



Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter. We've got lots to tell you!

Fashion Show success

The best of Prom Night fashion for young ladies and gents came to the School in March.

Over 130 people packed around the catwalk to see ball gowns and tuxedos modelled with style by Debenhams students.

The evening began with cocktails and canapés for all the guests. The lights then dimmed then the show started. With Andrew Bloom comparing the "Debenham Spring collection" we were wowed by over 40 minutes of exquisite outfits and accessories provide by local suppliers. All the dresses on show provided excellent value for money too.



Pictures courtesy of Tim Driver, Driver Photography

Even the teachers got in the act - well done to Mrs Ramsey and Miss McBurney (supported heroically by the Chair of the Friends).

The show was followed by an extensive collection of supplier stalls including two stretch limos, chocolate fountains, balloon and flower decorations, jewellery and make-up. A big thank you goes to all the students who took to the stage, Ollie for the soundtrack and lights and the staff who helped make the evening so special.

Murder most foul

Students took the stage again in March to present "*Inspector Prickle and the case of the Debenham Murder*". We ended up having to put out extra tables as more than 100 theatre goers/diners enjoyed some great performances. We were treated to fine dining courtesy of Mr and Mrs Pink, who worked tirelessly all day - many thanks on behalf of the Friends and our guests.

A huge thank you also goes to Gwyn and Flick of Debenham Players for their generously donated time and script and to Ollie who provided the stage lighting.

Support the School the Easy way!

Just a reminder that you can help the Friends raise money for the School for **free** by accessing your favourite shops through *Easyfundraising*. There are over 600 popular retailers available

including Argos, NEXT, M&S, John Lewis, Debenhams, HMV, Vodafone, DELL, The Body Shop, PLAY.com, Interflora, Comet and many more - click on our Unique Web Address <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/debenhamhs> to register and nominate "The Friends of Debenham High School" as your chosen charity. Then shop! It's as Easy as that.

New funding arrangements

Following discussions with the School Council, the Friend Committee approved the allocation of 5% of the profits of any successful Friends' activity. The money will be used by the Council for any initiatives that they propose and approved by the Friends Committee. This is in line with the way that we currently approve funding requests from the School. On behalf of the Friends, we look forward to helping the School Council.

Future events

Come along to three great events:

- ✓ **Summer Fayre** - from 12pm, Saturday 10th July 2010 - come along for fun in the sun (fingers crossed). We will have a wide selection of stalls and events. Free entry- donations welcome.
- ✓ **Murder Mystery Evening** returns by popular demand - 22nd September 2010 - Eyeswrite Company will perform their murder mystery "whodunit". Ploughman's supper and bar.
- ✓ **Quiz Night** - November 2010 - this is a clarion call - get in brain training to topple the teachers if you can.

Please help us to make these events even better. Read on...

We'd like you to be our Friend!

Would you be interested in becoming a 'friend' of the Friends?

Getting involved with the Friends does not mean that you have to sit in boring committee meetings. Far from it!! Becoming a Friend could simply mean offering an hour or two of your time. However, getting involved is also very rewarding - ask any of the current or past Friends and they will tell you.



If you have any particular skill or expertise that you can offer (e.g. barperson, catering, transport, DJing, costume design, acting, playing an instrument etc) we would love to hear from you. We will contact you nearer the time of each event to see if you are free to help.

Committee meeting attendance would be at your discretion, but we would value any help you could offer at any of the events we hold.

To offer your help, drop Juliette Buono a line either by e-mailing friends@debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk or leave a note at the School reception. We look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes for the Summer from the Friends.

For more information on Friends activities follow the link from www.debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk