

Friends of Guillemont School Association

Minutes of FOG Meeting

19th September 2025

Present: Sam Miller, Nikki Bailey, Kate Mansell, Yaz King, Louisa Eaves, Kate Devar, Paul Shakespeare, Anna Manlow, Jenni Johnson, Beca Robinson

Welcome

Sam opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Finance

Balance: approx. £11000 in Bank

FOG are due to receive a £1000 Council Grant soon.

To pay out £4495 for Gym Equipment.

FOG are committed to £2800 for the Panto and also payment for the Fireworks.

FOG have also agreed to pay for the Author & Poet visit, Leavers Disco, Pet upkeep, and Leavers T-Shirts until the current Chair leaves her position, then it will be re visited.

Requests:

Unicycle Team are short on unicycles, FOG suggested initially asking Parents to donate old unicycles no longer used.

Library Book Vending Machine (approx. £1400) – FOG agreed that the profit from the forthcoming Discos could pay towards this.

Basketball Hoops need replacing, approx. £800 each

2. Forthcoming Events

Sponsored Event

FOG suggested a Sponsored event – ‘Keep it moving for Mental Health’ to keep the Gym Equipment moving all day, each class taking turns. Date suggested was 10th October as it is Mental Health Day. The money raised could go towards the Basketball Hoops.

Xmas Cards – Louisa

The packs are in school, Louisa to speak to Carol Thomas (Art)

The return date they need to be sent off by is 2nd October. Require Teacher support to get this home by 26th Sept, and to return to School 29th / 30th September. It was suggested blank sheets can be sent home for siblings to join in, or the After School Club.

FOG Disco's

17 th Oct	Y3/4 Halloween Theme
7 th Nov	Y5/6 Halloween Theme
13 th March	Y3/4 Spring Disco
27 th March	Y5/6 Spring Disco
5 th June	Y4/5 Summer Disco
19 th June	Y2/3 Summer Disco

School Disco

21st July Y6 Leavers Disco

Helpers required for Autumn term Disco's, Kat can run the Lowers, just need more help to run the event on 17th October.

7th November Y5 & Y6 – All ok to help, have plenty of volunteers.

Amazon wish list has gone out to parents for various items which will reduce costs for the event.

Polaroids are working out £1 per photo, need to try and find a cheaper option. Need Batteries also.

Tattoos – we have enough

Packet of sweets included within the Ticket Price.

It was discussed to also sell sweets at the Uppers Disco only.

It was suggested to look in Bookers at the price of alternative drinks eg Fruit Shoots, and popular sweets such as Brain Lickers / Double Dips.

Allergies – Parents to be asked to make FOG aware of any allergies, however School should know those children this applies to.

Clip in Colour Hair was also another suggestion.

Paul suggested having the Coffee Van at the front where the parents queue before the Disco, sell to the company for a Pitch Fee. It was then suggested the company could be used for the Xmas Plays also.

Fireworks 14th November

Sam asked if we were limited to 1500 again, Paul said yes on paper, for the Risk Assessments.

FOG would like to sell the tickets online, as other schools do, as we could sell quite a few more to those in the community who can't come into school. Paul to ask the Headteacher at Westfields how they do it.

The Fireworks is a School Event, just supported by FOG to run this.

Council Request due to go in during September, Paul will do this.

Letters to Airports / Fire & Rescue – Nikki

Sam to ask Theo if he is available to help out again.

Burning Man – To try and get hold of Caroline Ralph to see if she is able to make this again, no response as yet.

Toilets & Medicare have been booked.

Slushy, Burger Van & Crepe Van – all confirmed that they are attending.

Calebs – Coffee - Problem last time with him making Payment, probably won't use again, open to other suggestions.

Duo Delights – new person taken over, trying to find contact.

We need a second stall just for Glow Goodies, to advertise on posters that everything is under £2, as some avoid the stall thinking it will be expensive. We had a lot left over last year.

Sweets – to buy from Bookers

Candyfloss – Nikki to make as much as possible & bring in on the night.

To amend the date on the sign – Jo.

Leaflets - Sam to design and buy from Canva

Ticket Prices – keep the same as last year: Adult £8, Child £4, Family £20 (2 adults & 2 Children), Under 3 – free

Helpers required to set up on the day, in the evening and the Saturday Morning Clear up (free family ticket)

Sponsorship £250

Rotary Club – Louisa

Rushmoor Rotary – FOG are in, Date: Friday 19th December.

Route: Whetstone Road / Marlborough View.

Meet at 6pm, we also have a Santa.

Team of 8-10 required, we have 9 already. Children are permitted but must stay with their Parents.

This is 100% profits for Guillemont.

Farnborough Rotary – this is being organised mid-October, we do have a slot for Guillemont. We have a team of 5 to help, just need 3 more – have asked FOPs.

Last one where it is joint with FOPs, going forward it will only be Guillemont.

Kat Pearson will take this on next year.

Santa Fun Run – date needed

Leavers Hoodies – Sam to arrange

Leavers T-Shirts – Nikki to take this on again

Car Space Auction – to put this out to use up to Xmas – silent auction, email into the Office.

3. AOB

Need people to take over the Chair & Treasurer roles after the end of this school year. Paul to write this in the Newsletter after Xmas.

FOG Cupboard needs sorting out / tidying, ideally, we require our own cupboard / space.

Xmas Play outfits need replacing – looking tired.

4. Next Meeting - TBC

