



Raising money
for your children's
school

The Gosditch Grapevine

December 2012

Another success for Bonfire Night!

The night was perfect for what has been reported as the best fireworks display to date! This year again we raised over £6,000 which means our children will continue to benefit from exciting activities and new equipment! On their behalf we thank you all for your support and hope you had a fantastic night.

Special thank yous go out to:

- The Millenium Green Trust for the use of the Millenium Green & Cuckoo Pen, The Bradstone Committee for the use of the Pavillion and the field and The Parish Council.
- Our Village shop team for selling out a record number of tickets and our Y6 class for using their free time to help sell tickets after school.
- The Big Brunch Band for kicking out the party.
- Dave Sheppard and his fantastic Firework Team - Alastair Kinross, Kevin Winstone, Jon Jordan, Russell Dabson, Robert Dipple, Paul Prior and Don Hicks for the Laser Show.
- Peter Battrick and his very efficient team of gate and car parking marshals – Dave Perks, Graham Broughton, Chris Burton, Hilton Thomas, David Tarr, Jon Hughes, Brian Kimberley, Guy Collister.
- Redland, South Cerney and Agralan, Ashton Keynes for offering 250 pallets.
- Jamie Fry and his forklift for his help lifting them up to the top of the pile and entertaining the boys! All this despite a damaged leg! And Richard Baker and his van for the numerous trips to South Cerney and back bringing load after load of pallets.
- Our very own Bonfire building team aka The Splinter Team – Adam Loveridge, Julian Harper-Cuss, Simon Jefferson, Tim Clark, Lewis Collins, Dom Ventham, Jez Smith, Matt Cliffe, Stuart Harris for spending their Saturday morning working out these muscles for us!
- Our football coaches and some of our villagers who just popped in to help – for building the 4 gazebos, 2 of them being big enough to shelter over 50 people!
- Simon Jefferson for sorting out all our electrical needs, and George and Elise for spending part of their half-term holidays changing light bulbs...
- CB Slade for the use of their cars to protect the cricket pitch and their generous contribution to the whole event.



Your team!

From left to right:

Sarah Powell - Treasurer

Anna Hill - Co-Chair

Lili Robinson – Co-chair

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th December 1.30pm

Wednesday 12th December 6pm

KS1 Nativity Play "Hey Ewe!"

Friday 14th December

Pocket Money Stalls

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Let us know what you need and we will find it for you.

And remember to keep your outgrown items for us. Just email us to arrange a suitable drop-off time. Thank you!

NEW TEAM NEEDED!

Anna has gone back to work full-time, Sarah has been Treasurer for 3 years and Lili is moving to the Middle-East!

A brilliant opportunity to bring in a couple of friends and work together for our school and children.

Positions available from February. Let us know!

- Harts of Cricklade for providing such delicious bangers & burgers
- Mrs Nicholas for spending the whole day cutting rolls and cooking meat and our teachers for selling 600 hotdogs and burgers in less than 3 hours!
- Lars for sorting out enough beer kegs to last us through the evening.
- The Twinning Association pour les crêpes délicieuses!
- Caroline Balmforth who managed to push our new candy floss machine to its limits thanks to her professionalism.
- Imogen, Callum and Grace for their very precious help on the day.
- Emma & Emma from the Red Cross for their reassuring presence.
- David Clover for post-event operation clear-up.
- Gillian Blakeley, Emma Burrows, Paula Lyons, Aideen McEvoy, Sarah Edmonds, Sarah Macaulay for spending most of Sunday morning helping turn the pavilion back to its original state! No small job...
- All our stalls helpers and all those who helped in one way or another...

And last but by no means least of all, the wonderful FoAKS team for their time, ideas, enthusiasm, dedication and lots more...

As you can see, this event wouldn't be what it is without the generosity of most of the village and beyond! Well done Team AK!

Where does the money go?...

This year, we are planning to:

- . Continue our contribution to all class trips
- . Continue allocating £200 per class for an extra-ordinary activity
- . Renew our membership to Wiltshire Library in order to update our Library books
- . Bring back the Life van next year
- . Install the new projector and sound system in the hall
- . Buy new laptops
- . Buy Stories on CDs listening stations
- . Buy some new play equipment
- . Purchase some stimulating spelling and maths resources

Now bring in the Festive Season!!!

We will be providing refreshments and mince pies at the KS1 Xmas play on the 11th and 12th December and will be producing a DVD for you to buy. More info soon.

During the morning of Friday 14th December we will be running the Xmas pocket money stalls in the school hall. For those of you who have not experienced this fabulous chaos yet what happens is this...

FoAKS purchase and wrap up close to 1000 small presents, which are all for sale for the bargain price of £1. There are items suitable for every member of the family. Each class comes separately into the hall and is given the opportunity to purchase some presents. Mummies, Daddies, Grans, Grandads, brothers and sisters will be very surprised and hopefully thrilled with their presents!

We wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

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