

Minutes of Friends meeting
Friday 27th February, 2015

Present: Lisa Dickinson (LD), Clare Hassall (CH), Helen Marshall - Chair (HMar), Helen McNeill (HMc), Jo Munns (JM), Georgina O'Connor (GO), Catriona Penty (CP).

Thank you to those who sent their apologies.

1. Actions from last meeting

- iPod docking station: Sarah Harrison is liaising with Mrs Thirlaway. Budget of £150 to £200.
- Book fair has been cancelled as discussed at the last meeting. HMar to liaise with MLT.
- Tableware: Philippa Cook and CP have bought all the items agreed which are in the Friends cupboard.
- Still pending: playground musical instruments (CP)
- CH produced a great newsletter sponsored by Farmer Fun's Mobile Soft Play before half term. The next one will be by the end of term. CH has 4 more sponsors at £35 each (a school uniform company, Kidsplay, Soccertots, Young at Art).
- Sports kit: awaiting further information

Disco: Thank you to Amy Haynes and Sue Timoney for organizing this, which was very successful and well attended. All agreed it should be repeated in the same format.

2. Treasurers report

There is just over £7,700 in the bank account. £600 has come in from the 200 club and a small amount from Yellow Moon. Yellow Moon also sent a small voucher, which HMc will give to the school office to spend appropriately. The disco made £79 net profit, the only significant cost being the DJ (£120).

3. Future Events

- Quiz Night Friday 6th March. Last minute entrants still welcome! 42 tickets sold to date. Please volunteer to make salads and/or puddings (brownies). Lasagne will be cooked at cost by Helen Tesseyman at the village shop.
- In 2014 we held an auction at the Race Night that raised £250. We already have some great prizes and agreed that it would be most appropriate to hold the auction at the Summer barbeque on 11th July. Donations of auction prizes very welcome!
- End of term tea and cakes: Friday 27th March, 2.30. A sign up sheet will go up asking for cakes and Easter-related items to be donated. We will run a small cake stand as well as tea and cakes. We need a volunteer to run this as well as a few bakers please.
- Aldborough May Day: Sunday 10th May. Sign-up sheets will go up for a few volunteers to paint nails and faces on the day.
- Family Fun Day: Friday 22nd May would be the preferred date (a week after the end of SATs week). Sue Timoney is running this. We need to find someone with a climbing wall and archery. LD will pass on contacts to Sue, who has been struggling to get in contact with the company that was used the previous year.
- Marston Open Gardens: Sunday 28th June. Mrs Thirlaway has agreed that some time will be allowed for school children to create something for the event (maybe a small garden or some art work). GO will work with Tanya Cunningham on this. We discussed running a jarbola (i.e. jars of sweets) and a bottlebola (i.e. bottles of alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks) instead of the tombola.
- The Summer Barbeque confirmed as Saturday 11th July.

- We discussed a Halloween party on Saturday October 31st. JM thought that might clash with Whixley bonfire night. An alternative would be a Halloween disco at school on the Friday we break up for October half-term.

4. Other items for possible fund raising:

- After the KS2 play in the summer, we may do a similar thing to the event after the KS1 Nativity play, i.e. a luxury hamper and teas or perhaps wine and canapés.
- LD suggested a Christmas fair. Outside stand holders would be invited at £15 each. We would target making a good amount of money on selling turkey and stuffing sandwiches, cakes and other food. Entrance would probably be £1 each to include a mince pie and coffee or mulled wine. We have penciled in Sunday 7th December from 12-2pm. Outside stalls need to be secured early. LD will look into this. Venue could be the village hall or the school, so that all the classrooms could be used for the different stand holders / activities. A raffle with three luxury hampers was discussed. We would hope that such an event would be popular with the wider village community. HMar will discuss with Mrs Thirlaway.
- HMc suggested a possible event leading up to Christmas involving “The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company”. Christmas puddings are ordered to sell with a label design on top. This could be a Christmas card design for example, or the school logo. The company which makes them does different sizes, different flavours, gluten-free, etc. We could have some samples available at the October village hall coffee morning and then take orders that day for the Christmas Fair (above).

5. Other matters arising:

none

Date of next Friends meeting: Friday 17th April, 9am in the school hall.