

# Friends of Madley School AGM

## 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009

### Present

Toby Harding(Chairman), Michelle Ambler (Treasurer), Louise Lacey (Secretary), Lee Batstone, Sara Bennion, Becca Preece, Jill Shrearer, Miriam Roberts, Clare Lewis, Jo Spencer-Smith, Jill Jones, Julia Prosser, Becky Wall, Carole Malins, Sue Hunter, Helen Caple, Sharon Price

### Apologies

Julie Wells, Jo Preece, Sue Williams, Victoria Ward, Corin Burgess

### Minutes of last meeting

Signed and agreed

### Correspondence

- No correspondence since the last meeting

### 1. Chairman's Report

- It has been a good year despite the "credit crunch" and the events have been well attended and supported. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make these a success and to parents and local businesses for their kind donations.
- Thanks also to Michelle for her fine work as Treasurer, to Lee and the staff at the school for their support and to Mike Williams for continuing to audit the finances free of charge.
- The challenge for the PTA this year is to raise money to finance the purchase of a minibus either through a lease scheme or a one off payment. This will significantly help the school to reduce one of their largest drains on the budget – travel costs.
- The minibus will be a long term commitment from the PTA taking a large chunk of any monies raised for the foreseeable future. It is important therefore that we publicise our efforts as much as possible.
- We also need to ensure that money is still available to replace the waterproofs and books as needed and other items identified within the school.
- Toby also announced his decision to step down as chairman this year but luckily he has agreed to continue on the committee.
- Neil Preece has also decided to step down as vice chairman but has offered his support at events when possible.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- Michelle reported that a total of £4231 was raised in the last year. This includes £1201 from the Christmas Bazaar and £1,339 from the summer fete (including donations)
- Expenditure amounted to £3536 with the largest amounts of money going towards purchasing the remaining waterproofs for the school, donating £1000 towards the whole school trip and buying new bookshelves.

### 3. Headmaster's Report

- Thank you to all those committee members who have worked so hard this year.
- The working party earlier in the year was a huge success and has helped to make a real difference to the school - again thank you to all those that gave up their weekend.
- Big thank you to Toby Harding for his support and efforts as chairman over the last few years.

### 4. Committee Elections

#### Officers Posts

- Jo Spencer Smith (Chairman) proposed Michelle Ambler, seconded Toby Harding.
- Jill Jones (Vice Chairman) proposed Louise Lacey, seconded Michelle Ambler.
- Michelle Ambler (Treasurer) proposed Toby Harding, seconded Jill Shearer.
- Louise Lacey (Secretary) proposed Toby Harding, seconded Jo Spencer Smith.

#### Committee member staying on

- Carol Malins, Jill Shearer, Jo Preece, Julie Guy, Julia Prosser, Claire Lewis, Miriam Roberts

#### New Committee members

- Sara Bennion, Victoria Ward, Rebecca Preece, Becky Wall – all proposed by Jill Shearer and seconded by all.

A few of those attending the meeting expressed an interest in the PTA and may want to join the committee at some point in the future. Please note that new members are welcome to join at any time in the school year.

### 5. AOB

- Discussions have started about booking a Christmas event before Christmas this year rather than early next year. Suggestions included the Three Counties Hotel or TGS **(Claire Lewis has agreed to look into this)**
- Need to confirm whether we need to have a president and also to ensure that the named trustees are still happy to hold their position. **(TH to confirm)**
- Lee asked for volunteers to help to do the refreshments for the Open evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- Finally, thank you to Country Fayre for the wonderful cheese that they donated towards the evening and also to Tesco for their contribution of wine and biscuits. **(LL to write to thank both parties)**

### Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.45 at The Old School Rooms