

**Annual General Meeting - Friends of Whitegate School**  
**September 2015**

**President:** Ian Percival **Vice- Presidents:** Pat Fleet, Sue Langley and Esther Coleman.

May I welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Whitegate School.

As President I would like to thank all of the members of the committee for their hard work and drive. I'd especially like to thank John Humphreys who has agreed to continue to organise next year's Whitegate Beer Festival, despite his children being at High School. The Whitegate Beer Festival each June continues to be very popular with parents and the local community.

I again want to thank our hard working committee who organise and run the fundraising events. Also my thanks to the loyal band of families and staff who support the events.

At the end of this academic year in July 2016 - five members of the current committee will leave as their children move onto High School. It's essential that we have volunteers to join and be in a position to ensure a smooth transition this time next year.

The object of the Association is to advance the education of pupils in the school. We are always looking for volunteers to join in the organisation and planning of fundraising events. The committee usually meets twice each term.

For a small primary school, The Friends of Whitegate School is a hugely successful. Working together we raise thousands of pounds each year and which is always used to good effect for the benefit of the whole school community, purchasing equipment, and funding Making days, Music days, Forest School and each year the coaches to the Christmas Pantomime. FOWS have also raised a substantial amount towards the building and equipping of the 'new' hall.

We have three major challenges this year:

1. Equipping the 'new' School Hall
2. The phased replacement of I.T. equipment
3. Establishing a new committee

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