

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE FRIENDS OF HARLANDS
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The Friends of Harlands ABCs

A –

AGM – We hold the Friends of Harlands AGM in the autumn each year when we welcome new committee members, elect officers, review results of the previous year and discuss plans for the new year. All welcome.

Apprentices – “Apprentice” face painters and hair braiders are welcome at the Christmas & Summer Fairs.

Association, All – As parents and carers of children at Harlands, we are all automatically members of the Association.

B –

Bank – Do you work for a bank? Many offer £ for £ schemes for employees who work in the community. We’d love to hear from you.

Beauty Room – A popular attraction at the Christmas and Summer Fairs with hair braiding, face painting, nail painting, etc. If you know how to hair braid or do make up (including casualty make up), or would like to learn to do either of these, why not volunteer to help?

Bottles - The water bottles given to reception children each year are a gift from the Friends of Harlands. Replacement water bottles can be purchased from the office for £1.

C –

Cafe – A popular area at the Fairs, offering food and drink for hungry visitors. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this area.

Cake Stall – Shortly before each fair, we send home a paper plate with each family asking for cakes or goodies for our cake stall. Please label filled plates with a brief description (i.e. Fairy cakes – no nuts) and bring them in on Friday before the fair or on the morning on the fair. Visit the Cake Stall early to avoid disappointment as things go quickly!

Christmas Fair – A huge all family event, all offers of help are greatly appreciated.

Christmas Treats – As a gift to the children, the Friends of Harlands funds an entertainer for the Reception children and Discos for years 1 – 6.

Contacting the Committee – You can contact us by leaving your contact details with the school receptionist, giving them to a committee member, emailing us via the school website or attending a committee mtg.

Committee – the Committee is composed of parent and teacher volunteers who meet approximately every 4 – 5 weeks to plan events and activities. Committee members usually sign on for a 3 year term.

Co-Chairs - The Friends of Harlands (FOH) co-chairs for the 2007/2008 school year are Ann Burniston and Sue Windmill. If you’re interested in being a chair for next year please let us know!

Craft Room – A popular attraction at the Christmas Fair. If you enjoy crafts, why not volunteer to help in this room?

Cricket Crease – The FOH recently funded a new cricket crease for the school.

D –

Decking – The FOH recently funded the brand new decking outside the reception classroom. Enjoy!

Disco – A very popular event with the children. The Christmas Disco is our gift to the Children. Children pay a small fee for the Easter Disco when one is run.

E –

Entertainer – The FOH usually books an entertainer (i.e. a magician) as a special attraction at the Christmas Fair. We usually sell tickets to timed shows in the playground in advance and ask that parents generally attend with younger children. We try to find a business or businesses to sponsor the entertainer. If you know someone who might be interested in sponsoring this attraction, please contact a committee member.

Events, Everyone - We really need everyone’s help at events like the Christmas and Summer Fairs. There are so many ways that people can help. A willingness to help is the only essential ingredient!

F –

Fence – The FOH recently funded the colourful fence outside the Early Years classroom.

Film night – A new exciting event for the 2007/2008 year, an after school event with films selected by the children – one for KS1 and one for KS2.

5-a-side Tournament – We are considering one of these, but have never run one before. Do you have any experience? Could you help us organize it?

Friends of Harlands (FOH) – a registered charity (No. 800232) dedicated to raising funds for the school. The money raised is used to fund items and activities (not normally affordable within existing budgets) that help to improve the facilities and enhance life here.

G –

Grotto – Santa’s Grotto is a popular attraction at the Christmas Fair. We’re always looking for people to help decorate it.

H, I –

Help – We need everyone’s help for major events like the Christmas and Summer Fair.

Hoopla, Hook a Duck – popular kids stalls at the fairs.

Ideas – Do you have a good idea for a fundraiser that you’d like to organize? We’d love to hear it.

Interactive White Boards, Instruments – the FOH have funded a number of each of these for the school over recent years.

J, K -

Jolly – Do you make a jolly Father Christmas and have your own suit? We'd love to hear from you.

Kind – all offers of help kindly welcomed.

KS1/KS2 – the acronyms for Key Stage One covering pupils in reception through to year 2 (ages 5-7) and Key Stage Two covering pupils in Years 3 to 6 (ages 8-11)

L –

Ladies Night – This was a new event introduced in the 2007/2008 year which proved very popular - shopping, pampering and a chance to chat.

Landscaping – one of our big upcoming spending initiatives is landscaping the area where the huts were by the juniors playground. We'll be working with the ECO committee on this initiative.

Library – a major initiative over the last few years has been raising funds for the development of a new library. We're pleased to say that the Friends Library is now up and running.

Lollipop pick – a popular kids stall at the fairs. We usually ask a couple of year groups to bring bags of lollies to supply the stock.

M –

Multi-media System – The FOH funded the new multi-media system in hall.

N –

Newsletter – Look at the end of the green weekly newsletter each week for updates from the FOH.

Nursery – Do you have younger children at a local nursery or pre-school? We like to advertise our events to local nurseries and pre-school. Could you help us by putting up posters and/or selling tickets?

O, P –

Offers – all offers of help gratefully accepted.

Pancake Day Races – this is another popular event with the children. We organise races for each class. We need help making pancakes and running races and ask for a £0.50 donation on the day from each child.

Posters – could you help us spread the word about an event by designing and distributing posters?

Pound for Pound - Many banks will match funds raised if an employee is involved in the fundraising. If you work for a bank, please check if this is the case for you. This is a great way to increase the funds raised.

Prizes – Do you own a business or work for a business that would be willing to donate or sponsor a prize for the raffle? Do you know some local business owners who might be willing to do so?

Q –

Quiz Night- Our experienced quizmasters (John, Craig, Frances and Isobel) normally run this very popular evening event. Teams are organised in tables of 8 – so organise a team or come on your own and meet some new friends.

R-

Raffle - As a charity, we can hold one major raffle each year, where we can sell tickets in advance. We hold our Grand Raffle at the Summer Fair. We greatly appreciate every family's help in selling their £10 worth of tickets. For other raffles, throughout the year,

tickets are only available at an event and to people attending the event.

Raffle Prizes - We welcome donations of raffle prizes whenever you have them. Big prizes are used in the Christmas and Summer Fair raffles, while smaller prizes are used at events throughout the year. If you have a prize or know someone who would like to donate a prize, please contact a committee member.

S –

Secretary – Amanda Stenning is our FOH secretary.

Sherbets – A popular item at the fairs. Visit the Sherbet stall early to avoid disappointment.

Sponsors – We regularly look to businesses in the area to sponsor or co-sponsor entertainers, fair attractions and food to keep costs down. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact a committee member.

Summer Ball – We generally hold a Summer Ball with a live band every other year. This year the event is scheduled for 11th July and there are only a few tickets remaining.

Summer Fair – A great all family event. Usually our biggest fundraiser each year, scheduled this year for Saturday 28th June.

Support – we greatly appreciate your support for events and activities held throughout the year.

T –

Tombola, Teddy Bears – we look for donations for the adult and childrens tombola and the name the teddy stalls at each fair. You can bring your donations to the school office as we approach the time of the fair.

Treasurer – Kathy Bennett has been our wonderful Treasurer for the last 3 years

U, V

Under wraps - Please don't keep any special skills, connections or interests under wraps. If you have an idea that you think might be helpful, please come and see us.

Volunteers – we need about 80 – 100 volunteers for the Christmas and Summer Fairs. Please offer to help if you are able.

W, X

Website -<http://www.harlandsprimaryschool.org> – this is the schools website where you'll find all lots of useful information about the school (including the school year class names, teachers etc). Friends of Harlands have their own section there under "Parents" where you can also find an email link to "contact us".

Wine Tasting Night – a popular event we sometimes run where teams have to guess the grape, year and country of origin for a selection of wines.

X-citing – (okay, yes, we're cheating here) – Do you have an exciting idea for a fundraising event that you'd like to organize? Please come and see us.

Y, Z

You, Your – you and your help can really make a difference!

buZZZ – (yes, cheating again) - Help us create a buzz around our next event by attending, getting your friends to come and spreading the word.