

# Friends of West Pennard School

## Autumn 2008 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

It is nearly the end of my first year as Chair and it has been another successful year as a result of all your support. Huge thanks are again due to Andy Townend who has made another spectacular contribution by organising his group of Stewards at the Glastonbury Festival and raising around £20,000. Liz Gibson contributed £500 through her employer's charitable scheme, so many thanks to her and HSBC in Street. We made a record breaking £2,500 at the Summer Fair so thanks to all involved for making their contribution in any way, either through buying raffle tickets, manning stalls, donating goods or participating in games. There are far too many names to mention but thank you all.

I would also like to thank Frances Fawcett for our new look newsletter. Our **AGM is on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm** and if you are interested in seeing what we do or maybe you would like to join the committee, then please do come along. Our next event will be our **Christmas Celebration on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be different to our past Christmas Fairs but we will still have refreshments, mulled wine, carol singing and games. There will be a present room for children to buy a gift for friends and family, and we are hoping for a visit from a very special festive friend! We will also hold our 100 Club Draw and Christmas Grand Draw. If you are able to help in any way on the day or with decorating the school, please contact me. We're also looking for donations of Christmas biscuits on the day and for nearly new toys, especially soft ones, and unwanted presents to be left outside Reception class beforehand.

The FWPS is run purely to benefit our children and we can only help them through your generosity so please continue to support us in any way that you can and please keep selling raffle tickets to all your families and friends.

Best Wishes

**Nicola Evans, FWPS Chair**

## Situations Vacant

We are always looking for new people to help the FWPS. Whether you'd like to join the Committee or just help out on one small project, you'll be very welcome. Perhaps we could tempt you with one of the following opportunities?

### Yellow Moon Coordinator

Yellow Moon catalogues contain lots of great craft goodies and small toys and the FWPS receive a commission on each order placed. The role of coordinator is very simple and is only needed twice a year. When the new catalogues arrive, they each need a sticker with our fundraising code and then the School Office arranges for them to be sent home in Book Bags. The catalogues arrive twice a year and the stickers are provided. The stickers are a great job to do in front of the TV and all the family can help! The current coordinator is taking on a new role in the FWPS

**To find out more, contact Frances Fawcett 01458 830015**

### Thrift Shop Coordinator

This is a simple job that involves collecting any second hand school uniform donated to the school, and then sorting and labelling it. We then sell the uniform at various times throughout the year including parents' evenings. Help is needed for only an hour or two a month.

**To find out more, contact Nicola Evans 01458 835250**

### Bingo Fish & Chip Supper Coordinator

Our annual Bingo evening is a fun event for all the family and is held in the Spring Term. A coordinator and small team of people are needed but as this event has been run regularly over the past few years, there are lots of notes from previous times and an established arrangement with the fish and chip supplier.

**To find out more, contact Frances Fawcett 01458 830015**

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

## Dates for your Diary

11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	7.30 pm	AGM – Staff Room
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	by 2.30 pm	Bags2School Collection
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2008	3.15 pm	Christmas Celebration

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## Who's Who in the FWPS

<b>President</b>	Helen Burchell	<b>Committee Members</b>	Andy Townend
<b>Chair</b>	Nicola Evans (01458 835250)		Issa Bonnar Mike Hooper Sarah Maher Sarah Longman
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Julia Hutchison (01458 832815)		
<b>Secretary</b>	vacant – to be appointed at the AGM		
<b>Treasurer</b>	Arabella Browne		

### **Fundraising for Free**

What's Fundraising for Free you might ask! As well as the events and activities that ask for your participation and money such as raffles, the Summer Fair, etc., we also have ways to raise money without you doing anything you weren't going to do already. Here's a few:

### **Yellow Moon – [www.yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk) – our code SWE11634**

Toys for party bags – activities to keep the kids busy – party games – presents – buy from the catalogue or web site, quoting our code and we will receive a commission without you paying a penny more.

### **Buying from Amazon, Next, Ticketmaster, Sky and many, many more....**

Use the link on our web site to visit any of the numerous online shops shown. Make your purchase – which will be at the same price as any other visitor to their web site, and is often lower than on the high street – and we receive a commission.

# Thank You

Many thanks to **Issa Bonnar** for not only the successful Bags2School collection, but also the great fun we all had at the Greenbank Swim in the summer.

The Summer Fair was put together by **Nicola Evans, Julia Hutchison, Polly Hewitt-Cooper, Rosalind Ives, Mel Warburton** and **Libby Syddall** – thanks so much everyone!

**Andy Townend** and his wonderful Glastonbury Festival team:

- ★ **Steven Smith**
- ★ **Issa Bonnar**
- ★ **Paddy Gordon**
- ★ **Karl Evans**
- ★ **Andrew Rowson**
- ★ **Bernard Hoggett**
- ★ **Charles Horton**
- ★ **Rory Young**
- ★ **Neil Burchell**
- ★ **Andy Chandler**
- ★ **Katie Bradfield**

The costumes for the Country Dancing were truly a team effort. Thank you to **Jo Roper** who donated metres and metres of fabric. Thank you to each of the seamstresses who helped **Lucille Ainsworth, Valerie Delaittre-Smith, Emma Kenyston, George Dickens** and **Molly Weeks**, and to **Arabella Browne** and **Mel Warburton** for their co-ordination of it all.

And lastly a thank you to each and every parent, carer, relative, friend and villager, who donated, attended, raffled and supported the various activities that raise such valuable funds for the school.

Finally, thank you to Mel Warburton and Libby Syddall who have stepped down from the Committee, for their hard work and commitment over the years.

## We couldn't have done it without you!