

October 2009

Friends Focus

Newsletter of The Friends of Saint Nicholas School

Sensational Summer Ball

Wow! The Ball Committee promised a revamped ball this year and they really delivered.

The menu, designed and cooked by celebrity chef Anton Edelman, was superb. Abba Tribute band Planet Abba, provided fantastic entertainment filling the dance

floor from beginning to end.

For the non-Abba fans, there was plenty of more current music played by the DJ. And for the non-dancing fans, the time flew by (and so did the money!) on the casino tables.

The ball made a spectacular profit in the region of £3000, considering it's difficult to break even. The money was raised mainly through new features such as the auction of the table decorations and the casino.

Congratulations and many thanks to the Ball Committee for their months of hard work, dedication, sweat and tears! Early booking for 2010 is definitely recommended!



Do you shop at Amazon?

If you shop **online** at any of the UK's 600 best known retailers, you can help us fundraise at no expense to you. By registering at this website, you can select your chosen retailer and once you make a purchase, your retailer will make a cash back donation of up to 15% of your purchase to The Friends. The price you pay stays the same.

Simply visit the website and register your details. Very importantly you must select the correct charity from a huge list. The easiest way is to run a search

for Friends of St Nicholas School Old Harlow or scroll down the list of F's. You register only once but must remember to log in to easyfundraising each time before you make your purchase.

Think how much we can raise in the run-up to Christmas! Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

23/10/09

Deadline for Gift wrap orders

6/11/09 2 pm

Friends Meeting

7/11/09 4.30 pm??

School Bonfire Party

13/11/09

Infant Disco

5.00 – 6.30 pm

Junior Disco

7.00 – 8.30 pm

28/11/09 12 pm

Christmas Bazaar

6/11/09 2 pm

Friends Meeting

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Friends of St Nicholas School Old Harlow

What's happening this term?

23rd October Deadline for Gift wrap—you should have received a brochure for Gift wrap. The products are excellent quality and 22% of every item you or your friends and family buy will generate income for The Friends.

7th November Bonfire Night—this event is run by the school but The Friends sell refreshments including BBQ and find volunteers to act as fire marshals.

13th November Infant and Junior Discos—Riki Tik will once again be providing a fun-filled disco which the children really enjoy. Tuck shop will be open so remember pocket money for the children. Infant tickets will be sold in the playground from 9th November and Junior tickets available from Mrs Newland in the office. All tickets priced at £5.

28th November Christmas Bazaar—there'll be stall holders selling a wide range of gift items so you can make a good start on your Christmas list. Usual features include BBQ, home-made cakes, mince pies and a visit from the man in red with his sack full of presents. In addition to the usual crafts and games for children, there will also be a brand new Pocket Money Stall.

We can't run these activities without you

We'll need volunteers to:

- © help with various activities at the **discos**, Dads to act as 'bouncers' always needed!
- © help **run a stall** at Bonfire Night and Christmas Bazaar—why not volunteer with a friend?
- © get all smoky helping on the **BBQ** for Bonfire Night and Christmas Bazaar. Any Dads like to prove what a superior BBQ chef they are?
- © provide **raffle** items, fill a jar with sweets and novelties for **Jarbola**, donate chocolate for **Chocobola**, **bake a cake**, lend an hour to help **set up the stalls**, spare an hour or two to help **run a stall**, bring your family and friends along to **spend a few pounds**. Further details to follow of items we need for the Christmas Bazaar.
- © join our **email list of volunteers** we can contact for availability to help with all sorts of activities. It really helps us if we can communicate via email.
- © give us some **fundraising ideas**, perhaps activities which were successful at a previous school or another charity.
- © help with a **specific project** you're interested in, e.g. new ideas such as Film Nights in the theatre.

Complete the form below to get involved with The Friends at whatever level you'd like.

Friends Committee Members

Angela Camp	5T
Simone Commins	5T/8?/10?
Selina Edwards	
Jayne Greer-King	9?
Maxine Haley	6?/11?
Suzi Liddell	5R
Wendy Long	
Cathy Maxwell	5T/7?/9?
Tracey Penney	5R/6?
Lisa Richards	5R/6?
Carol Ward	6A
Andreina Wieteska	5T/11?
Nina Wood	??

Recent project

Much easier than raising the funds, is spending the money. Thank you for your support which has enabled us to provide fantastic new markings and play equipment in the Junior car-park. The project totaled £*** and we understand that the Juniors love their new playground.



If you would like to place an advert in our newsletter for a small fee, please contact Angela Camp on 01279 305651 or angela.camp@ntlworld.com

Contacts

Want more information on any of The Friends' activities? Feel free to contact: Angela Camp on 01279 305651 / angela.camp@ntlworld.com
Or Suzi Liddell on 01279 730237 / liddell@shrubbsfarm.demon.co.uk

Can you help The Friends?

Simply complete the box opposite and return to our Pigeon Hole in the School Office. Or email your details to Suzi (address above). We especially need parents of Infant children, as this age group is not represented at The Friends.

Name : _____
Child/ren class/es: _____
Tel. _____
Email: _____
Interested in: Joining Volunteer Email list
 Helping on specific project Finding out more