

Old Fonthillians Association Summer 2010 Newsletter

Dear all

It seems just a blink of an eye since I wished Old Fonthillians “good luck” in their Summer exams....and here we are again with exams looming. Good luck and remember that you’ll have a long Summer to enjoy when they’re over. And at last the bluebells have arrived!



Bluebells in the Wilderness, Fonthill

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Fonthill Ted Scales Kilimanjaro



In February, Fonthill Ted made it to the top of Kilimanjaro with a little help from Old Fonthillian Stuart Bennett, who was raising funds for the NSPCC. Ted was none the worse for the adventure – or the altitude - and Stuart doesn’t look too bad either.

There’s more Fonthill Teddies are out there : if you own one, take him to an unusual place and send in the picture....

New Date for Friends of Fonthill Quiz Night – 15 May

The Friends' Quiz night has been rescheduled to Saturday 15 May. Tickets are £10 per person - £5 for children** - and includes food (pizza, salad and jacket potatoes). **Children from school year 5 upwards welcome. Quizzers to bring their own wine. If you would like to raise a team then do contact Frances Lawler (details below) asap.

Fonthill Lodge School Fete – 13 June

The annual fete will be on Sunday, 13 June between 12-4pm. There will be an Old Fonthillians stall there on the day and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Friends of Fonthill Lodge Grand Cash Raffle

The Friends are holding a Grand Cash Raffle this year. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold at £30 each or two for £50. The prize money will be calculated as a percentage of the raffle proceeds: the amounts listed below are the maximum that would be paid out to the lucky winners if all 250 tickets are sold.

1st Prize £3000 MAX
2 runner up prizes £500 MAX Each

The draw will take place at the school on Monday 5th July 2010 (sports day). As someone said, "you've got to be in it to win it"so if any Old Fonthillian parents or adult OFs would like to purchase a ticket then contact Frances Lawler.

Remember that further details about any of the Friends events can be obtained via
Michelle Taylor @michelle.taylor@truscene.com
or Frances Lawler @franceslawler1@googlemail.com

Summer Production of The Tempest

This year Fonthill Lodge children will perform a musical version of The Tempest. Performances will be held on 30 June (2.00 matinee), and at 7.00 on 1 and 2 July. 2 July will be the Gala Evening when, fingers crossed for good weather, playgoers may enjoy a post-performance glass of wine outside too. Posh frocks and suits are the dress code for the Friday night show. If you would like to attend you would be very welcome – please contact the School c/o Nicola Chivers to reserve a ticket.

Wanted – Old Fonthillians' News

This request is specifically directed at the 12-25 age group. I would love to gather some short articles written by OFs (or parents if that helps) – each article explaining what the individual particularly liked about Fonthill Lodge, which secondary school they went on to and, as appropriate, what uni/job they have then taken up. Alongside the school record, information on any drama, sporting, charity, other interests and achievements would be great. I'm hoping I can get a good cross-section of articles to make into a booklet that I shall then give to Dr Simon Willcocks for display at open days etc. I could also put articles on the website – provided I had the writer's permission. I want to do this is partly to encourage

news from some of our younger members but also because prospective and new parents coming to Fonthill Lodge are always interested to know what schools children go onto and what kind of routes children follow. **PLEASE DON'T think "everyone else will do this so I won't bother"..... I want YOUR news! Have a go – one page max.**



French Exchange 10th Anniversary



2011 will be the tenth anniversary of the annual French Exchange trip to Lille and Mrs Amanda Clarke would like to produce some commemorative material to mark the event. If you were a French exchanger and have some good memories you'd like to share – possibly in a booklet - then start thinking now – better still, **e-mail me if you'd like to be kept in touch with news of this anniversary as there might well be an opportunity for OFs to join in the celebrations next year.**

Snippets

- ❖ **David Ball** (leaver 2005) will be taking part in the East Grinstead triathlon on 16 May, raising funds for the Lotus Orphanage in Nepal. We wish him well. If you would like to sponsor him I am sure he would love to hear from you. Let me know if you need contact details and I will forward mails to David.
- ❖ From the school's website, "**Rob Gearing** and the team have had an exciting climb of Dingshung, but we have heard that they were unable to complete it in full due to encountering a number of severe rockfalls. When one of these rockfalls smashed two safety helmets they decided to return to base camp. The team have safely made their descent and now face the next challenge of getting home." Click on the school's website to find out more about the climb @ www.fonthill-lodge.co.uk
- ❖ **Aimee de Havas** (2000-2005) tells me: "I am about to start my last year at Ashdown House. I have been enjoying the sport and my music. I was invited to join the National Youth Choir of Great Britain following an audition, and also will be singing at Glyndebourne this summer in the production of Hansel and Gretel. I enjoy keeping up with my old Fonthill friends."
- ❖ **Cameron McEwen** (leaver 2009) played the piano magnificently at the recent Spring Concert which was dedicated to the memory of Mrs Pauline Browning.
- ❖ **Max Smith** (2002-2008) lives in Lyme Regis. Mum Natalie e-mailed to say that the family is loving life beside the sea. Max is enjoying sailing and is doing very well at school.
- ❖ News from mum Nickie about **Sam & Helen Todd-Saunders**: "**Sam** is in his last year at Brambletye and has just been awarded two scholarships to Hurstpierpoint - one for Art and one for Design & Technology. Needless to say we are very proud and pleased! **Helen** is still at Brambletye and doing extremely well. She is one of a group of 5 going to

Gordonstoun for the 'Gordonstoun Challenge' in June. Schools are invited to participate and must select 5 pupils from year 6. They are both still ski racing. Helen belongs to CD Phoenix netball club and is a mini with the Hockey club. Sam plays hockey at EG with the Lions and is in the JAC Hockey program and plays in some County matches. He is also captain of the EG Roller Hockey team and today (Sunday 2nd) he is in a regional tournament."

- ❖ **Victoria Watson** (leaver 2006) e-mailed to say that she and sister **Louise** are enjoying school at Ashdown house. "My sister and I have been having a very successful time, we are both talented in music and art and sports. My sister is in the top year and has her Hockey, Netball and music colours. I play the Flute, Piano and used to sing and play the guitar. I am in the A team for netball and the seconds for hockey (but first is the top year!!)." Victoria (year 7) has also told me that Louise (year 8) has just got an exhibition to Eastbourne College.

Old Fonthillians Gallery

Here's a photograph sent by Nicola Chivers. Do you recognise anyone? Nicola has given a few clues: "Taken in what is now the library, the teacher is Miss Grant. The girl on the extreme right is Tania Browning & Rob Herbert thinks the girl on the extreme left might be Libby Hubbard (nee Grubb). The boy second from left, top row, looks a bit like Will Davies but may not be!" Do you recognise anyone?



Best wishes, Ann

Postscripts on how NOT to answer a question in the English Lit exam...

Q: "How much is Romeo to blame for what happens at the end of Romeo & Juliet?"

A: "He is completely to blame. He's an alpha male and he's named after a car."

...or the Geography exam...

Q: "Define the phrase 'commercial farming'".

A: "It is when a farmer advertises his farm on TV to get more customers."

...or the Biology exam ...

Q: "What is the highest frequency noise a human can register?"

A: Mariah Carey.