



WINNERSH RANGERS

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WINNERSH RANGERS PRESENTATION DAY 2ND JULY

Yes, it is that time already when we start planning for our annual Presentation Day at Bearwood College, Sindlesham. The event will take place during the afternoon of a Saturday 2nd July and, because we cannot accommodate everyone in one sitting any more, we will once again be holding it in two parts.

The Presentation Day will follow the same format as last year. There will be a guest speaker who will present the awards to the children. The team managers will give a brief account of their team's season and trophies will be given out for the following:

- Manager's Award
- Most Improved Player
- Spectators Award
- Golden Boot Award

What, Where, How

The event will be held in The Theatre of Bearwood College, Sindlesham (the modern building on your left as you approach the entrance to the college). Parking is available within the forecourt area.

Please arrive about 10 minutes before your session is due to start so that we can try and keep to the timetable as much as possible. Each team manager will give a short speech about the team and their performance throughout the season. The main prize winners will then be invited on stage to receive their trophies and finally all the team will be presented with a memento for their efforts during the season. A full event programme will be on sale on the door at a cost of £1.00

The players will be seated with their team in the front few rows of the auditorium with family seated in the rows behind. All players must come in their Winnersh Rangers kit and team photographs will be taken after each session of the ceremony has taken place. The photographs will be available for viewing after a few weeks at the Purple Café (dates to be confirmed) and can be bought at a reasonable price.

Martin Belton, Chairman

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CLUB SALUTES SUCCESS!

Wizards selected for representative squad

The Under 9 Wizards are very proud of their defensive line up and with good reason. Two of their number, Oliver Light and



Harry Gosling were selected at Christmas to join the Under 9's representative squad from a total of over 400 players. The boys have since had training sessions with a National Coaching Team and have played in matches and tournaments against Witney Town, Wantage, North Wiltshire, Fulham Academy and the Reading Academy squad.



They have acquitted themselves excellently both on and off the field on all occasions and Oliver scored the very first goal for

the team at a tournament when they came in as runners up on their very first outing together. The squad is due to be reduced to 9 players from 22 and whatever the outcome of this selection, the Wizards management team are immensely proud of the two boys achievement and hope that others will follow in their footsteps in the future.

REFEREES WANTED!

Whilst we have a number of qualified referees within the club now, we still never seem to have enough! Any youngsters age 14 years plus who are looking for a Saturday job (or adults who would like to get more involved) this might just be what you have been waiting for! Payment to referees varies depending on a number of factors but on average they receive around £12 a game.

With the prospect of two or three games over a weekend, for many outdoor types it beats stocking shelves in Sainsbury's!

If you would like to know more about attending a referees course then please contact Neil Chalfont on Tel. 9272578 or email NeilChalfont@aol.com

FALCONS GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

BY PENNY JONES, MANAGER

At the start of the season with a team of just eight players, a new manager and a new coach, you could have been forgiven for thinking the Falcons were in for a tough time. But since the North East Hants Youth League's reorganisation of the divisions and a new goalie joined the squad, the Falcons have never looked back.

With four wins, one draw and one loss out of the six matches played since January, the Falcons are now sitting just two points behind their closest rivals, Barton Rovers. The pressure is on to score as many goals as possible in the final two games of the season, in case the winners of the league are decided by goal difference.



Under 11 Falcons: Annemarie Gee, Vivien Cooper, Juliette Forgham, Charis Griffiths, Hannah Morgan, Lou Coomber, Becky Jones, Amy Chalfont and Levina Smith

All credit goes to the players who have entertained us with some of the best football I've seen this season. Special thanks go to Billy Griffiths and Lee Griffin who have put in a tremendous amount of effort during training and who must surely be delighted to see how much their team have come on.

Curry n' Quiz Night back on the menu – 11th June

If you didn't come to our Curry n Quiz night last year, you missed a great night out. But don't fret – we're doing it all over again on Saturday 11th June at St Paul's Parish Rooms, Wokingham. (opposite the entrance to The Holt school) and it will run from 7.30pm until 10.30pm.

The evening will consist of:

- a buffet curry from the Haweli restaurant in Twyford (including a choice of two starters, two main dishes, a vegetable dish, and rice)
- choice of dessert
- a general knowledge quiz
- drinks bar selling beer, lager, quality red and white wine and various soft drinks
- prizes for the winning team

Tickets can be bought from Neil Chalfont on Tel 9272578.

We suggest that you set yourselves up in teams (minimum four people). Places are limited to a maximum of 80 and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

A cheese and ham ploughman's is available as an alternative to the curry, if preferred. Please request this option specifically when buying the tickets.

The price for the tickets is £10.00 per head and covers entry, quiz and all food.

So come on, flex those little grey cells (you know they're in there!) and come on down to the Winnersh Rangers Curry n' Quiz Night for a truly entertaining evening.

UNDER 9S RUN FOR FUN

Five plucky players from the under 9's squad joined around 100 other runners in the Wokingham One Mile Fun Run which took place on February 13th. The day was

wet, windy and freezing cold but once they were off the boys ran really well and all came home inside a very respectable 10 minutes. First home for the group was Owen Davies (not in picture) whose time was a superb 8.02 mins followed soon after by Matthew Robertson, Adam Toft, Oliver Weaver and Oliver Light. Well done to all the lads for taking part.



BERKSHIRE CALL UP FOR BELTON

As a result of continued success playing for East Berks Select Schools XI friendly tournaments, Sam Belton from the U14 Execs has been selected to play for Berkshire's new Under 14 Squad. The first match for Berkshire in The Reed Trophy County Competition was played on 21st March at Follands Park, Hamble against Hampshire. In a tightly fought match Berkshire won the game 3 – 4. The next round of the competition is at Palmer Park on 15th April where Berkshire meet Oxfordshire.

Well done Sam on a magnificent achievement!

U12 TIGERS & U14 TYCOONS HIT THE BIG ONE!

We are delighted to announce that both the U12 Tigers and the U14 Tycoons have made it to the finals of the East Berks Intermediate League Cup on 23rd April. We wish them both the very best of luck.

The Tigers beat Woodley 2 – 0 in the semi final and will be playing old rivals FC Bracknell in the final. Bracknell are currently 5th in the league and so a good match is inevitable. We sincerely hope that after coming so close in the past that this will be the Tigers' lucky year!



Under 12 Tigers

The U14 Tycoons beat Binfield 3-0 in the semi's to get into the Final of the U14 Plate Competition to be held at Sandhurst Town FC. The opposition will be FC Holyport A from Division 1 so a hard fight is anticipated but the team remain quietly confident.

WINNERSH RANGERS TSUNAMI WEEKEND RAISES £533!



I am delighted to announce that the weekend of activities on March 19th and 20th raised a magnificent £533 towards the restoration of the Viduni pre-school in Sri Lanka.

With a total of 15 games being played over Saturday and Sunday and the weather at its best for this time of year the event was a huge success and much enjoyed by everyone.

210FM added a touch of glamour with their 20 foot high purple flags hoisted on to their Black Thunder vehicles and handed out helium filled purple balloons.

Photographers from the Reading Chronicle and Wokingham Times came down to record the event for their papers.

CJ Wetthemuni and his wife Kate were presented with two bags of ex Winnersh Rangers kit and equipment from Club Chairman Martin Belton. The kit will be sent to pupils in need at a school in the Beruwela area and we hope to feature photographs of the children wearing the kit in future editions of this newsletter, together with news about the school's football teams and players.



Winnersh Rangers is now generously sponsored by David Taylor Estate Agents and it is only disused kit which will be sent out to Sri Lanka.



PRESENTATION DAY (CONTINUED)

Picnic and Fun at the Rec'

The presentations will be followed by a picnic at the recreation ground (weather permitting) and we hope to be able to entertain you with a Dad's football match, Mum's penalty shoot-out competition, Speed of Flight Competition, ice cream van and of course the bar will be open. A full programme of events will be published nearer the time but please put the date in your diaries as this is a fabulous day for all the family and the highlight of the Winnersh Rangers footballing season.

Trophies MUST be returned now!

In order to prepare for this year's ceremony we now need the return of all the main three trophies that were given out at last year's awards. These have to be cleaned and engraved for their new owners and so we must have them back now! (Saturday 30h April is the absolute deadline). The trophies should be returned to your manager or failing that they can be dropped in at 66 Watmore Lane, Winnersh. Your prompt co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Spectators Award

This is a very important award and the only award chosen by you, the spectators.

Essentially what we are asking you to do is vote for the player you feel has been most entertaining to watch. Remember to

look at the season as a whole and not be tempted to remember just the last few matches you've seen.

There are two votes per family per child but you cannot vote for your own child/children. Voting can be made by post, phone or email to your manager. All votes must be received by 8pm on Saturday 30th April to qualify.

Use your Vote! This is an important opportunity – please don't miss it.

Your votes select a player to win a major award and have their name remembered in the Club's history. The children have put a great deal of effort into their football over the season and deserve to be treated both fairly and respectfully.

Please don't waste your chance to make someone's day.

Name a Trophy

If you would like to sponsor a trophy please contact Gillian Belton on Tel. 0118 9019395 or email mbelton@supanet.com. For £25.00 you can name a trophy after someone in your family and have the name engraved on that trophy for its lifespan. We are looking for names for our new trophies and this way makes them so much more personal and valued. We have a number of trophies named after grandparents and it is a wonderful way of involving and remembering family members as well as helping club funds.

BOOT ROOM

Just a reminder that Winnersh Rangers does run its own Boot Room where football boots can be bought for just £2.00 a pair. As you can imagine we have a lot of interest, so please don't forget to donate any old boots you have to the club. All proceeds go to club funds.

Please contact Liz Cooley on Tel. 9784546 for more information.

'NAME THE PITCH' COMPETITION

The 'Name the Pitch' Competition has been won by Sally Heron whose daughter Ellie plays for the U8 Jets. Sally's winning entry was based around local road and place names and will soon be being used by the Club to identify its four pitches. A map, together with the new names, will be displayed outside the Allnatt Pavilion shortly.

CONGRATULATIONS SALLY!

My child (name)

Who plays for(team) In under(age group)

I wish to nominate:

1)

2)

for the Spectators Player of the Year award.



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