



ELLESMERE COLLEGE PARENTS' SOCIETY



Newsletter

Michaelmas 2010

LADIES SUMMER LUNCHEON

On 1st July, ECPS once again organised the now hugely popular Ladies Luncheon, which has become an essential fixture in the local Shropshire social calendar. Over 240 guests enjoyed lunch on the College Terraces. Many local businesses came with stalls and guests shopped before and after lunch. Our guest speaker was Emma Wellings, Chief Stylist at 'Style Our Souls', who preformed a live makeover on Mrs Anne Wignall & Mrs Carole Main. The Ellesmere College Music Scholars provided an amazing line-up of talent to entertain guests during lunch and ECPS thanked them by donating funds to 'The Peter Messenger Memorial Scholarship'. The raffle raised funds for 'Age Concern' and many wonderful prizes were donated by the local companies present. Thankyou to ECPS members and volunteers.



SUMMER PICNIC



The family picnic again followed Lower School Sports Day in June this year. ECPS was pleased to host an evening of family fun that included a delicious Barbeque and salad buffet on the Terraces. Many of the children (& some adventurous parents) took part in the Tug-O-War and the Bungee Run, while others enjoyed meeting a real Hollywood star! Scarlet, the wonder-pig from 'Nanny McPhee'. Picnickers enjoyed shopping at the many stalls and watching the wonderful Dog Show, others simply relaxed with their picnics, watching the 1st XI cricket match.

Ballroom Dancing Master Class

May 2010 brought ballroom Dancing enthusiasts—parents, staff and 6th form pupils together for the first time on the dance floor. The class learned the basics of the Waltz and the Cha Cha Cha—the evening was enormous fun and enjoyed by all. There was a light buffet supper and cafe bar, to help with aching feet! We look forward to continuing with further sessions next year. The marvellous Dancing Instructors Mr & Mrs Ron Powell's



chosen charity 'Riding for the Disabled' benefitted from this event.

Quiz Night

This year the Quiz and Chill night was held in the Arts Centre in March and was again a great success with over 65 quizzers taking part. This year's champions were one of the College's Teachers' Teams—no surprises there! Thank you to exceptional Bar Staff Mr & Mrs Nigel Leadbeater for their stalwart service on the night.

'Neon Glow' Disco for Years 7 & 8

The Main hall in Lower School was transformed into a Neon Disco for the two top junior years, as they enjoyed a 'rave' in May this year. There was a 'happening' DJ, delicious party food and enough neon glow sticks to light North Shropshire!



The atmosphere was electric! Many thanks to the very creative Mrs Sam Arnold and her team of volunteers.

COME AND GET INVOLVED

The ECPS organize social events to be enjoyed by parents, staff, friends and children of Ellesmere College. Numbers have grown steadily throughout 2010, parents from Lower, Middle and Upper school are joining regularly. We are always delighted to welcome new members to our meetings which are held monthly in College, with the dates in the College calendar.



Flower Arranging

Some of our extremely talented parents, along with College Housekeeping are responsible for the beautiful flower arrangements always to be seen around the College. Sue Hamilton and Sue Hinks are organizing a rota for volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Sue Hinks on Sue.hinks@ellesmere.com

- FORTHCOMING EVENTS -

Parents Christmas Activities Day

The Parents Christmas Activities day is on Wednesday 25th November in the Arts Centre, starting at 9 am with Cake Decorating, a buffet lunch, followed by Gift Wrapping & Flower Arrangement demonstrations. Afterwards Lower School children will join us in the Quad for the lighting of the Christmas Tree. There'll be a brief service, carol singing, hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies. Please call 07949 971409 to book a place.

Winter Masked Ball

Join us at the Winter Venetian Masked Ball on Saturday 11th December. Enjoy fine dining, live music and dancing in the beautiful and historic surroundings of Ellesmere College. Please call 07949 971409 for further details or for tickets or alternatively e-mail amanda.venner@btinternet.com

Years 3 4 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Join in a special Christmas Party on Friday 26th November on the Top Floor of Lower School at 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm. - (*see a very special guest - shh!*) DJ, Party Food and Gifts. Only £2 per person.

For more information about Ellesmere College Parents' Society please contact Mrs Sena Parry on 07920 502546 or Sena.parry@ge.com