

My first year as chair has flown by, and I look back with great satisfaction at what has been achieved. A profit of £8865.74 is an amazing result in the current financial climate, and when people find it hard to strike a balance with work and home life.

In terms of members, there was undoubtedly a core that could be counted on, if not in person, most definitely in spirit at every meeting. In addition, there was a wider group of people who could not attend our meetings but who would always show up on the day to do whatever was needed; cake bakers, burger flippers, raffle prize gatherers, disco divas, face painters, tea makers, gift donators, hall decorators, tidy uppers, ticket sellers, nail painters.....the list is endless and I am truly grateful to anyone who gave up any of their time to support our events.

Special mention must be made of Emma Bowman, our Vice Chair. I know that she works incredibly hard, often into the night and yet she is truly committed to ensuring our events are well organised and run as smoothly as possible. Sometimes we are right up to the wire, but Emma remains unflappable and it's always ok in the end! So, thank you. The massive success of the summer fair was testament to your hard work!

We are also lucky to have Amelia Goldsmid and Kim Holborn who have joined us this year, it's great to have some new ideas and support. Kim will be taking up the role of treasurer and we will be looking into updating our banking account. Jan Ramsay has been a fundamental part of the FPTA for many years and has been a font of all knowledge. I would like to thank Jan for all her input and support throughout the years.

I am grateful too for the on-going support and guidance of our headteacher, Sue O'Boyle. I understand that the balance between school priorities and FPTA requests can be difficult to achieve.

My last thank you must go to the parents and families of the children at West Wittering School. You turn up, whatever the weather, whatever the hour and whatever the request, ready to dig deep and spend your pennies. The children always have a brilliant time, and they are at the heart of what we strive to achieve.

The Highlights Of 2013

The dinner dance at Itchenor sailing club kicked off the year in spectacular fashion. It was a brilliant night with a great time had by all who attended. It was well organised by Tan Castle Ward, Catherine Macklay and Karen Bornhoft and the profit of £3602.69 speaks for itself! Thank you ladies.

The summer fair, or Wittfest, was also a huge success. I think the decision to hold it earlier in the summer was a great idea giving more flexibility when faced with bad weather. We had some new stalls this year and this was clearly a winning combination. Thank you Emma!

I am grateful that Amelia Goldsmid bravely jumped in at the deep end and organised the Christmas fair. I was really pleased at how it went, especially as we tried something different this year. Santa's grotto was amazing and I would like to thank David Clarke and Amanda Wilsher for all their support throughout the year.

Local traders have supported these events with an impressive array of raffle prizes and other donations. I am aware that it is a tough financial climate and am really grateful for their contribution.

Discos during the year have been enjoyed by the children and have added to our funds, but the greatest success is the fun they have had.

Looking forward to the next year, I am excited about seeing the benefits the FPTA funds can offer the children. Various enhancements have been discussed including iPads and new playground markings, and I am keen to get these projects underway. We will also have a link to the new school website so it would be great if we can use this tool to keep everyone up to date with all we do. It is important that the FPTA keeps moving and evolving to make the next 12 months an even greater success!!

Thank you,

Chloe Munday

FPTA Chair