemeat, Christmas pud, etc). Just pop an extra item into your trolley next time you go shopping and then send them into school when we need them.

Christmas is fast approaching so now's the time to register at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), where more than 2,000 companies donate a percentage of what you spend to Friends. We have raised more than £800 so far. It's so easy and costs you nothing but a click!

I have been the Chair of FSWGS for 4½ years now and I have made so many friends. I, together with very

committed committee members, have endeavoured to improve our PTA and initiate new ways to fundraise, on your behalf, for our school. My daughter will be leaving SWGS next year and I will step down as Chair at this coming AGM on 3rd November. I began to look for a successor last year and I am delighted to report that Sally Walden took on the role of Vice Chair and has been shadowing me for the past six months. Subject to the vote at the AGM, she will become your new Chair. I hope that you will all support her as you have me. I will miss you. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and watching your daughters grow and mature. We can't do it without you, so please keep fundraising!

*Kim Glennon-Alty,*  
*Chair*  
[foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk)

### Forthcoming Friends events

- *Tuesday 3rd November*  
Friends AGM
- *Saturday 21st November*  
Friends AGM
- *Friday 22nd January*  
Burns Night Party
- *Saturday 23rd April*  
Book Stall on Salisbury Market

## New Year 7s Skittles Evenings

The New Year 7 Skittles Evenings were enjoyed by all this year, with a record number of people attending due to the addition of an extra Year 7 Tutor Group. A record amount was raised – around £1500 – partly as a result of an additional bonus from Barclays, the bank doubling the amount raised on the second evening. Many thanks to Rasheeda Furbur for bringing this to our notice and helping coordinate the event. Thanks to the all Year 7s and their families who came along and made it such a success, we hope that you enjoyed the evening.

Many thanks also to the two teams of parents, Sixth Formers and pupils from other years who helped us make this happen. It is an important mixer for new parents and girls at the beginning of their SWGS life. If you would like to be a member of the teams running this next year, please let us know through Willing Helpers or email [foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk).

*Kim Glennon-Alty, Chair*



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## Smart work!

It's been another record year for our Smarties Initiative, thanks partly to the fact we have an extra Tutor Group, and we have raised more than £800. Prizes, including chocolate, were awarded in Lower School Assembly.

The winners were:

*Individual raising the most:*

**Rachel Halls, 7N, £23**

*Tutor Group raising the most:*

**7E, £202.40!**

*Tutor Group returning the*

*most packets: 7E, 22*

Thanks to all who participated.

Bishop Wordsworth's School Parents' Association  
& Friends of South Wilts Grammar School  
present their

## Christmas Fair

Over 40 craft and artisan stalls selling festive fare including:  
jewellery, knits, pottery, books, cards, foods and gifts for gardeners.  
School choirs will be performing Christmas carols and there is a craft  
corner to entertain the children whilst you browse!

At Bishop Wordsworth's School  
Exeter Street, Salisbury, SP1 2ED

10:30 – 2:30, Saturday 21st November

Free entry Hope you can join us!

## 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

### August 2015

1st Sarah McNicol, No 244	£100
2nd Alison Cooper, No 228	£50
3rd Cheryl Healy, No 150	£25

## Burns Night Party

We are now delighted to confirm that our annual **BURNS NIGHT PARTY** will be going ahead on Friday, 22nd January in the School Hall. Once again, we'll have a piper and ceilidh band, plus a two-course haggis supper with a shot of whisky. Further details to follow;

tickets will be on sale from the LRC after Christmas.

*Di Cross*



*Mary d'Apice*



Don't forget to sign up at [easyfundraising.org](http://easyfundraising.org) to help raise funds.

## Book stall at Salisbury Market

The FSWGS bookstall once again did a brisk trade on Saturday, 12th September 2015, raising £207.96 for the school funds. Many thanks to Chris Childs, Lorraine Rinaldi, Helena Mckeown and Sue Core for all of your help. Thank you also to all those who donated books. The next FSWGS bookstall will be on Saturday, 23rd April 2016 and we would be grateful for donations of books (especially good-quality paperbacks, which always sell quickly) during the week leading up to the sale.

We are always looking for people to help with the bookstall and if you would like to help please email [foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk) with your contact details.



## Friends Committee

<b>Kim Glennon-Alty</b>	Chair
<b>Sally Walden</b>	Vice Chair
<b>Nicola Dunning</b>	Secretary
<b>Ed Evans</b>	Treasurer

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