

# FRIENDS OF WEST PENNARD SCHOOL

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## July 2007 Newsletter

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### **A Festival hero:**

A big thank you to Andy Townend for organising the 327 strong steward grouping for West Pennard School at this year's Glastonbury Festival, this provides the FWPS with by far the largest proportion of the funds it spends on the school.

Not only does Andy take a whole week off work to be at and organise the stewarding at the Festival, he spends hundreds of hours recruiting, arranging training for and sending mailings to these stewards. Andy gave himself the graveyard shifts of 2.00 a.m. to 6.00 a.m. and was on call throughout the Festival.

Our thanks also to Andy's wife, Corinne, and his family for enabling Andy to undertake on such a massive task. Andy also gives his time to serve as a parent governor and as an elected member of the FWPS committee who never misses a meeting and often volunteers to help run events. He will be running the Scavenger Hunt on Sunday 30 September.

### **And his team from West Pennard School:**

There were familiar faces among this year's West Pennard stewards, many providing vital support to Andy as area supervisors and venue supervisors: VS Neil Burchell, VS Andy Chandler, VS Karl Evans, VS Paddy Gordon, AS Charles Horton, VS Andrew Rowson, VS Steven Smith, and AS/VS Steve Stride (Parent Governor). Also wearing stewarding tabards for us were Sue Bradfield, Gaye Croucher, Peter Dickens, Jeremy Hale, Issa Bonnar, and there were two new faces too - Lucille Ainsworth and Libby Syddall. Others helped Andy to get his mailings out - Arabella Browne, Nicola Evans, Sarah Longman, Linda Norris and Angela Wittleton.

Finally our thanks to Katie Bradfield, daughter of Sue, for helping Andy with the stewarding administration before the Festival and sportingly splitting the graveyard shift with him.

**Check out [www.fwps.org.uk](http://www.fwps.org.uk):**

Again our thanks to Mike Hooper for the many hours of hard work he has spent designing, compiling and maintaining the new FWPS Website.

Please log on to [www.fwps.org.uk](http://www.fwps.org.uk) and take a look at the fabulous buy-ins he has arranged. Now you can help generate funds for the school simply by shopping on-line through the FWPS site and, even better, it won't cost you extra to do so.

By the end of term you will receive a supply of stickers giving the Website details, which we hope you will circulate among your family and friends, and a letter explaining how to make the most of the buy-ins available through our site.

**Only a week before the Summer Fair:**

The Summer Fair is on Saturday 14 July and starts at 2 p.m. so now is the time to dig out your jeans, check shirts, cowboy boots and Stetsons - or even something a little more dramatic.

If you are able to help on the day, please contact Julia Hutchison on 01458 832815 or Libby Syddall on 01458 850388.

If you cannot attend but would like to support the event by donating a raffle prize, Julia Hutchison would love to hear from you.

**Sell, sell, sell:**

Polly Hewitt-Cooper has organised this year's Grand Draw to help raise funds for our playground refurbishment. The prizes include a case of award winning wine and tickets for a number of family days out to popular venues such as Bowood House and Cheddar Caves. Please try selling the tickets to family, friends and neighbours; if they buy from you we can raise more money than last year. Should you or your children find you have a flair for selling, you can contact Polly to ask for extra tickets on 01458 835660.

**Jams, jellies and chutneys:**

If you find yourself making some jam, jellies or chutneys over the summer holiday, please put a few jars aside for the Christmas Fair or perhaps persuade friendly domestic goddesses to donate some.

**Time to say goodbye:**

The FWPS Committee would like to say thank you to Year 6 pupils and to their parents for their generous support and all the hard work many have put into FWPS events. We wish them every success at their new schools. This year we are saying goodbye and thank you to Linda Norris who served as Deputy Chairman and the 100 Club Co-ordinator. Linda also steered through our Charity Commission registration and new constitution.

**Dates for your diary:**

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| 1. | Summer Fair    | Saturday 14 July, from 2 p.m.     |
| 2. | FWPS meeting   | Wednesday 12 September, 7.30 p.m. |
| 3. | Scavenger Hunt | Sunday 30 September               |
| 4. | FWPS AGM       | Tuesday 6 November, 7.30 p.m.     |
| 5. | Christmas Fair | Saturday 7 December               |