

Merry Christmas

Welcome to the second issue of 2004/5 for the Bramley School Association newsletter
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Christmas Celebrations!



Our Christmas Advent Fair took place in the school hall last weekend. The Advent Fair was a great success and featured a wide range of Christmas cornucopia; cards, wrapping paper, candles, cakes and biscuits—undoubtedly bought as delightful gifts for others, as well as hand-made jewellery, flowers, health products and other treats that pamper friends and family during this season of giving. There was also an Advent Raffle offering fabulous prizes; from a family ticket for 'Jack & The Beanstalk' at The Anvil through to an inflatable bouncy castle for a day. The prize draw has just taken place, please check the new school association web site - www.BramleySchoolAssociation.org.uk for details of the winners. Read more about the web site inside this newsletter.

A big THANK YOU though goes to all those who contributed to the Christmas Raffle prizes, and also to each and every one of you who bought a raffle ticket. Even if you're not one of the lucky winners, it's good to know that monies raised will be used for activities that support the Bramley school community.



2005 Upcoming Events for your diary

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| Jan 28 | School Disco's |
| Mar 11 | A half-term jive and then a just before Easter bop for boys & girls |
| Spring | Salsa Evening
Something for mums and dads— dancing but not in the old-fashioned way! |
| May 02 | Treasure Hunt |
| June 10 | Family Event & Roller Disco |
| July 09 | Summer Fete |

If you have any comments about this newsletter, please e-mail us at:

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Inside: Easier ways to find out what's happening with a new web site, who's on the Bramley School Association committee, reports on what monies were raised and events, more detail on what the BSA committee does. Please read on...

WHAT'S GOING ON, THEN?



www.BramleySchoolAssociation.org.uk

The School Association is keen to keep in touch with its members and has recently created a new web site to help achieve this. - any parent/carer who has children attending Bramley School is automatically a member. Next time you are surfing the web, why not visit our pages, have a browse and let us know what you think. The site is full of useful information and fun. There is a diary of events, letting you know what we are planning for the coming months, a complete list of BSA Draw numbers, just in case you've forgotten your number and the results of each month's draw so you can find out if you have won £50. We are also planning to keep copies of this newsletter online, just click the link; there is already a set of committee minutes for this year and a copy of our constitution. There is a kids page, where you can submit articles and jokes for everyone to see and a links page listing related sites.

We want the site to stay up to date, relevant and fun, so please feel free to provide us with feedback about what you like and what we should add to make it even better.



DON'T THROW THAT TOP AWAY...

Please don't. We have a permanent School Uniform Shop selling quality second-hand Bramley School Uniforms and we're always on the look-out for donations. Bring your unwanted clean school uniform items - please remove the name tags — if you can. All proceeds go to the School Association.

AN UPDATE ON THE BSA DRAW

The BSA draw is another way of us all having some fun with the added thrill of possibly winning some money. All members of the BSA are eligible to participate in the draw, all they have to do is buy their favourite number or numbers (from 1 to 100) for £12 for twelve months. Every month the committee draw a number at random, the lucky winner receives £50.

Recent Winners:

November	-	Caroline Modle	No. 90
December	-	J. Walton	No. 35

The draws runs from August to the following July, but we still have a few numbers without owners, so if you fancy your chances all you have to do is speak to Glenn, or if you prefer you can email him at Glenn@BramleySchoolAssociation.org.uk

TREASURERS REPORT: AGM COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 2004

An update on monies spent and raised during 2003/4, the highlights of which are as follows:

Profit from events & activities		Spending from funds	
School Disco's [Oct/Dec 03]	£1,315	Transport for school trips	£2,450
Fireworks night	£916	Plants and Trees for new field	£2,074
Book Fair	£815*	Year 6 Bibles	£419
Christmas Fair [2003]	£936		
Summer Fete	£3,308		
BSA Draw	£1,042		

*Book Fair sales converted into book vouchers for use by the School.

The main aim of the School Association is to have fun, forging strong links between the children, parents, school and the community. Raising funds to buy all those extra things to make life at school all the more interesting and enjoyable and have a clear idea of what we are fundraising for.

You can read the current Bramley School Association constitution on the new web site at www.BramleySchoolAssociation.org.uk

At the AGM, the 'fighting' fund stood at just over £9,800 which puts the school association in a strong position to continue with some activities that really have benefited the children and their parents—like extra funding for school trips that enable the teaching staff to consider places to visit further away than the immediate areas around Bramley; Bibles for Year 6 pupils (leaving presents) ; Digital cameras for all the children to use and fuel their imagination.

HOW CAN I HELP THE BRAMLEY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION?



The Treasurer's Report here highlights that the School Association exists to instigate a programme of social activities and events; from school disco's through firework nights to Summer fetes, all designed to encourage participation in and around the school by parents, children and the wider village community. This hopefully creates a higher profile for the school and builds awareness of its role in the village community of Bramley.

Parent power is vital. Any programme of social events should appeal to families as well as parents looking for an enjoyable night out without the kids. Similarly, not only is active parent support vital to what the School Association committee does but even to the events themselves. We always welcome an extra pairs of hands - from all parents, not just those on the committee.

So come along. Feel free to join any of the School Association committee meetings, you don't have to be on the committee and the next meeting is 10 January, 7.30 at The Bramley Inn. Alternatively, just tell us about your ideas for activities that you think would be both appropriate and enjoyable for family fun. If you know any of the committee members, have a chat or e-mail

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THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS 2004/5

The Bramley School Association AGM took place in October 2004, to reform the committee and from the nominations the elected officers and members of the committee for the current school year are:

Ann Beresford	President
Keith Goddard	Joint-Chair
Glenn Payne	Joint-Chair
Garry Marshall	Treasurer
Jane Glynn	Secretary

Judith Cox, Jamie & Lucy Chapple, Chris Edwards, Pieter Eksteen, Barry Fleming, Sharon Frost, Carol Hermaszewski, Claire Holliman, Linsey Linn, Graham Miles, Joan Shadwell, Elaine Slater, Peter Treadgold & Mandy Weller.

Unfortunately, the committee is now less one member, Tania Cavanagh, who is moving out of the area. But heartfelt thanks were offered to Tania who has been a Committee member for a number of years, and her support and active involvement will be missed.

Please remember that any comments about the School Association or our activities are always welcome. If there are any issues or concerns you would like to raise, or any suggestions you would like to make, please contact any of the committee members listed above, use the new web site.

And by the way, any parent is welcome at committee meetings, the next of which is on Monday, 10th January at 7.30pm in the Bramley Inn.

AND BIG THANKS GO TO....



- The Senior Citizens Concert that took place on Friday 10th December:

Big Thanks go to the children involved who set everything up, served the food, talked to everyone. Also Big Thanks go to the school staff involved; the school cook and two lunchtime supervisory assistants who give their time to prepare and serve the food, site manager and two Learning Support Assistants, and the office staff who organised the transport etc.

- Door-to-door distribution of the Advent Fair booklets — thanks to The Anvil for their great prizes and extra contribution to us for doing their leaflet drop; also **Big Thanks** go to those that got out and trudged door-to-door for us.

It all goes to prove that the Spirit of Christmas rules!



PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OR WANT TO KNOW...this newsletter is published to help describe some of the activities and things that the School Association sets out to do. Your feedback and questions about our activities are always welcome and new ideas about fund raising will be of particular interest.

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