

## Passing on the Legacy



We had the opportunity, at our AGM in October, to say 'thank you and goodbye' to **Marjorie Nash** (pictured) who had decided to stand down as Chair. Marjorie had been involved in the Friends since it was founded in 1994 and had served as Chair for half that time. She was an inspirational leader who had worked tirelessly for Heronsbridge pupils, helping to raise thousands of pounds to support their education and welfare.

We marked the occasion with speeches, a presentation of flowers and a personalised vase, delicious cake (including a stunning cupcake bouquet), an autograph book (in which staff, committee members, parents and friends had written goodwill and thank you messages) and rounded off the evening with a Heronsbridge 'Record of Achievement' folder, which contained photos and messages illustrating some of the highlights of Marjorie's years with the Friends. Marjorie will always be a 'friend' to the school and is continuing to serve as one of our governors. We will always be grateful to Marjorie for her many years of service and wish her well in her retirement from the Friends.

Marjorie will be a hard act to follow but her legacy has laid the foundation for our new Chair, **Samantha Lambert-Worgan**, to continue the work. Seven months into the role, Sam is already demonstrating that she is a worthy successor.

### Dates for Your Diary

**Sat 18 June:** Cariad Ball

**Sat 2 July:** Annual Summer Fête

**Mon 4 July:** Deadline for submission of 'Thank You Card' Designs

**Tues 5 July:** Last day for return of Summer Raffle ticket stubs, unsold tickets and money

**Weds 6 July:** Friends' Meeting (including July Lottery and Summer Raffle Draws)

### Getting Involved

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of Heronsbridge. Don't forget that every penny we raise is used to directly benefit the pupils. Here are some of the ways in which you can get involved:

- Come along to one of our events
- Donate an auction lot or bottle for the Cariad Ball or a prize for our Summer Raffle
- Buy or sell raffle tickets for the Summer Raffle
- Join the Friends' lottery
- Help your child design a 'thank you' card

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The Friends of Heronsbridge

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Well, isn't this year flying by? It's hard to believe that there is just half a term left of this academic year! In this Newsletter, we'll have a look at what's been happening during the past few months as well as looking forward to some exciting things with which you can be involved.

## The Summer Cariad Ball



The Friends of Heronsbridge are pleased to be joining forces with the Bridgend Branch of the National Autistic Society for a Summer Ball, which will be held at the Heronston Hotel & Spa on **Saturday 18 June**. Tickets for what promises to be an amazing night are available to anybody aged 18+ and cost £35. This includes a Prosecco reception, three course meal (with coffee and mints) and entertainment. We have a guest appearance from Jagger and Woody

(Heart FM) and live music from Rachel Worrell as well as a bottle raffle, an auction and a selfie mirror for you to enjoy.

If you, or anybody you know, have a business and would like to sponsor a table on the night, please let us know. For £50, we will display leaflets/cards around the room for you. We are also looking for auction lots and donations of bottles (wine, spirits, soft drinks etc) for the raffle. Please send any donations into school (FAO Siarlot Hall) or message us (via the email address above or our Facebook page) to arrange collection.

## Summer Raffle

This year's Raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 6 July**. Prizes include cash, free entry to the Friends' Lottery for a year, vouchers etc. Two books will be sent home with each pupil: if you would like more books (for you and your family or to sell on the Friends' behalf) or are able to donate prizes, please let us know.

## *It's Back!*

We are pleased and excited to announce that, after a two-year absence due to the pandemic, the Friends **Annual Summer Fête** returns on **Saturday 2 July**. Come along and join the fun any time from 11am to 3pm. There will also be opportunity to support the Bridgend Herons Inclusive Team at the football tournament which will take place at the same time.

## *Friends of Heronsbridge Lottery*



Launched in April, we currently have 28 people playing our monthly lottery but there is plenty of space for others to join in the fun. Costing £5 per month to enter, the lottery runs from October to July and is open to all parents, grandparents, carers, staff and any friends of the school who would like

to support us. We will draw out one number every month (usually on the first Wednesday at our Committee meeting) and the winner will receive 50% of the total income for that month, the other 50% being used to directly benefit the children of Heronsbridge School. Every participant will be allocated a number which will be theirs for the entire year. There is no limit on how many numbers that each participant can purchase. Our final draw for this academic year will be made at our July committee meeting. To enter this or subsequent draws, please contact Samantha Lambert-Worgan (via our Facebook page or email at [friendsheronbridge@outlook.com](mailto:friendsheronbridge@outlook.com)) who will be happy to send you an application form.

## *Design a 'Thank You Card' Competition*

Many individuals and organisations support the Friends throughout the year. We usually show our appreciation and gratitude by means of a 'thank you' letter but would like to make it a bit more personal by sending a 'thank you' card designed by Heronsbridge pupils instead. We are inviting pupils to take part in a competition to design the card. There is no set theme (although your child might want to incorporate ideas about friendship or saying 'thank you' in their design) and any medium can be used. Entry is free and there will be a prize for the winners. The design should be done on a piece of A4 paper (with the pupil's name and class number written on the back) and submitted via their class teacher by not later than **Monday 4 July**.

## *Treasure Hunting Around Bridgend and the Vale*

A great time was had by all at both of our recent Treasure Hunts. We had fun driving around the local area, answering questions and finding out interesting facts about the locality as we went. We were joined for the November Treasure Hunt by the then Mayor of Bridgend, Cllr Steven Bletsoe, and his wife Freya who did very well and enjoyed meeting with staff, parents and, especially, the pupils who took part. They are pictured here with Friends' Chair, Samantha Lambert-Worgan (on the left of the banner) and Vice-Chair, Siarlot Hall.



## *We're On Facebook!*

We launched our Facebook group in October and now have more than 350 members. To keep up to date with news of all our events, check whether you've won the lottery etc, join the group or visit our page.

## *'Thank You, Santa'*

Here are just some of the photos we received, along with 'thank you' messages, of pupils with their gifts from Santa which, as usual, had been funded by the Friends (unfortunately, we don't have room to publish them all).

