

FRIENDS OF SWGS

October 2011

Meet new FRIENDS

Hello everyone,

And welcome to the first Friends of South Wilts Grammar School newsletter of the new school year.

The Friends are a band of 15-20 parents who help the school in a variety of ways, from fund-raising for new equipment and resources to making teas for staff and parents at Parent Consultation Evenings or providing drinks at concerts and other

events. Do please lend your support to our activities during the year. This year, we are focusing on raising funds for solar panels for the school, among other things.

We are always keen to welcome new committee members with fresh ideas, or those who are happy just to help out at an event. We meet once a term, and would be delighted to see you at our next meeting (also the **AGM**) on **Monday, 14 November**. Do please come along.

Any old mobiles?

If you are about to replace your mobile, please consider handing your old one in at the school reception. We recycle them to raise vital funds for the school. The last cheque we received from FONEBANK for old mobiles was for £170.50 – many thanks to everyone who contributed to this.

Please ask your family and friends to donate their old mobiles, too.

Thank you for all your support.

Jan Gibson



Friends committee

Kim Glennon-Alty

Acting Chair

Nicola Dunning

Secretary

Alison Hall

Treasurer

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www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk

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ON THE BALL!

Although the popular Year 7 skittles event at Laverstock village hall was split across two evenings this year, we still didn't have quite enough space – apologies to anyone who didn't get a ticket.

Once again, the evenings gave new Year 7 girls and their families a chance to get to know each other a little better and were much enjoyed by all. And there was much excitement at the second evening when it ended in a three-way split in killer! Many thanks to the Year 7 Sixth Form prefects who ran the skittles games and helped everyone have a good time.

Ann Collins

A huge thank you and best wishes from Mrs Stratton to us all...

At the end of last term, Friends quietly organised a collection for our out-going Head Teacher, Mrs Stratton. We did some research and bought her a trip in a glider and vouchers to spend on her adored garden. We presented her with these gifts from Friends and parents at the 6th Form Leavers Ball, and have since received a lovely thank you letter.

Mrs Stratton starts and finishes the letter by thanking us all, and describes her trip in the glider as "one of the more exciting things I have done... a great memory to add to my SWGS collection". She also tells us that she is going to start buying some new plants, "the first of which will be a Liquid Amber tree, which is beautiful and will always remind me of all of you".

We're glad you enjoyed the presents, Mrs Stratton, and we wish you well in your retirement.

Nicola Dunning, Secretary, FSWGS

1000 Club

It's not too late to renew your subscription to the **1000 Club** – or take out a new membership – for this year. There are cash prizes each month and you'll be helping to raise vital funds for the school.

To take part, please forward a cheque made payable to FSWGS for £8 via school to myself (Anne Day) by the first day of next term. If you are a new member, please enclose your name, address, phone number and daughter's name and class. Or set up a standing order for £12 every September, so you need never miss another draw!

A form can be downloaded from the Friends page on the website. www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk

Draw winners

August 2011

1st	Jane Mackay (364)	£100
2nd	Nicola Noble (108)	£55
3rd	J Mowle (316)	£30

Forthcoming events

● **Monday 14th November:**

FRIENDS AGM

followed by a committee meeting – everyone welcome. Please come along.

Sponsor a Book scheme

There's no better way to mark your daughter's time at South Wilts than by sponsoring a book that will bear a plate featuring her name. The scheme helps the Learning Resource Centre keep up with the growing demand for new books, and costs just £5. For more information, visit the Friends page on the website at: www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk