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# Newsletter

**March/April 2011**

Currently the Committee Members are:

Chair	Julia Warren
Treasurer	John Warren
Secretary	Sarah Case
General Members	Andy Young
	Nina Holway
	Daria Koeller
	Sharon Downing
	Kelly Windsor Burgin
	Louise Leaver
	Helen Hernandez

## Crossbow Pre-School Leader



We say a fond farewell to Nanda Lee who has been the Crossbow Pre-School Leader for the last 18+ months and has done a fabulous job; and welcome to the new Leader, Cathy Avery who is joining us from St Joseph's Pre-School in Fishponds where she has worked for the last five years as a Pre-School Practitioner. Cathy attended the last Pre-School Committee

meeting where she introduced herself to the parents present and said she was looking forward to taking over as Pre-school Leader and getting to know them and their children.

## Auction night

For those who have not heard, the Auction made an amazing £3,600. The Globe very kindly supported us by hosting the evening for us and donating a delicious buffet.

Nikki's friend, James Coghlan, did us proud as our auctioneer for the evening. To add glamour to the evening, James was resplendent in a dinner suit and the fundraising girls wore evening dresses. To those who attended I am sure you will all agree it was a fantastic evening. Lots of laughing and lots of generous people. Thank you to everyone who helped make the night such an amazing success.



## Easter disco

Despite numbers being down on previous discos, it was a lovely evening and the children had so much fun. Yummees once again very kindly supported us and cooked hot food fresh on the griddle. Yummees have now opened a second branch in the Kemp Garden Centre and are open 7 days a week. So pop along and sample some of their Yummee cakes etc.

## Bristol 10k – Sunday 15 May

Clare Russell and Claire Beckhaus are very kindly running the Bristol 10k in aid of Crossbow Pre-school. If anyone would like to sponsor them, please either see them at Pre-school or email Nikki – [gj.davies@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gj.davies@blueyonder.co.uk) - who will pass on the pledge.

Thank you Clare and Claire for your kind support.

## Fundraising dates for your diary

We have quite a few events planned for the next few months to try and raise the estimated refurbishment costs of £9,800, so we hope you are able to support these events:

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 10.30am – 1pm, we are holding a **Coffee and Fun** morning at Crossbow House. There will be activities for children, cakes and many other stalls. Everyone welcome!
- May (date to be confirmed) **Car washing** at the Globe, Frampton Cotterell. Please support us by having your car washed!
- Friday 24 June – **Quiz Night** held at Crossbow House. For more information or to enter your 'team', please contact Kelly Pawsey on 07703 484132 or email at [kellywindsorburgin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kellywindsorburgin@yahoo.co.uk)
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Frampton Challenge – held at Crossbow Playing fields. Includes Fun Run, pram race, egg and spoon, grandparent race, children's race and 'tug of war'. Also cake stall, tombola and fun activities. Entry to the fun run is £5 per adult and £2.50 per child. Enter on our website from the beginning of May [www.crossbowpreschool.co.uk](http://www.crossbowpreschool.co.uk)

For information on any of these events, please contact Nikki Davies on 07883 301460  
Thank you in advance to everyone who is able to support us. Together we can make a difference to St Peter's Halls for the local community for years to come.

## Hall Decoration

A massive thank you to the small team of parents who very kindly helped with the redecoration of the hall. On the Saturday and Sunday the hall was a hive of activity cleaning, preparing and first coating the walls. Wednesday saw the arrival of the team from Barclays Bank, headed up by Nanda's husband Dave. The five of them, along with Paul Claydon who was very kindly there throughout the project, made massive headway in

finishing the painting. Next came Tracy with her rubber gloves to clean up and get ready for the new term ahead. We hope that you all enjoy the cleaner, brighter environment that the team has provided

### **Toilet and kitchen renovation works**

As you are all aware we are striving towards the biggest renovation project that St Peter's Hall has undergone in many years. The work needs to start on Monday 25th July in order for the work to be completed for the new school year.



If you have not yet seen the plans please do ask Nikki or Julia and we would be only too pleased to talk you through the changes. The main change will be the addition of low level child friendly toilets along with a very much needed baby change facility. There will also be a new kitchen which will be relocated to have a serving hatch through to the main hall and the existing toilet will be suitable for the less able and will also benefit from a baby change facility.

We have a target of £9,800 to make this project happen and are very grateful to all of the local businesses, hall users, and residents who have helped to support us. To date we have raised just under £4000 in money and have received the following fantastic pledges from very kind local businesses:

- Howdens Joinery of Yate has kindly agreed to donate our new kitchen
- D & P Plastering also of Yate has very kindly agreed to donate the labour for all of the plastering work

Howdens Joinery are also running a colouring competition which children are invited to take part in. All entries will be given to Howden's and their staff will decide on three finalists for their customers to choose from. The lucky winner will receive a family season pass that has been kindly donated by Olddown Country Park. The entries will be displayed on the wall in Howden's Yate depot and customers will be asked to make a donation whilst voting!!

Letters have been sent to all Hall users and 1,200 local residents explaining what we are doing and asking if people would be prepared to support us by making a donation. We have already received a few letters back with very kind donations. A huge thank you to Daria and Tom Koeller who very kindly donated the printing, enabling this to happen.

### **Rising 5's**

Children who will be starting school in September 2011 will be starting their new extended days this week. Please make sure that children bring a packed lunch and a set of clothes to change into to do PE.



### **Snack item donations**

In order to keep costs down, we kindly ask for snack items to be donated. A piece of fruit from your fruit bowl, a packet of crackers or raisins are all ideal items that the children love to eat at snack time (nut-free items please). A massive thanks to everyone who consistently donates snack items.

### **Session Support by Parents**

We always need support during the sessions from parents/grandparents who may be free to help out. A rota sheet is displayed on the drawer unit in the hallway in case anyone feels they would like to help, even if only during snack time and washing up, thank you.

### **Children's Absence from Sessions**

If your child is absent from a session that they were booked to attend could you please give the pre-school a quick call on our mobile, the number is 07928 381976. For absences of a week or longer (holiday or sickness) we need a letter from the parent/carer in accordance with the requirements under the NEG funding scheme.