

Chair's Report

Friends of Barnoldswick C of E School

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The Friends have continued their support of Church school by raising money and organising social events for the benefit of pupils, parents and staff to enhance the education of its pupils. This school year was again a successful year of events and raised a total of **£5808.18** through various events throughout the year.

A very big thank you to those members who have managed to spare the time to fulfil leading roles within the organisation; our Vice chair, treasurer, Advertising/PR team and refreshment team.

I would also like to recognise all those parents/supporters of the school who gave up their valuable time to attend the meetings and help out at our many organised events. The help is greatly appreciated from our team of dedicated helpers and those who cannot make the meetings yet still offer their valuable help at our events on the day. Your help is greatly appreciated and vital to the continuity of our fund raising programme.

I would like to thank Ms Dodgson, Miss Moulden and the staff who have volunteered their time to events run by the Friends and for their continued guidance in utilising the funds raised for the enrichment of the children's school experience.

This year was the first year in the new school building. It has been an interesting time as we have finally had the space crucially needed but how to maximise and utilise this space has been a challenge. We have addressed this in post event meetings and noted changes that need to be made next time to make events as successful as possible. One big change this year was to the Summer fair where we were able to make it as big and successful as the Christmas fair. These two events alone have expanded so much and have opened up into the community of Barnoldswick, not just the parents of the school, thus promoting the school and becoming the most profitable events of the year.

As the school continues to grow, profits from fundraising also need to grow as do the range of initiatives used by the Friends of Church School to raise vital funds.

Included is a breakdown of fund raising events and monies raised but may I take this opportunity to thank all those involved for your hard work and support this last year and look forward to another enjoyable and profitable year of fundraising for 2015/2016.