



Friends of Frances Bardsley Academy

Newsletter

Spring/Summer

2016

It's that time again!



*Last year's Reunion
which took place in The Rose
Centre*

This year's **FFBA reunion** will take place on **Saturday July 16th** at 2.30 in the school hall. A delicious light afternoon tea of quiches, salads and sandwiches will be served by Tipples Catering, with strawberries and cream to follow, tea/coffee etc.. As ever, there will be time to chat or have a wander. Hope to see you there.

Resignation of our founder member and chairwoman Diane Ward: A hard act to follow!

Our Association was founded in 1999 after many of us had met together for the school's 90th birthday celebrations. There was a hardcore of people who steered the infant association on its way. At the heart of this was **Diane Ward**, who has worked tirelessly for The Friends of Frances Bardsley in her capacity as Chairwoman ever since. Diane has had a finger in every pie, arranging events and meetings, including the spectacular 100th birthday lunch, sorting and cataloguing our archive material, for many years producing the newsletter, keeping us amused with the trials and tribulations of Horace the Mac computer as well as being a friend to many of us. Unfortunately Diane's health has taken a turn for the worse recently and she has, with regret, resigned as Chairwoman. We will be keeping her "in the Loop" and hope she will soon be feeling much better and able to join us for our events later this year. Thank you Diane for all you have done.



Notes from the vice chair:

- For any enquiries, please contact FFBA c/o Frances Bardsley Academy, Brentwood Rd, Romford RMI 2RR or Rosemary Gaughan via ffbs@talktalk.net



Your FFBA needs you!



Diane's loss to the committee is incalculable. The rest of us, we hardy few, are nearly all founder members, who have served the FFBA off and on since 1999. Recently Jane Braund, our treasurer, has moved to Dorset, and although she will continue to deal with the finances, is unlikely to be able to attend committee meetings. We have some wonderful co-opted members who help out on the day of events and we thank them for that.

However if the FFBA is to continue, we need help. None of us is getting any younger and we would really appreciate any offers to serve on the committee. We try to meet at least once a term and sometimes extra in the time leading up to an event.

Speak to one of the committee on July 16th at the Summer Tea Party or please put your name forward and stand for the committee at the AGM in October if you think you would be interested in joining us.

Thank you.