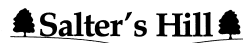


News from Friends of Salter's Hill



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WELCOME TO THE SECOND
"NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF SALTER'S HILL".
This is not a Newsletter from the Salter's Hill Charity,
but News of how we, the Friends, provide extras for
those we care about.

Progress Report.

Welcome to the second edition of "News from the Friends of Salter's Hill". We do hope that you all enjoyed reading the first edition issued in May 2010. There you read about the history of the Friends and its aims, together with our achievements in 2009 and you were also asked to join us by paying a subscription of at least £5 per year per household. This gave you an opportunity to contribute to the work of the Friends even when unable to offer your time or energy commitment. We are really pleased to tell you that £495 was raised through your subscriptions alone, for which we give you our heartfelt thanks. In this issue of the News you can read about what your money helped to fund, the opportunities and pleasure it gave to those we support and of course, details of our aims for the coming year. We feel that we will have much to contribute at a time of economic gloom and know that the Charity will continue to maintain the quality of care it has always provided.

It was really good to see such a good turn out for the Friends' AGM this year, more than for several years, and was an opportunity to meet parents of newcomers to Salter's Hill. We are always pleased to welcome new faces to the committee and do so again this year.

To those who paid subscriptions last year, whose names are already on our membership list, may we

PLANS FOR 2011
We are buying some new furniture for the Log Cabin at Pound Farm, replacing the pool table for when the Log Cabin is used as a social space, buying software packages for Creative Learning and contributing towards summer activities.

please remind you that subscriptions are now due for renewal. The amount is still a minimum of £5 per household please. To those of you who read this News from the Friends who are not yet members, we invite you to join us and to feel part of our group, providing extras for those we all care about. You will find on the enclosed sheet a form to fill in which gives all the relevant details.

What did we fund in 2010 ?



The highlight of 2010 must be the purchase of the new trailer. We were thrilled to reach our target very quickly so a huge thank you to everyone who kindly responded so generously to our appeal! The trailer is now in regular use and two drivers have completed their Lantra towing certificates.

We are delighted that the trailer is well used and appreciated by both Land and Livestock and Hortec. Also our fund raising project was used as 'match funding' by the Charity when applying for further grants. Amazingly enough, grant support was given to buy a 4 X 4 vehicle to go with our trailer!

Last March, we asked Julie Newman, Manager of Creative Learning, for a wish list of items to enhance the activities of those that Salter's Hill supports. We have been able to fund them all! A pottery kiln was purchased and is now operational, and at Christmas several of the groups had a go at making Christmas decorations for

TABLE TOP SALE 2011

Our main fund raising event will again be at Gorsley Flower Festival in August. We need GOOD QUALITY bric a brac, toys, games, books, CDs, DVDs Please leave at Pound Farm, Keeper's Cottage or Ryelands or ring any of the committee for help.

the tree! Our funding for the kiln inspired others to donate funds to buy clay.

Our contribution meant that Numeracy and Literacy could buy appropriate books and games to enliven the five sessions a week that take place in the Log Cabin. Drama activities were made easier by our purchase of an I Pod and I Pod player, which have so far been used for music but will shortly be used to download audio book stories which will allow the group to listen and act out parts of the stories.

We also provided funds for a bench planer and bench cutter which has enabled the Woodwork Department to use almost 100% recycled wood. It also means that they are able to utilize all wood that is donated. The Bee Hotels were a great success raising £600 profit for the Woodwork Group!



A lawn mower with a high cut was purchased for Hortec together with a wheel-barrow and various hand tools. We were also able to fund some of the raised beds. All this allowed Hortec to generate a small income for themselves with two plant sales.



We were delighted to be able to provide financial support for the four full days of workshop activities held in conjunction with John Masefield School in Ledbury. Our thanks go to the school for the use of their facilities and for the range of activities offered. The workshops, which included Drama, Art, Cookery and Dance were held in August. They were all well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone - even the staff!

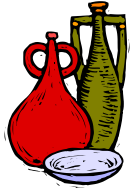


NEW IDEA FOR 2011
Family Quiz to be on sale from the end of August
Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
Look out for details!



What else went on in 2010?

The Table Top Sale at the end of last August was again our main fund raiser for the year, with our thanks to those who allowed us to use their garden. As usual it was a lot of hard work but we made over £1200 despite the bad weather and a smaller turnout. Thank you for all your donations. It was good to work together and to meet the visitors and we look forward to a sunny August Bank Holiday, lots of visitors and lots of good things to sell this year - please!



Our annual BBQ was held on the first Wednesday of August at Beechenhurst in the Forest of Dean and as always it proved to be a most enjoyable occasion for the seventy or so people who attended. Even in last year's unpredictable weather the sun shone on us that afternoon! It is a great opportunity to meet those from the charity that we see only sometimes.

Plans for 2011

We are planning to further support Creative Learning this year with software packages for Numeracy and Literacy. The Log Cabin at Pound Farm was first equipped by the Friends some years ago and this year we plan to help to re-equip it with items that will enhance its use as a working area and as a social space. We also hope to contribute to workshop activities again this summer and are awaiting details.

As usual we will be organizing a Wednesday afternoon BBQ at Beechenhurst in August and look forward to seeing many Friends old and new. We do need to know how many will be coming in order to plan the cooking! All Managers will know the details in good time.

Already we are preparing for the Table Top Sale at Gorsley Baptist Church Flower Festival over August Bank Holiday from Thursday 25th until Monday 29th August (excluding the Sunday). This year will see us erecting our small marquee on a different lawn but we will be easy to find! Offers of help and of items to sell would, as ever, be most welcome.