

July 8th 2025, FOW Committee Meeting Notes

Present

Claire Lane
Paul Greaves
Katie Williams
Jason Malaure
Holly Scott
Helen Arnold

Minutes

- **Summer Concert**
Everything in place. 6.30 for bar open, interval around 8, finish around 9. 240 tickets sold.
- **Uniform Sale**
We made around £800 from the uniform sale and are running low on supplies. We have some stock we cannot sell and Nicky was going to get the details of a company that offers a recycling services for unwanted uniform.
- **Key Dates and Events for the next year**
 - Year 7 Parent Information Evening, Tuesday 23rd September
 - Year 7 Bingo, Friday 3rd October
 - Live Lounge – Wednesday 5th October (Subject to change)
 - School Production – My Fair Lady, 24th to 26th November
 - 6th Form Open Evening – Thursday 16th October (don't need refreshments for this event from FOW)
 - Year 10 Coffee Morning – Friday 17th October
 - Christmas Tree Sales (possibly combined with a uniform sale) – Saturday 6th December
 - Winter Festival – Thursday 11th December
 - Live Lounge – w/c 9th February
 - Quiz Night – Friday 27th February
 - Summer Festival – Thursday 2nd July
 - (Couple more events to add here)
- **Events Discussion**
 - The quiz night numbers were slightly lower this year. Should we explore combining the quiz night with another event to generate more numbers? Could we also look at dallying it or increasing the publicity? General consensus that we need to look at this to see what we can do.
 - Year 7 Bingo was over-subscribed this year. Katie is going to distribute a questionnaire Year 7 parents to find out how many people missed out so we can see how best to address this next year.
 - There are around 60 volunteers in the Friends of Waldegrave Squad.
 - A sponsored ride (or other sponsored activity) was suggested as a potential fund-raising option. We could ask a parent to volunteer to organise the activity which could be managed promoted by the same bandwidth?
- **Fundraising**
 - The Minibus appeal has currently raised £3070 through ParentPay. Paul is going to check which class had the most interesting ideas for raising appeal funds.

- o Helen suggested a dragon boat race as a potential fund-raising option as this has been seen to work elsewhere. Helen is going to speak to the Lensbury to see if we can find out more about the costs/logistics.
- **Charities Commission**
 - o Helen is going to give us an update on this before the end of term.