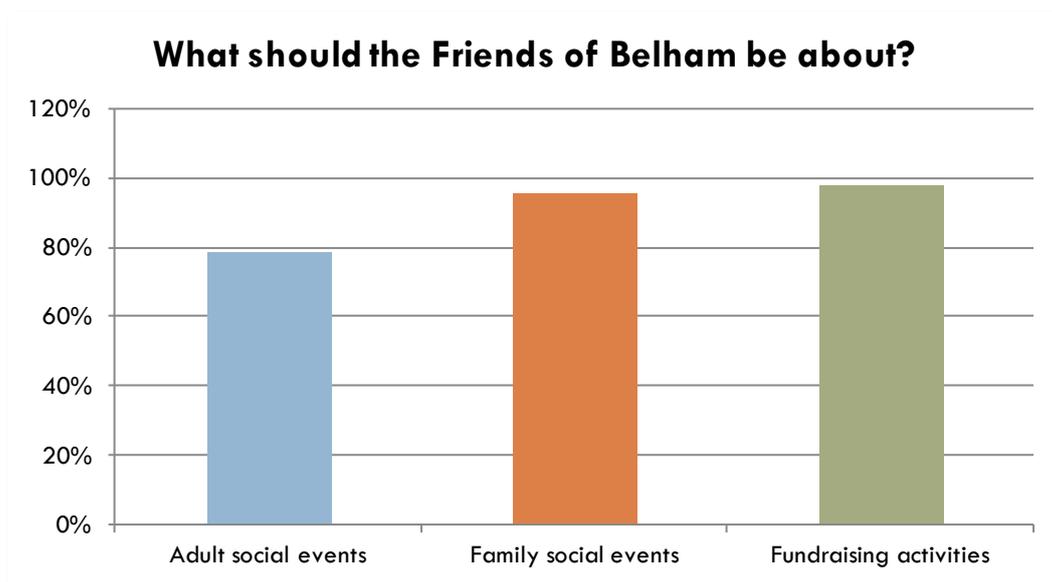


Friends of Belham Questionnaire Results

Below are the results and my commentary on the Friends of Belham Questionnaire. Thank you so much for all those who filled it out – 47 in total which is a very pleasing proportion of parents and carers. For those that didn't feel free to do so at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MRGWB5M>.

The headline news is that people's responses matched the views and ambitions of the Committee so it has given us a welcome moral boost after getting through the admin of starting up. The commentary below each graph gives you a flavour for what we are already planning as well as our thoughts on your responses.



So far we have mapped out a rough 12 months of activities, with a focus on some easy events (e.g. cake sales, coffee mornings, evening social) organised as quickly as possible to get some momentum. Whilst many of our plans will be fund raising, there will be some that are pure social events – these will be self funded by attendees but hopefully will generate a surplus for FoB funds. It's worth stating again that FoB funds will never be used for adult social events. Here are some examples of what money raised can and won't be used for to give you some idea and comfort:

School funding requests for materials/equipment/trips not covered by Government funds	Yes
Committee meeting refreshments, travel costs etc	Never
Hardship funds such that the school can subsidise paid activities / clubs based on need	Yes
Charitable causes	Only funds raised at events specifically for those causes, and where the cause is clearly communicated.
Paying a speaker at an adult evening event	No – the event would only go ahead if the gate takings covered all expenses. Surpluses to go to the FoB funds.
Paying a speaker at a parent/carers and child	Yes, but we'd look for voluntary donations such

education talk e.g. science lecture

that hopefully the event actually generates a surplus.

Membership of PTAuk.org which includes our insurance

Yes - £60 to £112 a year depending on how big the school is.

Equipment hire for a fundraising event that is expected to easily cover the costs.

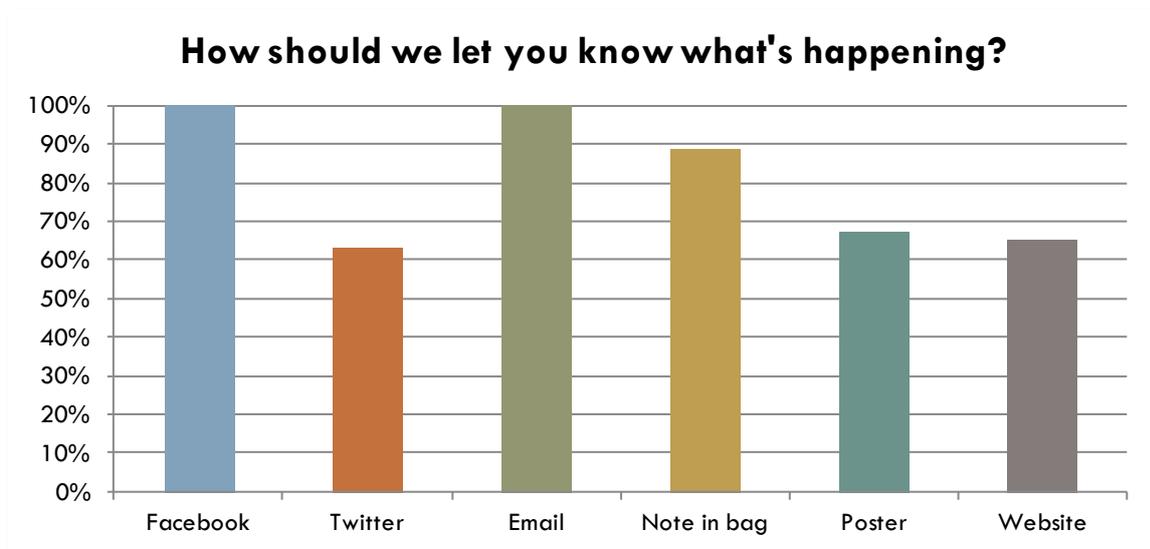
Yes, but it is up to the committee to first of all, beg and borrow and then to make sure that the costs are proportionate and fully expected to be easily covered by takings.

Losses arising due to extra-ordinary events – e.g. if an event is cancelled at the last minute due to circumstances outside our control.

Yes, but there would have to be something extraordinary happen – the committee is not going to take undue risks. If this ever happens it will be communicated transparently at the Annual General Meeting to which all FoB members are invited.

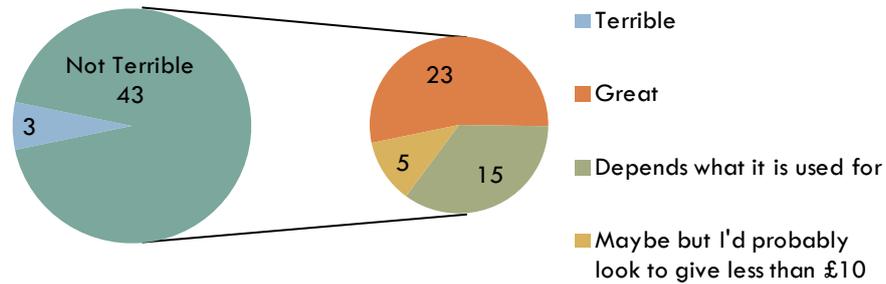
Annual bank charges

Yes but these will be minimal



We'll not go mad on Twitter then! So far it's been very easy thanks to the school to include things in the **Belham Buzz** (it's great isn't it!) and on various class facebook pages. The school is also kindly keeping the FoB page of the website up to date so do please check that if you want to confirm a date. We'll do posters for some events and also notes in bags if it is really important but we don't want to be an administrative overhead on the school.

Thoughts on Direct Debit / Standing Order idea..



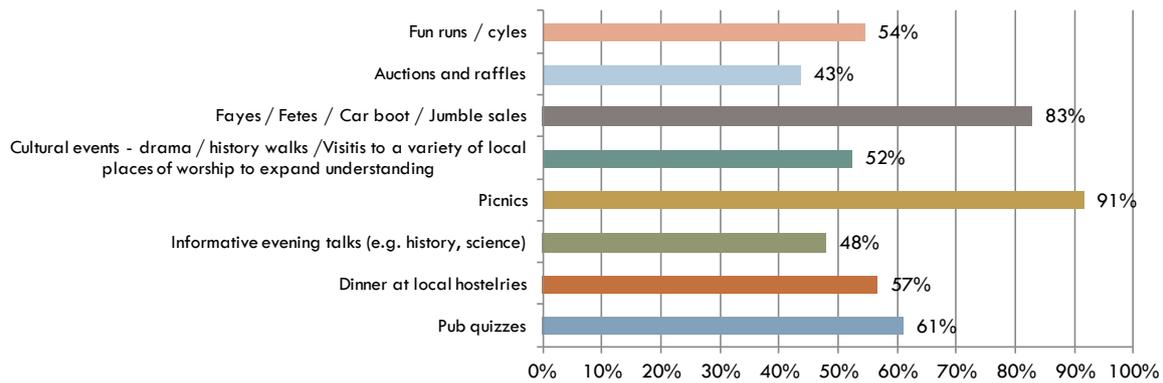
This idea did have a lot of support as the chart above illustrates. However we are keenly aware, should we launch it in the future, of how important it will be to communicate it properly i.e. that it would be totally voluntary and optional, definitely not expected from anyone for whom it would cause hardship, and anonymous to all (except the few who need access to the bank account).

The reasons why we might want to launch it include:

- that we should be able to claim some tax relief as we are getting set up as a charity i.e. for a £1 donation we can claim an extra 20p
- we can focus on fun, educational and community building activities rather than just how much money events can raise
- whilst some would prefer to contribute through activities or in kind, some have communicated that they would like this route available too

The committee is all in agreement that one of the roles of the FoB is to provide (financial) support to the school where it can such that 'no child is left behind'. We believe that an inclusive school is one that is better for all the children to thrive. In this, as with all our activities, but even more so, we will be always be directed by and work through the school – we won't be party to information about and identity of recipients.

What sort of things would you like to do?



Picnics

These were just examples but the chart does show that many of you enjoy a picnic so fingers crossed for a good summer! I'm sure we can arrange some – perhaps some class based, some for the whole school and probably some with next year's Belhamites too. We'd probably see these as self supporting rather than big fund raisers – i.e. bring your own food and jumpers for goal posts.

Fayes / Fetes etc

Whilst we are small and short on space we aren't going to be too ambitious. We do hope to link up with our sister school Dulwich Hamlet and piggyback on their summer fete with a few stalls.

Others events

We've got other activities either in planning or early investigation including discussions with the Peckham Society, wine tasting evening, Belham inauguration commemorative tea towels, Christmas Tree sales, children's discos, quiz night....

Wider community

We're also going to reach out to the local community over the next few months. This will include local businesses and local community organisations. Hopefully this will lead to lots of interesting ideas for events and activities that tick some or all of the following boxes:

- Fun ✓
- Enlightening ✓
- Fundraising ✓
- Community building ✓

Thanks for now

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