

St Marys VC CE First School CHarminster

Annual General Meeting Chairs Report

13th March 2017

Here we are at the end of my first year as Chair. I stepped into the role as a temporary Chair to avoid the school association folding. It was definitely not a role I had intended to take on, but with the possibility of these events not being available for our children and more importantly the funds to support the school with materials that are so much needed, pushed me into taking it on!

I look back with a sense of satisfaction and pride for what we have achieved. The last year has brought some changes to the School Association; previously it was chaired by Sarah Davies who did an amazing job. Unfortunately most of the volunteer base for the committee was lost after the summer due to their children moving to St Osmund's. It was a bumpy start but we managed to pull through and bring some fantastic results.

I began in March 2016 with a gentle event of an Easter Tea afternoon which was very successful and set my goal posts high! Moving onto the summer fete and BBQ which was an amazing success and I was so proud of everybody's hard work. It was a great turnout and we were so lucky with the weather. Our amount raised was more than previous years which was great news. The lolly sales have gone from strength to strength and I would like to thank Nansi and Anna for their continued hard work and loyalty they have shown to the committee, I have very much appreciated their support. My last event to date was the Christmas fair, which again was very successful and raised a fantastic amount.

I'm sure that you would agree that being able to provide and support the things we do for the school and its pupils makes all the work worthwhile. All monies raised will be detailed in the treasurer's report. Thanks go to Vickie for her continued commitment to the treasurer's position.

The new and old committees have been fantastic. With a particular thanks to Ann Collins who put a large amount of time into the summer and Christmas fairs. Claudia who had given me a lot of time and support in my early stages of learning the ropes, she is truly a brilliant lady.

Another thankyou to Emily Brown who stood in to be secretary for the spring and summer term last year and lastly not forgetting to thank those who couldn't make the meetings but would always show on the day and be prepared to muck in whether it be to set up, clearing up, a stall holder, cake making, manning the crèche or book stalls! I'm sure the list goes on.

I plan to continue as a 'temporary' chair until the end of this school year, so the summer fete will be my last event. I hope that I can find somebody to take on this role now so that they can work with me for the next handful of events, I will of course still be around school and involved whenever I can.

Many Thanks. Sarah Horsey (Chair, School Association)