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# The Friends of Ripley St Thomas Newsletter

October, 2015

The minibus raffle is going very slowly. Please make sure your tickets are returned in good time to be entered in the draw which will take place on Wednesday 14 October at the Friends' meeting held in MA8. You are most welcome to join us. There will be someone available to give you directions.

Our next major event is the BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY which will take place on the school playing fields on Friday 6 November. It will begin at 6.30pm, when the Bonfire will be lit on the heights, and finish after the Firework display at about 8.30pm. Apart from the Bonfire and Fireworks there will be lots going on:

HOG ROAST	TOFFEE APPLES	JACKET POTATOES	SOUP
BARBEQUE	HOT DOGS	SOFT DRINKS	ENTERTAINMENT

For safety reasons we can NOT allow people to bring in their own Fireworks/Sparklers and entry will be by TICKET only. Tickets can be bought at Reception every morning during break and lunchtime for £3.50 each from Monday 12 October. They will also be available from The Lodge and 6th Form reception during the day. Once tickets are bought they are the responsibility of the purchaser. Unfortunately lost tickets cannot be replaced by The Friends', whatever the reason.

**YOU NEED YOUR TICKETS TO GAIN ENTRY AND YOU CANNOT PAY ON THE GATE.**

There will be a limited amount of tickets available, so please try and buy them before half-term as we don't return to school until Thursday 5 November. This means students will only have 1 hour each day to purchase tickets. We don't want you to be disappointed. To avoid the 'Harrods' type rush after half term, tickets will be on sale on Monday & Tuesday, 2 & 3 November, between 10am and 12noon from the Main School Reception, Cash or cheques (payable to The Friends of Ripley) only please.

## **BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY—HELP NEEDED**

Following last year's success we are asking for more help again this year. If there are any parents who can help by: a] making flapjacks, bonfire toffee, gingerbread or chocolate cake b] helping set up or clear away c] working on a stall d] washing up using a dishwasher (very important), please would you complete the slip below:

I/We ..... Parent/Guardian of .....Form.....

Contact No: ..... can help on Friday 6 November by: .....

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Please return slip to The Friends' Box in reception.

### Chas Jacobs' Print of Ripley School

If you would like a present that is just a little different, then Chas Jacobs' print of the school is still available to purchase. These prints are excellent value at £39.50 each. You can view the print on the Friends' section of the school website. If you would like to purchase a print please complete this slip and return it to The Friends' box in reception and we will contact you. These prints are being sold at a certain shop in town, framed, for £125, so save money, buy from us and have it framed yourself. Please make cheques payable to "The Friends of Ripley School".

I / We ..... parents of .....Form.....

wish to purchase ..... Chas Jacobs print(s) at £39.50 each. Contact No.....

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### Harvest Festival - Tuesday 20 October at 7pm in the Chapel

You are warmly invited to join us for the Harvest Festival. Free tickets can be collected from the receptions situated in the main school, the lodge and 6th Form from Monday 12 October. Any non-perishable gifts would be gratefully received and can be left at reception in main school from Wednesday 14 October. After the service the donated goods will be taken to the Olive Branch and to Edward Street Homeless Shelter.

### Friends' AGM—Wednesday 9 September 2015

The following members were elected:

Chairman : Lesley Kelly

Secretary : Karen Brock

Treasurer : Jo Aveyard

6th Form Representative: Jacob Wright

We had 59 replies to our **September quiz**. 25 students answered all questions correctly. The winners were: Jordan Aveyard 8Carman and Larissa Taylor 8Fuller

The answers were:

1. Backstroke
2. For sale
3. The birds and the bees
4. Big Bad Wolf
5. Double Chin
6. You are under arrest

### Forthcoming Events:

Friends' Meeting: Wednesday 14 October in MA8 — 7pm

Harvest Festival: Tuesday 20 October in the Chapel — 7pm

Bonfire and Firework display: Friday 6 November from 6.30pm

Friends' Meeting: Wednesday 11 November in MA8 — 7pm

Pampered Chef Evening in Ready Steady Cook Style: Wednesday 18 November (more information later)

Friends' Meeting: Wednesday 2 December 7.30pm in MA8 and decorating the Chapel from 4pm

Carol Service: Wednesday 16 December in the Chapel — 7pm

Trip to Manchester and Christmas Market or the Trafford Centre (your choice): Saturday 28 November (more information later).