

FRIENDS OF KING'S SCHOOL ROCHESTER END-OF-YEAR
REPORT 2009

Our first big event for 2008 was the Fireworks Display on the Paddock in November. We had a huge turnout and during the evening we served Mulled Wine, a BBQ and sweets and cakes. We made an amazing £1600.93 after all our costs. This event was closely followed by the Christmas Craft Fayre, held in the School Hall to coincide with the Dickens Weekend in Rochester. We sold 13 tables to outside crafts as well as running five tables of our own. My thanks to everyone who donated items from books, bottles to cakes which all helped to make this event such a success. We made £3693.17 profit after all our costs which is the highest amount we have ever taken on one day. My thanks go to all the parents who helped the committee out working all day selling teas and coffee, on the BBQ and manning craft and bottle stalls in the hall. We would never have raised this much money without your incredible support.

We held a Ladies' Luncheon in May and our guest speaker was Ann Chance who entertained everyone with her experiences in Sicily and Mount Etna. With the raffle and ticket sales we made £1592.65.

As in previous years we served Pimms, Strawberries and Cream and cooked a BBQ breakfast for the parents watching the events. We raised £645 on this morning.

The Summer Ball was a huge success and my thanks go to Terri Paulley and Kim Yalcin for their hard work over the whole year putting this event together. Terri left the committee this year as her son left school this year. She will be sorely missed. Terri was on the committee from her time in the Pre-Prep and worked tirelessly on behalf of the school for all her time at Kings. The Ball made a profit of just under £3000. The raffle raised £1363 and our Golden Raffle for a holiday in a villa in Spain raised a further £960.

All this fundraising has enabled us to purchase a number of items for both the Preparatory and Senior schools. We have purchased new benches for the Preparatory School in St Ronan's garden, new chess sets and music equipment. We have replaced the black backing curtains on the stage in the school hall and provided funds for the improvement of the sound system in the hall. Overall we donated £15,500 towards the purchase of a new school minibus.

We have had an incredible year and my thanks to all on the Committee for their efforts and hard work and all the parents who have supported us.

Gillian Bateman
Chairperson