

News from Friends of SWGS

May 2010

A note from Sarah

- We've reached our target for this year and £10,000 is on its way to School to kit out the new computer rooms!
- Our fundraising aim for the next 18 months is a new 12 seater minibus.
- Well done and a big thank you to the Committee and also to all our volunteer helpers.

Parents' Evenings

The Friends assist with refreshments at parents' evenings, and at musical and social events, to help ensure a good atmosphere. It's a service that's much appreciated by staff and parents, and gives everyone the opportunity to chat informally and exchange information and ideas.

1000 Club

March Winners::

Mrs Linda Gunn £100
Andrea Barnes £55
Mr & Mrs Hughes £30

Coming up in the July Issue:

- *A Midsummer Night's Dream—the SWGS & BWS Leavers' Ball at the Arts Centre on 25th June.*
- *Book Stall Report*

Friends Committee

Sarah Snell
Chair
Clare Sutton
Vice Chair
Nicola Dunning
Secretary
Alison Hall
Treasurer

In October of each year the Friends Committee organises a social skittles evening for the new Year 7 pupils and their families. It has proved to be a popular (if a little noisy!) evening. As well as the skittles there is a ploughman's supper and a bar. Numbers are limited so make sure you send in your ticket requests promptly, as

YEAR 7 SKITTLES EVENING



they are allocated on a first come first served basis. Keep the date free - this year it's being held on **2nd October**. The ticket requests will be sent home via the girls within the first two weeks of the September term.

Alison Hall & Yvonne Hughes

Friends Book Stall in Salisbury Market

No one was more relieved than me to wake up to the absence of the sound of rainfall one Saturday morning last November. The weather on the previous few days had been horrendous and I had visions of a *papier maché* stall, rather than a book stall.

The response to our request for books to be donated had been excellent, so much so that my house looked like an extension to the school library! We sorted the books into different categories on the Friday and then loaded, and I mean loaded, three cars ready for the early morning start. (I was glad I had good wing mirrors as I couldn't see out of the back window!) We set up at 7.30am and throughout the morning a rota of committee members took turns in running the stall. There was a great atmosphere and we had a lot of laughs. By 1pm trade



was slowing though, so we decided to close up. The books we didn't sell have gone into storage ready for another day. We made a profit of **£455!** This was an excellent result and a fundraising activity that we plan to repeat on **22nd May**. Thank you to everyone who donated books and to all those who came along and helped on the day.

Alison Hall

SPRING DRAW 2010

22nd March saw the Annual Spring Draw with many fantastic prizes, including a 1st Prize of £300, a 2nd Prize of £100 in Premium Bonds and a 3rd Prize of a Photographic Portrait Sitting. In all there were 38 prizes, so the chances of winning were very good.

This year we raised £1720 and we are already looking forward to next year's draw. With your help, we hope it will be even bigger and better. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets. Please see the FSWGS section of the School website for a full list of prizes and winners. *Stephen Ellis*

Year 7&8 DISCOS

The beat goes on...

Three times a year the main hall echoes to the sounds of the year 7 & 8 disco. This popular evening is one of our most successful fundraising events and is enjoyed by many. Run by the Friends with the help of 6th formers from SWGS and BWS, it is great fun for all. We are very grateful for the help of Mrs Stammers and Mr Abbott, and any willing parents are also most welcome.

Don't forget your dancing shoes!

Angela Iveson & Nicola Dunning