



Bulmershe Community Association

Spring Newsletter 2010

Visit our website at: www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk

Email: contact@bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk

BCA Update



Why not enjoy the spring weather and help us take part in the **Wokingham Big Tidy Up on Sunday 21 March**? We will be tidying up Bulmershe Fields and the area around the school perimeter fence from 3-5 pm. Litter pickers and rubbish bags will be provided—just bring some gloves and wear sensible footwear. Last year, we collected over 20 bags of cans, bottles and general rubbish and made a significant difference to our local community. The BCA received a Mayor's award for our contribution to the Big Tidy Up in October 2009. If you'd like to take part, join us at the school entrance in Chequers Way just before 3 pm on Sunday 21 March. For more information, please contact the BCA or take a look at our website (<http://www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk/html/bigtidyup.html>).

The BCA held a very successful sale of **second-hand goods** at the Pagoda at Woodley shopping centre on the 13 March and raised £290. Thank you to all who supported us by donating goods, helping on the day or popping over to buy something from the stall.

A big thank you too to all those who helped us with our busy schedule at the end of last year. The BCA helped to provide the refreshments at the **GCSE certificate evening**, the **prize-giving evening** and all of the **parents' evenings** last term. We also served the interval drinks and snacks at the **School production of Hairspray**.

Year 8 Camp—could you help to pitch tents?

The leaders of the Year 8 Camp have asked the BCA if we could give them some assistance. Set in the New Forest, the Year 8 Camp is a great opportunity for the students to take part in many exciting outdoor activities. Helpers are needed to help pitch tents on the Sunday before the students arrive (27 June) and then break up the camp on Saturday 3 July. Transport to the New Forest will be provided and if we have sufficient helpers, we should be able to pitch all of the tents in a few hours. If you are interested in helping with this on one or both of the days (no camping experience necessary!), please contact Mr Lemon (mlemon@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk) or the BCA. We need



expressions of interest before the end of March please.

BCA AGM

We will be holding our **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday 27 April at 7.15 in the school library. Please come along to find out what we have been up to over the last year. We are always looking for new ideas and for new volunteers. Help can be as simple as serving tea and coffee at Parents' Evenings once a term—you don't have to make a big commitment to make a big contribution to our school community – as the saying goes...Every little helps!



Dates for Your Diary

Here are some of the events that the BCA will be taking part in over the next few weeks....

Big Tidy Up, Sunday 21 March, 3-5 pm. Meet up outside school. Litter pickers provided. Bring gloves and wear suitable footwear.

GCSE Music Evening, Wednesday 24th March - 7.00 pm. BCA volunteers will be providing the interval refreshments for this fantastic evening. To help, please contact the BCA.

BCA AGM, Tuesday 27 April, 7.15 pm, School Library. Find out what the BCA have been up to over the last year and vote for committee members. All are very welcome to attend.

Recent Events

Thank you to all those who came to the **BCA Quiz night** at the end of February. A total of 11 teams competed over 8 varied rounds. The scores from the evening are available on the BCA website. Over £260 was raised in ticket sales and bar takings.

A donation of £120 was made to Shelter following the successful **Christmas Celebration** held at the end of the Autumn term. The celebration included carol singing, a seasonal mini-quiz devised by the BCA and seasonal refreshments.

The BCA has been able to buy two more sturdy **picnic tables** for the students to use at lunchtimes—these will be placed in the Sixth Form area. We have also helped the school to purchase several fruit trees that have been planted around the school to help improve the biodiversity of the school site and provide a healthy harvest (eventually!). Form groups will be responsible for their own tree.

Bulmershe staff, parents and governors even featured on **YouTube** in January when a combined team helped to clear the heavy snowfall from around the school and the car parks so that the school could open to all pupils and also as an examination centre. There is a link to the YouTube video on the **BCA website**.

Keep in Touch

Find out what the BCA is up to by:

- ◆ Visiting our Website at www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk
- ◆ Sending us an email at contact@bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk
- ◆ Send us a message via the school office
- ◆ Come and talk to us at parents evenings etc—we are trying to serve refreshments at most school events
- ◆ Come to our next Committee meeting on Tuesday 27 April, 7.15 pm in the School Library (after the BCA AGM) All are welcome!



If you use **Facebook**, take a look at the new Bulmershe Community Association group and join us in cyberspace (search in groups and click on request to join).
