

Friends of Witchampton Meeting 13th September 2021

Friends Present: Cath Mason (Chair), Margareta Wilkie-Stanley (Secretary), Sarah Edwards (Treasurer), Cassie Schofield, Mandy Steele, Katherine Tizzard, Laura Collie, Kevin Trussell, Louisa Ambrose.

Finances – Current Balance approx. £3,100.

SAVE THE DATE - Friends AGM – Scheduled for 10am 4th October 2021

Mrs Hancock has confirmed her ability to attend
CM has confirmed that she is standing down as Chair.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Garden Clearance – The reflection garden is still in rather a state. Thanks to the kind donations from the Browning family we are in a position to improve it. SE to coordinate a working party at **13:15 on Thursday 16th September** to clear stinging nettles/lay groundsheet.

FUNDRAISING – This will be the focus of the next meeting.

This half of term we plan:

Film Night -In school on a Friday after class. 2 parents needed for snacks -tickets into the raffle for film etc.

Bingo -Friday from 6pm in the village hall. Kevin suggested his wife to compare. CS/CM to see if we can borrow the Bingo equipment from the village hall bingo team.

SAVE THE DATES (TBC) – 8th/15th October 2021

Currently the village hall is booked (cost £50) for 8th October (15th unavailable) BUT Frances is unavailable to comper that night.

In the second half of the term we will look to do Sarah Poretta's "**Pub Quiz**".

After the success of last year we will again focus on the **Christmas Raffle** as the main fundraiser in the run up to Christmas. CS will again apply for a lottery registration (approx. £20) and print tickets.

The November Fair will be moved to a "Spring Fair" in the hope that we can use the school Marquee and have more space in inclement weather.

Mrs Middlebrook has confirmed that the Marquee will be up until the end of the Spring term (7th April).

Other ideas mooted would be a Cake sale, Krispy Kreme doughnuts etc and these will all be discussed at the next meeting.

New Members

Several parents have offered their support, ideas and enthusiasm but were unable to make day meetings due to work commitments.

MS is happy to distribute communication from friends to the new Hedgehog parents via the WhatsApp group.

MWS happy to create a supplementary Zoom meeting after the next meeting/AGM on the 4th October.