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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Well the league season is approaching an end and we will soon be entering the tournament season, always an enjoyable part of the football calendar. As you are hopefully aware by now, Winnersh Rangers are organising our inaugural tournament on Sunday 8th June and the good news is that it is now sold out.

However, as I mentioned in the recent letter on the subject, the success of the event will be largely down to us getting enough volunteers to help both on Saturday 7th to set up the event and on the Sunday itself. I do appreciate that we are only focusing on 4 age groups and therefore this means some people may feel reluctant to assist, however, any profits we make from the event will benefit the club as a whole. Therefore, I would ask that if you can give up one hour on either day to assist, it will greatly help not only the event itself but the club generally. I am confident that we can make the Winnersh Rangers Tournament a success and establish it as one of the best in the local area. Thanks in anticipation of your support.

The other major focus within the Club currently is achieving FA Charter Mark status. This accreditation means we comply to all the FA guidelines with respect to club organisation, child protection policies, coaching qualifications, fair play and equality. To this end, we have been reviewing all the club policies and guidelines and revised copies are being published on the club's website. I mentioned in my last newsletter article, our responsibilities as coaches, parents and players to good behaviour and sporting fairness, consequently we have updated the Club's Code of Conduct. I would ask each of you to review this and make sure that both yourself and your children comply to this. I would also invite you to visit the following link and take the FAs' Soccer Parent Course <http://www.thefa.com/GrassrootsNew/FALearning/SoccerParent> certificates can be printed off and a copy given to your manager.

Personally, I think this is an exciting time for the club and hopefully we will all reap the benefits as the club continues to grow and develop. However, I have to stress that a club the size of Winnersh Rangers will only truly be successful if we get the support of everyone and not just a few. With this in mind, we do have vacancies on the committee (see back page for details) and if anyone wishes to help us achieve our goals as a club, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is **NeilChalfont@aol.com**.

Best wishes,

Neil Chalfont, Club Chairman

Presentation Day Friday 20th June 2008



Due to a lack of available dates at Bearwood College, this years Presentation Day will be held on the evening of Friday 20th June. As in previous years there will be 2 sessions, 6.30 - 8pm and 8.30 - 10pm. Your manager will let you know which session you're in nearer the time, but please put this date in your diary.

Rain Doesn't Stop Play!

Even with our ground under water, we carried out our mile run for Sport Relief on Sunday 16th March. Instead of running round the Rec the 45 runners (aged from 2 years to pensioners) set off on the pavement along New Road and then up Bearwood Road to St Catherine's Church and back again (approx 1 mile). Many of the club's 24 teams were represented including Jets, Turbos, Pumas, Lightning, Storm, Pythons, Crusaders, Wizards and Cobras. The Ladies team were also well represented and completed the mile with 4 members of the team tying their legs together and hobbling the distance! It was a morning of family fun and the atmosphere was not in the least dampened by the poor weather!



The race was won by Chris Tomsett (13 years) and Sean Nelson (13 years) from the Pumas followed by Matthew Roberts (13 years) also from the Pumas.



Photographs Courtesy of Wokingham Times

WRFC TOURNAMENT - Sunday 8th June

A sub committee have been working hard over the last few months to organise this years Tournament for the U7, U8, U9 boys and U12 girls. The venue is booked, team places are sold out, the photographer ordered, the BBQ is at the ready, inflatable slide in place, tea and coffee brewing and most importantly the ice creams and cold drinks are ready to go. All signs point to a great day!

Please lend us an hour of your time either **7th June** to set up the goals or on the day - **8th June** to help with anything from car parking & program selling to BBQing (although volunteers are piling up for that particular job!) and ice creams and most importantly wish for good weather!

Thank you to all those who've already offered to help. Please contact either Neil Chalfont or Louise Joyner to add yourself to the list of volunteers.



Callum & Giuliano

U7 Bears Captain interviews Kevin Doyle

Callum Stevens has been a cinema critic for 2ten fm since late last year, in February he was asked by the one of the Breakfast Team 'Giuliano Casadei', to join him at the Hogwood Training ground for the weekly press conference and a chance to interview Kevin Doyle. Callum was chosen as he would ask questions a 'grown up wouldn't get away with'. He arrived in his Winnersh kit and was sharing pizza's with BBC and Sky reporters whilst watching the lads train.

After a shower and brush up Kevin met Callum. He was very shy, polite and kind to him. Callum asked him who did a better roast his Mum or his girlfriend? *He said it would have to be his Mum!*

He also asked if he wasn't a famous footballer and was just a dustman would he have such a pretty girlfriend. *He laughed and said he had the same girlfriend since he was 16 - so he hoped so!*

He asked how much he earned, what car he drove etc. He asked if he had ever worn his girlfriends undies. *He said No - so Callum asked would he like to?* Callum ended the interview by presenting Kevin with a gift - his Winnersh Rangers medal from last year - Kevin took it gratefully and said he thought it might be the only medal he gets this year!



Sapphires Add Sparkle

By Sandra Thomas, Manager

We are Winnersh Sapphires Under 12 Girls and we play in the South Chiltern Minor League. At the moment we are third in division two and doing extremely well considering most of our girls are actually under 11, and therefore playing against much taller and physically bigger girls.

The girls have had some excellent results this season beating one of the top teams 2-0 and only conceding 4 goals in a cup game to Reading Girls (who are top of division one!).

The Sapphires are trained by Dean Potter who devotes a lot of time and energy into bringing out the girls individual skills and teaching them how to work as a team, a talent which is useful on and off the pitch.

We are lucky to have a fantastic set of parents who all chip in to help at every match with the putting up of goals, half-time fruit, and yummy sweets at the end!

The girls always give their all at every match, but whether they win or lose their smiles and enthusiasm are always strong, looking forward to the next game.

The Sapphires are looking for a new manager next season so if you would like to help keep this talented team together please contact me, **Sandra Thomas 0118 9540516** or **Neil Chalfont 0118 9272578** for more information.

Setting a good Example

Even though their team had just been thrashed by the Pumas, Manager Derek Carr and Coach Mike Hilton impressed one Rowledge parent so much that he sent Neil Chalfont the following...

"...the reason for my e-mail is to congratulate and complement your U13 coaches for their superb conduct both before, during, and after the match. Indeed at the end of the game both came across to speak to the Rowledge parents and the boys, finding nice things to say about their performance. Football conduct can often be questionable (as I frequently see through my role as Head of Physical Education at a secondary school), but I thought that your coaches were spot on and would like you to pass on my thanks to them. If their conduct replicates the rest of your teams, you must have an excellent club with boys playing good football with a good ethos." Rowledge Parent

What a great advert for the Club, thanks guys for a job well done! It's obviously this attitude that has helped the U13 Pumas remain unbeaten this season. Long may it last!

U16 Warriors Bounce Back and Hit Top Form

by Trevor Barwick, Manager

Two weeks before the start of the season and no goalie! The squad was depleted after we said goodbye to 5 players including Mark Petch, our 'keeper since the U7s and Gareth Render the deputy 'keeper since the U 10s. Craig Mclean's long-term knee injury reduced our playing strength further. Things did not look good, as we had been promoted to Division 2. We did however welcome back Lewis Cooksley after a 4-year absence, and new recruit James "Brazilian Skills" Elderton.

One week to go and the call we'd been waiting for- "do you need a goalie." Welcome to Bradley Coxhead ... after two friendly wins with no goals conceded we realised that we had struck gold!

The coach, Martin Druce, and assistant George Fleming, continued to encourage and develop a passing and fluent game but some bad luck and questionable away refereeing decisions dented confidence. Five weeks into the season we were second bottom in the league with only 2 points and out of the cup!

The first win was stunning ... 5-1 against California, the side that beat us in the cup. We rode our luck to be 1-1 at half time but the match turned after Bradley made an outstanding save. Suddenly heads were up and confidence grew culminating in a 4-goal spree that included a stunning drive from Adam Boulkroune and a great opportunistic goal from Jack Crookall.

Two defeats against the league leaders in 3 matches were disappointing and meant we were still second from bottom but the hard work at training and commitment to playing good football was improving performances. Lewis Cooksley was knocking in the goals regularly but other contributions were scarce. The defence was sound but we needed to take our opportunities.

The season turned with the crunch game against bottom of the table Arborfield. Conceding a goal in the first minute did not bode well but a spirited fight-back resulted in a 3-1 win. The defence marshalled by Huw Richards was outstanding and the midfield through Jack Medhurst, Chris Stradling, and Dan Druce became dominant. Most importantly we hit the net more than once.

In the next game all our efforts came to fruition with a brilliant and complete display that showed the full capabilities of the squad. Craig Mclean recently returned from injury, scored a brilliant hat trick in the 6-0 thrashing of second placed Reading Rangers. Richard Butler and Luke Ryall marshalled the defence that helped keep the first clean sheet of the season.

The weather subsequently took its toll on fixtures but in the 3 games played this year the team has continued to play attractive and at times outstanding football. Sam Barwick and new recruit Ed Thomas have instilled combative steel into the art of winning tackles that has motivated all the other



Team photo - Sam Barwick, Adam Boulkroune, Richard Butler, Lewis Cooksley, Bradley Coxhead, Dan Druce, James Elderton, Ben Gale, Danny Giles, Jack Medhurst, Gareth Render, Huw Richards, Luke Ryall, Chris Stradling, Ed Thomas
Missing - Jack Crookall, Jamie Fleming, Craig Mclean

players. These 3 games have seen 14 goals scored with James Elderton realising his potential by scoring six times and only 3 goals conceded. The flexibility of the other midfield players, Ben Gale, Jamie Fleming and Danny Giles ensures the intensity of play and team commitment is maintained and gives the coach options to change the style of play.

The most pleasing aspect of the recent matches is seeing the transfer of all the hard work, skills, and tactics developed at training into match situations. The tenacity and commitment shown adds considerably to the players' enjoyment. I think it's fair to say that the team and players have matured dramatically this season in their approach, attitude and application of their football skills. The Warriors are marching up the table and this progress will continue if the team ethos and spirit is maintained and everyone fully contributes when given the opportunity.

Once again it's been a pleasure to work with the lads again this season and I hope that all their hard work, enthusiasm and enjoyment gets them the success that they deserve.

Currently our playing record is Won 6 (current run of 5), Drawn 3, Lost 4 and we are 4th in the table.

Finally, my appreciation goes to coach Martin Druce and his regular training assistants George Fleming and Ray Giles, and Trevor Richards who runs the line with unerring impartiality. Thanks also to the parents who help with getting the goal nets up & down, and who regularly provide the support from the touchline. A special mention goes to Julie Butler and Anne Pearson who have helped when it's time for duty at the Purple Café. Last but not least, thanks to the invaluable support of Martin Rutter who has refereed our home games extremely well... without the ref we have no game!

Quiz & Curry Evening

Saturday 10th May 2008, Hurst Village Hall,
7.30pm - 11.30pm, Tickets £14 per person

Includes 2 Course Indian Curry from the award winning Hawelli Restaurant in Twyford (Ploughman's meal available as an alternative to be ordered in advance). Tickets to be purchased in advance only. Beer, lager, wines and soft drinks available from the bar. Teams of 4-8 people or let us organise you into a team on the night.

A great night out!

Tickets can be purchased from Neil Chalfont, Gill Belton, Louise Joyner, by phone or email.



Pumas & Turbos enjoy a skate in the park

The Under 13s Pumas & Under 11s Turbos boys & parents had a great evening out recently watching the Bracknell Bees ice hockey team take on the Chelmsford Chieftains at the John Nike ice rink, Bracknell. Whilst enjoying the VIP status & seating we were treated to an entertaining and exciting game in which the home team ran out eventual 9 – 2 victors. As well as the entertainment on the ice the boys enjoyed the "Chuck a Puck" contest in which participants try to throw their puck nearest to the centre spot on the ice with the nearest puck winning a prize. We also had a team photo taken with the Bees players on the ice at the end of the evening along with two boys from each team presenting the ICE HOCKEY players with the man of the match awards. As a special treat the boys were given access to the Bees locker room with the BEES players only too pleased to answer questions and sign autographs with all of the Winnersh Rangers boys being a credit to the club. Maybe with the amount of water we have had recently and the correct temperature we could have our own Bearwood Rink !!

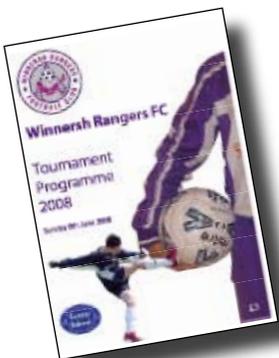
WRFC OFFER - FREE Bracknell Bees Child tickets with every full paying adult. For those teams wishing to attend future Ice Hockey games they can contact either Derek Carr or Drew Poulson.

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Thank You

We'd like to say a BIG Thank You to Sam Dean and Andy Cooley for all their hard work and dedication over the last few years. Sam as subs secretary and most recently Health & Safety Officer and Child Protection Officer and Andy as Publicity Officer. Both Sam and Andy have unfortunately had to stand down from the committee and will be much missed. We would like to wish them well for the future.

Club Roles

We are currently looking for people to fill the following roles:

Health & Safety Officer - Committee position

This role entails maintaining safe and healthy conditions and equipment for all of our Volunteers, Members & the General Public.

A full job description is available from Neil Chalfont.

Soccer School Coach - Required from September 2008.

This role could be ideally suited to someone studying for a PE related qualification. **Please contact James Lindley on 0118 9894334 for further information.**

Publicity - Non committee role

Currently we need people to look after the clubs various publicity needs e.g. dealing with sponsors or liaising with local newspapers. One skill that we are lacking on the committee is someone with selling skills who would be happy to lend their expertise in getting local businesses on board for sponsorship opportunities. **Please contact Andy Dean on 0118 954 3414 or Paul David on 0118 9775168 if you have the necessary skills and would be happy to help.**

Ad Hoc Volunteers

We are looking for a bank of volunteers to help with various ad hoc events, so there's no need to attend committee meetings! We just call you up and see if you're available. **If you would be able to help us from time to time please contact Louise Joyner on 0118 9621 595.**