

The Vinehall Vintage Ball



a memorable,
well-organised,
fun and glamorous party.
.....everything was just
brilliant!



Last night was truly
a huge success

WOW!!

Well done on a fantastic night

The party was fantastic

We loved every minute of it
and the attention to detail made it so special

The Ball Team, led by Mrs Deborah Jarrett-Potts provided a spectacularly sparkly focus for our anniversary celebrations. The Chaplins, Vines, current parents, staff and friends of the School joined together for pre-prandials in the Pre-Prep which had been transformed into a time tunnel, celebrating through pictures and pupils' art work the history of the School.

There was singing and dancing galore with a series of special surprises and musical events across the evening. Towards the end of the meal, Mr Jeremy introduced an auction in aid of Rwanda and a commemorative film was shown. Mr and Mrs Chaplin reminisced about the beginnings and development of Vinehall, including some special memories of the introduction of girls who hugged and Sally Chaplin's memory of skipping along the less busy A21 of the past! Mr Whitehead provided a voice over of extracts from previous years' magazines and I ran through the school's current development plans. The film ended with news of Rwanda Aid and inspired our guests to bid for items in the auction. Although the occasion was intended to be celebratory rather than a fund-raiser, the 450 guests were so generous that a total of £20,000 was raised for Rwanda Aid.

A huge number of parents, helpers, sponsors and supporters put great efforts into making the Ball an enormously successful community occasion. From the flowers (all donated from parents' gardens) to the running of the bar, the setting of the table, making of the canapés, funding of the fireworks, printing of the souvenir brochure and provision of wonderful raffle prizes and auction items, this Ball brought together our extended Vinehall community in a glittering and special occasion.

It all took place in the most gigantic marquee on our front lawn and this provided a marvellous venue for the Vines' Day fête and other end of term events.

We are immensely grateful to all who made the 2008 Ball such a memorable occasion. JLR

The whole evening was stunning

Any chance it could be an annual event ?!!!!!!