



The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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Taking Stock

This week finds the Friends recovering from the superbly successful Burns Night Ball...and starting to prepare for our spring and summer events.

We have a sub-Committee meeting next week and on the agenda...? Well as spring is coming, despite

the *wintery*
weather just



now, our thoughts are turning to Easter & the May Fayre this summer!! Next week we'll update you with some of our plans and give you details of how you can get involved.

Burns Night updates



We have heard from our Burns Night photographer Makaela who is working hard to get the disc of pictures ready for us. Makaela, who kindly donated her services on the night, took over **500 images** and, as you can imagine, this takes a "wee while" to edit and organise. Rest assured these photographs will be available for you to view and purchase very soon... in the meantime we share just three of the shots taken on the night.

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Financially the event has been a resounding success, as well as great fun for all who attended! We are happy to report that, having added up all the income and expenditure from the evening, our initial sums indicate the evening has produced a fabulous income – see below! Thank you to all of you who supported us in some way with this fundraising event!



£2,835 of this sum was generated by the Silent Auction

And we wish to thank all the successful bidders for their prompt payments ☺. In our forthcoming website report on the evening we will give you a top-level summary of the funds generated by each lot. This superb sum does mean **we owe a great deal of thanks to our generous donors**, as this has made a great difference to the final total raised.

How will the Friends spend the money raised? Well, it will of course be ploughed back into the School and at our recent Committee meeting we discussed various options with the School's representatives at that meeting, Mr Philips and Mr Ainsworth. We hope to share some follow up news with you in the next week or so, so please watch this space. In the meantime we invite all members of the School community to submit their bids for funding. Don't forget the bid form can be found [here](#) on the Friends' website.

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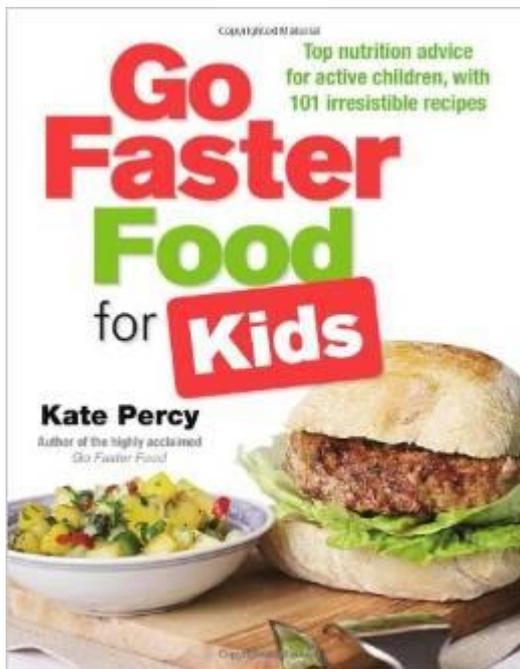
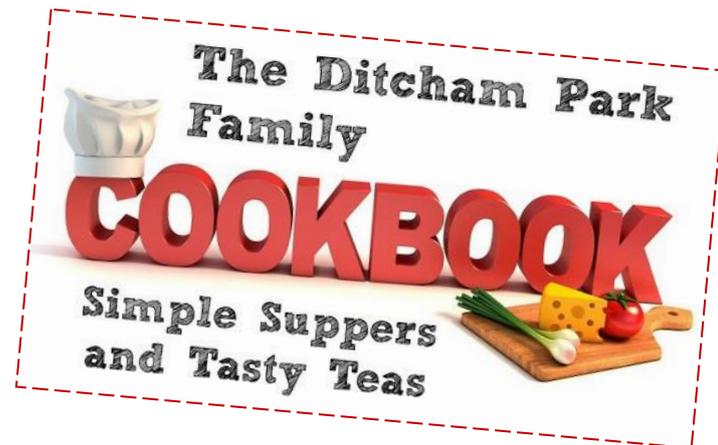
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Website & Cookbook News

At our recent Committee meeting we discussed the Cookbook project that we were hoping to run at the end of last year. You will recall that our aim was to produce a cookbook for sale at the Christmas Fayre populated with recipes submitted by members of Ditcham families and staff.



Unfortunately we did not receive the required number of recipes to make this financially viable, and we have therefore decided to put this project on hold. However, we certainly don't want to "waste" the recipes that were sent in... and so we have decided to create a "**Recipe of the Week**" feature on the website and will share some of the fabulous culinary creations that were sent in! So if you submitted a recipe last year, check out the website regularly – you could be featured!

As a "**Thank You**" to all those who submitted an entry, all the names will be popped into a hat and a winner will be drawn at our next full Committee meeting. The winner will receive a fabulous cookbook we have secured "Go Faster Food for Kids" signed by its author Kate Percy.

There are a number of other plans for our popular website www.friendsofditchampark.com being implemented in the coming months, so make sure to "bookmark" the site and revisit regularly.

And finally, breaking news!

The Friends Committee chose the theme of this year's May Fayre at January's meeting...and we can reveal this will be

MEDIEVAL May Fayre Fun! We cannot wait!

Have a super weekend!

Denise Allen, on behalf of Vicki Harvey and the FDPS Committee



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