

FRIENDS OF WEST PENNARD SCHOOL

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July 2007 Newsletter EXTRA

Three missing stewards:

This is a belated thank you to the three stewards accidentally missed out of the write-up in July's main newsletter:- venue supervisor Paddy Gordon, Peter Dickens and Jeremy Hale.

They are very much valued as part of a great team of parents from the school who, during the course of the Festival weekend, all put in a good 16 hours stewarding the various dance venues to ensure that our school is a well resourced one.

Support from local companies:

During the past academic year the FWPS have been lucky to receive support from a number of local and regional companies, we would like to take this opportunity to mention some of them as some parents may wish to support our kind benefactors with their custom.

- Donating prizes in response to appeals by our Prize Co-ordinator, Wendy Christensen, were Abbotsbury Swannery (Dorset), Animal Farm Adventure Park (Berrow), the Apple Tree (West Pennard), Avon Valley Railway (Bitton), Bicton Park (Devon), Bison Centre (Knowle), Blostins Restaurant (Shepton Mallet), Bowood House (Wiltshire), Bovington Tank Museum (Dorset), Brokerswood Country Park (Wiltshire), Burns the Bread (Glastonbury), Cheddar Caves (Cheddar), Crealy Great Adventure Park (Devon), Cricket St Thomas (Chard), Court Farm Country Park (Banwell), Digger land (Devon), East Lambrook Manor Gardens (South Petherton), East Somerset Railway (Cranmore), Fleet Air Arm Museum (Yeovilton), Four Seasons (Glastonbury), Glastonbury Abbey, Haynes Motor Museum (Sparkford), Horse world (Whitchurch), Jon Thorner (Pylle), Lulworth Castle and Park (Dorset), Nestlé, Peat Moors Centre (Westhay), Sainsburys (Street), Starbucks Coffee Company (Wells), STEAM Museum (Swindon), Strode Swimming Pool (Street), Tesco (Shepton Mallet and Wells), Train Station Gym (Glastonbury), Tropiquaria (Watchet), W H Smiths (Wells), the Waggon and Horses (Doulting), West Bradley Orchards, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (Slimbridge), and Wookey Hole (Wells)
- Advertising in the FWPS calendar were Baltonsborough Pre-School, Tincknell Fuels, Baltonsborough Post Office Stores, The Lion at West Pennard, N & K Removals and Storage, Brooklands Direct, Glastonbury Spring Water Company,

Castle Welding and Fabrications, Paul Knight Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agency, Auto-Electrical & Diesel Services, The Carpet Warehouse, and Mark Orme Architects.

- Preparing our Summer Fair banner at cost was Paul Dinsdale of Sign & Design (Pedwell).
- Supplying us with hay bales for so many of our events was local farmer Anthony Dowden.
- Donating great cider for pretty well every event for over half a decade, Hecks Cider (Street).
- Regularly letting us promote our events by putting a sign up on their garden fence, Mr and Mrs Whitehead.
- We are also lucky to receive support from businesses run by our parents. Many of these take stalls at the Christmas Fair, donate great raffle prizes or sometimes step in to our rescue when there is a small crisis - most recently, Angela and Julian Wittleton opened up their offices at 9 at night to ensure that there were enough stewards guides for Andy's final Festival mailing.

Support from staff at the school:

The FWPS simply could not stage the events that we do without the generous support we receive from staff at the school who lend their help and often their classrooms and glue pots to us. Our thanks to them all but we would like to single out some for a special mention.

- John Searle, School Caretaker, has been known to rebook his holidays to fit them around our calendar of events and never grumbles about the mess we leave behind (although we try very hard not to).
- Karen Bale, School Cook, who has let us use her kitchen to provide refreshments and trusted us to clean everything down properly with her special powder.
- Rita Ayres, Y2 Teaching Assistant, who puts the pizzazz into running our Christmas raffle every year and this year has volunteered to do the Grand Draw at the Summer Fair.
- Rachel McDonagh, School Office Manager, who regularly finds herself buried under a deluge of reply slips for the FWPS or has to rescue us from a photocopying disaster when she is at her busiest.
- Helen Burchell, Headteacher and mum, who always supports our events, patiently tackles 101 questions and requests in the lead up to them and can be relied upon to pitch in when we need her most. This year Helen manned the door at our Greenbank Fun Swim so that all the FWPS committee could be with their families and join in their fun.

Support from parents and carers:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for spending your money at our events

and buying our calendars, caps and badges, for donating prizes and giving your time to help during the events or to steward for us at the *Glastonbury Festivals*. The FWPS simply could not raise a penny without you.