

FRIENDS OF SWGS

March 2015

FRIENDS: quick on the draw

Hello Everyone,

Firstly, I am pleased to welcome Sally Walden on board as Acting Vice Chair of Friends – I look forward to working alongside her.

We have had a busy term, which has included helping at music evenings and parents' evenings, and organising the Spring Draw – which was even better this year, raising nearly £2,500 – please check the website to see if you are a winner.

It gave me great pleasure to present our first prize winner with £250 at the SWGS Music Concert on 17th March. It was quite a surprise for Mrs Frost. Many thanks to everyone who was involved; its success will benefit the school enormously.

We are now looking forward to the Pimm's Evening on 14th May, at

which we welcome new parents and their daughters. Before that we have our popular book stall at Salisbury Market. Preparations are well under way for the Sixth Form Leavers' Ball, too – please volunteer to help on the day if you can. Sports Day is coming up and, as our organisers are leaving us this year, we would be delighted if you could help with selling teas, coffees and cakes – please contact us if you can spare some time. And don't forget to bake lots of delicious cakes to send into school that morning.

All parents and guardians are 'Friends' and there are about 15 of us who meet once a term to decide how we can help SWGS, from fundraising for new resources to coordinating teas for hard-working staff at Parent Consultation Evenings. As ever, we cannot do it without your help, not only

in supporting our various activities but in giving your time. Could you take on the role of secretary? Nicola Dunning, who has done a wonderful job as secretary for several years, will be standing down as her daughter is in Year 13. And did you enjoy the Skittles Evenings as a Year 7 parent? We want to continue offering this important mixer but we need people to help run them in September. Are you an events organiser? We need your help with our Christmas Fair.

If you can help out, or would like to learn more about Friends of SWGS, please visit our page on the school website (www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk) or email us at foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk.

Happy Holidays!

*Kim Glennon-Alty,
Chair*

Forthcoming events

- **Saturday 25th April**
Friends Bookstall at Salisbury Market
- **Monday 11th May**
Friends Committee Meeting (7pm) In the Committee Room, all welcome
- **Thursday 14th May**
Pimm's Evening for next year's Year 7 parents
- **Friday 19th June**
Leavers' Ball
- **Friday 10th July**
Sports Day

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

February 2015

1st	Ann Keating, No 293	£100
2nd	Stella & Nic Weir, No 287	£50
3rd	Claire Fowler, No 22	£25

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Friends Committee

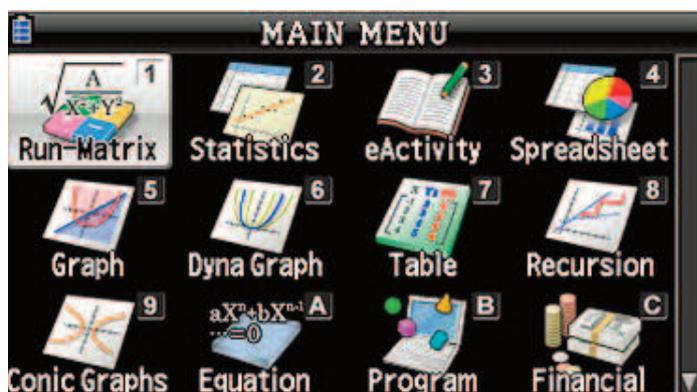
Kim Glennon-Alty Chair
Sally Walden Acting Vice Chair
Nicola Dunning Secretary
Ed Evans Treasurer

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www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk
click on 'Friends of SWGS' on the main drop-down menu.

Calculators for Sixth Form

THE Mathematics Department is very grateful to the Friends of South Wilts for agreeing to support us by purchasing two Sixth Form class sets of upgraded graphical calculators. We believe that having access to this exciting technology will support and inspire our students and we hope that having them available as a routine matter in class will convince them of the advantages of owning their own. The Casio CG-20 can be used in the exams, so being able to access them in class should convince students of the benefits and should teach them how to use them appropriately.

Juliet Offner, Head of Maths



Spring Draw Results

A HUGE “thank you” to everyone who supported our Spring Draw – either by buying or selling tickets, donating prizes, helping to organise it or by folding all those little bits of paper! A special thank you to the Friend of SWGS who donated the Kindle.

We sold an amazing number of tickets and, after all our costs have been deducted, we expect to have raised almost £2,500 for the school.

The draw is one of our major fund-raisers of the year and the proceeds do much to enhance the school life of our children.

The winning ticket belonged to the Frost family, who received £250. The other main prizes went to: Dr Cawley, who won a Kindle Fire HDX; Stella Weir, a £100 voucher for Eva Hair Salon in Andover; B Clinch, a £50 voucher for Salisbury



Organisers Terry Ereira and Stephen Ellis with some of the great prizes. Kindle winner Helena Cawley (below)



Playhouse; and G Bally, a voucher for five tickets to the Royal Windsor Horse Show. A full list of prize winners will be made available on the Friends’ page of the website.

Well done to 7B, who won the prize for selling the most tickets – an impressive 180; they were closely followed by 7N, who sold 173, and 8N, who sold 155.

*Stephen Ellis,
Draw Organiser*

Secondhand uniform

Secondhand uniform will be available to buy at the next two parents’ evenings: for Year 8 parents on 22nd April; and for Year 7 parents on 30th April. If anyone has any secondhand uniform they would like to donate, please email us at foswgs@wilts.sch.uk or leave small quantities at reception marked for ‘Friends: Secondhand Uniform’.

*Many thanks,
Friends*

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

Mobile phone donations

Do you have any unwanted mobile phones that you no longer use? If so, please donate them to Friends so we can recycle them to raise money for the school. There is a box in the reception area and bags to put the phones in. Please contact us if you require further details.

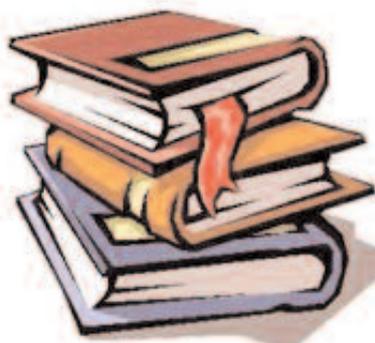
*Many thanks,
Friends*



Salisbury Market Bookstall

We are always happy to receive donations of books for our bookstall, which we hold twice a year on a Saturday at Salisbury Market.

If you have any books you would like to donate before the next FSWGS Bookstall – on 25th April – please email us at



foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk and let us know the quantity of books and your contact details.

And do please come along and support us on the day.
Thank you.

*Mary d’Apice,
Stall Co-ordinator*