



The Friends of Rossall

Friends of Rossall Newsletter No 2 Lent Term 2012

The Friends of Rossall have continued to grow in strength over the last term and we would like to express our thanks to our ever growing army of helpers and supporters. We are especially grateful for the encouragement given by the Governors, Mr Maree and Dr Winkley.

All our events are published by banners and posters around the School, on the School website and by the News and Forthcoming events E- shot from School.

Events firmly in the social calendar are:

Michaelmas Term

Bonfire night
Christmas Ball

Lent Term

Burns Night
Mothers' Luncheon

Summer Term

Leavers Ball
Summer Garden Party

Golf Day:

Since the Michaelmas newsletter, we have been busy with Bonfire Night and the Rossall Christmas Ball.

Bonfire Night:

This was celebrated on Rossall Field, which is adjacent to the Rossall Astro turf, on Saturday 5 November 2011, with a superb bonfire and firework display.

This event was a joint venture with Fleetwood Rotary Club and is in aid of the local community. The event attracted nearly 4,000 from School and the local area.

The Fleetwood Rotary Club together with the local police and fire service provided a safe environment for everyone to enjoy the occasion.

The police and fire service noted that since the start of this co-operation at Rossall Field 3 years ago, the incidences of community problems on bonfire nights have been significantly reduced.

The Friends of Rossall organised the refreshment stalls and fed the hungry revellers in a highly efficient manner; delicious hot dogs and hamburgers were served with hot tea and coffee. Children enjoyed the traditional toffee apples and candy floss.

Many thanks to all our helpers who worked so hard to make the night a highly enjoyable and successful experience.

The Event will be staged again on the 5th November 2012; put in this date in your forward planner.

Christmas Ball:

On Friday 9 December 2011, the Rossall Christmas Ball was held in the impressive Washington Suite of Imperial Hotel, Blackpool. 130 people attending.

The Friends of Rossall were delighted to welcome the Headmaster, Governors, Teachers, Staff, Suppliers, Parents and prospective Parents to the occasion. We are grateful to Andy Mitchell of Radio Wave, who was the compere for the evening.

Many thanks for the second year running to Hesketh Press of Fleetwood, who sponsored the impressive brochure for the evening.

We are indebted to over 30 local businesses who supported the event by advertising in the brochure and donating raffle / auction prizes. It is worth noting that many of these small local businesses advertised their services for the first time in our publication.

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Livesey, who generously donated a holiday in their home in the French Alps for the main auction prize.

Finally, an evening like this doesn't just happen without detail planning and we are extremely grateful for the leadership of Susan McKnight and Simon Hockings and their team for making it such a special event. A special mention for the 2 Sarahs, Hockings and Boyd whose help was invaluable on the day.

Forward planner: Rossall Christmas Ball Friday 7th December 2012.

Events Lent Term 2012

Burns Night:

The Friends of Rossall invite you to a family celebration of Burns Night on Saturday 28th January 2012 where we will celebrate in the traditional manner :

Scottish Piper:

Supper in the Rossall Dining Hall with Haggis , Neeps and Tatties.

Tributes to the Poet featuring the Headmaster and the Head Girl.

A new interpretation of Tam O' Shanter featuring the Rossall Burns Club.

Scottish Dancing in the Big School Hall.

Licensed Bar.

Prices are held at last year's level:

£20 per adult ; £10 per student ; £50 per family(per family of 4) .

Book your tickets with Jane Palmer at the Foundation Office or at

j.palmer@rossall.org.uk .

Projects 2012

The projects undertaken during Michaelmas 2011; The Hall Garden renovation and patio construction, to which Nick Boyd made the final touches last week; Decoration of Dragon House; and Cricket scoreboards are now complete.

The first major project for 2012 will be the organisation of the Leavers Ball in June 2012. This is due to commence early in the Lent Term and details will be published in the News and Forthcoming Events E-shot from School.

Finally, we are impressed with the response and support that we are gaining across the School, however we are always seeking help for events and ideas for projects, which encompass the whole School . Anyone who is able to offer such help to us would be more than welcome and should contact Susan McKnight at susanmcknight@blackberry.orange.co.uk or Simon Hockings at simon@auk-ltd.com.

Making Rossall School a more special place.

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