



December Newsletter

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Current committee members

We always welcome new members to our meetings which are held at DCHS at 7pm, usually on the first Monday of the month after Peg Hulse's Head's Clinic.

Current committee members are:

Sharon Rigler
(Chairperson)

Jeanette Yeoman
(Secretary)

Judith Rhodes (Treasurer)

Jim Conboy

Kate Hewitt

Peter Langfield

Julia Hughes-Morgan
(Newsletter)

Caroline Bunney

Kathy Pearce

Tony Fitzpatrick

Peg Hulse

Gretel Scott (Y13 Prefect
for PA liaison)

Retiring from the committee:

Fiona Glen. Thanks to Fiona
for all her work over the years!

Next meeting:

Mon 10th January 7pm

Bollywood Extravaganza Raises over £4,000!

DCHS PA held a new-style event on Saturday 27th November—a 'Bollywood Extravaganza'.

A spectacular sell-out, the night raised over £4,000. The entertainment centred around Bollywood and bangla dance routines, choreographed by legendary local dance expert and all-round showman Jay Kumar.

Jay demonstrated the dance moves to parents and girls from the stage and by the end of the night the school hall resembled the closing scenes from Slumdog Millionaire, with dozens of novice dancers gyrating to the rhythmic bangla beat!

Haveli Restaurant in Slough produced an excellent Indian buffet, and guests were treated to contrasting dance displays by the Y 8/9 and Y13 Bollywood dance teams. The hall was richly decorated with sari fabrics, lanterns, fairy lights and Bollywood posters and many guests came in traditional Asian dress, some of it borrowed from friends.

The evening was great fun and special thanks must go to Rekha Babber, Nisha Nagji and Pooja Kotecha for their hard work organising it, to Sue Fisher for her help with decoration, and to the parents and friends who set up on Saturday, cleared away till the early hours and returned to clean up on Sunday.



Jay Kumar leads the dancing



The dance floor was packed



**Girls from the Year 13
Bollywood dance team**



**Peg Hulse dressed for the
occasion too**

What have we spent money on in the last weeks?

We mentioned outdoor seating areas and new PE lockers outside the sports hall in the last newsletter. These have now been installed—here are some pictures of these items in situ.



One of the new outdoor shelters

The school library has requested £500 for new shelving and £500 for books from the PA. This expenditure has been agreed.

At 6.12.10 there was £14,337 in the PA accounts.



The new PE lockers outside the sports hall

What have we done in November and December?

22nd November 2010: PA AGM. At this event Sharon Rigler took over from Jim Conboy as our Chairperson and Jim received a vote of thanks for his work. Tony Fitzpatrick, Kathy Pearce and Julia Hughes-Morgan became trustees of the charity.

1st December—Uniform Sale at Y8 Parents' Evening—raised £30 - mainly a service to parents.

8th December—Bar and canapés for Y12 GCSE Certificate evening—service to parents—£110 in donations received.

10th December—Y7 and 8 Disco at DCHS. 400 pupils present. £2,000 raised. Thank you to the parents, teachers (Mrs McFadyen, Mr Monks, Mrs Bagnall, Ms Barnett and others from DCGS) and 6th form volunteers who staffed the event.

15th December—Bar and canapés for last year's Y13s at their A Level Certificate Evening—service to parents—donations welcome.

Case of wine selected for DCHS still available, with 10% donation to PA funds. Go to www.the-realwineco.co.uk and search 'challoners'

Dates for your diary—please support our events!

Wednesday 19th January 2011: Uniform Sale at Y9 Parents' Evening. Volunteers needed to staff the stall for an hour or two between 4pm and 7.30pm. Training given(!). Best if you are not a Y9 parent.

Email: family@hughes-morgan.com if you can help

Friday 4th February: Y7/8 Disco at DCGS. Ticket application forms will be sent by Parentmail in the new year.

Tuesday 8th February: Uniform Sale at Y10 Parents' Evening. Volunteers needed to staff the stall for an hour or two between 4pm and 7.30pm. You will not be left on your own. Best if you are not a Y10 parent.

Email: family@hughes-morgan.com if you can help

Friday 11th February: PA Quiz Night—An annual favourite. Quiz with our excellent quizmaster Andy Quelch, ploughman's supper and dessert. Tickets £15/ person (includes supper). Cash bar. Get a table together with friends or family. Tables of 10 are ideal. Huge variety of questions—film, geography, food, music etc.

Thursday 10th March: Uniform Sale at Y7 Parents' Evening. Volunteers needed to staff the stall for an hour or two between 4pm and 7.30pm. Best if you are not a Y7 parent. Email: family@hughes-morgan.com if you can help.

Friday 25th March: DCHS Indulgence Night 7—10pm at the school. An evening of pampering for mums and daughters. Treatments will be advertised for you to book in the new year. A variety of gift stalls and refreshments will be on offer to tempt you too. SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 2nd July: YEAR 11 PROM for DCHS and DCGS pupils. New venue, great music, entertainment and food. SAVE THE DATE YEAR 11!

A New Year's Resolution?

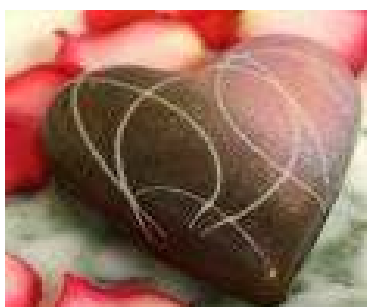
We are losing a PA committee member at Christmas (Fiona). There are just 10 of us on the committee now. Does anyone out there feel they'd like to get more involved in the PA in 2011 and come forward and replace Fiona? Call Sharon Rigler on 07703 170336 or email

sharonrigler@btopenworld.com if you'd like to discuss it.

Indulgence Evening

The DCHS Parents' Association are hosting a mother/ daughter Indulgence Evening on Friday 25th March 2011, 7-10pm at DCHS.

SAVE THE DATE NOW!! More info soon...



The canteen will be transformed into a Spa, with soothing ambience, promising a night of indulgent pampering. There will be lots of therapists offering a wide range of treatments including massages, manicures, facials and make-up sessions, and don't forget your purses and cheque books as, between treatments, you can wander through a variety of stalls in the main hall, selling everything from face cream to chocolate or simply enjoy a refreshing tasty treat at our Indulgence Café!

The DCHS 200+ Club. What is it?

It's a kind of lottery that the PA runs which is drawn every month. Parents buy lots at £1 each per month to be entered in the draw for one year, ie pay a minimum of £12 to enter. If you wanted to buy 5 lots for the 12 months of the year it would cost £60 and you would have 5 chances of winning a prize.

Most people buy a year's worth of draws from September to August, but it is also possible to buy 12 months from any month eg March to February or January to December.

Every lot has a number and that number is entered in the draw for every month that the owner has paid for.

The amount of money in the kitty for any given month is calculated from the number of lots entered. Half of that total forms the prize fund and half goes to the school. The first, second and third prize winners each win a percentage of the prize fund.

It's a simple way of donating to the school without thinking about it...and possibly getting an unexpected cheque in the post!

If you want to take part fill in this form and put it in the PA BOX outside G2 on the ground floor of the main school building.



A Merry Christmas to all staff, pupils, parents and friends of the school. Thank you for your support in 2010.

Name _____ Daughter's name _____

Tel. no. _____ Daughter's form _____

Email _____ I wish to take part in the DCHS PA 200+ Club draw and enclose a cheque (made out to DCHS PA) for £ _____ (£12 per 1 entry for 12 months) for _____ entries. If you would like to pay by standing order please email sharonrigler@btopenworld.com for a standing order form.

Please place this form and payment in the PA BOX outside G2. Thank you!

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