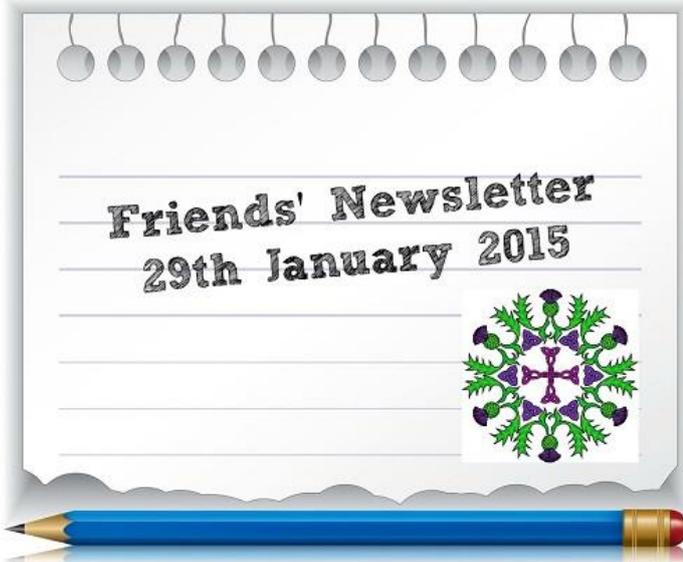




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Tales of mid-winter revelry – celebrating Burns Night with Friends!

You know how it goes...you plan for a special occasion for months and months and then, before you know it, the big day arrives and the event has come and gone! So it was with our fabulous Burns' Night Ball, held last Saturday evening at the Tithe Barn, Ditcham.

The Burns' Night Ball... "One to remember!"

The glorious Tithe Barn, already a stunningly beautiful venue, had been prepared and decorated by a team of Friends' Committee & helpers – with each table named after a Scottish clan, covered with crisp white tablecloths, glorious blooms organised by Emma Yellop & Fiona Curry, flickering candles and tartan finishing touches. Here follows some shots from Saturday morning... with grateful thanks to all that helped on Friday afternoon and Saturday – and not forgetting the "clear-up crew" that dismantled it all on Sunday!



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Our guests arrived on Saturday greeted by the stirring sound of the **Scottish bagpipes**, played by our visiting piper Andrea, and then experienced their very own “**red carpet moment**” as they posed for the official photographer, Makaela of Shutters Photography. * *We expect to receive the photographs within the next week and will share a few of these in next week’s newsletter...watch this space! All guests will receive an email alerting them to when a selection of photographs have been posted to the FDPS website, and we hope that CDs of photographs will be available for sale shortly after this.*

During the evening we ran a **Silent Auction**, **table raffle**, **casino** and – of course – enjoyed a **fabulous ceilidh** courtesy of our band and caller “Rufus Return”.

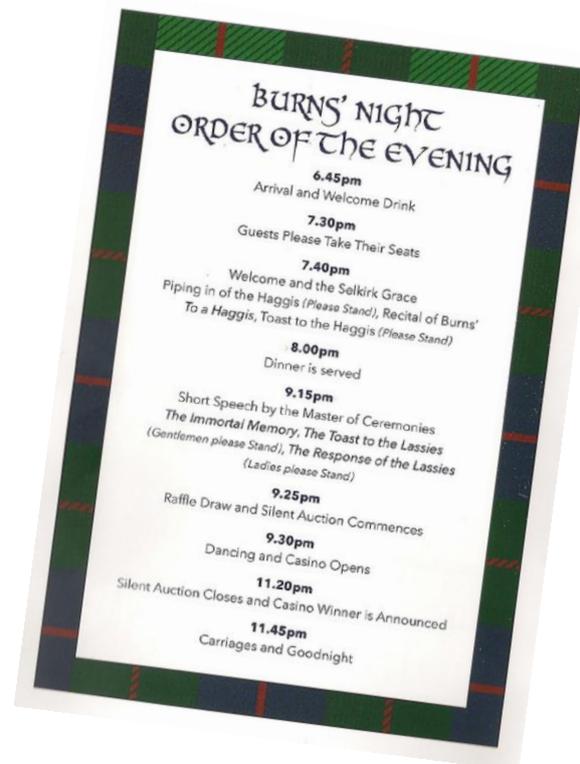
As usual, we received tremendous support from all

our guests on the night, and we are currently “totting up” all the proceeds and will let you know the final sum next week. The Silent Auction alone received bids of a superb **£2,835!**

So, what did our guests make of it all....? Well, we’ve had some superb feedback....

“Best ever!”

“When is the next one?”



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And finally... we have many people to thank for their help in making the evening such a great success, in particular Mr & Mrs Oates owners of the Tithe Barn and their staff. Next week we hope to have a full report on our website and will there acknowledge all our valued suppliers and supporters.

Guess what... we had such a great time we're already thinking about the next FDPS ball 😊

Easyfundraising News!



Top PTAs	Amount Raised
1. Bleasby School Friends...	£6,520.07
2. Belmont Primary School...	£5,188.22
3. Southfield Primary School - W4	£4,440.33
4. Benhall Infant School...	£3,848.67
5. Colwich Primary School, Main...	£3,705.77
6. Hayesbrook School, Tonbridge	£3,535.94
7. Pate's Grammar School...	£3,401.56
8. Friends of Little Sutton School...	£3,342.28
9. St Michaels CE (VC) First...	£3,336.26
10. Friends of Our Lady of...	£3,273.11
227. Friends of Ditcham Park School - Petersfield	£1,211.03

Let's make 2015 a bumper Easyfundraising Year for Friends of Ditcham Park School!

As you can see we're doing pretty well with our Easyfundraising efforts... but still a little way to go to reach **our next target of £1,250.**

However, with Spring now just around the corner, we have received exciting news from the Easyfundraising team of large donations that are available to all of us making plans for our summer vacations and booking online! They have introduced the "Donation Estimator" application which will allow you to see just how much you could raise when you book your holidays and travel via Easyfundraising!

Check out the **Holiday Donation Estimator** before you book!

More details available the Easyfundraising website, please click on the link picture on the following page...

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Holiday Donation Estimator

See how much you could raise when you book your holiday and travel with easyfundraising!

Some of our top retailers ↘

How much you might spend ↓	Hotels: 4.5% donation	Hotels: 4% donation	Hotels & Flights: 2% donation	Holidays: 2% donation	Holidays: 1.75% donation	Villa & Flights: 1% donation	Package holidays: 1% donation
£500	£22	£20	£10	£10	£8	£5	£5
£1,000	£45	£40	£20	£20	£17	£10	£10
£1,500	£67	£60	£30	£30	£26	£15	£15
£2,500	£112	£100	£50	£50	£43	£25	£25
£5,000	£225	£200	£100	£100	£87	£50	£50

Visit easyfundraising.org.uk/travel to find more retailers and donations!

Some retailers offer different donations dependent on the product purchased - in each example we have picked a single product as an illustration. Donations amounts correct at time of publishing - donations can change Please check the retailer page on easyfundraising for a list donations available.

Next Events...

At the recent Friends' Committee meeting, plans were made for the next events in our calendar...including the children's Easter Parties at the end of Spring term, the May Fayre and another NEW event to be held at the School in June (we are still checking out dates and details on this one!). Too early to reveal all just yet, but keep checking back on the [FDPS website news page](#) and we'll share all the details soon!



Wishing you all a very happy weekend... see you next week!

Vicki Harvey & the FDPS Committee

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