



The JFA News

The John Fisher Association

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The end of another academic year at John Fisher.

We are rapidly approaching the end of another year and it has been a successful year of fundraising and events for the JFA.

We are aware that there have been many calls on your time and money over the past year and a big thank you to everyone for supporting the events and helping to provide much needed funds for the school.

The Summer Fete was one of the best we have had in many years, the weather was very kind to us and the turnout of support was fantastic, leading to a superb sum raised in the region of £23,000.

The Summer Ball—Boas and Bow ties was held two weeks ago and although the numbers were not as good as we had hoped, we have raised a substantial sum for the school and everyone seems to have had a very enjoyable evening.

We are now looking to next year and hope that you will look at the events we have planned (see back page) and put them in your diary and support those that take your fancy.



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Special points of interest:

- Report on the Fete
- Boas and Bow ties Summer Ball 2008.
- JFA Website

Your committee for 2007/8 was

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The John Fisher Summer Fete 2008

As always the Fete was held on the first bank holiday in May, months of planning and organisation come together on the one day and as the 5th May got closer the weather forecast did not look good.

But the day dawned and the weather stayed fantastic all day.

A huge thank you to all the people who worked so hard on the day and in the weeks leading up to it. All the stall-holders, stall helpers, sorters, carriers and of course all those who donated anything from Clothes to Plants, Gifts to Cakes. Then there were the artists who gave their time on the stage to entertain us.

We must also thank the whole array of parents and local business who gave sponsorship and advertised in the program and **especially David Brown and the Royal Bank of Scotland who donated £500 through their £1 for £1 fundraising Matching scheme.**

With preparations for the ball the thank you letters are late, we know that, but they are coming out and they will let you know how much your stall took on the day. That contributed to a fundraising effort of around £23,000.

Planning for next year has already started so please think how you might help. There are some ideas later in the newsletter.



The John Fisher Fete

Don't forget to come to The John Fisher Association AGM on 22nd September.

The association AGM is held at the beginning of each Autumn term and is an opportunity for every parent to come along, express their views, share their ideas and even volunteer to join the committee or help at events. The more people who volunteer on the committee, the easier and more enjoyable it is to organise and prepare the various events.

The AGM is held at the pavilion, Plough Lane and usually lasts around half an hour.

If you are not able to attend but have any issues you would like to be raised,

please write to the JFA Committee at the school or email us at:

committee@the-jfa.co.uk

All comments are welcome from ideas for new fundraising events, to ways of improving existing events.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM at 8pm on Monday 22nd September 2008.

Here are just some of the items we have helped the school to buy in recent years:

4 Minibuses, Computers for the Sixth Form Centre, Computers and Software

for the learning support department, Computers, Software and Tables for the Art Department, Interactive White Boards, Hardwood Garden Benches, Storage Garages, Data Loggers for the Science Department, Funds to support projects in the learning support room and assistance in re-equipping the science block.



The JFA Committee hard at work

Do you want to increase your business and help your children at the same time?

Advertise your business / services to the parents of The John Fisher School in the John Fisher Association newsletter.



Advertise your business

The newsletter is sent out to parents once or twice a term

It will help you to grow your business while helping the John Fisher Association to supply much needed equipment for the school.

£20 per quarter column per issue

Another way to raise money for the school

*we are collecting empty ink jet cartridges used toner cartridges
unwanted mobile phones.*

Please place any of the above in the designated box in the school library. This is such a simple way for us to raise money. Why not ask your family, friends and work colleagues to recycle theirs for us too?

This scheme is run in association with 'Envirostream' www.envirostream.co.uk



The JFA Website

The JFA Website is up and running at:

<http://www.the-jfa.co.uk>

But we need your help to keep it relevant and up to date. As we have said earlier, the JFA is entirely voluntary and

everyone is very busy with their own activities so the more people we have doing little bits of work the easier it is for everyone and no individuals need take on too much on their own. If there are any web site professionals or amateur enthusiasts out there who could help us update and maintain the site we would be very grateful to hear from you.

It would also be fantastic if as many of you

as possible would register on the website to receive the termly newsletters by email plus other occasional information that is sent out.

And again any suggestions or ideas that you have for the development of the website would be very welcome.



Email your ideas to committee@jfa.co.uk

The John Fisher Summer Ball 2008 – Boas and Bow Ties

On 28th June we held our Bi-Annual Summer Ball. The theme this year was Boas and Bow ties and we were not let down. The number of feather adorning the floor the following morning were testament to the number and variety of Feather Boas that were worn by the ladies (and on occasions by men) and the array of bow ties on display would have made Tie Rack blush! The evening started with a champagne reception which was followed by a three course meal prepared by Taylor Made Catering. Starters were Herb Pancake with Smoked Salmon or Plum Tomato and Avocado, followed by Beef Steaks braised in Red Wine or Field Mushrooms filled with Red Onion Marmalade, Spinach, Goats Cheese and Pine Nuts. Topped off with Glazed Lemon Tart or Fresh Fruit Pavlova,

Coffee and Chocolates. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that the food was excellent and we were very well waited on by Fisher Boys and St Philomena Girls.

The Meal was followed by a very successful Auction and Raffle.

We then danced till the early hours of the morning to the fantastic music of

"The Masons"

- Mike Cernuschi and his band. From the moment the music started, the dance floor was never empty.



Dancing to the sound of the "Masons"

A big thank you to everyone who came to the event, helped set it up and helped to clear up afterwards and of course to all those who sponsored tables - *Fulham Timber, Cheam Windows, Latchmere Motor Spares, County Construction, Brenda Fernando, Scott, White & Hookins, Oscar Photography, Mary Roe and Woodcote Interiors*, or who donated Raffle and Auction Prizes - *Barracuda Day Camps, PGL, Royal Day Spa Tunbridge Wells, Shirley Park Golf Club, The Golf Shop, Sth Croydon, The Warehouse Theatre, Taylor Made Catering, John Roe, Tom Finnegan and D Parker and Sons Butchers.*

Keep your eyes peeled for details of the next ball in Summer 2010.



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*Please help us help
the School*

The John Fisher Association is a registered charity Number : 1052985 you can view accounts and details at

<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk>

**PLEASE PUT THESE DATES
IN YOUR DIARIES**

Saturday 27 th Sept 08	Quiz Night –Teams of up to Eight people – £7.50 /head including Plough mans.
Saturday 15 th Nov 08	Musical evening.
Saturday 20 th Dec 08	Christmas Dinner
Saturday 14 th March 09	St Patrick's Night
Monday 4 th May 09	School Fete
Sunday 12 th July 09	Family Fun day and BBQ

Even if you can't attend one of these events, it would be great if you could find some time to help set up before or clear up after one of them as "many hands make light work" and it does make it so much more enjoyable for everyone and even the set up and clearing can then be enjoyable.

Company or Individual? Have you thought of sponsoring any of our events?

There are some events in our calendar whose profits can soar if we obtain sponsorship to cover some costs.

The Mayday Bank Holiday Fete,

The November Musical Evening or St Patricks Night.

1. Does your company match pound for pound any charity fundraising that you might do ? Many banks or financial institutions do. Could you let us know if you are an employee of such a company? This could help finance the costs of a large stall at the fete.
2. Could you or your company sponsor any costs to do with our dinners? Receptions, catering, dance floor, music, hire of crockery, cutlery, tables, balloons etc
3. Could you help with providing an auction or raffle prize?
4. Do you know of any act or group of people who might like to perform on stage at the school fete?

Could you help with any of the above. If you think you might be able to please contact Helen or Janet on :

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Barbeque at the John Fisher Fete.