

FRIENDS OF SWGS

July 2011

Au revoir FRIENDS

Hello everyone,

This is my last newsletter! As my daughter has now finished her time in the sixth form, so I too will be 'leaving' South Wilts Grammar School.

I'd like to thank the Committee for their support and hard work over the past few years. I will miss you all but know that we will keep in touch.

To those parents who are not

sure about joining Friends, I'd like to say how much I have got out of being on the Committee over the past seven or eight years. It has been a huge benefit to get to know the staff at SWGS and how the school operates. I have been in a better position to relate to my daughter's school life and offer help when possible.

Good luck in the future!

Sarah Snell, Chair

Those of us who are still on the Friends of SWGS committee would like to thank the following retiring committee members for their tremendous hard work on behalf of the school:

**Sarah Snell, Chair
Claire Sutton, Vice Chair
Jane Mackay
Sandra Newsome**

We wish them luck. They will be much missed by those of us who remain.

We would also like to wish Head Fran Stratton a long and happy retirement.

Forthcoming events

- **Saturday 17th September and 1st October:** Skittles evenings for Year 7 parents
- **Monday 26th September:** Friends meeting in the meetings room – all welcome!
- **Saturday 15th October:** Book Stall at Salisbury Market
- **Monday 14th November:** Friends AGM followed by a committee meeting

1000 Club

Why not join our **1000 Club**, a monthly draw for cash prizes that helps to raise vital funds for the school? It costs just £12 per school year. A form can be downloaded from the Friends page of the website at:

www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk

Draw winners

June 2011

1st	Mr R Moors (315)	£100
2nd	Mrs F Bailey (387)	£55
3rd	A. Pownall-Gray	£30

July 2011

1st	John Ashby (450)	£100
2nd	Helen Nield (440)	£55
3rd	Mrs Christopher (7)	£30

Friends committee

Kim Glennon-Alty

Acting Chair

Nicola Dunning Secretary

Alison Hall Treasurer

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HAVING A BALL!

Our annual Leavers' Ball – organised by the Friends for the departing Year 13s – took place on Friday, 1 July. The theme chosen for this year's event was 'Arabian Nights'.

The Arts Centre and adjoining marquee were bedecked with red, purple and gold swagging, palm trees and cushioned seating areas under the starry black ceiling of the marquee. Two



bejewelled dancers and a Turkish drummer were there to greet the guests as they milled around on the red carpet – we could have been in the Far East!

The two fruit palms on the buffet were great decorations and also proved to be very tasty when the pineapple, strawberries, cherries and more were dunked into the hot chocolate fountains.

The guests also tucked into hummous, yoghurt and avocado dips, meat, cheese and fruit platters while DJ Maz entertained the dancing crowds.

It all finished with a bang at midnight as the confetti cannons were fired



above the dance floor. The only breakage was the line to the balloon net, but it proved to be a good game trying to poke the balloons out.

During the evening, we presented departing Head Fran Stratton with some leaving gifts: a gliding voucher and garden centre vouchers. Thank you to everyone who donated. Fran was delighted and touched to receive a parting gift from The Friends.

Sarah Snell, Chair

(To see more pictures of the Ball, go to: www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk)

The next meeting of the Friends of South Wilts Grammar School is on Monday 26th September at 7pm in the Meeting Room through the main entrance of the school. This meeting is open to all parents and guardians of girls at SWGS and we would be delighted if you would join us. We will be checking plans for future activities and fund-raising ideas, and also looking for some new faces to join our committee. Please join us – we are always happy to welcome new parents and guardians onto the Friends Committee.