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## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



**SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2015**  
**7.00pm in the Hall**

# THE BIG QUIZ

**QUIZ MASTER – Mr Peter Bell**

**An evening for all the family**

**Ticket price includes**  
**Fish 'n' Chip Supper**

(Sausage or vegetarian option available)  
Please bring your own drinks and glasses

Adults: £10.50  
School Staff: £9.00  
Students/OAPs: £7.00

Maximum of six per team

**Pre booking essential**  
[stbartspa@gmail.com](mailto:stbartspa@gmail.com)

07801 502104

Please state numbers and food choices

## ST BART'S ONA BALL



**Saturday 28 March 2015**  
**At St Bart's**

Ticket price including three course  
dinner with coffee and petit fours £35

Six piece live party band – Misbehavin

Licensed bar

7.00pm – 12.15am

Black Tie/Lounge Suit

Tickets from Bev 01635 36581

Or email: [president@oldnewburians.co.uk](mailto:president@oldnewburians.co.uk)

Limited number of dance only tickets  
at £10 available.

**See page 3 for more details**





## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

**What do we do? What difference do we make?**

### What difference can you make?

Firstly a huge thank you to all who continue to support our fundraising efforts for the school, whether by helping out on the day or coming along to an event. Recently these have included the Christmas Craft Fair, along with our regular school discos and the increasingly well supported second hand uniform shop. It was great chatting to other parents over coffee after the school carol service in December too. All parents are members of the St Bart's Parents' Association and we welcome all feedback and ideas.

### What do we fund?

Each autumn, we invite all departments and clubs in the school to make a bid for PA funds. All bids are considered at a meeting in November and we aim to support as many requests as possible. See the list opposite for items financed this year.

### How can you help?

Hopefully you will agree that our fundraising goes towards supporting as wide a range of activities and as large a number of students as possible. If you would like to find out more about what we do, or would like to help at an event, even if just once a year for a couple of hours, please contact [stbartspa@gmail.com](mailto:stbartspa@gmail.com) to join our list of volunteers.

In addition, if your employer has a matched funding scheme in place we would love to hear from you so that we can maximise our fundraising efforts to continue to support as many areas of the school as possible – please contact us at the above address.

### Forthcoming events this term

Friday 20 March – PA disco, Years 7/8, 7-9pm in the Hall

Saturday 21 March, PA quiz night – see details on the front page. Following feedback from parents last year we plan to make this a more family friendly evening and hope to see many of you there.

Very many thanks for your continued support.

### Funded in 2014

PE	A set of lacrosse goals and nets, freestanding football goals, turning boards for athletics
English	New dictionaries for every classroom
Maths	Vivos, stickers, loyalty cards and juice cartons for extra maths support clubs
Personalised Learning	New phonic reading scheme
Science	Lighting and fittings for glass display cases for biology specimens
Art	Freestanding easels and drawing boards
Geography	Subscription to an online GCSE geography homework/revision app
Food technology	New cookery and food design source books
Curnock House	New display notice board
School hall	New LED theatre light fixtures
Exams	Mobile display boards to be used during public examinations so students can see more clearly when their exams begin and end
Clubs	Photography equipment to allow close-up shots to be taken – shared between photography club, moth club, science club
Business and Enterprise	Membership of the Business and Enterprise Young Enterprise Company programme
Year Councils	£200 for each Year Council – students will decide how this money is spent
House colours and awards	We continue to fund these
General	Camera for taking shots for school publicity purposes and BartholoNews

## OLD NEWBURIANS' ASSOCIATION



After an absence of many years the **ONA Ball** is back and for the first time it will be held in the new school buildings.

Why not take this opportunity to get a few old friends together and reminisce over dinner? All are welcome; you don't need to be an Old Newburian!

For those who enjoy dancing there will be a live band, or if you prefer to continue chatting there will be a quieter area.

For more information about the ONA visit our website

<http://www.oldnewburians.co.uk/index.htm> or visit our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Newburians-Association/239824186059022?pnref=story>.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests.



### ONA Sports

We also have our main sports events coming up on 21 March.

The annual ONA football, lacrosse and netball matches against the school's senior teams will take place during the day on Saturday 21 March 2015.

If you would like to participate in these sports please email [gamesm@oldnewburians.co.uk](mailto:gamesm@oldnewburians.co.uk) for football and [gamesf@oldnewburians.co.uk](mailto:gamesf@oldnewburians.co.uk) for lacrosse and netball.

All spectators welcome.

Why not make a day of entertainment, watch the sport during the day and then come to the PA quiz night in the evening?



## Editing Digital Photographs Workshop

**Are you interested in learning how to improve your digital photographs using "Photoshop" techniques?**

You can sign up for this half day workshop to be held at St Bartholomew's School

**Saturday 14 March 2015**

**10am to 1pm**

Open to adults and students alike

£30 per person

**For further information and a registration form see Mr Turner in E130 or email [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk)**

## SPANISH EXCHANGE 2015

On 3 February, we awoke to a layer of snow in Newbury. A good day to be heading to Spain, you might think, but this year's Spanish exchange was cold - very cold! At least, the weather was chilly - the welcome and care shown by our Spanish hosts however lived up to and exceeded our expectations of warmth - as you can tell from the following comments from some of this year's participants:

"All the people were so nice and friendly... I can't wait till [my partner] comes in June! We did so much stuff that we never had time to sit down." (Beth Mellor Y9)

"We went to Tarragona for half a day and learnt about some history. The buildings were magnificent and the whole city was very beautiful." (Megan Brooker Y10)

"The trip to Salou was everything I expected and more. My partner made me feel very comfortable in her home, due to her friendliness and hospitality." (Caitlin Wilson Y9)

"My favourite experience was when we went shopping in Barcelona with our Spanish exchanges, which was lovely and [we] explored a house designed by Gaudi which was very interesting and exciting. This trip helped me learn more Spanish and learn more about their culture" (Lisa Darling Y9)



"My favourite part of the trip was the fiesta, because me and my partner, Max, threw lots of confetti at random people! It was fun and the music was very loud and we danced and it was such a good experience." (Ollie McDonald Y9)



"Going on exchange was good for meeting new people and surrounding yourself in another language - one of the best ways of learning a modern foreign language in my opinion." (Charlotte Barnes, Y12)

"On the day that I arrived I was a bit nervous at the collection point ... but I heard some kid saying "Marcoos" and I looked around...it was him...the boy. I greeted him with a firm handshake. He seemed to be a well-mannered fella...We jumped in the car and raced like a jet. We pulled up to the house after discussing footy and X box. It looked good..." (Marcus Evans Y9)

"Spain was amazing. All the people were really lovely and so was the food. It was a really good way of learning about the culture and consolidating what I knew already and what I learnt while I was there." (Ed Forde Y9)

"It was the first time I got to experience a real life scenario to speak Spanish. The family I stayed with were really nice and welcoming and they showed me lots of culture." (Molly Overend Y9)

"All the families were so friendly and welcoming. I felt so at home from the minute I arrived. The fiestas were so much fun and it was interesting to experience a different culture, even if I did get covered in confetti" (Ruby Mitchell Y11)

"Spanish food is really good." (Alice Macaulay, Y11)

"My trip to Salou was amazing! We went to loads of different places that I'd never even heard of and I loved every minute of it!" (Lilia Norman, Y9)

"This was my second year going and even though I thought this year couldn't possibly be as good as the last, I was proved wrong..... I really enjoyed spending time with my partner and the fact that I met her last year meant that we became really close and are now good friends even though we live so far apart." (Alessia Ricchi Y10)

"I really enjoyed the trip, especially making new friends. The Spanish people are really nice... I have really enjoyed spending time with the other years from school because we don't normally do that. I would definitely want to do the trip again as I really enjoyed [it]." (Lauren Brandwood Y10)

"I first thought it was really awkward but if you both make enough effort the language gap is filled and you can become really good friends." (Sofia Pivaral Booth Y9)

"My exchange's father was the mayor, so I got a unique insight into Spanish life." (Alex Henderson Y10)

" I also liked teaching the children English... I think my Spanish has really improved and I have grown more confident in the language and made great friends" (Frankie Twyford Y10)



"On the day I arrived I was nervous but the family were very nice and said I could have everything I wanted. They made me lots of food every night and I think I gained weight because I ate so much." (Mikey Bhatt Y9)



Not surprisingly, we were pretty exhausted on our return, but it was an excellent trip. My thanks to Mrs Clare, who did all the organising, and to Mr Timpson who also accompanied the trip and came to my aid when my Spanish ran out.

**Mrs M Wood, Head of MFL**



## REVISION SCHOOL

Revision school will run during the Easter Holidays – Monday 13 to Friday 16 April. A range of subjects will be offered at A Level and at GCSE as well as English Literature for Year 10 students.

## GCSE AND A LEVEL DANCE PERFORMANCE



This performance is on Monday 9 March at 5pm in the hall. It will showcase work from the dance examination groups in preparation for their final practical examinations. All parents are welcome to attend and support the students at this very important time.

There is no charge for tickets, just drop in when you can. More information from [kkearns@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:kkearns@stbarts.co.uk)

**Mrs K Kearns, Head of Dance**



## DAVIS DIARY

Congratulations to Year 7s who won House dodgeball!



Thank you to **12D1** raising £30 for Prostate Cancer at their Sixth Form cake sale, and to **Mr Matthias** who raised £43.40 busking in the hub.

**Abi, Izzy, Ellie (Dixon), Holly, Toby (Parker) and Annabelle and Megan (Bowey)** did an excellent job at baking, serving teas and coffees, selling bric-a-brac and preserves, running a tombola and a raffle to raise an amazing £350.26 on the morning of 19 February at the St Nicolas Church Coffee Morning in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.



Congratulations on Silver Awards:

Gareth Lewis, Annabel Roberts, Abby Wragg, Yuri O’Keeffe, Callum Edwards, Freya Williams, Becca Dean, Molly Robinson, Lorien Carter, Megan Easton, Arianwen Evans, Jessica Raines, Owen Miller, Joe Brandwood, Ben Bassett, Huu Bradshaw, Emma Downie, Megan Bowey, Sasha Howgate, Abi Livingstone, Grace Twyford, Ffion Godwin, Toby Parker, Billy Wild.

Good luck to those students taking part in House Dance next Thursday.

The following students were in Vivo Top 20% Club Award Draw. Well done on your excellent achievement! The winners of our 100 draw are in bold.

Freya Owen	7D1
Lucy Quesada-Getgood	7D1
Joseph Cowley	7D1
Emily Rivera	7D2
<b>Natasha Stokesberry (100 Vivo draw)</b>	7D2
Bethany Coventry	7D2
Louie Pas	7D2
Daniel Price	7D2
Maddy Osborne	7D2
Abbie Benitez	7D2
Olivia Braidwood	8D1
Mia Kriel	8D1
<b>Abby Wragg (100 Vivo draw)</b>	8D1
Arianwen Evans	8D1
Gareth Lewis	8D1
Maddy Mitton	8D1
Ben Bassett	8D1
Jessica Raines	8D1
Sasha Howgate	8D2
Ffion Godwin	8D2
Emma Downie	8D2
Abi Livingstone	8D2
Katie House	8D3
Millie Edwards	8D3
Madison Stockwell	8D3
Matthew Forsyth	9D1
<b>Andrew McDowell (100 Vivo draw)</b>	9D1
Carla Pattenden	9D1
Khushi Singh	9D2
Andrew Mead	9D2
Josh Philip	9D2
Holly Shaw	9D2
Emily Dorey	9D2
Sarah MacAllan	9D2
Ella Townsend	9D2

**Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee**



## POLITICAL DEBATE AT ST BART'S

On 22 April, in the lead up to the General Election, a local political debate will take place at St Bart's. John Howard from Radio 4 will facilitate the debate. More details and ticket bookings from the Local Buzz Magazine

<http://www.localbuzzmagazine.com/west-berkshire/local-political-debate/>

Taking part will be Richard Benyon – Conservative, Catherine Anderson – UKIP, Jonny Roberts – Labour and Judith Bunting – Liberal Democrat.



## CAR PARKING

The school has again received complaints about inconsiderate car parking at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as following school sports matches. This causes obstruction and a risk of accidents.

Drivers are asked not to block neighbouring driveways, only park in the marked disabled bays if entitled to do so and ensure there is a clear thoroughfare through the school driveway to enable other vehicles to enter and exit the site. There are occasions when coaches need access to use the drop off zones at 3.30pm; they are either returning from school trips or departing for PE fixtures and other activities. It is also important to keep the driveway clear should there be a need for emergency access.

Parents dropping off/collecting students are asked to keep road junctions and driveways clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Mayfair Drive, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road and Fifth Road (including the area at Brown's Meadow) and not to park on grass verges.

### Sixth Form Car Parking

Sixth Formers are reminded they may park on the gravel area adjacent to the Wormestall field, entrance from Fifth Road.

They are not permitted to park in the main school car park and are asked to be considerate to neighbours.

Sixth Form drivers must complete a car driving registration form available from Mrs Tyson in W131.

**Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher**



## PE

### Area Cross Country Results

The St Bart's PE department organised this year's Area Cross Country which went very well. The St Bart's overall results follow.

U13 girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> from 8 schools
U13 boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> from 6 schools
U15 girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> from 9 schools
U15 boys	3 <sup>rd</sup> from 7 schools
U17 girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> from 6 schools
U17 boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> from 4 schools
U20 girls	1 <sup>st</sup> from 2 schools
U20 boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> from 2 schools

### Lacrosse News

The senior 2<sup>nd</sup> lacrosse team played against Wellington in a friendly fixture for preparation for the National Schools Lacrosse Tournament on Tuesday. They lost 11-4; Paige Pope was awarded player of the match.

As you read this the teams will be returning from the National Schools Lacrosse Tournament and results will be published in BartholoNews.

### Netball News

Well done to the Sixth Form team who won against Theale Green 27-4. Charlotte Woodley was awarded player of the match.



## DIARY DATES

Tues 3 Mar	Y9 Subject Parents' Evening, 4.30-7.00pm, Curnock Block
Thurs 5 Mar	House Dance, Hall, 7.00pm
Fri 13 Mar	Patterson House Evening, Hall, 7pm
Wed 18 Mar	Easter Concert, 7pm, Hall
Fri 20 Mar	PA Disco, Y7/8, 7-9pm, Hall
Sat 21 Mar	PA Quiz Night, Hall, 7pm